

President Report

2025 was another epic year at K9- After our 20th Anniversary in 2024, we promised ourselves – or rather, I promised the committee – that we would tone things down for 2025 to give ourselves time to catch up, breathe, and regroup. One thing we did was reduce our November 2025 trial to one day instead of two. However, as we all know, plans sometimes change! Even with this supposed toned-down year, we have packed a lot into the year.

Trailer & Equipment Hire

Our club rented out the trailer for 6 events, including 3 days of State Trial. All our hire proceeds are being reinvested into upgrading our equipment. We purchased the following- all due to come in December:

- 2 new tyres
- 4-meter tunnel to replace one of the 6-meter tunnels
- 5-meter tunnel to replace the pink tunnel.
- 2 soft boards

We are committed to ensuring we have the best equipment available.

The Tyres & 5m Pink tunnel (*once repaired*) will go up for sale in the new year.

Trials

March followed a somewhat disastrous November 2024 trial, where we had to cancel half of our second day due to wind and rain. We hoped for a perfect event in March, especially with Clover Ward from Tasmania coming to judge. However, with the forecast predicting high 30s, we decided to try a new concept rather than cancel- run an early bird trial starting at 6:30 AM. This still required rescheduling. It worked out well, as we completed the first half of the trial before the temperature soared above 35 degrees, at which point we cancelled and the committee decided it was only fair to refund the afternoon entries to everyone.

Looking ahead to November 2025, we were excited about having International Judge Kine Eimhjellen from Norway, thanks to Performance Dog. It was meant to be a straightforward one-day event. But then the weather forecast predicted 20-30mm of rain and high winds. Fortunately, we are now experts & Committee decided on Thursday to reschedule the trial for Sunday. After countless hours of reorganisation, we successfully completed the rescheduling.

The day turned out to be fantastic, with Kine's courses along with all the judges' courses were so much fun, it turned out to be a hugely successful trial, with 3 rings allowing us to have open classes, which we hadn't had since November 2018. Thanks to all our members for stepping up to help at our trials.

Working Bee's

In July, we needed to repair our fencing due to damage from previous strong winds and to create fencing for our new ring. A call for help went out to members, and several volunteers jumped in to assist, including committee Tracey W., Julie C., Sarah T., Lisa R., Nikki J., Michele M & myself. & non committee Darren W., Laura D., Stephy L., Sally H., along with Rachael J., all lent a hand & we got the job done.

Tricks:

7th September K9 ran our yearly tricks trial/test. Thanks to Nikki who was the main driving force of that trial. This was a big success with some really great feedback on how much fun the trial was.

September - Top Dog Agility- Our 15th year sponsoring Top Dog

Agility- 11 members representing K9 across all heights

Jumping – 11 members representing K9 across all heights, but 200

13 dogs all up and 9 were in both Agility & Jumping

Our Clubs Winners

- Top Dog Agility

600 Trigger with Trish Attard

400 Squeak with Michelle Jewell

200 Ziggy with Jodie Beable

- Top Dog Jumping

600 Trigger with Trish Attard

400 Squeak with Michelle Jewell

500 Quest with Katie Kisielnicki

Quest winning over all fastest Top Dog Round 2025

- State Champion 2025

600 Trigger with Trish Attard

400 Squeak with Michelle Jewell

200 Ziggy with Jodie Beable

Open Champion Magicpotion with Trish Attard



Members: 2025 we said goodbye to 8 members and at the same time gained 6 new members with Erica T, Tina V, Susan W, Emma A, Willow V, Phillip & Kim C.

Thank you-

A Club as big as K9 can't run solely by our Committee; it takes a lot of our members to go the extra mile. Helping us out along the way

Tower - these people are literally the reason we can train. They come early &/or they stay late. It's a commitment they have all jumped on board with us for, and we are so grateful to have them on our team.

Sharon P- our absolute star, towing a total of 25 times this year

Jodie B- 10 time

Along with **Alex- Sue B-Nicole** helped when we needed it, to give these 2 a break.

Friends of the Committee

Laura- working bee-filling bags, fencing, helping at trials above & beyond, filling in, instructing, at the shed for fencing when it was hired out, anything we need, she is there for us, the first to put up her hand.

Sally- working bee- taking on extra roles as instructor, e.g. weavers class, Fencing captain, helping me at the shed before a trial to organise the fencing for nearly all 6 trials, and our 2 & taking on instructor help with organising equipment etc.

Timing Gates

Trish gets there early, stays late, (keeps them in her car, which has meant we have used them even times they were not booked). She collects the money for us it's a whole huge job, we are so grateful to have you on board taking that big role Trish.

Our second set doesn't get used as much but the keeper for the last few years of these has been **Geraldine**.

Thanks now to Ally, who has taken over the second Pair of gates from Geraldine, who is retiring again, but somehow they do keep returning too you LOL.

Last but certainly not least our 2 club gems

Kris- What can I say? He doesn't train dogs and has no obligation to help, yet he is always there, willing to assist no matter what. From helping at working bees, figuring out what tools we need, what supplies are needed, and getting everything ready, to fixing equipment—which seems to be an endless task—he does it all. Recently, including tyre welding, fixing a tyre that lost its spring, fixing broken wings, tunnel malfunctions, and making new weaver pegs. This is just in the last month or so. He has also made modifications. As well as tow the trailer to trials all year.

Darren- He fills in instructing on countless occasions, does course design for us, comes to all our working bees, has welded our weavers back together countless times, marks out the ring ropes every trial our equipment is hired, keeps our carts tyres pumped up, helps tow the trailer, is flexible and always there in anything we ever ask including always taking on more instructor weeks or months.

The committee: *There is endless stuff we do to keep this club running, but I wanted to just point out some major stuff*

We all take on so many roles from the constant Fb decisions, omg the weather, so many Thursday's of "do we? Or don't we train?"

Agree or disagree with ideas and all things committee

How can we better the club, working bees, listening to feedback from members and putting it to us to discuss how we can do things better.

Each member has its main role it takes care of:

Sarah T – who helps me with the trial catalogue while I do the front pages and make the running order look pretty. It's Sarah who creates the running order, making sure it's clockwork. Then comes the trial to print all the pass cards & organise ribbons etc.

Nikki- Treasurer, this is constant, we like to spend money 😊 from refunding classes on cancelled nights, to cancelled parts of trials to the stuff we buy for club.

Nikki also does all the K9 entries, opening bookings and trials & Trial secretary for our Tricks trial.

Lisa- our Secretary who also meets anyone at the shed or checks things for us when we need it. She keeps those light tokens filled so we are never left in the dark.

Lisa is stepping down from committee this year, for a well-earned break after 5yrs. So we thank her for everything she has contributed to committee in that time.

Tracey- She is our food queen, any function she is on it, she has her lists and she gets things done, we rock up and it's all in the fridge ready. She also organises our title gift once the committee has decided what it will be.

Julie- She helps trace with other bits and pieces of food, as well as any gifts we give out, she is on it. Organising it and getting it done, helping in the kitchen a lot too.

Lousia- Our trial sponsor seeker- our last few trials we have had prizes overload... it's not an easy gig now days & she did amazingly well. *Lousia is understandably standing down from committee now having moved to Stratford. So we also would like to thank her for her 2yrs with us.*

Michele – with her years of VCA rep knowledge has been amazing with advice but also she is in charge of all things life membership & next year stepping up to be our Secretary

Lucy- Last but certainly not least. One of the hardest roles that never ends each week. She tirelessly runs our towing schedule, each week there are swaps, can't make it, you name it she is onto it, and finding towers, well, it's been a forever and no sight of getting easier, endless task.

An amazing committee is not something I take for granted. K9 club is so lucky to have these amazing people who help create a fun, inclusive community. It helps create a positive place to train our dogs & a place we want to come to each week where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Katie Kisielnicki

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