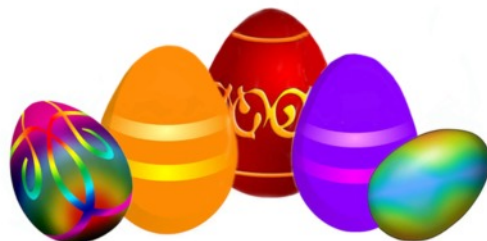


DOG TRACKS



Happy Easter

To all our members and their wonderful dogs





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT April 2019

Our 2019 calendar year is now into the third training month with continued strong new membership growth. This is a testimony to our volunteer management and instructor teams. Thank you to all!

Obedience and agility have consolidated an improvement to the skills of you the member participants. Congratulations to all who are progressing through the classes and a special good luck shout-out to those competing in trials.

Some exciting news is the launching of 'Canine Frisbee' which currently has ten regulars having a go at weekly sessions. I commend you to keep an eye on this activity and seriously consider getting involved. If you can throw a frisbee, and your dog will fetch, then it might be a great fit for you, even if you are not at all athletic or very skilled in other dog sports. There is an enticing article on 'disc' in this issue.

Recruiting volunteer helpers is always a focus of your club committee for the many activities needing helping-hands. Committee members will be wearing a badge to training so if you are available to help in any capacity seek out a committee member. Of immediate need are those willing to be trained in obedience instruction for both Sunday and Thursday. Chief instructors are eager to receive applicants for our instructor training courses.

As autumn weather approaches keep an eye on the club website and Facebook for wet weather advice which is posted a couple of hours prior to start times.

All success to you in your dog training!

Peter Coulthart

President

Phone 0433123353

Peters beautiful boy "Hunter"



FRISBEE



Frisbee or Canine Disc is a fun sport for both dogs and handlers alike. It is suitable for many different breeds, ages and athletic ability. The only skills needed are a desire to catch a Disc and retrieve it, if your dog doesn't want to bring it back, you'll need to go and get it yourself.



For the handler - minimal athletic ability is required and learning to throw a Disc for your dog is easy.

There are two Canine Disc Associations in Australia and each one has different games and titles to be earned.

There are many fun Frisbee Games to play - all are timed, some have bonus points for your dog catching the Disc in a certain spot known as "the sweet spot" and others have bonus points for having completing the goal of the game before the time is all used up.



We are currently training at Deep Creek at 5pm on a Thursday but as from April 25th through until September we will be training at St Ives Showground, under lights, from 5:00-7:00pm.
Contact Jo Comber for details 0418605850, everyone welcome.



In the 6 short weeks that we have been holding classes everyone has improved their throwing skills and the dogs have learnt how to catch the disc and return to the handler. We also talk about dog fitness and conditioning and use the balance equipment to strengthen the dogs bodies.

Each team progresses at their own speed and the games are adapted when necessary so every team can participate at their skill level.

*When it comes to
frisbee size doesn't matter !!*



We are hoping to get some judges to come and hold a Frisbee Competition for us in the near future.

Out and About with Manly Club

The Club was invited by Glenrose Village Shopping Centre in Belrose to be their guests at their monthly "Village Cuppa" to tell people about our Club and all the things we do, whilst the shoppers enjoy a free coffee.



Peter and myself set up a Club table and spent an hour handing out our flyers and answering lots of dog questions.



Victoria kindly joined us with her beautiful Golden Retriever Bella to demonstrate what can be achieved with a well trained dog.



The Battle of the Canine Bulge

Just like on us those extra kilos can creep up on your dog and before you know it you have an extra cuddly canine. We've all seen those very obese dogs, panting as they walk, waddling up the street next to their owners who if asked would probably say " He always gets a biscuit when I have my coffee / I can't help but give him a treat when he looks at me with those big eyes / he's so naughty he steals food / etc etc, but he gets plenty of exercise, I take him for a walk every day !! ".



Letting your dog get fat is not being kind, it can lead to a shorter life, joint problems and the on set of early canine arthritis, besides depriving your dog of their full potential to run and play. The thing is, it's all the owner's fault, the dog doesn't order pizza, buy ice cream or packets of Monte Carlos, the owner does.



So do your dog a favour and don't let those kilos creep on. If you're not sure what your dog should weigh research the breed and find out the general weight range for the breed. This can be difficult with the cross breeds as there is no breed standard so do it by feel. If you can't feel the ribs and there is a generous feeling of blubber then your dog is definitely a candidate for doggy weight watchers.

You don't need to rush out and buy diet formula food, just reassess your dog's diet and the quantity fed. Fresh is always best and it may be as simple as just feeding smaller portions.

Things to consider -

Research what's in the brand of kibble you are feeding.

Fresh meat is always best, kangaroo is lean and a much better choice than lamb or beef.

Are you counting the training treats as part of the daily calorie intake?

Finely grated or pulped vegetables such as carrots, zucchini and broccoli are a must in your dog's diet.

Is your dog being fed table scraps?, fat trimmings etc are calorie laden.

Try and resist sharing those coffee biscuits and ice creams.

Is your dog getting enough exercise?

A few simple steps and you are on your way to a healthier, happier hound.

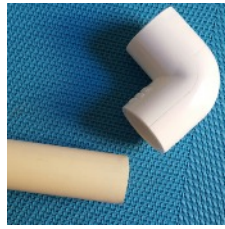


How to Make a Bottle Spinner Treat Dispenser

Easy to make and super fun for your dog.

You will need -

- 2 460mm Safety Cones
- 20mm PVC Pipe
- 2 Elbow Joints
- 3 Plastic Bottles



Cones and PVC pipe I got from Bunnings, bottles from the \$2 shop but you could use ordinary disposable plastic water bottles. Cones are well worth buying as they are great tools for you to use in both obedience and agility training.

Cut three lengths of PVC pipe - 2 x 44cm, 1 x 60cm

Cut or drill 25mm holes in both sides of each bottle then thread bottles onto the 60cm pipe.

Connect the other two pipes with elbow joints and insert into cones.

For small dogs use 300mm cones.

Place a handful of kibble in each bottle. Your dog will quickly learn to spin the bottles to get the kibble out.



Carrot, Spinach & Zucchini Easter Bunny Biscuits

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| 1 | x | Cup of Pumpkin Puree |
| 1/4 | x | Cup of Peanut Butter |
| 2 | x | Large Eggs |
| 1/2 | x | Cup of Rolled Oats |
| 3 | x | Cups of Wholemeal Flour |
| 1 | x | Grated Carrot |
| 1 | x | Grated Zucchini |
| 1 | x | Cup of Chopped Baby Spinach |

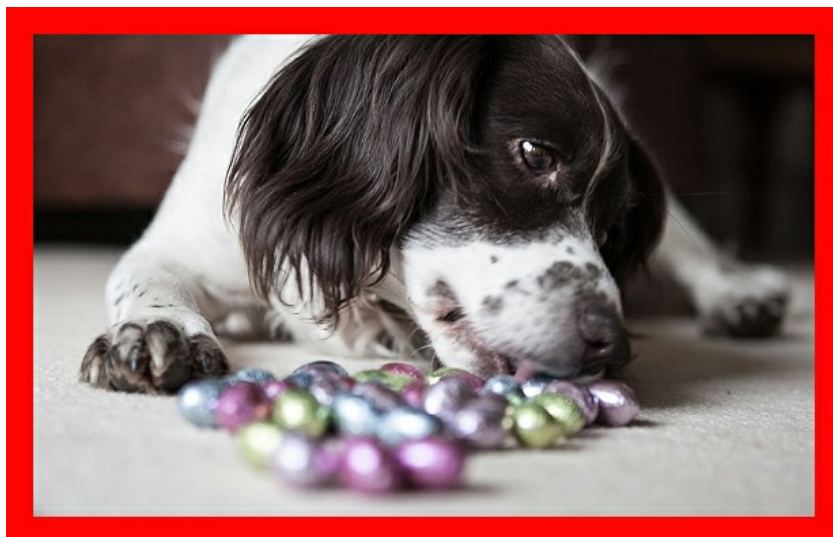


In an electric mixer beat eggs, pumpkin and peanut butter until well combined. Gradually add oats and flour until dough is not sticky (you may need extra flour). Add carrot, zucchini and spinach. Knead dough then roll out and cut out shapes with a cookie cutter. Bake at 175° for 20 - 25 minutes. Baking time can vary depending on size and thickness.



Please Remember

Easter can be a dangerous time for dogs, they must not eat chocolate so make sure that you keep all those yummy Easter eggs well out of reach.



2018 AGILITY AUSLINK COMPETITION

AUSLINK is a novelty competition open to all affiliated ANKC clubs across Australia, which basically follows ANKC trial rules.

Courses are of a level equivalent to that of Open, without the distance handling challenge, however jumping courses must contain weaves. There are four courses run throughout the year, distributed nationwide just prior to them being run and total scores are given for both Clubs and individuals in all heights.



Club scores are calculated by using the best two results in each height from each club and the event is decided by the results over all four quarters. Individual results are decided by totalling the best 3 of each competitors 4 runs.

2018, after a period without having any AUSLINK competitions being run found a resurgence and 30 Clubs from across Australia took part. This included 16 clubs from across NSW, 4 clubs from WA, 3 from both Queensland and South Australia and 1 each from Tasmania, Northern Territory and the ACT. 9 of these clubs competed in all 5 height categories, with 14 clubs having dogs run in 4 of the 5 height classes. The smallest class was the 200 height class.

Manly Club was competitive in 3 heights gaining a 6th place in the 300 class (where 27 clubs competed), 7th in the 600 class (24 clubs competed) and 8th in the 500 class (29 clubs completed).



Individual heights were hotly contested.

The 600 Class had 87 competitors with Paul Jumikis and Toby coming in 8th and Gus and "his many handlers" secured 10th place.

The 500 class had a massive 267 competitors with Ashley Roach and Jake achieving a fantastic 4th place. Jim Scott and Choc collected a very impressive 26th place, with Peter Martin and Ripple coming in 33rd, Gunilla Doyle and Noddy 34th and Peter Martin and Spook in 48th place.

We didn't have a 400 height placed dog, however the 300 height class saw 117 competitors, with Catriona Duncan and Puddles achieving another amazing 5th place, Mia Cody and Polly taking out 35th place and Jenni Meggett and Ash gaining 44th place.

Congrats to the above successful competitors and to everyone who took time out to come and compete on AUSLINK course days.



Here's to another successful
2019 AUSLINK for our competitors.



JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man" or "just a woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

~Unknown Author~



Welcome to Our New Members

Danny and Dianne Bobanovic & **Hank**
Donny & Beanie Eastway & **Kathie**
Donna Nolan & **Obi**
Davide Papa & **Hope**
Anna Anderson & **Banjo**
Mary Belcher & **Logan**
Samantha Taylor & **Theo**
Jarrod Bux & **Gypsy**
Julie & Robert Moran & **Coby & Scruffy**
Judy Hungerford & **Smooch**
Lisa Ranken & **Mika**
Mark Ransom & **Penny**
Nicole Richardson & **Storm**
Tracey Overton - Murphy & **Maisy**
Satomi & Hiroshi Nakayama & **Ken**
Kirsty Morrison & **Obi**
Kasumi Takeuchi & **Nalu**
Alex Ruch & **Neo**
Malcolm, Joyce & John Engledew & **Honey & Laylah**
Dom Knight & **Marley**
Peter and Roz Castrisos & **Ruby**
Jasmine Hargy & **Charlie**
Leire Ituarte Perez & **Molly**
Janet and Norman Olbourne & **LuLu**
Christopher Farnsworth & **Bella & Jack**
Edith Dupont & **Berenice**
Helen Magill & **Hendricks**
Lee-Anne & Mark McCormack & **Ted**
Rod Willment & **Buddy**
Andrea Fulton & **Benji**
Hannah Gibbs & **Tess**
Marjorie Reid & **Buddy**
Sylvelin Post & **Sunny**
Harvey Hankin & **Shannon**
John Borrow & **Molly**
Lisa Harris & **Molly**
Jane Bloomer & **Humphrey**
Lindi Dunn & **Angus**
Justine Steward & **Annie**
Julie Freeth & **Ben**
Fraser Clegg & **Marley**
Leanne Francis & **Storm & Charli**

Welcome to Our New Members

Melissa Luthy & **Pippi**
Allen, Emily, Chris, Nick, Sam, Hailey Ridge & **Duke**
Frances Vumbaca & Jack & **Lulu**
Sally Debnam & **Billy**
Erica Elston & **Soxx**
Kirsty Sturrock & **Cleo**
Angela Bracks & **Fascia**
Amie Moynihan & **Punk**
Penny, Piper, Frank & Finn Soegaard & **Bronte**
Olivia Malicki & Adam Ruttley & **Jet**
Mark Frater & **Ruby**
Elizabeth King & **Holly**
Sarah & Tk Davis & **Piggy**
Leif, Omari, Pentti & Carita Kivela & **Arnie**
Liz Gill & Ian Meller & **Papavero**
Kelly Brown & **Dug**
Tim Blackie & **Billie**
Adam Kosack & **Jingles**
Robyn & Ludovico Fabiano & **Bob & Blu**
Brad, Craig & Sue Moody & **Misty**
Anne Grose & **Manny**
Scott Dooley & **Zero**
Lynn Goodrick & **Marley**
Heather, Paul & Brianna Golby & **Elke**
Ruth & Robert Kennedy & **Poppy**
David & Wendy Collett & **Teddy**
Charlotte, Gregor, Patrick & Georgia Ross & **Bella**



Braggs

Victoria Gore & **Bella**
Cessnock - Rally Excellent and Title

Promotions

Obedience

Beginners to Class 1

Sue Abrahams & **Jedd**
Justine Thornton & **Maggie**
Derrick Dreyer & **Bindi**
Georgie Poitras & **Frankie**
Carol Farnsworth & **Bella**
Kim Koorey & **Ellie**
Gillian Cappaletto & **Tahli**
Penny Soegaard & **Bronte**

Class 1 to Class 2

Sue Lewis & **Asha**
Teresa Novakov & **Fred**
Cheryl Moore & **Lulu**
Lisa Carlton & **Tiggy**
Charlotte Welch & **Nutmeg**
Bill & Sue Brown & **Missy**
Liz Jones & **Oki**
Mary-Anne Rogan & **Lottie**
Alister Berry & **Thor**
Colleen Uren & **Riley**
Tania Ebeling & **Lylah**

Class 2 to Class 3

Liz Lees & **Daisy**
Lyn Shaddock & **Bonnie**
Judy Schey & **Remy**
Sarah Froemmirag & **Simba**
Steve Doherty & **Jessie**
Russel & Tracy Cragg & **Axle**
Elizabeth Lees & **Paddington**

Class 3 to Class 4

Maxime Schroder & **Ollie**

ATTENTION

AGILITY TRIALLERS AND INSTRUCTORS

I am considering running an agility training session for Agility Instructors and triallers only, in daylight hours on a weekday.

The time and date are yet to be decided, however, if you are interested and have a day preference, please contact me, Jo Comber at – joey.combo@gmail.com or 0418605850 and let me know.

There will be no “instructors” rostered, however it will be structured around numbers and training requirements.

Easter Weekend Training

Agility & Flyball is **ON**.

There will be **NO** Obedience Classes on Easter Sunday.

Easter Obedience !!



Easter Bunny Agility !!