METRO MID WEEK DOG TRAINING CLUB Inc

PAWS-A-WHILE NEWSLETTER

Princes Park, Primula Oval , LINDFIELD **October, 2026**

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1: Upcoming Activities

Activity	Date
Beginners	04/11/26
Ring practice for CCD/Novice/Open/Tricks	04/11/26
Rally Ring Practice	11/11/26
Committee Meeting	11/11/26
Tricks Training	18/11/26
Testing for Beginners to 1st Class	25/11/26
Testing for 1st to 2nd Class	25/11/26
Testing for 2nd to 3rd Class	25/11/26

Your Metropolitan Midweek Committee

President	Kerrie McCutcheon
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New Members' Secretary	Anne Brophy

Training Times:

09:00 Utility Class

09:15 President's Talk

09.30 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	11/11/26
General Meeting	02/12/26
Christmas Party/ Summer Break	09/12/26



"PERCH" WORKSHOP FOR METRO MEMBERS

A perch (small elevated platform) can be a helpful training tool for your dog. Among other things, a perch is great for teaching a reliable stand for examination and rear-end awareness.
Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time: After training at 10.45am
Duration: about 40 minutes
Presenter: one of our instructors, Kim, will lead the workshop and our chief instructor, Pauline, will be there to provide her insights
Who should attend: the workshop will cover the basics of getting your dog onto the perch and also how to train them once they are there. All Metro members are welcome!
Thanks to Kim and Pauline for organising this important workshop!

KU-RING-GAI K9 AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING DISPLAY

Firstly CONGRATULATIONS to our KK9 Awards recipients.
The Mayor, Councillor Kim Wheatley will present your awards at our Christmas Party.
Date: 9 December

Time: The Mayor will arrive at 10:30am to present the awards and to view our training display.

Kerrie & Catherine hope that this years graduates will be there in person to receive their awards.
Display: Pauline has designed an 'all members' display that everyone can join in.
There was an enthusiastic practice last Wednesday and further practices will be held on 11 & 25 November just before classes begin.
And, of course, the main event on 9 December.

If you missed out on KK9 this year we will be back in the cooler months of 2027.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB CHAMPIONS

All nominations must be received by 11 November.
To: secretary.mmwdtc@gmail.com

PLEASE SIGN IN EACH WEEK

This is important for our insurance.

Did you know that a printed version of the Club's General Meeting Minutes is available at the sign in desk.
If you prefer to receive a copy please contact the Secretary, Jane Morschel

3: NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

} Welcome to
} METRO
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4: SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS:

Beginners to 1st class:

2nd to 3rd Class:

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 SEPTEMBER:

16/09/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Metro Mid-Week	TK.N-$^{76}/_{80}$ - **TK.N TITLE***

05 RESULTS FOR OCTOBER:

03/10/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	Eastern Sub DTC	TK.A-95 - 3rd
03/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	Eastern Sub DTC	CCD-98 - 2nd
04/10/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	Penrith DTC	RM-99 - 1st
04/10/26	Sue Hutchins	POLLY	Penrith DTC	CD pass **Novice TITLE***
04/10/26	Wendy Burge	TEDDIE	Penrith DTC	RM pass
04/10/26	Susan Langley	IVY	Penrith DTC	RE pass
04/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	Penrith DTC	RM pass
04/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	Penrith DTC	RE - 3rd & RA - 3rd
05/10/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	NSW State Titles	RM-96
05/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	NSW State Titles	RM pass
05/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	NSW State Titles	RE pass & RA pass
05/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	ZARI	NSW State Titles	CCD $^{100}/_{100}$ - 1st **CCD TITLE***
05/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	PHEONIX	NSW State Title	RN pass
05/10/26	Rachael Fullerton	STRIKE	NSW State Titles	CCD 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.. □ □

Pet Professional Guild Australia (PPGA) Annual Conference 2026

The 11th to the 13th of September saw me attend three days of a wonderful information filled Conference in the heart of Sydney. The PPGA is probably the major body in Australia concerned with the education and support of professional animal trainers. Not only professionals however but also pet owners. Check out the website https://ppgaustralia.net.au for a feast of webinars, contacts and information on all matters training… dogs, cats, birds, horses and even fish!



What drew me to the conference was the key note speakers, Dr Tom Mitchell founder of Behavet and Help My Dog (https://home.helpmydog.com) a well known and very entertaining animal behaviourist and vet from the UK who champions the "concept training approach which empowers dogs to build emotional resilience, optimism, calmness and focus through practical, reward-based games and strategies rooted in neuroscience". Sounds fancy but is a very practical and motivating way of addressing issues of reactivity, separation anxiety, phobias and by giving dogs the ability to navigate the world in which they live. Tom explored the role of agency (giving the dog the opportunity to opt-out) and optimism in behaviour change.

Supporting was Simone Mueller from Germany, who specialises in predatory behaviour, inappropriate chase, catch and kill actions in animals (https://predation-substitute-training.com). From Australia, Dr Dennis Wormald (anxiety in dogs), Andrea Carne (behavioural issues in cats), Lee Stone (all things birds) Dr Diana Rayment (canine personality science) and Dr Jade Fountain.

Day 1 was a practical workshop at St Ives Showground with Tom and Simone. We were introduced to their topics and backed the theory with practical sessions with participants dogs. Games and engagement were explored by Tom Mitchell, distraction training and relationship building were given practical purpose. Simone Mueller demonstrated her protocol for reducing prey drive in dogs in a step-by-step demonstration of her Predation Substitution Training. Day 2 and 3 saw participants retire to the luxury of Rydges, World Square where we were entertained, challenged and inspired with an animal behaviour talk fest beyond par. Concepts and protocols were discussed and explained concerning improving and helping our domestic pets of all varieties live and thrive in our urban environment. The concepts were all science based, research founded and fascinating to consider.

The training of our dogs and other pets is a challenging task in the modern world. There are so many resources out there to explore. I encourage all to take an interest in the science-based methods available to us, develop your critical thinking and embrace what is available to enhance your life with your beloved pets. Attending this year's PPGA Conference has encouraged me to do just that!

Anne Brophy :-)