

In mid-February we were advised that club member, Coleen Wilbow, had unexpectedly passed away at her home. Coleen had been involved in the dog world for over 30 years. In the early days, Coleen and her husband were involved with showing and obedience with German Shepherds. In 1996 Coleen decided that she wanted a smaller breed of dog, choosing a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (also known as "Tollers") called Karlee. In 2000 Coleen and Karlee started to compete in Obedience, Agility and Gundog Working trials, as well as Dancing with Dogs trials where they really excelled, often performing in demonstration teams. Coleen had Karlee for an incredible 17 years and 11 months.

After Coleen lost Karlee she decided that she needed another Toller and she got Callie. Coleen and Callie spent 5½ years together and were very devoted to each other. Coleen and Callie trained and competed in Obedience, but never got back to Dancing with Dogs. Coleen was a member of Blacktown Kennel & Training Club for all of that time, and made it right through to yellow class. Coleen and Callie attended Blacktown Pet Festival as part of the BKTC demonstration team, and helped at trials where she could. Towards the end of 2019 Coleen had some health problems that made it difficult for her to participate in classes or compete in trials. Once training returned in the second half of 2020, Coleen was happy to come along and help with COVID check in and any other way she could.

Coleen was always happy to chat – be it about dogs or anything else happening in the world. Coleen was a giving person – giving a hand, giving advice, giving an opinion, or giving a bit of 'cheek'. Coleen had a witty humour and would catch you when you least expected it. Coleen loved her darling Callie and would be happy that Callie had fitted into a new home with people who adore her & another Toller to keep her company. Coleen was always independent and liked to do things for herself – she kept this independence right to the end. It was no surprise to hear at Coleen's funeral that one of her favourite songs was "My Way" by Frank Sinatra – it suited her to a tee and was a fitting farewell song at the end of her service.

Personally, we considered Coleen a good friend, and are certain she didn't realise how dearly, and how many, of her 'dog friends' would be shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. A last memory of her was joking with her as I left her house – and I wish that visit could have lasted longer. Coleen you are sorely missed – keep dancing with your dear girl Karlee. Sharon & Louise Patterson

# Blacktown Bark



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As I write this report we have been at our new temporary grounds at Blacktown Showground for 2 months. It has been wonderful to welcome back many of our members who have travelled the extra distance to be with us and of course we have welcomed a number of new members already this year. It is very pleasing to see that so many members of the community are interested to take the time to build a relationship with their dog and to ensure that their dogs make good canine citizens. Since the beginning of the year we have said Vale to 2 long-time supporters of our club, Colleen Wilbow, a long term member and Don Sharp, who has been the Dogs NSW rep at our trials for many years. We are saddened by their loss and send our wishes to their families as they grieve. Jan Probert, who many of you will have known as Grounds Secretary for many years, and as Trial Secretary, has also had some major illness. We are pleased that she is recovering and we wish her all the best for a speedy and full recovery. As the year moves on work has commenced at our permanent grounds at Glendenning and we believe that the work will be completed by the end of the year ready for our move back for 2022. We are very thankful to have the temporary grounds at Blacktown Showground, as the grounds at Melrose Park, which we used last year, did not prove suitable for our needs. Throughout the process of moving Blacktown Council have been helpful and willing to support us and we do appreciate this. For any of you who are looking to expand your community connections and would like to undertake some volunteer work The Blacktown Show Society is looking for members. If you are interested please contact one of the committee and we can pass on details. Your committee continue to work hard on your behalf. Over the past couple of months we have had regular communication with Council. Our trial secretary has been at work organising our first trial for the year which will be held at the Dogs NSW grounds this year. I would also like to thank all those members who have offered support for those affected by the recent floods. We have a fantastic club and it is fantastic to see the community spirit that lives in the Club. We pray that all of those affected by floods will be back on their feet soon.

Denise.

O Valseschini. Can we put notifications for special meetings as text or email. Yes we can. B Mackenzie. Can we talk to council re members wanting to train at the grounds outside normal training times. T Burton. Asked about badges for members, we will organise this Tuesday. S Patterson. Asked about awards presentation. Will probably be before April. L Olsen. Club needs a new Laptop Computer and printer. Sharon will purchase a new b and w laser printer. Sharon will investigate new laptop and get back to committee.

Meeting closed:- 9:00 Next meeting 7:30 3rd March at Show ground dining room

## Minutes of General Meeting held 3/2/21.

Attendance:- S Thompson, O Valseschini, T Burton, S Jackson, L Patterson, D Sheehy, J Baker, I Olsen, L Mansfield, V and B Mackenzie, T and K Dive, D Fraser, L Olsen, S Patterson. Apologies:- R and J Probert, B McKittrick, K Minton, M Garnham.

Minutes read:-

Business arising:- - End of year fun night. Went well, positive comments from members. Motion - that we have an end of year fun night with presentation this year as well. Moved D Fraser, seconded L Patterson. Carried.

Meeting with Council and Show Society. Denise, Linda and Sharon met with Show Society committee on 23 Dec. There was some resistance from Show Committee but Council were supportive. Result, we have large shipping container on site, smaller container and office yet to be brought over. Not happy with where office is being sited, still trying to negotiate position and gain access to water. Thanks to those who helped move gear from Melrose Park to the Showgrounds. This years trials booked at Showgrounds.

Electronic Banking. Square system has been purchased. Found because we are an Incorporation we cannot use it, will be returned and refunded. Only option seems to be EFTPOS, will cost \$55 per month. Motion, that we approve the acquisition of an EFTPOS machine for \$55 per month. Moved T Burton, seconded S Patterson. Carried.

Motion, that we raise annual fees by \$5, making single membership one dog \$110 per year. Moved D Fraser. Seconded J Baker. Carried.

Correspondence:- In. E mail request from K Nichols for updated details.

Out. Application form to Show Society for use of Dining Room for meetings.

Treasurer's Report:- Read to meeting. Ground Secretary Report:-33 new dogs this month. General Business:- B Mackenzie. Can we request that Council give us a monthly progress report and any possible delays for the Glendenning grounds. D Fraser will follow up. There was a short discussion on the Bark.

## PROMOTIONS – OCTOBER 2020

### WHITE to ORANGE

6/10	Robyn & "Angie"
6/10	Connor & "Ernie"
6/10	Victoria & "Scruffy"
6/10	Kristy & "George"
6/10	Kirsten & "Zaylie"
6/10	Mrig & "Milo"
6/10	Bay & "Lexi"
6/10	Melissa & "Scout"
6/10	Clifton & "Holly"
6/10	Lilla & "Pandi"
6/10	Tony & "Mala"
6/10	Ben & "Lewis"
6/10	Peter & "Willow"
6/10	Courtney & "Willow"
6/10	Scott & "Louie"
6/10	Jessica & "Zeke"
6/10	Armeda & "Pip"
6/10	Jenna & "Pip"
6/10	Mikaela & "Sekka"
13/10	Benjamin & "Luna"
13/10	Aaron & "Zeke"

### ORANGE to GREEN

20/10	Natasha & "Jordy"
20/10	Robert & "Winston"

### GREEN to BLUE

20/10	Ken & "Kiki Dee"
20/10	Robyn & "Milly"

### BLUE to YELLOW

20/10	Kirsten & "Murphy"
20/10	Rita & "Skye"



## AWARDS – OCTOBER 2020

Brett Bevan & “Ollie”

Georgina Clode & “Millie”

Rob Daniels & “Winston”

Tony Dundov & “Mala”

Courtney Ereira & “Marley”

Scott Fitzgerald & “Louie” x 3

Natasha Holden & “Jordy”

Olivia Isaac & “Cody” x 2

Jessica Jerome & “Zeke”

Sarah Key & “Manuel” x 2

Cheslav Kulinich & “Scruffy”

Krystal Locke & “Roo”

Melinda O’Brien & “Greyson”

Gianni Paludetto & “Mylo”

Loraine Paludetto & “Coco” x 2

Emilia Phillips & “Snowy”

Melanie Pook & “Coco Chanel”

Claire Read & “Buddy”

Robyn Rizzardo & “Milly”

Ben Rose & “Lewis”

Peter Rose & “Willow”

Ali Shah & “Max”

Michelle Scoble & “Loki”

Courtney Smith & “Willow”

Rita Thompson & “Skye”

Barry Wademan & “Bindi”

OCTOBER WINNER IS: Robyn Rizzardo & “Milly”

OCTOBER CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Louise Patterson

## Minutes of General Meeting held 2/12/20.

Attendance. O Valseschini, B McKitrick, T and K Dive, S Thompson, J Gilhooly, P Guenther, K Minton, I Olsen, L Amos, D Fraser, J Baker, L Patterson, S Patterson. Apologies. T Burton, L Olsen, B and V McKenzie, L Mansfield, M Garnham.

Minutes from 7/10/20. Read and accepted. Moved J Baker, seconded O Valseschini.

Correspondence. Received- Thank you from Dogs NSW Obedience and Tracking Committee for our donation to the State Obedience Titles. General business Fun night. Next Tuesday (8/12/20) will be run as a fun night in lieu of a Christmas party. Kathy and Denise have organised games etc for the night. Meeting with Blacktown Council. We were told that we should not expect to be back at Glendenning for all of next year due to scraping the soil from the grounds in preparation for the new animal holding facility. We made it clear that Melrose Park had proved unsuitable. Council suggested we use the Showgrounds. Denise and Sharon will meet with the secretary of the Show Society and Tony Gabrio on Saturday to further explore possibility of temporarily moving there. Denise, Steve and Linda inspected the Showgrounds after the council meeting and recommended that if we can site the office and storage close to the field it would be suitable for our needs.

The meeting was unanimous in favour of training at the Showgrounds for next year. A motion was moved that “we ask the council for extra storage container for use at the Showgrounds.” Moved D Fraser, seconded S Patterson. Passed. Electronic Payment Options. Obtaining a device for electronic payments was discussed. It was decided that the “Square” devices would be best. The device should have the option to print out receipts. Motion. Sharon will further investigate and purchase a “Square “ type device.

Moved Denise, seconded Barb. Passed. It was decided not to use direct transfer into our account as people are unreliable in putting in their details making it impossible to know who has paid, particularly membership fees.

Meeting closed 9:00



## AWARDS – MARCH 2021

Tamar Coleman & “Achilles”  
Matt Cruickshank & “Ruby”  
Nikita Ellis & “Molly”  
Rhiannon Evans & “Rosie”  
Kylie Foster & “Odin”  
Barbara Garland & “Mindy”  
Peter Guenther & “Andy”  
Elizabeth Hamilton & “Crumpet”  
Angus Harding & “Korra”  
Sue Higgins & “Chloe”  
Wendy Hobson & “Barney”  
Sharon Jackson & “Atticus”  
Victoria Kulinich & “Scruffy”  
Bernadette McAlister & “Tess”  
Jeremy MacDonald & “Axel”  
Damien Moorey & “Rocco”  
Deena Naidu & “Jack”  
Melinda O’Brien & “Greyson”  
Anne-Maree Quarmby & “Astra”  
Claire Read & “Buddy”  
Gerri Ricci & “Coco”  
Peter Rose & “Willow”  
Raquel Roukos & “Barney”  
Allison Traynor & “Cooper”  
Kelly White & “Biggie”

## PROMOTIONS – NOVEMBER 2020

### WHITE to ORANGE

3/11 Hakan & “Axel”  
10/11 Wayne & “Charlie”  
10/11 Rebecca & “Lexi”  
10/11 Vimal & “Nikey”  
10/11 Scott & “Louie”  
10/11 Sia & “Bear”  
10/11 Debbie & “Nala”  
10/11 Courtney & “Dakota”  
10/11 Sarah & “Manuel”  
10/11 Claire & “Buddy”  
10/11 Melanie & “Coco Chanel”  
10/11 Georgina & “Millie”  
10/11 Nikita & “Molly”  
10/11 Jess & “Roxy”

### GREEN to BLUE

10/11 Kiara & “Pippa”

### ORANGE to GREEN

3/11 Emilia & “Snowy”  
3/11 David & “Molly”  
3/11 Stephen & “Ted”  
3/11 Sanjay & “Kaizer”  
10/11 Hakan & “Axel”  
10/11 Ben & “Lewis”  
17/11 Peter & “Willow”  
17/11 Nikki & “Penny”  
17/11 Robyn & “Angie”



## AWARDS – NOVEMBER 2020

Katrin Adam & "Speck"	
Sharon Burton & "Atticus"	
Georgina Clode & "Millie"	x 2
Chris Cooper & "Billy"	
Mrig Debsarma & "Milo"	
Sanjay Deshwal & "Kaizer"	
Ken Dive & "Kiki Dee"	
Nikita Ellis & "Molly"	x 2
Brooke Elson-Gill & "George"	
Courtney Ereira & "Dakota"	x 2
Ben Geekie & "Luna"	x 2
Olivia Isaac & "Cody"	
Nikki Jones & "Penny"	
Graham Keith & "Bella"	
Sarah Key & "Manuel"	x 2
Damien Moorey & "Rocco"	
Mischelle Otte & "Rocket"	
Gianni Paludetto & "Mylo"	x 3
Melanie Pook & "Coco Chanel"	x 2
Claire Read & "Buddy"	x 3
Raymond Rizzardo & "Milly"	
Glenn Small & "Ava"	x 2
Rakesh Sohun & "Pumpa"	

## PROMOTIONS – MARCH 2021

### WHITE to ORANGE

2/3	Scott & "Louie"
2/3	Tomas & "Rex"
2/3	Mrig & "Milo"
2/3	Roland & "Ruby"
2/3	Dotty & "Ruby"
2/3	Jimmi & "Ari"
2/3	Daniel & "Harvey"
2/3	Marina & "Roxy"
2/3	Rhiannon & "Rosie"
2/3	Tom & "Max"
2/3	Michelle & "Luna"
2/3	Edit & "Pudding"
2/3	Jasmine & "Chara"
2/3	Deborah & "Chess"
2/3	Peter & "Louie"
2/3	Julie & "Buddy"
2/3	Neha & "Chiku"
2/3	Doris & "Coco"
2/3	Steph & "Rosie"
2/3	Vivek & "Luna"
2/3	Tania & "Ace"
2/3	Jacob & "Diesel"
2/3	Maureen & "Argos"
2/3	Anne-Maree & "Astra"
2/3	Aleasha & "Neo"
2/3	Kylie & "Odin"
2/3	Raquel & "Barney"

### ORANGE to GREEN

2/3	Gianni & "Mylo"
2/3	Melissa & "Scout"
2/3	Lorraine & "Loki"
2/3	Benjamin & "Luna"

### GREEN to BLUE

2/3	Brooke & "Jeorge"
2/3	Glenne & "Ava"
2/3	Graham & "Bella"
2/3	Corrine & "Blacky"
9/3	Jenny & "Mia"

### BLUE to YELLOW

2/3	Raymond & "Milly"
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## **BONE AWARDS – FEBRUARY 2021 cont....**

Steph Tabone & “Teddy”

Carol Ward & “Bruce”

Aleasha Way & “Neo”

Martin Williamson & “Rosie” x 2

**FEBRUARY WINNER IS: Damien Moorey & “Rocco”**

**FEBRUARY CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE  
MONTH: Therese Moorey**

## **AWARDS – NOVEMBER 2020 cont...**

Glenda Stocker & “Frankie”

Roland Surguy & “Ruby”

Allison Traynor & “Cooper”

Kirsten Wademan & “Murphy”

**NOVEMBER WINNER IS: Melanie Pook & “Coco Chanel”**

**NOVEMBER CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE  
MONTH: Denise Fraser**

**DECEMBER WINNER IS: Rakesh Sohun & “Pumpa”**

**DECEMBER CLUB INSTRUCTOR/VOLUNTEER OF THE  
MONTH: Denise Fraser**

## PROMOTIONS – FEBRUARY 2021

### ORANGE to GREEN

16/2 Scott & "Louie"  
16/2 Tomas & "Rex"  
16/2 Mrig & "Milo"  
16/2 Roland & "Ruby"  
16/2 Dotty & "Ruby"

### BLUE to YELLOW

23/2 Ken & "Kiki Dee"



## AWARDS – FEBRUARY 2021

Daniel Anderson & "Dodge"  
Madalin Bell & "Joey"  
Mrig Debsarma & "Milo"  
Ken Dice & "Kiki Dee"  
Rhianon Evans & "Rosie"  
Ally Falzon & "Dodge"  
Kylie Foster & "Odin" x 2  
Corrine Gilholme & "Blacky"  
Tania King & "Ace"  
Edit Kiss & "Pudding"  
Victoria Kulinich & "Scruffy"  
Marina Logozzo & "Roxy"  
Elise Maynard & "Mayalu"  
Mel McCabe & "Scout"  
Tom Melican & "Max"  
Damien Moorey & "Rocco"  
Melinda O'Brien & "Greyson"  
Andrew Pace & "Rio"  
Neha Patel & "Chiku"  
Gianni Paludetto & "Mylo"  
Carla Patterson & "Bindi"  
Jacob Patterson & "Diesel"  
Anne-Maree Quarmby & "Astra" x 2  
Suthida Rangsi & "Arrow"  
Claire Read & "Buddy"  
Gerri Ricci & "Coco"  
Peter Rose & "Willow"