



Great to see so many Members back and into events with their dogs after the Christmas break, with many disciplines being well supported, and many more events to come.

Our premier event, the Western Classic, is back, bigger than before with an Inaugural Western Classic SprintDog™ event, and the first Most Versatile Western Classic Performance Dog Special Award.

Events for all our major disciplines are included, with a full international panel for the Conformation events.

Please come along and support this wonderful weekend of events, put together by the Western Classic Working Party – I thank and congratulate them on this fabulous weekend for our Members and their dogs.

Our General Manager, Sarah and Caroline, have been settling into their joint role and have spent a lot of time working together to ensure a smooth transition for everyone. Their commitment to the Association has been well demonstrated already, and I thank them for their work.

Very pleased to welcome our new staff member into the office, and we offer Alice a very warm welcome.

Planned maintenance works around the facility have been done to improve amenities for the Members and it is hoped to have the Canteen facility available to be used once again in the near future.

Pamela Campbell

PRESIDENT



On January 5th 2026, we commenced our role as Joint General Managers and what a busy few weeks it has been!

We have completed and scheduled several outstanding tasks, including booking a pressure clean of the undercover pavilion area and completion of various painting and flooring jobs and improvements to the Members Lounge.

We have also progressed work with the Canteen - our application for registration has been approved to

allow us to offer limited canteen facilities for sanctioned events. We are aware this represents an important opportunity for Clubs and are working hard to develop the tools required to allow access. Clubs will be notified as soon as we can offer the facilities.

We are pleased to advise we have engaged a new Member Services team member - please extend a warm welcome Alice Jones, commenced 16th February.

We have a chance to review administration operations and identify opportunities to accommodate existing staff arrangements, whilst looking to continuously improve our service standards. As part of this review, Governing Council have supported our proposed changes to member (office) access hours. The primary intention of these changes, which will be introduced on a 6-month trial basis from Tuesday 3rd March 2026, is to allow us to conduct focussed team-based activities including training, special projects (including a review of existing forms) and collaborative process and procedure reviews.

There will be NO CHANGE to your access to the grounds and the Alpha Dog Shop will continue to operate as currently.

The new Office Opening Hours (for members) will be 9 – 5 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Telephones will be attended as usual from 9am – 4pm every day.

The office will NOT be open to members on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Telephones will be attended from 9am – 4pm HOWEVER we foreshadow calls will be diverted to an answering service (monitored by Reception) at various times during these days to accommodate training sessions, special projects and team meetings. The mailbox will be checked at 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the contents lodged for Wednesday or Friday.

We ask that you provide any constructive feedback by email as we look for ways to support our members in a changing world.

Sarah Baldwin & Caroline Shaw