



MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

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President's Message

Welcome

First of all I'd like to introduce myself to you, my name is Kieth Wilmshurst; my association with dogs has been varied over the past thirty years, I have shown, trialed, judged and trained dogs. I first came to the club in its inception and with great help from others we were able to form the club. I was president for several years and have always taken classes as an instructor. In recent years I have taken a backward step from the club and, after having a break from training all together, I have returned this year with enthusiasm and ideas to take the club forward in the new year.

The new classes for the year are now well under way, and I would like to welcome the new members to the club and wish you the best of luck with your training. For the members that have returned I too thank you for your support, and hope you achieve the goals you have set. On a weekly basis, at this stage, I will be taking a beginners class and then I will be floating between classes. At this time, if you feel that you have a problem with your training that needs some one on one this would be the time to ask.

We would like to bring the club into the 21st century by establishing a web site, any input from the site would be very welcomed. We will be bringing the agility equipment up to date at some stage throughout the year and will need the help of you, the members - we will keep you posted as to the dates.

The progress on the clubrooms is that we have had a meeting with the shire and in short they are going to renovate the existing building and plans have been drawn up for our thoughts on them to be submitted (plans on pages X-X) and the completion date in September 2009.

Last but not least I would like to give a very warm welcome to the new committee and trainers and look forward in working together and making it a good year.

Kieth Wilmshurst

2008 President



President's Message 2007

**As Presented by Jan Welyky (2007 President)
at 2007 MDTC AGM**

The lack of facilities, due to the fire, has made this a difficult year. We were lucky to only suffer smoke damage to our equipment. We had to remove a lot of the equipment from the storeroom and Vicky Long came to the rescue and offered storage in one of her garages. A big thank you Vicki. I don't know what we would have done without you.

Our obedience and agility trials were moved to the Canine Centre. We thank Southern River Agility and Obedience Dog Club for the use of their equipment. Both trials were organised by our trial secretary Jill Houston who ensured they ran smoothly and efficiently. Thank you Jill and also Amanda Houston for your help and support. To run a trial we need the help of all the committee and a number of club members and to all of you who helped I give a big thank you. I hope you all enjoyed the experience.

Despite a new baby, Adele managed the job of club secretary and Dione got married in between her treasurer duties. Thanks to both of you.

Susie recently had to re-locate to Port Hedland. She will be missed by us all and we thank her for her eight years of service and support for the club.

To all the other committee members, Ray, Paul, Amanda, Sally, Cathy and Lee, thank you for all your help and support.

A problem most clubs seem to suffer from is a lack of instructors. A big thank you to Paul, Clarissa and Vicki, who along with myself turn up every week to instruct the obedience classes. Without you the club would not exist. I hope you all appreciate the time they all freely give to you each week.

Congratulations to all the members who have gained obedience and agility titles this year. All the hard work does eventually pay off. Four members of our club have done exceptionally well. Jill Houston and



Sonny were one of only three in the state to gain their UDX title. Amanda Houston's Ben was the state's Top Obedience Dog for 2007. Debbie Hyde and Brooklyn won the National Open Obedience title and Tom Weir and Brynn won the National Excellent Jumping title. Well done guys.

Lastly a thank you to all the members who have brought their best friends along to the club. I hope you have enjoyed this years training.

Hopefully, next year we will be able to hold this meeting in brand new clubrooms to be built sometime next year.

Thank you.

Jan Welyky

2007 President

MDTODC Obedience Trial
Saturday 3rd May
Canine Centre, Southern River

STEWARDS NEEDED

As some of you may already know our club is holding our annual obedience trial at the start of May. We are in desperate need of stewards for this day. The job is simple and you will be told what is required of you. If you have not competed before and are planning to compete one day this is great opportunity to see what goes on in preparation for you and your dog's big debut. For all others it is simply a way of supporting your club and seeing some amazing team work between the dogs and their trainers. Please support your club and donate a small amount of your time. In previous years our trial has fallen on Father's Day so there are no excuses this year! Let us know up at the desk if you can spare a hand either in the morning, afternoon or all day.



Class Description & Times

Tuesday Night Obedience

<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join
Class 1	6:30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	7:30pm	Obedience training. Still on lead.
Class 3	7:30pm	Obedience training. Some off lead work
Class 4	7:30pm	Step off to Trialling

Thursday Night Agility

<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners and Intermediate	6:30pm during non-daylight savings 7:30pm during daylight savings	Beginners and Intermediate
Advanced	7:30pm	Advanced



Front Cover:

Our Cover-girl this term is 'Storm', an 11yo German Shepherd. Storm has been coming to training since she was 12 months old. Her and her owner David successfully made their way through the levels from beginners right through to Class 5 in about 2½ years. Although Storm has now retired from training she still enjoys coming to see all her friends so if you see her come and say hi.



Welcome to all our new Beginners



If you wish to have your best friend on the cover of the next newsletter please send a couple of photos and information about your dog to: amanda@aramanda.net



What activities can I do with my Dog?

Dog Shows: There are two main types of Dog Shows. A Championship Show is an exhibition of registered dogs at which Challenge Certificates are awarded. A Challenge Certificate evidences the number of points awarded at the fixture towards the title Australian Champion. At these shows only qualified Judges officiate. An Open Show or Parade is an exhibition of registered dogs at which no Challenge Certificates are awarded, but dogs which have been awarded the title of Australian Champion may compete. At these shows Trainee Judges officiate and it is considered the training ground for all young dogs and owners.



Obedience: Obedience Trials are held on most weekends of the year all over the State. This is an opportunity to meet other owners and their dogs as you compete to achieve passes at various levels which will enable you to achieve obedience titles. "The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion of man not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks." Starting off as a beginner you can compete in Community Companion Dog (CCD) classes then progress through to Novice (CD), open (CDX) and through to the tough Utility Dog classes (UD and UDX).

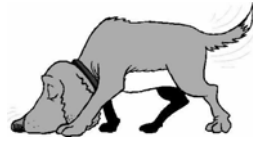


Agility: Dog agility is a sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs must run off-leash with no food or toys as incentives. The handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles, except accidentally. Consequently, the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal.





Tracking: The dog's ability to track is well known. Man has utilised this ability for centuries. Dogs have helped the hunter to find game and food and in France dogs hunt for exotica like truffles. Tracking dogs can be a competition sport where dogs compete for ANKC titles. All types of dogs of varying breeds compete in these trials from Cavalier King Charles Spaniels to German Shepherd Dogs.



Endurance Tests: The test is over 20 kilometres carried out in three stages, 8 kms, 6 kms and 6 kms. Before the test there is a preliminary vet check and a simple obedience exercise. Between each leg is a short rest break during which time your dog is vet checked. After the last leg and a 15 minute rest there is a final vet check and the simple obedience exercise is repeated. At the conclusion all successful dogs will be awarded the title Endurance Test (ET).



Gun Dog Trials: There are two types of trials conducted in WA.

Retrieving trials where any registered Gundog is required to retrieve articles of fallen game with varying degrees of difficulty according to the level attained from beginner through to national Championship.



Field Trials for Pointers & Setters and also for Utility Gundogs where dogs are assessed on their ability to find and point game and retrieve in the case of Utility Gundogs. Here again are varying degrees of difficulty according to the level attained.

Change of ANKC Ruling re: Associate Dog Registration

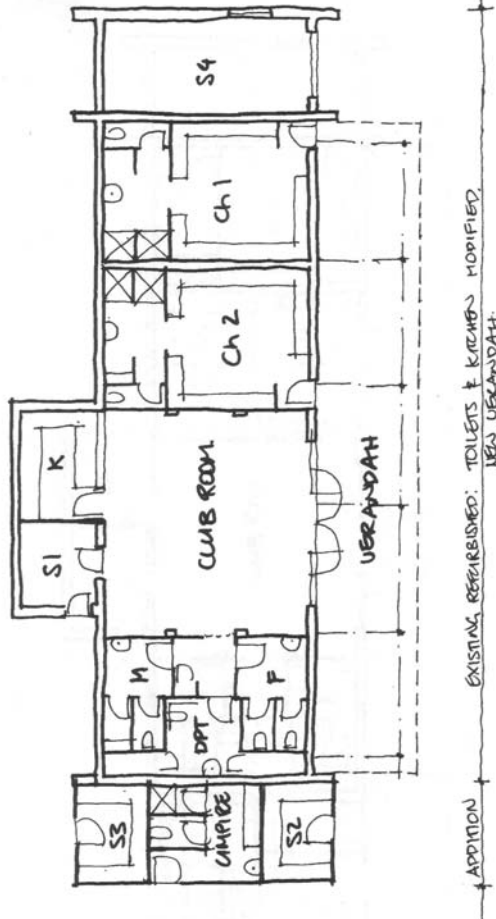
If you wish to compete your dog must be registered with CAWA (Canine Association of WA). If your dog is not registered (i.e. purebred unregistered or cross bred) you may register them as an "Associate Dog" allowing you to compete in obedience, agility, tracking etc (all except showing). A change of rule by the ANKC (Australian National Kennel Council) now states that for trialing purposes, Associate dogs must now be sterilised to be accepted on the register.



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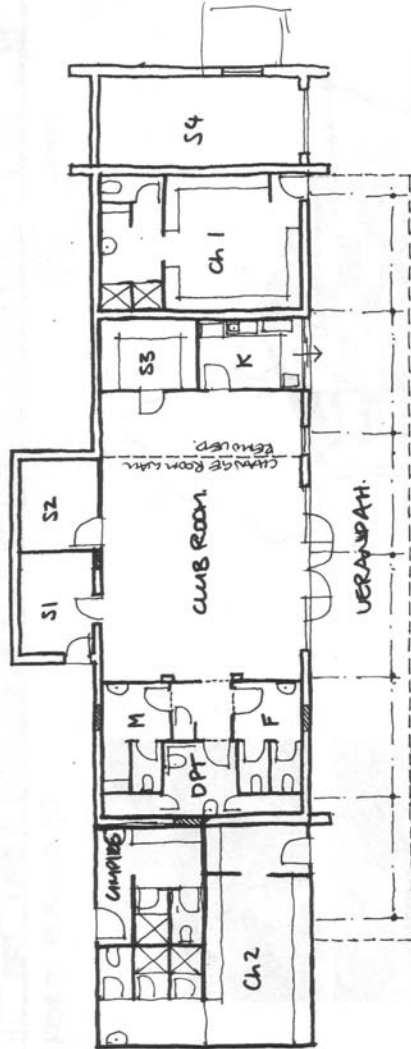
Jack Mann Pavilion Redevelopment
Proposed designs (for comment)

OPTION 1:



PLAN 1/100

JACK MANN QUAC
PAVILION: OPTION 1
SK1 090208: ROB ANDREW ARCHITECT PTY LTD



ADDITIONS: EXISTING REFINISHED: TOILETS & KITCHEN MODIFIED, NEW VERANDAH;
 EXISTING CHANGE RM OPENED FOR KITCHEN &
 CLUB ROOM EXPANSION.

PLAN: 01/11/00

JACK HAWK DUAL
 PADILION: OPTION 2
 SKI 080208: ROB ANDSON ARCHITECT
 PTY LTD.

Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions with regard to the redevelopment so we can put them forward to the council.



My goal in life is to be as good a person
as my dog already thinks I am,

Author Unknown

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Closed shoes must be worn while training.
2. No smoking.
3. It's your responsibility to supervise your children at all times.
4. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
5. Membership badges must be worn.

NEXT BEGINNERS INTAKE:

Registration: Tue 25th March

Classes start: Tue 1st April

FOR SALE



Next time you need a new collar or lead for your dog, don't purchase it from a supermarket or pet store. Come and See David at the front desk for some assistance with our products. We purchase our products from the same wholesales we but pass the savings onto you.

- **LEADS**
- **COLLARS**
- **GENTLE LEADERS**
- **DUMBELLS**
- **DOG TREATS**