

AUSDS Inc. President's Report 2021/2022

The last year has been reasonable. The Society was hoping to run about four 'Stock Dog Challenges', but only two eventuated. However, they were both successful, and very enjoyable and sociable events.

Guyra NSW:

Level 2
1st Grace Halsted, working Karana Emma IV
2nd Stuart Williamson " Clovaville Trend
3rd Zac Ede " Remix Switch
4th Tim Lawrence " Fly
Stockmanship Award, Stuart Williamson
Judges: J. Rosten, I. Berry, and M. Moran

Level 1
1st Athol Essery, working Newtons Tip-Top
2nd Grace Halsted " Karana Emma IV
3rd Brent Pakalniskis " Coomba Bay Adele
Stockmanship Award, Grace Halsted
Judges: J. Ritchie, J. Rosten, and I. Berry

Reids Flat NSW:

Level 2
1st David Crawford, working Crawfords Butch
2nd Justin Tarrant " Crawfords Tom
3rd Justin Tarrant " Tuff
4th Dan McLennan " Ally
Stockmanship Award, Dan McLennan
Judges: M. Bennett, and R. Cavanagh

Level 1
1st Jake Chandler working Swampy
2nd Casey Hayes " Boon
3rd Justin Tarrant " Tuff
Stockmanship Award, Casey Hayes
Judges: M. Bennett, D. Crawford, and R. Cavanagh

The Guyra event generated a profit of approx. \$1,100. The Reids Flat event generated a profit of approx. \$1,800 – thanks to Robert Henderson's effort in obtaining an outstanding amount of sponsorship.

I wish to thank convenors, Mitch Bennett and David Crawford, and all volunteers, sponsors/donors who contributed towards these two 'Stock Dog Challenges', for it is only through them that success and prestige was achieved.

Editorials have been published for the Guyra and Reids Flat events in the AWSDM and THE LAND respectively.

The general move towards having larger cattle handling areas was achieved at both events.

Welcome to new Members: Nicholas Anderson, Kate Blair-Hickman, Nathan Brown, Jake Chandler, David Crawford, Zac Ede, Harry Grant, Grace Halsted, Tim Lawrence, Matt Maliki, Leigh Marsden, Brent Pakalniskis, Brad Staines, Justin Tarrant, Doug Taylor, and Stuart Williamson.

Thanks to David Crawford, Darren Harcoan, Ricky Jones, and Maree Moran for accepting their Judging appointments.

Kylie Lewis is now the Society's Secretary – thanks to Naomi White for fulfilling this role over the interim period.

Thanks to Mitch Bennett who's support over the last few months, as a Committee person, is very much appreciated.

Dog Torque, on one of their weekly IT sessions, interviewed me. It was an honour and an opportunity to portray the aim, purpose and objectives of the Society. It went alright, but the recording was of poor quality.

The Website www.ausds.org has had misdemeanours rectified, and a sponsorship 'tab' is in place – thanks to Danny Ruben. Also, an acknowledgement that the Society is a Member of the Australian Federation for Livestock Working Dogs has been placed on the Website.

The Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc. has achieved quite a few things over the 12 months:

Importantly, the AUSDS Inc. Animal Welfare Policy was formulated and is now in place;

A formula, devised by Deb Maxwell, is now used to transpose the scoring from the Judge's Cards to the large spreadsheet that is displayed for all to see at 'Stock Dog Challenges';

Level 1 was promoted as being a 'low-key' event on the Society's Facebook page;

'Judging Simplified' was also portrayed on the Facebook page;

'Stockmanship Awards' are now presented for both Level 1 and Level 2;

Medallions, as 'minor prizes', are given for the highest score in each of the 4 Aspects of both Level 1 and Level 2;

Total Prize Money has increased by \$200, and a 4th place is now awarded to competitors in Level 2;

The AUSDS Inc. Database for Dog Assessments is up to-date;

New Memberships fees paid during the first half of the calendar year, include payment for next financial year;

Trial Rule 8. a. has been clarified – it is the dog only that is ineligible to enter Level 1 if it has previously won that Level, or an AUSDS Inc. trial at a higher Level; and

56 more dogs have been registered with the Society, totalling just on two hundred.

There are quite a lot of things to attend to:

Unfortunately, Pam Vickery feels that she can't do justice to either of the two roles of Treasurer and Registrar. The Society is seeking new appointments. At present, much of the work load has been undertaken by myself. I consider that the delegation of 'things to do' is not wide spread enough.

More venues for the AUSDS Inc. 'Stock Dog Challenges' needs be sourced, and the arranging of at least another two events during 2022 requires undertaking. Continued momentum is so important.

Level 2 requires further promoting, and I consider that higher prize money, and a major sponsor needs to be looked into.

Once again, it has been an honour representing the Australian Utility Stock Dog Society as President – thank you.

The Society is for the betterment of the working stock dog

With Respect,



Rod Cavanagh 30/6/2022