



Annual Report

2014 Executive & Management Committee

President: Rod Vernon
Vice President: Kenny Hills
Secretary: Nicole Hammond
Treasurer: Michelle Hammond
Show Secretary: Nancy Hardie
Editor: Diane Ballantyne
Minutes Secretary: Michelle Hammond
HD-ED & Tattoo Registrar: Sue Robertson
Obedience Co-ordinator: Ann Clarkson
Breed Affairs: Jay Brandon

Sub-Committee

Website Manager: Irene Hayton
Web Site Officer: Lyn McIntosh
Facebook Page Administrators: Lyn McIntosh/Sue Robertson
Breed Rescue Officer: Jean Hansford
Puppy Listing: Annie Tamblyn
Memberships: Brett Hammond
Obedience Trial Secretary: Ann Clarkson
Zone 2 Rep: Liz Kruger
Social Convenors: Lyn McIntosh & Alison Campbell
Auditor: Shane Thomas & Associates
Solicitors: Standish & Partners
Surveyors: Russell Wenham (Chief Surveyor) Barry O'Rourke & Carol O'Rourke, Louis Donald

President's Report:

Thank you to the following Committee Members for their hard work during the year. Firstly to the Vice President Kenny Hills who as always comes along with Damien and Brittany to make sure the show rings are ready. Many thanks Kenny and his team. To our Secretary Nicole Hammond thank you. The Secretary's role is a very large job for one so young especially when she also has two others jobs. Well done and many thanks Nicole. Our Treasurer this year was Michelle Hammond. This important role was very well done and I am sure the Club appreciates it. Our Editor of Fidelity was Diane Ballantyne and the magazine was so capably done by Diane and always out on time. My go to lady always ready to assist all and everyone who needed a hand with anything. Many thanks Di.

Our Show Secretary was Nancy Hardie again this year. The Club held our Open show and Obedience Trial in February. Then the Working Dog Club of Qld show was held in May followed by our Double Header Champ shows and Trial in July. In September the Club put on the State Breed Exhibition and finally the Ipswich Kennel Club show in October. Everyone can see this is a huge amount of work for Nancy and on behalf of all the members well done Nan. Breed Affairs Registrar for the Club this year was Jay Brandon. The Club held five Surveys this year and Jay has settled in very well to this position and reports from the Club Surveyors are extremely positive on the way Jay has run the Surveys. Many thanks Jay. HD-ED and Tattoo Registrar was Sue Robertson. Sue has put in another year of great service to the Club. I make mention of comments from National Council's HD-ED Registrar Doug West who has frequently praised Sue for submitting all her paperwork on time. Good job Sue. Obedience Coordinator and Trial Secretary Ann Clarkson had a big year. Ann has many new ideas to put into place next year to help promote Obedience Trials for the Club. Well done Ann.

To our Surveyors Russell Wenham, Louis Donald, Barry and Carol O'Rourke well done all and a special thanks for all your efforts again this year. Thank you to Russell Wenham for doing the Judges Training night at Durack for aspiring Dogs Queensland Judges. It is appreciated Rus.

Unfortunately we couldn't find anyone to take on the role of organising Durack Show training this year but the Club does thank those members who stepped up regularly during the year to take classes. Website Manager Irene Hayton looks after the Club site and does a great job albeit behind the scenes. Many thanks once again for your efforts Irene. Website Officer Lyn McIntosh assisted Irene again this year. A great job Lyn and well done. Facebook team are Lyn McIntosh and Sue Robertson and they work together making sure members are kept up to date via the Facebook page. Well done girls.

Breed Rescue for the Club is Jean Hansford who has been doing this for many years. This very important job is quietly handled by Jean and her husband Brian. A fabulous job and thanks to you both. Puppy Listings Officer again this year was Annie Tamblyn. Annie also has been doing this for many years behind the scenes. Very well done and thank you Annie. Memberships register was Brett Hammond who keeps our membership lists up to date. Well done Brett. To our Zone Rep Liz Kruger thank you very much for all your reports during the year. Also mention to Diane Whyte who has been filling in as Zone Rep for the far northern area. Diane also submitted newsy reports for the magazine. Thank you both very much.

The year actually started in December 2013 with a fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings in Toowoomba which was well supported by Committee and obedience members. Shortly afterwards came our December Puppy Picnic which was well attended followed by our Christmas breakup. Then onto February and another Bunnings fundraising BBQ this time at Mansfield where despite a couple of fat fires during the day the Club still made another healthy profit. Unfortunately I couldn't attend this BBQ as I was away in Adelaide at the GSDCA AGM as your representative. February the Club held its Open show with Jenny Baker judging the show and Laurie Knauth judging the obedience trial. Both attracted only a fair entry. To make it viable to hold this Open show the Club needs more entries. Then at the end of February in conjunction with Dogs Queensland judges board the GSDCQ held a Breed Seminar with our own Louis

Donald officiating. This was well attended and was a very informative Seminar. We did have the Seminar taped and the DVD's are available for \$20 from Nancy Hardie. On to May and another Bunnings BBQ fundraiser saw good profit go into the kitty. Many thanks must go out to all the members who came along to all the BBQ's to assist in fund raising for the Club. We also had the Working Dog Club of Queensland show in May with Jan Brabham (SA) judging. Unfortunately slightly lower entries this year. In May a large contingent of Queensland members descended on the national capital Canberra for the National Show & Trial where a lot of our members enjoyed good success this year. The Bronze Medal SC bitch was owned and bred by Carla & Frank Ali and another member Katie Tanner had the distinction of breeding the Gold Medal SC winning bitch. In the LSC class the Silver Medal Dog was bred by Peter & Brenda Hersant.

In July this year the Club held our own showpiece Double Header Shows & Trial. The Judges were John Lijffijt, Robyn Knuckey and Cathy O'Shea. Hopefully next year the functions with the Judges will be better attended by members and exhibitors. The entries were slightly down this year and hopefully this is not going to continue because if it does the Club will have to take a good long look at the costs of bringing overseas Judges every year. To the members who sponsored classes and advertised in the catalogues for the shows - thank you very much. In August the Brisbane Royal held its show and this was well attended once again by the members.

September and our SBE was held with Joylene Neddermeyer officiated. On the Saturday afternoon before Joylene gave her German and Australian bloodline seminar which was very informative and very well received by those who attended. The entries for the SBE were slightly up on the previous year. It was a very successful exhibition. Next we go onto October with the Ipswich Kennel Club and Alastair Henderson doing the judging this year. The entry was good and so was the day. We did however have some problems with regard to lighting whilst judging the LSC's. Measures are ongoing to have lighting installed on our show rings. In November the Committee had a Puppy Picnic and Xmas breakup day planned but because of the extreme heat we were experiencing in the days previously the Committee had to cancel the event.

Many of our members have travelled interstate this year to exhibit their dogs or handle for others with outstanding results during the year and on behalf of the Club congratulations on your successes.

When I took on the position of President my main aim was to bring harmony back to the Club – this is still my aim. Your current Committee have been very hard working for the two years we have been in office with many fund raising BBQ's being held. Members I have learnt a great deal about the Club and about myself in the short time I have been President and this will allow me to do an even better job next year if elected. To make wholesale changes in the Committee now is too early. The Club needs some stability and it is only just starting to get that. If you want a change then do it in a couple of years' time not now. The current Committee is prepared to stay on and conduct the National in 2017 and we believe we can put on the best National ever. Sub committees for the National have already started to take shape and next year we will be going out to secure sponsorship deals for the National but we need your support now and throughout the year. I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rod Vernon

Vice President's Report:

Thank you to Damien and Brittany, Committee and other members who assisted during the year putting up the rings and then packing everything away in the Club trailer after the shows. Thank you to the Committee who appreciated that my work commitments made it quite difficult to attend all the meetings. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Kenny Hills

Treasurer's Report:

The Auditor's report has been circulated as well as the job Profit/Loss breakdown. The Club made a small loss this year and I will do a quick run through of the accounts so members can better understand where and why losses occurred.

Fixed Deposit Interest - The term deposit interest only received \$2,020.80 this year, compared to \$4,065.10 last year. The reason is simply because all bank interest rates are low, however this \$85,000 continues to be reinvested at the best possible interest rate, to achieve the maximum amount of interest.

Administration - The loss in this area has been reduced dramatically this year as we no longer have the expense of the Durack shed. This area is only showing a small loss.

Fundraising - The Club made a profit of \$3,683.53 for fundraising including sausage sizzles, chocolate sales and drink sales. This profit is down on last year.

Fidelity - This area is showing a small loss which is due to the rise in printing and postage costs.

Quarterly Review - A small profit of \$261.10 has been made in this area.

Breed Survey - This area is showing a profit of \$481.20.

Tattooing - Tattooing continues to show a profit again this year.

Herding - The herding fun day brought in \$49.00.

Obedience Trials - The Obedience Trials made a loss this year; however our Obedience Co-Ordinator is coming up with ideas to improve entries which will in turn bring in more income for this area.

Open Show - This area made a small profit.

Ipswich Kennel Club 2013 Show - This show produced a loss of \$399.91

Working Dog Club of Qld Shows - The October 2013 show made a loss of \$356.58 and the May 2014 show also made a loss of \$169.69. The loss in this area should be reduced next financial year as we no longer hold the October show.

Championship Shows - Whilst these shows continue to make losses, this year the Committee worked hard to gain sponsorship and advertising which reduced the loss in this area by \$1,200

State Breed 2013 - This area shows only a small loss this year.

Show Training - Show training has made a loss of \$336.40 this year. A considerable amount of this loss has occurred in the last quarter of the financial year. This is an area where the incoming Committee will have to look at ways to improve the attendance.

Merchandise - Merchandise is showing a very small loss this year. The stock continues to be slow selling at shows however sales for the Louis Donald DVD continue to bring funds into the Club.

Zone 2 - This zone currently have \$3,215.20 specifically to be spent in their area.

Zone 3 - This zone has \$1,053.90 specifically to be spent in their area.

Conclusion

The Club remains in a very good financial state. The Committee have all worked hard to achieve a healthy financial state for the members. It has been a very easy year for me as accounting is an area that I have had years of experience in and I enjoy this work. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 2014 committee for their dedication, commitment and desire to get the Club back to being harmonious and going forward. We have achieved this and look forward to 2015.

Michelle Hammond

Breed Affairs Report:

First I would like to thank the Surveyors Russell Wenham, Barry & Carrol O'Rourke and Louis Donald for their dedication through the year. Thanks also to Kenny Hills and Co for setting up the rings, Diane Ballantyne for putting the presentation together of the Surveyed animals in the Fidelity and Lance Young for the firing of the Gun. In the 2014 year we saw a decrease in numbers of animals submitted for Survey from 44 in 2013 to 35 in 2014.

Out of the 35 dogs we saw 28 Class 1's, 5 Class 2's and only 2 that failed. Also out of the 35 we saw 28 stock coats and 8 long coats presented. This year we had 4 imported males either verified or put through the full Survey - 2 coming from Italy, 1 from Germany and 1 from Croatia. Congratulations to all the breeders and owners of these dogs.

Jay Brandon

Show Secretary's Report:

Another year has come & gone. The Club held its Open show in February with Ms. Jenny Baker judging. We also held an Obedience Trial the same day and the Judge was Mr. Laurie Knauth. May 2014 saw the Club hold a Champ show in conjunction with the Working Dog Club of Queensland and Jan Brabham from (SA) was our Judge. Two Championship Shows were conducted in July with Mr. John Lijffijt (Netherlands) & Mrs. Robyn Knuckey (WA) judging. We also conducted an Obedience Trial with Mrs. Cathy O'Shea doing the honours. In September we had the State Breed Exhibition with Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer (SA) judging. To finish the year in October we held a joint venture show with the Ipswich Kennel Club the judge was Mr. Alistair Henderson from Victoria. All these shows and trials went well with no problems.

I would like to thank all the members who helped me this year at these shows unloading & loading my car at the end of the day. I would also like to thank Kenny Hills and his workers for erecting & dismantling the rings for all shows during the year. This has been a record year with 48 dogs obtaining titles. Congratulations to all that achieved these titles with their dogs. I would love to continue as Show Secretary. I wish all members and their GSD companions a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nancy Hardie

Tattoo Registrar's Report:

October 2013	Ballantyne x 2, I. Hayton x 1
3 Litters	13 pups
November 2013	L. Hersant x 6, P. Tjerkstra x 1
7 Litters	32 pups
December 2013	L. Hersant x 1, G. Hickey x 3
4 Litters	24 pups
January 2014	R. Ballantyne x 3
3 Litters	25 pups
February 2014	R. Outen-Scott x 1
1 Litter	4 pups
March 2014	R. Outen-Scott x 1, L. Hersant x 2
3 Litters	20 pups
April 2014	J. Hansford x 1
1 Litter	3 pups
May 2014	I. Hayton x 2
2 Litters	12 pups
June 2014	L. Hersant x 3

3 Litters	14 pups	
July 2014	J. Hansford x 1	
1 Litter	2 pups	
August 2014	R. Ballantyne x 3	
3 Litters	20 pups	
September 2014	R. Outen-Scott x 1, J. Hansford x 1, A. Brinkworth x 1	
3 Litters	17 pups	
Total Litters 34	Total pups 186	43 booklets sold
Tattooists:		
R. Ballantyne x 8 litters	I. Hayton x 3 litters	A. Brinkworth x 1 litter J. Hansford x 3 litters
G. Hickey x 3 litters	P. Tjerkstra x 1 litter	R. Outen-Scott x 3 litters L. Hersant x 12 litters

Sue Robertson

HD-ED Report

October 2013
5 Contracts issued
November 2013
6 Contracts issued
December 2013
8 Contracts issued
January 2014
14 Contracts issued
February 2014
15 Contracts issued
March 2014
6 Contracts issued
April 2014
4 Contracts issued
May 2014
5 Contracts issued
June 2014
8 Contracts issued
July 2014
6 Contracts issued
August 2014
3 Contracts issued
September 2014
6 Contracts issued
Total of 86 Contracts issued.
All were for Hips and Elbows.

Sue Robertson

Obedience Coordinator's Report:

Unfortunately 2014 was not a good one for the Obedience Section of the Club. February's trial was held later in the day and some exhibitors were still put off by the heat. We have cancelled the 2015 February trial, but hopefully if/when we get lights on the GSD Rings we can reinstate this trial to commence later in the day. The July trial was attended by the usual 12 competitors and went well. The September trial was also cancelled because the Dogs Qld Obedience Sub-Committee held a triple header fund raising

trial at Caboolture on the same day, so the hopes of getting anyone at all to enter would have been a waste of time and money. Three members were overseas which would account for five dogs and Annie Tamblyn was judging at the triple header. Two other members belong to that Club so would probably not travel down for one trial when they could enter in three trials with no travelling. So out of our usual 12, eight would not be there. I am trying to find ways to encourage more members into the trialing ring and maybe it can be encouraged more by the breeders at point of sale. I am sure you agree that many of our show dogs could be doing more than just showing. Certainly there are quite few of us out there who do a lot more with our dogs besides conformation.

Ann Clarkson

Editor Fidelity Report:

Fidelity was produced four times this year as usual and members received them early in February, May, August and November. Thank you to members who sent in articles, photos and news items during the year. Thank you to also to those members who advertised their dogs in the magazine - your support is appreciated. Fidelity has made a loss this year of \$263.38 which is disappointing. This can be explained in two ways (1) membership has declined and (2) increased cost of printing and postage. The first the Editor has no control over but the second can be addressed by decreasing the amount of pages in each magazine. If that is done the quality of the magazine may be compromised as Fidelity one of the best ways to keep members aware of what is happening in Queensland during the year. Thank you to the other members of the Committee for their assistance during the year and I wish the new Editor all the best in the coming year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

Diane Ballantyne

Zone 2 Report

2014 has been an exciting year for many GSD owners in Central Queensland. Heidi Crane continues to do well with Ollie who is very close to his Grand title and still such a young boy. Irene Fitzgerald titled her girl Ch Aimsway Riska AZ. Terri Le Paige is having fun with her dogs. Of course we can't forget Marg and Bob Reidy who continue to do well with *Ch Kantenna Coz I Can AZ who was the State Siegerin this year and also did well at the Nationals. I can't omit my own little brag. My girl Laverance Delta AZ BSCI 1 came sixth in her class at the Nationals and her next big exciting event will be motherhood in a couple of weeks. Chloe is muchly loved by her breeder and trainer, Julie Hogan Smith. Congratulations must go to Pieter Tjerkstra on obtaining his All Breeds Licence. I dare say some exciting contracts will be coming his way. We are hoping to have a Breed Survey either in Rockhampton or Mackay in the New Year but I am still waiting upon the verification of this. So let me know if you would like your dog surveyed up here. Writing this column can be difficult at times. Members are not forthcoming with their dogs' achievements and I have to rely upon social media to do this. I cannot travel every weekend to shows away from Rockhampton and I know there are dogs out there winning in the ring or at obedience so I would appreciate your advising me of their results so it can be included in the report. I hope each and everyone has a wonderful festive season and stay safe if travelling.

Liz Kruger

Puppy Listing Report:

A big thank to all members who consistently use this Club service when listing their expected litters, pups or older dogs/bitches for sale each month. The numbers have increased a tad this year, up from 2013 total of 41 listings to this year's 42, yet down a little from 2012's total of 48 and 2011 of 46 listings. The breakdown for the year is as follows:-

January x 1

February x 3
March x 2
April x 2
May x 4
June x 5
July x 7
August 0
September x 8
October x 3
November x 3
December x 4

Total listings of 42 with an average of 3.5 listings every month

I must, as always, send a massive thank you to both the Club Secretary Nicole Hammond and Website Manager Irene Hayton for their continual support & assistance each month and it is very much appreciated. On a personal note, for those of you that don't know, I spent a month in Rwanda and Tanzania few months ago literally in the company of 250kg Highland Mountain Gorillas – the massive silverback had decided to get up close and personal with me and the head tracker told me afterwards that this is an extremely rare occurrence with complete strangers. Let me tell you, there is nothing on this earth that can even compete with that – well apart from having hyena's & lions walking past your tent at 3.00 am in the morning! There is something very special about spending time with Mother Nature at its purest – it strips you back to reality and it is both inspiring and frightening at the same time. In 2015 I look forward to continuing working with both the members and the in-coming Committee in my continuing capacity as Puppy Listings Officer and I wish everyone a Happy Xmas and New Year.

Annie Tamblyn

German Shepherd Dog Rescue Service:

The past year has been pretty busy with numbers of people ringing and emailing about the same as those of previous years. There have been around 60 dogs available and a few less enquiries. There are a few very capable Rescue Services for German Shepherd Dogs around in Brisbane now and the rescue load is being well spread.

The area we are covering is quite large with Tweed Heads, Gympie, Townsville, Mackay and Kingaroy among the enquiries. One of the dogs we placed was sent up from Victoria and there was a bit of a mix-up and he had to be re-homed again. The reasons for re-homing these dogs includes too much barking, returning to overseas home (UK/South Africa), small children not coping with energetic playmate, older children left home and can't take their pet with them and of course they just can't afford the Veterinary or feeding costs. One person after 7 years decided that the dog they had was not really what they wanted. It's sometimes hard to know what to say to this sort of decision. There have been dogs available from 6 weeks old to 11 years old. The youngest was bought impulsively by the Husband from a pet shop for \$1200. On arriving home wife said 'No! No!' and so it had to go and for free. One dog came with a lifelong trainer. The older dogs are particularly heartbreaking as they are of course very hard to place. Coat and colour range from normal coat, long coat, white, sable, black, black and gold and of course what is available is usually not what the enquirer is looking for. However it is very rewarding when a good matchup occurs and we enjoy helping the genuine people immensely. I hope this service is continued as I'm sure it is very good publicity for the Club.

Jean and Brian Hansford

Facebook Report

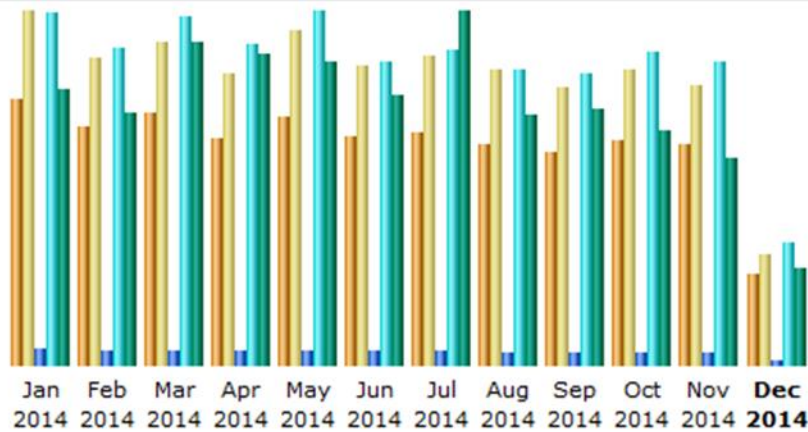
Facebook has been a great tool for communication once over the last 12 months. In the day of social media it is wonderful to be able to post a message on the Facebook page and know that most people will see it as opposed to email, when not so many people are even turning their computers on. Facebook notifies us when there has been maximum boost to a page and notifies us which pages get our audiences' attention. Unfortunately that information is only provided on a daily basis which is a little disappointing. We are also getting a lot of enquiries via the Facebook page where we can then refer them to our website for any information or about any puppies available.

Other than that there is not much else to report in relation to the Club's Facebook page and we wish everyone a safe and happy New Year

Lyn McIntosh

Web Site Report:

Monthly history



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2014	2,548	3,385	5,623	124,419	1.13 GB
Feb 2014	2,277	2,938	5,153	111,480	1.03 GB
Mar 2014	2,415	3,086	5,081	122,884	1.32 GB
Apr 2014	2,177	2,801	4,887	113,422	1.28 GB
May 2014	2,385	3,207	5,438	124,515	1.24 GB
Jun 2014	2,198	2,861	5,045	107,202	1.10 GB
Jul 2014	2,220	2,961	5,279	111,341	1.44 GB
Aug 2014	2,124	2,827	4,752	103,878	1.02 GB
Sep 2014	2,039	2,654	4,492	102,847	1.04 GB
Oct 2014	2,152	2,830	4,752	110,418	978.73 MB
Nov 2014	2,115	2,686	4,731	106,572	869.20 MB
Dec 2014	874	1,060	1,659	42,902	402.91 MB
Total	25,524	33,296	56,892	1,281,880	12.81 GB

Website Report

All seems to be going along as normal with the Club website. Please have a look at the summary above as this gives you an idea of the number of hits and people who look at the site. I try to get it updated as soon as I possibly can after receiving new information. If you see anything up there that is incorrect please drop me an email and I will correct it. I wish all members a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

Irene Hayton

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