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## Notices

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### Office Hours Update – Now in Place

Our updated administration office hours are now in effect as part of a six-month trial approved by Governing Council.

#### Office Access (Walk-ins)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00am – 5:00pm

Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays

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### Message From the President

Your Governing Council met in February to consider governance, operational updates, and development across a number of key areas. Here are the highlights for members:

#### Oral History & Heritage Project

Council approved the establishment of the Dogs West Oral History & Heritage Project. A small volunteer working group

Monday to Friday  
9:00am – 4:00pm

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the office is closed to visitors, phones continue to be attended between 9:00am and 4:00pm. At times, calls may be diverted to our answering service to allow staff to undertake training, team-based projects and process improvement work. Members can continue to contact us by email at anytime.

There is no change to member access to the grounds, and the Alpha Dog Shop continues to operate as usual.

This six-month trial provides our team with dedicated time to focus on training, reviewing procedures and strengthening administrative processes, all aimed at improving efficiency and enhancing service delivery to members.

We appreciate your support during this trial period and welcome constructive feedback via email.

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## Western Classic Weekend

Thank You to Our Volunteers, Clubs and Exhibitors 🐾

As another successful Western Classic comes to a close, Dogs West would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making it possible.

Across the event we saw a wonderful showcase of dog sports and activities,

forms and interview materials, and the secure collection and storage of initial recordings. This important initiative will help preserve the history and stories of our organisation.

### Sponsorship Update

PD Insurance has formally withdrawn its sponsorship offer. While this is disappointing, it was not unexpected. The General Managers and President will meet with Knose on 4 March 2026 to explore alternative commission-based arrangements.

### Affiliation Approved

Full affiliation has been granted to the Scent Work Club of WA. We welcome them as an affiliated club of Dogs West.

### Judges Training Schemes

The following applications were approved, with all requirements met:

- Louise Adam and Steve Conroy – Retrieving Judges Training Scheme
- Denise Cullen, Tara Schwarze, Sam Chu and Kathy Phillips – Tracking Judges Training Scheme

### Community News

Positive updates were received from Story Dogs, including the addition of a pedigree Labrador to their latest team.

It was also noted with regret that the Bullmastiff Club has closed. We acknowledge and thank its members for their contribution over the years.

Thank you to our members, volunteers and staff for your continued dedication to Dogs West and the broader canine

their passion for dogs. Events like this require an enormous amount of work behind the scenes, and they simply would not happen without the dedication of our volunteers, organising committees, and participating clubs.

From the planning stages through to set-up, stewarding, judging, and pack-down, countless members generously gave their time and energy to ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible. While every large event presents its share of challenges, the commitment and teamwork shown by our community ensured a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Dogs West would also like to thank the many stewards, officials, timekeepers, helpers, and volunteers who supported the event throughout the weekend, as well as the Dogs West office team for their administrative support behind the scenes.

Finally, thank you to all exhibitors, competitors, and spectators who attended and supported the event. Your participation is what brings our dog community to life.

Events like these highlight the strength of our Dogs West community, and we are grateful to everyone who played a part in making it such a success.

Thank you for your continued support of Dogs West and our dog sports community.

**Pam Campbell**

**President**

Dogs West

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## Upcoming Events

### **Sun 8 Mar**

Scent Work Club of WA, Scentwork Trials, 8 & 22 March 2026

### **Sat 14 Mar**

DWD Club of WA, HTM & Freestyle, 14 March 2026

Bunbury & Districts Dog Club, Scentwork Weekend, 14 & 15 March 2026

### **Sun 15 Mar**

Bunbury & Districts Dog Club, Scentwork Weekend, 14 & 15 March 2026

### **Fri 20 Mar**

West Australian Kennel Club Inc, Championship Show, 20 & 21 Mar 2026

### **Sat 21 Mar**

West Australian Kennel Club Inc, Championship Show, 20 & 21 Mar 2026

### **Sun 22 Mar**

Scent Work Club of WA, Scentwork Trials, 8 & 22 March 2026

### **Mon 23 Mar**

WA Toy Dog Specialist Club, AGM, 23 Mar 2026

### **Sat 28 Mar**

Whippet Club of WA, Sprintdog, 28 Mar 2026

### **Fri 3 Apr**

West Coast Dog Sports, Sprintdog, 3 & 4 Apr 2026

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