



Thank you to everyone involved in assisting with the incident at the Ladies Kennel Club Show on 8 June 2024.

Members raised a number of questions regarding safety and emergencies on Dogs West grounds and sanctioned events. All reviews have been completed and implementation of improvements have commenced, we can now provide responses to the key questions asked:

- Defibrillator (AED) operation
  - All First Aid equipment has 6 monthly scheduled checks by St John WA, including the defibrillators. St John WA confirmed last check was March 2024.
  - St John WA visited Dogs West and recommended alternative AED units based on the specific issues LKC faced on the day.
  - Dogs West has purchased new AEDs for the grounds that are easier to use and to complete checks between St John WA visits.
  - Easy access to the AED. All outdoor AEDs require a locked cabinet; however code access can be simplified. This will be implemented with the new cabinet.
- Emergency Processes
  - Dogs West will provide more information to Clubs on the training available to assist with managing emergency procedures at their events.
  - Show Offices will have emergency protocols and contact numbers on pin up boards to improve emergency management. This information will be shared with all Club Secretaries and Dogs West Clubs Facebook Page
  - All meeting rooms have an emergency evacuation map and plan. The plans will be reviewed to add more detail based on the learnings from the recent incident
  - Dogs West Working Parties will have similar information sent to the Coordinators
- Emotional distress
  - For any member, including any children feeling distressed from the incident, we encourage you to access the free support available from the following places:
    - **Beyond Blue** (all ages): [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au) or 1300 224636
    - **Lifeline** (all ages): Phone 13 11 14, Text 0477 13 11 14, online chat [www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat](http://www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat)
    - **Kids Helpline** (people aged 5 to 25): 1800 55 1800, [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)
    - **Headspace** (under 25 years of age): [headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au) 1800 650 890

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