



# Blacktown BARK

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Louise Patterson's beautiful dog Jarrah enjoying his first Christmas

## Happy Training in 2017



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well Christmas will soon be here and I would like to wish all the members of Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc, a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

I would also like to thank my committee and all the instructors for all their hard work throughout the year. Our Christmas Party/Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 starting at 7.00 p.m.

There will be no training that night, but bring your dog, and plate of goodies for the supper table and a fold up chair to sit on. The club will provide all the soft drinks and there will be lucky door prizes to be won throughout the night. Don't forget about the Dog and Handler Look-a-Like contest with some great prizes to be won. There will be several games for the handlers and their dogs as well. So it will be a busy night.

There will also be presentations of trophies for Titles gained by members throughout the year at show & trial competitions, as well as the Dave O'Rourke Memorial Trophy going to the most improved member and their dog throughout the year at training.

The Club will resume training on the last Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. The next new beginners night will be Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



### **Important Dates for 2016/17**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b><u>No new beginners in January.</u></b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	General Meeting.
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Training resumes.	5 <sup>th</sup> September	New beginners orientation night.
1 <sup>st</sup> February	General Meeting.	<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b><u>Double Championship Show.</u></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> February	New beginners orientation night.	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b><u>Blacktown's K&amp;T C's Obedience Trial.</u></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	New beginners orientation night.	<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b><u>Blacktown's K&amp;T Club's Rally O Trial.</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> April	New beginners orientation night.	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	New beginners orientation night.
5 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting.
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	7 <sup>th</sup> November	New beginners orientation night.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b><u>No new beginners in May.</u></b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Last night of training.
6 <sup>th</sup> June	New beginners orientation night.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><u>No new beginners in December.</u></b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting.	6 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><u>Blacktown's K&amp;T Cs Obedience Trial.</u></b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party/Presentation Night.
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New beginners orientation night.	25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day, Merry Christmas.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><u>Interclub Challenge Match Day hosted by Blacktown.</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> August	New beginners orientation night.		



## **Meet Your Instructors**

### **Marion Garnham**

Marion is one of the instructors in Yellow class. She takes the class for members who are intending to move onto trialing their dogs. Marion has been training dogs since 1983, and instructing since 1985, so she is well qualified to pass on the finer points of trialing. Marion has two Bernese Mountain Dogs, Quincey and Summer, which she is trialing at the present time, and in the past has also trialed Border Collies. Quincey became Marion's fourth dog to gain it's Obedience Champion title when he was awarded his title this year. A dog is only eligible to gain this title if it has attained it's Utility Dog title and then proceeds to gain a further five scores of 185 or better in Utility (under at least 2 different judges) with three of these qualifying scores being for first place. Quincey is the first Bernese Mountain Dog to gain this title in Australia. This is a very significant achievement for Marion.

Marion is a great instructor who works hard at getting the best from those in her classes. What she likes the best about instructing is people who listen and then work at home to improve their handling. Marion is very generous with her time and expertise. It's worth persevering and aiming to trial your dog just to be in Marion's class

## **On the Grounds**

Meet Loki a beautiful German Shepherd who trains on Tuesday nights with his owner John. Loki has been training at Blacktown for the past 3 1/2 years. He is now in the Yellow Trialing class. Loki started trialing approximately one year ago, and has progressed through his CCD qualification and is now trialing in the Open Class. Loki should be an inspiration to all Blacktown members who think that they could



never get their dog to the standard required for trialing. Before he joined Blacktown John had never competed with a dog at a trial. His success with Loki shows that with hard work and persistence it is possible.

When Loki isn't training, or sleeping, he loves swimming and digging holes (at which he is also an expert)

## Thank you and Good Luck

The Club has recently said farewell to two of our members, and Instructors, Vicki and Nigel Blacktown training their two whippets, Willy and Peaches. They went on to successfully trialing doing a recall at full speed is a volunteered as instructors on Tuesday where their instructions and positive suggestions were always given with a smile.



to two of our members, and Andrew. Vicki and Nigel began at whippets, Willy and Peaches. They their two dogs - and a whippet sight to behold. They both

Nigel and Vicki are off to Tasmania. Our loss is Tasmania's gain. Good luck and happy trialing (even if Peaches and Willy do need to wear coats)

Vicki has sent this farewell letter, addressed to all of us

To all at Blacktown Dog Training Club .

*You will no doubt by now ,know that Nigel and I (the couple with the crazy Whippets)*

*Are moving away interstate to pursue retirement .We of course will continue our hobby and very dear passion of training and competing with our two dogs .*

*We joined Blacktown about three years ago ,after leaving another club . We have had the loveliest time and we have made such wonderful friends .*

*We have learnt so much ,not only from our fabulous training mentors such as Ron (our wonderful President) ,Steve our Chief Instructor ,Marion ,Trudie and the list goes on and on .....But from all of you general members ,who have come along to train and learn, so your precious dogs can live a safe and enjoyable life . We both admire you members also who have rescued difficult dogs and we hope that we were of some help to you guys in class .*

*Remember that your President ,Club committee and your Instructors are all volunteers so treat them with great respect and thanks .*

*Thankyou to all of you ....it's been great and we wish you all success and enjoyment whether you compete, walk or just love your dogs ...*

*Fondest always Vicki & Nigel Andrew & of course Willy & Peaches xox*







Huge congratulations to our President Ron Probert for passing his UD judges exam. An enormous amount of work and practice is involved in obtaining a Judges certification, and to have progressed to judging in the UD ring is a great accomplishment.

Congratulations as well to Joan Stewart who gained her Novice certification and to John Spiteri, who obtained his CCD and Novice certification. Well done both of you.

The examinations for the candidate judges are held on one day at the Dogs NSW Orchard Hills complex. Many members of the Blacktown Club volunteered their time, and their dogs, to assist with the examinations. Jan Probert (fantastic lunch Jan), Trudy Dive, Marion Garnham, Heather Hanly, Allen Hall, Mark Bailey not to mention, Kevin Speed (our Treasurer) who was an Assessor for the UD exam, which indicates how deep the expertise in our club runs. Blacktown members are amongst the most supportive volunteers for activities like the Judges examination days..... small wonder that our club has such a good reputation.

Merry Christmas from Trudy, Roxie, KikiDee and Calypso !



## Promotions

### WHITE TO ORANGE:-

25/10 Haydon & "Shelby"  
1/11 Sheila & "Blue Bell"  
8/11 Jesse & "Shanks"  
8/11 Isaiah & "Chunk"  
8/11 Anchal & "Hugo"  
8/11 Dakota & Kiannah & Belinda & "Bix"  
8/11 Terry & "Saurfang"  
8/11 Monica & "Coco"

8/11 Sharon & "Riley"  
8/11 Wendy & "Chilli"  
8/11 Shu & "Kira"  
8/11 Anthony & "Simba"  
8/11 Trevor & "Atticus"  
8/11 Tim & "Keiko"  
8/11 Raymond & "Charlie"  
8/11 Sue & Amanda & "Coco"

### ORANGE TO GREEN:

8/11 Aubrey & "Ransom"

22/11 Sharon & "Riley"  
22/11 Catherine & "Billy"  
22/11 Benjamin & "Skyla"  
22/11 Fran & "Lucy"  
22/11 Ray & "Storm"  
22/11 Sheila & "Blue Bell"

### GREEN TO BLUE:

25/10 Debbie & "Remy"



## BONE AWARD

### OCTOBER:-

Amanda Robert & "Coco"x3  
Trevor Burton & "Atticus"  
Trent & "Rolex"  
Bob Noland & "Indy"  
Monica & "Coco"  
Steve Flux & "Zoe"  
Sharon & "Riley"x3  
Anthony & "Simba"x3  
Robyn & "Angie"  
Fran & "Lucy"  
Kristy & "Goldie"  
Frances Mollica & "Beau"  
Anchal Verma & "Hugo"x3  
Sheila Mills & "Blue Bell"  
Wendy & "Chilli"

Leanne & "Sammy"  
Leea Smid & "Diesel"  
Jenny Hogan & "Stellar"  
Cailean Vet & "Boo"  
Rae & "Spice"  
Haydn & "Shelby"  
Liam Farla & "Rocky"  
Suthida & "Arrow"  
Trevor Burton & "Atticus"  
Ray Germain & "Storm"  
Trent & "Rolex"  
Dave Mahood & "Bruce"  
Kristy & "Goldie"  
Barb McKittrick & "Tuckie"  
Jessia Hanley & "Kira"

Jason & "Misty"  
Rhonda Kitching & "Holly"  
Isaiah Badato & "Chunk"  
Paul Miglionico & "Oliver"  
Monica & "Ollie"  
Caberand & "Palcota"  
John & "Ella"  
Aubrey & "Raison"  
Tanna & "Eric"  
Lisa Brooks & "Koda"  
**AND THE WINNER IS:- RAY  
GERMAIN & "STORM"**  
**INSTRUCTOR OF THE  
MONTH-**  
**MARION GARNHAM**



Maybe not....



If I have to .....



What is this thing -Christmas ??



CHRISTMAS



Aren't I a gorgeous boy



Dressing up is not my thing at all





# The 12 ~~days~~ of Christmas

ok maybe 13...

**dangers**



fatty foods & cooked bones



poinsettias



Christmas pudding



mince pies



garlic



mistletoe



holly



grapes, raisins & sultanas



macadamia nuts



All this stuff looks  
**DELICIOUS**



onions



chocolate



pine needles, tinsel,  
decorations & lights



alcohol

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## Show and Trial Results

### Trudy Dive

KOOLKUNA KAZOO - "Kazoo" - Koolie

#### **CCD**

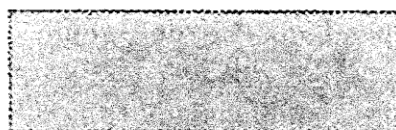
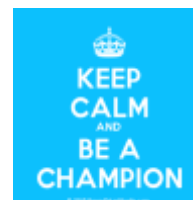
BLACKTOWN KENNEL and TRAINING CLUB	16/6/16	T FRIEZER	93 points	
EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB	1/10/16	K ARKINS	89 points	
PENRITH KENNEL and OBEDIENCE CLUB	2/10/16	J STEWART	85 points	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>

#### **RALLY "O" NOVICE**

DUBBO and DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB	30/7/16	C GILES	91 points	
DUBBO and DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB	31/7/16	R PROBERT	91 points	
BLACKTOWN KENNEL and TRAINING CLUB	18/9/16	D TURLEY	87 points	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>



Kazoo (and Trudy )  
proving a good dog can  
work in any weather.  
Kazoo gained his Rally O  
Novice title at this Trial



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Lynn Amos

KOOLKUNA CINDY

### CCD

Werriwa ABDTC	13.08.16	K. Arkins	86 points	
NSW Obedience State Titles	03.10.16	A. Rebstein	89 points	
Macquarie Towns ABDTS	12.11.16	T Friezer	89 points	<b><u>Title</u></b>



Bev Shlyder

Shanoss Fire and Ice - "Icy"

### Rally O Excellent

Brush Farm Dog Training Club 23.10.16 L. Dibbin 2nd **Title**



## 2016 - 2017 Office Bearers and Committee

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*Canteen Service for you and your dog*

*A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training. We even have treats available for your dogs. We also sell leads and collars, check chains and soft collars. Come and meet the team. They will help you with anything you would like to buy. Also any information you want to know. So before or after training come and say hello.*

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The due date for material for the next edition is

**Friday 24th February 2017**

Send your contribution to the Editor or hand it in at the canteen on training night

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