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ASSOCIATION INC  
(Trading as Dogs Victoria)



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2020 ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING AGENDA

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



To the members of Dogs Victoria,

Thank you for the opportunity to reach out to you during this time.

The Annual Report is a reflection of the past, but what a hopeful future we are all walking towards.

It has been an honour acting as your President thus far, and to be a trusted contact during this time.

The COVID-19 Pandemic certainly took us all by surprise, many realising the true value of those we love, our family and dogs.

During these uncertain times we can be encouraged by the solidarity that comes from the things we love to do, and the organisations that we are involved with. I do know, for me personally, Dogs Victoria has been a wonderfully grounding certainty during this rough passage.

But, as always, the storm passes, and I am sure before long we will all be back to normal, reflecting on the oddness of it all with its large measures of both fear and hope, creating a time for true pause within us all.

Dogs Victoria's evolution will always co-exist with the wonderful traditions that we value so much, and I look forward to seeing a reinvigorated Dogs Victoria and saying hello to you all ringside, in no time at all.

with Warm regards,

**Lynne Harwood**  
Acting President  
Dogs Victoria



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE



Firstly, I would like to say it is a pleasure to be onboard as your Chief Executive, having commenced my term late in 2019.

It has been a privilege to have joined Dogs Victoria being an avid dog lover myself. I have valued the opportunity to have attended the many dog shows over my initial months having met our many Dogs Victoria sub-committees, working groups and many volunteers which have contributed greatly to the output of our organisation. We do this for the love of the sport and Dogs in Victoria. I have also had the opportunity to meet with other peak bodies and stakeholders which has reinforced the opportunity we have as an organisation moving forward post COVID-19.

Unfortunately for this annual report Dogs Victoria is going to report a deficit due to a handful of circumstances, which are illustrated in the audited accounts and outlined in the chair of the finance committee report.

Having commenced late in 2019, I look forward to working with the Management Committee and team on the new strategic direction, which will consist of new products and services, while maintaining our current core services.

Coming into Dogs Victoria with fresh eyes, I have worked together with the Management Committee to launch the new strategic plan and its direction that will see us into a new era where we actively engage and welcome new Dogs Victoria members. This will include the family pet market as well as moving to boost our public profile and raise funds in 2020 and beyond through the launch of new services and products.

This direction was a decision made together with the Management Committee to ensure the ongoing financial stability of Dogs Victoria, as with our membership steadily declining year-on-year for a few years now, it was clear that a new and positive

direction was needed while still holding true to the core of our organisation, namely breeding and showing, as essential for our survival.

Of course, our positive steps towards these goals has been impacted by COVID-19 and the closure of our beloved parks and suspension of Dogs Victoria events as a result of this unprecedented operating environment.

We have needed to make key decisions around how we can best use technology and digital tools to connect and share information with our members. Driven by the need to be financially sustainable in light of COVID-19 as well as operational financial drivers, has included the move to the magazine being an online publication for our members as a flipbook, as the first step.

Moving forward, we will see the roll-out of several services and products that will serve to align our brand updated for the 21st century with the needs and expectations of the general public. These enhancements will help to boost our membership numbers and finances, so we can better serve our members.

All of this change, born squarely out of need, has seen us welcome new staff members, who are specialists in their fields of marketing, media, operations, member services and the like. These staff members bring a raft of experience from large member and corporate organisations that succeed in the manner we are currently working towards achieving for Dogs Victoria.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their service, hard work and commitment behind the scenes during what has been a period of change for our organisation.

I am committed to ensuring Dogs Victoria is a visible, accessible, financially successful and a connected membership and I look forward to us all enjoying the successes that are to come by us all working together as a united and collaborative canine community.

Lastly, I encourage you to reach out to the team, and I look forward to seeing you at Dogs Victoria events in the future.

All the very best,

**Matthew Monaghan**  
Chief Executive  
Dogs Victoria

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## AGILITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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We had a great year in agility and Dogs Victoria held three trials.

We held the State Agility and Jumping trial where the top dog of the state is awarded.

Congratulations Penny Spencer and Badger on winning TOP DOG agility and Joanne McComiskie and Jack on winning TOP DOG jumping.

We also awarded State Champions for each height category. Congratulations to the following:

- Carol and Polly, State Champ 200
- Steph and Penny State Champ 300
- Cathy and Heidi State Champ 400
- Kerry and Fudge State champ 500
- Trish and Trigger State Champ 600

The State Games trial and New Year's Eve trials were also quite successful.

There was the 5th Border Collie Nationals held in Sydney. Many Victorians competed and were successful.

Some of our agility community did some fundraising to further our judges training and we have lots of new judges coming through.

Of note, we are continuing to focus on safety and constantly updating equipment.

We also have a rule review coming up with some exciting changes to further our sport.

All in all, a successful year.

### **Renee Patten**

Vice Chairperson  
Agility Committee

**Committee members** - Renee Patten, Tammy Beattie, Cassandra Crew, Stephen Pearson (ANKC Representative)

## BREEDER COMMITTEE CHARTER ANNUAL REPORT

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The charter for the Breeder Committee is as follows.

### **1. Purpose**

To make recommendations to Management Committee and have input to other standing subcommittees on matters relating to breeders registered with Dogs Victoria including:

- a. Dogs Victoria constitution, rules, regulations, codes of practice and supporting materials relating to breeding are current, effective, in-line with leading practice;
- b. Promotion and protection of the interests of breeders;
- c. Professional development (mentoring, information, education, etc) for breeders;
- d. Promotion and recognition options for breeders, for example breeder of merit programs;
- e. Oversight of the Field Officer program, as it relates to breeder activities;

The Breeder Committee is proactively investigating Breeder Programs produced by other like bodies within Australia and overseas.

The committee is strongly committed to implementing such programs to support breeders and fulfil our obligations under the State Legislation.

We strongly believe that breeders are the cornerstone of the organisation and are currently working to identify / remove any impediments to welcoming new breeders.

Programs adopted by other bodies that identify and celebrate breeders of merit are being reviewed to be implemented by Dogs Victoria.

We look forward to working on the revamping of the website to better promote breeders and purebred dogs.

The challenges that are confronting Breeders will be the focus of our committee in the coming year.

### **Adam Druce**

Committee member  
Breeder Committee

**Committee members** - Suzanne Thomson, Greg Browne, Cathy Scotton, Adam Druce, Cam Cavallo, Paige Saunders



# BULLA AMENITIES SHOW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The Bulla Amenities Committee consists of a very small group of hard working individuals whose charter is to work together to run one 'gala' show weekend each year for Dogs Victoria.

This is to raise funds that are ear-marked specifically for the further development and upgrading of the Bulla Canine Complex.

The Saturday 'Oak Show' and the Sunday 'Maple Show' – collectively called the 'Bulla Autumn Extravaganza' – have become a major event on the Victorian dog show calendar, with a commitment to a fully international judging panel, and an exhibitor focus.

2019 was the 10th year of shows we have run for Dogs Victoria. Our sponsorship changed from ADVANCE to Eukanuba in line with the Dogs Victoria agreement, and the Eukanuba team had a great presence both days.

To maximise our profits, we ask for sponsorship and support from corporate sponsors, right through to the individual exhibitor.

We would like to thank every person who donated either their services or time, including our fabulous

judges, stewards, and Dogs Victoria members who are not part of our committee, both in the lead up to and on the actual days of the shows.

There are also an amazing group of donors from both inside and outside of the dog show world that are generous with prizes and money to offset many of the costs of running a show, from major sponsors to individuals and kennels who sponsor a rosette, prize money, raffle prizes, or our junior handlers competition.

Without this help we could not reach the amazing profits seen over the years. The amount we have raised over the ten years is now approaching \$200,000 a total we would like to achieve with our 2020 shows.

For 2020 we have made the bold decision to expand to a three day, three show format to try to compete with other large 'cluster shows', and to try to attract a higher entry.

Our dates will be shifted to the end of March which will also pose an additional challenge.

We hope that these changes are seen as favourable for our exhibitors and supporters.

**Linda Beer**  
Chairperson  
Bulla Amenities Show Committee

**Committee members** - Linder Beer (Chair), Julia Jones (Deputy Chair), Greg Browne, John Hutchison, Wendy Hutchison, Lynne King, Robyn Wallis, Kris Willingham.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## BULLA FACILITIES COMMITTEE YOUR NORTHERN SHOWGROUND ANNUAL REPORT

Much has been discussed as to the value of maintaining a northern showground ever since the Management Committee under the direction of Peter Frost – DV President (Irish Setters) made the decision to replace the exhibition of DV events from the the RAS showgrounds at Ascot Vale to a lease arrangement with the Calabria Club at Uniting Lane Bulla. This year was the tenth anniversary of that decision and the current Dogs Victoria Management Committee requested a submission from the DVFC-Bulla for rationale as to whether to continue a lease with the Calabria Club for a further term.

The submission was presented at the November meeting of the DVMC and the DVFC-Bulla were approved with the Chief Executive to begin negotiating a new lease term.

The submission revealed some very interesting facts as to the viability of the venue for a DV Exhibition Centre:

- 60% of the DV membership is NE/N/NW/W/SW of the line from Wodonga to Melbourne.
- The facility was used 417 times in the last 12 months
- Catered for 28 All Breed Clubs in the area who had

lost their ground or couldn't physically maintain their shows on ovals etc

- 56 Specialty Shows utilised the ideal venue for all conveniences close at hand including airport
- It has proved an ideal meeting and function facility, with a total 333 bookings
- DVEC – Bulla actually made a profit for the first quarter and with stabilised and in fact reduce maintained expenditure DVEC-Bulla will be a profit centre for DV and its members

This outcome supports the fact that DV cannot afford to get rid of a 'Northern Showground' facility for the future viability of DV.

The report would not be complete without welcoming our new Facilities Officer, Rosemaree Arceri who has been an outstanding addition to the team.

Finally for this venue to be the success it is, the make up of the DVFC is the best I have ever worked with and hereby acknowledge their efforts and input.

### **Peter C.Frost**

Chairperson  
Bulla Facilities Committee

**Committee members** - Peter Frost (Chair), June Soderstrom, Margaret Barras, Howard Smith, Colin Hamilton, Michael Looby, Keith Fallow, Adrian Tilley, James Patchett, Wayne Fleming and Jonathan Marshall



# CANINE HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

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I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report of the Canine Health and Wellbeing Committee.

For the information of members reading this report, I have included the 'Purpose' section from the charter of the committee, to enable those members to focus on the aims of the committee and the resources that it employs:

- a. To improve canine health through the reduction of the incidence of hereditary diseases, and through improvements in other health issues.
- b. To educate the members on the problems of hereditary diseases and the means of attacking those problems.
- c. To promote, initiate and monitor control programs to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases in dogs.
- d. To coordinate in such programs the activities of:
  - i. Dogs Victoria
  - ii. breed clubs
  - iii. individual bodies
  - iv. veterinary bodies
- e. To develop and maintain liaison with the ANKC Hereditary Diseases Committee for coordination of activities and mutual support of initiatives and programs.
- f. To advise the Management Committee, staff and members on technical/scientific matters relevant to canine health.
- g. To develop and conduct action programs relating to canine health matters as desirable for the benefit of dogs and resolution of related problems.
- h. To provide advice on relevant policies and procedures affecting the health and welfare of dogs.
- i. To appoint working parties for specific tasks as appropriate.
- j. To co-opt the services of other members or persons as appropriate.

Three new members joined the CHWC this year – welcome to Marilyn Adams, Noel Eltringham and Evy Tano. To enable members of CHWC to play a more productive role in the committee's operation, there was a private Facebook group initiated. Thank you to Evy, the resident techy guru, for setting it up and thanks to those committee members that took the opportunity to take part in various discussions.

The following points below cover most of the issues addressed by the CHWC, with some details of

progress, decisions and issues yet to be addressed.

- In March 2019, Karyn Orzeszko and Sylvia Power presented a report to the Management Committee explaining in detail the issues arising from the ANKC regulations covering mandatory parentage profiling and also presenting reasons to support the rescission motion that was carried at the June ANKC conference.
- In cooperation with the Education Subcommittee a live streamed seminar covering the Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) and the Officially Registered Canine Health Information Database (ORCHID) to be presented by our own Dr Roger Lavelle was arranged, however unfortunately it had to be postponed due to Roger's ill health. Very pleased to say that Roger's health has improved and the seminar will be rescheduled for 2020.
- A great deal of work was done on Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS), including gathering many papers on various programs being developed regarding BOAS and its impact on the health of pets in our community. Our committee is investigating schemes that may be helpful for breeders of those breeds that may be susceptible to this syndrome. Thanks to Dr Iain Mitchell for investigation into the University of Cambridge Respiratory Grading Scheme (RFGS). There is a pressing need to involve the breed clubs and communities in these investigations. This subject will continue to be an important part of the CHWC's work.
- The Link Library on the Canine Health page on the DV website was established and updated several times. Hopefully there will be improved access to this page in the near future. Thank you Karyn for developing it and adding such interesting and educational links.
- The committee, especially Dr Iain Mitchell, assisted in correcting some serious misprints in an article on Megaoesophagus that was printed in the August Dogs Victoria Gazette.
- The committee assisted in Dogs Victoria publishing accurate information for members regarding the leptospirosis outbreak in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.
- Communications from members included topics regarding the occurrence of Natural Bob Tails in various breeds and also the restrictions on importing and being able to register dogs with incomplete pedigrees.
- The major issue for the year was the Code of Practice for the Breeding of Animals with Heritable



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Defects that Cause Disease (under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986) and the compliance of Dogs Victoria affiliates and members with it.

Karyn Orzeszko prepared a comprehensive survey that was distributed to all breed clubs. Unfortunately 60 affiliates did not respond. The survey will be sent out again, explaining the importance of addressing it and complying with it. Apart from the fact that many affiliates are in breach of requirements of the Code, the Code is very out of date and needs reviewing and it is vital that Dogs Victoria is involved with any review.

From me, thank you to the committee for their work and support. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions about canine health and Wellbeing.

## **Sylvia Power**

Chairperson

Canine Health and Wellbeing Committee

**Committee members** - Sylvia Power (Chair), Glenda Forster, Rebecca Kaesler, Dr Roger Lavelle, Sylvia Meekings, Dr Iain Mitchell B.V.Sc(Hons), M.A.C.V.Sc, Karyn Orzeszko, Kathy Smith, Evy Tano, Marilyn Adams, Noel Eltringham

## CLASSIC DOG SHOW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I again provide a report on the activities of the Classic Dog Show Committee.

The committee conducted the 65th Annual Championship Dog Show on Saturday 10 February 2019 at KCC PARK, Westernport Highway, Skye.

The show attracted a reasonable entry (798 breed entries and 29 in Classic Guineas). The judging panel again consisted of 12 Victorian judges and in the usual tradition all judges waived judging fees to maximise fund raising. Our sincere thanks go to all judges involved on the day.

Once again, for this year's Show Peter Hitchener (Dogs Victoria Patron) very generously provided \$500 to the best in show winner and \$250 for the runner up best in show.

His kennel partner Peter Mantzaris again donated \$100 to each of the seven group winners. This is the sixth year they have made these substantial donations.

A big thanks to the two Peter's for their continued generosity and support.

To further maximise fund raising, we continue to be indebted to the many members and affiliates who donate trophies, cash and sashes year after year.

As always, we offer our sincere thanks to the very hard band of workers who provide valuable assistance in the role of stewards, ticket writers, catering people, etc, many of them working over a very long period of time. Their efforts are very much appreciated and words alone cannot thank them enough for the contribution they make.

Overall operations of the show and committee netted a valuable profit for 2019 and in this regard I refer you to the VCA financial reporting for full details.

My sincere thanks to all office bearers and committee members, for a job extremely well done.

During this year the Classic provided cabinets for the library and museum and replaced the stove and oven in one of the kitchens.

We continue to look for new members and if you know of anyone who would like to join this valuable committee, please contact me at any time.

The committee certainly continues to meet its charter to raise funds for the provision of amenities for the benefit of members, exhibitors and officials.

Over the period of the committee's existence it has now raised well in excess of \$300,000.

I am positive 2020 will be another rewarding year in regard to the aims and purpose of this committee and look forward to the continued generous support of the members of Dogs Victoria.

## **Bob Bell**

Chairperson

Classic Dog Show Committee

## **The Classic Committee comprises: -**

**Bob Bell** Chairman,

**Andrew Burt** Deputy Chairman / Show Manager,

**Jan Cooke** Secretary,

**Eunice Warner**

Assistant-Secretary/Show Secretary,

**Wendy Tosh** Treasurer

**Committee members** - Julie Aspinall, Jan Campbell, Julie Cartledge, Tracey Coyle, John Davis, Maureen Gostelow, Liz Harding, Felix Lay, Jason Moore, Max Morris, Anthony Price, Cathy Scotton, Kay Sneath.

# CONFORMATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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I start our Annual Report by taking the opportunity to sincerely thank all the members of the Conformation Committee. We are fortunate to have a group of hard-working dedicated members with a huge diversity of skills and personalities, which makes for a great team trying to ensure the survival and progress of our beloved hobby.

Over the past 12 months we have had a few changes to the committee structure and members. Greg Browne has resigned as Chair of the committee to allow him to take the chair role in the newly formed Breeders' Committee. We sincerely thank Greg for his leadership and tireless work over the years. Greg remains a valued member of the Conformation Committee.

Peter Frost resigned from the committee to allow him to take up the chair role in the newly formed Marketing and Innovation Committee. We will miss Peter's input but wish him every success in his new role. We have been fortunate to have Craig Philips join our committee; Craig brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience from the emergency services sector as a fireman.

Robynne Spencer has also joined the team. With Robynne's background in management and her many years serving on several club committees adds a further layer to the team.

Dogs Victoria members and clubs have faced many challenges over the past 12 months. With several clubs finding it difficult to continue due to lack of committee support, the Conformation Committee has taken on the role of trying to prop up these clubs by finding caretaker committees to run scheduled shows and then to find workable committees to take over the club roles for future shows. We will continue to make this a focus and have updated and submitted to Management Committee the Show Secretary's Guide to try and assist members who are new to these roles. Other major issues we have been working on:

1. The formulation of an updated Heat Policy, with the continued pressure from outside forces, the committee believes it is imperative for our survival that we are always seen to be responsible pet owners and breeders.
2. The analysis and recommendations for a new easy to use system for the Dogs Victoria Docked or Bobtailed dog requirements.

3. Formulation of an assessment team and the required processes and reporting functions for dogs that are looking to return to the show ring after a suspension.
4. Assisting affiliates in their effort to become compliant with Dogs Victoria Rules and Regulations.
5. Analysis and recommendation of changes to several regulations that have become out dated due to the online entry system.
6. Review of numerous VCA representative reports and made recommendations to affiliates and offered guidance to VCA representatives.
7. Analysis of, and suggested changes made to, the VCA Representative Program. This was done with a view to update the system, to bring it into line with the expectations of our current environment and to resolve the ongoing compliance issues at shows.
8. Forwarded to the amenities committee's suggestions to enhance exhibitor experience at local shows. To improve safety and to streamline the general running of shows.

We are currently working on many more issues that we hope will help make our world of dog showing a pleasant and uncomplicated experience for all.

**Julia Jones**  
Chairperson

**Committee Comprises:** Julie Jones (chair), Esther Joseph, Greg Browne, Stephane Rickard, Colin Hamilton, Pauline Grutzner, Shellie Marshall, Suzanne Thomson, Craig Philips, Robynne Spencer

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CONFORMATION JUDGES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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After an extremely busy first year of the new 2-year program, everything fell into place, the committee put their hearts and souls into making this scheme work even better this year, to which I must thank them all.

The lectures ran smoothly with new trainees having started their first year on their chosen groups whilst others were doing their final year, it all worked in well.

There were two subgroup theory exams sat by trainees, resulting in extremely high pass marks. This prepared the trainees in good form to complete their practical assessments.

Six of the seven group practicals assessments were held during the day at the Bulla Exhibition Centre over the weekend of 17 & 18 August while the group one practical was held in the evening of Thursday 15 August.

We are very pleased with the overall pass rate of 87 percent over the seven groups.

This committee had a lot of extremely positive feedback about holding the practical assessments during daylight hours which made it a lot easier for people bringing their dogs for the trainees.

Also, the feedback from trainees saying it was much easier to appraise dogs in more natural light and show setting. Being conducted this way also allowed trainee's in the ring one at a time.

The Conformation Judges Committee accomplished everything we had planned to do for 2019.

**Cathy Camac**  
Chairperson

**Committee comprises:** Cathy Camac (chair), Esther Joseph (deputy chair), Mathew Morse, John Hutchison, Glenys Alexander, Cam Cavallo, Judy Oliver, Barbara Doyle, Julie Keenan, Shellie Marshall

## CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The Constitution Rules and Regulation (CR&R) Committee consists of a small number of committee members who are heavily engaged in a number of commitments across the spectrum of canine activities. In 2019 we welcomed a new committee member, Arthur Wilson. Unfortunately, as chair of the committee I have experienced a number of personal issues which have impacted on my ability to progress matters as quickly as I would like.

It is clear that there is a need to look at the rules and regulations holistically. The historical approach of addressing issues as they arise has resulted in a set of rules and regulations that somewhat resemble Frankenstein.

While it would be ideal to engage an external provider to supply their time and expertise, in the post COVID-19 world this may not be a realistic opportunity. Rather I invite any members with the skills, capacity and energy to review both rules and regulations and engage positively with the membership to develop a set of rules and regulations that can be taken forward to the 2021 AGM for ratification to come forward and volunteer your services and make the best use of the time that many now find available.

While this will be a time that many will struggle, I strongly urge the membership to come together and use this time to strengthen this organisation, support each other and develop firm foundations to ensure the future of our many sports so that we can continue to be the peak representative of dogs in Victoria.

We look forward to working with members, through both the good times and the bad, to secure the future of the organisation.

**Lou Howlett**  
Chairperson  
Constitution, Rules & Regulations Committee

**Committee members** - Lou Howlett (Chair), David Brace, Jen Eaton, Arthur Wilson.



## DANCES WITH DOGS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The past 12 months has seen a total of 11 competitions - hosted by both Dances with Dogs clubs, plus our state competition held in July.

It was pleasing to see the entry numbers have been reasonably consistent throughout the year and an increase in new faces venturing into the competition ring.

The new ANKC discipline of trick dog was approved by the ANKC to commence on 1 January 2020.

This new discipline falls under the umbrella of the Dances with Dogs committee and therefore we have been very busy over the last 12 months.

The committee is currently undertaking the trick dog foundation judge's training and we are hopeful that the trick dog tests can commence from March 2020.

In January 2020, the Dances with Dogs Committee will be running Trick Dog information sessions at both KCC Park and the Bulla venues.

With a high interest in this new discipline, we are expecting a large number of attendances. Expressions of interest have also been advertised for those aspiring to be a trick dog judge.

2020 will be another very busy year for the DWD Committee – not only to embrace this exciting new discipline, the information sessions, judge's training - but also with our dances with dogs competitions and events.

Looking forward to another year of fantastic routines, seeing the implementation of trick dog and of course, just having fun with our dogs!

### **Sue Cordwell**

Chairperson  
Dances with Dogs Committee

**Committee members** - Sue Cordwell (Chair), Heather Diamond, Raylene Laver, Sharen McLeod, Sue Murray, Mira Tomasello, Rochelle Manderson

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The Education Committee conducted a range of workshops and seminars in 2019

MARCH	Nina Bondarenko Trainer workshop
FEBRUARY	Dr Stuart Mason - When should my dog be desexed?
MAY	Dr Stuart Mason - Care and diseases of the neonate
JULY	Dr Robin Stanley from Animal Eye Care - Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES)   DNA Testing   Eye Conditions
AUGUST	Dr Stuart Mason - Reproduction - When should I mate my bitch
OCTOBER	Dr Ray Ferguson - treatment and management of arthritis and care and support of the elderly dog?

Management Committee formally approved the charter for the Education Committee in 2019.

The newly expanded committee met at face-to-face meetings in 2019 but has found online meetings more effective in 2020 and monthly meeting dates have been set.

The committee conducted a survey to help identify the best form of communication with affiliates.

Results - Most popular topics communicated to affiliate members relating to education are:

- Health testing
- Health issues
- General health
- Breed standard
- Social activities

Affiliates expressed they would like assistance/support in being able to educate their members on:

- Breeding
- Health testing
- DNA testing
- Health issues
- General health
- Legislation
- Dogs Victoria Rules/Regs/COP
- Dogs Victoria activities/sports

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Improvements were made to the online presentation of the Seminar Series and it is becoming a useful resource for members.

The use of Facebook as an interface for these events also allows for input from regional members and it is planned that DV through the Education Committee can build on this technology to also provide webinars from more distanced locations.

It is hoped that the Bulla facility will expand its technology options in 2020 to allow for live-streaming from there as well.

Inputs were requested from DV office for the 2019 Melbourne Royal Show and Big Day Out stand and learning experiences were taken on board for 2020.

It was a challenging year with the implementation of the new Victorian Legislation.

In September the committee held a strategic planning meeting that identified two priorities, the breeder prefix process and new Code education requirements.

To facilitate this the Education Committee has put forward Management Committee the concept of an affiliates and subcommittees forum be held to consolidate the education needs of DV generally.

With the current prefix inadequacies however, an initially meeting with the Breeder Committee is a priority.

Followed by an explanatory overview of the Code requirement to be developed to assist with education, with the aim to reduce the workload of compliance related activities.

The opportunity arose to conduct a two day Puppy Culture seminar in March 2020, despite some difficulties bringing this together over the holiday period the event is now in place. This activity will provide funds for Education Committee activities generally, with a priority for improved communication amongst DV members generally and for subcommittees who might prefer to utilise new technology for efficient online meetings.

**Margaret Gray**  
Chairperson  
Education Committee

**Committee members** - Margaret Gray (chair) Lou Howlett, Wendy Johnson, Amanda Murcutt, Claire Stipic, Marissa Sarif, Christina Ramsauer - John, Lisa Woolley, Sylvia Power

## FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### Financial Performance

This year's financial statements report that the operating result for the 2019 year was a deficit of \$314,106.

The 2018 year returned a surplus of \$49,524. This is the first deficit after many years of surpluses.

Dogs Victoria undertook a significant re-structure in the final portion of 2019 which included an overhaul of existing operating divisions and a revamp of our staffing resource to enable a transition from reliance on our traditional membership transactions as our fundamental revenue source to a broader model which included Commercial and Sponsorship income.

Activating the skill set required for this transition did result in seven redundancies being processed. A significant portion of the year's deficit was due to the related redundancy payments of \$234,090.

Net assets as at 31 December 2019 was \$9,022,077 (2018: \$9,231,183). Our current ratio, often used as a measure of liquidity, is 2.82 (2018: 4.55) indicating a strong ability to pay debts, as and when they fall due. Our Cash Reserves remain strong at \$1,662,954 at year end (2018: \$1,800,723).

While the current year has resulted in a significant deficit, our organisation is now better placed to maintain its focus upon membership experience and to leverage our brand to procure new revenue streams as we move into a new decade.

**John Campigli CPA**  
General Manager Finance & Administration

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Committee members** - John Hutchison (chairperson)  
Lynne Harwood, Jan Roberston

# INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to provide the following report on behalf of the Investigations Committee. The investigators role is to carefully examine the facts and evidence from both the complainant and respondent, to conduct witness interviews and to establish if enough evidence supports a breach of the Dogs Victoria Rules and/or Regulations. Finally to make a determination on the case; no case to answer or prima facie. In the latter scenario the investigator will recommend charge(s) to be laid which will be taken forward to a disciplinary hearing. The investigator's role is one of impartiality and fairness to both complainant and respondent.

An advertisement to recruit new investigators was run at the beginning of the year. Committee numbers fluctuated throughout the year, the peak being 14 investigators. Regrettably, five members resigned in the second half of the year to move interstate or to take up work promotions that did not allow time for volunteering in this role. Although the end of year result leaves more cases than our goal, the current team of eight investigators, should be commended for maintaining the number of cases being carried forward to 2020.

As chair, my role includes a case load, mentoring and endorsement of finalised case reports. During the year I also commenced working on Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) to bring some structure and consistency to the role. However, given the likelihood that the administration of case files will eventually be fully computerised the provisioning of SoPs is on hold until such systems are in place.

## Case statistics

Obviously, this report does not identify individual cases but I think it useful for members to be provided with an overview of case type and committee determination.

For the year January to December 2019:

- 44 cases were brought forward from the previous year (under investigation or unallocated);
- 88 new complaints were received throughout the year;
- 86 cases were finalised;
- 46 cases are being carried forward to 2020;
- 21 cases are under investigation at year's end;
- 17 cases are waiting allocation to an investigator; and

- 8 cases have been paused waiting clarification of the ANKC/ACCC application.

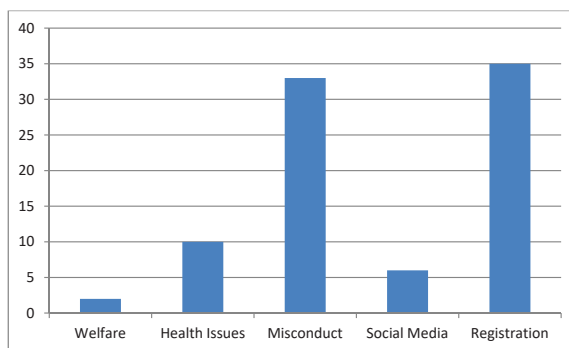


Figure 1. Number of cases finalised or closed by profile for year ending 31/12/2019

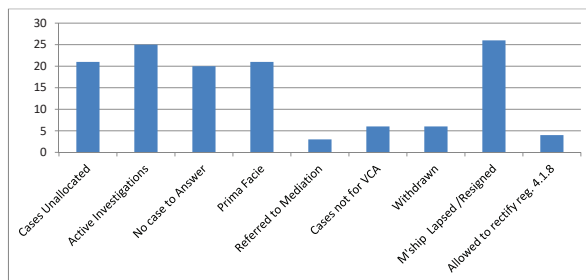


Figure 2. Case outcomes for year ending 31/12/19  
Notes:

The above graphs report investigations - they do not represent disciplinary hearing or appeal outcomes.

Figure 1.

- Registration investigations include alleged breaches surrounding registration, record keeping and advertising.
- These profiles are those used in Government reports. I am looking at further breaking these down for our own statistical reporting in the hope that such analytics may aid other sub committees with educational programmes.

Figure2.

- Regulation 4.1.8 allows certain alleged breaches to be rectified. These cases are usually
- pertaining to honest mistakes made during litter applications.
- Membership lapsed or member resigned (26 cases) indicate that the member has resigned, sometimes at the conclusion of or during the investigation or the member's subscriptions have not been paid and the member becomes unfinancial. In such cases a record is maintained



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on the ANKC database and if at any time in the future the member renews membership the investigation would be reactivated.

## **Prima committees with educational programmes**

Members should be aware that almost 50% of cases are found no case to answer. This is generally due to not enough supporting evidence, where it becomes a 'he said/she said' situation or where there are no regulations to support the case; the case may have been built around new or amended regulations that were not in force at the time of the alleged breach. Therefore, before proceeding with a case, I urge members to ensure that the supporting evidence is 'water tight'. The complaint application fee, currently \$250, is only refunded when a 'prima facie' case is found.

## **Case load and time frame**

Each investigator would normally be working on three cases concurrently. At any one time the committee is investigating up to 30 cases.

The process from the date the initial complaint is received, to its conclusion, can take many months. There is much to do to speed up the compliance process; currently the time frame is not acceptable. Recently, the process has been speeded up slightly with the inception of the Compliance Committee which meet every two weeks to determine the direction of a case (investigation/mediation or not a case for the VCA) rather than the Management Committee where a case could take up to six weeks for a decision. Cases can take an investigator several hours, most around 8-10 hours with some more complex cases with multiple witnesses taking in excess of 20 hours and several months to complete.

I would ask that all members act respectfully should they ever receive a call from an investigator.

Investigators understand that if you are involved in an investigation it can be daunting and upsetting especially if you are the respondent. The investigator is there to assist both the respondent and the complainant equally, and hard questions may be asked of both parties.

Lastly, I would like to thank the team of investigators who, over the past 12 months, have worked on their assigned cases both diligently and exhaustively.

## **Adam Druce**

Chairperson  
Investigations Committee

## **KCC PARK FACILITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

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In March 2018 Management Committee re-established the KCC Park (KCCP) Facilities Committee and Chris Moore was appointed as the chair in April 2018. The hard working committee is made up of David Barclay, Stacey Sullivan, Vin McPhee, Chris Warren and Maureen Gostelow.

Our key charter is to oversee the fixed assets at the park and monitor the maintenance program.

What an amazing time we have had. Hard work, hundreds of hours contributed by the committee at KCCP and a lot of money has been expended on infrastructure, and the committee has raised in excess of \$150,000 for members facilities – just amazing for a small team.

We have had 11 meetings in the past 12 months, and usually have a committee member on the grounds most days of the week. Our key focus was to ensure all our utilities were working correctly and safe. The next focus was to raise money to improve members amenities for all disciplines of Dogs Victoria. Every cent raised or donated by our committee has been spent on member amenities.

We also have to commend our army of "Friends of the Park" who have attended around 20 working bees to assist in the care of the Park.

From gardening, window cleaning, weeding, cleaning gutters, removing rubbish around the property to the removal of dangerous items, building paths, cleaning up of the show offices and Lyndhurst room, cleaning the windows of pavilion, cleaning out storage sheds and the painting of all the bollards.

We had assistance in the moving and assembly of furniture in the office, moving of records to dry storage or pulping, paint window and door frames of the Lyndhurst room, we planted new shrubs outside the Lyndhurst Room and office garden beds, checked rooms were locked, pumps were working and met with contractors for quotes/projects. The list is endless.

At no cost to Dogs Victoria this "silent" army of members have expended 2000 and 3000 hours to improve to site for all our members.

We are grateful for their service. I am also grateful to the many hours our committee members have put

in for Dogs Victoria, usually working a day a week to improve our Park. Thank you to everyone who assisted.

The front brick signs are at the front of the property have also been repaired by our "Friends of the Park" members.

### **A lot has been achieved in the past 12 months**

#### **New Off Lead Area**

The old off-lead area had become dangerous and was demolished.

We are grateful to the Whippet Association of Victoria for sponsoring the construction of three new off lead areas. These are the most used item at the park and are used daily. The old runs were demolished by our volunteer labour, river sand spread across the base, and pathway constructed by our volunteers.

#### **The storm water system**

The storm water system has been cleaned out and pumping system refurbished. The aged septic system we have now replaced all the pumps, but we are working on a project to sewer the park, a major expense, but if we wish to expand our services ie

shower blocks etc, this needs to be in place.

Fire system, plans have been drawn up for installation of a fire system, providing fire fighting water supply to all our buildings, another major project which must be completed.

#### **Pavilion**

We have also cleared out all the blocked drains and gutters in the pavilion after blockages were causing flooding. Tree roots were also removed, as were the trees (non native) that were causing the issue. Inside the pavilion, we have painted exclusion areas around the power points, moved the bins from the ringside into new exclusion zones against the walls. We have increased the number of handicapped car parks outside the pavilion entrances.

#### **Wedge road**

Wedge Road has been graded at no cost to Dogs Victoria. The drain on Wedge Road has now been cleaned out, which has reduced flooding at the entrance. We have had several heavy downpours with over two inches of rain ... the site was not impacted as Wedge Road was able to carry the water away.



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## **Classic Room Toilet blockages**

This has been a major issue in the past. The main outlet pipe has been increased in size and tree roots removed, which will also prevent blockages. But again members need to be mindful of what they flush down the toilet. Our committee has placed signs on the back of every toilet door at the park.

## **Pavilion toilets**

All the pumps in septic tank system for the Pavilion toilets at the Park have been replaced. We are proud to say we have not had a blockage since this work was done. Prior to Christmas we replaced the main pump in the largest tank outside the Lyndhurst room, and smaller tank providing Lyndhurst room drainage. The pumps were very aged.

## **New stove in the Lyndhurst Room**

The Classic Committee purchased a new stove for use by all affiliates.

## **Grounds outsourcing**

In May 2019, the grounds mowing, turf and weed management was outsourced to Grounds Maintenance Australia. This provided economic benefit to Dogs Victoria and enable the Park to have a maintenance budget for the first time. A lot of repairs have been undertaken on the sprinkler system and the Park Committee regularly test the system to ensure they are operating to their optimum.

We had an issue with bare patches on the front lawn (Area 1) on the entrance to the Toy and Hound ring.

We discovered the stewards boxes, had been preventing the sprinklers from watering the grass. The boxes were moved, and the grass has returned. Regular weed maintenance and herbicide is also undertaken.

## **The Dogs Victoria plant items including tractors and mowers**

These were in poor condition and have been sold. The ex-Promotions caravan was also sold, and funds used on the gazebo refurbishment. The containers, are also being disposed of as they are in fair to poor condition, and we have no requirement for them.

## **Class A Recycled water**

What a blessing we have this water. The water obtained is used for watering all our lawn areas, and flushing the toilets. A new main was run into the Park during the year by South East Water.

## **Herding refurbishment**

The large off lead areas, which were built for our herding trials over 20 years ago, are in a poor state of repair, the ground is poor, and fencing is not safe. Working with the Victorian Herding Association and Herding Committee to relocate this facility to Area seven at the Park. The land is irrigated and can be used all year round.

This will enable herding trials to return to the park. This project it is in early stages, and funds need to be raised to build the fencing etc. This will provide improved off lead areas for members when trials are not being conducted.

## **KCC Park Facilities committee fund raising BBQ**

The Management Committee approved the running of a Bunnings style BBQ at KCC Park events, to enable clubs to raise funds selling sausages and onions in bread. This has been very successful. Our committee has raised over \$7000 since its inception. Many breed clubs have used the BBQ to raise much needed funds for their clubs. The BBQ is booked via the office.

## **Refurbishment of our 30 year old gazebos**

These were in a state of disrepair, were regularly used, one had been demolished. With assistance of several breed clubs these have been fully refurbished. These are very popular and used during the week.

## **The Classic Room**

This was also in need of urgent repairs. Repairs have now been completed; rotted timber replaced, and painted. We also placed automatic lights and extraction fans in the toilets.

## **LED lights**

An exciting project, the pavilion had 72 LED lights installed. This will provide an 80 percent reduction in power, with a six month pay back. Funds for this project were raised by the KCC Park Facilities Committee, at no cost to Dogs Victoria. This was a \$38,000 project, and dramatically improved the lighting in the pavilion.

## **Pavilion cleaning**

A new cleaning solution is now in place for the pavilion – where the indoor pavilion is fully washed and vacuumed after every major event. The bird droppings have also been removed from the rubber surface. The indoor area is now looking exceptional. Birds are still an issue, we have reduced entry of the majority of minor birds, but now have an issue with starlings, which are a lot smaller.



### **Men's Shed**

We are at the feasibility stage of establishing a community Men's Shed at KCC Park. A community meeting will be called in the middle of the year.

### **Major Projects**

We are currently in the process of building another eight bay of storage units at the Park.

We are again grateful to the Whippet Association of Victoria for funding this project, Construction of the sheds should be completed mid year.

We are currently investigating installation of fire services at KCC park, this will be our next major capital project which we need to raise funds for. We have also started scoping the sewerage connection to KCCP, which will allow more toilets and showers to be installed and then increasing in camping on the site. We are also investigating air conditioning of the

pavilion. Replacement of our speakers both inside the pavilion, and on Area one is also a priority item.

The park needs your help.

It is the largest member owned multi-person dog facility in the world, something we should be proud of. We have a big wish list we are working on. We are happy to use bequests if a family members wishes to fund a specific project. We are keen to improve member amenities, any member or club who wants to assist us with a project ie part of the whole funding – we are keen hear what you have to say. It is our park, for the future of Dogs in Victoria. If you would like to join our "Friends of the Park" volunteer community, please contact me.

### **Chris Moore**

KCC Park Facilities Committee, "Building a Better Park"

**Committee members** - Chris Moore (Chair), David Barclay (Deputy Chair), Vincent McPhee, Stacey Sullivan, Chris Warren, Maureen Gostelow



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Legislation Committee's charter involves providing advice and strategic recommendations to the Management Committee around proposals for and responses to:

- Proposed changes to Victorian legislative requirements for the keeping and breeding of dogs
- Proposed changes to Applicable Organisation (AO) requirements
- Amendments to Dogs Victoria (DV) rules and regulations that may be required due to the above
- The emerging legislative landscape across Australia as it relates to the keeping and breeding of dogs; and
- The maintaining of a dialogue on the above with members of parliament and government departments

It was a slow start to the year with delays to the committee's proposals, however since Management Committee's confirmation that committees should be enabled to operate with more autonomy under their charter, the committee has been able to progress some of these proposals, including:

- Jan Robinson has been an active participant in the Department's Domestic Animals Act (DAA) workshops
- Kylie Gilbert attended the AIAM conference in Darwin and was able to explore the relationships with councils. Reports were issued to both the members and the CEO
- The committee formulated a response to the POCTA Regulations revisions
- The committee issued a survey to members around issues encountered with the planning laws, the DAA and Pet Exchange Register (PER).
- 287 responses were received with the valuable data collated to be used as discussion points in upcoming stakeholder meetings about legislative changes needed for our members
- A meeting request has been sent to the Minister for Agriculture and we will be meeting with Tracey Marsden from Animal Welfare Victoria (AWV)
- The committee has been granted a meeting to meet with MAV in the early new year to discuss the planning laws and a better working relationship with councils
- We have commenced communications with other members of parliament and are scheduling meetings in 2020 to discuss our concerns around the planning laws, and

- Kylie Gilbert was accepted as the Dog representative on the committee of Animal Care Australia

The committee's focus for 2020 already includes plans to undertake further work in the areas of:

- Issues relating to the definition of fertile female. More work is needed with policy makers to achieve an understanding that for DV members there is not necessarily a correlation between owning an entire bitch and the production of a litter or breeding to a volume, as this is yet to be defined
- Supporting breeders who have rare, vulnerable or endangered breeds
- Challenges around Breeder Terms relating from the PER and Planning Laws, and possible legislative amendments required to support this for AO members, which will be heavily discussed in our upcoming meetings
- Opportunities for co-regulation in accordance with Action 4.5 of the Victorian Government Animal Welfare Plan, to be discussed with AWV, and
- Opportunities to link to the FCI lobby around the over regulation of purebred dog breeders

**Jan Robinson**  
Chairperson

**Committee members** - Jan Robinson (Chair),  
Kylie Gilbert, Pauline Grutzner, Julie Wills

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT

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It was an interesting year. It took until April to have the library fully restored to its original size, it was then a massive job to put everything back together.

We purchased two new sets of shelving with help via donations from the Dalmatian Club and the Pyrenean Mountain Dog Club.

The Classic Dog Show Committee donated another locked cabinet and in December the Fox Terrier Club donated another locked cabinet. We also thank David Hirst for assembling all these. That brings us up to five cabinets with our most precious and extremely old books. The contents of these cabinets maybe viewed or photocopied.

We would also like to thank Sue Sutherland who donated the Overhead Scanner, which has been in constant use with scanning all the front covers of items to attach them on the computer to their relevant item. Next year we hope to commence the scanning of all the very old pedigrees.

We received a resignation from Elaine Lomax due to ill health. We thank Elaine for her time on the committee and wish her well in the future. 2019 also saw two new people join the Library Committee and we would like to welcome Dorothy Alexander and Lauren Whittle. Lauren has recently graduated as a librarian.

The digitalisation of the first 38 years of Gazettes has been extensively viewed, by not only Australian but people from Europe as well.

Another application for a grant has been submitted to the Local History Grants Program for the Gazettes from 1971 to 1982 to be digitalised. We are crossing our fingers that this application will be successful in 2020.

The members who have entrusted us with their books, are also thanked. Those donations always surprise us with some very special items. Anyone thinking of down-sizing – the library would love to have any books, magazines, pedigrees that you no longer require.

England and America only have one canine library in each country, it is time Australia embraced this idea. Melbourne is centrally located and already has a library with over 15,000 items plus all the very old pedigrees. What is needed is far more space. The Canine Museum and the library should also be kept together as they are our history and education centres. Funding for a new building to house both

entities could be sourced from philanthropist, bequest or government grants. Both need three times the space they currently have. This would allow an education centre and tourists to visit the biggest collection of canine artefacts and books/DVDs in Australia

**Heather Simpson**  
Chairperson

**Committee members** - Heather Simpson (Chair), Clare Hodges, Jill Roissetter, Leanne Trenworth, Robyn Carney, Dorothy Alexander, Lauren Whittle, Jenni Staniforth

## LIBRARY SHOW COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT

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The primary function of this committee is to raise funds for the Dogs Victoria Library.

We held our inaugural Championship show on 1 January 2019 and our second show which was initially to be as a twilight show on Friday 20 December 2019 but due to the horrendous weather conditions was transferred to a 1pm start Saturday 21 December 2019.

Without the wonderful help from Lynne Harwood (show secretary), Arthur Wilson (show manger) and the support from Box Hill Kennel Club Inc this would not have happened.

An excellent decision from Dogs Victoria, Box Hill Kennel Club and my committee. It demonstrates what we as an organisation are about putting the welfare of our animals first.

Huge thanks to all the judges, stewards and ticket writers for being so accommodating to allow for this change and to all the exhibitors who confirmed by social media and on the day that this was a great outcome.

**Leanne Trenwith**  
Chairperson  
Library Show Committee

**Comittee Comprises:** Leanne Trenwith (Chair), Anne Lenne (deputy chair), Clare Hodges, and Lynne Harwood (VCA liaison officer)



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## LURE COURSING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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Lure Coursing in Victoria this year has continued to show strong progress. Despite a slow start to the sport in Victoria previously, our current committee has stepped up and is working together to progress the sport.

There has been a positive increase in the number of trials and participants this year, and the sport has shown fantastic growth in our state. Lure Coursing in Victoria is continuing to develop, with many multi-day trials in both metropolitan and regional areas being held this year. Due to the popularity and strong entry numbers of these events, these clubs, as well as several new events, have already been booked into the calendar for next year. The range of clubs that are keen to run trials has meant that there are now several more venues in regional areas available, which means that members from all over Victoria are now more easily able to access and participate in our sport.

We have seen a wide variety of sighthounds and others breeds participating in the sport, as well as seeing some breeds that are using the lure coursing trials as a day out for their club. This has shown an increase in the non-sighthound breeds participating in our sport, with many of those members continuing to compete in further trials and attain titles.

This shows the potential for growth in the sport.

In 2019 we saw 19 events on the calendar and at least two new clubs trying their hand at running events.

Our subcommittee is committed to continuing to build the sport in Victoria, and to increasing the opportunities for members to participate in lure coursing trials across the state. One of the major items we dealt with in 2019 was the ANKC Rules review for the sport. This was a very involved process, handled superbly by our ANKC Representative Sharne Quinn. Thanks you also to the entire Sub-Committee for the countless meetings and discussions we had arising to the review.

Thank you also to all of the competitors and the affiliate clubs that made it possible for this sport to take and continue in Victoria in such a healthy and vibrant way. We look forward to seeing the dogs that will attain their titles in 2020. Congratulations to all of the competitors and their owners who competed in 2019 and all the best for 2020.

### **Marcus Mellick**

Chairperson

Lure Coursing Committee

**Committee members** - Marcus Mellick (chair), Chantal Parratt (deputy chair), Sharne Quinn (ANKC representative), Tina Button (treasurer), Rebecca Kaesler (minutes secretary), Kenn Airens, Kylie Stocco Els Airens, Noeline McIlroy (Management Committee representative)





# MARKETING & INNOVATION COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

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At the June 2019 Management Committee meeting there was a report indicating that DV was losing members at an alarming rate and there was nothing in place to either stop the trend or turn the catastrophe around.

Not only was the organisation losing members at a greater than normal attrition rate but the intake of new members was not even offsetting the decline.

For any organisation to grow there is only "Marketing and Innovation" everything else is a cost.

The Management Committee was asked to consider creating a committee that its charter was specifically aimed at marketing DV to the general public, government departments and DV members as well. The DVMC enthusiastically endorsed the concept and authorised the establishment to begin immediately.

The task was not to add to the list of DV subcommittees but find one that would be suitable to be enlarged with still activating their original role. The DV Promotion Committee was an ideal for this role and after discussion with the remaining members of this group it was unanimously agreed to make the change.

The next step was to search our members for qualified" marketing, publicists, advertising and event people and range that would be a blend of skill with youth and experience to take on the onerous challenges which lay ahead.

The response was exciting and a committee was easily founded.

The tasks envisaged encompassed re branding the organisation into an easily recognised modern, vibrant and enthusing organisation to belong. Also a prime function will be the promotion of why purebred dogs and what varieties are available.

First meeting was in December 2019 and this group demonstrated it was enthusiastic and was on the modern wavelength to achieve a general awareness never before seen from this organisation.

The members are Jeff Phuah, Toni Frith, Nicola Abell, Neville Humpage, Sandra Tumelty, Jason Moore, Caitlin Williams and Wendy Johnson.

### **Peter C. Frost**

Chairperson

Marketing & Innovation Committee

**Committee members** - Peter Frost (Chair), Jeff Phuah, Toni Frith, Nicola Abell, Neville Humpage, Sandra Tumelty, Jason Moore, Caitlin Williams and Wendy Johnson.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## NEW YEARS SHOW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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Our hippy-themed Amenities and New Years Eve Shows were well supported by DV members as well as interstate exhibitors again.

With most exhibitors dressing to the theme, the groovy music and decorations, it made for a fun night.

Unfortunately, the hot weather made us postpone the show scheduled for December 30 and we ended up having both shows on the 31st.

My committee would like to see the funds raised at these events being spent on further upgrades to KCC Park especially the microphone and loud speaker system.

Thank you to committee members Anthony Volpi and Di Lee who are on this committee with me as well as volunteers who helped on the night.

If members are interested in joining our committee, please approach me or one of the committee members. We will continue to run the two shows with a hippy theme later in 2020 and hope these shows get bigger, better and more fun.

**Lynne Harwood**  
Secretary  
New Years Show Committee

**Committee members** Lynne Harwood (Chair), Brett Stanyon, Gina Stanyon, Anthony Volpi

## NIGHT OF NIGHTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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Being the fourth year since I became Chair, nominated by Lyndall Black then CE of DV to this position, with my enthusiastic committee we have 'raised the bar' each year, this year even more!

We held our 2019 DV 'Night of Nights Spectacular' Top Dog & Top Puppy in Victoria on 1 February 2020 with more room on the green and entry areas.

The many glowing comments made by participants and social media gives heart to the committee as we strive to bring this 'knockout' competition to the highest level, showcasing and celebrating the 'creme de la creme' of our purebred dogs.

This is also the night where we dress to impress in our glamour and glitz!

Congratulations to everyone for bringing the glamour back into our sport and for the tremendous sportsmanship shown to each other.

For the first year since the event was re-started in 2010 we had an international judge which added to the excitement for us as a committee and all the exhibitors entered.

Mystery judges were June Ashton SA, Linda Buckley ACT, Keith Brown NZ. It was again a challenging day/night for the judges with the supreme high quality of the purebred canines presented for their evaluation. They worked tirelessly from 4pm to 11pm.

We can't do anything about the weather and again it was very hot and humid on this date allocated to us. I must give a vote of thanks at this juncture to my committee as we toiled in 45 degrees and high humidity the day before to decorate and setup the building, and then just as humid, not as hot (35 degrees) ran the event the next day and night!

I thank our core team who come on the day to ably run the event smoothly so that everyone that participates has an amazing time. Note: everyone is a volunteer including the judges, stewards and committee.

Lastly but most importantly I need to thank all our sponsors who support and donate their products with a prize pool of approximately \$9000+ awarded, this year we were able to give prizes down to the final eight in both sections.

**Sandra Mashford**  
Chairperson  
Night Of Nights Committee

**Committee members** - Sandra Mashford (Chair), Margaret Barras, Peter Frost, Leigh Hearn, Colin Hamilton, Helen Hamilton, Julie Wright, Tayla Wright.  
**Officials** Mathew Morse, Anthony Price, Maureen Gostelow, Judy Oliver  
**Draw Supervisors** Meredith Clegg, Anne Collyer  
**Judges Liason** Andrew Burt  
**Live Streaming** The Canine Standard

# OBEDIENCE TRACKING AND ENDURANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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January 1, 2019 saw the implementation of the revised rules for both ANKC Tracking and Track & Search Trials.

From that date they became independent disciplines in their own right, so now you may enter Track & Search Trials without having to have gained a Tracking Champion Title, thereby opening up the discipline to many more members and their dogs.

The 2019 OTEC was very active in implementing the new Dogs Victoria Instructor Assessment Scheme.

The scheme has two levels being:

- Dogs Victoria Accredited Instructor
- Accredited Master Instructor

The Committee has held both an information night and a practical workshop both of which were live streamed and are now available to view on the Dogs Victoria YouTube Channel, to be used by Instructors and Clubs alike to complement their established skills.

Written assessments were done by participants at a variety of locations throughout Victoria followed by numerous practical assessments, with more to be completed in 2020.

The scheme has been very professionally administered Mrs Susan Collier and Ms Susan Murray, who have worked tirelessly in presenting a wonderful program for both OTEC and Dogs Victoria.

To date 32 candidates have been successful in gaining their DOGS Victoria Accredited Instructor Licenses and 8 have gained their DOGS Victoria Accredited Master Instructor Licenses.

We sincerely thank the assessment panels and the wonderful handlers and their dogs that have made themselves available for the testing.

During the year the Committee was also involved in calling for and collating proposed rule changes for both ANKC Obedience and Rally Rules.

These were followed by a meeting for both judges and handlers to discuss which ones they wanted submitted to the ANKC to form the Victorian submission.

Late in 2019 meetings were held with judges and handlers once again to discuss all the other member body submissions, to give direction to me as the State delegate, on how Victoria wishes to vote on all submissions.

The meetings to discuss the Rally submissions will take place in early 2020.

Training of new judges is also a high priority and a large commitment by so many in the various disciplines this committee is responsible for, both lectures and structured training sessions were held prior to written examinations and then practical assessments in both Obedience and Rally.

The Committee wishes to thank the amazing judges who have worked hard with the trainees in the positions of class leaders and mentors imparting their knowledge and experience to them all.

Our thanks to Dawn Howard for her work as the OTEC coordinator of the judging scheme and to all the handlers, dogs and helpers who contribute to the smooth running of these workshops.

The annual OTEC Easter Festival of Obedience and Rally Trials was held in mid-April over two days and was very well supported, as the Trial Secretary once again I would like to thank all the members who assisted me in running such a successful weekend.

August is a busy month with both the DOGS Victoria State Obedience & Rally Championships at KCC Park held on the first weekend in August followed at end of the month with the DOGS Victoria State Tracking Trial.

Once again, as the Trial Secretary for both these events, I sincerely thank the members of the OTEC and the many helpers who contribute so much to have the trials running so smoothly, special thanks to Melissa Ferabend for all her assistance behind the scenes which is appreciated by us all.

The State Obedience and Rally Trial weekend also incorporates the Dogs Victoria Obedience Dog of the Year Awards on the Saturday coordinated by Dawn Howard and the Dogs Victoria Rally Dog of the Year Competition on the Sunday coordinated by me.

The Obedience Dog of the Year is now awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd pins at each level of obedience, congratulations to all the very worthy winners.

Once again The DOGS Victoria Rally Dog of the Year saw 10 qualifiers compete, and the standard of the work was as expected, simply outstanding, but their can only be one winner and that was:

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri Champion (T) (RO) Ellagant Great Expectations CDX  
HT Australian Shepherd Ross Carlson

Congratulations on an outstanding year in the Rally  
Ring culminating in being named

## 2019 Dogs Victoria Rally Dog of the Year

and taking home the amazing trophy that goes with  
this achievement.

The Dogs Victoria annual State Tracking Trial was  
another great success thanks to the assistance of so  
many members of the Tracking Club of Victoria, your  
expertise and willingness to help in any way you can,  
continues to make this trial a highlight of the tracking  
calendar each year.

As the Trial Secretary I would like to thank all the  
'tracking tragics' for your continued support and  
smiling faces that makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Both the Annual OTEC Presidents and Secretaries and  
OTEC Judges Forum Meetings were held in October  
2019 with many items on both agendas.

There was valuable discussion at both meetings  
with many decisions made. Thank you to both the  
Club representatives and Judges who attended the  
meeting to add to the discussions.

The obedience and rally trial run-through nights  
continue to be held at KCC Park on Tuesday  
evenings during daylight savings time run by OTEC in  
conjunction with Friends of Obedience.

These nights continue to be extremely popular.

Every week it is comparable to running an open  
obedience and rally trial with the taking of entries to  
the setting up of rings and checking in etc. none of  
which would be possible without the input of various  
Committee members, especially Dawn Howard,  
and all those committed members and judges who  
come along to assist so many people lucky enough  
to access to these sessions. Your efforts are very much  
appreciated.

The training sessions culminate with the running of an  
open obedience and rally trial on the last Tuesday in  
November each year under lights. Mid-week trialling  
is definitely popular at this time of the year, evident by  
the entry numbers.

Mr Peter Howard takes on the job of Trial Secretary  
for this trial again and is assisted by so many willing  
helpers, my thanks to you all.

The Committee also held 10 monthly meetings  
throughout the year from February to November,  
dealing with the day-to-day matters of fixture dates,  
dog assessments, rule changes etcetera.

The OTEC notes are prepared and submitted on  
a monthly basis, by Dawn Howard and the OTEC  
newsletter is sent out on a regular basis to keep the  
judges and clubs up-to-date. This is written by Sue  
Collier, who also continues to do a great job as minute  
taker at our meetings each month.

My sincere thanks to all my fellow committee members  
for their support throughout the past year and also to  
the members and affiliated committees and clubs for  
their assistance and look forward to continuing this into  
2020.

## Lynn Klecka

Chairperson

Obedience Tracking and Endurance Committee

**Committee members** - Lynn Klecka (Chair), Melissa  
Ferabend (Deputy Chair), Dawn Ayton, Susan Collier,  
Dawn Howard, Susan Murray, Noeline McIlroy.

## OPEN SHOW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This was another successful year for the Open Show  
Committee – eight shows successfully ran and we  
finally cracked the 300 mark.

These shows have cemented themselves into the  
calendar and now have a solid following of new  
and not so new exhibitors. Support like this from the  
Victorian dog fraternity is essential for our trainee  
judges to progress through the training scheme .

A new innovation this year was the (free) new exhibitor  
sweepstakes following on from our new exhibitor  
training classes. It was lovely to see a line-up of 17  
newbies at our last show. The open shows are now the  
full training ground for new exhibitors, new dogs, new  
stewards and new judges!

I would like to thank all the people who supported  
us with their entries, the workers ably led by our Show  
Manager Arthur Wilson, Judy Oliver our liaison with  
the judges committee who arranges our judges and  
organises paperwork, thanks also to the mentors for  
giving freely of their time, Kim Burke our wonderful  
secretary, our caterers Karen Hollingworth and Liz  
Smith, the exhibitors and judges who stepped up and  
looked after our new exhibitors and the Tylers for the  
support of the coffee van!



A big thank you to our hardworking committee Julia Jones, Di Shackelford, Chris Johns and Gerald Munro.

If you haven't yet been to one of our open shows come and see what you are missing out on!

#### **Pauline Grutzner**

Chairperson  
Open Show Committee

**Committee members** - Pauline Grutzer (Chair), Kim Burke, Chris Johns, Julia Jones, Gerald Munro, Judy Oliver, Dianne Shackelford

## **RETRIEVING AND FIELD TRIALS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

With 2019 being between elections for RAFT members saw a reasonably stable RAFT committee membership for the year. It was with regret that RAFT had to accept resignations from Karl Britton a retrieving representative who is moving to Queensland and Fernando Sergiovanni a pointer and setter field trial representative.

Thank you Karl and Fernando for your service to the RAFT committee.

#### **Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs**

In 2019 we saw eight retrieving ability tests for Gundogs (RATG) conducted by a variety of breed, gundog and obedience clubs.

#### **Retrieving Trials for Gundogs**

A total of thirty retrieving trials for gundogs were conducted in Victoria including the two day State Championship in October. This was an increase of three trials over the number conducted in 2018.

In October the two day Victorian State Retrieving Trial Championship was judged by Mr Karl Britton at Heathcote. The winning dog was RT Ch Tirnanoge Lexi Rooney a Labrador Retriever Bitch which is owned and handled by Mark Stockdale.

#### **1st** Mark Stockdale's

Rt Ch Tirnanoge Lexi Rooney (Lab B) 237 pts

#### **2nd** Russell Whitechurch's

Nat Rt Ch Adderslot Maggie May (Lab B) 229 pts

#### **3rd** Ray Ashenden's

RT Ch Nativerun Angus (Lab D) 228 pts

The Victoria Retrieving Trial Dog of the Year – Jack Montasell Trophy was won by Russell and Sheree Whitechurch's Nat RT Ch Adderslot Maggie May DM

#### **Utility Gundog Field Trials**

A total of twelve utility gundog field trials were scheduled in Victoria for 2019 including the two day state utility gundog field trial championship. Unfortunately due to a lack of game no state utility gundog field trial championship was conducted.

#### **Spaniel & Retriever and Pointer & Setter Field Trials**

Unfortunately there were no spaniel & retriever trials conducted in 2019 and limited game opportunities restricted the number of pointer & setter trials conducted in 2019. no pointer and setter field trial championship was conducted due to a lack of eligible dogs.

#### **Noel Eltringham**

Chairperson  
Retrieving and Field Trials Committee

**Committee members** - Noel Eltringham(Chair), Karl Bitton, Diane McCann, Greg Playdon, Darren Smith, Joe Camilleri, Dave Blacker, Russell Thomas

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## SLEDDOG SPORTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The past year has seen a growing number of back packing and weight pull events being conducted. At this early stage, there are only two clubs conducting events, The American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Victoria and the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

Through these two clubs a number of dogs have achieved titles in those two disciplines.

Whilst there is a strong dryland sledding community, not just in Victoria but nation-wide, only two Dogs Victoria affiliated clubs have experience in conducting dryland sleddog races: The Siberian Husky Club Of Victoria and the Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc.

Both of these clubs attract entries from a significant portion of the dryland sledding community which are not Dogs Victoria members, running dogs from backgrounds as diverse as rescue, to purpose bred, elite canine athletes.

In recognition of this, this sub-committee recommended to management that clubs be allowed to take entries from these non-members, at recognised events.

Managements' rejection of this recommendation unfortunately means it is unlikely either of these clubs will seek to run a recognised sledding event in the foreseeable future.

Many of the submissions we put forward for amendments to the ANKC rules were accepted.

However, we hold concerns regarding changes made which were not accepted by the National Committee, as well as some formatting issues within the published rules.

We are working on the adoption of a Judges Training Scheme, and hope to have lectures in place by the commencement of events.

### **Ian Luke**

Chairperson  
Sleddog Sports Committee

**Committee members** - Ian Luke (Chair), Courtney Persson (Deputy Chair), Don Campbell, Madeline Kiel, Sandy Koch, Eliza Perry, Merv Turner, Ralph Koch.

## SUMMER SPECTACULAR COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The Dogs Victoria Summer Spectacular Committee ran three shows in 2019. Once again, the weather was not our friend which meant two of the three shows were held in the Boxhall Pavilion.

This did not deter the enthusiasm of the exhibitors. The atmosphere was great and we received lovely compliments on our three shows.

Our entry was the same as the year before which pleased our committee and as we employed seven international judges as opposed to nine judges the previous year.

We could not run such successful shows without the help of our sponsors. The committee would like to thank Royal Canin and Melanie Newman Salon Essentials for their continued support of our events.

This year the committee introduced some new initiatives which were well received from the exhibitors. These included a grooming area filled with tables and dryers as well as a popcorn and slushy machines.

During their stay our judges enjoyed meeting kangaroos, koalas and wallabies along with visiting some of Melbourne's landmarks in their spare days and go away with some great stories to tell the rest of the world about their experience judging in Melbourne.

To raise funds, the committee held two sausage sizzles during the year, we thank those members that supported these fundraising events.

We look forward to running shows in 2020 with most of our international judges coming to Australia for the first time. We strive to keep both judges and exhibitors happy and run a world class show. In 2020 look forward to again having specialties held in conjunction with the Summer Spectacular.

### **Lynne Harwood**

Summer Spectacular Committee

**Committee members** - Lynne Harwood, Peter Frost, Janet Davidson, Stacey Sullivan, Lou Howlett

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2019**

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# CHAIR – FINANCE COMMITTEE

## REPORT

The 2019 Financial Year was a disappointing year from a financial aspect with the Association reporting a loss of \$314k.

This was due to a number of factors, with the most significant being the restructuring of the Association to achieve cost savings in the maintenance of our facilities, and more importantly the restructuring required as a result of the Strategic Plan approved by Management Committee.

Outsourcing the grounds maintenance resulted in a \$60k one off charge against profit due to redundancies, with the expected savings and improvement in ground maintenance and preparation, reaping a benefit over coming years.

The strategic plan is the most comprehensive plan put together for the Association in many years, and the thrust of this is to improve member experience, uplift the profile of the VCA within community and government, better utilize the VCA facilities, and make the Association more attractive to Corporate partners.

This resulted in a number of departmental changes and resulted in upskilling the staff. Where possible, existing staff have been re-deployed, however a number of redundancies were still required.

Although these redundancies were effected in 2020, the financial effect of the restructuring has been brought to account in the 2019 Accounts as required by Accounting Standards, and also to ensure members were advised in a timely manner of the cost implications of these decisions, rather than leaving these until next year.

This resulted in a cost impact on this year of a further \$200k.

If these "one off " effects had not occurred, the result for the Association would have been a loss in the order of \$55k – still disappointing.

Repairs and maintenance of the Park continue to be problematic with substantial amounts spent. Part of this is the result of an ageing infrastructure, but the Grounds Committee is working hard to address this issue.

Show levies and other revenue continues to be under pressure as a result of reduced activity across many areas.

The 2020 year has proven to be one that no-one could predict at the commencement of the year.

As a result, the Association has been forced to take some dramatic actions to reduce the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Association has worked tirelessly to produce two revised budgets, taking two different scenarios on the length of time that we will be impacted by the various restrictions that have been put in place.

These are included with the Annual Accounts, together with the original budget produced by the Association.

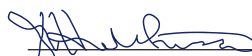
Staff reductions have already been made where possible, with a view to impacting the membership as little as possible, however, it would be naïve to suggest there will be no impact.

Government assistance is also being investigated as to whether this is available to us, and how it will impact the association. But at the time of writing this is still a very fluid situation making it difficult to predict the outcome.

The Association is expecting it will still produce a profit in the 2020 year despite these challenges facing us.

The implementation of the strategic plan has been affected as to its timing, and as to when we can return to this plan will depend on how the covid-19 pandemic plays out.

As Chair of Finance, I can assure you the Association is working very, very hard to continue its service to the members during this difficult time, and more than ever we need you support for the association to prosper when this is all over.



John Hutchison

Chair – Finance Committee



# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue	3	3,096,165	3,002,903
Other Income	3	316,806	447,400
		3,412,971	3,450,303
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Advertising & Promotion		(82,288)	(109,308)
ANKC Affiliation & Fees		(108,879)	(110,844)
Auditors' Remuneration	4	(21,630)	(24,600)
Bad and Doubtful Debts		(15,000)	(2,493)
Canine Research Donation		(33,832)	(36,801)
Cost of Shows, Trials & Events		(142,151)	(225,751)
Computer & Technology Costs		(79,286)	(45,725)
Depreciation of Non-Current Assets		(182,134)	(208,037)
Insurances - Property & Liability Cover		(127,399)	(91,867)
Magazine & Gazette Printing & Postage		(316,807)	(298,701)
Right-of Use Amortisation of Assets		(34,109)	-
Right-of-Use Lease Finance Charges		(9,245)	-
Rent of Office & Exhibition Facilities -		-	(38,989)
Repairs, Maintenance & Replacements		(408,863)	(300,431)
Employee Salaries, Wages & On-Costs		(1,580,352)	(1,326,269)
Other Business & Overhead Expenses		(585,102)	(580,963)
		(3,727,077)	(3,400,779)
<b>(Loss) Surplus for the Year</b>	5	(314,106)	49,524
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>		(314,106)	49,524

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Assets

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents

Trade and other receivables

Inventories

Other current assets

### TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

## Non-current assets

Property, plant and equipment

Intangible assets

### TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS

### TOTAL ASSETS

## Liabilities

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables

Borrowings

Provisions

Other current liabilities

### TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

### NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Borrowings

Provisions

### TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

### TOTAL LIABILITIES

### NET ASSETS

## Equity

Reserves

Retained Funds

### TOTAL EQUITY

Note	2019	2018
	\$	\$
6	1,771,632	1,906,617
7	169,655	108,874
8	11,525	11,551
9	56,453	67,136
	2,009,265	2,094,178
10	7,553,321	7,639,017
11	176,050	-
	7,729,371	7,639,017
	9,738,636	9,733,195
12	268,376	203,176
13	74,536	-
14	151,181	55,482
15	217,459	202,077
	711,552	460,735
13	101,514	-
14	8,493	41,277
	110,007	41,277
	821,559	502,012
	8,917,077	9,231,183
16	5,281,661	5,281,661
17	3,635,416	3,949,522
	8,917,077	9,231,183

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Retained Funds	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Bequests Reserve Fund	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Opening Balance 1st January 2018</b>		3,899,998	4,146,661	35,000	8,081,659
Add: Revaluation of Land to Market	16		1,100,000	-	1,100,000
Add: Surplus attributable to members		49,524			49,524
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>		3,949,522	5,246,661	35,000	9,231,183
Less: Loss attributable to members		(314,106)			(314,106)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>		3,635,416	5,246,661	35,000	8,917,077

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Customers & Members incl GST		3,591,041	3,788,687
Payments to Suppliers incl. GST & Employees		(3,728,045)	(3,812,008)
Special-Purpose Grants & Donations		85,915	13,900
Interest received		32,714	35,601
Insurance Claims		-	43,969
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operations</b>	24	(18,375)	70,149
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		32,727	-
Right-of-use asset lease liability payments		(33,829)	
Payments for plant and equipment		(115,508)	(45,938)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		(116,610)	(45,938)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(134,985)	24,211
Cash at beginning of financial year		1,906,617	1,882,406
Cash at end of financial year	6	1,771,632	1,906,617

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The financial statements cover Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as Dogs Victoria as an individual entity and a not for profit association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 ('the Act').

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2019 continued to be the advertising and promoting of pure-bred dogs as a companion animal and/or working dog, setting standards and regulating, promoting and advancing the interests of accredited breeders of pure-bred dogs, promoting encouraging and supervising the training of dogs across a variety of disciplines including obedience, agility, tracking and endurance, and promoting and encouraging responsible dog ownership by supervising and regulating shows, trials and other events.

The functional and presentation currency of Victorian Canine Association t/as Dogs Victoria is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Committee of Management on 18th March 2020. Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

### 1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and are net of any rebates and discounts received.

Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

### Property, plant and equipment

Each class of Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

### Depreciation

Items of plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line or diminishing balance basis over the useful life to the Association of each asset, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed Asset Class	Depreciation Rate
Buildings & Ground Improvements	2.5% to 4%
Machinery, Equipment & Utility Vehicles	15% to 40%
Office Furniture & Equipment	20% to 40%

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed Asset Class	Class Useful Life
Buildings & Ground Improvements	40 to 50 Years
Machinery, Equipment & Utility Vehicles	5 to 10 Years
Office Furniture & Equipment	3 to 7 Years

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

### Operating Leases

Payments for short term operating leases and rental agreements, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

Longer term operating leases are capitalised as an asset of the Association with a corresponding liability brought to account for the net present value of future lease payments. Leases are amortised over the term of the lease in accordance with Accounting Standards.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Financial Instruments

Financial instruments such as fixed term bank deposits are recognised initially using trade date accounting being the date that Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, financial instruments are measured at fair value plus any transaction costs (except instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

### Accounts receivable

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise principally through the provision of goods and services to customers but also incorporate other types of contractual monetary assets.

After initial recognition these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value is recognised in profit or loss.

The Association's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

In some circumstances, the Association may renegotiate repayment terms with customers which may lead to changes in the timing of the payments. The Association does not necessarily consider the balance to be impaired, however, and an assessment is made on a case-by-case basis.

### Available-for-sale financial assets

Purchases and sales of available-for-sale investments are recognised on settlement date.

Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value, with subsequent changes in value recognised in other comprehensive income.

In the case of impairment or sale, any gain or loss previously recognised in equity is transferred to the profit or loss.

Losses recognised in prior period statement of comprehensive income resulting from the impairment of debt securities are reversed through the statement of comprehensive income, if the subsequent increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.

### Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss except for goodwill.

### Intangibles

#### Other intangibles

In accordance with AASB16 which became mandatory on 1st January 2019 the Association has recognised the present value of its financial commitments under its Calabria Club licence (thirty-six months remaining) and its North Melbourne lease (twenty-three months remaining) together with a corresponding Right of Use intangible asset for the same amount in recognition of the Association's right to occupy the respective properties. The Right-of-Use intangible asset is amortised (or written off) to the income and expenditure statement over the term of the lease or licence as each rental payment is made in accordance with the Accounting Standard. There is no material net effect on the income and expenditure statement as a result of the adoption of AASB16 as the sum of the amortisation and notional finance charge over the term of the lease or licence is more-or-less equal to the sum of the rental payments.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to likely employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

### Other Provisions

Other provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the outflow required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting year. The discount rate used is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the unwinding of the discount is taken to finance costs in the statement of other comprehensive income.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the balance sheet.

### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

#### *Bank Interest Revenue*

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method with an adjustment at yearend to recognise interest accrued but not yet received.

#### *Rendering of Services*

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period (otherwise revenue is recognised to the extent of the expenses recognised that may be recoverable).

Revenue from education and training services provided is generally recognised once the education or training has been delivered to the member or, in the case of on-line and/or on-demand training, when the relevant modules are available to the member for download or accessing. Where the training is for a period beyond twelve months the fee revenue is apportioned over time.

#### *Subscription Income*

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight-line basis over the financial year.

#### *Volunteer Services*

The benefit of volunteer services rendered to the Association by members and affiliates is not recognised as revenue in the preparation of these financial statements as the fair value of such services cannot be reliability estimated.

#### *Non-Cash Donations*

The value of pet products donated to the Association by corporate sponsors for prizes at shows and trials conducted by the Association and/or affiliates is not brought to account as revenue as the fair value cannot be reliability determined.

#### *Other Income*

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association becomes entitled to it.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

## Income Tax

The Association is considered exempt from tax under Sec 50-40 of the Income tax Assessment Act 1997. In any event, the common law Principle of Mutuality would be expected to apply based on the premise that individuals cannot profit from themselves and, accordingly, receipts from members of the Association would be deemed to be mutual income and not subject to income tax.

## Comparative Amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Where a change in comparatives has also affected the opening retained earnings previously presented in a comparative period, an opening statement of financial position at the earliest date of the comparative period has been presented.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 18 March 2020.

## DID YOU KNOW? DOGS VICTORIA

\*  
**10,000+**  
**MEMBERS**

**280**  
**AFFILIATE CLUBS**

**866**  
**EVENTS**

**100+**  
**PHONE CALLS DAILY**

**2**  
**MULTIFACETED FACILITIES**

**34**  
**COMMITTEES**

\*Figure based on reported ANKC membership not individual memberships

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>3 Revenue and Other Income</b>		
Annual Fees & Subscriptions	1,047,835	1,115,972
Canine Registry Fees & Charges	1,174,800	1,148,678
Affiliate Levies & Income from Shows	525,610	479,593
Advertising, Sponsorship, Grants & Donations	217,926	136,537
Member & Breeder Education & Training Programs	36,586	45,137
Rent & Hire of Grounds, Clubrooms & Equipment	93,408	76,986
	3,096,165	3,002,903
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Received	21,756	39,326
Postage & Credit Card Fees Reimbursed	42,926	41,267
State & National Shows, Events & Competitions	200,871	275,829
Non-Refundable Complaint Fees & Fines	37,681	47,009
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	13,572	-
Insurance Claims	-	43,969
	316,806	447,400
<b>Total Revenue</b>	3,412,971	3,450,303
<b>4 Auditors' Remuneration</b>		
Statutory Auditing of Accounts	13,830	13,950
Other Services - AASB Reports	7,800	7,650
Other Services - GST Reconciliation	-	3,000
	21,630	24,600
<b>5 Result for the Financial Year</b>		
The detailed income and expenditure of the Association is set out on Page 66 to 68 of this document. The net result for the year has been determined after providing for the following non-cash items of significance -		
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment	182,134	208,037
Write-back of long service leave provisions	(42,085)	6,375
Provision for Jan-20 & Feb-20 redundancies	105,000	-
Bad/doubtful debts written-off or provided for	15,000	2,493
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Profit on sale of items of plant and equipment	13,572	-

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### 6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash on Hand	700	700
Subcommittee Cash Floats	400	400
Cash at Bank - Bendigo Bank	300,852	469,662
Classic Dog Show Committee	364	19,938
KCC Park Show Committee	12,663	12,748
Term Deposit 1	858,080	836,856
Term Deposit 2	365,815	358,821
Term Deposit 3	138,207	135,384
CDS Committee Term Deposit	58,362	36,508
Special Bequest A/c 1	10,000	10,000
Special Bequest A/c 2	26,189	25,600
	<u>1,771,632</u>	<u>1,906,617</u>

The weighted-average interest rate on fixed term deposits at year-end was 1.45% (last year 2.5%) with all due to mature within twelve months. Bank accounts and fixed term deposits are with Bendigo Bank.

No overdraft facility is held by the Association. Standby credit facilities comprise Bendigo Bank credit cards. The amount owing and included in Sundry Creditors as at 31st December 2019 was \$7,788.

### 7 Trade and Other Receivables

#### Current

Trade Debtors	184,655	108,874
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(15,000)	-
	<u>169,655</u>	<u>108,874</u>
	169,655	108,874

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the shortterm nature of the balances. A provision has been made for unpaid disciplinary fines in arrears which may never be collected.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2019	2018
\$	\$

### 8 Inventories

#### Current

At cost:

Show Stationery

11,525	11,551
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Stationery supplies for in-house consumption by Dogs Victoria office are expensed as and when incurred and are not brought to account as an asset at year-end.

Pet food donated by Royal Canin for prizes at shows and trials are supplied by the sponsor on an as needed basis. No inventories are held by Dogs Victoria.

### 9 Other Assets

#### Current

Accrued Bank Interest Income

Prepayments & Sundry Debtors

2,763	13,721
53,690	53,415
56,453	67,136



Australian  
Shepherd

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>10 Property, plant and equipment</b>		
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
Freehold Land	5,375,000	5,375,000
Buildings & Grounds	3,696,700	3,636,211
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,706,936)	(1,588,379)
	1,989,764	2,047,832
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	7,364,764	7,422,832
Plant, Equipment & Vehicles	1,402,802	1,457,402
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,337,772)	(1,363,472)
	65,030	93,930
Office Furniture & Equipment	189,963	404,953
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(126,768)	(364,947)
	63,195	40,006
Laurie Luxmoore Library	69,480	72,507
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(65,994)	(69,657)
	3,486	2,850
Bulla Equipment & Vehicles	385,235	412,868
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(328,389)	(333,469)
	56,846	79,399
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	188,557	216,185
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	7,553,321	7,639,017

Freehold land at 655 Westernport Highway, Skye (29.6 ha) was revalued to City of Frankston municipal council Site Value \$5,375,000 as at 1st January 2018 and is considered a fair assessment of current market value. The library collection was independently valued for insurance purposes at \$1,264,610 on 20th September 2014 and continues to be shown at historical cost consistent with the methodology adopted for other depreciable assets. No provision for impairment in the book value of property, plant and equipment was considered necessary.

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Movements in Carrying Amounts of Property, plant and equipment

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of Property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Freehold Land at KCC Park	Buildings & Grounds	Total Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1st January 2018	4,275,000	2,169,737	256,377	6,701,114
Add: Additions	-	9,546	36,392	45,938
Add: Transfers	-	(13,640)	13,640	-
Add: Revaluations	1,100,000	-	-	1,100,000
Less: Depreciation	-	(117,811)	(90,226)	(208,037)
Balance 31st December 2018	5,375,000	2,047,832	216,183	7,639,015
Add: Additions	-	60,490	55,023	115,513
Less: Disposals	-	-	(19,075)	(19,075)
Less: Depreciation	-	(118,558)	(63,576)	(182,134)
Balance 31st December 2019	5,375,000	1,989,764	188,555	7,553,319

**2019**  
\$

**2018**  
\$

### 11 Intangible Assets

Right-of-Use Assets	209,879	-
Less Accumulated Amortisation	(33,829)	-
Net carrying amount	176,050	-
<b>Total</b>	176,050	-
Right-of-Use Assets at Net Present Value:		
Calabria Club Licence (36 Months Remaining)	116,676	-
North Melbourne Lease (23 Months Remaining)	59,374	-
Closing Carrying Value at 31 December 2019	176,050	-

Income-producing leases and licences held as lessor were not required to be capitalised as a balance sheet item (residence, communications tower site, canine museum, multi-purpose buildings).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>12 Accounts Payable and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Sundry Creditors	37,375	40,331
Trade Creditors	138,593	72,394
GST Collected & Payable	10,201	14,047
PAYG Tax Payable	23,780	15,791
Annual Leave Payable	58,427	60,613
	<b>268,376</b>	<b>203,176</b>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

<b>13 Borrowings</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Right-of-Use Lease Liabilities	74,536	-
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Right-of-Use Lease Liabilities	101,514	-
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<b>176,050</b>	<b>-</b>

### Fair Value

#### Right-of-Use Lease Liabilities

The liability for right-of-use lease liabilities is the net present value of the sum of the future lease payments that are required to be made under lease and licence agreements to occupy premises at the Calabria Club Bulla and at the North Melbourne offices.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>14 Provisions</b>		
Long Service Leave – Current	46,181	55,482
Provision for Redundancies	105,000	-
Long Service Leave – Non-Current	8,493	41,277
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<b>159,674</b>	<b>96,759</b>
<b>Analysis of Leave Provisions</b>		
Opening Balance (16 x FT Employees)	96,759	90,384
Add: Net Leave Accrued or (Taken)	(42,085)	6,375
Closing Balance (14 x FT Employees)	<b>54,674</b>	<b>96,759</b>
<b>15 Other Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Income Received in Advance	217,459	202,077
<b>16 Reserves</b>		
<b>Asset Revaluation Reserve</b>		
Freehold land at 655 Westernport Highway, Skye, comprising 29.6 hectares of land zoned "Green Wedge" is revalued to market every three years with a corresponding credit to the Asset Revaluation Reserve. The land originally cost the Association \$129,339. Buildings and other assets are not revalued as they have a finite useful life which diminishes over time due to ongoing wear and tear.		
<b>Bequests Reserve Fund</b>		
Bequests received by the Association to which conditions are attached are held in a separate bank account with a corresponding credit to reserves. At 31st December 2019 two amounts of \$10,000 and \$25,000 respectively had been credited to the reserve, the income from which is required to be used in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which the monies were bequeathed.		
<b>17 Retained Members Funds</b>		
Retained funds at the beginning of the year	3,949,522	3,899,998
Net (loss) or surplus attributable to the members	(314,106)	49,524
Retained funds at the end of the financial year	<b>3,635,416</b>	<b>3,949,522</b>



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2019  
\$

2018  
\$

### 18 Capital and Leasing Commitments

#### Finance Lease Commitments

Payable - minimum lease payments

Not later than 12 months

74,534 -

Between 12 months and five years

117,092 -

Minimum lease payments

191,626 -

Less future finance charges

(15,576) -

Present value of minimum lease payments

176,050 -

In accordance with AASB16 which became mandatory on 1st January 2019 the Association was required to recognise the present value of its financial commitments under its Calabria Club licence (thirty-six months remaining) and its North Melbourne lease (twenty-three months remaining) together with a corresponding Right of Use asset for the same amount in recognition of the Association's right to occupy the respective properties. Annual rental payments after allowing for a notional finance charge component are treated at each year-end as a reduction in the liability whilst an amount equal to twelve-months of the Right of Use asset is written-off to the income and expenditure statement as amortisation expense. There is no material net effect on income and expenditure as the sum of the amortisation and notional finance charge over the term of the lease or licence is more-or-less equal to the sum of the rental payments.

The lease terms may be summarised as follows:

#### Calabria Club:

10 Years from 1st January 2013

Annual Rent: \$35,000 + CPI (Currently: \$42,736)

Development Fund: Annual Contribution of \$10,000

Option for Further Term: Nil

#### North Melbourne:

2 Years from 9th December 2019

Annual Rent: \$33,000 + CPI (Currently \$33,000)

Development Fund: Annual Contribution of \$Nil

Option for Further Term: 3 x 2 Years

No provision for any likely make-good costs at the end of either lease term is considered necessary.

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>19 Contingent Liabilities</b>		
Estimates of the potential financial effect of contingent liabilities that may become payable:		
<b>Redundancies &amp; Restructuring Costs</b>		
The management committee authorised a restructuring of the office during the year including the opening of a North Melbourne office, redundancies for some staff, and the appointment of new staff. Provision in full has been made in the preparation of this financial report for the redundancies paid out after the end of the financial year and, accordingly, the cost will not be an additional expense for the year ending 31st December 2020. Office furniture and equipment in the sum of \$47,767 incl GST ordered prior to the end of the financial year but not delivered or paid for by 31st December 2019 (and liability for same) has not been brought to account in the preparation of the financial report as the items are a capital asset, not an expense. Depreciation will be recognised on or after 1st January 2020 when the assets are delivered and installed ready for use.		
	Nil	Nil
<b>Other Contingent Liabilities</b>		
Apart from the above, the management committee is not aware of any matter which has arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of signing of this report which may significantly affect the reported financial performance of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2019 or its financial position as at that date.		
	Nil	Nil

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>20 Events After the Reporting Period</b>		
<b>Eight Bay Storage Shed:</b>		
Donations were received from affiliates during the year to cover some of the cost of repairs, maintenance and replacements to buildings and infrastructure at KCC Park including repair and upgrading of gazebos, fencing and lighting and have been brought to account as income of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2019.		
Donations for the year included an amount of \$75,280 from the Whippet Association of Victoria of which \$53,280 is to be applied towards the construction of an eight-bay storage shed none of which had been spent as at 31st December 2019.		
The Association has accepted a quote for the supply and delivery of the storage shed to be funded from the proceeds of the donation and, accordingly, had a capital expenditure commitment as at 31st December 2019 to the extent of the cost and the unspent amount.		
Capital Expenditure Commitment 31st December 2019	53,280	
<b>Insurance Renewals:</b>		
Insurance policies became due and payable at 4pm on 31st December 2019. The premium of \$170,581 incl. GST has not been brought to account as a liability of the Association in this financial report on the basis that substantially all of the amount payable relates to the year ending 31st December 2020. The management committee has funded the premium payable through an external financier with repayments over twelve months in equal monthly instalments with interest on the facility at a compound rate of 7.5% (upfront flat fee of 3.5%).		
Expenditure Commitment as at 31st December 2019:	170,581	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>21 Key Management Personnel</b>		
<b>Short-term employee benefits</b>		
Salaries, Wages & Leave Entitlements	133,364	120,000
<b>Post-employment benefits</b>		
Superannuation Guarantee Contributions	12,323	11,400
<b>Total compensation</b>	<u>145,687</u>	<u>131,400</u>

### Chief Executives & Association Secretaries

The Association had three chief executives during the year (formally appointed or acting) and who collectively meet the definition of "Key Management Personnel" under Australian Accounting Standards.

Salaries, superannuation and entitlements accrued and paid to key management personnel during the year was based on their respective employment contracts for the pro-rata period they held office.

The current Secretary of the Association in office as at the date of this report with specific legal responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* is Mr Matthew Monaghan.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>22 Related Party Transactions</b>		
No member of the management committee received or was entitled to any remuneration in respect of his or her appointment and no transaction occurred during the year between the Association and any committee member except for the reimbursement of out-of-pocket telephone and travelling expenses to a maximum of \$1,000 per year per office-holder which is included in the financial statements as a management committee meeting expense. Transactions between committee members in their capacity as ordinary members of the Association were on the same terms and conditions as those which apply to all other members.	N/A	N/A
Dogs Victoria is one of eight State/Territory affiliates of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited being a company limited by guarantee (ANKC) and is entitled to appoint two directors to the board of eleven. Affiliation fees and levies paid to the ANKC to enable it to meet annual operating costs are shown as an expense under Affiliation Fees & Levies. Dogs Victoria also contributes to the annual cost of the central database of registered pure-bred dogs which shown as an expense of the Association under Canine Database Access Fees.		
Total ANKC Expense Payments excl GST	108,879	110,844
The Canine Research Foundation (CRF) is a registered charity established by Dogs Victoria in 1992 and is managed by independent board of trustees. Donations of \$2 per registered puppy are made to the CRF each year by Dogs Victoria pursuant to an ongoing funding agreement.		
	33,832	36,801

### 23 Economic Dependence

The Association derives the bulk of its income from annual subscriptions and other fees, charges and levies received from members and affiliates and is economically dependent upon this support. The management committee is not aware of any reason for such support being withdrawn.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>24 Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities.</b>		
Surplus (Loss) for the year	(314,106)	49,524
<b>Addback Non-Cash Flows:</b>		
Profit on sale of non-current assets	(13,572)	-
Doubtful debts provision	15,000	-
Provision for redundancies	105,000	-
Depreciation	182,134	208,037
Amortisation	33,829	-
<b>Changes in Working Capital:</b>		
(Increase) Decrease in current inventories	26	(488)
(Increase) Decrease in current receivables	(75,781)	187,802
Increase (Decrease) in accrued income	10,958	-
(Increase) Decrease in prepayments	(275)	-
Increase (Decrease) in trade creditors	65,200	(334,089)
Increase (Decrease) in current provisions	(9,301)	589
Increase (Decrease) in non-current provisions	(32,784)	12,208
Increase (Decrease) in income in advance	15,382	(53,472)
	(18,375)	70,149

### 25 Financial Risk Management

The Association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with Australian banks, accounts receivable and payable, and lease liabilities, and a summary is set out below –

#### Financial Assets

Cash on Hand or at Bank	1,771,632	1,906,617
Trade & Other Receivables	169,655	108,874
Total Financial Assets	1,941,287	2,015,491

#### Financial Liabilities

Trade & Other Accounts Payable	209,949	142,563
Lease Liabilities	176,050	-
Total Financial Liabilities	385,999	142,563

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Association has little or no market-related investments or assets and is not exposed to any material risk. However, the purchasing-power of cash at bank and fixed term deposits is likely to deteriorate over time with increases in the rate of inflation.

### Interest Rate risk

Interest rates rise and fall affecting interest income and interest expense. The Association does not have a material exposure to interest rate fluctuations as it does not rely on interest income as its predominant source of income and does not have any interest-bearing loans or other long-term borrowings on which interest is payable.

### Liquidity Risk

The liquidity risk of not having sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the due date is regularly monitored. Cash flow forecasts are prepared weekly and monthly (and annually for approval by the members at each annual general meeting to the date of the next annual general meeting) and the Association has adopted a liquidity policy which requires a minimum level of cash to be maintained.

### Credit risk

Bank deposits are held with Australian banks which are highly capitalised and regulated and which have AAA or better credit ratings and accordingly the Association's exposure to credit risk is low. Trade accounts receivable are generally high volume, low dollar value amounts, and individually are not material to the financial statements.



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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The following table details the Association's trade and other receivables exposure to credit risk (prior to collateral and other credit enhancements) with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled, within the terms and conditions agreed between the Association and the customer or counterparty to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there is objective evidence indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the association.

2019	Gross amount	Past due and impaired	Past due but not impaired (days overdue)			Within initial trade terms
			<30	31-60	61-90	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade Debtors	184,655	5,566	75,442	10,477	91,019	75,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,655</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>75,442</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>91,019</b>	<b>75,442</b>

2018	Gross amount	Past due and impaired	Past due but not impaired (days overdue)			Within initial trade terms
			<30	31-60	61-90	
Trade Debtors	108,874	-	29,935	7,994	62,032	29,935
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,935</b>	<b>7,994</b>	<b>62,032</b>	<b>29,935</b>

The Association does not hold any financial assets with terms that have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

The other classes of receivables do not contain impaired assets.

The ageing of accounts receivable is consistent with prior years. The management committee has saw fit to raise a general provision for doubtful debts in relation to disciplinary fines imposed on members in the Past Due & Impaired column and in the 61-90 days overdue column which remained unpaid as at 31st December 2019.

### Capital Management

The committee of management controls the capital of the Association to ensure adequate cash flows are generated to fund its operations with cash flow forecasts and income and expenditure budgets tabled and approved by the members at the preceding annual general meeting covering the period to the date of the following annual general meeting.

The committee delegates its responsibility for the capital management of the Association to the Chief Executive. Meetings of the committee are held on a monthly basis to receive and review financial reports to ensure that minimum liquidity levels are being maintained and the capital management of the Association is in accordance with approved budgets and forecasts.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 26 Statutory Information

The registered office of the association is:  
655 Westernport Highway Skye Victoria  
The principal places of business are:  
655 Westernport Highway Skye Victoria and the Calabria  
Club, Uniting Lane, Bulla, Victoria

### 27 Segment Reporting

Dogs Victoria is affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Council and its activities are confined primarily to serving the needs of members, breeders and affiliated clubs within the State of Victoria. The income and expenditure of the Association can be segmented across three principal business units as set out below -

2019	Skye	Bulla	Office	Total
Fees, Charges & Other Income	299,341	132,165	2,981,465	3,412,971
Less: Direct Identifiable Costs				
Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance	280,448	51,705	76,710	408,863
Rent, Rates & Related Expenses	28,499	47,993	3,025	79,517
Depreciation & Amortisation	136,468	18,053	27,613	182,134
Floodlighting & Electricity	19,921	25,456	13,126	58,503
Salaries, Wages & On-Costs	38,487	24,183	1,503,928	1,566,598
Other Expenses	7,040	2,828	1,421,594	1,431,462
Total Expenses	510,863	170,218	3,045,996	3,727,077
Net Segment Result	-211,522	-38,053	-64,531	-314,106
2018	Skye	Bulla	Office	Total
Fees, Charges & Other Income	185,949	92,707	3,171,647	3,450,303
Less: Direct Identifiable Costs				
Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance	218,458	55,037	26,936	300,431
Rent, Rates & Related Expenses	29,581	47,705	0	77,286
Depreciation & Amortisation	152,598	30,407	25,032	208,037
Floodlighting & Electricity	21,175	29,767	12,487	63,429
Salaries, Wages & On-Costs	72,615	40,286	1,212,768	1,325,669
Other Expenses	16,955	7,740	1,401,232	1,425,927
Total Expenses	511,382	210,942	2,678,455	3,400,779
Net Segment Result	-325,433	-118,235	493,192	49,524

# DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Annual Fees & Subscriptions	1,047,835	1,115,972
Canine Registry Income	1,174,800	1,148,678
Affiliate Income from Shows & Trials	525,610	479,593
Advertising, Sponsorship & Donations	217,926	136,537
Education & Training Programs	36,586	45,137
Rent & Hire of Grounds & Equipment	93,408	76,986
	<b>3,096,165</b>	<b>3,002,903</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>		
Interest Received	21,756	39,326
Postage & Credit Card Costs Recoveries	42,926	41,267
State & National Shows & Events	200,871	275,829
Proceeds of Insurance Claims	-	43,969
Complaint Fees & Disciplinary Fines	37,681	47,009
Profit on Sale of Non-current Assets	13,572	-
	<b>316,806</b>	<b>447,400</b>
	<b>3,412,971</b>	<b>3,450,303</b>



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

# DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising, Publicity & Promotions	82,288	109,308
Affiliation Fees & Levies	63,081	66,023
Auditor's Remuneration	21,630	24,600
Bad Debts Written Off	15,000	2,493
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees	22,446	21,906
Canine Research Foundation	33,832	36,801
Canine Database Access Fees	45,798	44,821
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	69,413	122,674
Computer Support & Supplies	79,286	45,725
Consulting Fees	14,951	9,800
Cost of Accreditation Programs	13,828	14,524
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	182,134	208,037
Election & Ballot Expenses	22,785	23,742
Insurance - Members & Property	127,399	91,867
Laurie Luxmoore Library	30,919	11,367
Legal Costs	43,608	83,783
Light, Heat & Power	58,503	63,429
Magazine & Gazette Printing & Postage	316,807	298,701
Management Committee Expenses	62,479	52,392
Motor Vehicle Expenses & Mileage	12,817	21,726
Photocopier Rental & Consumables	53,349	47,423
Postage & Express Post	77,278	77,279
Printing & Stationery	44,651	46,693
Rates & Taxes	14,761	15,979
Right-of-Use Rental Expense	51,023	47,705
Repairs, Maintenance & Replacements	339,450	177,757
Salaries, Wages, Super & On-Costs	1,566,598	1,325,669
Security & Shredding	14,389	12,607
Shows, Trials & Event Costs	142,151	225,751
Staff & Member Amenities	20,111	10,977
Staff Training & Development	13,754	600
Subscriptions & Memberships	5,278	1,753
Sundry Expenses	19,093	9,731
Telephone & Internet	32,449	33,534
Water Supply Costs	13,738	13,602
	<b>3,727,077</b>	<b>3,400,779</b>
<b>Surplus or (Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>(314,106)</b>	<b>49,524</b>

# DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Surplus or (Loss) for the year</b>	(314,106)	49,524
Accumulated Funds at the start of the year	3,949,522	3,899,998
<b>Accumulated Funds at 31st December 2019</b>	<u>3,635,416</u>	<u>3,949,522</u>

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee of management has determined that the incorporated Association is a reporting entity and that this general-purpose financial statement should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee of management of the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated the financial statements as set out on pages 43 to 68:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Victorian Canine Association Incorporated as at 31 December 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution

of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Lynne Harwood (Acting President)



Jan Robinson (Acting Vice-President)



John Hutchison (Finance Committee Chairman)

**Dated this 18th day of March 2020**

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as "Dogs Victoria" for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

### Committee Members

The name of each member of the committee and each chief executive that held office at any time during the year and, if different, at the date of the report are:

#### Wayne Fleming

President - Resigned 6th February 2020

#### Lynne Harwood

Vice-President to 6th February 2020 and Acting President from 6th February 2020

#### Jan Robinson

Acting Vice-President from 6th February 2020

**Wayne Douglas** OAM (Appointed 22/5/19)

**Peter Frost** (Appointed 22/5/19)

**Pauline Grutzner**

**Michael Higgins**

**Lou Howlett-Trahar**

**Wendy Johnson**

**Shellie Marshall** (Appointed 22/5/19)

**Chris Moore**

**Matthew Morse**

**Noeline McIlroy**

**Julie Wills**

**Kylie Gilbert** (1/1/19 to 22/5/19)

**Dr Tim Adams**

Chief Executive 1st January 2019 to 4th March 2019

**Mr Steve Moustos** - Acting Chief Executive 5th March 2019 to 20th October 2019

**Mr Matthew Monaghan** - Chief Executive 21st October 2019 to 31st December 2019

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year continued to be:

1. Setting and maintaining high standards of ethical and responsible breeding and training of pure-bred dogs to enhance and maintain breed standards;
2. Maintaining pure-bred registers as the Victorian affiliate of the Australian National Kennel Council including processing of pedigree litter registrations and transfers;
3. Regulating and advancing the interests and skills of accredited breeders of pure-bred dogs with appropriate training, development, assessment and accreditation programs;
4. Advertising and promoting of pure-bred dogs as a companion animal and/or working dog to the public, government, prospective owners, and the wider community;
5. Encouraging, promoting and supervising affiliated clubs which conduct training, competitions, shows and trials for their members and/or the public

across a variety of disciplines;

6. Liaising with local and State governments in relation to the interests of members as recreational breeders and/or owners under the Domestic Animals Act and Regulations thereto.

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of the activities of the Association occurred during the year except for the outsourcing of lawn mowing and other ground maintenance works to external contractors and the opening of a city-based office.

### Operating Result


The loss of the Association for the year was \$314,106 (surplus of \$49,524 the previous year). No provision for tax was considered necessary.

Redundancies, escalating insurance premiums, essential safety repairs, maintenance and replacements as well as computer and technology conversion costs adversely impacted upon the result for the year.

The financial impact was cushioned by donations received from affiliated clubs which have been brought to account as income although the bulk of those donations are set aside for an eight-bay storage shed.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

### Committee Member:



Lynne Harwood - Acting President

Dated this 18th day of March 2020



# AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee has approved Dogs Victoria's annual financial report covering the year 1st January to 31st December 2019.

The report will be available on the website. If requested, printed copies will be mailed to members following that date.

This year's annual report highlights the progress the committee has made in delivering positive improvements for all members in value, service and performance.

This will be the first report published solely on the website with a significant saving for members in printing and postage costs and includes increased levels of disclosure and transparency providing members with a comprehensive insight into all material aspects of the Association's finances.

## **Result for the Year**

The result for the year was a loss of \$314,106. This was after bringing to account and deducting noncash expenses such as depreciation (\$182,134), a provision for bad debts (\$15,000), and a provision for redundancies (\$105,000).

Urgent repairs and maintenance at KCC Park contributed to the loss as did higher insurance premiums and also redundancy payments for ground staff following the outsourcing of lawn mowing and other maintenance work to external contractors.

Discretionary maintenance and replacements included the refencing of the off-leash areas, upgrading of pavilion lighting, office painting, library wall removal, and the reconfiguration of the general office for better privacy and security.

Generous donations from affiliated clubs assisted in paying for some repairs and replacements and these have been brought to account in the financial report as income of the Association.

On a cash basis of accounting (excluding non-cash expenses such as depreciation of buildings and equipment, accrued leave entitlements, and other items) the net cash flow from operations was an outflow of funds of \$18,375.

## **Capital Expenditure**

The financial report includes a profit of sale of assets with proceeds from the sale of caravan and mowers being \$32,727 as against capital expenditure of \$115,508 being the cost of a prefabricated office and other items of furniture and equipment.

## **Restructuring**

Restructuring costs including office redundancies to meet current and future challenges is reflected in the result for the year. An update will be provided at the annual general meeting together with a snapshot of the rewards and benefits for members and other stakeholders.

18th March 2020



Welsh Terrier

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as Dogs Victoria (the association) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the association for the year ended 31 December 2019 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 so as to give a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31st December 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended. The financial records kept by the Association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee and/or officers.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the chief executive regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

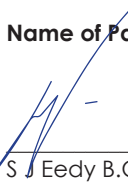
We also provide the chief executive with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on

our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with officers, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

**Name of Firm:**

Eddy Partners Accountants &  
Auditors Certified Practising Accountants

**Name of Partner:**

S. Eedy B.Com CA  
Registered Company Auditor

**Address:**

Level 8 501 Latrobe Street Melbourne Victoria

**Dated this 18th day of March 2020**

# CERTIFICATE

## BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

### Certificate by members of the committee

#### Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position of Incorporated Association

I, Lynne Harwood – Acting President being a member of the Committee of Victorian Canine Association t/as Dogs Victoria certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Victorian Canine Association t/as Dogs Victoria during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 31 December 2019.

**Dated this 18th day of March 2020**

Committee Member:



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Lynne Harwood – Acting President



# Dogs Victoria

## 2020 Budget and Revision

### Background

As a part of its regular Financial procedure, Dogs Victoria adopted a Budget for the 2020 trading period (Jan – Dec 2020) late in 2019. The Dogs Victoria Budget for 2020 included the implementation of a restructure, acknowledging that our reliance on traditional Membership and Event Revenue as our fundamental income would require supplementation with additional streams to create a more robust organisation that would be sustainable into the future. Income sourced from Corporate Sponsorship, Website Advertising and Gazette Income were identified as target area's in our Dogs Victoria 2020 Strategy.

Our staff resource was reviewed, and changes were made to transition the skill set of our staffing group to include the necessary marketing, promotion and commercial experience, whilst supplementing our Membership Experience resource for the 2020 period. New software environments for Membership and Finance were procured to allow progression to digital and on-line processing.

However, the acceleration of the impact of Covid-19 during the first quarter of the 2020 Calendar period required a prudent re-visit to the Dogs Victoria Original Budget for 2020. Dogs Victoria suspended all Shows and Events indefinitely from mid-March 2020 and it became apparent that Sponsorship, Marketing and Advertising Budgeted Revenue for 2020 would become improbable to eventuate due to the significant impact experienced by the Commercial sector from Covid-19.

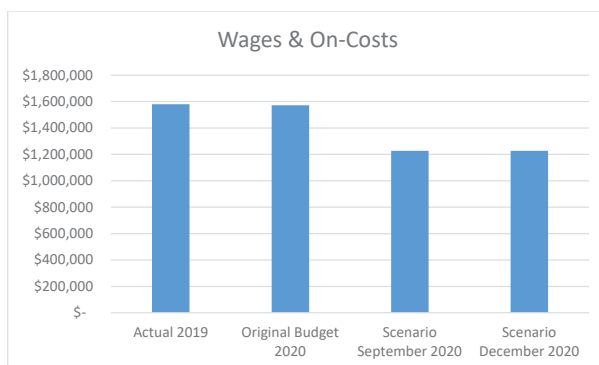
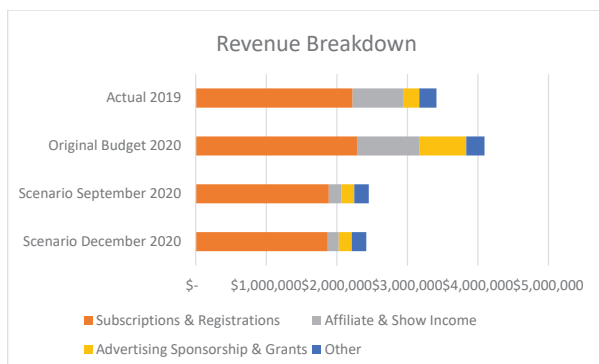
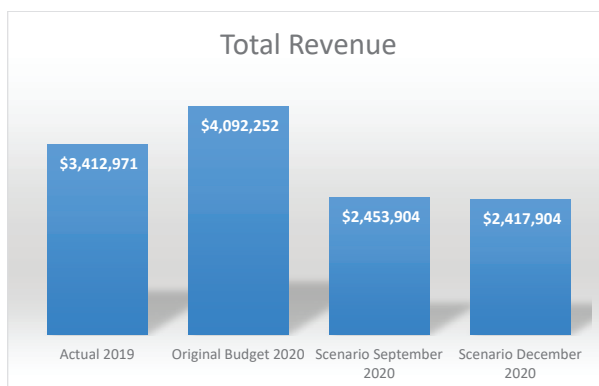
### Dogs Victoria Response

Accordingly, our Finance Committee has reconvened, and with input from our Management Committee, the Dogs Victoria Budget for 2020 has been re-cast, to take into account the new environment of Covid-19 that is prevalent for the immediate future. Two additional scenario's were considered and are presented here alongside our Original Budget; Scenario September (forecasting some modest Event activity to re-commence from 1 October 2020) and Scenario December (forecasting Suspension of all Event activity for the remainder of the 2020 period).

Staffing resource was also reviewed, with roles in Community & Corporate Partnerships, Digital Marketing, Research and Facility Caretaker included. In some instances this has led to reduction in roles to align with the revised 2020 Covid-19 landscape.

### Comparison

The following graphical representations analyse the Budget material (Original, Scenario September, Scenario December) presented for your reference. The 2020 Original Budget Strategy included strong new streams of income from Partnerships and Advertising. The revised Scenario's have re-aligned all categories with a conservative Covid-19 Adjustment made.





# Dogs Victoria

## BUDGET 2020

	Original Budget	Scenario September	Scenario December
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Memberships			
Club Affiliation Fees	120,180	90,255	90,255
Companion Dog Club	5,604	0	0
Membership Subscriptions	862,464	836,993	836,993
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>988,248</b>	<b>927,248</b>	<b>927,248</b>
<b>Partnerships</b>			
Partnerships	300,000	0	0
KCC Park / Bulla Exhibitions	90,000	97,749	82,749
<b>Total Partnerships</b>	<b>390,000</b>	<b>97,749</b>	<b>82,749</b>
<b>Registration &amp; Dog Activities</b>			
Bulla Exhibition Centre	92,412	33,305	12,305
KCC Park	184,464	19,152	19,152
Breeder Education Fees	21,096	0	0
Compliance Levy	176,112	98,592	98,592
Country Dog Levies	176,172	20,069	20,069
Dog Regist (Litters)	702,072	513,698	513,698
Dog Transfers	203,280	143,084	143,084
Export Certificates	16,320	16,345	16,345
Judges Admin & License	52,320	53,532	53,532
Kennel Prefix & Other Fees	191,460	134,300	134,300
Title Certificates	56,028	22,601	22,601
<b>Total Registration &amp; Dog</b>	<b>1,871,736</b>	<b>1,054,678</b>	<b>1,033,678</b>
<b>Advertising</b>			
Gazette & Publications	96,516	47,536	47,536
Profit on Sale of Goods	24,480	3,363	3,363
Website Revenue	150,000	103,000	103,000
<b>Total Advertising</b>	<b>270,996</b>	<b>153,899</b>	<b>153,899</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Bequests	50,004	40,000	40,000
Other Revenue	146,508	134,617	134,617
Sundry Income	22,500	17,048	17,048
VCA Sub Committee	313,536	13,665	13,665
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>532,548</b>	<b>205,330</b>	<b>205,330</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,053,528</b>	<b>2,438,904</b>	<b>2,402,904</b>

# Dogs Victoria

## BUDGET 2020

	Original Budget	Scenario September	Scenario December
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cost of Sales</b>			
Bulla Exhibition Centre Exp	220,920	37,961	37,961
Canine Research	36,804	0	0
Depreciation - Office	25,032	38,410	38,410
Gazette	176,730	58,762	58,762
Insurance	91,872	117,756	117,756
KCC Park Operations	532,464	351,580	351,580
Light & Power - Office	12,492	16,038	16,038
Repairs & Maint - Office	8,148	8,646	8,646
Sundry Expenses	17,772	18,864	18,864
Telephone & Fax - Office	33,540	32,980	32,980
Travel Allow	15,000	4,281	4,281
VCA Sub Committee Trials	206,256	13,900	13,900
Wages & On Costs	1,571,868	1,226,299	1,226,299
Wages & On Costs (PAYG)	0	(62,500)	(62,500)
Wages & On Costs (Payroll Tax Relief)	0	(28,400)	(28,400)
Website Provider Fees	1,740	2,541	2,541
<b>Total Cost Sales</b>	<b>2,950,638</b>	<b>1,837,118</b>	<b>1,837,118</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,102,890</b>	<b>601,786</b>	<b>565,786</b>

## OUR REACH



11,804 LIKES



1097 FOLLOWERS



286 FOLLOWERS



215 SUBSCRIBERS

# Dogs Victoria

## BUDGET 2020

	Original Budget	Scenario September	Scenario December
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Advertising / Marketing	54,996	6,443	6,443
ANKC Levy	73,632	49,374	49,374
Annual General Meeting Exp	2,652	2,652	2,652
Audit Services	24,600	21,000	21,000
Ballot & Election Costs	24,996	24,000	24,000
Bank & Credit Charges	21,912	12,877	12,877
Canine Database	36,684	36,000	36,000
Consultant Fees	50,004	32,714	32,714
Legal Fees	81,288	13,000	13,000
Membership & Subscriptions	17,508	3,200	3,200
Office Expenses	115,920	52,644	52,644
Other Expenses	86,724	80,215	80,215
Photocopier & Printing	47,424	47,900	47,900
Postage	77,280	35,827	35,827
Public Relations Lobby	90,000	15,000	15,000
Recruitment Costs	40,212	6,167	6,167
Redundancy Payments	140,000	0	0
Satellite Office & Outgoings	51,504	36,182	36,182
Staff Training and Development	9,996	18,499	18,499
VCA Computer Expenses	46,320	33,953	33,953
Website Expenses	15,000	15,000	15,000
Wages Casual	0	20,196	20,196
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,108,652</b>	<b>562,843</b>	<b>562,843</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(5,762)</b>	<b>38,943</b>	<b>2,943</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
<b>Interest Received</b>	<b>38,724</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>38,724</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>32,962</b>	<b>53,943</b>	<b>17,943</b>

END OF FINANCIAL REPORT

# NOTICE TO MEMEBERS OF THE VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2020 at KCC Park, 655 Westernport Hwy, Skye 3977 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Matthew Monaghan | CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. To confirm the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. held on 22 May 2019. Minutes of that meeting were published in the August 2019 Gazette.
2. To receive the audited Income and Expenditure Account of the VCA for the last preceding financial year ended 31 December 2019 and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
3. To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the current year ending 31 December 2020.
4. To receive and approve the Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.
5. To appoint or re-appoint Auditors for the current financial year 2020.
6. To receive from the president and the chairpersons of other nominated committees their respective reports upon the activities of the VCA during the 2019 financial year.
7. To announce the results of the annual elections for management committee positions.
8. To present VCA life memberships.
9. To consider the adoption of ordinary or special resolutions submitted in accord with rule 2.97 (3) which states:  
"At all annual general meetings of the VCA, no business shall be considered or discussed other than that of which notice has been given on the notice convening the meeting or any business which, in the opinion of the chairperson, shall arise out of such business".  
Special resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75 percent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a special resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least 21 days prior to the date of holding such meeting.

## 10. **Special resolution moved by Lou Howlett seconded by Mathew Morse**

Current:

- 2.70 Returning Officer  
(As amended 27.2.92, 16.4.96, 15.07.15 & 15/08/17) The Chief Executive shall call for tenders from election service providers for the conduct of elections for the Management Committee. An officer of the successful tenderer shall be the Returning Officer for each such election.

Replace with:

- 2.70 Returning Officer  
(As amended 27/2/92, 16/4/96, 15/07/15) The Chief Executive shall **engage the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC)** for the conduct of elections for **VCA Office Bearers and General Members of the Management Committee**. An officer of the successful tenderer shall be the Returning Officer for each such election.  
Rationale:

Dogs Victoria consistently utilise the VEC without the request for quotes for services in accordance with Rule 2.70. While tenders for these services have been undertaken in the past, it was noted that these are highly specialised services and competitive tendering is not the most suitable or effective method of selecting a suitable provider.

The VEC is an independent and impartial statutory authority established under Victoria's Electoral Act 2002. The VEC not only holds considerable experience in the conduct of Victorian State elections, local council elections, certain statutory elections and polls, it also has experience in undertaking elections on behalf of commercial and community bodies.

Noting the specialised nature of these services, the conduct of a tender process to select such specified services is not an efficient and effective use of DV resources.

## 11. **Special resolution moved by Lou Howlett seconded by Mathew Morse**

Current:

2.41 Voting System (As amended 21/28.4.93/26.11.96/08/04/09, 15/08/17)  
Voting on ballot papers will be by partial preferential voting. The counting system for President and Vice President elections will mirror in the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to single-councillor vacancies and the counting system for members of Management Committee elections will mirror the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to multi-councillor vacancies.  
The Ballot papers will incorporate the ballot for President or Vice President as appropriate, and the ballot for members of Management Committee Elections. Only ballot papers completed and forwarded as provided for in the Regulations shall be accepted as Valid by the Returning Officer.

Replace with:

- 2.41 Voting System (As amended 21/28.4.93/26.11.96/08/04/09, 15/08/17)  
Voting on ballot papers will be by partial preferential voting. The counting system for President and Vice President Elections will mirror in the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to single-councillor vacancies and the counting system for members of Management Committee elections will mirror the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to multi-councillor vacancies.

Rationale:  
These rule changes have been requested by the Victorian Electoral. Commission to support the ongoing conduct of VCA elections

## 12. **Special resolution moved by Lou Howlett seconded by Mathew Morse**

Current:

- 2.46 Voting on Ballot Papers (As amended 15/08/17)  
Voters shall be required to complete their ballot paper by numbering consecutive preferences in the order of their choice. A valid ballot paper must show preferences beginning with '1' and up to at least the number of vacancies to be filled in the election. Voters may indicate further preferences if they choose.  
The Returning Officer shall provide appropriate instructions on the ballot paper.

Replace with:

- 2.46 Voting on Ballot Papers (As amended 15/08/17)  
Voters shall be required to complete their ballot paper by numbering consecutive preferences in the order of their choice. A valid ballot paper must show preferences beginning with '1' and up to at least the number of vacancies to be filled in the election. Voters may indicate further preferences if they choose.

Rationale:  
Whilst Rule 2.41 and 2.46 describe partial preferential voting, confusion lies when reference is made to single vacancy elections in the Local Government Act 1989. Voting in the Local Government elections is fully preferential requiring voters to record an order of voting preference to all candidates.

## 13. **Special resolution moved by Lou Howlett seconded by Mathew Morse**

Current:

- 2.56 (As amended 1.6.98) Nomination forms and personal profile forms shall be available on application to the Chief Executive of the VCA upon notice of same being published in the VCA Gazette and when completed by candidates both forms shall be sent direct to the Returning Officer.

Replace with:

- 2.56 (As amended 1.6.98) Nomination forms and personal profile forms shall be available **upon request to the Returning Officer** and when completed by candidates both forms shall be sent direct to the Returning Officer.

Rationale:  
This is recommended to alleviate nominations submitted by potential candidates for an incorrect election as was the circumstance in the 2018 VCA elections for the President, Vice President and Management Committee.

## 14. **Special resolution moved by Lou Howlett seconded by Mathew Morse**

Current:

- 2.1.2.15 To publish an official Gazette each calendar month as a means of communication between the VCA and its members and affiliated bodies.

Replace with:

- 2.1.2.15.15 To publish an official Gazette each calendar month **and information electronically on an ad hoc basis** as a means of communication between the VCA and its members and affiliated bodies.

Rationale:  
The ability to exchange information as it becomes available has changed significantly since the rules were first developed. While the Gazette remains an important feature and an official means of exchanging information with the membership, it results in a significant delay in important information being exchanged with the membership. Rather, members receive information through informal channels which is subject to rumour and conjecture. Formalising electronic channels of communication as an additional means of official communication for the VCA will facilitate streamlined communication with the membership and enhance transparency.

## 15. **Special resolution moved by Sheryl Pretty, seconded by Pauline Ashton**

Current:	circulating in the city of Melbourne; and/or	1 approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations pursuant to the Act; and
2.106.1 The President or a majority of the other members of the Management Committee may convene a Special General Meeting of the VCA.	2.107.2.3 sent by prepaid post to each member at the members address appearing in the register of members referred to in Rule 2.14.and/or	2 served on members by publication of the text of such alteration or rescision, or of the new Rule in the next available issue of the VCA Gazette when the provisions of Rule 2.127, as to service of notice, shall apply.
2.106.2 The President or a majority of the other members of the Management Committee shall on the requisition in writing of not less than fifty members convene a Special General Meeting of the VCA.	<b>2.107.2.4 published on VCA social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, email to members and website</b>	Replace with:
2.106.3 A requisition of members for a Special General Meeting:	Rationale: VCA already uses social media to communicate with members, items of interest, and items of an urgent, or time critical nature. This increases method of communication to the members, and formally recognizes the fact VCA uses social media to engage with members.	1.7 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION (As amended 14.01.93) No alteration to this Constitution shall be made except by a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy five per cent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so <b>vote</b> on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty one days prior to the holding of such meeting.
2.106.3.1 shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;	17. <b>Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford seconded by Janene Poynton</b>	Any alteration to, or rescision of, a Rule or implementation of a new Rule shall be of no effect until notice of such alteration to, or rescision of, the Rule or implementation of the new Rule has been:
2.106.3.2 shall be signed by members making the requisition together with endorsement of VCA membership number for each person.	Current:	1 approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations pursuant to the Act; and
2.106.3.3 (As amended 1.6.98) shall be lodged with the Chief Executive; and	Constitution 1.3 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITION Special Resolution' means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy five percent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty one days prior to the date of holding such meeting.	2 served on members by publication of the text of such alteration or rescision, or of the new Rule in the next available issue of the VCA Gazette when the provisions of Rule 2.127, as to service of notice, shall apply.
2.106.3.4 may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.	Replace with:	19. <b>Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton</b>
2.106.4 A Special General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.	Constitution 1.3 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITION 'Special Resolution' means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy five percent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, <b>vote</b> on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty one days prior to the date of holding such meeting.	Current: Constitution 1.5.33 To make application for the granting of a licence pursuant to the Liquor Control Act 1987 or for any other licence as may from time to time be considered of benefit to the VCA or its members.
Replace with	18. <b>Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford seconded by Janene Poynton</b>	Replace with: To make application for the granting of a licence pursuant to the <b>Liquor Control Reform Act 1998</b> or for any other licence as may from time to time be considered of benefit to the VCA or its members.
2.106.1 The President or a majority of the other members of the Management Committee may convene a Special General Meeting of the VCA.	Current:	20. <b>Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton</b>
2.106.2 The President or a majority of the other members of the Management Committee shall on the requisition in writing of not less than fifty members convene a Special General Meeting of the VCA.	Constitution 1.7 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION (As amended 14.01.93) No alteration to this Constitution shall be made except by a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy five per cent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty one days prior to the holding of such meeting.	Current: 2.1 2.1.1 In these Rules: 2.1.1.1 a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty; and 2.1.1.2 a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty; 2.1.1.3 the provisions of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 as amended from time to time apply to and in respect of these Rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these Rules were an instrument under that Act. (Amended 15.07.15) 2.1.1.4 a reference to the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa. 2.1.1.5 a reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa where the context reasonably permits. 2.1.1.6 these Rules are subject to the provisions of the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012 as amended from time to time and any
2.106.3 A requisition of members for a Special General Meeting:		
2.106.3.1 shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;		
2.106.3.2 shall be signed by members making the requisition together with endorsement of VCA membership number for each person.		
2.106.3.3 (As amended 1.6.98) shall be lodged with the Chief Executive; and		
2.106.3.4 may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.		
2.106.4 A Special General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.		
<b>2.106.5 The Chief Executive within 14 days of receiving the requisition for Special General Meeting, shall fix a date for the Special General Meeting no more than 2 months from the day of receipt, and notice of the meeting shall be under the provisions in 2.107</b>		
Rationale: This gives a clear direction for the Chief Executive to act upon a requisition for an SGM, and gives certainty to the members the SGM will be held in a reasonable timeframe.		
16. <b>Special resolution moved by Sheryl Pretty, seconded by Pauline Ashton</b>		
Current:		
2.107.2 Notice of the meeting shall be deemed to have been given to each member if it is:		
2.107.2.1 published in the Gazette; or		
2.107.2.2 published in one of the daily newspapers circulating in the city of Melbourne; or		
2.107.2.3 sent by prepaid post to each member at the members address appearing in the register of members referred to in Rule 2.14.		
Replace with:		
2.107.2 Notice of the meeting shall be deemed to have been given to each member if it is:		
2.107.2.1 published in the Gazette; and/or		
2.107.2.2 published in one of the daily newspapers		



reference to the "Act" is a reference to the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012.  
2.1.1.7 any term defined in Clause 1.3 of the Constitution has the same meaning in these Rules.

Replace with:

- 2.1 2.1.1 In these Rules:  
2.1.1.1 a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty; and  
2.1.1.2 a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty;  
2.1.1.3 the provisions of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 as amended from time to time apply to and in respect of these Rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these Rules were an instrument under that Act. (Amended 15.07.15)  
2.1.1.4 a reference to the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa.  
2.1.1.5 a reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa where the context reasonably permits.  
2.1.1.6 these Rules are subject to the provisions of the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012** as amended from time to time and any reference to the "Act" is a reference to the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012**.  
2.1.1.7 any term defined in Clause 1.3 of the Constitution has the same meaning in these Rules.

21. **Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded Janene Poynton**

Current:

2.1.2 The objectives and statement of purposes of the VCA is:

- 1 To be the governing canine body for the State, to promote breed improvement of the purebred dog, to promote wide human interest in all VCA registered dogs and to secure proper appreciation and recognition of their place in human society.
- 2 To promote and raise the standards of breeding, rearing, keeping, and sale of pure bred dogs and the general welfare of all dogs.
- 3 To promote and encourage the regulation of breeding of pure bred dogs and the registration of such dogs and their progeny with the VCA.
- 4 To promote and encourage the recreation, sport, exhibition and training of VCA registered dogs and to provide facilities for those purposes.
- 5 To promote and encourage membership of the VCA and to promote the advantages and privileges of membership.
- 6 To provide for affiliation with the VCA of canine bodies and canine service organisations whose objectives are compatible with the objectives of the VCA.
- 7 To educate members, affiliated bodies and the general public on canine matters and to inform members and affiliated bodies on all other matters of concern or interest to them.
- 8 To obtain affiliation with or membership of international canine bodies and maintain membership with the Australian National Kennel Council for the purpose of achieving international and national uniformity in all canine matters so long as the objectives, decisions and rulings of the international canine bodies and Australian National Kennel Council are compatible with the objectives and domestic rules, regulations and operations of the VCA.
- 9 To liaise, cooperate and reciprocate with other recognised state, territorial and international canine controlling bodies in matters of common interest or concern and of mutual benefit.
- 10 To promote and assist and to make contributions to canine veterinary research, the preservation of canine records and artefacts of historical

- significance and to other worthy causes.
- 11 To assume and take over as from the date of adoption of this Constitution and the Rules of the VCA the real and personal property and liabilities of the former unincorporated body known as the "Kennel Control Council" and to continue all its obligations and operations.
- 12 To obtain recognition of the VCA and its affiliates as expert authorities on canine matters, and in particular, the sport and recreation of exhibiting VCA registered dogs.
- 13 To make representations to and to negotiate with all Government authorities on matters relating to dogs.
- 14 To make Rules and Regulations for the administration and general management of the operations and affairs of the VCA and for the conduct of canine exhibitions by its affiliated bodies and for other ancillary matters.
- 15 To publish an official Gazette each calendar month as a means of communication between the VCA and its members and affiliated bodies.
- 16 To promote the objectives of all affiliated clubs and associate affiliated canine service organisations.
- 17 (As adopted 16.04.96) To promote and develop the identity and activities of the VCA.

Be Deleted

Rationale:

These are already established and articulated in the Victorian Canine Association Inc. Constitution clause 1.4.

22. **Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton**

Current:

2.25.2 (Adopted 15.07.15) Powers of the Management Committee

The Management Committee shall have the following powers:

- 1 To make Regulations, Codes of Ethics and Codes of Practice and to amend or repeal same and to formulate policies and procedures in respect of any relevant matter and to do all other acts, matters and things as may be necessary, expedient or desirable to promote and put into effect all or any of the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or other matters incidental thereto.
- 2 To publish in the Gazette and on the VCA website monthly or periodically, all matters and items of interest or concern to members and affiliated bodies. (Amended 15.8.16)
- 3 To grant affiliation or associate affiliation to bona fide canine bodies and canine service organisations, respectively, and to make Regulations for that purpose.
- 4 To compile, maintain and keep current, registers of financial members, life members and affiliated bodies.
- 5 To compile, maintain and keep current, a register of pure bred registered dogs whelped in the State and pure bred dogs imported into and exported from the State which are registered on a canine register kept by a controlling body recognised as such by the VCA and such other registers as may be required from time to time.
- 6 To compile, maintain and keep current, a record of transfer of ownership of pure bred dogs and registered leases of pure bred dogs in respect of dogs transferred or leased between financial members and between such members and members of other interstate and territory controlling bodies.
- 7 To grant permission to affiliated bodies to hold and conduct exhibitions of pure bred registered dogs in the respective disciplines of exhibition and under the relevant Regulations.
- 8 To make and to publish Regulations for the holding and conduct of Exhibitions, and for the

awarding and issuing of ANKC certificates and titles to dogs winning or qualifying for same in competition at Exhibitions.

- 9 To publish the Rules and Regulations and policies of the ANKC for the holding and conduct of Exhibitions.
- 10 To grant permission to approved charitable and fund raising organisations and non affiliated bodies to hold and conduct sanctioned Shows under the relevant Regulations.
- 11 To promote and support approved canine festivals, displays, and kindred functions and entertainments and any other approved canine activities.
- 12 To make Regulations for the issuing of ANKC Export Pedigree Certificates for dogs exported from the State to overseas countries.
- 13 To give, or to make contributions towards, prize money, medals, trophies or other prizes to be competed for at Exhibitions.
- 14 To collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs including genetics, breeding programs, rearing of litters, dietary and veterinary articles, training and handling, and all other educational material for the benefit of members.
- 15 To provide the infrastructure to assist in the self education of Judges, Trainee Judges, Aspiring Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, Club Secretaries and Treasurers and to formulate and publish Regulations in respect of qualifications and examination requirements for Trainee Judges and Aspiring Judges in each discipline.
- 16 To publish each year a list of Judges and approved Trainee Judges.
- 17 To conduct seminars, conventions and conferences of members on selected topics.
- 18 To formulate, publish and amend or repeal Codes of Ethics and Codes of Practices.
- 19 To make Regulations and formulate procedures for dealing with complaints, the investigation of such complaints, the laying of any charges and for the hearing of such charges and for any resulting disciplinary measures to be taken and for the hearing of appeals from members against any disciplinary sanctions or penalties imposed on them or their dogs.
- 20 To adjudicate on protests or objections lodged by exhibitors at exhibitions or on appeals against decisions made at exhibitions.
- 21 To afford means for, and encourage, the amicable settlement of disputes and to prevent illegal and dishonest practices.
- 22 To encourage affiliates to resolve domestic disputes within their own organisations.
- 23 To determine from time to time membership subscriptions and all other fees necessary to carry out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or any of them.
- 24 To appoint or elect Committees and Sub-Committees and delegates subject to the Rules.
- 25 To award life memberships of the VCA subject to the Rules.
- 26 To hire or employ personnel on a permanent, casual, part time, contract or agency basis and to pay to them and to other persons salaries, wages, fees, gratuities and expenses for services actually rendered by them to the VCA.
- 27 To engage or retain professional consultants on a fee or a commission basis.
- 28 (As amended 15.04.92)  
To purchase, lease, hire or dispose of land and buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, motor vehicles, fixtures and fittings, office furniture and equipment and any other necessary chattels and to construct or erect on freehold land purchased or on leasehold land such buildings, and all other facilities and amenities which the Management Committee considers necessary for carrying out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or any of them, subject to the Rules.
- 29 To borrow or raise money as the Management Committee determines for the carrying out of the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or

- any of them subject to the Rules.
- 30 To invest the funds of the VCA not immediately required for its business operations or other commitments on interest bearing deposits, loans or in securities as prescribed in Section 4 of the Trustee Act 1958.
- 31 To make and publish Regulations (subject to the Rules) for holding annual elections of Office Bearers and ordinary members to the Management Committee and for filling any casual vacancies on the Committee.
- 32 (Deleted 27.02.92) (As adopted 14.01.93) To compile maintain and keep a separate register of Associate Dogs who are eligible to compete in Obedience Trials, Tracking Trials, Agility Tests or any other training activities approved and conducted by the VCA or any of its affiliated bodies.
- 33 To make application for the granting of a licence pursuant to the Liquor Control Act 1987 or for any other licence as may from time to time be considered of benefit to the VCA or its members.
- 34 (Amended 07.04.10) To hold Annual General Meetings of members each year and Special General Meetings of members when considered necessary by the Management Committee or when requisitioned by members in accordance with the Rules.
- 35 (As amended 5.11.92, 20.4.94, 26.11.96 and 15.8.16) To publish in the Gazette in the month preceding the Annual General Meeting of that year: a detailed audited Income and Expenditure Account of the VCA for the year ended 31st December in the preceding year (including a detailed schedule in the Notes to the Accounts of the various individual categories of expenditure which, either singly or aggregated, exceed \$500 and which are incorporated in the total for Sundry Expenses) and a detailed audited balance sheet as at that date and annual reports of the President and the Chairpersons of other Committees;
- 2 an Income and Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the current year ending 31st December, such Budgets to include all proposed new capital works expenditure, proposed expenditure on new projects undertaken or to be undertaken during the current year and the funding of same; and
- 3 an Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the period 1st January to 31st March in the year following the current financial year, showing all proposed new capital works expenditure, proposed expenditure on new projects undertaken during the period and funding of same.
- 36 To make Regulations for the VCA to receive in trust the books, records, funds and property of unincorporated affiliated bodies which have been wound up, become defunct or been disaffiliated.
- 37 (As amended 01.06.98) To do all such other things as the Management Committee in its discretion considers as incidental or conducive to the attainment of the principal Objectives of the VCA or the fulfilment of its powers or any of them but subject always to strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations and with each of the Codes of the VCA and not otherwise.
- 38 (As adopted 16.04.96) To invest in a Company and or a Trust which has a specific purpose of owning and operating computer hardware and software which provides computer services to individuals and organisations including member bodies of the Australian National Kennel Council.
- 39 To make recommendation to the members for appointment of a Patron.
- Be Deleted
- Rationale:
- These are already established and articulated in the Victorian Canine Association Inc. Constitution (clause 1.5).
23. **Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton**
- Current:
- 2.25.1 (Amended 15.07.15) There shall be a Management Committee comprised of 14 elected persons consisting of a President and a Vice President and 12 ordinary Committee members
- Replace with:
- 2.25.1 There shall be a Management Committee comprised of the following elected persons:
- 2.25.1.1 Until the AGM of 2024, a President and a Vice President and 12 Ordinary Committee Members.**
- 2.25.1.2 Following the AGM of 2024, a President, Vice President and 5 Ordinary Committee Members.**
24. **Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton**
- Current:
- 2.29 (As amended 20.4.94) The office of President of the VCA shall be filled by a member nominating for and being elected to that office by ballot of the membership of the VCA and:
- 2.29.1 the term of office of President shall be for a period of 4 years commencing on the day following the date of the Annual General Meeting held in April 1992 and thereafter every fourth year from that date.
- 2.29.2 in the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of President such vacancy shall be filled by the Vice President who shall, ipso facto, be Acting President of the VCA and shall hold office as such until the next annual election when the vacancy shall be filled by a candidate nominating for and being elected by the membership to the office of President for the then unexpired term of office of their predecessor.
- 2.30 (Deleted 20.4.94)
- 2.31 (As amended 20.4.94) The office of Vice President of the VCA shall be filled by a member nominating for and being elected to that office by ballot of the membership of the VCA and:
- 2.31.1 the term of office of Vice President shall be for an initial period commencing in November 1991 until the day following the date of the Annual General Meeting in April 1994 and every fourth year thereafter from that date.
- 2.31.2 in the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of Vice President such vacancy shall be filled by an ordinary member of the Management Committee elected by that Committee from amongst their number and such member shall hold office as Acting Vice President until the next annual election when the vacancy shall be filled by a candidate nominating for and being elected by the membership to the office of Vice President for the then unexpired term of office of their predecessor.
- 2.32 (Deleted 20.4.94)
- 2.33 Ordinary Members of Management Committee (As amended 14.1.93)
- 2.33.1 Subject to Rule 2.40.6.1 the term of office of an ordinary member of the Management Committee shall be four years from the day following the date of the Annual General Meeting when they took office.
- 2.33.2 In the event of one or more casual vacancies occurring in the offices of the ordinary members of the Management Committee during the period between annual elections such
- vacancies, subject to Sub-Rule .3 of this Rule, shall continue until the next annual election when such vacancies, together with the four scheduled vacancies, three as from April 1998, occurring in the offices of the ordinary members of the Management Committee each year, shall be filled from amongst the candidates nominating for all such vacancies who shall be elected on the principle that:
- 2.33.2.1 the candidates polling the four highest number of votes in the election ballot shall fill the four scheduled annual vacancies for a term of four years. As from 1998 the candidates polling the three highest number of votes in the election ballot shall fill the three scheduled vacancies for a term of four years; and
- 2.33.2.2 the remaining candidates who polled the next highest number of votes in descending order in the same election ballot, (limited to the number of casual vacancies) shall fill such vacancies commensurate with the descending order of the then unexpired terms of office for each casual vacancy commencing with the longest available of such unexpired terms of office.
- 2.33.3 (As amended 1.6.98) In the event of four or more casual vacancies occurring in the offices of the office bearers and ordinary members of the Management Committee, from time to time, a Special Election to fill such vacancies shall be held as soon as practicable but otherwise in accordance with the Rules provided that a Special Election shall not be held where, pursuant to the Rules, the result would not be obtained prior to the close of nominations for the next scheduled annual election.
- 2.34 (Deleted 20.4.94)
- 2.35 (As amended 14.1.93) Subject to Rule 2.33.3, in the event that any vacancies for any office other than the offices of President and Vice President are not filled at any annual elections such vacancies shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.
- Replaced with:
- 2.29 Until the AGM of 2024, the office of President of the VCA shall be filled by a member nominating for and being elected to that office by ballot of the membership of the VCA and:**
- 2.29.1 Deleted**
- 2.29.2 Until 2023, in the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of President such vacancy shall be filled by the Vice President who shall, ipso facto, be Acting President of the VCA and shall hold office as such until the next election when the vacancy shall be filled by a candidate nominating for and being elected by the membership to the office of President for the then unexpired term of office of their predecessor.**
- 2.30 Following the 2024 elections, the President will be elected by the Management Committee for a 3 year term within the first month of the AGM. Only elected Ordinary Members of the Management Committee can be elected President. The President will be elected for a three year term, and should a vacancy arise, the Management Committee will elect another member in that role.**
- 2.31 Until the AGM of 2024, the office of Vice President of the VCA shall be filled by a member nominating for and being elected to that office by ballot of the membership of the VCA and:**
- 2.31.1 Deleted**
- 2.31.2 Until 2023, in the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of Vice President such vacancy shall be filled by an ordinary member of the Management Committee elected by that Committee from amongst their number and such member shall hold office as Acting Vice President until the next election when the vacancy shall be filled**

- by a candidate nominating for and being elected by the membership to the office of Vice President for the then unexpired term of office of their predecessor.
- 2.32 Following the 2024 elections, the Vice-President will be elected by the Management Committee for a 3 year term within the first month of the AGM. Only elected Ordinary Members of the Management Committee can be elected Vice-President. The Vice-President will be elected for a three year term, and should a vacancy arise, the Management Committee will elect another member in that role.
- 2.33. Ordinary Members of Management Committee
- 2.33.1 Until the conclusion of the annual election of 2023, the term of office of an Ordinary Member of the Management Committee shall expire at the 2024 AGM.
- 2.33.2 Until 2024, should a one or more casual vacancies occur in the offices of the Ordinary Members of the Management Committee, such vacancies, subject to Sub-Rule 3 of this Rule, shall continue until the next annual election. The vacancy shall be filled from amongst the unsuccessful candidates at the election nominating for all such vacancies who shall be elected on the principle that:
- 2.33.2.1 the candidates polling the four highest number of votes in the election ballot shall fill the four scheduled annual vacancies; and
- 2.33.2.2 the remaining candidates who polled the next highest number of votes in descending order in the same election ballot, (limited to the number of casual vacancies) shall fill such vacancies commensurate with the descending order of the then unexpired terms of office for each casual vacancy commencing with the longest available of such unexpired terms of office.
- 2.33.3 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the offices of the Office Bearers (until the 2024 AGM) and/or Ordinary Members of the Management Committee, the election service provider chosen pursuant with rule 2.70 will conduct a countback of votes cast for candidates at the previous election to fill the vacancy. Should there be no remaining candidates, a Special Election to fill such vacancies shall be held as soon as practicable but otherwise in accordance with the Rules provided that a Special Election shall not be held where, pursuant to the Rules, the result would not be obtained prior to the close of nominations for the next scheduled election.
- 2.34 Following the 2023 elections, Office Bearers and Ordinary Members of the Management Committee will be limited to serving a maximum of 2 consecutive terms on the Management Committee.
25. **Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton**
- Current:
- 2.38 (As amended 14.1.93 & 20.4.94 & 08/04/09) Annual elections shall be held in the month of March, except as provided for in Rule 2.33.3 with successful candidates taking office on the day following the date on which the A.G.M. of members of the VCA is held.
- 2.40 Terms of Office of Management Committee (As amended 15.8.16)  
The Management Committee of the VCA shall comprise:
- 2.40.1 The Management Committee shall comprise a President, a Vice President and 12 ordinary members of the Committee each of whom shall be elected for the terms of office commencing on the dates indicated as follows:
- 2.40.2 The President, for a term of 4 years commencing on the day following the date of the Annual General Meeting of members of the VCA held in April 1992 and every fourth year thereafter for the same term of office. Such term will expire on the day following the Annual General Meeting of that year.
- 2.40.3 The Vice President, for an initial term commencing in November 1991 until the day following the date of the Annual General Meeting of members of the VCA held in April 1994 and every fourth year thereafter for a term of 4 years. Such term will expire on the day following the Annual General Meeting of that year.
- 2.40.4 Three ordinary members of the Management Committee each year from April 1998. Such terms will expire on the day following the Annual General Meeting of that year
- 2.41 Voting System (As amended 21/28.4.93/26.11.96/08/04/09, 15/08/17)  
Voting on ballot papers will be by partial preferential voting. The counting system for President and Vice President elections will mirror in the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to single-councillor vacancies and the counting system for members of Management Committee elections will mirror the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.) applying to multi-councillor vacancies.  
The Ballot papers will incorporate the ballot for President or Vice President as appropriate, and the ballot for members of Management Committee Elections. Only ballot papers completed and forwarded as provided for in the Regulations shall be accepted as Valid by the Returning Officer.
- 2.45 At annual elections of the Management Committee the vacant offices shall, as and when required, be filled in the following order:
- 2.45.1 President; then
- 2.45.2 Vice President; then
- 2.45.3 ordinary members of the Committee.
- 2.48 (As amended 21/28.4.93) A candidate may nominate for more than one office in an election and upon being elected to one of those offices, their nomination for any other office shall thereby lapse and the remaining votes on a ballot paper shall be counted under the voting system as provided at Rule 2.41.
- 2.50 (As amended 21/28.4.93 & 20.4.94)  
2.50.1 During their term of office, an ordinary member of the Management Committee may nominate for other positions at a forthcoming Annual Election, but can only hold one elected position. Such nomination does not require an incumbent to resign from their present position, and, if unsuccessful in the election, the member continues to serve the balance of their term of office.  
If elected to another position, the member shall be deemed to automatically resign their previous position.  
The resultant vacancy will be filled at the same annual election from the candidates remaining from the ballot for ordinary members of the Management Committee according to the provision of Rule 2.33.2.2 for the filling of casual vacancies.
- 2.50.2 (As adopted 20.4.94) During the term of office of the Vice President, the incumbent may nominate for the office of President when it falls vacant and is scheduled for election. Such nomination shall not require the Vice President to first resign and if unsuccessful, may continue to serve the remainder of such term of office.  
Should the Vice President be successful in contesting a vacancy for the office of President at any election other than one in which the office of Vice President would fall vacant in the normal progression a casual vacancy in the office of Vice President will be deemed to occur and shall be filled in accordance with Rule 2.31.2.
- 2.63 Eligibility of Members to Vote at Elections (As amended 5.11.92, 20.4.94, 1.6.98, & 11.04.07)  
A duplicate of the Register of ordinary, dual and life Members made up to the 31st January of each year shall constitute the Electoral Roll for each annual election and only the ordinary, dual and life members whose names appear on the Roll shall be entitled to receive ballot papers and such Electoral Roll shall close on the 31st January each year.
- 2.64 (As amended 11.04.07) All ordinary, dual and life members as described in Rule 2.6.1 - 2.6.3 shall be on the Electoral Role provided their membership is current by the 31st January when the Electoral Roll closes each year and provided that they are not ineligible at that date under Rule 2.10.5 or Rule 2.11.
- 2.76 Removal of Member of Management Committee  
The VCA in general meeting may by Special Resolution remove any member of the Management Committee from office before the expiration of the member's term of office and the vacancy thereby caused shall, subject to the Rules, continue until the next annual election.
- Replace with:
- 2.38 Annual elections **will** be held **every year** in the month of March **until 2023**, with successful candidates taking office on the day following the date on which the AGM of members of the VCA is held. **The elections from 2024 onwards will be held every three years.**
- 2.40 Terms of Office of Management Committee  
The Management Committee of the VCA shall comprise:
- 2.40.1 **Until the conclusion of the 2024 AGM**, the Management Committee shall comprise a President, a Vice President and 12 ordinary members of the Committee each of whom shall be elected for the terms of office **expiring at the 2024 AGM.**
- 2.40.2 **Immediately following the 2024 AGM, the Management Committee shall comprise a President, a Vice President and 5 Ordinary Members of the Committee each of whom shall be elected for three year terms of office. The President and Vice President will be elected by and from the 7 members of the Management Committee within 1 month following the election.**
- 2.40.3 **Deleted.**
- 2.40.4 **Deleted.**
- 2.41 Voting System  
Until the 2024 elections, voting for the President and Vice-President positions will use the voting system required for single-councillor wards in the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic.). Ordinary Members of the Management Committee, will be elected using the voting system for multi-member council elections in the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic).
- Only ballot papers completed and forwarded as provided for in the Regulations shall be accepted as Valid by the Returning Officer.
- 2.45 At annual elections of the Management Committee until the 2024 election, the vacant offices shall, as and when required, be filled in the following order:
- 2.45.1 President; then
- 2.45.2 Vice President; then
- 2.45.3 Ordinary Members of the Committee.
- 2.48 Until the 2024 election, a candidate may nominate for more than one office in an election and upon being elected to one of those offices, their nomination for any other office shall thereby lapse and the remaining votes on a ballot paper shall be counted under the voting system as provided at Rule 2.41.
- 2.50.1 **Deleted**



## 2.50.2 Deleted

2.63 Eligibility of Members to Vote at Elections  
A duplicate of the Register of ordinary, dual and life Members made up to the 31st January of the year the election is held shall constitute the Electoral Roll for each election and only the ordinary, dual and life members whose names appear on the Roll shall be entitled to receive ballot papers and such Electoral Roll shall close on the 31st January each year.

2.64 All ordinary, dual and life members as described in Rule 2.6.1 - 2.6.3 shall be on the Electoral Role provided their membership is current by the 31st January when the Electoral Roll closes on an election year and provided that they are not ineligible at that date under Rule 2.10.5 or Rule 2.11.

2.76 Removal of Member of Management Committee  
The VCA in general meeting may by Special Resolution remove any member of the Management Committee from office before the expiration of the member's term of office.

## 26. Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton

Current:

2.78.1 The Management Committee shall meet at least once in every month in each period of twelve months at such place and time as the Management Committee may determine.

2.96 Annual General Meetings Holding Of  
(As amended 20.4.94 & 09/04/09) The VCA shall convene an Annual General Meeting of its members within five months after the end of the financial year.

Replace with:

2.78.1 The Management Committee shall meet at least once in every month at such place and time as the Management Committee may determine. **All meetings will be livestreamed and podcast on the association's website, except for the consideration of matters deemed confidential by a prior resolution of the Management Committee.**

2.96 The VCA shall convene an Annual General Meeting of its members within five months after the end of the financial year. **The meeting will be livestreamed and podcast made available on the association's website.**

## 27. Special resolution moved by Jacob (Jake) Milford, seconded by Janene Poynton

That the Victorian Canine Association Inc. Rules provide for proxy voting at Annual General Meetings by amending the following provisions:

Current:

2.102.1 A question arising or a resolution moved at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll or division is demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the VCA, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

## 2.103 Special Resolution

A resolution of members is a Special Resolution if it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than seventy five per cent in number of such members of the VCA present in person

and entitled to vote and voting on the resolution at a meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intentions to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

2.104.2 All votes shall be given personally.

2.105 Proxies (As amended 14.1.93)

2.105.1 Proxies are expressly precluded at all Annual General Meetings of the VCA.

2.109 Presiding Member

2.109.1 The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice President, shall preside as Chairperson at each Special General Meeting of the VCA.

2.109.2 If the President and the Vice President are absent from the meeting or unwilling to act the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson at the meeting.

2.109.3 (As amended 14.1.93) The decision or ruling of the Chairperson on any motion, result of votes cast or of a division, point of order, procedure or other matter shall be final except when a motion of dissent from the Chairperson's decision or ruling is passed as an ordinary resolution by members in attendance when such resolution shall prevail.

## 2.112 Special Resolution

A resolution of members is a Special Resolution if it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than seventy five per cent in number of such members of the VCA present in person entitled to vote and voting on the resolution at a meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intentions to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

2.114 Proxies (As amended 14.1.93)

2.114.1 Proxies are expressly precluded at all Special General Meetings of the VCA.

Replace with:

2.102.1 A question arising or a resolution moved at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA shall be determined on a show of hands and **count of any proxy votes cast.**

## 2.103 Special Resolution

A resolution of members is a Special Resolution if it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than seventy five per cent in number of such members of the VCA present in person **or via proxy** and entitled to vote and voting on the resolution at a meeting of which not less than 21 days written notice specifying the intentions to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

2.104.2 All votes shall be given either personally or utilising a proxy.

2.105.1 Deleted.

2.109 Presiding Member

2.109.1 The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice President, shall preside as Chairperson at each Special General Meeting of the VCA.

2.109.2 If the President and the Vice President are absent from the meeting or unwilling to act the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson at the meeting.

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days written notice specifying the intentions to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

## 2.114.1 Deleted.

## 28. Ordinary resolution moved by Sheryl Pretty, seconded by Pauline Ashton

The members appoint ACCRU Accounting and Financial Services to position of Auditor of the Victorian Canine Association Inc, commencing this calendar year, and shall remain in the position until the members determine otherwise.

Rationale:

Members present at the AGM have repeatedly requested a change in Auditor for several years, as a "fresh pair of eyes". ASIC recommend a change in Auditor each 5 years as a part of good governance, and as the current Auditor has been in place over 20 years (which I reported last AGM) it is well overdue our finances are subject to external scrutiny by an independent person. This change does not in any way mean the current Auditors work is cause for alarm.

## 29. Ordinary resolution moved by Jan Cooke seconded by Heather Simpson

Where Members and/or Club Secretaries have no email contact details, hard copies of membership renewals and any correspondence directed to Clubs be sent to the respective member/Club Secretary's address in hard copy.

Rationale

There should also be an option for all members on renewals to indicate if they wish to receive hard copy Gazettes.

## 30. Special resolution moved Frank Tipping, seconded by Dianne Lee

Current:

2.97.2.3 to receive from the President and the Chairpersons of other nominated committees their respective reports upon the activities of the VCA during the last preceding financial year; and

Replace with:

2.97.2.3 to receive from the President and the Chairpersons of nominated and **elected** committees their respective reports upon the activities of the VCA during the last preceding financial year; **listing number of meetings held, the names of each Member and their attendances record** and

Rationale:

As was mentioned at the 2019 AGM I agreed with the motion submitted by Ms Sheryl Pretty but felt it was better served under a current rule with amendments without creating a new sub clause. It now lists both elected and nominated committees for clarity.

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