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2006**

**\*\*\*NO TRAINING EASTER SUNDAY\*\*\***

**STOP PRESS:  
International  
Day of the  
Dog 30 April  
2006**

Thank you very much for all those members who were able to stay for the AGM on 26 February, great to see you all there. The following members were elected as the Club's Committee for 2006;

President: Roy Cullen  
Treasurer/Public Officer: Diane Richmond  
Chief Instructor: Diane Richmond  
Secretary: Janet Smith  
Vice President: Peter Hudson  
Publicity Officer: Margaret Rudd  
Equipment Officer: Rick Venning,

President Roy thanked Robyn Carstens and Sue Bertsson, who did not stand for re-election, for their support and hard work during 04/05.

Several items were discussed at the AGM and it has been resolved to set up a Web page for the Club and this is underway. It was also resolved to investigate the purchase of a portable sound system.

A 24 hour off leash exercise area for dogs in the southern Shoalhaven was also discussed and members are asked to provide Janet with details of any area they think could be considered, including a location map. The Club's committee will then work on a submission to present to Shoalhaven Council. As a matter of interest there are 8 areas in Eurobodalla Shire for 24 hour off leash exercise. In Shoalhaven there is one at Nowra.

#### **Membership Fees**

Commencing this year membership fees fall due on the 5 February 2006. This is because the Club is to run on the calendar year, rather than the financial year. In order to make the adjustment this year a membership fee of \$3.00 is now payable by all existing members and will cover your membership until February 2007. The Club's fee structure was discussed at the AGM, and whilst it was agreed not to change this at present, it will be monitored to ensure that the Club does remain financially sound.

#### **Club Championship 2006**

The Championship will be run again this year with the closing date for entries extended to 31 July 2006. Judges will be Peter and Bob, the competition will be held on a Saturday towards the end of August, beginning of September. Watch this space – more information to follow.

#### **Milton Show**

The Dog Club was involved in an obedience demonstration on Friday and a "singing dog" presentation on Saturday at the Milton Show. Several members also took part in the fancy dress competition.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, there has been a lot of positive feedback from those who saw all the events and this is really positive for our Club – again thank you all very much.

The Championship Dog Show was another great success, and Diane, who is the Dog Show secretary is very grateful for all the assistance provided to her by the Dog Club in preparing the grounds and from those members who helped out on the day.

Diane Richmond is a member of the Milton Show Committee and Peter Hudson represents the Dog Club on the Management Committee of the Milton Showground.

#### **International Day of the Dog**

This is an innovation of Jan Fennell of Dog Listener fame and the inaugural event is on 30 April 2006. To mark this special day the Club will have an "all dogs photo shoot" after our usual training session. This will be held near the Clubhouse at the rear of the showground. Dogs will be on lead with their handler and we would like you all to have a flag of the country of origin of your dog, the idea being either to hold the flag yourself or attach it to your dog's collar. Janet will give you more information at Sunday training. Janet has a Dog book that details the origin of many dog breeds, and whilst it will be easy to obtain Australian flags and Union Jacks, flags of other nations can be printed off the computer. The Club will provide morning tea.

#### **RSPCA Million Paws Walk**

21 May 2006 Lions Park Burrill Lake – more information to follow in next Newsletter.

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