

# MUDTC Newsletter



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## President's Message



Happy Birthday to MUDTC Newsletter which is 10 years old this month. It started life in 2005

as a one page information sheet for members and was produced 4 times a year.

We now have a Newsletter every month, and together with our newspaper articles, web site and Facebook Group, it is a great way to let members know what is happening at our Club. Every Newsletter from 2005 is available to view at our web site [http://www.mudtc.org.au/newsletters\\_previous\\_years.html](http://www.mudtc.org.au/newsletters_previous_years.html)

Sincere thanks to Janet who started the Newsletter, and still produces each month's copy, and to Margaret who has always stepped in to produce the Newsletter when Janet has been away. Don't forget to email [newsletter@mudtc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@mudtc.org.au) with any photos, stories, articles which could go in our Club Newsletter, or you can bring a hard copy to training on Sundays. Your input is greatly appreciated.

It was great to see you all on 1 February when we returned to

training for the year, and to welcome a huge intake of new members. I hope you enjoy training your dog with us at Dog Club, remember to make it fun and have a good time with your dog.

At the end of February/beginning March, several of us will be travelling to Canberra with our dogs to take part in the Flyball Nationals, held as part of the Canberra Show. My best wishes to everyone involved in this great week-end of competition.

Several Club members have already started the year with good results in Obedience, Agility and Conformation Showing. Congratulations everyone.

I will be 'missing in action' for a while in March as have to have an operation on my arm. I will look forward to seeing everyone again when I get back.

Regards

Rosie Milton- President



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### Special points of interest

- New Members Day 1 March 2015
- Still Seeking Members for the Showground Management Committee - see Page 6

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SHOWGROUND SPEED LIMITS - 10 & 15KPH

## MUDTC at the Milton Show 2015

After several rain soaked Shows it was wonderful not to have to wear boots and wet weather gear this year!

The MUDTC again made a big contribution to the Show (see photos following page courtesy Margaret Rudd and Janet Smith). On Friday Club members performed their obedience and agility demonstrations after the Grand Parade. We had an appreciative crowd and all the team members and their dogs did a great job. Flynn is just amazing considering his recent loss of sight, and Rosie introduced Pac on the day to replace Mikki, who was indisposed. Pac behaved beautifully, and even though retired from agility, we could all tell he really enjoyed his run through the weave poles. Newest member Bindy did a great individual routine of various 'tricks', much to Ricks delight.

*The Demonstration team welcomes new members. Practices are at 8am on Tuesday mornings in the fenced agility area at the Showground. Please talk to your Instructor at training if you would like to be involved in the demonstration team. From time to time we visit Sarah Claydon with a group of 'meet and greet' dogs, and if anyone is interested in taking part please let us know.*

On Saturday the Club ran a Fun Agility and Jumping Competition in the Club agility arena. This has proved a popular event for several years and we are once again very grateful to Natalie Winter for judging the day's events.

Also on Saturday, the Milton Show Society holds a Championship Dog Show as part of the Show, and so although not strictly a

MUDTC event, Chief Instructor Diane is the Dog Show Secretary. Congratulations to Diane, as this year is her 25th anniversary as Dog Show Secretary. Diane does a great job organizing the Dog Show and many entrants comment on what a friendly well run show it is, and return each year.

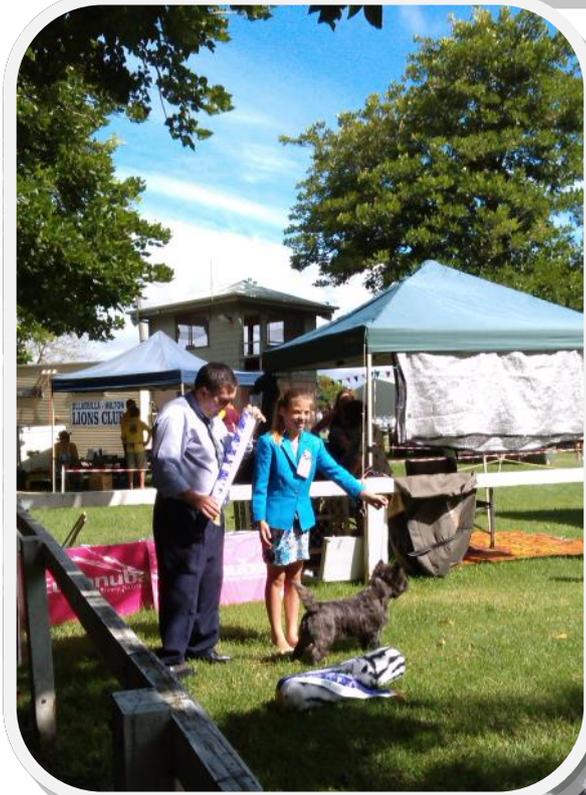
Diane sends a huge thank you to Club members Janet Smith and Cheryl Ball who assist in the Dog Show office all day, together with Judi Powe and David Legg. Thanks also to Club member Hilary Coulton who was the Dogs NSW Rep for the day and Sarah Taylor who was Steward for the Utility and Toy Groups in Ring 3. There were over 300 entries and it was a busy, but successful day. Club members Danielle Butson, Barry Jones, Alison Nagle, Hilary Coulton and Michelle Robinson all showed their dogs.

These events take a lot of time and hard work from everyone involved. Thanks so much to members; Jenny Patch, Rosie Milton, Rick Venning, Rosemary and John Rixon, Janet Smith, Gary and Ann Wiltshire and Liz Karasconyi who all helped in the setting up and take down at various times over the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. To Steve Ball for mowing the agility and dog show rings during the week. To Diane Richmond for taking entries for the Fun Agility and Jumping event and to all those members who entered, or came along to support club members. Everyone's input is very much appreciated.





**MUDTC in action at  
the Milton Show 2015  
Demonstration Team  
Dog Championship  
Show  
Fun Agility Jumping  
Competition**



## What's News

For the information of all our members and their friends with dogs, Council recently issued the following media release -

'Shoalhaven City Council is again reminding pet owners to ensure dogs remain in a secure yard at all times following an increased number of animals found wandering the streets in recent weeks.

Council Animal Management Rangers are also advising local residents to ensure all pets remain on a leash when being walked in a non-designated area outside of their property.

The reminder comes as Council Animal Management Rangers continue animal patrols across the entire Shoalhaven with a strong focus on known stray dog trouble areas.

Ranger Services Manager, Michael Jarman said the owners of dogs found off leash in a designated signposted area will face fines beginning at \$330.

The owners of dogs found not on a lead in a non-designated off leash area or walking unrestrained will face an on the spot \$220 fine.

"Council Rangers are very aware that stray dogs and dogs walking off leash is an ongoing issue within certain parts of the Shoalhaven," said Mr Jarman.

"Rangers are currently moving from suburb to suburb undertaking routine patrols from before sunrise to late evening seven days a week.

"These patrols occur in all towns and villages with Rangers routinely picking up a number of stray dogs found roaming the streets."

"The Shoalhaven is home to a wide range of designated off leash areas for those owners wishing to let their animal run free in a secure and controlled environment."

"It is vitally important that owners ensure their dogs are either properly secured at

home or on a leash when walking outside of their property to ensure their safety and the safety of others."

CONTACT: Ranger Services Manager, Michael Jarman - 4429 3576'

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Please remember that the designated 24 hour off leash area at the Showground is the western area below the Croquet Club, including the dog play equipment, and the area across the roadway from the Clubhouse (not including the Dressage Arena). Other areas of the Showground are not designated off leash.

## Dog Park Update

Council has recently advised it was successful in obtaining grant funding to cover the cost of the drainage work, signage and some landscaping needed at the Milton Showground Dog Park. Council will organise quotes for the drainage work, and has forwarded draft signage proposals to us for comment. Once the drainage works are finished we can start building the fence - hooray!!



## What's News.. cont

### Travelling with your Dog

#### Extract HCF Newsletter - February 2015

Allowing your dog to travel unrestrained in your car may result in injury to your pet and others.

Although the laws about restraining dogs in vehicles may vary between the states and territories, letting an animal travel unrestrained could put them and you at risk, the RSPCA warns.

An unrestrained dog can:

- ✦ distract the driver
- ✦ jump from the vehicle
- ✦ Become a projectile in the event of an accident

#### Tips on travelling with your dog in the car:

- ✦ Check the rules outlined by the Road Traffic Authority or equivalent in your state.
- ✦ Alternatively, check with the state government department responsible for animal welfare, or with your local RSPCA.
- ✦ Vehicle restraints for dogs usually attach to or clip into existing seatbelts from a dog's collar or harness.
- ✦ If you have a station wagon or recreational vehicle, consider putting your dog behind the cargo barrier.
- ✦ If you put your dog in a container to travel ensure that it allows the animal to lie down flat, stand and stretch with clearance.

### Trialling Levels

Trialling with your dog means you enter formal Obedience competitions to gain a Title, the classes and title names are:

Community Companion Dog- CCD  
 Companion Dog- CD Novice  
 Companion Dog Excellent- CDX Open

Utility Dog- UD

Utility Dog Excellent-UDX

To qualify for a CCD title you need to score 75+ out of 100 whereas for a CD, CDX, UD or UDX title you need to achieve 170 + out of 200 at three separate trials under at least two different judges.

The exercises for Companion Dog, Novice and Open dog events are listed below. Exercises required in Utility Dog and Utility Dog Excellent will be included in a future Newsletter. There is also the more recent obedience title of Rally O, and several of our Club members compete in Rally O. Please discuss with Chief Instructor Diane if you would like more information about the work required to compete at trials.

The exercises for **Community Companion Dog** are:

Heel on Lead ; Stand for Examination on Lead ; Recall ; One min sit stay ; Two min down stay

The exercises for **Novice** are:

Heel Free ; Stand free for examination ; Recall

a) Optional Retrieve Dumbbell - or

b) Change of Position (From stand to down - start of training of drop on recall)

One minute sit stay ; Three minute down stay

The exercises for **Open** are:

Heel Free; Stand for examination; Drop on recall; Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat  
 Retrieve Dumbbell over Solid Jump

a) Optional: Broad Jump - or

b) Distance Control without heel work

3 minute sit stay handler out of sight

5 minute down stay handler out of sight

## Members Corner

A warm welcome to all our recent new members. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.

*Congratulations!* to these members who recently graduated from the Quick Start Course:

Damien and Alison Pakes with Tess ;Stacey with Toohey; Michelle Grubb and Bella; Ann and Gary Wiltshire with Riley; Steve Hooper and Leo (Keeshond); Sam McGill with Agro and Pepsi; Sue and Rachel Swaney with Lass and Star; Jen Brook and Sunny; Jean Patterson and Ice; Gillian Boyd and Rosie; Jane Quinn and Marley; John Hayes and Emma; Jordan, Nicola and Mark Boyle with Brick; Ashley Howes and Charlie; Rob and Denise Gilford and Ruby.

### Variety Cycle Epic Ride



Club Instructor and past President Natalie Moore is about to take off on a fantastic journey to raise money to help Aussie Kids be Kids. As Natalie says herself “You’ve heard of

the Sydney to Hobart that happens every boxing day? Well, why travel by yacht when you can do it by peddle power and raise funds to help kids in need at the same time! Join me in this epic journey and donate today! “ <https://thevarietycycle2015.everydayhero.com/au/natalie>

### Individual Collars and Leads

Member Denise Ledwidge does collars and leads with your dog’s name and a phone number embroidered on. Denise’s contact details are available at the Clubhouse.



### Milton Show Results

Well done member Nerida Robinson who won a first prize for her pumpkin at the Show.

Well done to members Michelle Robinson whose Shetland Sheepdog Maude, won Best Puppy in the Working Group, Danielle Butson’s Labrador Lua Best Neuter in Breed and winner of the Peter Smith Memorial Award, Barry Jones and Dalmatian Mac, Best of Breed, Robyn Smith and Marley, Standard Poodle, Challenge and R/Up Best of Breed and Hilary Coulton with Monty Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - Challenge Dog & Best of Breed and with Isobel, Best Neuter in Group.

Earlier in the month members went to a Show at Bermagui and Donna Garten’s Schnauzer Max gained a pass in Rally Advanced Excellent and Oscar a pass and 3rd placing in Rally Novice. Diane Richmond’s Kelpie Lady gained a pass in Rally Excellent and Rusty in Rally Novice. Rusty also won Best of Breed and Best Junior in Group at the Bermagui Dog Show. Well done to all.

### General Meeting

The Club’s first committee meeting for this year is on 8 March, after training. If you have any suggestions or comments you would like to be discussed please let us know. You can give the details to any Instructor, or committee member before the meeting.

We are still seeking representatives from our Club for the Showground Management Committee. Please let us know if you are interested. The next meeting of the Management Committee is on Wednesday 13 May.

