THE RECALL

Where obedience meets fun

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President's message

Congratulations and thank you to our Trial Secretaries for 2026. The Club's trials for this year have all been very successful with good entries and happy competitors. The current cost of travel to events may have created some additional challenges this year but the Club has still held five official ANKC sanctioned trials.

Our Agility Trial, which is usually held on the long weekend of the Melbourne Cup, could not proceed this year for a number of reasons but the tripling costs of accommodation and availability of judges were contributing factors. We are looking at the options for 2027.

Being a responsible pet dog owner is part of what the Club tries to instil in our members by providing education about canine behaviour and how to manage your dog in a public environment. Your dog is not the same as any one else's dog just as you are not the same as any other person. Our personalities, life experiences, ages, physical and emotional abilities are all different. So when I witnessed two mature people walk on to an oval clearly marked at every entrance that the area is an on-lead dog area and promptly let their two dogs off lead, I got wary. In the same area another dog was being responsibly managed and walked on lead. Within a minute, the off-lead over-excited dogs had rushed at the on-lead dog and caused quite a lot of stress to both the dog and owner. When the off-lead dogs were finally caught and put back on lead, the responsible owner was left with a traumatised dog and was clearly upset herself. The repercussions for the owner and her dog may be quite serious as it only takes one bad experience to start the spiral into to fear and uncertainty in a previously well-adjusted dog. The Club was recently sent a message that two large off-lead dogs had attacked a small dog leaving the poor thing with multiple stitches, possibly requiring hip surgery and with fractures that will take time to mend. The owner of the two large dogs left the scene without leaving his details. The COGB council are looking into this very serious incident. If any of our members ever have a bad experience like these, let us know. We can help you and your dog work through any lingering concerns.

Next year, the Instructors at Bendigo Obedience Dog Club, are aiming to run specific training sessions to cover some of the issues that we can only touch on in a general class environment. Some of the topics we may cover include managing reactivity in dog behaviour, teaching calmness, grooming, and understanding canine body language as well as other topics that are too complex to cover in class. They will be informative but also rewarding and fun, so keep an eye out for the details in the Recall next year.

As we head into the Summer Term for 2026, it is also timely to mention Bushfire Season, and the management of your pets. Crate training your dogs is one of the essential skills that will make life easier for our dogs in a disaster situation. Like all skills we teach, it is only of value if you keep up the training. Using a crate as a bed every day will make life so much kinder for your dog should an emergency arise. We all hope nobody has to deal with such issues but experience has taught us that sometimes these awful things do happen and at such times, we want our furry family members to be as safe and comfortable as possible.

Cheers,

Meredith

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Meredith Marshall

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BODC Obedience and Rally Trial





What was to become a beautifully sunny morning on the 16th of August saw a number of dedicated volunteers at the Finn St grounds before the sun was even up. They were there to help set up for our annual Obedience and Rally Trial. Volunteers helped mark out the ring areas with fencing and helped the Rally judges set up their rings. More volunteers were also notably indefatigable working throughout the day as marshals and preparing lunches for the judges in the club kitchen.

Seventy-two entrants made up of club members and visitors put 87 dogs through their paces in the two Rally and three Obedience rings. There were some outstanding performances from the experienced handlers and rank beginners alike as assessed by the wonderful judges: Ross Carlson, Ray Ashman, Barry Cotton, and Heather Miller. It was a joy to celebrate the successes with presentations at the end of the day. The awards included two prizes specifically for BODC members. The Highest in Trial Bendigo member in Obedience was won by Anthony Lockett and the Border Collie R GR.CH. Calma Excalibur (a.k.a. Alan). And the Highest in Trial Bendigo member in Rally went to Pauline Gardner and Bustergard (a.k.a. Buster). Huge congrats to all four of you for your amazing teamwork in the rings!

Entrants came from as close as around the corner to as far away as South Australia and New South Wales. As trial secretary, it was an absolute highlight to see members of our club out doing their stuff in the competition rings. It was also a delight to chat with a competitor from Adelaide after the day's events and find that they were really passing through on their holiday and worked our trial into the plans they had already made. The handler thanked BODC for hosting and said, "It was a really excellent day. It was our first time competing here, but we'll definitely be back next year!"

It was amazing to see so many people and dogs out in the sun enjoying themselves; entrants helping each other out; and the unwavering and good-natured support of the volunteers. And I know I've mentioned the volunteers three times already but days like the Obedience and Rally trial, as with everything the Cub does, only happened because dedicated people at our non-profit, volunteer-run club give of their time and I'm so very thankful that they do!

Deb
Trial Secretary









Photos: Denise Chrystal, BODC Facebook post, Zali & Co

State trials and plenty of wagging tails!

VICTORIAN STATE AGILITY TRIAL

The State Agility Trial at KCC Park saw several Bendigo teams (dogs and handlers) enjoy, and I use that term loosely, three days of Agility challenges – we experienced very wet weather, muggy conditions and strong winds causing postponements of the main event Top Dog on Saturday.

The Trial was made up of three heats for Jumping and Agility, then Open (exclusion zone) events, Top Dog (competition for the Top Dogs in Jumping and Agility over the year) and finals runs. The sport of dog Agility is a difficult one requiring dogs and handlers negotiate, jumps, tunnels, above ground obstacles and tipping see-saws laid out on a timed course. It only takes a moment's hesitation for errors to occur, so to get a clear round is a very rewarding experience.

Lisa and Loki competed in the Master Agility and Masters Jumping level so they had the hardest courses but managed two passes in Master Jumping and a pass in Masters Agility, their first pass in this level of Agility. Allan and Benji, the other half of the McPherson team, competed in Excellent Agility and Masters Jumping levels, achieving an Agility Excellent title and placing 1st in his run, and then topped that off with two passes in Masters Jumping and a pass in Open Jumping on Sunday.

Pauline and Buster as always put in a stunning qualifying run in the Excellent Jumping Heat 1. Buster is a fast and vocal competitor but his connection with Pauline is magical and his ability to work at distance is a pleasure to watch. Helen and Wilbur had a few 'so close' runs with just a bar down or a run past obstacle or a missed contact any of which can mean that illusive pass is out of reach. Meredith and Isabelle, who were only competing in Excellent Agility also missed the passes with simple errors but managed a 1st place (non-qualifying) in Excellent Agility Heat 3 so qualified for the finals. The finals round saw Allan and Benji, and Meredith and Isabelle compete in ADX, and Pauline and Buster qualified for the JDX final.

One of our mentors in Agility at the Bendigo Club, Terri Rose and Steve were inspiring to watch as they ran their two dogs Saya and Kenya in a range of classes and came away with fabulous results for both dogs and humans.

A tired group of Bendigo Members headed home with ideas and skills to work on until the next Agility competition, because, pass or not this is an addictive sport for dogs and humans and the participation is more important than the win... well almost.

Meredith
State Agility Trial Participant













Photos: J Dean Photography, BODC Club members

State trials and plenty of wagging tails!

VICTORIAN STATE SCENT WORK TRIAL

A human's brain is dominated by a large visual cortex whilst a dog's brain is dominated by the olfactory cortex. The olfactory bulb accounts for one eighth of a dog's brain and it is responsible for processing scents detected by cells in the nasal cavity. A dog has around 220 million scent receptors in its nose – that's 44 times the number of receptors in our own noses!

A dog's sense of smell is probably more important than any other sense with the possible exception of touch (in a well-adjusted dog). The senses of smell and touch are the predominant senses for a dog and they are fully functioning at birth, unlike hearing and sight which develop later, and taste which although present at birth and connected to smell takes a back seat.

The olfactory bulb informs and forewarns. It also allows the dog to assist us with specific jobs; the dog's olfactory system is more sensitive than anything we can replicate with modern technology.

Scent work trials involve training dogs to search for specific odours from certain essential oils in several situations called "elements": in containers such as boxes, on the outside of vehicles, inside buildings, and in the outside environment.

Dogs need to find the source of the odour and communicate its exact location to their handler. Dog and handler teams compete to locate the source of the odour to determine which teams are the fastest and most accurate in their searches. Handlers and dogs need to gain several qualifications at each level to progress to more complex searches at higher levels.

Over the weekend of the 9th, 10th and 11th of October, the Victorian State Scent Work Trial was held in the Yarra Valley. Seven BODC club members competed and our own BODC Club member Nicole Crameri was trial secretary.

Three hundred and twenty-six dog and handler partnerships competed across Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters and Ultimate levels with 1028 searches being undertaken in total.

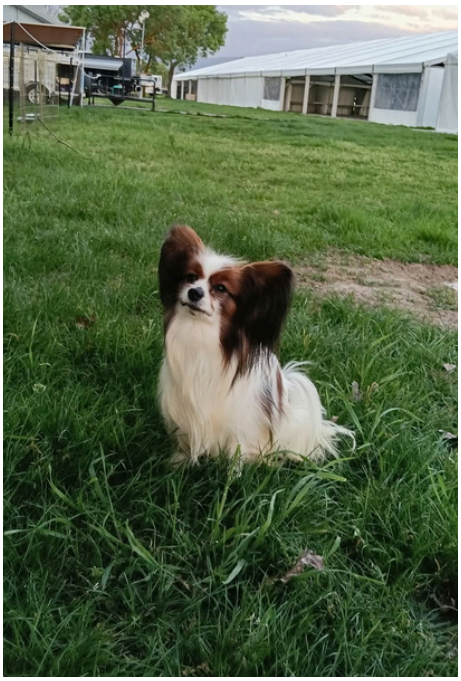
Congratulations to the seven BODC members and ten BODC dogs who competed!

If the world of Scent Work sounds intriguing to you, consider signing up for our Introduction to Scent Work classes in 2027. The Club holds a scent work trial in April/May each year – if you would like to volunteer to help at the trial please contact the Club. Please speak with our Club volunteers at the check-in BBQ on a Wednesday night or Sunday morning.

Alexandra
State Scentwork Trial Participant

CLUB MEMBER RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE







State trials and plenty of wagging tails!

VICTORIAN STATE SCENT WORK TRIAL (CONT.)

Masters Level – 50 dogs

Masters Containers
George - Denise Chrystal - 9th
Digger - Michelle Maxey - 10th
Tia - Heather Turpie - NQ

Masters Interiors
Tia - Heather Turpie - NQ
Digger - Michelle Maxey - NQ

Masters Exterior
Tia - Heather Turpie - NQ

Masters Vehicles
Tia - Heather Turpie - NQ
George - Denise Chrystal - NQ
Digger - Michelle Maxey - NQ

Excellent Level – 60 dogs

Excellent Containers
Buster - Pauline Gardiner - 12th
Lexi - Sandra Price - NQ
Murray - Alexandra Gartmann - NQ
Possum - Jill Collier - NQ

Excellent Interiors
Possum - Jill Collier - 9th
Buster - Pauline Gardiner - 16th
Lexi - Sandra Price - 31st
Murray - Alexandra Gartmann - 17th

Excellent Exterior
Possum - Jill Collier - 21st
Digger - Michelle Maxey - 26th
Lexi - Sandra Price - NQ
George - Denise Chrystal - NQ

Excellent Vehicles
Murray - Alexandra Gartmann - 5th
Lexi - Sandra Price - 30th
Possum - Jill Collier - 32nd

Advanced Level – 70 dogs

Advanced Containers
Ruby - Alexandra Gartmann - 14th
Sammi - Pauline Gardiner - 15th
Tim - Denise Chrystal - NQ

Advanced Interior
Sammi - Pauline Gardiner - 14th
Ruby - Alexandra Gartmann - 26th
Tim - Denise Chrystal - NQ

Advanced Exterior
Ruby - Alexandra Gartmann - 14th
Sammi - Pauline Gardiner - 20th
Tim - Denise Chrystal - NQ

Advanced Vehicles
Ruby - Alexandra Gartmann - 5th
Buster - Pauline Gardiner - 16th
Tim - Denise Chrystal - NQ

Novice Level – 80 dogs

Novice Vehicles
Sammi Pauline Gardiner 13th

And an Advanced Scent Work Title for Buster and Pauline! Amazing teamwork!









State Scent Trial photos: Lorraine Mitchell Photography, Tazzi Eggins Photography, BODC Club members

READY FOR CLASS? THINGS TO REMEMBER

We all look forward to our training days and we want everyone to get the most out of the sessions offered by BODC volunteer instructors. The following are a few things that will help ensure that everything runs smoothly and that disruptions are minimised. We only have a precious 30 minutes after all.



- **Footwear:** Please ensure you are wearing sturdy, closed in footwear at all times.
- **Parking behind the clubhouse is restricted** to committee members and instructors.
- **Arrive early:** If you are late the instructor can ask you to leave to keep class harmony and dogs settled.
- **Dogs are to be on lead at all times** unless instructed to be off lead by an instructor. Off lead play before or after class needs to occur on the tennis courts or in the puppy pens.
- **Please wear your name badge and ensure you sign in** prior to starting class.
- **Collar and lead:** We encourage everyone to aim to train their dogs in flat collars. However an alternative, such as a harness or martingale, may enable the training outcome in a safer manner. Their use is implemented after a review of purpose and fit with your instructor. Your lead should be longer than a metre as short leads restrict ability to train the skills we aim to teach.
- **Yellow vest – Give Me Space:** Give at least 2 metres space to members wearing yellow vests. Please show your respect and support for these handlers and their dogs by giving them ample space.
- **Watch your dog!** Eyeballing the dog next to them (causing the other dog to react) and marking on equipment must be avoided. You are the advocate for yourself and your dog - if you feel too close to another handler or uncomfortable in class, move away to a space better suited for you and your dog.
- **We are reward based training:** Bring lots of treats to reward our dogs, and remember that yelling at or hitting your dog is not allowed.
- **Don't use your phone in class!** If you are expecting an important call, please inform your instructor – remove yourself from the class prior to answering. Check with the instructor prior to re-joining the class.

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

Wednesday Classes

Baby puppies (9.15am): Denise Chrystal
Self Help Group (10am): Denise Chrystal, Nicole Crameri (assistant)
Older puppies (6.30pm), Beginners (6.30pm): Alexandra Gartmann, Sarah Franks, Meredith Marshall, Monique Brain, Jodie Bajada (helper)

Sunday Classes

Advanced Beginners (9.30am): Jodie Bajada, Rob Hopman (assistant)
Class 1 (9.30am): Sarah Franks
Class 2 (9.30am): Bryn Wedgeford
Class 3 (9.30am): Greg Hicks
Class 4 – Social (10.30am): Meredith Marshall
Class 5 – Advanced Obedience & Rally (10.30am): Merle Hopman

Special Disciplines*

Agility (Sunday morning): Meredith Marshall, Alexandra Gartmann, Sarah Crocker
Tricks (Tuesday night): Denise Chrystal, Nicole Crameri (assistant)
Scent work (Thursday night): Heather Turpie, Sandra Price

** Check times with instructors.*

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO WITH MY DOG AT BODC?

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club supports members looking to do different activities with their dogs. The club has training/workshops in different disciplines and instructors offer help and training advice.

• Tracking • Rally
• Track and Search • Obedience
• Agility • Scent Work • Tricks

Do any of these interest you?

Details are available on our website, or you can either speak to one of our instructors or email **bendigoodcmembers@gmail.com**

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES – TERM 3

Congratulations to handlers and their dogs on their graduation in Term 3. If you do not see your name in the Graduations list please check with your instructor.

Graduation information

- Handlers and dogs graduate at the end of term if they are ready.
- Graduation is judged on the overall progress made throughout the term and the handler's ability to utilise the training methods.
- There is no actual graduation test.
- Instructors will discuss graduating with handlers and dogs not ready to go into the next class level.
- Instructors welcome questions from handlers and will endeavour to assist where possible.



Click to find out more

BABY PUPPIES TO OLDER PUPPIES

Colleen with Lulu
Matthew with Cooper
Melania & Tomasz with Macy

OLDER PUPPIES TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Daniele & Izak with Super Boy
Jarrod & Rebecca with Finn
Jennifer & Fred with Spud
Nathan & Samantha with Taffi

OLDER PUPPIES TO CLASS 1

Diane & Erin with Gus
Diane & Erin with Vesper
Heather with Jac
Jessica with Shaz
Sue with Zeus
Tanya with Sorin

BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Beth & On with Charlotte
Breana, Maddie Dunn & Ben Paterson with Hudson & Ollie
Melanie with Ziggi
Robert with Rich
Sarah with Luna
Luke & Shelley with Cabana
Shelley with Moe
Yvette with Smooch

BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Deb with Adi
Olivia with Mabel

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

August with Hank
Erin with Allie
Jasmine with Theodore
Corey & Jodie with Huey
Kat with Pippin
Bronte & Ridge with Sunny

CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2

Alison with Missy
Brooke & Ben with Bonnie
Leo with Lena
Mandy & Jon with Ash
Niamh with Rosie
Pauleen with Harriett
Sally & Jono with Roxy
Sandra with Kosi
Simone with Peggy

CLASS 2 TO CLASS 3

Candice with Sprocket
Liz & Phil with Scooby
Felicia & Kyle with Bucky
Jennifer with Teddy
Kathryn & Tim with Roxy
Shayne & Lauren with Poppy
Xavier with Bandit
Angela with Heidi

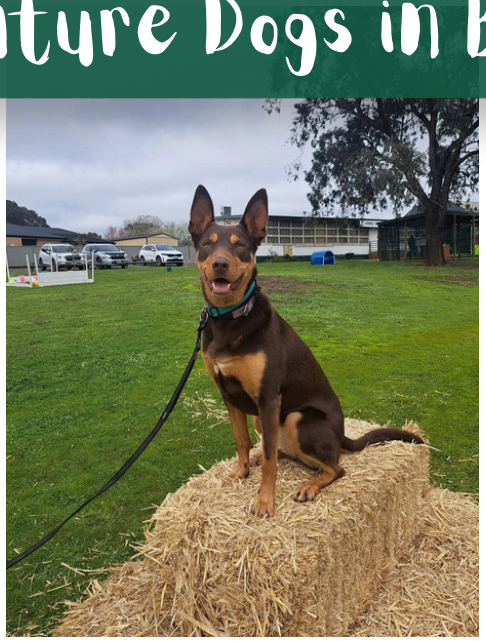
CLASS 3 TO CLASS 4

Barbara with Halo
Melissa with Charlie



Adventure Dogs in Bendigo







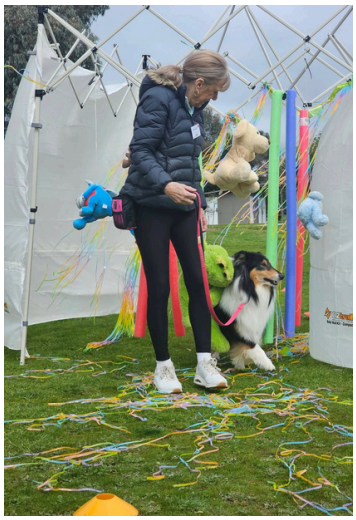
- We had a ball pit full of different types of balls.
- A channel of orange mesh full of obstacles for dogs and handlers to negotiate.
- At the beginning and end was the Gazebo of Dangling Monsters.
- A haybale mountain, a curtain of bubbles, the training dog walk and more!

This was a fun event for our Sunday classes, but there was also a purpose. This was an opportunity for our members to use their skills and knowledge to get their dogs through unfamiliar obstacles with support from instructors along the way if needed.

We plan to do it again in Term 4! Sunday 6 December, Wednesday and Sunday classes - all welcome!













IT'S NOT "CHEATING" – IT'S CANICROSS!

Canicross is a sport where a dog and human run together in a team. Canicross means cross country running with dogs. The word cani derives from Canis, the Latin word for dog.



In canicross, the dog runs in front and the runner, attached to the dog via a bungee lead and a canicross belt, guides the dog from behind using verbal cues. It is, of course, also possible to run with your dog next to you. To get started with canicross, all you need are a canicross harness, a bungee line, a canicross belt and a pair of good trail shoes!

Why should you do canicross? Because canicross is the perfect sport if you like to be active with your dog. Running together also stimulates your dogs need for mental and physical exercise.

Can my dog do canicross?

Dogs of all breeds, shapes and sizes can do canicross as long as you respect their limits. Unless your dog has some severe known health issues, canicross is a fairly safe sport and shouldn't lead to injury. Don't hesitate to ask your veterinarian if you are unsure whether your dog is fit enough for the challenge.

A small dog will not be able to run as fast as a German Shorthaired Pointer, of course, but that doesn't mean that they're not running well for their size and capabilities!

Your dog should be fully grown, usually 12–18 months old, before you start training canicross or doing other hard activities. Start carefully and gradually increase the amount of exercise and load. If you are eager to get started with canicross and your dog is too young, there are many foundation skills to practise in the meantime, like directional cues, line out training, and focus.

Old dogs can run, but you can't expect them to be as fast as younger dogs and it is important to consider your older dog's needs.

Canicross is generally a winter sport as there are temperature thresholds above which canicross is not advised. At a canicross race, you will see all kinds of dogs participating, from a Whippet to a Cocker Spaniel, Beagle, Labrador, Australian Shepherd, or Dachshund… You name it!

Can I do canicross?

Everyone can do canicross – both proven runners and people who have never run before. Running with your dog can be the biggest motivator to begin participating in sports!

Canicross is a high-impact sport that can be hard on your body, especially if you are running with a big dog that is pulling hard. If you have knee or back problems, you are advised to exercise with caution.

Photos: The Gumtree Studios, BODC Club members

IT'S NOT "CHEATING" – ITS CANICROSS! (CONT.)

Not everyone enjoys the stress of racing, and it is perfectly fine to simply enjoy canicross in your own peaceful forest. The most important thing is that you and your dog are having fun together!

Want to learn more?

In 2027 canicross will also become an ANKC official sport. There are loads of social competitions available close to Bendigo and now there will be more across the state plus the opportunity to win titles.

Races are generally 2.5km, 5km or 10km and there is even an ultra 50km held in Gippsland. Training and races are generally on non-pavement or tarmac surfaces, as those surfaces are hard on dog joints. We love training on soft trails or gravel roads – and as a winter sport rain can help make our Bendigo trails easier to run on.

BODC will be hosting an intro to Canicross workshop with the fabulous team from Canicross Melbourne (check them out on FB or Insta). They host regular events such as training runs, intro sessions and race days.

The intro session will be held locally on a weekend morning and will include:

- trying on a range of harnesses so you can see which harness will suit your dog size and shape,
- trying on a human canicross belt for size,
- listening to a short theory session on trail etiquette and canicross foundations,
- and going on a short (less than 2km) run together to experience this fun sport.

A date is yet to be confirmed but to be kept informed of the date and to secure your spot in the intro workshop please email Alex (Alexandra_gartmann@hotmail.com) and provide your dog breed, your dog age, your dog weight, your fitness level and if your dog is human- or dog-reactive.

We look forward to introducing you to this fun and energetic sport!

Alexandra Gartmann



Photos: The Gumtree Studios, BODC Club members



LIVER CAKE RECIPE

TREATS FOR YOUR DOG

Ingredients:

500 gms of beef liver (see Note)

2 Eggs

200 gms Wholemeal flour

Splash of milk or water.

Note: Some dogs may not be able to eat liver so substitute for mince of your choosing.

Method:

1. Add the meat, eggs and milk/water to a blender jug and blend until the mixture looks like like a smoothie.Add the flour and stir the mixture until it looks and feels like a thick sticky goo, add extra flour if required.
2. Grease a cake tin with a little butter, pour the mixture into the tin, place the tin in the middle of a preheated oven at 160 degrees and bake for about 45 minutes.
3. The cake should be cooked so remove from the oven and allow to cool for a few minutes before slicing into small squares and allowing to cool completely.
4. These should keep for several days if stored in an airtight container in the fridge.
5. This lovely cake could be used as a very special treat – great for training in high distraction environments, or a fabulous reward in a training class.
6. Warning cooking liver can leave your kitchen smelling strongly so you may want to use an outside cooktop or BBQ. Your dogs will love you for your work.

Recipe curtesy of Jamie at Bishopton Dog Walking Services, UK.

Tails of Joy Across the Community



Bowie looking at the spaceship in Coober Pedy that was used in the movie at Pitch Black.

- Gail



While Bucky's true loves are long bush adventures and high-energy games, he's also happy to join a social outing, especially when it involves attention, cuddles and treats from people! Here he is showing off his sit in front of the pretty Bendigo Tram Cafe.

- Felicia

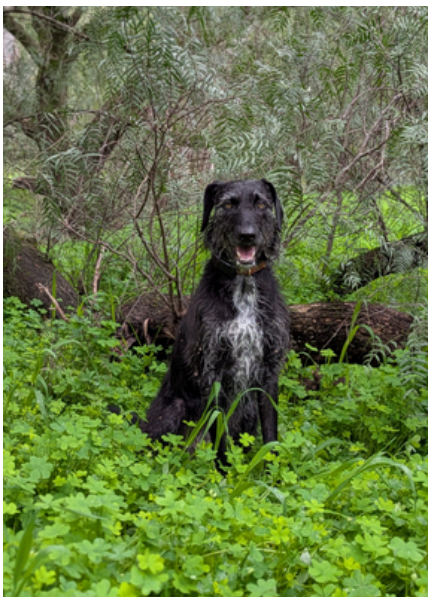
< Here's a picture of Roxy at her favourite stream side reserve in Huntly.

- Sally



We had the BEST time at Adventure Dog in the cold and muddy weather. Very proud that my little poodle completed the course amongst all the other bigger dogs.

- Trish



> Out doing some training at Gia's favourite place, the Botanical Gardens. So many smells and a spot mum can also have a coffee!

- Jaimie



Thanks to everyone that entered! You are in the draw to win the 1st prize of a Bryn Wedgeford portrait of your dog, valued at $300!

2nd and 3rd prizes – Two lucky winners will each receive a Zali & Co gift bag valued at $50

If you are in the draw, make sure to be at our last Sunday class for 2026 (Adventure Dog Day!), when we will announce the winners!

Check out Bryn's website:
https://wedgefordportraits.wixsite.com/petportraits

GEAR UP ON OUR NEW CLUB APPAREL!

- Open for all Club members to order – a great way to responsibly represent our Club, be it at trials, doing demo events or just to look good when at training!
- The store shows current sizes available. This may change, so keep checking back in.
- Not sure of your size? Being in East Bendigo, you can visit Breach Apparel and try on similar clothing options to feel confident with your size when ordering.
- Pick up from Breach Apparel or delivery available.





DID YOU KNOW?

The back of the hoodie features Mutley – the dog from our Club logo. Originally drawn in the 1970s, the artwork has been given a few subtle updates to bring this new design to life.



Club hoodie options - pullover or full zip front, design on back

www.breachapparel.com.au/bodc/

Want to check sizes instore? Breach Apparel: 14 Trantara Ct, East Bendigo VIC 3550

CAN YOU SPARE TIME TO HELP OUR DOG CLUB?

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club relies on our big-hearted volunteers to operate and has done so for over 60 years. In that time many, many volunteers have contributed to supporting thousands of dogs and owners to have more positive relationships.

GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER!

We have regular volunteers who help our Club thrive. In short, our Club doesn't exist without our volunteers.

From instructing classes and maintaining our grounds, to assisting with administration and communication to club members, there are many ways to make a valuable contribution.

Looking for a shorter-term commitment? There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, including working bees to help maintain our Club grounds, volunteering as a demo dog team, and lending a hand at Club events.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR JOIN OUR COMMITTEE?

You can volunteer at any time throughout the year. If you're interested in joining our Committee, elections take place at our Annual General Meeting in March each year.

If you're interested in contributing to the growth and fabric of our club, have a chat with us at check-in, speak to a Club Committee member, or email **bendigoodcmembers@gmail.com**. We'd be happy to discuss the opportunities available.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU INVOLVED!

DEMO DOGS AT THE BENDIGO SHOW

Our club engages with the community in many ways and over the last 4 years the Bendigo Agricultural show has welcomed a team of demonstration dogs who provide education and entertainment in fun ways. - Meredith









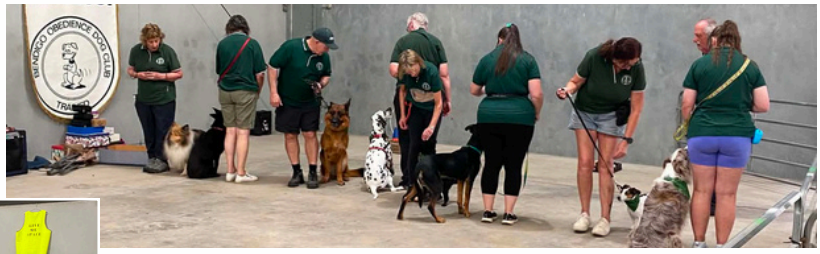
Dogs and owners connection - the best in the world. Great day!
- Colleen

Such a great experience for the pups to work to a crowd - Trish



Our dogs were looking extra dapper in their matching green bandanas, courtesy of our incredibly talented Club member, Stacey.

A great day at the Show. All dogs enjoyed themselves and a great way to showcase our Club.
- Merle



Great day out with Milkah in a fun environment with other talented dogs and owners. - Bronley



Had a fantastic day, a lot of fun and a great experience for Atlas. - Stacey

So wonderful to see the connection between teh dogs and their people - Deanne



The dogs were great (and so were their humans)! Thank you so much to all invloved for being part of this wonderful display!
- Deb

THANKS FROM THE RECALL TEAM

2026 has been a huge year for the Club and members, whether it be our successful Club trials throughout the year, working towards your own titles in one of the many dog sport disciplines, or participating and learning at our Club obedience classes, we hope you have had a rewarding time at Club.

The Recall couldn't happen without the contributions from the many Club members, committee and instructors. We thank everyone who has contributed with articles, photos and feedback throughout the year.



Bryn, Deb & Jodie
BODC Recall team

Christmas dinner!



Come one, come all to our Christmas break-up dinner!

It's time to put our paws up, take a break from a busy year, and enjoy a festive evening together!

Join your fellow Dog Club members for a relaxed night of good food, great company and a chance to catch up before the Christmas holidays!

Where: Botanical Hotel
Date: Wednesday 9 December 2026
Time: 6.00pm

We'd love to see you there! **RSVP by Wednesday 2 December**
Let us know at the check-in BBQ or have a chat with a committee member.

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We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have any feedback for our newsletter, or maybe you have your own training journey to share, please let us know. Email **bendigoodcnews@gmail.com**

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