



Governing Council News

Approved by Electronic Motion

- The State Obedience and Rally Trials budget 2025 accepted
- **THAT**, training classes for puppies under the age of 3 months on the Dogs West Grounds be Suspended until the outcome of the upcoming Special General Meeting and subsequent Governing Council meeting determine the status of such classes.

Sept 2025

Motions On Notice (See Canine Notices for details)

- CAWA Regulation A85.5 rescinded as per the motion approved by the members at the AGM.
- As per the motion approved by the members at the AGM -
 - a. That puppies aged between 8 weeks and under 3 calendar months be permitted to use the Dogs West grounds for restricted training purposes.
 - b. That the use of the grounds be limited to organised classes only, conducted under strict biosecurity conditions - including use of enclosed rooms, agreed cleaning protocols, and no free access to the grassed areas.
 - c. That organisations offered the opportunity to conduct these restricted classes must be affiliated with Dogs West.

Committee Business

Finance Committee

- ENGinuity Engineering approved to undertake a structural review of the pavilion roof.
- Revised Earthdog Enclosure Planting Proposal approved. To be undertaken by the Dachshund Club.
- Timber City to undertake administration area renovations, including reflooring of the meeting room, show office, and bar lobby ("brown bubble") areas using durable vinyl flooring.
- Adriatic appointed to undertake the painting to ground floor toilets, canteen walls and external doors.
- Qbit to proceed with compliance upgrades to facility systems.
- Powertek appointed to replace the hot water unit in the bar (but not canteen); testing and tagging, and arena lighting (to occur in conjunction with security maintenance).
- State Scentwork proposal and budget for 2026 approved,
- Murdoch Research proposal approved to the value of \$25,000 with the condition that promotion to include Dogs West via Murdoch's marketing. Projects to be funded in 2025/2026 are:
 - o Immunohistochemical Expression of Schlafen 11 in Canine Neoplasms and Its Association with Therapeutic Response to Topoisomerase Inhibitors and Platinum-Based Chemotherapy - \$15,000.
 - o Integrative Genomic and Transcriptomic analysis of mast cells tumours - \$10,000.
- The late fee for memberships not be applied to Junior Memberships for 2025/26. Fee structure and late fees to be reconsidered during the 2025-26 budget process.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

- Events Ctee – Penny Kelly
- Training Committee – Heather Jones
- Finance & Infrastructure Committee – Pamela Campbell
- Governance Committee – Neridah Sharrett
- Marketing Committee – Ambre Smith
- Executive Councillor – Penny Kelly

Correspondence

- LGIRS re HomeSafeID - Advice regarding removal of HomeSafeID from the list of prescribed microchip database companies.

General Business

- Dogs West Events Ctee – Agility Fundraiser Trial - Replacement Date approved and dispensation given for 4pm start time. Approval a one-time dispensation due to cancellation of events due to extreme weather.
- Agility Club of WA - Request for Trial Catch Up Dates approved and dispensation given for 4pm start time. Approval a one-time dispensation due to cancellation of events due to extreme weather.
- Invitation to be extended to M Watson and M Cochrane for the position of Emeritus Judge,
- Cancellation of the booking for puppy Training Classes from the RSPCA completed at a cost of \$580 to the Association.
- Resignation of CEO. Appreciation was expressed to M Norton for her contributions over her term in the position. Her professionalism, commitment, and efforts have been valued, and her departure is recognised as a sad loss to the Association.

M Norton reflected on her time at Dogs West, noting it as her most rewarding role in her 25-year career.

Oct 2025

Business Arising

- Ms Caroline Shaw be appointed as the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Dogs West for a period of 12 weeks.

Committee Business

Executive Committee

- Governing Council endorse the recommendation that the position of Administrative Officer, currently titled 'Chief Executive Officer', be advertised and recruited under the title 'General Manager'.
- Ratification of SprintDog™ Lure Operator Trainees - Ashleigh Mcleod and Kerrilee Bell
- Ratification of Working Party Coordinators

General Business

- Dogs West to surrender the 2 12G 'hammer style' shotguns in the Voluntary Buyback Scheme currently being offered by the WA Police Firearm reform division. *Rationale: The sign out record show these weapons have not been utilised for several years as they are hard to operate correctly.*

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Committee	Chair	Working Party	Member	
Events	Penny Kelly	Agility	State - Gail Brindley National - Simone Tolhurst	Coordinator
		Canine Development	Meghan Kelly	
		Canine Fundraisers	Leanne Irvine	
		Celebration Of The Best	Jenny Sayers	Coordinator
		Club Forum	Penny Kelly/ Heather Jones	
		DWD & Tricks	Amanda Houston and Jill Houston	Coordinator
		Junior Handlers	Shirley Briggs	Coordinator
		Measurement	Di Rose	Coordinator
		Obedience/Rally	Meeghan Clay	Coordinator
		Retrieving - National	Allan Bartram	Coordinator
		Retrieving - State	Patricia McGregor	Coordinator
		Scent Work	Tracey O'Neill	
		Western Classic	Tony Crocker	

Training	Heather Jones	Conformation Judges	Jeni Sach	Coordinator
Agility Judges Training	Gail Brindley		Coordinator	
DWD Judges Training	Jill Houston		Coordinator	
Field Trial Judges Training	Christine Thompson		Coordinator	
Herding Judges Training	Deb Baile		Coordinator	
Earthdog Judges Training	Brigitte Walkey		Coordinator	
Lure Coursing Judges	Danielle Simpson		Coordinator	
Obedience Judges	Deb Hyde		Coordinator	
Retrieving Judges	Heather Ellis		Coordinator	
Scent Work Judges	Tracey O'Neill		Coordinator	
Sled Dog Judges Training	Rhiannon Wallace			
Conformation Stewards Training	Tony Crocker		Coordinator	
Tracking Judges Training	Valeta Pethrick		Coordinator	
Trick Dog Judges Training	Jill Houston		Coordinator	
Marketing	Ambre Smith	Member Education	Ambre Smith	Coordinator
		Promotions	TBA	Coordinator
		Dogs West Open Day	Heather Jones	Coordinator