

AUSDS Inc. President's Report 2020/2021

Two successful 'Stock Dog Challenges' have been held in recent months. Competitors from near and far worked their dogs, and some excellent runs were achieved – it was great to see, and was good socially.

Judges:	Chiltern Vic:	Level 1	1 st Justin McDonald, working <i>Molly</i>
A. Newell			2 nd Darren Harcoan, " <i>Wyanbah Trigger</i>
R. Pell			3 rd " " " <i>Wyanbah Kenny</i>
L. Gulliver		Level 2	1 st Darren Harcoan, " <i>Wyanbah Trigger</i>
R. Cavanagh			2 nd " " " <i>Wyanbah Kenny</i>
			3 rd Aoidh Doyle, " <i>Whisper Elvis</i>
	Guyra NSW:	Level 1	1 st Chris Egan, working <i>Anntre Ray</i>
Judges:			2 nd Grace Halsted " <i>Karana Emma IV</i>
J. Ritchie			3 rd Jeremy Grills " <i>Tammy</i>
J. Rosten		Level 2	1 st Darren Harcoan " <i>Culgoa Deb</i>
I. Berrv			2 nd Will Nichols " <i>Graham</i>
			3 rd Mitch Bennett " <i>Bendit Charlie</i>

The above doesn't happen without collaborative support and effort. Special thanks to Mitch Bennett and Lock Rogers for hosting the event at Guyra NSW. It has been a pleasure to work with the Members, Committee, Office Bearers, Sponsors/Donors, Venues and Stock Suppliers, Competitors, Judges, and Volunteers over the last 12 months – thanks to everyone for their commitment.

Welcome to new Full Members: Mark Wheeler, Yundool Vic; Will Nichols, Walcha NSW; Justin McDonald, Gundagai NSW; Aoidh Doyle, Bonnie Doon Vic; Daniel McLennan, Guyra NSW; Jack Davidson, Guyra NSW; Chris Egan, Vittoria NSW; also to new Associate Member; Wayne McMillan, Whalan NSW. Tully Williams was very pleased to receive a Life Membership – granted unanimously by the Committee.

Thanks to Pam Vickery for filling the vacancy of Registrar. As well as being the Treasurer, her roles require much time and effort, and Pam is appreciative to any assistance that can be given.

The Society is grateful to the four who accepted the position of Judging: Andrew Newell, Bookaar Vic; Jeff Ritchie, Guyra NSW; John Rosten, Armidale NSW; and Ian Berry, Wollomombi NSW. All Judges did a sterling job at the recent 'Stock Dog Challenges'. There are now 12 on the AUSDS Inc. Judge's List.

The *AUSDS Inc. Database for Assessments of Registered Dogs*, and the *AUSDS Inc. Stud Register Report* spreadsheets were approved and are up-to-date. They are available upon request. Out of the 141 dogs registered with the Society (48 during the last year), 102 have been assessed (some on several occasions).

Financially, the AUSDS Inc. is fairly sound with a credit of over six thousand dollars. However, the cost of transporting stock for events needs to be curtailed as much as possible, also the cost of 3 sheep had to be accounted for at the Chiltern event. It would be great if the Society could obtain a suitable major sponsor.

A special thankyou to Naomi White and Danny Ruben who spent several professional hours sorting out misdemeanours within the Website www.ausds.org I encourage everyone to take some time to look at the Society's Website. Also thanks to Naomi for keeping the AUSDS Inc. Facebook Page alive.

* It's most important that a permanent Secretary be found – Naomi only offered to help out for a short interim period.

Other Happenings: A summary of ongoing correspondence has been formulated onto a spreadsheet;

A photo/scrapbook is a work in progress and can be perused upon request;

A new format for *Dog Registration Certificates* and *Pedigrees* has been posted accordingly for all 141 registered dogs;

Robert Henderson is currently making a small ramp with detachable sides, which should be handy for use at events;

The Society featured a Q&A article in the September 2020 issue of the Australian Working Stock Dog Magazine;

A large spreadsheet for the tabulation of results, that can easily be 'home printed', has been adopted for use at events;

Score Cards for judging have been made more defined and simpler;

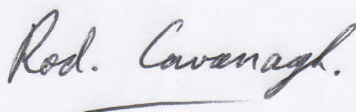
In Level 1, the 'Drive Away' has been changed to *Drive With Handler*; and

A remote mesh 'cage release', used at Chiltern, ensured that dogs cast and searched for sheep to a fair distance.

Once again, I consider it to be a privilege being the President of the Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc. The Society is planning to run more 'Stock Dog Challenges' before the end of 2021, depending on further Covid-virus restrictions.

The Society is for the *betterment of the working stock dog*.

With Respect,



Rod Cavanagh 30/6/2021