



METRO MID WEEK DOG TRAINING CLUB Inc

PAWS-A-WHILE NEWSLETTER

Princes Park, Primula Oval , LINDFELD

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1: Upcoming Activities

Activity	Date
Beginners	02/09/26
Ring practice for CCD/Novice/Open	02/09/26
Rally Ring Practice	09/09/26
Committee Meeting	09/09/26
Obedience and Trick Dog trials	16/09/26
Testing for Beginners to 1st Class	23/09/26
Testing for 1 st to 2 nd Class	23/09/26
Testing for 2 nd to 3 rd Class	23/09/26
	30/09/26

Your Metropolitan Midweek Committee

President	Kerrie McCutcheon
Secretary.	Jane Morschel
Treasurer.	Samantha Vieira
Asst. Treasurer	
Vice President	Sue Hutchins
Vice President	Teresa Curman
Chief Instructor	Pauline Camp
Deputy Chief Instructor	Catherine Crouch
Trial Secretary	Debbie Varnay
Equipment Officer	Jane Freeman
Catering	Sumi Saikawa
Editor	Victoria Gore
New Members' Secretary	Anne Brophy

Training Times:

09:00 Utility Class

09:45 President's Talk

10.00 Beginners Class 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class
CCD/Novice/Open Class
UD, UDX and specialist rings

Followed by Morning Tea - All welcome, please bring your own cup

2: Notices:

Notable Dates for 2026:

Committee Meeting	09/09/26
MMW Obedience & Trick Trial	
No training	16/09/26
General Meeting	14/10/26
Committee Meeting	11/11/26

From the AGM:

Welcome to our new Secretary, Jane Morschel. Jane has done this role before and I wish her well. She will do a great job.

Our President, Teresa, has stepped down after her 3 year term and I thank her for her guidance and good stewardship over this time.

Teresa remains on the committee, taking up the position of Vice President.

Pam has vacated the VP role after 8 years. Thank you, Pam, for your dedication and support.

Kerrie steps into the role of President after 7 1/2 years as Secretary.

A big thank you to our committee members that are continuing in their positions.

We have a great team.

KK9 Award Program:

Talk about off to a flying start!

What a busy, and fun morning putting our KK9er's through their tasks in August.

I thank all participants for their enthusiasm.

Catherine did a brilliant job with the assessments and we also had help from Sue B & Josie.

We needed you all! Thank you.

The next KK9 assessments will be on 23rd September.

Please register your interest with either Catherine or myself.

Our Obedience & Tricks Trial is on 16th September.

No Training

Helpers are always needed.

Teresa is taking names for ring stewards, set up & down crews & any other way you can help.

Don't worry if you haven't done these jobs previously; you won't be on your own.

The very best to our members competing on the day.

Happy training,

Kerrie"

VALE ROBINA ZANELLI

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of one of our Life Members, Robina Zanelli in late August, aged 84. She died peacefully in the company of her loving family.

All who knew her at Metro spoke of her kindness and noted how welcoming & helpful she was.

Robina was part of the strong backbone of Metro and was always contributing to the club.

Robina was awarded Life Membership in 2008, after a long association with Metro.

Robina was a member of Metro for 39 years and an instructor for 37 years.

Robina joined Metro in July 1973 and took a few years off from 1975 to rear her 4 sons; but she was back with Metro in 1985; and there she stayed.

As soon as she rejoined Metro she became an instructor, and she continued to instruct until 2022.

Robina was awarded Long Service Awards for her instructing in 1997 and again in 2007.

Robina was our Tracking Champion with her Staffy, Juno, in 2006.

Her second staffy was named Glory, and before the staffies Robina had two cattle dogs which she trained up to UD. There were also two Airedale Terriers that were her companions when her sons were young.

Robina was awarded a Special Service Award in 2012.

Robina joined the Metro committee and was our Chief Instructor from 1993-1995.

Robina also took on the role of Vice President from 1991-1993, 2002-2004, 2007-2008 and 2011-2015.

She was President from 2004-2007, 2008-2011, 2014-2015 & 2019-2020.

Robina made a huge contribution to our club and to its members and dogs.

I attended Robina's memorial along with her tracking friends, Mary O'Dwyer & Ela Starzynski & her husband. Later attendees were Graham Elven and Eric Camp.

Due to the inconvenience of dying late on a Friday evening, Robina's body could not be donated to the forensic taphonomy facility as she would have liked. She was privately cremated.

RIP Robina.

We have fond memories of you.

Bird flu update

Bird flu has been detected in a dead bird at Warriewood.

Dogs & cats can be infected; mainly by ingesting dead birds or their faeces.

Please protect your dogs by not allowing them to interact with wild birds.

3: NEW MEMBERS FOR AUGUST:

Margot and Dale McKay & HARRY - Poodle } Welcome to
Elsie Pirani & SUZUKI - Pomeranian } METRO
Jenifer Corrigan & TINKER Belle - Pomeranian }

4: MORE MAY PROMOTIONS:

2nd to 3rd class:

Lorraine Fitzgerald & MAISY - Labradoodle } Congratulations
Alison Urquhart & BONNIE - Chihuahua x Tenterfield Terrier }

4: AUGUST PROMOTIONS:

Beginners to 1st class:

Margot and Dale McKay & HARRY - Poodle }
Elsie Pirani & SUZUKI - Pomeranian }
Jenifer Corrigan & TINKER Belle - Pomeranian } Congratulations
*Corina O'Neill & Coco Willow was promoted straight to 2nd Class }

1st to 2nd Class:

Gael Sinclair & FREYA - Belgian Shepherd }
Kirsty Flick & SPRINKLES } Congratulations
Emma Kidman & IVY - Staffordshire Terrier }

3rd to Trialling class

Susan Langley & IVY – Boston Terrier } Congratualations
Lorraine Fitzgerald & MAISIE }

Congratulations to all of those clever people & dogs.

****A REMINDER:**

***IF A DOG IN YOUR CLASS IS WEARING A YELLOW BANDANNA - PLEASE GIVE THEM SPACE**

05 MORE RESULTS FOR JUNE, 2026:

21/06/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Blacktown T & KC	CCD-91 4 th CCD TITLE*
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05 MORE RESULTS FOR JULY, 2026:

12/7/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Penrith K & OC	NOVICE-196 1 st
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RESULTS FOR AUGUST, 2026:

07/08/26	Sue Hutchins	POLLY	Mudgee	Novice-191 2 nd
07/08/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Mudgee	CCD-97 2 nd
07/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Mudgee	TK.N pass
07/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Mudgee	RE pass – 3 rd
08/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Mudgee	TK.N pass
08/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Mudgee	RE pass
08/08/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Mudgee	TK.N-79.1
09/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Mudgee	TK.N pass 2 nd
09/08/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Mudgee	79.8 3 rd
09/08/26	Sue Hutchins	POLLY	Mudgee	Novice-181
09/08/26	Catherine Crouch	NEO	Mudgee	RM-93
10/08/26	Catherine Crouch	NEO	Mudgee	RM-93
16/08/26	Jane Freeman	ALFIE	Nthn Suburbs	TK.I-76/80
16/08/26	Jane Freeman	ALFIE	Nthn Suburbs	TK.I-77/80
16/08/26	Kerrie McCutcheon	MILLIE	Nthn Suburbs	TK.A- 95/100 2 nd TK.A TITLE*
21/08/26	Corina O'Neill	COCOWILLOW	S/W State Titles	S/W Nov-3 rd , Vehicles-2 nd
22/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Central Coast	RE pass RE TITLE*
22/08/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Central Coast	TK.N – 1 st & TK.N pass
22/08/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	S/W State Titles	Ex Exterior pass - 3 rd
22/08/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	S/W State Titles	Ex Vehicles pass
22/08/26	Josie Crawford	KT	S/W State Titles	Ex Exteriors pass
22/08/26	Josie Crawford	KT	S/W State Titles	Ex Vehicles pass
23/08/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	S/W State Titles	Ex Interiors pass

*Congratulations to all of our trailers. Well done everyone.

Obedience or Rally TITLE that is NOT shown in the Results, please let Pauline know.**

BRAG BOOK:** *Please put the CORRECT DATE, your FULL NAME, the Venue and your Results in the Results Book. Thank you.. ☐ ☐**