

**PUBLIC MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**  
**Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room**

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened – Time: 7:02pm**

**PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Eric Birkeland, John Scholz, Judith Barlow, Kirstin Henderson, Katarina Manna, Elektra Oshyer, Natasha Sands, Fran Coventry, Clive Styles, Cristan McCusker

**Apologies:** Denise Greenwood

**Absent:** Heather Swinbourn (Email came in after hours for apology)

**Minutes recorded by:** Vanessa March

**Conflicts of interest on topics in this agenda?** (council members to indicate which point or topic, item to be moved to the end of the meeting so the council member can be excused from the meeting) NIL

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion Passed:** “That the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 25 be accepted”

**Moved:** Katarina Manna      **Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer      **Carried**

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**See Outstanding Actions Listing – Attachment A**

**Motion Passed:** “That the Matters Arising be accepted as amended”.

**Moved:** Katarina Manna      **Seconded:** John Scholz      **Carried**

**4. NEW MEMBERS:**

**2 new ordinary members**

**Motion Passed:** “That the New Members be accepted as listed”

**Moved:** Kirstin Henderson      **Seconded:** John Scholz      **Carried**

**5. AGENDA ITEMS**

**5.1. NEW TRIAL/SHOW/EVENT DATES REQUIRING APPROVAL/CANCELATION**

**All new dates to be added to the Dogs ACT Calendar**

**5.2. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FROM EVENTS (added to be noted for information):**

**5.2.1.** ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial – 15<sup>th</sup> March – 36 entries –Redacted

**5.2.2.** ACT Companion Dog Club – Trick Trial – 22 March 2025 – AM81 PM77 Entries

**5.2.3.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Dances with Dogs Trial – 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 63 entries

**5.2.4.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Obedience Trial – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 22 entries

**5.2.5.** Canberra Toy Dog Club – Specialty Show AM Show – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 83 entries

**5.2.6.** Canberra Toy Dog Club – Specialty Show PM Show – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 88 entries

**5.2.7.** ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Show AM – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 62 entries

**5.2.8.** ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Show PM – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 62 entries

**5.2.9.** ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Show AM – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 52 entries

**5.2.10.** ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Show PM – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 50 entries

**5.2.11.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club - Obedience Trial – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 40AM & 37PM entries

### 5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

#### 5.3.1.

### 5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

5.4.1. Member Body percentage breakup – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

5.4.2. Murray River Retriever - Requirements for Registration - Press Release – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 (**this is on the Dogs Australia Website**)

5.4.3. FCI Breed to be added to the National Business System: BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN SCENT HOUND – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

5.4.4. DOM and SOM Titles Added to the Database – Dogs NSW updated – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Noted: Council suggested a post to be made on Facebook to inform members of this.**

#### ***Dogs Australia (ANKC) Transaction Figures for the month of MARCH:***

Associate Register Applications	<b>1</b>
Export Pedigrees	<b>0</b>
Judges Licence Applications	<b>4</b>
Judges Licence Renewals	<b>0</b>
Leases	<b>1</b>
Prefix Applications	<b>0</b>
Prefix Renewals	<b>4</b>
Prefix Transfers	<b>0</b>
Registrations	<b>8 L – 8 M</b>
Sporting Register Applications	<b>0</b>
Title Applications	<b>25</b>
Transfer of Ownership	<b>10</b>
Re-registrations	<b>0</b>
Reprint of Certificates	<b>0</b>

### 2.1. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE IN *(Please advise if you require an electronic copy)*

#### 2.1.1. Kirstin Henderson – RE: ET Jenny Kenworthy memorial shield – Email 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Since Jenny's passing, a banner has been given out at each endurance test for the person who best displays the qualities so admired and valued by Jenny in the ET. These values include hard work, dedication, teamwork, overcoming adversity - the recipient of this award is decided between the vet, Helen Mossler and the judge of the trail. The banner is privately sponsored by Friends of Jennys. Sonza Veterinary Hospital would like to sponsor a shield to be kept in the office with the recipients of the award name to be engraved.

This would be a lovely way to honour our life member and will have no cost to Dogs ACT.

***Approved***

**Motion Passed:** “That all Correspondence and agenda items be accepted and action Items be listed in “Attachment A” until complete.

**Moved:** Elektra Oshyer

**Seconded:** Katarina Manna

**Carried**

### **3. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

This month we have had EPIC bump in affecting Dogs ACT again, the Folk Festival is restricting access to Dogs ACT and one of our events which just happens to be the Stafford Show.

We thought that bump in would be the Monday after the show, from memory the Summernats bump in and out was over a longer time this year as well.

I have attempted to ring Ross from SPIC with no answer, to my amazement he rang back within 10 minutes. He informed us that he knew about the shows, and they would not be an issue but we have to give a list of people who need access and Ross will let the Folk Festival know.

It has meant that people who has camping booked had it cancelled, and some are not happy at all with the late notice and change which has cost them extra.

I will endeavour to ring Ross again when on holidays next week to chase up our other issues and hopefully I can organize a meeting.

I have started a new job which is taking up a lot of my time at the moment while I settle in and it has been quite demanding so, please be patient while I settle in.

**Motion Passed:** “That the President report be accepted”

**Moved:** Eric Birkeland

**Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer

**Carried**

### **4. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Profit & Loss sheet - presented by KH

Balance Sheet - presented by KH

- BAS is in progress, it is slightly behind due to the need to wait for receipt to reconcile the bank account.

**Motion Passed:** “That the Treasurers report be accepted”

**Moved:** Kirstin Henderson

**Seconded:** John Scholz

**Carried**

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Items Requiring Approval Below – Full reports in attachment B.

❖ **Agility & Jumping:** Dana Simonsen: **See attachment B** **Convenor has resigned as of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – new convenor to be assigned.** **Noted** and Judith Barlow will be talking to the Agility Sub Committee on recommending a replacement

❖ **Breed:** - **VACANT**: *It was suggested that Doug Anderson might be someone to approach. EO to approach and CC Admin on correspondence*

- ❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Dogs ACT Amenities Committee:** Kirstin Henderson: **See attachment B**
- ❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mossler: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Government Liaison:** Katarina Manna: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: : **Late addition in attachment B**
- ❖ **Grooming:** Elektra Oshyer: : **NO REPORT REC – is waiting on Epic before reporting**
- ❖ **Health & Welfare:** Hayden Montgomery: **See attachment B - NOTED**
- ❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Elektra Oshyer: **See attachment B**
- ❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mossler: : **Late addition in attachment B**
- ❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Fran Coventry: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Judith Barlow: **See attachment B - NOTED**
- ❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: : **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan: : **Late addition only requesting a June tracking date. Approved**
- ❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: **See attachment B - NOTED**
- ❖ **Sprint Dog:** Helen Mossler: **Late addition in attachment B – Council Noted the concern and issued information in relation to the Foot Wear issue at trials.**

**Motion Passed:** “That all sub-committee reports be accepted, noted & any subsequent actions be listed on Attachment A of the Agenda”

**Moved:** Kirstin Henderson

**Seconded:** Katarina Manna

**Carried**

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 – REDACTED**

### **9.2 Fran Coventry – request to 2 motions to be presented in the meeting – email 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

#### **Motions requesting to presented:**

\*Breed clubs liaison and promotion group .

*Requesting to form a Breed Club Liaison Sub Committee – to Liaise with the breed clubs to for opportunity to find out what their needs and requirements are to ensure they are able to stay viable – due to noting that there are clubs who are struggling to keep things running with the aging demographic of their committee and more experienced members.*

*Fran Coventry as Convenor – with Clive Styles and Densie Greenwood to for the committee.*

**Council approved this - on a trial basis for review of this subcommittee to be done in six months (October**

2025)

\*Government and community grants group.

*Requesting to form a Government and Community Grants group. To have an active group who and follow and seek grants that will benefit Dogs ACT and its member base.*

*Convenor – Gran Coventry. Fellow Committee members Clive Styles and Katarina Manna.*

**Council approved this**

**Both of these Committees will be added to the subcommittee list for them report back to councils monthly meetings.**

**9.3 Catering on Dogs ACT grounds for affiliates events – for discussion.**

*Ed's Tucker Box contract has expired. Will this be reissued or will new catering companies be sought?*

*Ed's have not attended as much as they indicated for the larger events (in particular the December Ladies and CABKC shows in 2024 and also 2025) and when contracted indicated they would not attend for smaller events. This has put a lot of strain on the office with affiliates asking this to be chased up and request for the office to find catering (this is not a role of the office staff)*

**Discussed. Noting that we have Ed's booked in for some of the events in the next couple of months. Options to be explored – Eric noted that the Coffee Van who attended the shows last weekend was suitable and catered well for the smaller events that were held, not only doing coffees but also basic BBQ and hot foods. He will get a business card from them this weekend. Alternatives would be to approach Veterans Club or other community/volunteer based caterers to see if they are able to attend much of the conformation calendar on our grounds.**

**From the floor/Last minute agenda item(s):**

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

**- Clive Style – with the success of the first block of Conformation Training would like an additional 5 blocks of dates booked for the remainder of the year.**

<b><u>Block 2</u></b>	<b><u>Block 3</u></b>	<b><u>Block 4</u></b>	<b><u>Block 5</u></b>	<b><u>Block 6</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> August	16 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> November
8 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> September	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> November
15 <sup>th</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> September	30 <sup>th</sup> October	4 <sup>th</sup> December
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> November	11 <sup>th</sup> December

**Office checked the calendar, there is nothing on the dogs ACT calendar conflicting these dates. But only have the EPIC calendar up until August – may need to recheck dates from Oct onwards at a later date. Approved.**

**- Admin received a call and email from Jake at Evoenergy advising that the trees under the power lines at the bottom ring are scheduled to be removed.**

*As per email: "In accordance with Section 41D of the Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014, Evoenergy will address this issue promptly to ensure the safety of infrastructure (and subsequent safety of community). The proximity of the trees to the overhead conductors on a yearly basis, necessitates immediate action to prevent any interference with the aerial lines.*

*Evoenergy has been given full endorsement by the land custodian (TCCS) to proceed with removal of this vegetation.*

*As the trees are Gleditsia triacanthos, a listed environmental weed species in the ACT, the trees are not regulated, and full removals will not impact the urban forest.  
Given the potential hazard, Evoenergy will proceed with the tree removals as a priority and expedite the process. “*

**This has been noted and a post to be put on Facebook informing the members of the removal of the trees, so that they are aware of this works.**

<b>Motion Passed:</b>	“That the Matters Arising from General Business be accepted”		
<b>Moved:</b>	Katarina Manna	<b>Seconded:</b>	John Scholz
		<b>Carried</b>	

**Meeting Closed: 8:52pm**

**Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**