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Newsletter

We acknowledge the Wonnarua people, Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

July 2026



Editor's bark *(pawed by your four-legged correspondent 🐾)*

July is shaping up to be another exciting month, with our Obedience, Rally and Tricks Trial fast approaching. Best of luck to everyone competing and a big thank you to our volunteers who are helping make the weekend possible. Events like these are only possible because of the support of our wonderful members, and we look forward to another fantastic weekend together.

PROMOTIONS!

Well done to the following handlers and dogs who have recently been promoted to the next class level!

George and Bay
Daniel and Tommy
Piper and Winnie
Honor and Winnie
Tracey and Picasso



CONGRATULATIONS

Looking for a healthy snack idea?

Try making an energy boost treat for your dog!

Dog treat ice cream

Ingredients

1 yogurt (lactose free).
1 Banana
1/2 cup of strawberries
1/2 cup of blueberries.

Equipment.

Blender
Freezer Silicone Molds.



Method

1. Blend all the ingredients in the blender.
2. Gently fill the silicone tray with the mixture.
3. place the tray inside the freezer for 2-3 hours.
4. Before giving them to your dog, keep them for a few minutes out of the freezer so that they get the best flavour and texture.

DOG OF THE MONTH



Name: Darcie Age: 8



Favourite food/treat: anything she can get her mouth on

Favourite Activities: Sleeping, getting belly scratches and loves training and trialing the cold weather

Favourite toy: holding it in the photo

Ask Jimmy, Your trusted canine columnist



Dear Jimmy,

My human says I need to come when called. But if I'm busy sniffing something important, surely that can wait?

Distracted in Bolwarra

Dear Distracted,

Humans seem to believe their voice is more interesting than every smell in existence.

They are often mistaken.

Still, turning up when called usually results in treats, praise, and fewer lectures.

Worth considering.

Jimmy



Sit, stay...Laugh!

**What do you get when you cross a
frog with a dog?
A croaker spaniel**

**How did the little Scottish dog feel
when he saw a monster?
Terrier-fied!**



Congratulations to Georgina & Bay!

A huge congratulations to Georgina and Bay on successfully completing their 50km walking challenge throughout June in support of the Cancer Council.

Maitland Dog Obedience Club proudly donated \$100, and our recent fundraising BBQ raised a further \$183 towards this wonderful cause.

Thank you to everyone who donated or supported the BBQ every contribution helps make a difference.

Well done, Georgina and Bay, on a fantastic achievement!



CLUB MEMBERS SUCCESS!



As you read through this month's member successes, it's worth remembering that these achievements don't happen overnight. Behind every qualification and title are countless hours of training, patience and dedication, both at club training and at home. Many of these milestones take months and often years of consistent effort to achieve.

Congratulations to all teams on your dedication, achievements and the wonderful way you represented our club. We look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future!



Congratulations to Lorraine and Darcie on some fantastic recent scent work results! At the 27 June Scent Work Trial, Darcie found the target scent hidden across two vehicles in an impressive 20 seconds, with 2 minutes and 30 seconds allowed to complete the search. Earlier in the month, at the Cessnock Scent Work Trial on 14 June, the pair also qualified in two additional elements Interior and Containers. Well done, Lorraine and Darcie!



Lorraine and her dogs competed on 5th & 6th June sprint trials. Sienna got her title. Billie missed out by 1 point.



Congratulations to Lynette, Karen and Erin on their fantastic results at the Port Macquarie Dog Obedience Club Trials held on 27-28 June.



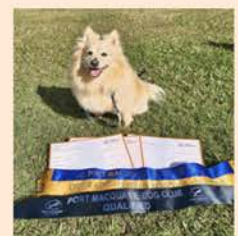
Lynette & Elle

Lynette and Elle also celebrated a successful weekend, earning both their Community Companion Dog (CCD) Title and Rally Advanced (RA) Title. They also achieved an impressive 1st Place in CCD with a score of 98/100.



Karen & Leo

Karen and Leo continued their Rally journey, earning two qualification passes towards Leo's Rally Grand Champion title. Their excellent performances included:
1st Place – 97 points
4th Place – 95 points



Erin & Jimmy

Erin and Jimmy had an outstanding weekend, earning four Rally Master qualification passes and achieving their Rally Master (RM) Title. A wonderful milestone and a testament to all their hard work and dedication.



CLUB RULES

These rules are in place to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants, yourself, other members and their dogs.

Our goal is to support every dog's training journey in a safe and positive environment.

- Dogs must be kept on lead at all times, including in surrounding grounds and the car park. Off-lead exercise is only permitted under instructor supervision (Class 4/5 only).
- No bitches in season are permitted on the grounds or at class.
- Handlers must wear enclosed footwear.
- Before training, please have your name marked off and pay your fee at the canteen.
- Dogs are not permitted in the amenities. If you need to use the toilet, please ask a committee member to hold your dog.
- If your dog fouls the area, please pick it up and place it in the bins provided.
- Only financial members are allowed on the oval while training is under way.

Thank you for your cooperation!

A Friendly Reminder

For everyone's safety, please don't bring your dog with you when making your payment at the canteen. If you've come to training on your own, ask one of our committee members to mind your dog while you pay.

Greg or Steve are often nearby and are always happy to lend a hand.

RAFFLE
Donations
WANTED!

Help Fill Our Raffle Table!

- Bring your raffle donation to Sunday morning training.
- Hand it in at the canteen or give it to Lorraine.
- Thank you for supporting our club!

IMPORTANT DATES

18th & 19th July 2026 - Obedience, rally and tricks trials - no training



WET WEATHER INFORMATION



Maitland City Council may close Largs Oval if it's recently rained or raining, as the field can become waterlogged and muddy, making it unsafe for use and risk of long-term damage to the field.

We aim to have any training cancellations updated on our website and Facebook by 7.30am.

If you're ever unsure, you can also contact Steve 0413703397 or Liz 0429933220 to confirm whether training is going ahead



AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN



Cold drinks - \$3
Tea - \$2
Instant coffee - \$2
Pod coffee - \$3
Hot chocolate - \$3



Leads - starting from \$10
K9 Bridles - \$54
Martingales - \$5
Dog Drink Bottles - \$4
Pigs ears - 2 for \$5



Committee Members

President - Stephen Herbert
Vice president - Paulina Phillips
Secretary - Debra Hudson
Treasurer - Joanne Nash
Trial secretary - Paulina Phillips
Training coordinator - Elizabeth Johnson
Editor - Jimmy
Social media - Erin Matthews
Raffles - Lorraine Edman
Canteen - Rees John
Tracey Evans

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Mr Ray Sapwell and Mrs. Marie Sapwell
Mr Steve Grainger and Mrs Helen Grainger
Mr Jerry Cassidy
Mrs Jennifer Upson
Mrs Bev Bradfield and Mr Nowell Bradfield
Mr Greg Christie
Mr Rees John
Mrs Elizabeth Johnson



See you at training!
Maitland Dog
Obedience Club

