



**VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
(Trading as DOGS Victoria)
2014 Annual Report
2015 Annual General Meeting Agenda**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year, 2014 has seen us all lose friends and acquaintances and it is fitting to start this report acknowledging them all and how they are missed by the dog world. On behalf of all the members I would like to offer our condolences to the families of all deceased members. Also take time to remember those dogs that we have lost throughout the year, champions or not they were important members of the family.

After a long period of declining membership it is wonderful be able to report that again for the second year running we have increased membership, this time by approximately 540 members. This increase is the result of the proactive approach taken by the organisation and especially members encouraging puppy buyers to join or providing assistance and encouragement to newcomers at events thereby encouraging them to remain as members. We have also seen wonderful growth in the number of entries for events across all disciplines especially show events where 2014 showed a total entry increase of over 10,100.

Whilst it would be wonderful to report that DOGS Victoria has operated with a surplus in the past year such is not the case. As you will see from the financial reports we ran at a small deficit of about \$5000. However given the large deficit incurred in 2013 we have made a major turnaround and will continue to ensure the same pleasing trend continues in the coming financial year.

Our two metropolitan venues have received considerable support to ensure that both continue to offer great facilities. Having the two facilities available places us in an enviable position in Australia. KCC Park is and will remain our primary home. It is a world-class facility that makes us envy of both interstate and overseas visitors. The back area is being upgraded and when finished will provide a suitable area for the provision of overnight camping. This will be great for members showing at the ever increasing number of cluster events. Use of the Bulla Exhibition Centre continues to grow, with many clubs electing to hold specialities and nationals there. It has also provided a home for a growing number of country clubs that are no longer able to use their traditional venues. We are all indebted to those amenities committees of both venues whose hard working members have raised considerable funds to be used in the improvement of their respective venue.

During the past year we have continued to try and work closely with the government to ensure the preservation of our approved accredited organisation status. One of the main requirements is that we are, and importantly are seen to be self-regulating. To this end it is essential that ALL members adhere to our code of practice and are responsible owners and breeders to ensure we maintain this accreditation. Last November saw the election of a new government and it is hoped that we can continue a positive working relationship with the new minister once she has settled into the role.

Our Chief Executive, Lyndall Black has completed her first year in the job. Lyndall has really hit the ground running establishing important networks with other bodies and taking a firm hand with the management committee to ensure that we reel in costs. We are very fortunate to have the services of such an able chief executive and importantly one who is a "dog person" that so many of the members have felt was lacking in her predecessors.

I would like to thank all the members of management for their support and the many hours they have given to running our organisation.

Management Committee Meeting Attendance

Peter Frost	9
Darren Bowey	6 (term commenced May 2014)
Pauline Ashton	6 (term commenced May 2014)
Cathy Camac	6 (term commenced May 2014)
David Crooks	11
Vaughan Ellis	7 (term commenced May 2014)
Lynne Harwood	6 (term commenced May 2014)
Chris Hollingworth	11
Tania Kirkland	8
Noeline McIlroy	11
Sylvia Power	12
Jan Robinson	11
Frank Valastro	7

I would, on behalf of all, like to acknowledge the work done by all the volunteers on committees for their tireless and often thankless efforts and by the staff in the DOGS Victoria office in servicing the members throughout the year. Finally thank you all for your support and encouragement to me during the past year.

Peter Frost
President

Committee comprises: Peter Frost (president), Darren Bowey (vice president), Cathy Camac, Chris Hollingworth, David Crooks, Frank Valastro, Jan Robinson, Lynne Harwood, Noeline McIlroy, Pauline Ashton, Sylvia Power, Tania Kirkland, Vaughan Ellis

AGILITY COMMITTEE

The agility community have had a busy year with the Nationals being held at Queensland in June this year. Trials had to be organised to select a team to represent Victoria, this was done over four heats during the year, with tough competition the team was finally selected. The team was named Vic All Paws, and consisted of five team members plus one emergency. The Nationals in Queensland was extremely well organised and was a credit to the Queensland committee members. They also supplied us with glorious weather over five days, fun times were had by all.

As with the previous year, 2014 was a very wet season so a few events were cancelled due to bad weather and/or unsafe ground conditions. A difficult decision for any club to make particularly when often all the hard work has

been done, however the welfare of our dogs is the utmost of importance. On the other hand we have two new trials in December this year, one at the Bulla Exhibition Centre with a twilight jumping trial and the other new event was on New Years Eve at KCC Park both under lights, the New Years Eve was a lot of fun thanks to Kelly Fletcher who was the trial secretary for the event.

The state trial in conjunction with top agility/jumping dog was held in September and we thank all the agility community for helping to run this trial, especially our trial secretary Meg Ryan who did a tremendous job. The annual Agility and Jumping Dog of the Year (Top Dog) finals were conducted during the lunch break. Congratulations to all qualifiers for these events and particularly the winners:

Top Agility Dog – Mr Peter Clynes AG CH 500 Yeoville Th Devil U Know ADM JDM ADO JDO GD SDX SPD – Prada

Top Jumping Dog – Mrs Katie Kisielnicki AG CH Kayladene Triple Choc ADM JDM ADO JDO SPDM GD SDX - Kirra

State Agility Ch - Karolyn De Graauw & AG CH Ziggy D. ADM JDM ADO JDO GD SPDM SD PT DWDFS

State Jumping Ch - Katie Kisielnicki – AG CH 500 Kayladene Born To Run ADM JDM ADO JDO SPD GD - Nakita

The agility committee has been busy with meetings on the working out of the new rules, to be introduced in 2016, thanks to Nikki Janetzki who has done a tremendous amount of work collating the rules that members had put in to vote for. Nikki chaired the meeting for the Victorian members to vote on the new rules and did a fantastic job. Thanks to Nikki and Stephen Pearson who will be representing Victoria for the rules review nationally in February 2015.

Our sport heavily relies on the many volunteers of clubs and their family members, so once again we extend our thanks and appreciation to you all for the work contributed towards running and organising trials. Also a big thank you to all stewards that help out at trials as without stewards there would not be any agility trials.

Geraldine Kisielnicki
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Geraldine Kisielnicki (chair), Tracey Taylor, Katie Kisielnicki, Nikki Janetzki, Stephen Pearson

BULLA AMENITIES SHOW COMMITTEE

We are a committee of hard working individuals who work together to run one gala show weekend a year for DOGS Victoria to raise funds for the further development and improvements of the Bulla complex. These two large back-to-back championship shows are run in autumn

each year and are collectively called the Bulla Autumn Extravaganza weekend. Our committee is forward thinking and very sponsorship driven, with a goal to make this special weekend one of the major events on the Victorian dog show calendar and raise the maximum amount of profit, so that all members of DOGS Victoria will benefit.

Many people give their services to us free of charge, from the judges and stewards who donate their time to general members who help us on the day and others that are generous with donations. Without this help we could not reach these amazing profits. We also have many loyal sponsors now both in and out of the canine world.

The year saw us produce yet another successful show with a profit of \$23,000. This was the fifth show we have run and we are pleased to announce over this time we have raised just over \$100,000.

The improvements these funds have made to all areas of the Bulla facility are now very noticeable and enjoyed by all the Victorian members, who not only use it for conformation shows, but agility, obedience and lecture nights.

Bulla Autumn Extravaganza 2015 is shaping up to be another great weekend on the 30 & 31 May. We hope our innovative idea of different formats for these two shows has created a special feel to the event, and with another competent panel of international judges will be another great success, enjoyed by all those who support it, along with the money it raises for future improvements it will help finance.

Robyn Wallis
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Robyn Wallis (chair), Linda Beer, Matt Norton, Greg Browne, Lynne King, Julia Jones, Idah Watson, Eve Costa

BULLA FACILITIES COMMITTEE

It is now over five years since DOGS Victoria relocated from the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds and took up the lease at the Calabria Club in Bulla.

Members of the Bulla facilities committee have worked tirelessly over this time to ensure that Bulla is exhibitor friendly as well as ensuring that the work of clubs holding events there is kept to a minimum. Tremendous financial support has been provided by the Bulla Amenities Committee whose enthusiastic members conduct the Bulla Extravaganza Weekend of Shows.

To date this committee has raised in excess of \$100,000 to enable improvements to member facilities. What a magnificent effort and we all should be very thankful to this committee. Its recent contribution was \$29,000

towards concrete paths on the main oval and pathways to the carpark areas.

Recently DOGS Victoria Management Committee negotiated with the Calabria Club to permanently obtain the downstairs room that was previously used by the Calabrians as their office. The Bulla facilities committee needed this room to meet the request from clubs for a downstairs room with a kitchen and access for members with a disability.

What followed next was a massive team effort to provide funding to enable this room to be converted. Together with DOGS Victoria, a number of clubs assisted with funding. A huge thanks goes to the Canine Amenities Club who provided \$5000 to enable the purchase and installation of a full heating and cooling system, kitchen equipment and the installation of a food preparation area. The Twilight Canine Country Club provided \$550 to enable the room to be fully painted, the Sunshine Kennel Club who provided a new oven and to the Australia Day International Dog Club who provided a very much needed Bain Marie.

A special thanks also goes to Jean Baldwin who provided a pie warmer for this room and to Dale Joseph of Ace Floors and Coatings who installed the flooring free of charge.

The roadway, from the main entrance to the area near the secretary's office, has now been concreted following complaints from all sections of the membership. Members can now access the main oval or vendor areas without walking through muddy areas and vehicles no longer have to navigate potholes in the road. The Bulla Amenities Committee contributed over \$6000 towards the cost of this project.

Members of this committee bring a wealth of experience both in the dog world and in business, and this experience is evidenced in all decision making. A huge thanks goes to the members of this committee.

Wayne Fleming
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Wayne Fleming (chair), John Sullivan, Jonathan Marshall, Michael Looby, Peter C Frost, Adrian Tilley, Howard Smith, June Soderstrom, Colin Hamilton

CANINE HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

2014 saw another busy year on the canine health front. The name of the committee has become the Canine Health and Wellbeing Committee, for the sake of consistency with the ANKC umbrella committee.

The committee met and/or communicated with several breed clubs through the year in order to assist them consider their individual positions concerning disease

testing, in particular some clubs that were considering litter registration limitations.

The committee's web page now has a clear link on the DOGS Victoria's web page and we also have a dedicated email address for use when communicating with interstate or overseas contacts.

The committee was not consulted on the minimum bitch breeding age issue.

Some interesting points that came out of the online health survey need to be addressed by the committee and DOGS Victoria – the vast majority of these issues come under the heading of "lack of communication".

The committee had a very fruitful meeting with representatives from the Department of Environment and Primary Industry and the Victorian President of the Australian Veterinary Association concerning the issue of problems with brachycephalic breeds. There were many well-considered responses received from breed clubs that were consolidated into points put forward by the canine health representatives, with agreement by all parties as to the way forward.

There are of course still the perpetual agenda items regarding the hip and elbow scheme – very little if any progress has been made on this front, although there is the promise of a national database of health test results, which will be very exciting.

My thanks again for the assistance and support of all the members of the committee - Leonie Ashton, Dr Roger Lavelle, Sylvia Meekings, Dr Iain Mitchell, Dee Moore, Karyn Orzeszko and Chris Strandly.

Sylvia Power
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Sylvia Power (chair), Dr Roger Lavelle, Chris Strandly, Sylvia Meekings, Karyn Orzeszko, Leonie Ashton, Dr Iain Mitchell, Dee Moore

CANINE WELFARE COMMITTEE

The broad responsibility of this sub-committee is to provide advice to management committee on legislative impacts on dogs. This includes legislation and laws at all levels of government from federal to local councils.

The Canine Welfare Committee underwent a number of changes during 2014 with a number of its members stepping down due to their inability to attend meetings. These changes saw David Lowe take the chair and Lynne Harwood join the committee. Having previously met on an as needed basis, a set meeting schedule was introduced in 2104 and the committee met on four occasions.

The committee wishes to thank Ian Urie for his leadership as chair for the past few years and is very grateful that he remains a part of the team.

One of the biggest focus of this committee in recent years has been the issues arising out of the Restricted Breed Dog (RBD) provisions in the Domestic Animals Act and 2014 was no different in this regard. Early in the year chair, David Lowe and Graham Treacey, representing management committee had the opportunity to meet with the Minister for Agriculture, Peter Walsh, with the objective of providing direct feedback regarding concerns raised from this committee. Those concerns centred on the fact that the regulations pertaining to RBD provisions in the Act do not provide indemnity to purebred dogs other than American Staffordshire Terriers. Our aim, given a total repeal of the laws was either unlikely or would take a lengthy period to be achieved, was to have the indemnity enjoyed by American Staffordshire Terriers extended to all purebred dogs registered with DOGS Victoria. The minister undertook to examine the request, however, as we all know the government lost office. As a result of the change of government, on the RBD front, there is some cause for cautious optimism as the new government has announced that it intends to undertake a review of these laws.

Reviews arising out of various RBD cases, and particularly those that involved DOGS Victoria licenced judges as expert witnesses occupied a significant amount of the committee's time in the past 12 months.

Other matters dealt with by the committee during 2014 included:

- * Review of a publication by Victorian Law Foundation, entitled *Dogs, cats, neighbours and you*, which contained a number of pieces of information that the committee felt were either misleading or incorrect
- * Review of the committee's charter making recommendations for change to management committee
- * Potential abuse of DOGS Victoria membership provisions by people who are essentially backyard breeders who use the membership to protect themselves from local laws
- * Fears shared by the Australian Veterinary Association that the (former) government was considering the introduction of mandatory reporting by veterinarians under their RBD provisions
- * A proposal to change the name of the committee to assist in avoiding confusion between its role and that of Canine Health
- * DOGS Victoria's registration with the Department of Primary Industry as a stakeholder with regard to notifications regarding proposed legislative reform
- * Review of several local council Animal Management Plans

The committee is keen to add additional talent to our ranks, so any member who has an interest in this area should contact the chair or the DOGS Victoria office.

David Lowe
Chairperson

Committee comprises: David Lowe (chair), Marilyn Adams, Ian Urie, Jan Fredrickson, Lynne Harwood

CLASSIC DOG SHOW COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that I again provide a report on the activities of the Classic Dog Show Committee. The committee conducted the 60th Annual Championship Dog Show on Saturday 1 February 2014, at KCC Park, Westernport Highway, Skye.

The show attracted the excellent entry of 920 in the breed classes plus 25 entries in the Classic Guineas special class.

The judging panel again consisted of 11 Victorian judges and in the usual tradition all judges waived judging fees to maximise fund raising. Our sincere thanks go to all the judges involved on the day.

For this special show Peter Hitchener (DOGS Victoria Patron) very generously provided \$500 to the best in show winner and \$250 for the RUBIS. As well, his kennel partner Peter Mantzaris donated \$100 to each of the seven group winners. Big thanks to the two Peters.

To further maximise fund raising; we continue to be indebted to the many, many members and affiliates who donated trophies and sashes year after year. This was special again as many members donated back to the Classic KCC Trophy Spoons and Classic Dog Show Trophy Spoons, which were awarded to all challenge winners as a piece of memorabilia. Huge thanks to those many long time members who made this possible.

As always we offer our sincere thanks to that very hard band of workers who, year-after-year provide valuable assistance in the role of stewards, ticket writers, catering people, etc., many of them working over a very long period of time. Their efforts are very much appreciated and words alone cannot thank them enough for the contribution they make.

Overall operations of the show and committee netted a worthwhile profit for 2014 and in this regard I refer you to the VCA financial reporting for full details. My sincere thanks, to all office bearers and committee members, for a tremendously well done job.

We continue to look for new members and if you know of anyone who would like to join this valuable committee, please contact either myself or our secretary Jan Cooke.

The committee certainly continues to meet its 'charter' to raise funds for the provision of amenities for the benefit of members, exhibitors and officials. Over the period of the committee's existence it has now raised more than \$300,000.

During this current year, this committee has provided funds of \$16,525 for the refurbishment of the door locks in the Boxhall Pavilion and a further \$198 for the new refrigerator in the secretary's office in the Boxhall Pavilion.

I am positive 2015 will be another rewarding year in regard to the aims and purpose of this committee and look forward to the continued generous support of the members of DOGS Victoria.

Bob Bell
Chairman

Committee comprises: Bob Bell (chairman), David Brace (vice chairman), Jan Cooke (secretary), Eunice Warner (assistant secretary/show secretary), Wendy Tosh (treasurer), Andrew Burt (show manager), Julie Aspinall, Jan Campbell, Julie Cartledge, John Davis, Maureen Gostelow, Neville Hodgkins, Liz Harding, Jason Moore, Max Morris, Anthony Price, Cathy Scotton

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE

It was an interesting year for the committee with management requesting the committee re-write its charters and submit it for ratification, this gave us the opportunity of requesting the responsibility for the dates calendar, as well as the testing of suspended dogs. Both of these requests were approved. In addition, the committee was increased by management from nine to 12 members.

A number of changes to show dates have been made by the subcommittee under the leadership of John Hutchison for 2016, and we would like to thank the clubs contacted for their cooperation that has allowed the submitted dates to also include six open shows. These shows will be run and organised by the conformation committee for the benefit of aspiring judges and stewards. Further changes are anticipated and these changes will be in place for the 2017 calendar.

A seminar was held in February at the Bulla Exhibition Centre and KCC Park on "How to run a successful show". Concern was expressed at the number of clubs who are running shows at a loss and are then having to draw on reserves to pay their affiliation fees and advertising costs in the Gazette, etc. These reserves in some cases are well below the level needed to cover the mentioned cost. It is anticipated each of these seminars will run for no more than three hours.

The committee is extremely disappointed at the number of bad sportsmanship incidents occurring, which are highlighted on DOGS Victoria representatives' reports and we would remind these people that should a report be forwarded it will be investigated by the disciplinary committee and a suspension or a fine may occur. It is a level playing field out there for all of us and we would remind all exhibitors that if you disagree with the judge's decision or are beaten by a fellow exhibitor we all must learn to accept the umpire's decision, which after all is final.

In conclusion my thanks go to all the members of the committee who continue to give up their valuable time for the benefit of dog world.

Max Morris
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Max Morris (chair), Esther Joseph (deputy), John Hutchison, Colin Hamilton, Sylvia Power, Greg Browne, Chris Moore, Katrina Schreuder, Stacey Sullivan, John Cassar (resigned), Shellie Marshall, Katrina Marsh (resigned mid-year).

CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING COMMITTEE

The 2014 Conformation Judges Training Program was conducted with all co-ordinators attending lectures, mentoring days, field days, theory examinations and practical assessments, as requested.

The Royal Melbourne Show trainee classes were a huge success again and the participation and cooperation of the RAS Dog Committee in this venture is most appreciated by this committee. Trainees judged many classes of dogs and thanks must go to the exhibitors and mentors. Without their support this would not be possible.

The practical examinations were held in November/ December 2014 and our congratulations go to all successful candidates with the pass rate being around 70 percent. It is with much gratitude that we thank the approximately 400 exhibitors, breed clubs, trainees, aspirants and assessors who volunteered their time to assist in the smooth running of these nights. It was pleasing to note the positive atmosphere created by these enthusiastic helpers and this was appreciated by many of the candidates who sent messages of thanks.

We are continuing in our endeavours to excel in the administration of our training program and the production of the Group Leader Manual and Trainee Manual are viewed as an asset to the understanding, efficiency and time management of the program.

Personally, I would like to thank the members of the Conformation Judges' Committee for their support, enthusiasm, diligence and untiring effort in their goal to initiate and maintain excellence in their capacity as volunteers.

Glenys Alexander
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Glenys Alexander (chair), John Thompson (deputy chair), John Hutchison, Bev Watt, Andrew Burt, Jill Hocking, Esther Joseph, Stephanie Rickard

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Our committee functions mainly as an advisory on CR&R matters, providing recommendations to management committee on rules or regulatory matters. It also provides information as an advisor to the administration or to members and affiliates where appropriate.

It has not been necessary to meet on formal face to face meetings – the use of email correspondence has been the normal vehicle for consensus views and recommendations of the members.

Following the disallowance of the proposed rule changes at the 2014 AGM by the attending members (by lack of 75 percent affirmative vote) further work is being done to reintroduce what are necessary amended rules. This will allow for a more effective and workable set of rules more appropriate to our needs as a major organisation.

A VCA Representatives induction and refresher course will be required in 2015 and it is proposed to offer an alternative type accreditation course to allow for better access by members as well as those living at remote locations in the state.

David Brace
Chairperson

Committee comprises: David Brace (chairperson), Pauline Ashton (deputy chairperson), Jan Robinson, Jen Eaton

DANCES WITH DOGS COMMITTEE

A total of ten competitions were held throughout 2014 with entry numbers being reasonably consistent at approximately 35/40 plus per competition. On occasion double competitions have seen the judging panel work through 90 plus entries varying from 75 seconds to 3 ½ minutes in duration, something that is as yet not seen elsewhere in Australia.

Two competitors attained championship titles during 2014.

The judge's training program will commence in February 2015. Initial expressions of interest indicated that between 6-8 people were interested in participating in the program. This program will run for 12 months so 2016 should see the increase in much needed judges.

Committee is committed to strong communication strategies to ensure that all participants are kept informed of developments in the sport. During 2014 this has included: Formation of a Facebook page specifically for communications from this subcommittee, written articles on the sport of dances with dogs for the DOGS Victoria Magazine and distribution of a hard copy newsletter *DWD Dialogue* at the August and November competitions. The newsletter will be distributed at each competition moving forward and to other dog clubs.

Committee welcomed three new members during the year and the committee is now a fairly strong and cohesive unit.

Sue Cordwell
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Sue Cordwell (chair), Sharen McLeod, Jenny Taylor, Trish Wileman, Raylene Laver, Janette Wilson

EARTHDOG COMMITTEE

Earthdog has seen a number of well attended practice days held at the conclusion of terrier judging at all breeds shows.

There have also been a number of tests conducted resulting in passes and titles being granted.

Demonstrations were also conducted at the Big Day Out.

In 2015 we are hopeful of having some new judges appointed.

ANKC has approved a complete rule review commencing in 2015 to come into effect in 2017.

Jan Cooke
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Jan Cooke (chair), Rosemary Sisson, Laurie MacKenzie, Janice James

FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The last twelve months has seen a lot of work take place and with more to come over the following year.

I would like to welcome two new members onto the committee; they are Vaughan Ellis and Helen Sheedy.

- * Pavilion Floor – resurfaced every year
- * Septic Problems – new pump installed, new lids will be replaced to eliminate the smell
- * Exhibition area one (grass show area) – will be undergoing a major upgrade over 2015
- * Museum, Library and Office – extensions have been put on hold due to lack of funding at this stage
- * Exhibition area two (small grass area) - under lights drainage completed 2014

Changes to the rear of KCC Park, consist of elevating ground, revegetation and pathways along with seating for members to enjoy walking their dogs. New herding facilities for B courses are being developed.

Opposite exhibition area seven a camping/motor home area will be available for use this year, once funds have been raised toilet and shower facilities will be erected. For the time being campers need to be self-sufficient.

One item on our wish list is to improve the vendor area.

I would also like to thank the committee for the time and effort they have put in over the last twelve months.

Wayne Sharp
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Wayne Sharp (chair), Graham Treacey, David Brace, Frank Valastro, Noeline McIlroy,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The operating result is a significant improvement on the previous year, however it is still a negative result which is disappointing.

Full year 2014 was a negative (\$5,000) and a year on year improvement compared to full year 2013 which was a negative (\$150,000).

The improved result of \$145,000 was mainly due to an improved surplus from operations of \$95,000 and reduced administration expenses of \$25,000, plus one bequest of \$25,000, a total of \$145,000.

The improved results was partly due to a reduction in wages and on costs which reflects a much improved operation of the office.

Legal fees of \$106,000 were incurred in dealing with issues from members and other parties and continued to drain funds from the association over the year. However this was substantially lower than 2013 which was \$169,000, other variations in expenses were to acceptable levels.

The VCA budget for the year 2014 was for a surplus of \$46,000. This included our best estimate for legal fees of \$50,000, however a second claim relevant to the same matter occurred during the year and resulted in additional legal costs.

The budget of 2015 shows a full year result of negative (\$16,500). This is once again brought about because of possible projected legal costs. The finance committee has provided for this possible additional cost. Should this cost not be realised the 2015 year will end with a positive result.

Given the future demands on the association to maintain its fixed assets in the current condition and to expand and improve amenities it is necessary to increase our profit on operations to meet these future needs. How we do this will be up to management and the membership to work together to decide the best way to achieve this needed revenue growth.

Whether this is achieved by an increase in membership, registration fees, or perhaps by a one off levy or by some other means will ultimately be up to the membership to decide.

David Crooks
Chairperson

Committee comprises: David Crooks (chair), Peter Frost, Darren Bowey, John Hutchison

HERDING COMMITTEE

We have concluded another busy year on a high note, the Activity Analysis for 2014 shows an increase of 17 percent in herding entries over the previous year. Our thanks go to those DOGS Victoria affiliates which have continued to actively promote herding over the year for making this possible.

The past year has seen some changes to the herding election process that came into effect in time for a regular election for committee held mid year. Successful candidates were Noeline McIlroy (chair), Alexa McGauran (deputy chair) and Kate Dourley all elected for a four year term, and Shelley Donald, Jan Anderson and Garry Roberts all elected for a two year term.

We thank outgoing committee members, Sam Douglass and Sheryl Pretty for their time spent on the committee.

Judges training: Kate Dourley has taken over the role of judges training coordinator and we have a good number of enthusiastic people about to commence training...our thanks in anticipation to all those handlers who are going to help our trainees over the year, hands-on experience is very important.

KCC Park herding facilities: Are currently in good shape after an extended period of maintenance, a succession of very wet and very dry seasons had led to the area becoming unsafe for man or beast but, providing we can keep up the maintenance there will be no need to cancel or move events. Our continued thanks to the grounds staff for their work.

State and amenities events: Were conducted very successfully during the year, the latter continuing to be the final event in our calendar and proving to be a very rewarding day socially and financially – all profit being dedicated to improving herding facilities at KCC Park and for the herding community in general.

Growth: Herding continues to grow and attract interest, including bringing new members into the DOGS Victoria fold, our ongoing task is to maintain that interest and keep these people in the sport.

My thanks to the committee for their involvement and dedication in 2014, their support makes my role a pleasure.

Noeline McIlroy
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Noeline McIlroy (chairperson), Alexa McGauran, Gary Roberts, Jan Anderson, Kate Dourley, Shelley Donald

KCC PARK SHOW COMMITTEE

The primary function of this committee is to raise funds for amenities at KCC Park.

For 2014 the major function for the year was our 27th all breeds championship show held on 10 August. We had four interstate and three local judges, this achieved us a good entry of 685 dogs. Mr Chris Moore officiated for general specials. Thank you to all the championship show judges for giving freely of their time at no cost to the club, this is much appreciated. We are going to continue with the format of interstate and local judges, which gives us a better entry. Thank you to Jean Baldwin who we engaged as show secretary and made things run so smoothly, we certainly appreciate her value to the show.

Unfortunately being the third day of a group of shows did not help our entry and we had our worst entry ever. Our date is being changed for future shows to try and eliminate this problem.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our major sponsors namely Peperone Pet Supplies, Dogtainers, Royal Canin and Oakwood Products together with all other trophy donors; your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We are now in need of a major sponsor so any offers would be greatly appreciated.

Breakdown of funds for 2014:

Receipts \$9,223.20

Expenses \$8,964.58

Profit \$285.62

It must be noted that as a subcommittee of DOGS Victoria we have previously not been required to pay the VCA levy, this has now changed and our levy charge was \$2,408.00 that would have normally been listed under profit.

The chairperson and committee wish to thank all those exhibitors and clubs who supported the committee in their efforts to provide more amenities at the Park. We are only a small committee and I would be interested to hear from any person who feels they would like to join the committee and give a little back to the dog world with your time. My special thanks to all committee members for their contribution, it was all your efforts that contributed to the success of our show.

John Thompson
Chairperson

Committee comprises: John Thompson (chair), Trevor Harnder, Anna Lane, Peter Frost, Annette Baxter, Robynne Spencer, Barbara Marsh

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The volunteers of the library continue to man the library each Tuesday and at weekends for all breeds championship shows held during the day.

In 2014 we had this asset of the VCA revalued. The last time the library was valued was in 2004, now ten years on, the library is currently valued at \$1,264,610.00. The increase is mainly because of the generous donations from members of the VCA, we thank the charitable members who have donated throughout 2014 their prize collections of dog books to the library, and these donations are very much appreciated. Many works have now been placed in our locked collection because of either how old the book is, or because of the value of content within the book itself, limited edition etc.

Also during 2014 we finished transferring all the old videos onto DVDs, all the old videos will be stored for safe keeping in case we ever need to replace a DVD. This now brings our DVD collection up over the 1,000 mark. We will continue to seek out new editions of DVDs in 2015 as the obedience, agility, dancing with dogs and new activities for dogs are proving to be very popular with borrowers.

Our wish list is still a new home that is double in size to be able to display all the items we house. Currently we have about 80 storage boxes sitting in achieves, as there is no room to display the items in the current library. So if there is anyone interested in helping us with this very large project, please feel free to contact any of the library committee.

If you have some spare time on your hands, and you are interested in history and books, we give full training on the computer and all aspects of how to help out in the library, there is always plenty to do, covering books, sleeving old pedigrees, putting pedigree information onto breedmate, resorting the shelving (putting books in order) etc. Again, contact any library volunteers if you wish to indulge yourself in books.

Heather Simpson
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Heather Simpson (chair), Clare Hodges (deputy chair), Jill Roissetter, Lindsay Bolden, Lida Simon, Anne Lenne, John Thompson, Jan King, Jan Irving, Jenni Staniforth

LITIGATION COMMITTEE

The litigation subcommittee comprises Jan Robinson as convenor, Peter Frost, president and Darren Bowey, vice president as ex-officio members. Chris Hollingsworth resigned his membership of the subcommittee towards the end of 2014. The charter allows for three ordinary members so there are currently two potential vacancies on the subcommittee.

During the latter part of 2014 and continuing, the committee has been actively engaged in the conduct of litigation involving further aspects of the Irish Wolfhound matter, which are presently before the Melbourne Magistrate's Court.

The committee has met on numerous occasions and collectively has attended conferences with DOGS Victoria's solicitors and an informal mediation with all parties to the current litigation, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory settlement without the need for the matter to be determined by the court. The committee is aware that the members are concerned about substantial expenditure on legal costs and is focused on resolving the dispute by direct communication with all other parties, thus minimising the association's reliance on external lawyers.

At the time of writing, all parties are involved in settlement negotiations and accordingly it is inappropriate to comment about the matter.

Jan Robinson
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Jan Robinson (chair), Peter Frost, Darren Bowey, Chris Hollingworth

MARKETING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The last 12 months has been a year of consolidation for the marketing committee. Our hallmark events – the Night of Nights, the Big Day Out for Dogs and Melbourne Royal were all a resounding success in terms of marketing the many facets of our sport, not just to the general public but also to our own members.

Again in 2014 a number of breed clubs and our promotions committee attended the Dog Lovers Show, affording a great opportunity for our various breeds to meet and greet the general public. This is evolving into a positive ongoing relationship for all involved.

Our commitment to junior handlers continued with our winter and summer seminars. Thank you to our presenters who gave so freely of their time and expertise and to the juniors attending for your enthusiasm and input for upcoming seminars.

Late 2014 a recommendation to management committee to combine the marketing, publications and online committees was approved.

The actions and purposes of these committees overlapped in many ways. Through the combination of all three, benefits have been gained in areas such as; the generation of new ideas, time saving in the case of approval of DOGS Victoria publications and economies in terms of number of meetings being held.

My sincere thanks to the existing marketing committee members, David Crooks, Marilyn Syme and Colin Hamilton and our new members Janet Davidson, Jason Moore and Helen Sheedy.

If the eagerness of this group is anything to go by DOGS Victoria marketing is in good hands

Lyndall Black
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Lyndall Black (chair), David Crooks, Colin Hamilton, Marilyn Syme OAM, Jason Moore, Helen Sheedy, Janet Davidson

OBEDIENCE, TRACKING AND ENDURANCE COMMITTEE

The Obedience Tracking and Endurance Committee had another busy year in 2014.

January 1 saw the introduction of the new ANKC Tracking and Track & Search rule books. Judges lectures were held by OTEC in late 2013 and then again in early January to ensure that all the relevant judges were up to date with all the changes and additional titles.

In February the first of the judges training structured workshops was held at KCC Park, thank you to all the judges on the training and assessment panel who assisted with the workshops as well as the very willing handlers with their dogs that come along to help with the training of our new judges. The very successful OTEC judges training program is overseen by Dawn Howard as the coordinator.

April saw the running of the annual OTEC Easter Festival of Obedience and Rally Trials; these trials are a very popular event on the fixtures calendar. In 2014 Noeline McLroy was the Obedience Trial Secretary whilst Lynn Klecka took on the role of Rally Trial Secretary. This worked very well and with the assistance of many wonderful members a great two days of trials was enjoyed by many.

During May OTEC held meetings for both judges and handlers to assist in the finalisation of the Victorian submission to the ANKC for the reviews of both the obedience and rally rules. Following the meetings OTEC finalised the submission which was lodged by the end of June with the ANKC.

June is the month of the practical judges assessments at KCC Park, our thanks to all involved. The committee congratulates the successful applicants Denis Cody and Barry Cotton on obtaining their open obedience licences whilst Julie Morrison and Tania Schuman gained their rally licences. In July, Alyson Mills successfully passed her practical tracking judges assessment as well.

Again during 2014 OTEC assisted DOGS Tasmania with assessing a trainee judge on their behalf for both a community companion and a novice obedience licence. We were able to provide some additional practical training prior to the testing day. I am very pleased to report that the judge was successful in gaining both licences.

Later in the year Heather Miller was successful in gaining her utility obedience licence and Sheridan Hicks her community companion licence.

The first weekend in August sees the committee holding the Obedience Dog of the Year Competition as well as running the DOGS Victoria State Obedience Championship Trial, in 2014 it was decided to include rally and so on the Saturday the Obedience Dog of the Year was followed by the State Obedience Trial and on the Sunday the committee held the inaugural DOGS Victoria State Rally Championships. Two rally trials were run on the day. This format was well received and will continue in 2015. Congratulations to Ms Marta McKenzie and her Border Collie O Gr Ch & T Ch Yeoville Mastermind UDX RAE AD JD ET (Mac) on being named the winner of the 2014 Obedience Dog of the Year Competition.

At the end of August OTEC runs the DOGS Victoria State Tracking Trial. The trial is held at Inverleigh; the trial secretary for the three day event was Lynn Klecka ably assisted by many tracking enthusiasts and was again a very successful trial on the tracking calendar. OTEC sincerely thanks the Tracking Club of Victoria for obtaining the facilities and grounds on our behalf.

In September the committee held the annual Obedience, Tracking and Endurance Judge's Forum and the Obedience & Tracking Affiliates Presidents and Secretaries Meetings which were well attended by judges and club representatives respectively.

October was the commencement of the judges training for 2015 with the compulsory lecture held at Bulla.

OTEC continues to hold obedience and rally trial run-throughs nights at KCC Park on Tuesday afternoons/evenings during daylight savings time. These nights are run with the wonderful assistance of Friends of Obedience. Each session is like running an open trial every week which is an enormous task, our thanks to everyone who is involved, I know you all gain great pleasure in watching the members succeed in the trial ring when they compete, outstanding effort from all involved. A special thank you to Mrs Margaret Widelock for all the work she does taking bookings and assisting with the printing of qualifying cards for our rally trials.

At the end of the spring session the committee holds an open obedience and rally trial on a Tuesday evening in November under lights at the Park.

During 2014 OTEC commenced lectures for members wishing to become DOGS Victoria accredited instructors

and our thanks to Lea Cogley for her assistance with this program. We hope to move forward with this in 2015 to see accredited instructors passing through the scheme.

We said farewell to Fred Brueckner, Dawn Ayton and Elizabeth Harding from the committee in 2014. We thank them for all their work during their time on the committee and wish them both well in the future. Lynn Klecka was returned for a further term of four years.

Dawn Howard continues in the role of Deputy Chair of the Committee as well as being the Judge's Training Coordinator and Coordinator of the Obedience Dog of the Year event, and in her spare time pens the OTEC Notes for the DOGS Victoria Magazine.

Noeline McIlroy held the position of obedience trial secretary for both Easter trials and state trials whilst Lynn Klecka was the rally trial secretary and tracking trial secretary. Melissa Ferabend was the assistant trial secretary for both obedience and rally for these events and will be taking on the job as trial secretary for the Easter trial in 2015.

My sincere thanks to the entire committee for their continued support and we all look forward to working with judges, members and the affiliated obedience and tracking clubs in the coming year.

Lynn Klecka
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Lynn Klecka (chair), Dawn Howard (deputy chair), Dawn Ayton, Manfred Brueckner, Elizabeth Harding, Noeline McIlroy, Melissa Ferabend

PROMOTIONS, EDUCATION AND THERAPY DOGS COMMITTEE

The committee meetings are held bi-monthly on the second Monday at KCC Park. The committee is a small but dedicated group each and everyone contributes generously of their time.

We wish to thank the members of DOGS Victoria who have given so generously of their time and to aid in promoting DOGS Victoria in the public areas, plus the many breed clubs that all participate with dogs in spreading the message of responsible dog ownership and letting the public see our wonderful pedigree dogs.

It is important to note the promotion team do not direct puppy enquiries to individuals but direct the enquiries to the breed clubs or DOGS Victoria's website.

We also encourage prospective owners to attend shows held at KCC Park or Bulla so they may see as many breeds as possible and talk to breeders before making a choice on the breed suitable to their lifestyle.

Once again the Dogs Lovers Show held for its second year was very busy. The spectators had ideas about

the type of dog they wanted and being able to see a lot of breeds on show and for breeders to have time to talk to them and answer questions plus the opportunity to interact with the dogs is good publicity for the purebred and DOGS Victoria.

The promotions committee were flat out answering questions and handing out information about all aspects of DOGS Victoria, it is the best possible exposure we can receive MORE breeds should take part.

The Royal Melbourne Show saw us in a new location that was much better, we had more room and a nice new stand of modern design which created a good public image. During the show we were pleased to talk with many potential owners, it was noted by the committee and those who assisted that there was a change in attitude from people seeking advice. They are being more careful and taking their time before making a choice.

By directing these people to other DOGS Victoria activities such as shows, obedience, agility and so on it is hoped that they will continue to explore the world of DOGS Victoria and all the activities that we have to offer.

We need to be a public voice in the community spreading the message of responsible dog management and all about the pedigree dog. This takes an enormous amount of organisation for the office, promotion committee and of course the breed clubs. We are sure our effort is well worthwhile and we will keep up the good work.

Therapy Dogs

The therapy dogs team have continued their valuable work at various nursing homes and institutions throughout Victoria. Some have been regular visitors (at their allocated places) for several years, establishing an important relationship within the community. We were well represented by a variety of breeds with owners of a diverse background who contribute their expertise to the program. As we are diversifying to different areas the program is being updated to accommodate these new intakes (a work in progress).

A special thank you to Lea Cogley who has given freely of her time to access new therapy dogs and of course, thank you to our wonderful volunteers who weave their special magic with each visit.

Merilyn Syme OAM
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Merilyn Syme OAM (chairperson)
Rebecca Sloan (secretary) Nicola Abell (therapy dogs coordinator) Gail Cleland, Neville Humpage, Robyn Ross, Katherine Whitely

RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

The principal role of the RAFT Committee is to advance the retrieving and field trial disciplines. In accordance with its charter, it does this by managing the trial fixtures,

developing and testing judges, running championships, and liaising with National RAFT Committee and other committees as appropriate.

During 2014 RAFT successfully conducted three Championships;
Retrieving Trial State Championship
Pointer & Setter Field Trial State Championship
Pointer & Setter Field Trial National Championship

Unfortunately the Utility Gundog Field Trial State Championship and the UG Field Trial National Championship were both cancelled due to lack of game (quail). A championship was not held for the spaniel and retriever discipline as there were insufficient dogs that qualified.

At least one judges lecture was held for each discipline during the year. It was very pleasing to see a number of people come forward to gain their judging licences. New retrieving judges appointed were Karl Britton and Leanne O'Sullivan. Also Greg Playdon has only to complete his practical test. Gordon Strachan (field) and Andrew Yeomans (retrieving) were both upgraded during the year.

In conjunction with National RAFT Committee, reviews of rules for retrieving trials and spaniel and retriever trials were finalised in 2014.

Committee members retire on a two yearly rotation basis. After many years on the RAFT committee Margaret Hall retired and chose not to put herself up for re-election. I would like to acknowledge the many years of service that Margaret gave to the committee and to retrieving in general through her participation on club committees. There were two nominations for Margaret's position on the committee and the successful candidate was Mark Davis who joined the committee in September.

I would like to express my thanks to the CEO and her staff for their assistance and support Pointer & Setter Field Trial State Championship during the year.

Trevor Stevens
Chairperson

Committee comprises: Trevor Stevens (chairperson), Noel Eltringham, Dave Blacker, Greg Playdon, Gordon Strachan, Mark Davis, Darren Smith

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC

Review of Activities 1 January to 31 December 2014

Discipline	Year 2013	Year 2014	Variance	Variance %
Championship show				
KCC Park	37737	42626	+4889	+12.95
Bulla	19664	19677	+13	+0.06
Country	48508	52203	+3695	+7.62
Other Venue	5065	5476	+411	+8.11
Royal Melbourne Show	3441	3503	+62	+1.80
Total Championship Show	114415	123485	+9070	+7.93
Open Show				
KCC Park	1340	1549	+209	+15.59
Bulla	621	689	+68	+10.95
Country	423	380	-43	-10.16
Other Venue	53	76	+23	+43.39
Total Open Show	2437	2694	+257	+10.54
Total Championship and Open Show	116852	126179	+9327	+7.98
<i>Five new events held at KCC Park in 2014 - entry 4,349</i>				
<i>One new event held at the Bulla Exhibition Centre in 2014 - entry 586</i>				
<i>Seven new country events in 2014 - combined entry 3,215</i>				
<i>Three country events held in 2013 not held in 2014 - combined entry 1,192</i>				
Obedience, Tracking & Endurance (OTEC)				
Obedience	3716	3501	-215	-5.78
Obedience Rally O	2995	3581	+586	+19.56
Tracking	525	727	+202	+42.79
Track & Search	103	616	+513	
Endurance	84	58	-26	-30.95
<i>Increase in rally figures - 10 new events held in 2014 - entry 937</i>				
<i>Increase in track & search figures - seven new events held in 2014 - entry 937</i>				
Retrieving & Field (RAFT)				
Field/Retrieving	1223	1119	-104	-8.50
Agility				
Agility	16605	18188	+1583	+9.53
<i>Increase in agility - one new event - entry 659</i>				
Herding				
Herding	223	261	+38	+17.04
Dances with Dogs				
Dances with Dogs	300	328	+28	+9.33
Earthdog				
Earthdog	Nil	32	+32	

The above figures represent the total entries in the various disciplines run under the auspices of DOGS Victoria.

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
REVENUE:			
Membership Fees, Affiliations & Prefix Income		1,040,437	987,482
Registrations, Transfers & Title Certificates		747,120	704,214
Fees from Supply of Facilities & Services		459,912	467,441
Advertising & Sponsorship Income	15	166,338	193,947
Bank Interest on Term Deposits		33,297	33,707
Land Tax Refund		-	62,117
Bequests & Grants		34,000	-
Shows & Sundry		131,965	167,577
Total Income		<u>2,613,069</u>	<u>2,616,485</u>
LESS EXPENSES:			
Depreciation of Property, Plant & Equipment	5	215,824	231,885
Staff Salaries, Wages, Allowances & On-Costs	24	955,204	963,953
Operating & Maintenance of Exhibition Facilities		324,882	303,292
Office Expenses incl. Maintenance of Registers		324,414	375,246
Magazine, Gazette & Other Publication Costs		330,568	339,155
Legal Expenses incl. Disbursements	16	105,998	168,967
Shows, Trials & Special Events		63,314	89,082
Meetings & Election Expenses		86,915	96,409
ANKC Affiliation Fees & Levies		66,056	60,831
Insurance Expense		76,906	75,308
Canine Research		36,462	35,108
Promotions		31,644	27,855
Other		-	-
Total Expenses		<u>2,618,187</u>	<u>2,767,091</u>
CURRENT YEAR OPERATING LOSS		<u>(5,118)</u>	<u>(150,606)</u>

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	2	1,202,240	1,059,607
Receivables	3	215,746	154,738
Inventories	4	11,206	11,341
		<u>1,429,192</u>	<u>1,225,686</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	<u>7,011,344</u>	<u>7,127,300</u>
Total Assets		<u>8,440,536</u>	<u>8,352,986</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals	6	275,417	171,276
Leave Entitlements	7	122,482	96,384
Income In Advance	8	238,058	279,953
		<u>635,957</u>	<u>547,613</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Leave Entitlements	7	<u>12,108</u>	<u>7,784</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>648,065</u>	<u>555,397</u>
Net Assets		<u>7,792,471</u>	<u>7,797,589</u>
<i>represented by:</i>			
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		3,610,485	3,650,928
Bequests Reserve	9	35,325	-
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	4,146,661	4,146,661
		<u>7,792,471</u>	<u>7,797,589</u>
DISASTER RELIEF FUND	23		
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	28		

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Members Funds for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Bequests Held in Reserve	Accumulated Surplus	Total Member Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year-Ended 31st December 2014:				
Members Funds 1st January 2014	4,146,661	-	3,650,928	7,797,589
Less: Loss from Operations	-	-	(5,118)	(5,118)
Add: Transfer to Reserves	-	35,325	(35,325)	-
Members Funds 31st December 2014	4,146,661	35,325	3,610,485	7,792,471
Year-Ended 31st December 2013:				
Members Funds 1st January 2013	4,296,661	-	3,801,534	8,098,195
Add: Surplus from Operations	-	-	(150,606)	(150,606)
Less: Land Revaluation Decrement	(150,000)	-	-	(150,000)
Members Funds 31st December 2013	4,146,661	-	3,650,928	7,797,589

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash Receipts from Operating			
Receipts from Operating Activities			
incl. Goods & Services Tax Collected		2,724,989	2,879,471
Bank & Other Interest Received		40,998	34,440
Total Operating Cash Inflows		<u>2,765,987</u>	<u>2,913,911</u>
Less Cash Payments from Operating			
Payments for Operating Expenses			
incl. Goods and Services Tax Paid		2,523,484	2,803,472
Net Cashflow from Operating	22	<u>242,503</u>	<u>110,439</u>
Cash Receipts of a Capital Nature			
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets			
less Goods & Services Tax Collected		100	-
Less Cash Payments of a Capital Nature			
Plant, Equipment & Ground Improvements			
less Goods & Services Tax Refunded		99,970	145,017
Net Cashflow from Investment		<u>(99,870)</u>	<u>(145,017)</u>
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) for Year		142,633	(34,578)
Add: Cash on Hand & At Bank			
As At Start of the Financial Year		1,059,607	1,094,185
Cash on Hand & At Bank 31-Dec-14	2	<u><u>1,202,240</u></u>	<u><u>1,059,607</u></u>

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Detailed Income & Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

INCOME:	Note			Increase (Decrease)	
		2014 \$	2013 \$	\$	%
Annual Fees & Subscriptions					
Membership Subscriptions	11	669,691	633,908	35,783	6%
Breeder's Kennel Prefixes		147,296	149,261	(1,965)	-1%
Club Affiliation & Levies	12	184,283	172,384	11,899	7%
Judges Fees & Training		39,167	31,929	7,238	23%
		1,040,437	987,482	52,955	5%
Canine Registry Income					
New Litter Registrations		534,731	507,729	27,002	5%
Transfers of Registrations		148,174	135,783	12,391	9%
Export Certificates Issued		17,664	16,736	928	6%
Title Certificates Issued		46,551	43,966	2,585	6%
		747,120	704,214	42,906	6%
Facilities & Services Income					
Bulla Exhibition Centre Charges	13	67,239	70,936	(3,697)	-5%
KCC Park Dog Centre Charges	14	185,840	191,996	(6,156)	-3%
Country & Other Venue Levies		157,817	159,913	(2,096)	-1%
Advertising and Sponsorships	15	166,338	193,947	(27,609)	-14%
Breeder Accreditation Program		13,563	11,047	2,516	23%
Sale of Show & Trial Stationery		35,453	33,549	1,904	6%
Shows, Trials & Other Events	17	124,292	153,623	(29,331)	-19%
		750,542	815,011	(64,469)	-8%
Other Income					
Bank & Term Deposit Interest		33,297	33,707	(410)	-1%
Handling Fees & Donations		7,673	13,954	(6,281)	-45%
Bequests from Members		25,000	-	25,000	0%
State Government Grant		9,000	-	9,000	0%
Land Tax Refund		-	62,117	(62,117)	-
		74,970	109,778	(34,808)	-32%
TOTAL INCOME		2,613,069	2,616,485	(3,416)	0%
LESS EXPENSES:					
Cost of Providing Member Facilities, Services, Shows & Trials					
ANKC Affiliation & Levies		66,056	60,831	5,225	9%
Canine Research Donation	18	36,462	35,108	1,354	4%
Annual Election & Ballot Expenses		31,614	21,451	10,163	47%
Grounds - Bulla Exhibition Centre	13	209,074	205,300	3,774	2%
Grounds - KCC Park State Centre	14	453,811	446,899	6,912	2%
Insurance - Members & Property	20	76,906	75,308	1,598	2%
Legal Fees & Disbursements	16	105,998	168,967	(62,969)	-37%
Meetings incl. AGM, ANKC, Committees		55,301	74,958	(19,657)	-26%
Magazine, Website & Calendar Expenses	15	330,568	339,155	(8,587)	-3%
Promotional Publications & Exhibitions		31,644	15,877	15,767	99%
Reimbursement of Expenses & Refunds		-	11,978	(11,978)	-100%
Shows, Trials & Other Event Expenses	17	63,314	89,082	(25,768)	-29%
		1,460,748	1,544,914	(84,166)	-5%

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Income & Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December 2014 (Cont'd)

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$	Increase (Decrease) \$	%
Administration Office & Canine Registry Expenses					
Auditor's Remuneration	21	18,500	19,800	(1,300)	-7%
Bad & Doubtful Debts		400	3,382	(2,982)	-88%
Bank Charges & Service Fees		13,476	13,321	155	1%
Canine Registration Database Fees	19	25,728	32,653	(6,925)	-21%
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal		4,061	6,591	(2,530)	-38%
Computer Maintenance & Supplies		46,607	42,553	4,054	10%
Consultant - Employee Resources		-	19,123	(19,123)	-100%
Depreciation - Office Equipment		12,222	16,883	(4,661)	-28%
Light, Heat & Power - Office		12,286	14,776	(2,490)	-17%
Motor Vehicle Expenses Reimbursed		6,281	4,726	1,555	33%
Photocopier Rental & Maintenance		45,001	42,356	2,645	6%
Postage & Courier		59,821	61,859	(2,038)	-3%
Printing & Stationery		48,111	56,920	(8,809)	-15%
Repairs, Maintenance & Replacements		2,323	1,673	650	39%
Staff Salaries, Wages & On-Costs	24	820,803	830,048	(9,245)	-1%
Security		3,739	9,253	(5,514)	-60%
Staff Amenities		4,857	4,281	576	13%
Staff Training & Development		868	-	-	
Subscriptions & Memberships		1,045	-	1,045	0%
Sundry Office Expenses		443	2,128	(1,685)	-79%
Telephone, Internet & Facsimile		30,867	39,851	(8,984)	-23%
		1,157,439	1,222,177	(65,606)	-5%
TOTAL EXPENSES		2,618,187	2,767,091	(148,904)	-5%
LOSS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS		(5,118)	(150,606)	145,488	
Add: Accumulated Funds Brought Forward		3,650,928	3,801,534	(150,606)	
Less: Transfer to Bequests Reserve Account		(35,325)	-		
MEMBERS FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014		3,610,485	3,650,928	(40,443)	-1%

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. being a not-for-profit entity. These accounts were authorised for release by the committee of management on 18th February 2015.

The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis of accounting so as to match the income for the year with expenses incurred in earning that income. Except where stated, assets of the Association are recorded at historical cost and accordingly do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

Australian Accounting Standards are those prescribed by the Australian Accounting Standards Board so as to present relevant and reliable information summarising the transactions of Association. A summary of material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial statements is set out below. Except where otherwise stated, these accounting policies have been consistently applied.

(a) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.

(b) Investments

All investments in term deposits are recorded at cost and interest income brought to account on an accruals basis of accounting.

(c) Depreciation

Non-current assets comprising property plant and equipment other than land are depreciated or amortised over their estimated useful lives using either the straight line (p.c.) or diminishing value (d.v.) basis using the following rates:-

Buildings & Improvements	2.50%	D.V.
Plant, Equipment & Motor Vehicles	15-40%	D.V.
Office Computers & Computer Software	33%	P.C.

The carrying value of all items of property, plant and equipment are reviewed annually by the committee of management to ensure that it is not in excess of its recoverable amount.

(d) Freehold Land

Freehold land held by the Association is shown in the financial statements at its fair value based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuation - municipal council or where conducted independent external valuation. Between valuation dates, officers of the Association assess the carrying amount of the land to ensure it is not in excess of its fair value. Any increase in the carrying amount of land is brought to account in the Statement of Income & Expenditure.

(e) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 50-40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The Association is, however, subject to tax on the value of any fringe benefits provided to employees either incidentally or under salary sacrifice arrangements and where payable an appropriate accrual for the amount of the FBT expense has been brought to account as a liability of the Association.

(f) Employee Benefits

Provision has been made for the Association's liability for annual and long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued in respect of all employees. Employee benefits which may become payable within twelve months are brought to account by reference to wage rates prevailing as at the end of the financial year. Benefits which may be payable later than one year are measured by reference to the present value of the estimated future cash flows having regard to the probability of the employee satisfying vesting requirements.

(g) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative financial year information has been re-classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with changes and enhancements in presentation for the current reporting period.

(h) Recognition of Revenue

Revenue from subscription income is recognised in the accounts on an accruals basis of accounting with the unexpired portion of annual subscriptions brought to account at year-end as a liability. The unexpired portion of subscriptions received is calculated by reference to subscriptions actually received up to and including the balance date.

Revenue from the sale and supply of goods and services including canine registrations and advertising is recognised upon delivery of those goods or services to the member or customer. Revenue received in advance in respect of future advertising is brought to account as a liability of the Association until such time as the Association has fulfilled its obligations under the terms and conditions of the advertising contract.

Income from donations, sponsorships, trials, shows and other fund-raising activities is recognised in the accounts as and when received. Where sponsorship proceeds relate to specific activities or events, or are subject to conditions, the income is not recognised until such time as the activity or event has been completed or conditions otherwise satisfied.

Interest on fixed term deposits is recognised on an accruals basis of accounting with the amount of interest accrued at balance date brought to account as revenue with a corresponding current asset for the amount of interest due and receivable as at the end of the financial year from the Bank.

(i) Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised in the accounts after deduction of the amount of GST payable to or refundable from the Taxation Office except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Commissioner. In such circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition or as part of the item of expense. Receivables and payable are stated in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities inclusive of the GST.

(j) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each financial year, the Association reviews the carrying value of all assets to determine whether or not any assets have been impaired and in cases where the carrying value may be greater than recoverable value, the book value is written down to its estimated recoverable value with a corresponding expense brought to account in the Statement of Income and Expenditure.

(k) Receivables & Payables

Accounts receivable and payables expected to be collected or paid within twelve months are classified in the accounts "current".

2. CASH ON HAND & AT BANK	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Cash on Hand:		
Administration Office	1,000	1,000
Sub-Committee Floats	200	200
	1,200	1,200
Cash at Bank:		
VCA Office Business Accounts	132,866	151,713
Classic Dog Show Committee	4,366	3,483
KCC Park Show Committee	7,847	7,589
	145,079	162,785
Cash on Deposit at Bank:		
Term Deposit No. 1	354,303	242,561
Term Deposit No. 2	459,497	293,111
Term Deposit No. 3	-	141,083
Term Deposit No. 4	157,956	152,906
Classic Dog Show	48,879	55,574
Bequests Invested in Term Deposits	35,326	10,387
	1,055,961	895,622
Total Cash on Hand & at Bank	1,202,240	1,059,607

The weighted-average interest rate on fixed term deposits at balance date was 3.3% (last year: 4.6%). Bank and fixed term deposit accounts are held with the Bendigo & Adelaide Bank either at-call or with a maturity date of less than twelve months.

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts (Cont'd)

3. RECEIVABLES	2014	2013	4. INVENTORIES	2014	2013
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Accrued Interest	4,911	12,613	Show Stationery for Resale	11,206	11,341
Prepaid Expenses	94,441	95,783			
Accounts Receivable	116,394	46,342			
Total Receivables	215,746	154,738			

Stationery supplies for in-house consumption is expensed as and when incurred and is not brought to account as an asset.

5. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	Historical 1st Jan.	Additions at Cost	Writeoff at Cost	Historical 31st Dec.	Deduct Deprec.	Book 31st Dec.	Deprec For Year
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

This Year Ended 31/12/2014

KCC Park Skye:

Freehold Land at Valuation	4,275,000	-	-	4,275,000	-	4,275,000	-
Buildings & Improvements at Cost	3,465,535	-	-	3,465,535	(1,303,153)	2,162,382	47,980
Machinery, Plant & Equipment at Cost	1,367,936	15,972	(3,072)	1,380,836	(1,056,537)	324,299	114,670
Library Equipment & Books at Cost	72,498	-	-	72,498	(66,783)	5,715	1,026

Bulla Exhibition Centre:

Equipment & Improvements at Cost	347,801	60,067	-	407,868	(216,617)	191,251	39,926
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VCA Membership Office:

Furniture and Equipment at Cost	328,100	23,931	-	352,031	(299,334)	52,697	12,222
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Total Property, Plant & Equipment

	9,856,870	99,970	(3,072)	9,953,768	(2,942,424)	7,011,344	215,824
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Last Year Ended 31/12/2013

KCC Park Skye:

Buildings and Improvements at Cost	3,465,535	-	-	3,465,535	(1,255,173)	2,210,362	49,648
Machinery, Plant & Equipment at Cost	1,237,876	130,060	-	1,367,936	(944,838)	423,098	121,697
Library Equipment & Books at Cost	72,498	-	-	72,498	(65,757)	6,741	1,263

Bulla Exhibition Centre:

Equipment & Improvements at Cost	334,169	13,632	-	347,801	(176,691)	171,110	42,394
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VCA Membership Office:

Furniture and Equipment at Cost	326,775	1,325	-	328,100	(287,111)	40,989	16,883
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Total Property, Plant & Equipment

	9,861,853	145,017	(150,000)	9,856,870	(2,729,570)	7,127,300	231,885
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For insurance purposes buildings together with other assets have a declared value of \$6,120,000 with cover current to 1 November 2015. Freehold land at 655 Dandenong-Hastings Road Skye (29.6 Ha) was revalued to City of Frankston site valuation of \$4,275,000 at 1st January 2013 and is considered to be a fair assessment of current market value at year-end. The library collection was independently valued for insurance purposes at \$1,264,610 at 20th September 2014. For accounting purposes, library collection continues to be shown at historical cost consistent with other depreciable asset classes.

6. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS	2014	2013	Analysis of Entitlements -	Annual Leave	Long Service
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Accounts Payable	178,982	94,566	Balance at Start of Year	41,853	62,315
GST Payable	30,634	18,729	Add: Leave Accrued	56,929	15,142
PAYG Payable	18,180	17,994	Less: Leave Taken	-41,649	0
Accruals	47,621	39,987	Balance at End of Year	57,133	77,457
Total Creditors & Accruals	275,417	171,276			

7. LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS	2014	2013	8. INCOME IN ADVANCE	2014	2013
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Current Liability			Prepaid Advertising	15,465	26,923
Annual Leave	57,133	41,853	Club Affiliation Fees	119,349	114,079
Long Service Leave	65,349	54,531	Judges Licence Fees	23,851	23,277
	122,482	96,384	Prepaid Kennel Prefix	18,351	25,993
Non-Current Liability			Prepaid Subscriptions	61,042	89,681
Long Service Leave	12,108	7,784	Total Income in Advance	238,058	279,953
Total No. of Employees	14	15			

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts (Cont'd)

9. BEQUESTS HELD IN RESERVE

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Transfer to Reserves:		
Est. Late Gordon Wallace	10,000	-
Est. Late David J K Roche	25,325	-
Total Bequests Held in Reserve	<u>35,325</u>	<u>-</u>

10. ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Revaluation of Freehold Land		
7th January 2002	1,041,661	1,041,661
1st January 2006	680,000	680,000
1st January 2009	2,575,000	2,575,000
1st January 2013	(150,000)	(150,000)
Total Revaluation Reserve	<u>4,146,661</u>	<u>4,146,661</u>

11. JOINING FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
New Member Joining Fees	43,067	39,623
Ordinary Subscriptions	547,017	519,688
Pensioner Subscriptions	36,423	35,136
Associate Subscriptions	5,711	5,541
Secondary Subscriptions	18,398	16,807
Junior Subscriptions	4,467	2,758
Senior Subscriptions	12,111	12,017
Companion Subscriptions	2,497	2,338
Total	<u>669,691</u>	<u>633,908</u>

12. AFFILIATION FEES & LEVIES

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Agricultural Societies	14,051	14,129
All-Breed Dog Clubs	51,520	49,979
Specialist Breed Clubs	29,087	28,151
Dog Obedience Clubs	16,101	15,615
Other Clubs & Affiliates	3,878	4,578
Affiliate Services Levy	69,646	59,932
Total Affiliation Fees	<u>184,283</u>	<u>172,384</u>

13. BULLA EXHIBITION CENTRE

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income:		
Surcharge & Usage Levies	57,279	60,256
Hire of Rooms & Equipment	6,507	8,533
Vendors Site Fees	3,453	2,147
Total Income	<u>67,239</u>	<u>70,936</u>
Less Direct Costs:		
Cleaning & Supplies	16,414	10,611
Depreciation	39,926	42,394
General Expenses	1,389	678
Rent, Rates & Outgoings	47,044	40,267
Light & Power	20,127	18,404
Ground Maintenance	34,066	33,123
Motor Vehicle Expenses	7,776	6,432
Wages & On-Costs	42,332	53,391
Total Direct Costs	<u>209,074</u>	<u>205,300</u>
Net Cost:	<u>(141,835)</u>	<u>(134,364)</u>

14. KCC PARK DOG CENTRE, SKYE

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income:		
Hire of Rooms & Equipment	18,751	23,523
Building Annual Rental	3,790	3,790
Optus Annual Rental	10,438	10,134
Residential Rental	14,868	14,066
Surcharge & Usage Levies	114,022	118,104
Catering Commission	16,223	14,689
Vendors Site Fees	7,216	7,534
Library Income	532	156
Total income	<u>185,840</u>	<u>191,996</u>

Less Direct Costs:

Cleaning	34,363	39,233
Depreciation	163,676	171,346
General Expenses	4,454	2,719
Hire of Equipment	5,714	8,163
Land Tax	-	15,421
Library Expenses	12,776	8,271
Light & Power	18,431	18,093
Motor Vehicle Expenses	8,793	7,598
Rates & Taxes	16,281	13,624
Repairs & Maintenance	78,761	67,793
Wages & On-Costs	92,069	80,514
Water Supply Costs	18,493	14,124
Total expenditure	<u>453,811</u>	<u>446,899</u>

Net Cost

	<u>(267,971)</u>	<u>(254,903)</u>
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15. ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income:		
Commercial	78,626	111,938
Members & Affiliates	80,621	78,004
Website Advertising	7,091	4,005
	<u>166,338</u>	<u>193,947</u>

Less Direct Costs:

Magazine Production & Distribution	298,428	300,365
Calendar Production Costs	12,281	10,409
Commission & Sundries	17,699	26,221
Website Hosting & Expenses	2,160	2,160
Total Expenditure	<u>330,568</u>	<u>339,155</u>

Contribution Margin:

	<u>(164,230)</u>	<u>(145,208)</u>
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16. LEGAL FEES & DISBURSEMENTS

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Disciplinary Issues	-	6,500
Complaint Procedures	-	9,777
Canine Museum Lease	1,100	4,691
Legal Complaints from Members	104,898	147,472
Total Legal Fees & Disbursements	<u>105,998</u>	<u>168,440</u>

Complaints from members via their solicitors and/or legal representatives were not settled during the year and remain on foot. Additional costs and disbursements are likely to be incurred before these matters are settled and will be paid from members funds as and when incurred. No provision has been made for any loss or outgoing in relation to these matters or any litigation proposed or threatened against the officers of the Association or the organisation itself as the management committee has not been in a position to reliably estimate such amounts.

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts (Cont'd)

17. SHOWS, TRIALS & EVENTS	2014	2013	20. INSURANCE	2014	2013
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Gross Income:					
Classic Dog Show	14,709	12,953	Business & Property Insurance	13,352	18,851
KCC Park Show	8,384	10,304	Group Personal Accident & Injury	12,407	11,523
State & National Trials	19,519	29,156	Public & Products Liability Insurance	43,755	37,721
New Years Eve Show	25,414	32,469	Committee & Professional Indemnity	7,392	7,213
Bulla Amenities & Other Shows	35,347	34,054		<u>76,906</u>	<u>75,308</u>
Easter / Good Friday Show	4,096	13,121			
Big Dog Day Out Promotion	3,469	4,203	21. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION	2014	2013
Top Dog Event & Dinner	6,521	4,917		\$	\$
Other Activities & Events	6,833	12,446			
	<u>124,292</u>	<u>153,623</u>	Auditing the Accounts & Records	13,700	14,490
Gross Expenditure:			Other Professional Services	4,800	5,310
Classic Dog Show	5,629	4,581	Total Remuneration	<u>18,500</u>	<u>19,800</u>
KCC Park Show	5,961	7,577			
State & National Trials	14,064	29,649	22. CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION	2014	2013
New Years Eve Show	11,269	13,231		\$	\$
Bulla Amenities & Other Shows	15,338	11,403	Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(5,115)	(150,606)
Easter / Good Friday Show	3,073	6,568	Addback: Non-Cash Items:		
Big Dog Day Out Promotion	4,667	923	Depreciation & Amortisation	215,824	231,885
Top Dog Event & Dinner	1,111	4,809	Change in Leave Entitlements	30,422	783
Other Activities & Events	2,202	10,341	Change in Inventories on Hand	135	142
	<u>63,314</u>	<u>89,082</u>	Change in Receivables	(61,008)	7,071
Contribution for Year	<u>60,978</u>	<u>64,541</u>	Change in Accounts Payable	104,141	25,202
			Change in Income in Advance	(41,895)	(2,772)
18. CANINE RESEARCH DONATION	2014	2013	Other Non-Cash Items	(1)	(1,266)
	\$	\$	Cash Inflow from Operating	<u>242,503</u>	<u>110,439</u>
Canine Research Foundation	<u>36,462</u>	<u>35,108</u>			
Dogs Victoria contributes \$2.00 per registered puppy (after deducting GST).			23. DISASTER RELIEF FUND	2014	2013
				\$	\$
19. AUSTRALIAN CANINE REGISTER	2014	2013	Gross Receipts:		
	\$	\$	Balance Brought Forward	560	560
Maintenance & Upgrade Costs	<u>25,728</u>	<u>32,653</u>	Receipts, Donations etc	-	-
				<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>
			Less Expenditure:		
			Assistance Payments	-	-
				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			Unexpended Funds		
			held at Bendigo Bank	<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>
Dogs Victoria in conjunction with other Australian National Kennel Council members maintain an electronic database recording the registration and transfer of ownership of pure bred dogs. The Association's share of the initial capital costs has been fully amortised whilst its share of ongoing maintenance and upgrade costs are expensed on a quarterly basis. Dogs Victoria has agreed to contribute to redevelopment costs over five years from 1st April 2012 with a 27.35% share.			<i>represented by -</i>		
			Bendigo Bank Cheque A/c	-	32
			Bendigo Bank Savings A/c	560	528
			Total Funds Held in Trust	<u>560</u>	<u>560</u>

Explanatory Notes to the Accounts (Cont'd)

24. SALARIES, WAGES, ALLOWANCES & ON-COSTS

	Admin Employees \$	Ground Maintenance \$	Total \$
Y/E 31/12/2014 -			
Salaries, Wages, Benefits & Hire of Temporary Staff	700,444	118,445	818,889
Superannuation - 9.25% & 9.5% Award SGC	63,881	10,621	74,502
State Revenue Office - Payroll Tax	15,096	3,091	18,187
Workers Compensation Insurance	10,960	2,244	13,204
Change in Annual Leave Provision	15,280	-	15,280
Change in Long Service Leave	15,142	-	15,142
	820,803	134,401	955,204
Y/E 31/12/2013 -			
Salaries, Wages, Benefits, Terminations & Hire of Staff	734,994	119,956	854,950
Superannuation - 9% & 9.25% Award SGC	75,612	10,939	86,551
State Revenue Office - Payroll Tax	12,852	2,074	14,926
Workers Compensation Insurance	5,807	936	6,743
Change in Annual Leave Provision	(5,793)	-	(5,793)
Change in Long Service Leave Provision	6,576	-	6,576
	830,048	133,905	963,953

In accordance with industry practice employees may elect for part of their salary to be paid in the form of superannuation rather than gross wages the overall cost to the Association being the same. Where an election is made, the amount paid is treated as a salary-sacrifice payment (or "benefit" as referred to in these accounts) rather than payment of salary or wages with a corresponding reduction in the employees gross salary.

25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following persons held office for all or part of the financial year:- Peter Frost, Chris Hollingworth, John Cassar, David Crooks, Graham Treacey, Noeline McIlroy, Frank Valastro, Wayne Sharp, Sylvia Power, Stephen Sapsead, Sheryl Pretty, Jan Robinson, Tania Kirkland, Darren Bowey, Cathy Camac, Lynne Harwood, Vaughan Ellis and Pauline Ashton. No officer received or was entitled to receive, remuneration from the Association during the year in respect of their office and no transactions occurred during the period between the the Association and any officer except for (a) reimbursement of travelling and telephone expenses to a maximum of \$1,000 each per year which is included in the accounts under meeting expenses and (b) expenses and transactions with officers in their capacity as ordinary members of the Association on the same terms and conditions as other members.

26. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Association operates in Victoria and provides a range of services and facilities for its members in relation to the promotion and regulation of responsible dog ownership including the maintenance of appropriate pure and mixed breed registers and the provision of training, recreation and sporting facilities for the use of members and guests, including exhibition and competition facilities for conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, endurance, retrieving, herding, lure racing, dance and other disciplines.

27. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Association derives the bulk of its income from annual subscriptions and other fees and charges levied upon members and affiliated clubs and accordingly the Association is economically dependent upon their continued financial support. The Association is also a member-body of the Australian National Kennel Council.

28. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Legal Fees & Settlements: Matters have arisen during the year which the management committee saw fit to refer to the Association's solicitors, two of which were still on foot as at the end of the year: Jacobsen vs. VCA and Costas vs. VCA. Further legal costs are likely to be incurred in settling these cases but as at the date of this report the committee is not in a position to reliably predict a resolution, nor provide an estimate of the cost of reaching a settlement and accordingly no provision has been made in the financial statements for any loss or outgoing in relation to such matters. Members of the committee are not aware of any other contingent liabilities which may adversely impact upon the financial statements.

29. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

No capital expenditure contracts have been awarded or otherwise entered into during the year committing the Association to an outflow of funds after the end of the financial year.

30. ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM ACT 2012

The Association is registered as a body corporate with limited liability under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and its registered office is situated at 655 Dandenong-Hastings Road, Skye. The Association carries-on business as a not-for-profit organisation under the name of Dogs Victoria ABN 97 452 215 878. The secretary of the Association for the purposes of the Act and other legislation is Mrs. Lyndall Black.

Committee of Management Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

In the opinion of the Committee of Management of the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as Dogs Victoria, the accompanying financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2014 comprising Statements of Comprehensive Income, Financial Position, Changes in Members Funds, Cash Flows and Detailed Income & together with Explanatory Notes –

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2014 and its performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board;
2. As at the date of this Statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Association's accounts have been prepared in accordance with those accounting policies set out in Note 1 of the financial statements.

This Statement is signed for and on behalf of the Committee of Management by:-



Peter Frost
President – Dogs Victoria



David Crooks
Chairman – Finance Committee

Date: 6th February 2015

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as Dogs Victoria for the financial year ended 31st December 2014 such statements comprising Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Members Funds, Statement of Cash Flows and Detailed Income and Expenditure together with Explanatory Notes thereto and Statement by Management Committee.

Committee's Responsibility

The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

The responsibility of the Committee of Management includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, that it is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based upon the results of our audit which we conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Standards require us to comply with relevant ethical pronouncements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

Our audit involved performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amount and disclosures in the financial statements which depended upon our professional judgment including our assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those assessments, we considered the effectiveness of internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not specifically for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of such internal controls.

Our audit also included an evaluation of the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates adopted and used by the Association in preparing the financial statements, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we obtained during the course of our audit in respect of the financial year ended 31st December 2014 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion. In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Independent Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Victorian Canine Association Incorporated trading as Dogs Victoria are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31st December 2014 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date and comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Signed and dated this 18th February 2015

Eddy Partners
Accountants & Auditors
ABN 87 382 183 920



S J Eedy, B Com
Registered Company Auditor

Level 8, 501 Latrobe Street Melbourne Victoria

Capital Expenditure Summary for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$	2012 \$
KCC Park, Skye			
Security Locks for Doors	15,023	-	-
Hisense Refrigerator	950	-	-
Motor Vehicle - Mazda Ute	-	25,445	-
CCTV Security Cameras	-	4,020	-
Rental Property Improvements	-	11,685	-
Competition Grounds - Drainage Works	-	50,880	-
Off-Leash Areas - Sundry Improvements	-	9,700	-
Floodlights & Associated Electrical Works	-	28,330	176,380
Classic Room Kitchen & Appliances	-	-	6,605
Emergency First Aid Equipment	-	-	2,100
Presentation Projectors	-	-	1,452
Grooming Tables	-	-	1,050
Building Costs	-	-	3,370
Library Equipment	-	-	-
Kubota Tractor incl. Mower	-	-	-
Total Capital Expenditure for KCC Park	15,973	130,060	190,957
Administration Office			
Computer Server Upgrade	9,584	-	-
Meeting Equipment (I-Pads)	8,552	-	-
Computer Replacements x 2	4,866	-	-
Replacement Monitor & Chair	929	-	-
Exhibition Table, Chairs & Fridge	-	1,325	-
Replacement Computers	-	-	5,388
Total Capital Expenditure for Office	23,931	1,325	5,388
Bulla Exhibition Centre			
Hot Water Service, Sink, Fridge & Oven	7,113	-	-
Purpose-Built Dog Track (490m2)	28,954	-	-
Concreting of Driveway	20,000	-	-
Chain Mesh Fencing	4,000	-	-
Interior Structural Alterations	-	9,091	-
Irrigation System	-	4,541	-
Automatic Sprinkler System	-	-	14,209
Motorised Security Gates	-	-	8,535
Fujitsu Airconditioning	-	-	6,615
Lawn Mowing Deck	-	-	6,896
Electrical Fixtures & Fittings	-	-	8,537
Ceiling Ventilation	-	-	3,864
Promotional Signs	-	-	3,445
Emergency First Aid Equipment	-	-	2,100
Panel Heaters & Gas Bottle	-	-	3,000
Wireless Microphone System	-	-	1,817
Grooming Tables	-	-	1,950
Hot Water Urn & Sink	-	-	2,451
Rapidspray Unit	-	-	1,727
Microwave Oven	-	-	164
Total Capital Expenditure for Bulla	60,067	13,632	65,310
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	99,971	145,017	261,655

Notes -

- Capital expenditure is depreciated over the estimated effective life of the asset or, in the case of assets located at Bulla Exhibition Centre, over the term of the lease agreement including any further term.
- Capital expenditure on the purchase of computer hardware and software including the design and construction of specific purpose software such as websites is depreciated over estimated effective life of three years.

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
UNAUDITED BUDGETED PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 2015

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual 2013</u>	<u>Budget 2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Budget 2015</u>
<i>Dog Activities</i>				
Dog Registrations incl Canine Research	\$507,729	\$525,500	\$534,731	\$538,284
Dog Transfers	\$135,783	\$140,535	\$148,174	\$161,654
Surcharges - Country Trials	\$159,913	\$165,510	\$157,817	\$145,239
Title Certificates	\$43,966	\$45,505	\$46,551	\$51,270
Export Certificates	\$16,736	\$17,322	\$17,664	\$19,602
Judges Licence Fees	\$31,929	\$33,047	\$39,167	\$38,887
Kennel Prefix & Other Fees	\$149,261	\$154,485	\$147,296	\$163,264
Breeder Education Course Fees	\$11,047	\$11,434	\$13,563	\$14,854
<i>Total Dog Activities</i>	\$1,056,364	\$1,093,338	\$1,104,963	\$1,133,054
<i>Related Activities</i>				
Gazette & Publications	\$189,942	\$172,485	\$157,247	\$142,064
Website Revenue	\$4,005	\$6,000	\$7,091	\$8,892
KCC Park Operations	\$191,996	\$198,716	\$185,840	\$207,749
Bulla Exhibition Centre	\$70,936	\$73,419	\$67,239	\$112,275
Other Revenue	\$13,954	\$14,442	\$58,338	\$53,769
Club Affiliation Fees	\$172,384	\$178,417	\$114,636	\$99,925
Membership Subscriptions	\$637,574	\$659,889	\$669,691	\$728,000
Profit On Sale Of Goods	\$12,823	\$13,272	\$34,453	\$24,000
Sundry Income & Donations			\$4,074	\$5,413
Sponsorship Income	\$	\$15,000	\$12,877	\$36,596
VCA Shows & Trials & Non Member Levy	\$153,623	\$159,000	\$160,827	\$103,752
Bank Interest	\$33,707	\$40,000	\$33,297	\$45,000
State Revenue Office Land Tax	\$62,117	\$-	\$-	\$-
Companion Dog Club			\$2,496	\$2,931
Online Entries				\$10,000
<i>Total Related Activities</i>	\$1,543,061	\$1,530,640	\$1,508,106	\$1,580,366
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,599,425	\$2,623,978	\$2,613,069	\$2,713,420
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
<i>Direct Expenses</i>				
Canine Research Levy	\$35,108	\$36,337	\$36,462	\$35,659
Gazette & Publications	\$336,995	\$345,000	\$328,408	\$283,342
Website Provider Fees	\$2,160	\$2,160	\$2,160	\$2,160
Insurance	\$75,308	\$77,944	\$76,906	\$73,740
KCC Park Operations	\$446,899	\$462,540	\$453,811	\$431,207
Office Upgrade	\$	\$	\$	\$15,000
KCC Park Upgrade	\$	\$	\$	\$40,000
Bulla Upgrade	\$	\$	\$	\$10,000
VCA Shows & Trials	\$89,082	\$89,000	\$44,771	\$32,611
Depreciation- Office	\$16,883	\$16,883	\$11,931	\$12,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,673	\$2,000	\$2,323	\$1,494
Telephone & Fax- Office	\$39,851	\$39,000	\$30,868	\$32,300
Light & Power- Office	\$14,776	\$15,800	\$30,717	\$33,000
Bulla Exhibition Centre	\$205,300	\$212,486	\$209,074	\$203,880
Wages & Oncosts	\$830,048	\$764,915	\$727,811	\$798,817
Sundry Expenses			\$443	\$1,345
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$2,094,083	\$2,064,065	\$1,955,685	\$2,006,555
GROSS SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	\$505,342	\$559,913	\$657,384	\$706,865

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
UNAUDITED BUDGETED PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 2015

	<u>Actual 2013</u>	<u>Budget 2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Budget 2015</u>
Administration Expenses				
Canine Database	\$32,652	\$34,000	\$25,728	\$24,000
Advertising/Marketing	\$15,877	\$16,433	\$61,183	\$62,224
Promotional Costs	\$-	\$-	\$21,997	\$27,465
ANKC Levy & Affiliation	\$60,831	\$62,960	\$66,056	\$60,000
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	\$6,591	\$6,822	\$4,061	\$4,500
Audit Services	\$19,800	\$18,000	\$18,500	\$19,547
Bad Debts	\$7,048	\$6,000	\$400	\$523
Ballot/Election Costs	\$21,451	\$22,201	\$31,614	\$33,037
Bank & Credit Charges	\$13,321	\$14,004	\$13,476	\$13,000
Meeting Expenses & Functions	\$74,958	\$70,000	\$8,837	\$4,619
Investigations/Disc/Med/Appeals	\$-	\$-	\$84	\$192
VCA Computer Expenses	\$42,553	\$44,021	\$46,607	\$47,000
Security	\$9,253	\$6,000	\$-	\$-
Legal Fees	\$168,967	\$50,000	\$105,998	\$137,000
Postage (General)	\$61,859	\$64,952	\$59,821	\$65,000
Printing & Stationery	\$36,194	\$30,000	\$48,111	\$60,000
Recruitment Costs - Office	\$19,123	\$6,000	\$10,320	\$4,387
Other Expenses	\$20,985	\$4,431	\$60,800	\$68,562
Photocopier Costs	\$42,356	\$50,000	\$47,950	\$58,994
Staff Training	\$-	\$5,000	\$868	\$1,500
ANKC Expenses			\$4,722	\$5,633
Office Expenses	\$2,128	\$3,000	\$25,369	\$24,224
Total Administration Expenses	\$655,947	\$513,824	\$662,502	\$723,407
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-\$150,605	\$46,089	-\$5,118	-\$16,542
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	-\$150,605	\$46,089	-\$5,118	-\$16,542

* This Statement does not form part of the Audited accounts

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
UNAUDITED ESTIMATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015

OPENING CASH BALANCE

Total Cash on Hand & at Bank **\$1,202,240**
INCOME

Dog Activities

Dog Registrations incl Canine Research \$538,284
Dog Transfers \$161,654
Surcharges- Country Trials \$145,239
Title Certificates \$51,270
Export Certificates \$19,602
Judges Licence Fees \$38,887
Kennel Prefix & Other Fees \$163,264
Breeder Education Course Fees \$14,854
Total Dog Activities **\$1,133,054**

Related Activities

Gazette & Publications \$142,064
KCC Park Operations \$207,749
Exhibition Centre Bulla \$112,275
Club Affiliation Fees \$99,925
Membership Subscriptions \$728,000
Sundry Income \$5,413
Sales - Stationery \$24,000
Bank Interest \$45,000
Sponsorship Income \$36,596
VCA Sub Committee Trials \$33,752
VCA Non Member Levy \$70,000
Companion Dog Club \$2,931
Website Revenue \$8,892
Online Entries \$10,000
Other Revenue \$41,379
Non-Operating Income \$12,390
Total Related Activities **\$1,580,366**

TOTAL INCOME **\$2,713,420**

EXPENSES

Direct Expenses

Canine Research Levy \$35,659
Gazette & Publications \$283,342
Insurance \$73,740
KCC Park Operations \$435,707
Repairs & Main - Office \$1,494
Capital Works KCC Park, Bulla & Office \$65,000
Telephone & Fax \$32,300
Light & Power Office \$33,000
Bulla Exhibition Centre \$203,880
VCA Sub Committee Trials \$32,611
Wages & Oncosts Office \$798,817
Sundry Expenses \$1,345
Total Direct Costs **\$1,996,895**

GROSS SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS **\$716,525**

Administration Expenses

ACC Expenses \$24,000
Advertising/Marketing \$64,224
Promotional Costs \$27,465
Bank & Credit Card Charges \$13,000
Committee Meeting Expenses \$4,619
Invest/Mediation/Discip/Appeals \$192
VCA Computer Expenses \$47,000
Consultant Fees \$-
Legal Fees \$137,000
Postage (General) INC RENTAL \$65,000
Printing & Stationery \$60,000
Recruitment Costs-Office \$4,387
Office Expenses \$24,224
Photocopier Costs \$58,994
ANKC Expenses \$5,633
Website Expenses \$2,160
Annual General Meeting Expenses \$62
Audit Services \$19,547
Bad Debts \$523
Ballot & Election Costs \$33,037
ANKC Levy \$60,000
Other Expenses \$65,000
Abnormal & Extra Ordinary Items \$5,000
Total Administration Expenses **\$721,067**

NET INFLOWS/(OUTFLOWS) **-\$4,542**

CLOSING CASH BALANCE **\$1,197,698**

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
UNAUDITED ESTIMATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING 30 APRIL 2015

OPENING CASH BALANCE

Total Cash on Hand & at Bank **\$1,202,240**

Total Cash Balance **\$1,202,240**

INCOME

Dog Activities

Dog Registrations incl Canine Research	\$179,428
Dog Transfers	\$53,885
Surcharges - Country Trials	\$48,413
Title Certificates	\$17,090
Export Certificates	\$6,534
Judges Licence Fees	\$12,962
Kennel Prefix & Other Fees	\$54,421
Breeder Education Course Fees	\$4,951
Total Dog Activities	\$377,685

Related Activities

Gazette & Publications	\$47,355
KCC Park Operations	\$69,250
Exhibition Centre Bulla	\$37,425
Club Affiliation Fees	\$33,308
Membership Subscriptions	\$242,667
Sundry Income	\$1,804
Sales - Stationery	\$8,000
Bank Interest	\$15,000
Sponsorship Income	\$12,199
VCA Sub Committee Trials	\$11,251
VCA Non Member Levy	\$23,333
Companion Dog Club	\$977
Website Revenue	\$2,964
Online Entries	\$3,333
Other Revenue	\$13,793
Non-Operating Income	\$4,130

Total Related Activities **\$526,789**

TOTAL INCOME **\$904,473**

EXPENSES

Direct Expenses

Canine Research Levy	\$11,886
Gazette & Publications	\$94,447
Insurance	\$24,580
KCC Park Operations	\$145,236
Repairs & Main - Office	\$498
Capital Works KCC Park, Bulla & Office	\$21,667
Telephone & Fax	\$10,767
Light & Power Office	\$11,000
Bulla Exhibition Centre	\$67,960
VCA Sub Committee Trials	\$10,870
Wages & Oncosts Office	\$266,272
Sundry Expenses	\$448

Total Direct Costs **\$665,632**

GROSS SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS **\$238,842**

Administration Expenses

ACC Expenses	\$8,000
Advertising/Marketing	\$21,408
Promotional Costs	\$9,155
Bank & Credit Card Charges	\$4,333
Committee Meeting Expenses	\$1,540
Invest/Mediation/Discip/Appeals	\$64
VCA Computer Expenses	\$15,667
Consult Fees	\$-
Legal Fees	\$45,667
Postage (General) INC RENTAL	\$21,667
Printing & Stationery	\$20,000
Recruitment Costs - Office	\$1,462
Office Expenses	\$8,075
Photocopier Costs	\$19,665
ANKC Expenses	\$1,878
Website Expenses	\$720
Annual General Meeting Expenses	\$21
Audit Services	\$6,516
Bad Debts	\$174
Ballot & Election Costs	\$11,012
ANKC Levy	\$20,000
Office Expenses	\$21,667
Abnormal & Extra Ordinary Items	\$1,667
Total Administration Expenses	\$240,356

NET INFLOWS/(OUTFLOWS) **-\$1,514**

CLOSING CASH BALANCE **\$1,200,726**

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC
UNAUDITED ESTIMATED PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING 30 APRIL 2015

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
INCOME				
Dog Activities				
Dog Registrations incl Research	44,857	44,857	44,857	44,857
Dog Transfers	13,471	13,471	13,471	13,471
Surcharges- Country & Trials	12,103	12,103	12,103	12,103
Title Certificates	4,273	4,273	4,273	4,273
Export Certificates	1,634	1,634	1,634	1,634
Judges Admin & Licence Fees	3,241	3,241	3,241	3,241
Kennel Prefix & Other Fees	13,605	13,605	13,605	13,605
Breeder Education Course Fees	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238
Total Dog Activities	94,421	94,421	94,421	94,421
Related Activities				
Gazette & Publications	11,839	11,839	11,839	11,839
KCC Park	17,312	17,312	17,312	17,312
Exhibition Centre Bulla	9,356	9,356	9,356	9,356
Club Affiliation Fees	8,327	8,327	8,327	8,327
Membership Subscriptions	60,667	60,667	60,667	60,667
Sundry Income	451	451	451	451
Sales - Stationery	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Interest Received	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
Sponsorship Income	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050
VCA Sub Committee Trials	2,813	2,813	2,813	2,813
VCA Non Member Levy	5,833	5,833	5,833	5,833
Companion Dog Club	244	244	244	244
Website Revenue	741	741	741	741
Online Entries	833	833	833	833
Other Revenue	3,448	3,448	3,448	3,448
Total Related Activities	130,665	130,665	130,665	130,665
TOTAL INCOME	225,086	225,086	225,086	225,086
EXPENSES				
Direct Expenses				
Canine Research Levy	2,972	2,972	2,972	2,972
Gazette	23,612	23,612	23,612	23,612
Insurance	6,145	6,145	6,145	6,145
KCC Park Operations	36,309	36,309	36,309	36,309
Depreciation Office	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maint - Office	125	125	125	125
Telephone & Fax - Office	2,692	2,692	2,692	2,692
Light & Power - Office	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
Bulla Exhibition Centre	16,990	16,990	16,990	16,990
VCA Sub Committee Trials	2,718	2,718	2,718	2,718
Wages & Oncosts Office	66,568	66,568	66,568	66,568
Sundry Expenses	112	112	112	112
Upgrade Office	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Upgrade KCC Park	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,333
Upgrade Bulla	833	833	833	833
Total Direct Costs	167,408	167,408	167,408	167,408
GROSS SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	57,678	57,678	57,678	57,678

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Administration Expenses				
ACC Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Advertising/Marketing	5,352	5,352	5,352	5,352
Promotional Costs	2,289	2,289	2,289	2,289
Bank & Credit Card Charges	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083
Committee Meeting Expenses	385	385	385	385
Invest/Mediation/Disc/Appeals	16	16	16	16
VCA Computer Expenses	3,917	3,917	3,917	3,917
Consultant Fees	-	-	-	-
Legal Fees	11,417	11,417	11,417	11,417
Postage (General)	5,417	5,417	5,417	5,417
Printing & Stationery (cert., subcommittee)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Recruitment Costs - Office	366	366	366	366
Office Expenses	2,019	2,019	2,019	2,019
Photocopier (lease, copy, consumables & print)	4,916	4,916	4,916	4,916
ANKC Expenses	469	469	469	469
Website Expenses	180	180	180	180
Annual General Meeting Expenses	5	5	5	5
Audit Services	1,629	1,629	1,629	1,629
Bad Debts	44	44	44	44
Ballot & Election Costs	2,753	2,753	2,753	2,753
ANKC Levy	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Expenses	5,417	5,417	5,417	5,417
Total Administration Expenses	59,672	59,672	59,672	59,672
Surplus/Deficit Before Non Operating Income and Abnormal & Extraordinary Items	-1,994	-1,994	-1,994	-1,994
Non Operating Income	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033
Surplus(Deficit) Before Abnormal & Extraordinary Items	-962	-962	-962	-962
Abnormal & Extra Ordinary Items	417	417	417	417
	-1,379	-1,379	-1,379	-1,379

Notice to members of the Victorian Canine Association Inc

Notice is hereby given that the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Canine Association Inc, will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2015, at the Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla commencing at 7.30 pm.

Lyndall Black
Chief Executive

Business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Canine Association Inc, held on 28 May 2014. Minutes of that meeting were published in the August 2014 *Gazette*.
2. To receive the audited Income and Expenditure Account of the VCA for the last preceding financial year ended 31 December 2014 and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
3. To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the current year ending 31 December 2015.
4. To receive and approve the Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the period 1 January 2016 to 30 April 2016.
5. To appoint or re-appoint Auditors for the current financial year 2015.
6. To receive from the president and the chairpersons of other nominated committees their respective reports upon the activities of the VCA during the 2014 financial year.
7. To announce the results of the annual elections for management committee positions.
8. To present VCA life memberships.
9. To consider the adoption of ordinary or special resolutions submitted in accord with rule 2.97 (3) which states:

“At all annual general meetings of the VCA, no business shall be considered or discussed other than that of which notice has been given on the notice convening the meeting or any business which, in the opinion of the chairperson, shall arise out of such business”.

Special resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75 percent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally on the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a special resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least 21 days prior to the date of holding such meeting.

Required by law:

10. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That references to Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1981 be amended to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (hereinafter the “2012 Act”) and the Associations Reform Regulations 2012 (hereinafter the “2012 Regulations”).

Required by law:

11. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to comply with Section 23(1)(b) of the 2012 Act which requires that the name of the Association appear in all official publications, and Section 47(1)(a) of the 2012 Act which requires that the name of the Association be specified in its Rules, a new Rule 2 be inserted as follows:

2. *The name of the incorporated association is the Victorian Canine Association Inc. (Reg No: A0023882W) hereinafter the “VCA”.*

Required by law:

12. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That Rule 2.1.1 be amended to include:

2.1.1.6 *These Rules are subject to the provisions of the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012 as amended from time to time and any reference to the “Act” is a reference to the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012.*

2.1.1.7 *Any term defined in Clause 1.3 of the Constitution has the same meaning in these Rules.*

Required by law:

13. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to comply with Section 47(1)(b) of the 2012 Act which requires that the purposes of the association are specified in its Rules, the Statement of Purposes found in the Constitution of the VCA be inserted as Rule 2.1.2 and the current Rule 2.1.2 be deleted.

Current:

2.1.2 The principal objectives and powers of the VCA are as set out in the Constitution

Replace by inserting verbatim 1.4 from the Constitution:

2.1.2 The objectives and statement of purpose of the VCA is:

2.1.2.1 To be the governing canine body for the State, to promote breed improvement of the purebred dog, to promote wide human interest in all VCA registered dogs and to secure proper appreciation and recognition of their place in human society.

2.1.2.2 To promote and raise the standards of breeding, rearing, keeping, and sale of pure bred dogs and the general welfare of all dogs.

2.1.2.3 To promote and encourage the regulation of breeding of pure bred dogs and the registration of such dogs and their progeny with the VCA.

2.1.2.4 To promote and encourage the recreation, sport, exhibition and training of VCA registered dogs and to provide facilities for those purposes.

2.1.2.5 To promote and encourage membership of the VCA and to promote the advantages and privileges of membership.

2.1.2.6 To provide for affiliation with the VCA of canine bodies and canine service organisations whose objectives are compatible with the objectives of the VCA.

2.1.2.7 To educate members, affiliated bodies and the general public on canine matters and to inform members and affiliated bodies on all other matters of concern or interest to them.

2.1.2.8 To obtain affiliation with or membership of international canine bodies and maintain membership with the Australian National Kennel Council for the purpose of achieving international and national uniformity in all canine matters so long as the objectives, decisions and rulings of the international canine bodies and Australian National Kennel Council are compatible with the objectives and domestic rules, regulations and operations of the VCA.

2.1.2.9 To liaise, cooperate and reciprocate with other recognised state, territorial and international canine controlling bodies in matters of common interest or concern and of mutual benefit.

2.1.2.10 To promote and assist and to make contributions to canine veterinary research, the preservation of canine records and artefacts of historical significance and to other worthy causes.

2.1.2.11 To assume and take over as from the date of adoption of this Constitution and the Rules of the VCA the real and personal property and liabilities of the former unincorporated body known as the "Kennel Control Council" and to continue all its obligations and operations.

2.1.2.12 To obtain recognition of the VCA and its affiliates as expert authorities on canine matters, and in particular, the sport and recreation of exhibiting VCA registered dogs.

2.1.2.13 To make representations to and to negotiate with all Government authorities on matters relating to dogs.

2.1.2.14 To make Rules and Regulations for the administration and general management of the operations and affairs of the VCA and for the conduct of canine exhibitions by its affiliated bodies and for other ancillary matters.

2.1.2.15 To publish an official Gazette each calendar month as a means of communication between the VCA and its members and affiliated bodies.

2.1.2.16 To promote the objectives of all affiliated clubs and associate affiliated canine service organisations.

2.1.2.17 (As adopted 16.04.96) To promote and develop the identity and activities of the VCA.

Required by law:

14. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to comply with Item 13 of Schedule 1 of the 2012 Act, a new Rule 2.12.11 be inserted as follows:

2.12.11 the right to inspect and take copies at the member's expense of financial records, all books, documents and securities of the VCA other than financial records for the current financial year and any other financial records as authorised by the Management Committee provided that Management Committee may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the VCA that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the VCA.

Required by law:

15. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to comply with Section 57 of the 2012 Act which requires an incorporated association to permit a member, upon request, at a reasonable time to inspect the register of members, Rule 2.14 be replaced as follows:

Current:

2.14 Register of Members

Separate registers of all categories of membership shall be kept by the Chief Executive and shall contain the name and address, membership number and prefix (if any), of each member. The register of members shall be kept at the office of the VCA and *may be made* available by the Chief Executive (if the Management Committee shall so determine but not otherwise) for inspection by such person and upon such conditions as the Management Committee may from time to time determine.

Replace with:

2.14.1 Register of Members

2.14.1 *Separate registers of all categories of membership*

shall be kept by the Chief Executive and shall contain the name and address, membership number and prefix (if any), of each member. The register of members shall be kept at the office of the VCA and shall be made available by the Chief Executive for inspection upon request by a member at a reasonable time in accordance with provisions of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Required by law:

16. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to comply with Section 58 of the 2012 Act which prohibits some uses of information obtained by a member from the register of members, a new Rule 2.14.2 be inserted as follows

Insert new:

2.14.2 A member permitted to inspect the Register of Members must not use information about another member obtained from the Register of Members to contact or send materials to that other member and must not disclose information about another member obtained from the Register of Members knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact or send materials to that member.

Required by law:

17. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That pursuant to Schedule 1 Item 9 of the 2012 Act, the name, membership and powers of the Management Committee be inserted into the Rules as follows:

Current:

2.25 Composition and Powers of the Management Committee

There shall be a Management Committee comprised of 18 elected persons consisting of a President and a Vice President and 16 ordinary Committee members which shall have the powers as provided for in Clause 1.5 of the Constitution subject to the Rules. As from April 1998 the number of ordinary Committee members be reduced to twelve (12) at which time Management Committee shall comprise of 14 elected persons.

Insert from Constitution verbatim – 1.5:

2.25.1 Composition of the Management Committee

There shall be a Management Committee comprised of 14 elected persons consisting of a President and a Vice President and 12 ordinary Committee members.

2.25.2 Powers of the Management Committee

The Management Committee shall have the following powers:

.1 To make Regulations, Codes of Ethics and Codes of Practice and to amend or repeal same and to formulate policies and procedures in respect of any relevant matter and to do all other acts, matters and things as may be necessary, expedient or desirable to promote and put into

effect all or any of the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or other matters incidental thereto.

.2 To publish in the Gazette monthly or periodically, all matters and items of interest or concern to members and affiliated bodies.

.3 To grant affiliation or associate affiliation to bona fide canine bodies and canine service organisations, respectively, and to make Regulations for that purpose.

.4 To compile, maintain and keep current, registers of financial members, life members and affiliated bodies.

.5 To compile, maintain and keep current, a register of pure bred registered dogs whelped in the State and pure bred dogs imported into and exported from the State which are registered on a canine register kept by a controlling body recognised as such by the VCA and such other registers as may be required from time to time.

.6 To compile, maintain and keep current, a record of transfer of ownership of pure bred dogs and registered leases of pure bred dogs in respect of dogs transferred or leased between financial members and between such members and members of other interstate and territory controlling bodies.

.7 To grant permission to affiliated bodies to hold and conduct exhibitions of pure bred registered dogs in the respective disciplines of exhibition and under the relevant Regulations.

.8 To make and to publish Regulations for the holding and conduct of Exhibitions, and for the awarding and issuing of ANKC certificates and titles to dogs winning or qualifying for same in competition at Exhibitions.

.9 To publish the Rules and Regulations and policies of the ANKC for the holding and conduct of Exhibitions.

.10 To grant permission to approved charitable and fund raising organisations and nonaffiliated bodies to hold and conduct sanctioned Shows under the relevant Regulations.

.11 To promote and support approved canine festivals, displays, and kindred functions and entertainments and any other approved canine activities.

.12 To make Regulations for the issuing of ANKC Export Pedigree Certificates for dogs exported from the State to overseas countries.

.13 To give, or to make contributions towards, prize money, medals, trophies or other prizes to be competed for at Exhibitions.

.14 To collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs including genetics, breeding programs, rearing of litters, dietary and veterinary articles, training and

handling, and all other educational material for the benefit of members.

.15 To provide the infrastructure to assist in the self education of Judges, Trainee Judges, Aspiring Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, Club Secretaries and Treasurers and to formulate and publish Regulations in respect of qualifications and examination requirements for Trainee Judges and Aspiring Judges in each discipline.

.16 To publish each year a list of Judges and approved Trainee Judges.

.17 To conduct seminars, conventions and conferences of members on selected topics.

.18 To formulate, publish and amend or repeal Codes of Ethics and Codes of Practices.

.19 To make Regulations and formulate procedures for dealing with complaints, the investigation of such complaints, the laying of any charges and for the hearing of such charges and for any resulting disciplinary measures to be taken and for the hearing of appeals from members against any disciplinary sanctions or penalties imposed on them or their dogs.

.20 To adjudicate on protests or objections lodged by exhibitors at exhibitions or on appeals against decisions made at exhibitions.

.21 To afford means for, and encourage, the amicable settlement of disputes and to prevent illegal and dishonest practices.

.22 To encourage affiliates to resolve domestic disputes within their own organisations.

.23 To determine from time to time membership subscriptions and all other fees necessary to carry out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or any of them.

.24 To appoint or elect Committees and Sub-Committees and delegates subject to the Rules.

.25 To award life memberships of the VCA subject to the Rules.

.26 To hire or employ personnel on a permanent, casual, part time, contract or agency basis and to pay to them and to other persons salaries, wages, fees, gratuities and expenses for services actually rendered by them to the VCA.

.27 To engage or retain professional consultants on a fee or a commission basis.

.28 (As amended 15.04.92) To purchase, lease, hire or dispose of land and buildings, machinery, plant and equipment, motor vehicles, fixtures and fittings, office furniture and equipment and any other necessary

chattels and to construct or erect on freehold land purchased or on leasehold land such buildings, and all other facilities and amenities which the Management Committee considers necessary for carrying out the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or any of them, subject to the Rules.

.29 To borrow or raise money as the Management Committee determines for the carrying out of the Objectives/Statement of Purposes of the VCA or any of them subject to the Rules.

.30 To invest the funds of the VCA not immediately required for its business operations or other commitments on interest bearing deposits, loans or in securities as prescribed in Section 4 of the Trustee Act 1958.

.31 To make and publish Regulations (subject to the Rules) for holding annual elections of Office Bearers and ordinary members to the Management Committee and for filling any casual vacancies on the Committee.

.32 (Deleted 27.02.92) (As adopted 14.01.93)
To compile maintain and keep a separate register of Associate Dogs who are eligible to compete in Obedience Trials, Tracking Trials, Agility Tests or any other training activities approved and conducted by the VCA or any of its affiliated bodies.

.33 To make application for the granting of a licence pursuant to the Liquor Control Act 1987 or for any other licence as may from time to time be considered of benefit to the VCA or its members.

.34 (Amended 07.04.10)
To hold Annual General Meetings of members each year and Special General Meetings of members when considered necessary by the Management Committee or when requisitioned by members in accordance with the Rules.

.35 (As amended 5.11.92, 20.4.94 and 26.11.96)
To publish in the Gazette in March in each year:
.1 A detailed audited Income and Expenditure Account of the VCA for the year ended 31st December in the preceding year (including a detailed schedule in the Notes to the Accounts of the various individual categories of expenditure which, either singly or aggregated, exceed \$500 and which are incorporated in the total for Sundry Expenses) and a detailed audited balance sheet as at that date and annual reports of the President and the Chairpersons of other Committees;
.2 An Income and Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the current year ending 31st December, such Budgets to include all proposed new capital works expenditure, proposed expenditure on new projects undertaken or to be undertaken during the current year and the funding of same; and
.3 An Expenditure Budget and Cash Flow Budget for the period 1st January to 31st March in the year following the current financial year, showing

all proposed new capital works expenditure, proposed expenditure on new projects undertaken during the period and funding of same.

.36 To make Regulations for the VCA to receive in trust the books, records, funds and property of unincorporated affiliated bodies which have been wound up, become defunct or been disaffiliated.

.37 (As amended 01.06.98)

To do all such other things as the Management Committee in its discretion considers as incidental or conducive to the attainment of the principal Objectives of the VCA or the fulfilment of its powers or any of them but subject always to strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations and with each of the Codes of the VCA and not otherwise.

.38 (As adopted 16.04.96)

To invest in a Company and or a Trust which has a specific purpose of owning and operating computer hardware and software which provides computer services to individuals and organisations including member bodies of the Australian National Kennel Council.

.39 To make recommendation to the members for appointment of a Patron.

18. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to ensure continuity of compliance with the law of statutory interpretation, the reference in Rule 2.1.1.3 to the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 be amended to include the words "as amended from time to time":

Current:

2.1.1.3 the provisions of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984, apply to and in respect of these Rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these Rules were an instrument under that Act.

Replace with:

2.1.1.3 *the provisions of the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984 as amended from time to time apply to and in respect of these Rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these Rules were an instrument under that Act.*

19. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That consistent with the reference to the Victorian Canine Association in the new Rule 2, all references to the Victorian Canine Association Inc. be amended to the "VCA".

Current:

2.3 Rules Constitute Terms of a Contract

These Rules, and the Regulations thereto, the Codes of Ethics and the Codes of Practice, jointly and/or severally, shall constitute the terms of a contract between the

Victorian Canine Association Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "VCA") and its members for the time being and, as between the VCA and its Affiliated Bodies for the time being, these Rules shall likewise constitute the terms of a contract in so far as the Rules and the Regulations thereto may relate to such bodies.

Replace with:

2.3.1 Rules Constitute Terms of a Contract

These Rules, and the Regulations thereto, the Codes of Ethics and the Codes of Practice, jointly and/or severally, shall constitute the terms of a contract between the VCA and its members for the time being and, as between the VCA and its Affiliated Bodies for the time being, these Rules shall likewise constitute the terms of a contract in so far as the Rules and the Regulations thereto may relate to such bodies.

20. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

Current:

2.20.6 A member of an Investigations Committee or Disciplinary Committee or Management Committee, or a person who presented evidence, or who gave evidence, against or for a person charged shall not be a member of, or otherwise participate in or vote on the decision of, an Appeals Committee.

Replace with:

2.20.6 A member of an Investigations Committee or Disciplinary Committee or Management Committee, or a person who presented evidence or who gave evidence against or for a person charged shall not be a member of or vote on the decision of an Appeals Committee, provided that the chair of the Disciplinary Committee that heard the matter or his or her nominee shall be advised of the hearing of the appeal and invited to attend that hearing to respond to any requests for information made by the Appeals Committee.

21. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to ensure consistency in these Rules between grievance and disciplinary proceedings, noting that Section 55(2) of the 2012 Act enables a member to appoint any person to act on behalf of the member, and to enhance the rights of a member in the disciplinary process, Rule 2.20.8 be amended as follows:

Current:

2.20.8 Neither party at all hearings of disciplinary charges and appeals shall be entitled to legal representation but the person charged of appealing may be represented by a friend or agent.

Replace with:

2.20.8 At all hearings of disciplinary charges and appeals, a member may appoint any person to act on the member's behalf.

22. **Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson**

That to ensure efficiency and timeliness in the conduct of disciplinary proceedings, Rule 2.11 be amended to allow a disciplinary panel to proceed to determine charges in the absence of a member, where specific preconditions have been met, as follows:

Current:

2.20.9 With the exception of the automatic suspension of membership of a member as provided for in Rule 2.11 no member of the VCA shall be disqualified, suspended or expelled from membership of the VCA or otherwise penalised without first being charged of misconduct or of a breach of the Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics or Codes of Practice and being heard in answer to the charge in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

Replace with:

2.20.9 *With the exception of the automatic suspension of membership of a member as provided for in Rule 2.11, no member of the VCA shall be fined, disqualified, suspended or expelled from membership of the VCA or otherwise penalised without first being charged of misconduct or of a breach of the Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics or Codes of Practice and being provided an opportunity to be heard in answer to the charge in accordance with the principles of natural justice, provided that where the member charged has been notified by registered mail of the time, date and place of hearing on two occasions and has failed to attend the hearing without reasonable excuse, at the discretion of the convenor of the Disciplinary Committee the hearing may proceed in the absence of that member.*

23. **Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson**

That to ensure the application of Part 7 Regulation 19 of the 2012 Regulations which provides that an incorporated association may impose of fine upon a member who has committed a breach of its Rules, noting that the Model Rules do not provide for the imposition of fines and noting further that suspension and expulsion of members for breach of the Rules may cause unintended hardship disproportionate to the offence, Rule 2.20.11 be inserted as follows:

2.20.11 *The Disciplinary Committee, having determined charges brought against a member to be proven, may elect not to impose a penalty or may otherwise penalise the member by way of a fine in accordance with the Part 7 Regulation 19 of the 2012 Reform Regulations as amended from time to time, and/or reprimand, disqualify, suspend or expel the member from the VCA.*

24. **Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson**

That noting that each state controlling body recognises the disciplinary outcomes of other state controlling bodies and noting that Rule 2.22.1 presently calls for a second investigation and allows additional penalties to be imposed upon a member in respect of a charge investigated elsewhere, Rule 2.22.1 and 2.22.2 be deleted:

2.22.1 Any person who is subject to any unpaid fine, disqualification, suspension or other penalty imposed by any other any other canine controlling body shall not be eligible to enter in, exhibit or judge at any Exhibition held in the State of under the Rules and Regulations of the VCA provided that if such person is a member of the VCA and a resident of the State this Rule shall not apply until the Management Committee has investigated the matter as provided for in the Rules.

2.22.2 Following such investigation the Investigations Committee may charge and cause such member to be dealt with under the disciplinary Rules and Regulations.

25. **Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson**

That noting the request of the Victorian Electoral Commission that the VCA amend its Rules to allow other election service providers to conduct its annual elections, Rule 2.70 be amended as follows:

Current:

2.70 Returning Officer (as amended 27.2.92 & 16.4.96) The Victorian Electoral Commission shall conduct all elections for the Management Committee. An Officer of the Victorian Electoral Commission, appointed by that Commission shall be the Returning Officer for each such election.

Replace with:

2.70 Returning Officer

The Chief Executive shall call for tenders from the Victorian Electoral Office together with other election service providers for the conduct of elections for the Management Committee. An officer of the successful tenderer shall be the Returning Officer for each such election.

26. **Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson**

That to ensure the confidentiality of member records and consistency with Rule 2.12.11, Rule 2.79.5 be amended as follows:

Current:

2.79.5 The Minutes of all Management Committee and Sub-Committee meetings shall be available for inspection by members, at the VCA office, once the Minutes have been ratified by Management Committee.

Replace with:

2.79.5 *The Minutes of all Management Committee and Sub-Committee meetings shall be available for*

inspection and copying by members, at the VCA office, once the Minutes have been ratified by Management Committee, provided that Management Committee may refuse to permit a member to inspect and copy records of the VCA that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters to where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the VCA.

27. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That to ensure the confidentiality of the investigations, disciplinary and appeals processes, Rule 2.86 be amended as follows:

Current:

2.86 The President and the Vice President shall, ipso facto, be entitled to receive notice and to attend and to vote at all meetings of any Committee of which they are not otherwise an appointed or elected member.

Replace with:

2.86 *The President and the Vice President shall, ipso facto, be entitled to receive notice and to attend and to vote at all meetings of any Committee of which they are not otherwise an appointed or elected member other than the Investigations, Disciplinary and Appeals Committees.*

28. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That the reference in Rule 2.121.2 to Clause 4.1 of the Constitution be amended to refer to Rule 2.1.2:

Current:

2.121.2 Alteration of Statement of Purposes (As amended 12th July, 2005)

The Statement of Purposes which is found in Clause 1.4 of the Constitution shall only be altered by a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy-five per cent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally in the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty-one days prior to the holding of such meeting. Any alteration to the Statement of Purpose shall be of no effect until notice of such alteration has been

2.121.2.1 approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations pursuant to the Act; and

2.121.2.2 served on members by publication of the text of such alteration to the Statement of Purposes in the next available issue of the VCA Gazette when the provisions of Rule 2.127, as to service of notice, shall apply.

Replace with:

2.121.2 Alteration of Statement of Purposes

The Statement of Purposes which is found in clause 2.1.2 of these Rules shall only be altered by a Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than seventy-five per cent of the number of members of the VCA who, being entitled to do so, attend and vote personally in the resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the VCA or at a Special General Meeting of the VCA convened for the purpose of such resolution and notice of which meeting, specifying the terms of the resolution and the intention to propose and move the resolution as a Special Resolution, was given to all members of the VCA at least twenty-one days prior to the holding of such meeting. Any alteration to the Statement of Purpose shall be of no effect until notice of such alteration has been:

2.121.2.1 approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations pursuant to the Act; and

2.121.2.2 served on members by publication of the text of such alteration to the Statement of Purposes in the next available issue of the VCA Gazette when the provisions of Rule 2.127, as to service of notice, shall apply.

29. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That wheresoever appearing in the VCA Rules, the requirement to “publish” shall have the same meaning as defined in the VCA Regulations where “publish” is defined as “means to make publicly or generally known by advertisement, magazine, printed document or electronic means including posting on the VCA website”.

30. Special resolution moved David Brace seconded Jan Robinson

That any reference in the VCA Rules to “publish in the Gazette” is amended to “publish by any means allowed under these Rules”.

Resolution means an ordinary resolution passed by a simple majority of the number of members personally present at a meeting of members and eligible to vote and voting on the resolution.

31. Ordinary resolution moved by Peter Watson seconded by Lynette Watson

That this meeting be advised of the current status of the legal action between the VCA and Mr Tony and Mrs Eve Costa and in particular:

- * Has the VCA, in light of evidence, agreed to reinstate Ornumflow Lord Erickson replacing blanks on the pedigrees of Irish Wolfhound dogs owned by the Costa's and others
- * Has the VCA agreed to pay any compensation to the Costa's for the denial of natural justice, procedural failures, breach of confidentiality, pain, suffering and reputational damage in Australia and Worldwide as a result of the VCA's actions
- * Has the VCA agreed to publicly apologise to the Costa's, the other affected parties and VCA members for their incompetence

- * Will the VCA publish in the VCA *Gazette* the report prepared by Sharon Easton for the VCA on this matter dated December 2014

Notes:

32. Ordinary resolution moved by Peter Watson seconded by Lynette Watson

That this meeting be advised full details of the total cost of the legal action, including any payments made to Nunspeet and Jacobson, in relation to legal action against the VCA.

That this meeting be advised did the VCA Management Committee strictly adhere to and follow legal advice given to them by the VCA lawyers acting for the VCA in this matter in settling this matter before trial.

Rationale:

The VCA needs to be open, honest and transparent with its members over process and cost incurred by the management committee in legal matters.

33. Ordinary resolution moved by Peter Watson seconded by Lynette Watson

Has the proposed conditional register, as voted for by VCA members in a plebiscite, been approved by the ANKC and established and operational. If so are there any dogs on this register?

34. Ordinary resolution moved by Peter Watson seconded by Lynette Watson

Can this meeting be advised of the total number of VCA members who voted in the poll for the establishment of the conditional register and the actual number of votes for and against the establishment of the register. Can this meeting be informed of the total cost of conducting the poll, including postage and use of the electoral office.



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