

## GSDCA Judges Committee Chair Report

### GSDCA Judges' Committee Meeting 2018

The time since the last GSDCA Judges Committee seems to have flown by. I would like to thank my fellow Executive for their support, and also acknowledge the support provided by Mel Groth and the significant contribution she made in her short time on Executive, with the implementation of the Workshops last year and the enhanced format of the Sires Progeny Report as published in the National Review.

All items that went through from this meeting last year to the GSDCA 2018 AGM were carried. Subsequent actions were completed, including the education package for all new aspirants in the GSDCA Specialist Judges.

The GSDCA Service Agreement for Specialist Judges was passed at the 2018 GSDCA AGM. At the time of writing this report, there are two Agreements outstanding, but the judges are away. So I will follow up with these people when they return from holidays. We also have 2 judges that are battling significant health issues and will sign the Agreements when they are out of hospital, the NBC Executive have given these judges dispensation to complete later.

Since our last Meeting, we lost another foundation member of our fraternity, Mr James Rodger. We have lost some wonderful supporters of our breed. James has been celebrated in the National Review and with a presentation to Louisa at the National, earlier this year.

#### **Critiques**

Following on from the workshops last year, there has been more comprehensive critiques on heads and backlines.

It is now a requirement to record the height and depth in all critiques for classes from Junior to Open. Please ensure it is noted in the critique if the animal is deep. In a number of critiques, the depth can be almost 50/50, and there is no mention that the animal is deep, or there have been some critiques to go on and say well proportioned, when they cannot be where the standard says 45-48% depth to height.

Clubs that have newer judges, please provide them with the opportunity to review their critiques prior to uploading onto websites. A further reminder to all Judges and Clubs that completed critiques are to be forwarded to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for distribution via the GSDCA Secretary. Also if Clubs and Judges also keep me informed of shows that have been contracted to judge and also if these have changed later. This allows me to keep the Appointments Database up to date.

#### **2018 GSDCA National**

The GSDCA National was held in Adelaide from 27 to 29 April 2018. The GSDCSA did an excellent job overall, especially considering they are a small club, with a small band of dedicated workers. It was evident, the Club had worked very hard on details to ensure it was a successful weekend. Well done to John DeLucia, Judy O'Loughlin and the club crew.

The National Report, prepared by Ian Urie, as the GSDCA National Liaison Officer, in consultation with the GSDCSA is below.

#### **GSDCA National Liaison Officer Report – Ian Urie**

##### **46th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial, West Beach, South Australia, 27th – 29th April 2018**

I wish to congratulate the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia on their hosting of the 46th National on behalf of the Member Clubs of the GSDCA. As one of the smaller clubs in terms of membership, willing workers are often hard to find, and once again a relatively small committee led by President John Delucia and Show Manager Judy O'Loughlin rose to the occasion and conducted a successful event, with assistance also of volunteer ring officials from other States.

The weather over the weekend was pleasant, however without lighting being available on the ground the show suffered from time constraints, being held after the end of daylight savings, and several classes had to be deferred until the next day. Stewards, ring staff and PA announcers generally worked well together, however I was told it was hard to hear announcements from the top end of the rings. There was some confusion on the first morning due to the judging order for the dog ring as published in the schedule differing from that printed in the catalogue, but exhibitors soon got into the swing and classes proceeded well, with results being posted regularly over the weekend. Unfortunately, as mentioned previously, we ran out of daylight at the end of the first day and Junior Dog class had to be run the next morning. This then had a snowball effect in that the last class on Saturday also had to be deferred until Sunday.

The conformation judges, Herren Schweimer and Mast were well accepted, and the ring set-up worked well. The judges showed interest in all aspects of the event including progeny parade and official presentations, and they also watched the working performance in the ring for the Winner of Winners run-off. The presentation of the Sires Progeny Parade and Breeders Groups ran smoothly with few problems. Youth Handlers Master Class conducted by Craig Rice, Bronson Pereira and Jess Lynch, and the Junior Showmanship Classes judged by Kurt Morton were well attended by our younger fraternity. Once again, our Patron Dawn Fraser attended the National and appeared to enjoy herself.

Entries were 443 in conformation classes (including 95 LSC – 21% of conformation entries) plus 31 in the obedience trial, with 16 being dual competitors. Congratulations to all the winners, and for the first time since 2012 a locally bred male took the Gold Medal in Stock Coat Open Dog class.

The Obedience Trial judging was well run, and from what I was told the exhibitors appreciated the rings being located in a quieter area away from the show rings. The usual problems were experienced with the Trial presentations, with the need to compete with the show classes continuing in the background, and PA announcements being heard over the Judges speaking. I believe we need to try to raise the profile of this aspect of the National in future.

Canteen, food and coffee tent and bar catering were fabulous, something the South Australian Club always excels at. Officials' luncheons were also managed very well. The social events were not as well attended as in the past, and unfortunately the President's Dinner had to be cancelled due to a lack of booking numbers. I didn't attend personally, but I heard the Saturday night party on the ground was a success. The official opening on Saturday and the after-show presentations on Sunday were conducted with the appropriate ceremony and were very well catered for. This year saw the inauguration of three new Perpetual Trophies in memory of Jurgen Neddermeyer, Tom Luxton and James Rodger, and also the introduction of a separate Breeders Trophy for LSC kennels.

The grounds at West Beach were in great condition, and are one of the best venues in Australia for an event of this type, also the ability to drive onto the ground and park close to the rings and tents was an added bonus.

Appropriate consultation was made with me regarding the schedule requirements prior to the event, however due to a mix up the schedule printed was the original draft, not the amended version I had suggested.

In summary, a very memorable National once again, and well done to the small, hardworking team from the host club GSDCSA.

A breakdown of the excellent graded animals is presented as Tail Male charts for both males and females for the 2018 GSDCA National. Thank you again to Stephen Collins for his continued support and assistance in presenting these charts, they have been presented as an attachment to this report and printed in the recent National Quarterly Review.

Database for Stock Coat GSDCA National Entries

STOCK COATS	VENUE	JUDGES	BABY MALE		BABY FEMALE		MINOR MALE		MINOR FEMALE		PUPPY MALE		PUPPY FEMALE		JUNIOR MALE		JUNIOR FEMALE		INTER MALE		INTER FEMALE		OPEN MALE			OPEN FEMALE			TOTALSC		LONG STOCK		TOTAL CONFORMATION		OBEDIENCE		GRAND TOTAL	
			SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED
	1967 Sydney NSW		15	19	12	15	16	19		15	17	12	16	12	15	18	17	17	24	27	25	27	34	0	38	22	0	31	213	250			213	250			213	250
	1972 Canberra ACT		15	19	15	17	11	14	19	20	10	13	15	15	16	18	22	22	16	20	7	10	32	2	27	24	4	30	202	225			202	225			202	225
	1974 Dandenong VIC	H.Jochmann	0	0	0	0	24	28	16	29	18	24	23	30	23	36	20	44	26	31	31	44	25	6	35	28	3	38	234	339			234	339			234	339
	1976 Nuriootpa SA	Fausser/Jochmann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	95	37	168	43	59	51	66	45	70	69	88	29	11	43	28	7	38	322	627			322	627			322	627
	1977 Canberra ACT	Hengmith/Donald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	101	85	143	43	58	46	62	56	81	60	90	49	10	64	49	8	56	456	655			456	655			456	655
	1978 Camden NSW	W.Martin/Koelliges/M Stokes	0	0	0	0	34	62	52	81	21	27	24	45	62	73	83	104	88	111	96	132	48	10	59	52	15	74	560	768			560	768			560	768
	1979 Ballarat VIC	H.Martin/Beck/Pettenhofer	0	0	0	0	44	83	64	103	30	58	48	75	72	97	83	120	97	124	90	128	42	12	74	53	14	79	623	941			623	941			623	941
	1980 Adelaide SA	Fausser/Wieser/Moody	0	0	0	0	49	93	29	113	28	49	34	51	46	64	70	101	83	102	88	116	51	15	67	45	16	74	523	830			523	830			523	830
	1981 Sydney NSW	Jochman/Kaspari/Crowdry/Doyle	0	0	0	0	42	78	47	98	17	35	33	55	56	90	79	124	65	89	76	121	49	16	76	64	18	85	528	851			528	851			528	851
	1982 Canberra ACT	Beck/Koelliges	0	0	0	0	37	66	55	90	16	37	24	48	37	59	67	99	62	93	69	110	40	15	60	43	15	81	450	743			450	743			450	743
	1983 Dandenong VIC	Orschler/W.Martin	0	0	0	0	38	60	54	91	29	45	44	76	41	55	67	78	47	74	68	97	44	16	66	54	18	78	486	720			486	720			486	720
	1984 Nuriootpa SA	Fausser/Jochmann	0	0	0	0	45	86	50	106	25	41	41	66	33	42	44	67	52	75	73	103	52	25	65	70	27	94	485	745			485	745			485	745
	1985 Penrith NSW	W.Martin/Kasper	0	0	0	0	47	84	66	110	28	43	34	68	32	53	57	82	55	85	60	95	48	20	68	52	30	91	479	779			479	779			479	779
	1986 Canberra ACT	Dexel/Wieneke	0	0	0	0	44	86	59	120	21	38	43	66	37	56	54	89	51	75	67	111	39	25	78	59	16	95	474	814			474	814			474	814
	1987 Dandenong VIC	Koelliges/Fausser	0	0	0	0	28	49	39	59	23	32	32	43	39	53	65	93	60	80	78	111	48	28	68	60	37	104	472	692			472	692			472	692
	1988 Nuriootpa SA	Kasper/Humberdros	0	0	0	0	19	31	32	58	24	34	39	56	37	44	54	74	45	56	51	75	49	27	64	63	41	101	413	593			413	593			413	593
	1989 Richmond NSW	Wieser/Orschler	34	48	40	53	34	49	40	72	10	23	20	31	28	40	51	79	32	39	39	73	51	25	72	65	46	106	444	685			444	685			444	685
	1990 Brisbane QLD	W.Martin	16	28	36	49	19	32	31	52	16	29	28	48	27	41	32	64	33	46	45	66	35	23	52	50	39	90	368	597			368	597			368	597
	1991 Canberra ACT	Schweikert/Kirchkoff	31	46	39	63	21	47	46	83	24	43	31	52	31	37	49	67	47	52	37	59	51	28	77	70	33	104	477	730			477	730			477	730
	1992 Lyndhurst, VIC	Orschler/ Meyer	30	51	37	52	30	44	40	64	18	21	25	33	51	57	54	81	29	39	42	65	44	31	59	63	43	101	463	667			463	667			463	667
	1993 Nuriootpa SA	Dexel/Kasper	10	28	10	39	29	47	30	53	8	13	13	24	53	70	63	86	4	7	2	7	52	34	62	48	31	75	322	511			322	511			322	511
	1994 Newcastle NSW	Wieser/Humberdros	20	30	28	48	24	43	31	61	17	27	32	43	34	52	64	85	5	6	7	10	51	38	62	44	28	72	357	539			357	539			357	539
	1995 Durack QLD	Kasper/Fausser	25	35	33	45	16	29	21	42	12	19	28	40	16	26	25	35	24	26	21	34	43	29	54	43	40	65	307	450			307	450			307	450
	1996 Lyndhurst, VIC	Orschler/Griffiths	26	42	32	50	13	29	22	42	19	26	26	48	32	39	50	73	30	39	35	52	44	29	61	65	54	95	394	596			394	596			394	596
	1997 Castle Hill NSW	Lugbauer/Meyer	18	24	24	35	27	43	36	52	17	21	26	31	29	36	41	51	21	23	35	44	44	30	58	55	41	85	373	503			373	503			373	503
	1998 Canberra ACT	Janke/ Wieneke	18	32	36	50	29	38	52	69	12	19	32	39	23	29	40	49	36	38	45	53	48	38	62	71	63	91	442	569			442	569			442	569
	1999 West Beach SA	Schweikert/Scheerer	21	28	10	52	22	28	44	64	15	19	25	37	20	25	42	61	26	32	41	48	47	43	53	74	69	94	387	541			387	541	65	387	606	
	2000 Durack QLD	Humberdros/Ruckert	19	27	15	23	17	23	22	33	8	12	21	27	22	28	28	42	26	34	37	53	30	20	47	55	32	83	300	432			300	432	85	300	517	
	2001 Lyndhurst, VIC	Siefert/Mai	24	37	38	48	15	24	24	34	12	18	27	32	27	37	41	54	29	39	28	44	43	40	58	60	52	96	368	521			368	521	92	368	613	
	2002 Erskine Pk NSW	Brauch/Lugbauer	21	28	25	31	10	18	30	39	14	17	28	33	28	37	36	48	25	26	27	35	43	33	52	56	43	84	343	448			343	448	66	343	514	
	2003 Canberra ACT	Orschler/Tantaro	18	22	24	39	27	39	40	56	18	21	31	42	24	39	29	41	29	33	46	56	50	43	64	64	55	82	400	534			400	534	46	400	580	
	2004 West Beach SA	Mueller/Goeke	9	15	19	26	22	32	39	51	13	18	16	21	19	0	25	36	21	27	29	37	64	56	73	56	47	76	332	412			332	412	41	332	453	
	2005 Durack QLD	Woerner/Begier	13	19	28	36	12	18	32	42	9	12	15	21	10	13	24	36	24	30	33	47	40	37	53	47	44	69	287	396			287	396	51	287	447	
	2006 Lyndhurst, VIC	Knau/Bosi	19	25	34	45	29	34	23	30	11	13	22	30	17	23	47	55	25	27	35	49	46	42	62	52	46	76	360	469			360	469	54	360	523	
	2007 Erskine Pk NSW	Mai/Brauch	15	20	36	50	25	28	35	49	12	15	23	30	23	27	35	44	32	36	39	47	34	29	56	41	37	60	350	462			350	462	49	350	511	
	2008 West Beach SA	Fetten/Schweikert	21	24	39	49	17	20	30	37	12	15	19	25	22	27	39	45	23	27	22	40	35	31	49	53	47	65	332	423			332	423	43	332	466	
	2009 Durack QLD	Muller/Scheerer	10	11	17	19	16	19	34	41	9	10	22	26	16	19	28	35	24	31	32	46	39	35	51	49	64	64	296	372			296	372			296	372
	2010 Lyndhurst, VIC	Goeko/Goldlust	13	20	32	38	13	18	26	43	10	13	28	33	14	15	44	57	25	33	45	72	24	24	61	56	55	78	330	481			330	481			330	481
	2011 Erskine Park NSW	Quill/ Wettlaufer	20	30	54	66	15	27	41	65	23	26	30	32	13	17	27	32	23	29	46	66	38	38	47	57	57	72	387	509			387	509			387	509
	2012 Newcastle NSW	Scheerer/Woerner	16	18	31	38	11	22	20	32	12	13	19	25	11	13	32	37	24	27	42	54	28	28	34	44	44	64	290	377	8	9	298	386			298	386
	2013 West Beach SA	Brauch/Ludwig	16	20	40	47	13	21	31	47	11	17	30	35	11	13	39	43	22	24	39	50	37	33	45	60	57	80	349	442	30	33	379	475			379	475
	2014 Canberra ACT	Steigler/Goldlust	21	24	40	47	16	23	39	51	7	12	29	37	15	18																						

## Database for Long Stock Coat GSDCA National Entries

LONG STOCK COATS	JUDGES	BABY MALE		BABY FEMALE		MINOR MALE		MINOR FEMALE		PUPPY MALE		PUPPY FEMALE		JUNIOR MALE		JUNIOR FEMALE		INTER MALE		INTER FEMALE		OPEN MALE			OPEN FEMALE			TOTAL		
		SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	
2012 Newcastle NSW	Woerner	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
2013 West Beach SA	Brauch	0	0	2	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	6	6	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2	4	1	1	1	30	33	
2014 Canberra ACT	Steigler	3	4	5	5	4	5	9	9	2	2	5	5	2	2	7	8	1	1	10	10	4	2	4	3	2	3	55	58	
2015 Lyndhurst VIC	Quoll	4	7	11	12	3	4	5	10	1	2	4	6	4	4	8	10	5	6	9	9	3	3	5	6	6	9	63	84	
2016 Erskine Park NSW	Brauch	4	6	11	14	4	7	4	5	1	1	3	3	4	6	9	11	2	5	6	7	7	7	8	16	15	17	71	90	
2017 Durack QLD	Goldlust	4	4	8	11	8	8	4	6	4	5	5	6	3	3	9	11	5	6	10	13	10	8	10	13	13	16	83	99	
2018 West Beach SA	Schweimer	10	10	6	7	3	4	8	8	3	3	4	4	6	6	8	8	12	13	12	13	10	10	10	15	15	16	97	102	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		25	31	45	54	26	32	37	45	12	14	27	30	22	24	44	52	29	36	49	54	37	32	41	54	52	62	407	475	
<b>NO OF SHOWS/AVERAGE</b>	(Calculated on ALL)	4	4	6	8	4	5	5	6	2	2	4	4	3	3	6	7	4	5	7	8	5	5	6	8	7	9	58	68	

An interesting point of note is the excellent show rate of Long Stock Coats, 102 entered and 97 exhibited. There was a significantly higher scratching rate for Stock Coats, with 343 entered and 271 exhibited.

Another point from the National was the overall poor quality of presentation of dentition to the judges. Few handlers were able to present the animals to the judges appropriately. In light of this, an article with photos has been written by Jo Cathie to educate handlers on the technique of presenting dentition professionally. This can then be used as a guide for training at club level. Thanks Jo for your work in putting this together as an additional resource for our fraternity.

The size recorded for a number of males and females in the show was outside the breed standard and created some consternation for a number of exhibitors, during and after the show. At present, we have an understanding to penalise animals measuring above 62 and 67cms. This is not the same in Germany. The continued mixed messages creates confusion for exhibitors and dissatisfaction in some quarters. Is this an area we want to address further? Are we enforcing handlers presenting animals in a free stand to be measured? Again, is this an area of poor training where time is not spent teaching our animals to stand easily to be measured so it is an accurate measure?

### **GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course**

In April this year, Jenny DeLucia successfully completed her Extension Course, when judging a Members Competition for the GSDL. Her assessor judge was Karen Hedberg. Karen provided positive feedback on Jenny's performance on the day. Congratulations Jenny on your achievement.

Salvatore Pittelli only has his final examination to complete. He has a judging appointment in Melbourne in August, Vince Tantaro will be his assessor judge. Looking forward to Salvatore's successful completion of this last requirement.

Jess Kada has completed 2 of her phase 1 mentor assessments with Melanie Groth and Karen Hedberg. I will be working with Jess to set up her final mentor assessment, to fit in with her busy work life and her active participation in shows as an exhibitor. So far the critiques I have read from Jess, are well formulated and describe the animals individually. Jess has been well supported with the clubs with appointments throughout Australia and New Zealand.

In addition to these judges, it is with pleasure that I inform the meeting that Sue Bruno has been reinstated as GSDCA Specialist Judge. All clubs and judges have been informed of this and the judges contact list has been updated on the GSDCA website to reflect this. Sue is a valued addition.

We have another four of our fraternity at various stages of progressing through the ANKC Trainee Scheme, Edwina Neale (Vic) and Nicky McDermott (Vic) doing GSDs only and Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) and Kurt Morton (NSW) doing Group 5. I wish them all the very best in their endeavours.

I continue to ask that clubs provide opportunities for ANKC GSD trainee judges to be offered an Open Show to judge, as soon as practicable on entering the ANKC scheme. This enables them to gain some valuable experience. As this may be the only opportunity for our trainee judges in the ANKC scheme, to get some experience in handling of dogs and ringcraft, prior to completing their Practical Examination to be a Championship Show Judge. Congratulations to the GSDL and GSDCSA for providing opportunities to Kurt Morton and Andrew O'Loughlin this year.

I would like to thank all the GSDCA specialist judges that have supported the participants in the scheme, it is quite a commitment and your support has been greatly appreciated, by me and the participants in the Extension Course.

It is often difficult to get judges to act as mentor/assessor judges, as there is an expectation that they do not exhibit at the show. With this consideration, it is suggested that Mentor/Assessor Judges exhibit no more than 2 animals and the classes these animals are exhibited in are not a part of the assessment. If all standing requirements for the relevant assessment/examination are met, as per the regulations.

### **Code of Conduct of Judges**

I have continued concerns with area of our judges and the wider fraternity. I wish to remind all judges that it is against ANKC and GSDCA Code of Conduct to be critical of judges. It is important that we consider our comments on Social Media and also comments to others.

We may not always agree with a decision, placing or grading. As an exhibitor, we have paid for a decision and we then receive it. You can politely ask for reasons, but please be polite and accept the decision. It is even more important, as judges, we support each other. If you don't like it still, don't enter next time, which is your right as an exhibitor. Abuse is not a right for anyone.

### **Shows for 2018**

We currently have 43 GSDCA Specialist judges able to award GSDCA gradings, of these, two are trainee GSDCA specialist judges. The GSDCA show calendar has 41 specialist shows for 2018, this is 2 more 2017, and 4 less than 2016. These consist of the GSDCA National, 4 SBEs by a various number of judges, from 1 to 2, 24 Championship

Shows, 10 Members Competitions and 2 Open Shows. There are an additional 4 shows where Australian GSDCA Judges officiated at shows in New Zealand. This shows that 22 Australian Judges have judged at least once this year.

With this increase in shows available, we had one weekend this year with 4 states holding Specialist Shows, and other occasions of clashes with shows held on the same weekend or consecutive weekends that could decrease desire for exhibitors to travel.

We are also seeing some judges officiating at shows reasonably close together that again could impact on entries. I believe this is an area we need to look at, with the table presented below it shows the changes from 2015 to 2017, by each club. We have a number of Australian Judges that receive very few appointments, and others that receive multiple appointments throughout the year. Please remember to refer to the complete list on the website and give some of our judges that don't judge very often a chance.

The contact list for Specialist Judges is updated at least twice a year, or if an additional judge becomes available as a trainee for GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.

The breakups of the 41 shows and comparison to the previous 2 years, are as follows

CLUB	INTER JUDGES 2016	INTER JUDGES 2017	INTER JUDGES 2018	AUST JUDGES 2016	AUST JUDGES 2017	AUST JUDGES 2018
ACT GSDA	1	2	2	1	0	0
GSDA WA	2	1	1	6	6	6
GSDCQ	0	National	1	7	4	4
GSDC SA	0	1	Nat + 1	6	4	4
GSDCT	0	0	0	4	4	5
GSDL	National	2	1	4	5	6
GSDCV	1	2	2	5	7	5
NHRGSDC	0	0	0	5	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 + National</b>	<b>8 + National</b>	<b>8 + National</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>

#### **WUSV Judging Accreditation – SV National Judge**

At the 2016 WUSV Meeting, Herr Messler presented that a new SV judging process for WUSV members will be available. Appropriate judges will need to attend a seminar in Germany, then complete 1 to complete National Judge, then an additional 3 assessments with SV Judges to become and International Judge. There will be levels of this new Judging process, were it may be possible for an examination to occur in Australia, once the Seminar has been attended. For full endorsement with the SV, then an examination/s needs to be completed in Europe also.

The next of these Seminars is scheduled to be held 27-29 November 2018 in Augsburg, Germany.

The updated criteria for this Accreditation was passed at the 2018 AGM and is listed on the GSDCA website.

We have 3 current applicants that were passed a couple of years ago, they were Vince Tantaro, Louis Donald and Robyn Knuckey. This year we have Ian Urie submit his application to complete this process, and is listed on the Agenda for the Closed Judges and Breed Surveyors Meeting.

We also have supported Jo Cathie to continue with this as a WUSV Judge in the old scheme. Jo has completed her first show under Herr Dr Lauber in New Zealand. We await her results from the SV. I will ask Jo to give a short summary of what was required at the Meeting.

### Judges for Nationals

The judges from 2014 are listed so all are aware of the SV judges that have judged the recent GSDCA Nationals for rotations with sexes and time since last judged a GSDCA National. As Agenda items we have 3 non German Judges nominated to be added to the National Judges List. Also as a discussion item, is the consideration of Australian Judges being added to this list? Please consider these ideas and come and put forward your thoughts.

<b>Confirmed list of judges for GSDCA Nationals:</b>	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr L. Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr H. Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSCs & SC Dogs) Frau M. Van Dorssen (SC Bitches)
2017 Queensland	Herr J Stiegler (SC Bitches), Herr F. Goldlust, (Dogs & LSCs) Reserves Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr Schweimer (males and LSCs) Herr Mast (SC females) Reserves Herr E. Bosl, Herr Quoll
<b>2019 Melbourne</b>	Herr L. Quoll (SC females) Herr H. Hohmann (SC males and LSCs) Reserve Herr E Bosl
<b>2020 Sydney</b>	Herr E Bosl (SC Bitches) Herr H Buss (SC dogs and all LSCs)
<b>2021 Queensland</b>	<b>TBD</b>

In conclusion, we have a lot of information to discuss for the 2018 GSDCA Judges' Meeting. I look forward to fruitful and robust discussion to decide a way forward, with consensus as a group. Please consider the Agenda and Discussion Items in this report and arrive with ideas and suggestions.

If any judges not able to attend the Meeting, but wish to voice their opinion, please feel free to contact me by email or phone with your input on [judgescommittee@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:judgescommittee@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) or 0435 789 442.

Here's to a proactive and informative weekend.

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