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Dear Members

I would like to start my President's Message on a serious note, it has come to my attention that DOGSACT Office staff are encountering at time hostile members venting their frustrations whether at the office counter, emails, phone calls or via social media private messaging after hours. I would like to ask the membership to remember to be civil at all times to DOGSACT Office staff. By the same token I also expect DOGSACT office staff to always remain helpful and courteous at all times to our members and customers. If you feel the matter needs higher attention please get in touch with me or other executive members to raise your concerns. DOGSACT council takes bullying or intimidating behaviour seriously, and I would ask everyone to please treat people as you would like to be treated.

On a brighter note how good was the Canberra Royal!! Derek Hyde and his merry band of workers once again conducted another successful Canberra Royal, my special thanks to the stewards over the weekend who did an amazing job. The hard work and dedication of the council into revamping the grounds is evident. The positive comments and thanks from the members has built up our community spirit. Over the last few shows the numbers are starting to build up at the shows conducted in the ACT. I was recently involved in the Staffordshire Terrier Club and Terrier Shows along with the Toy and Cavvie Club Shows, the numbers were high. If you ever get the chance to attend a Staffie show please do they run a great show and the exhibitors certainly enjoy themselves!!

Recently DOGSACT held a Members and Affiliates Night, formally known as the Presidents and Secretary, certainly brought many members out of the wood work and for me it was refreshing to see members turn up. The meeting at times brought out some robust discussions and provided the Council with much 'food for thought'. It is refreshing that people are passionate about dog sports. Personally I have held the belief that the members run DOGSACT, not me or the council, we are your chosen representatives and as such you the members direct how you want to progress the organisation. One of the items concerning you all is the Web Page it is now our number priority to get right with the information you need!! The one thing I do ask of members if you have an issue bring it to the table but at the same time provide a solution or an outcome - this is the valuable input we require.

The Advance International Dog Event is now full steam ahead, it is a major undertaking for DOGSACT given the short time frame we have had to organise it. The prize table will be amazing excess of \$25 000 the excitement is building given this is a first class event on our calendar. If any member wants to get involved in helping running the event please contact our event manager Ms Narelle Kay, she would only be too happy to have you on board.

Remember it is your DOGSACT let us be proud of our dog community.

Simon Mills

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