

LEST WE FORGET

Dogs Queensland ANZAC Day and Paws Aid Show Reflection
and

Dogs Queensland Australian Defence Services Veterans Register

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**A New Registry To Remember Our Members
Who Serve:**

At the March 2024 Dogs Queensland Board of Directors Meeting, a proposal submitted by the Marketing and Public Relations Committee was presented and approved to establish a Register of Military Veterans who are Members of Dogs Queensland.

The proposal discussed that the Register will be a living document, recognising the service given by Dogs Queensland Members to our country and would include the names of ex-service and current serving men and women from all arms of the Australian Military Forces.

It is intended that those listed on the Register would be invited to attend the Dogs Queensland Dusk Service on ANZAC Day each year and that they would also be named and thanked for their service during the Dusk Service.



Being a part of the Dogs Queensland Australian Defence Services Veterans Register and being listed on the Register is purely voluntary. It is hoped that those listed on the Veterans Register, may in future years be invited to be a part of the Dusk Service and also present the major awards at the Championship Show alongside the Best in Show officiating judge.

Further, any members on the Register who are ANKC Canine Conformation Judges may be invited to judge at the ANZAC Day Championship Show which takes place before and after the Dusk Service.

Reflection, Memory and The Spirit of ANZAC:

This initiative, the establishment of the Dogs Queensland Australian Defence Services Veterans Register, follows that which saw 'Rex' – the War Dogs Memorial, established on the grounds of Dogs Queensland at Durack some years ago. The Dusk Service takes place each ANZAC Day at the DQ Sports Grounds – a service which is conducted in partnership with the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch and Dogs Queensland.

The Dusk Service, which takes place at 5pm on each ANZAC Day, has become very popular in recent years with Dogs Queensland members attending the Conformation Show and those also attending to pay their respects at the service.

The service includes members of the local Naval Cadet Unit, which provide the Guard for the service. Owners, handlers and their dogs from the RSL Forest Lake Assistance Dog Program also attend and mark the occasion with a pass through.

This year's show had the added partnership of co-sponsorship by the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch, who provided the major trophies for all General Specials awards. This included a Perpetual Trophy awarded to the Best in Show Winner – with this year being the Papillion, Supreme Champion Birkin Victory Dance (Rasmussen and McGhie) as the inaugural winner. Their name will be listed on the trophy and kept by Dogs Queensland.

The ANZAC Day Championship Show Perpetual Trophy will be named 'The Rex Trophy' in honour



of the War Dog Memorial on the grounds of Dogs Queensland, known as 'Rex'. It is the aim, that in future years, this perpetual trophy will become as significant to win (and those will be so honoured as a recipient to have their name upon it) as the honour board for Dog of the Year or the Ekka events.

Our judge, the very well known and local character, Mr Victor Jones presided over all General Specials at the ANZAC Day Show. Vic, as he is known to most, was honoured to be judging on his 73rd wedding anniversary, as a member of the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch together with being a war veteran of the Korean War. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment Vic had in awarding all his General Specials places on such a momentous occasion. It was a pleasure to be in such company and be a part of the presentations and feel the true spirit on our grounds that evening.

All our judges of the ANZAC evening and Paws Aid



show came from across Australia and New Zealand to truly reflect the ANZAC tradition of AU/NZ mateship and being a partnership in all that we do from dogs to country and more. In the judges' room and at General Specials, all the judges commented on the feel that day at our event and that they had never been to such a moving service nor more inclusive and honouring show on any ANZAC Day show in any state of Australia or Island of New Zealand.

Thank you judges for your reflection:

BIS ANZAC Day Show – Mr Victor Jones (Qld), Royal Australian Navy (retired), Korean Campaign.

BIS Paws Aid Show – Mrs Beth Warman (NZ).

Group Judges: Mrs Linda Martin (NSW), Mrs Vickie Harris (NSW), Miss Emma Luxford (WA), Mrs Shelley Wildman (WA), Ms Christine Faint (SA), Ms Carolyn

Ryan (Qld), Ms Katrina Santas (Qld).

Congratulations to the winners:

The Spirit of the ANZAC Day Show was also a reflection of wars that Australia has participated in – a new and continuing proposal by the PR and Marketing Committee to truly reflect the spirit of the show as a memorial and not just another dog show.

Members may have noticed the banners in each ring corner recording a number of wars and asking those in that Group to reflect on the history of those historic events.

The General Specials War Memorial Trophies that were donated by the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch were all named after a war or conflict that Australia participated in and we hope those trophies are now being placed with pride in the

BIS	Spirit of Gallipoli Best in Show Trophy Won by Rasmussen & McGhie's Papillion, Supreme Champion Berikino Victory Dance
RUBIS	Spirit of Fromelles Runner Up Best in Show Trophy Won by Smith's French Bulldog, Beunyque She Is Lutece
BABY IN SHOW	Spirit of Somme Baby Puppy in Show Trophy Won by Cook's Beagle, Lunars Girl Talk
MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW	Spirit of Bullecourt Minor Puppy in Show Trophy Won by Bond's German Wirehaired Pointer, Kobnko Stumming My Six String
PUPPY IN SHOW	Spirit of Messines Puppy in Show Trophy Won by King's Pekingese Chindara Llewellyn
JUNIOR IN SHOW	Spirit of Pozieres Junior in Show Trophy Won by Telfer's Beagle Champion Orobay Heaven Only Knows
INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW	Spirit of Passchendale Intermediate in Show Trophy Won by Yates' Bullmastiff Supreme Champion Salieri Boston Legal (AI)
AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW	Spirit of Villers-Bretonneux Australian Bred in Show Trophy Won by Smith's French Bulldog, Beunyque She Is Lutece
OPEN IN SHOW	Spirit of Hamel Open in Show Trophy Won by Rasmussen & McGhie's Papillion, Supreme Champion Berikino Victory Dance
BEST NEUTER IN SHOW	Spirit of Lone Pine Neuter in Show Trophy Won by Wyness' Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Oransay Beautiful Truma
RUNNER UP BEST NEUTER IN SHOW	Spirit of the Western Front Runner Up Best Neuter in Show Trophy Won by Davies' Cocker Spanial, Supreme Champion Neuter Grand Champion Macdolly Cantstopthisfeeling

most honoured position in the new recipients households, and to them we congratulate their achievements on winning with their beautiful dogs.

Young members reflected their interpretations:

At this year's Dusk Service our youth had an opportunity to also reflect on what they interpret to be their understandings of ANZAC Day. Sadhbh Kefer (pictured page 30), one of Dogs Queensland youth at 8 years of age, placed her drawing at the foot of our memorial dog, Rex, along with the wreaths after the service. It's important to have the future of our hobby, of our nation and our potential

future decision makers be apart of our Service and I'd like to thank all those parents who encouraged their children to be involved and share their art and reflections on ANZAC Day. Mum, Heidi, is certainly keen to allow her children to be involved in future years, so the committee will be looking towards making next years' service more inclusive to our young members to express their appreciation of our nations and members service on this Day.

Fundraising to Support Our Local Service Members:

Entries for this year's ANZAC Day and Paws Aid Shows were tremendously generous, and we thank



the Dogs Queensland members for their support of these shows. The exhibits presented for judging certainly provide for a memorable showcase of our breeds on this day of reflection to our past, present and fallen service men and women from across Australia and New Zealand.

This year's double show saw all funds raised being donated to the Forest Lake RSL Assistance Dog Program, supporting our past and present service members with dogs, training and ongoing support to help their life in our community be fulfilling, supported and accessible.

Thank you for being a part of this ANZAC Day and Paws Aid Shows and supporting the show with your entries, donations and presence. I hope you had the opportunity to share your memories about your experiences of remembering ANZAC Day over your years at the Dusk Service and the show with all our fellow Dogs Queensland and ANKC members together with our invited guests. I'm sure you were able to take the time to to take reflection

during the day and support the Veterans both present with us in life and those still serving for us across the world as the dog world honoured the service they give and have given for their country.

Acknowledging our Dogs Queensland Defence Service Members:

Dogs Queensland invites all Veterans and current service men and women who wish to be included on this Veterans Register to submit the following information directly to Dogs Queensland. We will be working to develop this honourable and important Register over the next twelve months and as an ongoing project. So please let us know who you are by assisting us with the following information:

- Name:
- Service: Navy / Army / Air Force
- Rank:
- Ex-Service Man/Women: Yes / No
- Current Service Man/Women Yes / No
- Length of Service / Year Commenced Service:
- Major Area/s of Deployment:
- Your willingness to be considered to take part in Presentations at the annual ANZAC Day Championship Show. Yes / No
- Any ANKC Judging Qualifications:

Please email Rob Harrison at Dogs Queensland (rob@dogsqueensland.org.au) with your information as we want to be able to say thank you for your service and have you be a part of our ANZAC day reflections.

Thank you to all Dogs Queensland exhibitors for your charity:

Once again, thank you for your entry, your presence and your generous donations to support the Forest Lake RSL Assistance Dog Program.

Your support raised funds through your show entries, donations, purchasing of raffle tickets and also not withdrawing entries when a late change to a judge was required the day prior ... a very unpredicted last minute requirement – many thanks.

A generous donation of \$7000 plus (with a final figure to be confirmed) will be presented in the



coming month to the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch and we look forward to continuing this relationship in the coming years through these shows held on ANZAC Day.

A final thanks to:

- All the Dogs Queensland office staff for your assistance in preparing for the show;
- The grounds team – Rion, Jayden and Jesse in preparing the grounds and setting up the displays;
- The team at the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Sub Branch for the ever so strong partnership we are building. A special call out in particular is extended to President Steve Ford and Secretary Sharron Ford for making this ongoing relationship possible;
- Royal Canin for their continued support and sponsorship;

- Brisbane Screen Printing, Wagz Café and Show Manager for your support in ensuring all the behind the scenes requirements were seamless;
- PR and Marketing Committee team members who unquestionably dedicated their time to ensure the shows were a tremendous reflection of the ANZAC Spirit and a memorable event that our Dogs Queensland members want and will enthusiastically continue to participate in; and
- You, the members for your participation in our memorial show and dusk service.

Kind regards and with warm heartfelt reflection on this year's ANZAC Day ...

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Dogs Queensland ANZAC Day Spirit and Paws Aid Championship Shows

Dogs Queensland recently held the Anzac Day Spirit and Paws Aid Championship Shows on Thursday 25 April 2024 and Friday 26 April 2024 at the DQ Sports Grounds, Durack.

Congratulations to the winners and all those exhibitors who took to the ring. Thank you to all those who made the shows a success, including sponsors and volunteers. All images taken at the shows, including those appearing on the following pages, can be viewed and purchased by visiting [TAK Photography](#).

