



## Newsletter Highlights

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### **NO Training**

**Monday  
7th October**

**Tuesday  
1st or 8th October**



*The mission of the Hills Dog Club is to enhance human-dog relationships through training, education and the promotion of good breeding practices within our community.*

# Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting Notice

**Agenda, Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting, 09/10/24**

**Where: Large Meeting Room, Clubhouse, 7:30pm**



1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of August Minutes
4. Confirmation of September Committee meeting minutes
5. Business arising from the Minutes.
6. Correspondence
7. Treasurer Report
8. New Members
9. Chief Instructors Report
10. Education Officer Report
11. Show Secretary Report
12. Trial Secretary Report
13. Publicity Officer report
14. Club Trophy Secretary Report

## **General Business**

Date of AGM 2025

Start back date 2025 (time)

Criteria for Tricks Perpetual Trophies

Cleanout

Noms for Committee Honour / Life Membership

A copy of the ratified Minutes (of all meetings) are available to all members on request at the Office on training days

## G'day from the HDC Committee

Hello from the HDC Committee,

Our cover photo this month is Club President/Scentwork Trial Secretary Carole Hately with Angela Sallway, who, with her dog Ziggy, gained 1st Place in the inaugural 'Ultimate' Scentwork class held at the HDC Scentwork trial on Sunday 15 th September. Reports on the Scentwork Trial and the HDC Championship Shows held on 28/29 September will be in the October Howler.

\$409.00 was raised at the RSPCA Cupcake Day. Thank you to the bakers and the eaterers.

### Coming up!

Please note: October is a shorter Training month!

- > No Monday Night training 7th October
- > No Tuesday training 1st or 8th October



All back to normal from 14th October

- October General Meeting 9th October
- HDC Rally and Tricks Trials Saturday 2nd November

Tricks trial test run-throughs are still currently on the 1st Monday of the month - keep an eye on the Members Facebook page for further information from Club Instructor Carolyn Jensen.

Obedience trial test run-throughs are being held on the 3rd Monday of the month; keep an eye on the Member's Facebook page for further information from Club member/ Judge-in-Training Christiane Diebler.

The Howler welcomes contributions from members, especially stories about you and your dog. If you would like to contribute to the Howler, please send your 'tail' and photos to

**hillshowler@gmail.com**

And remember,

- Give all dogs some space, pack a bag of great rewards and a pooh bag!
- Please line-up behind your class cone 5 minutes before class starts.
- No thongs or slide type footwear in class. If your dog feels the cold - it is OK to bring a mat to training.
- Training equipment (martingale collars, flat-leads, dumbbells, treat pouches, treats etc) is available for purchase at the Club, please see the Office ladies.
- Check/choker chains, prong collars, E-collars etc, are not permitted. No retractable leads or Bungy leads in class.

Happy 'loose lead' training!



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# Promotions

## Beginners to Graduate

Farad & Leili with Arrow (Border Collie) – no photo  
Carmel with Bear (Golden Retriever) – no photo



Eddie with Jaeger (German Shepherd Dog)



Karen with Lexi (Koolie)

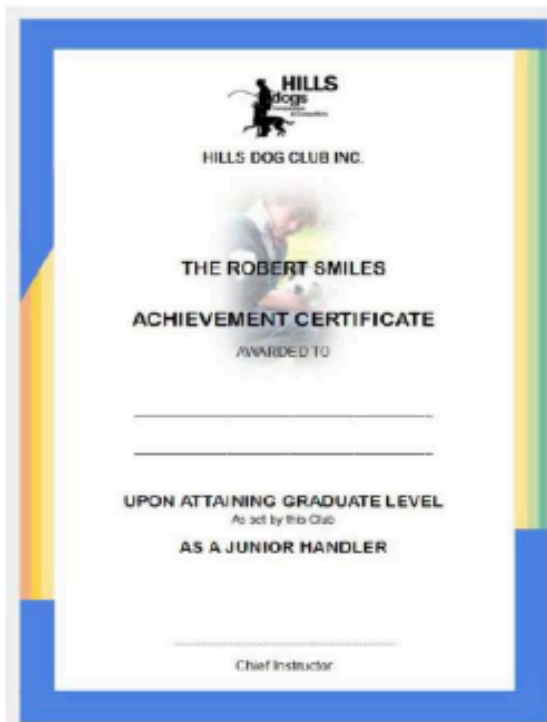


Liam with Arthur (Cavoodle)



Liam and Sarah with Ruby (Rottweiler)

## Junior Handler



### Hi JUNIOR HANDLERS

#### (12 YEARS TO UNDER 16 YEARS)

Did you know you receive the Robert Smiles Achievement Certificate if you train a dog through to class 8 and then achieve promotion to Graduate Class. The certificate celebrates what you and your dog have achieved as Junior Handlers!

Robert was a much-loved member of the Hills community from 2006 – 2019 and the Junior Handler achievement certificate was created as a tribute to Robert.

At 15, he was our youngest ever instructor. We were all deeply saddened by his passing

in 2019 at the age of 24 and below is a little about Robert as previously recalled by Dianne Atkins our then Chief Instructor!

*“ Robert joined our Club (with his mum Robyn) when he was 10 years old and at this young age was always there to help out where needed. He made sure our senior members had a chair to sit on, and that our equipment was out for training sessions.*

*At 14 Robert completed our Instructors course and assisted in class till the age of 15 when he then started taking classes with great confidence.*

*In 2009 I nominated Robert on behalf of Hills Dog Club Inc. for a Hills Shire Council Young Citizen Youth Award. His work in the Community was recognised and he was presented with this well-deserved award.*

*In 2009 Robert took on the challenge of training one of my Border Collies - Maggie. He wanted to learn more advanced work. With his commitment to training he decided to enter trials and gained her Community Companion Dog Title (CCD). They made a great team and the understanding between them was something very special*

*Dear Robert! All of us at Hills are so glad to have met you and it was our pleasure to have been in your life and see you grow from a young boy to a gorgeous young man. Robert you will always be in our hearts.”*

*Dianne Atkins – on behalf of all at Hills Dog Club.*

<https://www.hillsdogclub.com/wp-content/uploads/Hills-Howler-Dec-2019.pdf>

## Ground Rules

1. **Vaccinations:** As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
2. **Dog Behaviour:** Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
3. **Appropriate Equipment:** All dogs must have properly fitted equipment and remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a club instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in Puppy, Beginners or Graduate classes.
4. **No Ill-treatment:** A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
7. **Clean up after Dogs:** Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
7. **Sensible Footwear/Clothing:** Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs on bare feet) is required to be worn by handlers during training.
8. **Supervision Required:** Dogs are not to be left unattended whilst on the training grounds unless crated or tethered in a safe area. Members are reminded not to approach dogs that are confined. All dogs are to be kept under control and supervised while at the counter or in the clubhouse.
9. **Muzzles:** The Club reserves the right to ask any member to muzzle or in extreme cases, remove their dog/s from the training grounds. If a muzzle is required, this must remain in place whilst on the club grounds. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.

10. **Club Equipment Use:** Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.

11. **Child/Junior Handlers:** Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/ guardian at all times.

12. **Child Members:** Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes). Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train provided they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

### FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain) HDC Website and Facebook pages will be updated if classes are closed. Go to: [www.hillsdogclub.com](http://www.hillsdogclub.com) OR Facebook [www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub](https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub)

Monday class closure will be posted at **4pm Monday.**

Tuesday class closure will be posted at **5.00pm Monday.**

# HDC Committee Members 2023/2024

President  
 Vice President  
 Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Assistant Treasurer  
 Chief Instructor  
 Trial Secretary  
 Show Secretary  
 Public Officer  
 Publicity Officer  
 Education Officer  
 Equipment Officer  
 Registrar

Carole Hately  
 Bob Watters  
 Anne Small  
 Jane Lamont  
 Belvane Parsons  
 Lynne Sheather  
 Janet Power  
 Lea-Ann Laughton  
 Judy McCartney  
 Janet Power  
 Lynne Sheather  
 Vacant  
 Genevieve Young  
 Bob Watters  
 Jane Lamont

## Committee Members

Natalie Conway  
 Kathy Cocks  
 Carolyn Jensen  
 Karen Richardson  
 Margaret Thomson  
 Pam Wood

## Trophy Stewards

Trial: Jessica Leckie  
 Show: Janice Lyons  
 Club: Carole Hately

## Patrons

Mayor, Dr Peter  
 Gangemi  
 Mrs Luci Ellem  
 Mrs Vicki Austin

## Life Members

Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins (deceased), Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather



## Hills Dog Club Inc. Training Times

### Monday at 6.45pm

Puppies (first night) under 20 weeks - allow time to register!

### Monday at 7pm

Puppies 2 (from 12 to 20 weeks), Beginners 1 to 8, Graduate & Intermediate classes.

### Monday at 8pm

Advanced class.

### Tuesday at 10:30 am

All Classes.

**NOTE:** Classes are not held on Public Holidays. Tuesday classes are not held in School Holidays  
 Equipment for Sale at the Club House



**Email:**

Infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

**Members FB:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471>

**Post Address:**

The Secretary Hills Dog Club, P O Box 392, Round Corner 2158

**In Person:**

Speak with a Committee Member at the clubhouse

Further information is available at our website <https://www.hillsdogclub.com/>

## K9 Companion Award



### **K9 Companion Award** An Assessment for Hills Dog Club Members only

This Award is open to members with dogs in Class 8 or above

Assessments will be held: **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 starting from 7.15pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 starting from 10.45am**

The following elements are essential to undertake the test:

- For full details of the Award and information on exercises talk with your Class Instructor.
- Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. They must have completed our Beginners Course or be in Class 8 (or higher) of the Club's Course.
- Proof of Council registration, microchipping and a current vaccination or equivalent certificate.
- The dog should be presented in a clean and tidy manner.
- The dog should be fitted with an appropriate collar or restraint for that dog (i.e., collar, gentle collar, head collar and harness), and be on a leash. **No check chains or slip leads permitted.**
- The Handler must carry a plastic bag at all times to clean up after his/her dog.
- Training treats are not to be given during exercises. Verbal praise is, however, permitted.
- The Handler may offer food rewards at the finish of each individual exercise.
- A number of both verbal and hand cues are permitted during exercises.
- The Handler must have an 80% pass rate on the theory assessment and 100% on the practical assessment.
- If you do not achieve 100% in your practical assessment, you will be able to re-sit the practical test without charge when the next K9 Assessments are held.
- The cost of the assessment is \$20.00.
- **Please obtain an application form at the office, and submit it with your \$20 fee at least 2 weeks prior to the test date.**
- Once you have paid you will be given your test booklet with all the practical exercises listed and explained, plus your homework questionnaire.
- **To allow time for marking, your written homework must be submitted at the Office at least 1 week prior to the practical test.**