

2016 ANNUAL REPORT by the President

The 2015/16 President, Sarah Baker opened the meeting and welcomed new & past members to the Club and thanked all for attending the AGM. The President then provided a report of the Committee activities throughout 2015/16.

Sarah Baker informed members that the objectives and purpose of the Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc. include:

- (a) To promote responsible dog ownership through education and training
- (b) To promote the interests of dog owners
- (c) To promote dog sports

Sarah Baker informed members that the Clubs Committee continues to work very hard & achieved so much since the last AGM.

2015/16 Principle Activities & highlights:

FPPDTC had been very active throughout the year in promoting *responsible dog ownership through education and training*. Obedience and Agility training at Fred's Pass Reserve had been well attended throughout the year, with the commitment of members to the training of their dogs being well noted. Our instructors continue to be impressed at the dedication of our members to help their canine companions become well adjusted members of the community. We strive to promote responsible dog ownership through education and training and week after week we see the improved progress of both dog and handler as they build their relationship and bond through positive training.

In promoting the *interests of dog owners*, the Club continues to strengthen its relationship with Fred's Pass Management Board and other Fred's Pass Reserve Users Groups.

In promoting *dog sports*, Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc has run successful obedience and agility trials throughout 2015/16. The club has very well attended agility classes and we are naturally seeing more dogs flow through to competition level.

In the last 12 months the club and its equipment has outgrown its current storage space so that we found it necessary to enclose an extra bay of the club shed. This has allowed extra storage space for now as well as for future expansion.

For the second time the club was successful in hosting an international instructor, Stacey Peardot-Goudy to conduct a weekend agility seminar in March 2016. We had good attendance to Stacey's seminar and all those in attendance got a great deal out of her knowledge sharing and positive instruction at all levels. This event was again held at Marrara stadium and the club's relationship with the associated vendors (cleaners etc) has grown as well as with Marrara Stadium management. Almost all costs for the Stacey Seminar weekend were covered by the seminar fees with the club only having to cover a small shortfall. The club hopes to invite Stacey back for another seminar in the future.

The Club's "All Positive Methods" philosophy implemented in 2006 continues to be enormously successful both for the Club and in terms of the benefit to our members and their dogs. Giving a more personalised service to a wider group of dog owners using simpler, more effective and far less stressful techniques has also proven to be popular and brings us in line with successful, modern clubs Australia-wide. Because of the world-wide popularity of positive training, we now have members seek us out and make the conscious choice to train positively over traditional methods.

Sarah Baker thanked the Committee for its hard work throughout 2015 and invited all members to assist with club activities.