



METRO MID WEEK DOG TRAINING CLUB Inc

PAWS-A-WHILE NEWSLETTER

Princes Park, Primula Oval , LINDFELD

September, 2026

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Your Metropolitan Midweek Committee

President	Kerrie McCutcheon
Secretary.	Jane Morschel
Treasurer.	Samantha Vieira
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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

1: Upcoming Activities

Activity	Date
Beginners	07/10/26
Ring practice for CCD/Novice/Open/Tricks	07/10/26
Rally Ring Practice	14/10/26
General Meeting	14/10/26
Tricks Training	21/10/26
Testing for Beginners to 1st Class	28/10/26
Testing for 1 st to 2 nd Class	28/10/26
Testing for 2 nd to 3 rd Class	28/10/26

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:

General Meeting	14/10/26
Committee Meeting	11/11/26
General Meeting	02/12/26
Christmas Party/ Summer Break	09/12/26

KK9 Award Program Update:

Another fun morning on 23rd September putting our Ku-Ring-Gai K9 candidates through the set tasks.

Kerrie, Catherine, Pauline and Debbie thoroughly enjoyed the friendly & fun atmosphere that everyone brought to the occasion. Having the extra help meant that we were finished before the President's welcome. Thank you, ladies.

Everyone did really well & breezed through the set tasks.

I am very pleased to let you know that there were 22 successful participants for 2026.

Congratulations!!! You can all be proud of the K9 Good Citizen at the end of your lead.

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

Thank you to Ku-Ring-Gai Council for supporting this program.

That is officially the end of our Ku-ring-gai K9 Award program for this year.
We will be back in the cooler months of 2027; probably June - September.

The tasks are all good life exercises for your dog to know, especially when you are out and about in the community. So keep up the practice whenever the opportunity arises.

Training a K9 good citizen is the whole idea of the Ku-Ring-Gai K9 Awards Program.

Kerrie

Another Successful MMW Trial

Gold stars to everyone who put in the time & effort to make our 16 September Obedience & Tricks Trial the success that it was. It takes months of planning from our super efficient Trial Secretary, Debbie; who is already contracting judges and DOGS NSW Reps for our 2027 trials.

For this trial, Debbie was ably assisted by Teresa who spent many weeks organising helpers & stewards for each ring. Excellent job, ladies.

We had five big rings for Obedience and 4 smaller rings for Tricks. That's **9 rings!**

The grounds looked amazing, set out with our orange exclusion ropes; and tables, chairs & gazebos set up for each ring. That is a big job. How is it done?

Two days before the trial a busy team gets the equipment that will be needed for each ring and arranges it for easy access on trial day. Thank you to Debbie, Teresa, Pauline, Samantha, Anne & Kerrie. Sumi was also there cleaning & setting up the kitchen.

Two days before the trial Debbie is again at the grounds with helper, Samantha, to mark out where each ring will go.

Trial day is a very early start with Debbie and Teresa there at 6am.

Then Peter arrives and gradually more helpers arrive & the rings are set up.

Sumi and her helpers, Helena, Samantha & Ericka, were already busy in the kitchen making teas, coffees and toasties. The toasties were a hit, along with an assortment of cakes, slices and bananas. Very cafe like, ladies. Great job.

The Trial Secretary's control room is set up with multiple tables, ribbons and prizes in order.

Brilliant work by Samantha in choosing and purchasing gifts for the judges, stewards and helpers. They looked so pretty wrapped in orange cellophane with black ribbon & a thank you card.

Once the rings are done there is time to welcome our judges and competitors and our DOGS NSW rep., Anna Bryant.

We had a friendly and helpful group of judges.

Our Obedience Judges were Christiane Diebler, CCD; Samantha Ibbott-Cordi, CD; Catherine Crouch, CDX; Pauline Hartwell, UD & Darryl Turley, UDX.

Josie & Trix had a successful day and came 1st in the CD ring. Congratulations.

Our Tricks judges were Gabriele Loft, TKS; Judy Turley, TKN; Vicki Etherington, TKI & Carolyn Jensen, TKA.

Our club members had more success in the Tricks rings with Jane & Vespa coming 1st in TKS and Debbie & Swannie gaining a qualie. Congratulations and well done.

Wendy & Teddie came 3rd in TKN and Susan & Ivy gained a qualie. Well done.

It was a very good day for Josie & Trix as they also came 1st in TKI with a perfect score.

Congratulations. Sandra & Zac came 3rd. Well done.

Teresa K & Artie came 3rd in TKA and Pauline & Kelli gained a qualie. Well done.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their day and gave their dogs a treat, qualies or not.

Our cheerful group of stewards did an outstanding job.

Thank you to Anne, Karen, Jane, Sue, Teresa, June, Colin, Peter, Pam, Gila, Helen, Sandra, Georgina, Geoff, Mary, Caitlin & Roz & also to Jane F & Debbie who checked in the Trick entrants. Sumi, Helena, Samantha & Ericka served up a delicious lunch while judges, stewards & helpers chatted over the trial happenings & all things dogs.

Thank you to those members who still had the energy at the end of the day to pull down the rings and to put all of the equipment away; and also to clean and tidy the kitchen.

So, very big jobs to be done at both the beginning and at the end of the day.

Metro appreciates all of the help given by each & everyone of you & especially for the good humour you all displayed while doing so. We hope you enjoyed being part of the Metro team.

Now you can all relax until we do it all again in April 2027 for our Rally and Tricks Trial.

Kerrie

TRIAL ADVICE – Know the rules for the class that you have entered.

Just put ***ankc rules*** into your browser & your chosen sport will come up.

Also read the glossary which will be at the beginning of the rules.

Knowing the rules will give you confidence when you enter the ring and will also ensure that you are training the exercise correctly.

3: NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Margaret Bennett & PRINCE – Poodle x Rottweiler

Helen Freeman & PIXIE - Cavoodle

Jo Scott & WALLY - Poodle x Bichon Frise

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Welcome to

METRO

4: SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS:

Beginners to 1st class:

2nd to 3rd Class:

Nadja Leffler & JOSIE – Labrador Retriever

Geoff Neve & BELLE - Border Collie

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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 AUGUST:

16/08/26	Sumi Saikawa	AKI	Nthn Suburbs DTC	TK.I pass TK.I TITLE*
16/08/26	Sumi Saikawa	HARU	Nthn Suburbs DTC	TK.I pass
16/08/26	Sumi Saikawa	HAARU	Nthn Suburbs DTC	TK.I pass
16/08/26	Pauline Camp	KELI	Nthn Suburbs DTC	TK.A- ⁹⁷ / ₁₀₀ – 3 rd
29/08/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Royal Canin Spring Fair	Novice pass - 2 nd
29/08/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Royal Canin Spring Fair	TK.I pass
29/08/26	Sumi Saikawa	HARU	Royal Canin Spring Fair	TK.I pass
29/08/26	Caitlin Fichardt	SCOUT	Royal Canin Spring Fair	TK.N- ⁷⁹ / ₈₀ TK.N TITLE*
29/08/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	Royal Canin Spring Fair	TK.A- ⁹⁶ / ₁₀₀
29/08/26	Sam Ibbott-Cordi	GILBERT	ACT Companion DC	TK.I pass x 2
29/08/26	Sam Ibbott-Cordi	ETHEL	ACT Companion DC	TK.I pass x 2 TK.I TITLE*
29/08/26	Sam Ibbott-Cordi	GERTIE	ACT Companion DC	TK.N pass - 2 nd
29/08/26	Sam Ibbott-Cordi	GERTIE	ACT Companion DC	TK.N pass TK.N TITLE*

05 RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

11/09/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Doberman Club	Mast. Containers pass
11/09/26	Jossie Crawford	KT	Doberman Club	Mast. Containers pass
11/09/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Doberman Club	Masters Exteriors pass
13/09/26	Ella Starzynski	MATILDA	Hills DTC	SWN pass SWN Title
16/09/26	Wendy Burge	TEDDIE	Metro Mid-Week DTC	TK.N pass - 3 rd
16/09/26	Jane Morschel	VESPA	Metro Mid-Week DTC	TK.S pass -1 st TK.S TITLE*
16/09/26	Pauline Camp	KELLI	Metro Mid-Week DTC	TK.A- ⁹⁴ / ₁₀₀
16/09/26	Josie Crawford	KT	Metro Mid-Week DTC	CCD pass CCD TITLE*
16/09/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Metro Mid-Week DTC	Novice-1 st NOVICE TITLE*
16/09/26	Josie Crawford	TRIX	Metro Mid-Week DTC	TK.I – 1 st
20/09/26	Wendy Burge	TEDDIE	Blacktown DTC	RM 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.. ☐ ☐**

06: METROPOLITAN MID-WEEK DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2026 at Primula Oval, Lindfield

DRAFT

Quorum present. Meeting opened at 11:16am. Chaired by President Kerrie McCutcheon

Welcome.

Attendance: Anne Brophy, Kerrie McCutcheon, Jane Freeman, Sumi Saikawa, Pauline Camp, Jane Morschel, Samantha Vieira, Catherine Crouch, Teresa Curman

Apologies: Sue Hutchins, Vic Gore, Debbie Varnay.

ACCEPTED

Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2026 were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Moved: Kerrie McCutcheon Seconded: Anne Brophy

CONFIRMED

Business Arising:

- AON Insurance documentation has been submitted and paid
- Intermediate Class has now begun as a trial
- \$100 payment made to the NSW Obedience State Titles for first place in CCD Ring

Correspondence -Presented and moved by Jane Morschel Sec. Pauline Camp

Incoming

- Thank you email from Gila Levy, expressing her appreciation for the beautiful get well card.
- Thank you email to Kerrie McCutcheon from Vibeke Faurby for providing an update on the K9 Award programme and requesting a copy of the Club Logo, which Kerrie has provided
- Invoice from Ku-ring-gai Council for lease of the storage building, for the period September 2026 to September 2027

Outgoing

- Get well card to Gila Levy
- Various emails to Wally McCall re upgrade of amenities
- Email from Kerrie McCutcheon to Vibeke Faurby re first assessment day for K9 Award Programme

REPORTS:

Treasurer- Presented & Moved by Samantha Vieira

Sec: Catherine Crouch

Opening Balance 31/07/26 \$22,129.62

- Income \$1,093
- Expenses \$2,506.65
- Net Income -\$1,413.65

Closing Balance 30/08/26 \$20,715.97

Term Deposit Balance \$35k. Jacqui Gore Memorial Fund Balance \$4,754.00

Received

Chief

Instructor- Presented & Moved by Pauline Camp.

Sec: Teresa Curman

Titles Gained since last meeting:

Rally Excellent Caitlin Fichardt & Scout

Novice Tricks Sam Ibbott-Cordi & Gertie

Caitlin Fichardt & Scout

Intermediate Tricks: Sam Ibbott-Cordi & Ethel

Sumi Saikawa & Aki

Intermediate Class

The trial of the Intermediate Class has begun. Pauline will consider feedback from the Instructors taking this class and a decision will then be made as to whether to continue the extra class into 2027.

Received

Trial Secretary-Absent

It was noted that the total number of entries, across all categories for the Club's September Trial, is 103.

Publicity-Absent

Kerrie reported that Vic has advised her that there are two email addresses on the webpage which can now be activated for New Member Enquiries (Anne) and for General Enquiries (Jane M). Vic will organise these logins via Squidly. Jane thanked Kerrie for preparing the excellent tribute to Robina which was included in the recent Paws newsletter.

Equipment-Presented & Moved by Jane Freeman Sec: Pauline Camp

Jane reported that the equipment shop has had another busy month, selling articles, dumbbells, leads and a treat pouch.

The equipment shop will be open at the September Trial

Sales \$114 Expenses \$56.10 (for martingale training collars)

Received

Catering – Presented and Moved by Sumi Saikawa Sec. Jane Freeman

Sumi reported on plans for the September Trial.

Toasties will be available, and cakes for morning tea for judges and stewards. Sumi has ordered three boxes of sandwiches from Subway for lunch, and will have some additional toasties available, in case needed. She asked if some people could donate a cake for the day – so far Sue Brown, Teresa Curman and Pauline Camp have offered.

Cakes toasties, tea and coffee will be available to purchase for those who are not stewarding and who are not judging.

Cost will be \$2.00 for tea and coffee for non-Club members, and \$3.00 for Coffee pods

A list of available items and their cost will be on display on the day.

Received

New Members' Secretary- Presented & Moved by Anne Brophy Sec: Jane Morschel

Anne reported that three new members joined in September;

- Margaret Bennet with Prince (a Roodle)
- Helen Freeman with Pixie (Cavoodle)
- Jo Scott with Wally (Poodle x Bichon Frise)

Fiona Smith with Wally and Ruby , joined in July but Wally was not old enough to train, however they have now joined the Beginners' Class this month,

Anne also noted that she had purchased a new box of 50 name tags for \$38.

Received

GENERAL BUSINESS

Samantha provided sample treat pouches in the Metro colour and with the Metro logo attached, which she has purchased from BigW marketplace. Agreed to use these as thank you gifts for Stewards at the September Trial.

Further agreed to purchase another box of 24 with a view to using them as fundraiser for the Club, selling each at \$10.

Committee members thanked Samantha for her extensive efforts to research and purchase gifts for Stewards and Judges.

Correspondence from Wally McCall seeking financial contribution from the Club (correspondence previously circulated to Committee members)

Agreed that the Secretary respond to the request for funding, giving details of our Club, including our annual income and offering to donate a sum of \$2,000 towards the upgrade of the toilets and change rooms.

Lunch Venue

Agreed that the annual Committee and Instructors lunch be held at Frankies once again, with the Club budgeting \$40 per person.

Annual Calendar of Events

The President thanked Teresa Curman for providing and circulating the Annual Calendar which was approved by the members present.

Trophies

Kerrie gave two examples of possible trophies to be given to Members when various Titles are achieved. One example was that used by Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club, where each new title can be added to the trophy, however the cost is \$33 per trophy (and each title gained has to be added and is therefore an additional cost). The option of Medals was also raised, but not seen as the best option.

The possibility of a badge was discussed, where a bar can be added for each Title achieved. Anne will provide the name of the supplier that Eastern Suburbs Dog Training use and Kerrie will obtain quotes. It was noted that Tricks Titles will be incorporated into whatever new Trophy is agreed.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.10pm

The next Meeting will be a General Meeting, on 14 October 2026.

The next Committee Meeting will be held o 11 November 2026.