

AUSDS Inc. President's Report 2024/2025

I am proud to announce that the Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc. has reached a 10 year milestone since its beginning on 24th June 2015. The road hasn't always been smooth, but I consider that the Society has progressed in a positive way having held 8 successful 'Stock Dog Challenges' and now with a total of 242 AUSDS registered dogs.

The last 'Stock Dog Challenge' was held at GLENAROUA Vic. 21st and 22nd September 2024, thanks to the kind support from property owner Jan Evans and staff of Burgess Rural. Sponsorship of \$3,100 was over whelming, plus 28 bags of dog food. The contribution from volunteers was greatly appreciated. Due to everyone's help the event was enjoyable with success, and it proved to be very popular amongst competitors.

Glenaroua Vic:		Level 2	Level 1
1 st	Graig Ogier,	working Roustabout Itchy	1 st Jeremy Lim, working Homebrook Cessna
2 nd	Andrew Hindmarsh	" Cash II	2 nd Ryan Ackers " Widgee
3 rd	Ryan Ackers	" Widgee	3 rd Mark Wheeler " Somerset Boof
4 th	Stephen Bullas	" Clancy	4 th Tim Cavill " Tudabardi Scarlett
5 th	Kevin Wilson	" Old Mill Will	
Stockmanship Award, Craig Ogier			Stockmanship Award, Tim Cavill
Judges: D. McAinch, B. Leahy, R. Cavanagh			Judges: D. McAinch, B. Leahy, I Bates

The next 'Stock Dog Challenge' had to be rescheduled. It is now being held on the 16th and 17th August 2025 on Lawson Gulliver's property, EURIMBLA NSW. Thanks to Lawson for also having both sheep and cattle available. Other events are envisaged during the next 12 months at GLENAROUA Vic., COOTAMUNDRA NSW, and HOLBROOK NSW.

During the event at Glenaroua 2024, 36 additional dogs were registered with the AUSDS Inc. Danny Ruben has continually updated the AUSDS Inc.'s Website www.ausds.org and now has reference to the *Stud Register* that can be clicked on under a separate tab – thanks Danny.

The Society welcomed the following new Members during the year: Andrew Hindmarsh, TARCUTTA NSW, Rod Manning, MANSFIELD Vic., Ryan Ackers, TRAWALLA Vic., Jordan Cozella, GLENAROUA Vic., Scott Cavanagh, YEA Vic., Amanda Williams, SILVAN Vic., and Edward Yeh, CROMER NSW.

Annette Cavanagh, BUNDOORA Vic., was elected on the Committee at the last AGM to fulfil the vacancy of Darren Harcoan. Sadly, because of other commitments, Brenton Allport felt that he couldn't do justice to his position on the Committee and has resigned. Thanks to all the Committee who were able to help during the year.

Due to some generous donations, the Society has acquired:

Large Cargo Box for the Trailer }	
Signage for the Trailer }	{ Joeycan (Aust) P/L
2 Fold-up Tables }	*NB Refer to Annual Financial Report for all donations
2 Gazebos –	Yea Agricultural Show
Steel Draft Module (sheep) –	R. & V. Cavanagh

The Scoring System for the Score Cards has been simplified with more uniformity, without any change to the Judging System. Percentage (%) calculations have been superseded, and this will make it much more understandable for everyone concerned.

A Special General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th August @8:00 pm. re the Committee's recommendation to increase the number on the Committee from 6 to 8, with 4 being elected each year having a 2 year term. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Wednesday 10th September @ 7:00 pm. Please attend these Zoom meetings if possible.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Society, not just over the last 12 months, but over the 10 years of the Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc.'s existence.

The Society is for the betterment of the working stock dog

With Respect,

Rod Cavanagh 30/6/2025