



METRO MID WEEK DOG TRAINING CLUB Inc

PAWS-A-WHILE NEWSLETTER

Princes Park, Primula Oval , LINDFELD

July, 2026

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1: Upcoming Activities

Activity	Date
Beginners	05/08/26
Ring practice for CCD/Novice/Open	05/08/26
Rally Ring Practice	12/08/26
AGM	12/08/26
General Meeting	12/08/26
Instructors Meeting	19/08/26
Testing for Beginners to 1st Class	26/08/26
Testing for 1 st to 2 nd Class	26/08/26
Testing for 2 nd to 3 rd Class	26/08/26

Your Metropolitan Midweek Committee

President	Teresa Curman
Secretary.	Kerrie McCutcheon
Treasurer.	Samantha Vieira
Asst. Treasurer	
Vice President	Sue Hutchins
Vice President	Pamela Jones
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:

AGM	12/08/26
General Meeting	12/08/26
Committee Meeting	09/09/26
MMW Obedience & Trick Trial	16/09/26

KK9 UPDATE:

We had a fun KK9 session in July and many are on the way to achieving their award.

TESTING DAY will be **26 August** and another on **23 September**.

Meet Kerrie & Catherine at **9:15am** in the carpark of the West Lindfield Sports Centre, which is next to Primula Oval. Entry is in Highfield Road. This is where we will test #10. Car Safety.

We will then go to Primula to complete the other tasks before our usual classes begin. Total tasks are:

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| 1. Walk Through a Gateway | - Stop & open gate, walk through, stop & close gate. |
| 2. Meet a Friendly Stranger | - Person approaches, talks to handler & pats dog. |
| 3. Grooming | - Handler brushes dog & checks dog's ears, teeth, feet & tail. |
| 4. Controlled Walk | - A short heeling pattern with turns, sit, down & stand. |
| 5. Reaction to Another Dog | - Two teams meet, handlers say "hello" & walk on. |
| 6. Calm in a Crowd | - Assessed in line up before classes. |
| 7. Tolerance to Separation | - Dog is tied to fence while handler walks 5m. Stops with back to dog for 1min. then returns to dog. |
| 8. Release & Recall | - Dog is released to sniff & then recalled. |
| 9. Cafe Manners | - Handler is seated with dog beside while a biscuit is served. |
| 10. Car Safety | - Dog to stay calmly in car while the handler opens the car door & releases the dog. The dog exits the car under control (or is lifted) & waits while the handler closes the car door. |

A second TESTING DAY will be held on **23 September** for those that can't make **26 August**.

Awards (certificate & lead) will be presented by the Mayor at our Christmas Party on 9 December.

NOTICE OF AGM

TO BE HELD ON

12 AUGUST 2026

AT Princes Park, Primula Oval , LINDFELD

**NOMINATION FORMS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS
ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY.**

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED ARE:

Committee Positions:

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Vice President (2)	Trial Secretary	Chief Instructor
Dep. Chief Instructor	Publicity	Catering Officer
Equipment Officer	New Members Seceatary	

Non-Committee Positions:

Awards Committee (3)	Ground Officer	Auditor	Assistant Treasurer	Awards
Committee reserve	Assistant Secretary			

Interclub Challenge 2026

Every year - since 1995 - one obedience club hosts the annual Interclub challenge. This year it was held by Hills Dog Club.

The Interclub is a friendly team-based event where clubs provide one competitor for Rally Novice, one for CCD, one for CD, two for CDX and one for UD. Team points are tallied to find the winning club, and the winner hosts the event the following year.

Metro's Interclub team included: Jane and Vespa, Debbie and Raya, Sue and Polly, Eve and Bess, Teresa and Piper, Pauline and Kelli, Kerrie and Millie, along with Anne, who was our team steward for the day.

Individual results:

- Jane and Vespa: encouragement award RN
- Debbie and Raya: 3rd CCD
- Sue and Polly: 2nd CD
- Teresa and Piper: 5th CDX (group 1)
- Eve and Bess: 4th CDX (group 2)
- Pauline and Kelli: 5th UD

As a team, we ended up coming 5th out of 8 teams.

We also shared the day with some of our lovely supporters: Justine, Helen and Carole.

Hills Dog Club came first, Illawarra Dog Club came second, and Werriwa Dog Club came third.

Special thanks to Pauline for once again organising our team.





3: NEW MEMBERS FOR JULY:

Sarah Panozzo & LUNA – Vizsla

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} Welcome to
} METRO

4: JUNE PROMOTIONS:

Beginners to 1st class:

} Congratulations

1st to 2nd Class:

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2nd to 3rd Class:

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****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	Samantha Vieira	BONNIE	Blacktown DTC	CCD pass
26/06/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	All Stars	RE pass
26/06/26	Susan Langley	MORSE	All Stars	RA pass 3 rd RA TITLE*
26/06/26	Susan Langley	IVY	All Stars	RA pass RA TITLE*

05 RESULTS FOR JULY, 2026:

12/07/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	Penrith K & OC	RM 97 - 3 rd
12/07/26	Teresa Kernahan	ARTIE	Penrith K & OC	RM pass RM TITLE*
15/07/26	Ericka Van Aalst	ZSA ZSA	Blue Mountains	RM pass
28/07/26	Teresa Kernahan	ARTIE	Port Macquarie	TK.A pass x 2 TK.A TITLE+
28/07/26	Teresa Kernahan	ELPHIE	Port Macquarie	TK.A pass x 2 TK.A TITLE+

*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.. ☐ ☐**