



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on
Wednesday 10 June 2026 commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION:	R Sinclair (by Zoom)	K Hedberg BVSc
	C Rafton	A McIlrath
	N Curwen	J Bryson
	G Vernon	S Hannigan
	K Charnock	T Hofman
	L Brand (by Zoom)	P Brown
IN ATTENDANCE:	V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)	
	L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)	
	S Buddee (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)	

IN CAMERA

1. Opening & Procedural Matters

- **Welcome and Apologies**

- **Apologies**
 - S McFadden
 - V Harris
 - A Khamis

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the apologies be **received**.

CARRIED

- **Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT Directors **note** that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board at Item 5.1 of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8 December 2021, **this Board meeting is being recorded** for the purposes of confirmation of the Minutes and once confirmed at a future Meeting the recording will then be deleted.

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- **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest - NIL**
- **Receive all Reports on the Agenda**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT the Board **receive** all Reports on the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. **Emerging Issues (Risk, Culture, & Updates)**

- **Resignation of Operations Manager**

MOVED R Sinclair
SECONDED K Charnock
THAT a detailed handover plan identifying all tasks that are completed across all periods for DOGS NSW and DOGS AUSTRALIA be accurately documented to ensure easy transition. This includes a comprehensive list of all duties that will need to be handed over with procedures and relevant documentation (including the Dogs Australia Database detail and work requiring to be completed following his departure. Frequency of each task needs to be identified:-

- Daily
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually

CARRIED

For the Operations Manager: To provide documented procedures for each task outlining detailed steps to be completed against each task to enable the new Operations Manager to have a professional introduction and detail work requirements accordingly.

On conclusion of the mediation process, the full Board will then be privy to the detail and outcome of the mediation process, however, that information must be confidentially retained within the Board.

Discussion also ensured on the issue of Zoom meeting and the problems that have been encountered, clearly today, and over the past three (3) meetings, where Directors participating on Zoom could not hear the speakers in the meeting room. It was noted that the proposed move to Microsoft Teams would resolve all, or at least most, of the issues being experienced.

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- **Blue Card Requirements**

Director L Brand spoke to the meeting in relation to the necessity for DOGS NSW to be proactive as other States are increasing their requirements for Working With Children checks, in particular the RNA Qld and also South Australia.

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT the information provided by Director Lyn Brand to the meeting regard the increased requirements by other States in relation to Working With Children Checks be **noted**.

CARRIED

3. **Judicial Matters**

4. **General Business - In Camera**

- **Appointment of Western Region Director**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED L Brand

THAT, in accordance with the RNSWCC Articles of Association, Article 30A(a), the Board appoint **Mrs Amy Gilson** as **Director for the Western Region in a casual capacity** until the conclusion of the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

- **Capping of SprintDog™ Entry Fees**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the advice from The Hon Charles Sweeney KC in respect of capping SprintDog™ entry fees be **noted**.

CARRIED

For the Office: To thank the DOGS NSW Honorary Solicitor and The Hon Charles Sweeney for their assistance in this matter and that the advice be relayed back to the SprintDog™ Working Party for information.

- **Resignation of Chair of Public Relations Committee**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT the resignation of Director Phil Brown as Chair of the Public Relations Committee be **accepted with regret**.

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MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Director Angus McIlrath be elected as Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

CARRIED

Director Angus McIlrath thanked the Board for his appointment and expressed his eagerness to act on the action items from the recently accepted Strategic Plan. He also suggested that the current Committee name was somewhat outdated and suggested it be refreshed with a name change, ie Canine Promotions & Public Awareness Committee.

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the previously named Public Relations Committee be renamed “**Canine Promotions & Public Awareness Committee**”.

CARRIED

- **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 14/5/2026**
Director T Hofman referred to Item 4 of the Committee Minutes as it related to being required to seek permission from the Judge for competitors to film outside the ring whilst Handlers are being judged – noting that there is no legal requirement to seek a Judge’s permission. It was suggested that the Judge can certainly ask with respect that no filming take place and the person filming refuses, no action can be taken against that person, unless of course the filming involves a minor.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the matter of seeking permission from Judges to film be **REFERRED** back to the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee to reword that particular action.

CARRIED

The Board noted that in accordance with DOGS NSW Regulations Part III- Conformation Judges Education Program, Clause 10 states:-

10.13 No person shall make any photographic or video recording of any part of a Practical Examination except with the prior permission of DOGS NSW.

and suggested consideration be given to amending that Clause given the advice at today’s meeting.

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OPEN MEETING

5. Consent Agenda

- **Previous Minutes**
 - Face to Face Meeting – 13/5/2026
 - Electronic Motion 18/5/2026 – Aggressive Dog Minutes 7/5/2026
 - Electronic Motion 2/6/2026 – Surrender & Variation of Orchard Hills Lease
- **President's Report**
 - Critical Data Points
 - Calendar of Events
 - Company Emails
 - Expressions of Interest – Knowledge Tree & Volunteer Framework
 - Member Forums – Dates agreed by Board Team
 - Strategic Plan Implementation – Project Planning & Director Participation
 - Future Monthly Discussion Points
 - Mentoring Work
 - Youth Forum
 - State Dog Sports Plan
 - Meetings with Committee Chairs
 - Resume Presidents and Secretaries meetings
- **Directors' Updates**
 - L Brand
 - J Bryson
 - N Curwen
 - V Harris
 - T Hofman
 - A McIlrath
 - C Rafton
 - G Vernon

The Acting Chair suggested that as the above Directors' Reports are in the Reading Room it was not necessary to go through each of them.

The President, R Sinclair, stated that it is incumbent on the Board to recognise the deterioration of all important data points that we reside over. As such we need to ensure we have Board level discussions on how we are leading and improving these data points to manage our future directions for the members. Board level strategic discussions are required if we are to achieve the outcomes required for us to turn the dial and improve the declining data.

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MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT all reports and documents in the Consent Agenda be **approved**.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT all the document in the Reading Room be **accepted**.

CARRIED

- **Committee Reports - For Noting and/or Consideration**

- **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Website Development Progress Report

- **COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- **ANIMAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

- **SERIOUS ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE – 2/6/2026**

Recommendation 1 – Item 4.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – New Clause numbered 19 and Re-numbering of current Clauses 19 to 35.

THAT a new Clause, to be numbered Clause 19, be inserted into Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, immediately following the current Clause 18, to read as follows, and the current subsequent Clauses 19 to 35 be re-numbered accordingly:-

- 19. **(06/26)** Bitches in late gestation, active labour and while caring for puppies during the neonatal period must be provided with an indoor quiet, clean, safe and hygienic whelping area appropriate to the breed, size and stage of life of the bitch and puppies.

- 19.1 The whelping area must provide adequate environmental temperature control appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the puppies and the physiological needs of the bitch.

- 19.1.1 Heating and cooling methods may include air conditioning, heaters, heat pads or heat lamps.

- 19.1.2 Neonatal puppies must have access to a warmer microenvironment during the neonatal period.

- 19.1.3 Ambient temperature within the whelping area should generally be maintained at 24–25°C for the comfort of the bitch, whilst puppies must have access to additional localised warmth where required.

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- 19.1.4 Puppies must have access to localised warming areas that allow movement towards or away from the heat source.
- 19.1.5 The bitch must have access to a cooler area away from the heat source to allow normal thermoregulation.
- 19.1.6 Litters must not be whelped in an outdoor exercise area where there is no formal structure that can house a suitable whelping area and provide adequate temperature control and protection from external weather extremes.
- 19.2 Temperature monitoring must occur within the whelping area to ensure appropriate environmental conditions are maintained for both the bitch and puppies.
 - 19.2.1 Environmental temperature must be easily checked using an appropriate monitoring device.
 - 19.2.2 Heating and cooling devices must be checked during each husbandry check and no less than every twelve (12) hours to reduce the risk of overheating, dehydration, burns, injury or equipment malfunction.
 - 19.2.3 Monitoring frequency should be increased during active labour and throughout the neonatal period due to the increased risk of temperature-related illness and neonatal mortality.
- 19.3 Whelping boxes must be appropriately sized for the breed and individual bitch, allowing the bitch to comfortably lie on her side, stretch and nurse puppies.
 - 19.3.1 Whelping boxes should not exceed three (3) times the height of the bitch at the withers in floor space, so as to reduce the risk of puppies becoming separated from the bitch or being unable to benefit from maternal body heat.
 - 19.3.2 Whelping box design must allow the bitch to comfortably enter and exit the enclosure whilst safely containing the puppies. Ideally, one side of the whelping box should be height adjustable to facilitate access by the bitch whilst maintaining puppy containment.

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- 19.4 Whelping boxes must be constructed of materials that are safe, easily cleaned and disinfected, adequately ventilated and free from hazards likely to injure the bitch or puppies.
 - 19.4.1 Whelping boxes must contain flooring surfaces. Flooring surfaces must be easily cleaned and disinfected or regularly replaced to maintain hygiene standards.
- 19.5 Whelping boxes should contain pig rails or similar protective barriers to reduce the risk of puppies being crushed against the walls of the enclosure by the bitch.
- 19.6 Appropriate bedding and material must be used within the whelping area.
 - 19.6.1 Bedding must be clean, dry, absorbent and appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the puppies.
 - 19.6.2 Bedding should provide suitable traction and footing to assist normal musculoskeletal development and reduce the risk of swimmer puppy syndrome or limb deformities associated with slippery surfaces.
 - 19.6.3 Loose fibre, frayed or unsafe materials likely to pose an ingestion, entanglement or injury risk must not be used.
- 19.7 The bitch and litter must be monitored no less than twice daily during the neonatal period.
 - 19.7.1 Monitoring frequency should be increased and should occur during active whelping and the first 72 hours postpartum due to the increased risk of hypothermia, dehydration, crushing and neonatal mortality.
- 19.8 Breeders should maintain records relating to whelping and neonatal care including, where practical:-
 - 19.8.1 birth times;
 - 19.8.2 puppy weights at least once daily;
 - 19.8.3 abnormalities or interventions;

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- 19.8.4 neonatal illness or mortality, including treatments and outcomes;
- 19.8.5 maternal health and behavioural observations.
- 19.9 Pregnant bitches, whelping bitches and neonatal puppies must be housed in a designated whelping area separated from unrelated dogs, other animals and unnecessary disturbances to minimise stress, injury and disease transmission.
 - 19.9.1 Whelping areas should be physically separated from unrelated dogs and other animals during late gestation, active labour and throughout the neonatal period.
 - 19.9.2 Separation methods may include separate rooms, barriers, pens, controlled access areas or other management practices appropriate to the premises.
 - 19.9.3 Separation arrangements should minimise direct contact between neonatal puppies and unrelated animals.
 - 19.9.4 Whelping areas should be located in a quiet, low traffic area with controlled access to reduce stress and unnecessary disturbance to the bitch and litter.
 - 19.9.5 Unnecessary environmental stressors including excessive noise, handling, unfamiliar people and excessive activity should be minimised.
- 19.10 Whelping areas, equipment and husbandry practices must minimise the risk of disease transmission and maintain an appropriate hygienic environment for the bitch and puppies.
 - 19.10.1 Appropriate cleaning and disinfection protocols should be implemented to minimise disease transmission.
 - 19.10.2 Equipment including bowls, bedding, heat sources and cleaning equipment should be cleaned and disinfected between litters and when visibly soiled.
 - 19.10.3 Equipment should not be shared between isolated litters unless appropriately cleaned and disinfected.

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- 19.10.4 Bedding, flooring and other environmental surfaces should be maintained in a manner that minimises contamination with urine, faeces and other biological waste.
- 19.10.5 Cleaning products and disinfectants used within the whelping area should be used according to manufacturer recommendations and stored in a manner that prevents access by dogs and puppies.
- 19.10.6 Visitor and animal access to whelping areas should be managed to reduce infectious disease risk until puppies reach eight (8) weeks of age or have commenced their vaccination program, whichever occurs later.
 - 19.10.6.1 Visitor access should be minimised during periods of increased infectious disease risk, particularly during late gestation and from birth until puppies have commenced their vaccination program.
 - 19.10.6.2 Access to whelping areas should be restricted to essential persons where practical.
 - 19.10.6.3 The male dog must not routinely have unrestricted access to the whelping area during active labour and the neonatal period.
 - 19.10.6.4 Access by unrelated dogs and animals should be minimised during late gestation and until puppies have commenced their vaccination program.
 - 19.10.6.5 Where multiple litters are housed on the same premises, reasonable measures must be implemented to minimise unnecessary contact between litters during the neonatal period.

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE – 27/5/2026**
Recommendation 1 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2026
THAT the Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2026 be approved by the Board of Directors.

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○ **AGGRESSIVE DOG COMMITTEE - 3/6/2026**

Recommendation 2 – Item 5.2: Incorrect Form / Non Member – Dog Not Registered

Recommendation 2A

THAT the dog involved in the incident be banned from attending Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club for a period of **6 months** from the date of the incident. Note the owner of the dog is not a member of DOGS NSW and the dog in question is an unregistered cross bred.

Recommendation 2B

THAT, as the person who was attacked required further medical assistance, the Club be requested to supply evidence of contacting the local council or police as required under DOGS NSW Regulation Part II-Show, Clause 14.10(c), which reads as follows:-

- 14.10(c) *If the incident causes serious damage to a person or another dog- who, subsequently, requires immediate medical attention, the local council must be informed. If it occurs out of council hours the police must be informed. (03/26)*
- (i) *It is the responsibility of either the President or the Secretary of the club to contact the council or police. (03/26)*
 - (ii) *If the local council and or police are called the offending dog must automatically be declared aggressive. (03/26)*
 - (a) *if the dog has been tested by the Department of Local Government, the owner must provide a copy of the report to DOGS NSW within eight (8) weeks, failure to do so would render the dog to remain on suspension until the report is provided. (03/26)*
 - (iii) *Where the council or police declare the dog a Dangerous Dog in line with NSW legislation DOGS NSW must ban the dog for life. (03/26)*
 - (iv) *An Aggressive Dog Hearing is still required to be held to gather all relevant paperwork, witness statements and videos, if available, and must be submitted to DOGS NSW within 48 hours. (03/26)*
 - (v) *Upon receipt of the Aggressive Dog Report the Office within 48 hours must notify the owner/s by email and registered post that the dog has been*

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declared a Dangerous Dog in line with NSW legislation and the dog has been banned for life.
(03/26)

- **AGILITY JUDGES COMMITTEE – 2/6/2026**
- **CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING COMMITTEE – 29/4/2026**
- **GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY – 26/5/2026**
The Board noted that the Minutes of the Government Framework Working Party meeting held on 26 May 2026 have not yet been received in the Office.
 - **Board Election Process**
- **FAST N FURIOUS COMMITTEE – 12/5/2026**
- **JUDGES COMMITTEE – 30/4/2026**
Recommendation 1 – Item 5: Dogs Australia Regulations Part 2: Judges – Additional Clause, Numbered 4.7.1
THAT a Motion be submitted to Dogs Australia October 2026 Special Board Meeting, to amend Dogs Australia Regulations Part 2: Judges, Clause 4.7, by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered 4.7.1, to read as follows:-
 - 4.7 *Following approval by the ANKC Ltd of an official Overseas Judges Contract, the overseas Judge is entitled to accept further appointments by way of sub-contract in accordance with that approval during the period one calendar month before and one calendar month after the date of the approved appointment. (Added EAP 07/11) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended EM#205 05/23 – Effective 01/07/23)*
 - 4.7.1 An Overseas Judge who has judged a particular Group shall not be eligible for reappointment to judge that Group for a period of three (3) to five (5) years.**
- **LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE – 1/6/2026**
- **OBEDIENCE, TRACKING & PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINES COMMITTEE – 19/5/2026**
- **OBEDIENCE, TRACKING & PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINES JUDGES COMMITTEE – 14/5/2026**

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○ **REGIONAL COMMITTEES WORKING PARTY – 2/6/2026**

Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part I: The Register & Registration, Clauses 4.1(d) & (e)

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part I: The Register & Registration, Section 4, Registration – The Associate Register, Clauses 4.1(d) & (e), which currently reads:-

Currently reads:-

SECTION 4: Registration - The Associate Register

4.1 A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the associate register if:-

- (d) the dog has been desexed; and (2/95)
- (e) There is submitted a duly completed Application for Registration in such form accompanied by such fee as the Board of Directors may from time to time require together with a Certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the dog has been desexed. (2/95)

Be amended to read:

SECTION 4: Registration - The Associate Register

4.1 A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the associate register if:-

- (d) the dog has been desexed **or a veterinary certificate is supplied advising delayed desexing up until 18mths of age; and (6/26)**
- (e) There is submitted a duly completed Application for Registration in such form accompanied by such fee as the Board of Directors may from time to time require together with a Certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the dog has been desexed **or a veterinary certificate is supplied advising delayed desexing up until 18mths of age. (6/26)**

○ **RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIALS COMMITTEE – 21/5/2026**

○ **RNSWCC HEALTH & WELFARE CHARITY – 4/5/2026**

○ **SHOW COMMITTEE – 27/5/2026**

Recommendation 1 – Item 8.2: CACIB/A20 Shows

THAT the following CACIB/A20 show dates be forwarded to Dogs Australia for approval:-

A20

- Cootamundra All Breeds Kennel Club – 20th Monday, ie, 10 May, for 2027 only
- Lake District Canine Club – 10th Friday, ie, 5 March, for 2027 only
- West Wyalong Kennel Club – 38th Saturday, ie, 18 September, for 2027 only
- DOGS NSW Spring Fair – 35th Saturday, ie, 28 August, for 2027 only (awaiting form)

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CACIB

- DOGS NSW Spring Fair – 35th Friday, ie, 27 August, for 2027 only (pending FCI approval as per Dogs Australia website)
- Cootamundra All Breeds Kennel Club – 19th Saturday, ie, 8 May, for 2027 only
- Sydney Royal Agricultural Society of NSW – 19 March to 29 March 2027

Recommendation 2 – Item 9.4: Missing Show Reports

THAT Clubs listed at **ANNEXURE A** of the Show Committee Minutes of 27 May 2026 be given 30 days' notice to comply with DOGS NSW Regulations Part II: Show. If the missing information/monies are not received and completed in that time, those Clubs will forfeit their right to hold shows until the requirements are met:-

- Levies
- Representatives Reports
- Marked Catalogues

○ **SPORTING COMMITTEE – 19/5/2026**

Recommendation 2 – Item 8.6: Sled Sports Calendar

THAT effective from the 2027 calendar year:-

- The Sled Sports calendar be reset, requiring all Affiliates wishing to conduct Sled Sports Trials to re-apply for their preferred dates.
- All applications for Trial dates must specify the Sled Sports discipline(s) to be conducted.
- The DOGS NSW Show & Trials Guide include the relevant discipline abbreviation for each scheduled event, as outlined below:-

Sled Racing | SS-SR
Backpacking | SS-BP
Weight Pull | SS-WP
Canicross | SS-CX
Bikejoring | SS-BKJ

Recommendation 3 – Item 8.7: Proposed Process for Applying for Scent Work Titles

THAT the process whereby members may apply to the DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party through ShowManager to obtain Special DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party Element Titles, Ultimate Title or Scent Work Championship rosettes be as follows:-

Proposed Process:

- Once a dog has met the requirements for their Element Titles, Ultimate Title or Scent Work Championship they are eligible to apply for a DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party special rosette.
- Members who wish to obtain a special rosette will be able to submit a request and make payment for the ribbon and postage through ShowManager.

The NSW Scent Work Working Party will organise postage of the ribbons/rosettes.

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Recommendation 4 – Item 8.7: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XVI – Scent Work & Scent Work Judges Training, Clause 4.6.4 – AMENDMENT

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XVI – Scent Work & Scent Work Judges Training, Clause 4.6.4, be amended as follows:-

Currently reads:-

4.6.4 SCENT WORK THEORY EXAMINATION:

- a) The JTS Co-ordinator will set all Theory Examination papers.
- b) The Theory Examination will consist of a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 questions. These questions will be a combination of multiple-choice, short answer and scenario-based questions.
- c) The Theory Examination may be in either written/online or oral format as prescribed by the JTS Co-ordinator. It is to be marked independently by a minimum of three (3) members of the Judges Training Panel and/or Scent Work Judges appointed by the JTS Co-ordinator as Examiners to mark the examination papers. (DA-3N 7.2)
- d) A Trainee must achieve a minimum of 80 per cent pass mark to progress to the Practical Examination. (DA 3N 7.3)
- e) A Trainee who fails to receive a pass mark may make a written request to DOGS NSW for their paper to be reviewed. This request must be received within fourteen (14) days of receiving their results. Three (3) independent markers will be appointed to remark the paper.
- f) Trainees must pass the Theory Examination to be eligible to undertake the Practical Examination.
- g) If a Trainee fails the Theory Examination, they may submit a request to re-sit a Theory Examination after six (6) months.

Be amended to read:

4.6.4 SCENT WORK THEORY **ASSESSMENTS and EXAMINATION:**

- a) The JTS Co-ordinator will set all Theory **Assessment and** Examination papers.
- b) Two Written Assignments worth 20 percent each of the overall assessment will be required.**
- c) The written assignments will be on scent theory and hide setting and will require practical observations of dogs working with video evidence.**
- d) The assignments will be marked independently by a minimum of three (3) members of the Judges Training Sub-Committee and/or Scent Work Judges appointed by the JTS Co-ordinator as Examiners to mark the assessment papers. (DA-3N 7.2)**
- e) A Theory Examination **forming 60 percent of the final theory assessment score** will consist of a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 questions. These questions will be a combination of multiple-choice, short answer and scenario-based questions.

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- f) The Theory Examination **will** **may** be **in either written/online** **or oral** (Class Marker).
- g) A Trainee must achieve a minimum of 80 per cent cumulative pass mark **across all the** from the theory assessment **components** to progress to the Practical Examination. (Dogs Australia 3N 7.3)
- h) A Trainee who fails to receive a pass mark may make a written request to DOGS NSW for their paper to be reviewed. This request must be received within fourteen (14) days of receiving their results. Three (3) independent markers will be appointed to remark the paper.
- i) Trainees must pass the Theory Examination to be eligible to undertake the Practical Examination.
- j) If a Trainee fails the Theory Examination, they may submit a request to re-sit a Theory Examination after six (6) months.

Recommendation 5 – Item 8.10: Alterations to the Performance Field (Sprint Track) Area

THAT the following alterations be made to the Performance Field (Sprint Track) area:-

- Addition of two (2) additional gates: one (1) car access gate and one (1) pedestrian access gate (as shown on the map included in the Sporting Committee Minutes of 19 May 2026);
- This new waiting area in addition to the pedestrian gate will need to be kept mown for a distance of 30m from the Performance Field boundary to ensure clear visibility of the track and exclusion zone (minimum 10m from the track) with the remainder of the mown area providing less likelihood of snakes hiding and cleaner footing for the pedestrians as they take their dogs up to the SprintDog™ Start area.

Recommendation 6 – Item 9.4: Show/Trial Date Application – Addition of Proposed Trial Time

THAT the application for Show/Trial Dates be amended to include a proposed event start time.

The following Committees **DID NOT MEET:-**

- Agility Committee – **scheduled to meet 15/6/2026**
- Breed Standards Committee
- Conformation Judges Examinations Committee
- Grounds Development Committee
- Media & Government Legislation Committee
- Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee - **scheduled to meet 18/6/2026**
- PR Events Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Spring Fair Dog Show Committee

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- **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**
 - Amendment to CACIB Shows 1
 - Amendment to CACIB Shows 2
 - EM219-Amendment to Regulations Part 5-APPROVED
 - Notice-Dogs Australia October 2026 AGM & Board Meeting
 - Press Release-AKC & NZKC Agreement
 - Suspended Member-Dogs SA
 - Updated Pembroke & Cardigan Breed Standard Extension
 - Victoria Highest Greyhound Death Rate
- **FCI MATTERS**
 - Circular 16/2026i-Dachshund Judging
- **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
 - Acquisition by Transport NSW – Update
 - Dogs Australia Establishment of a Portal – List of Online Providers

6. Strategic Reporting & Decisions

- **Strategic Plan 2026-2030**
- **Operational Plan**
- **Assurance Program**

MOVED R Sinclair

SECONDED P Brown

THAT the following Strategic Planning items be taken as read and discussed at the next meeting when the President is in attendance in person.

CARRIED

7. General Business

- **Motions on Notice**
 - **Sub Group 4 Theory Examination Date – Reconsideration**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Sub Group 4 Theory Examination, currently set down for Tuesday 25 May 2027, be moved to Tuesday 8 June 2027.

CARRIED

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○ **Reconfirmation of BobCat Expenditure**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT, in accordance with RNSWCC Articles of Association, Article 50(b), the Board confirms its decision for the **immediate purchase** of a Bobcat S590 Skid Steer Loader with appropriate attachments, based on the quotations obtained, as a cost-effective and operationally necessary investment that will reduce ongoing hire expenditure.

CARRIED

K Charnock ABSTAINED

○ **DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.10 – DELETION**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.10, which reads as follows, **be deleted in its entirety:-**

4.10 Only All Breeds Judges shall judge General Specials at an All Breeds Championship. (10/05)

CARRIED

○ **Provision of Disabled Toilet Facilities at DOGS NSW Sanctioned Events**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Motions 1, 2 & 3, which read as follows, be approved:-

MOTION 1

Disabled Toilet Facilities be provided at DOGS NSW Sanctioned Events.

MOTION 2

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show be amended to include a Clause to require that all Affiliates be required to ensure that Disabled Toilet Facilities are provided at all DOGS NSW Sanctioned Events and this matter be **REFERRED** to the **Show Committee** to formulate such a Clause.

CARRIED

MOTION 3

THAT the Pre-Event Safety Checklist and the DOGS NSW Representative's Report be amended to include the requirement for the provision of Disabled Toilet Facilities at DOGS NSW Sanctioned Events.

CARRIED

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- **National Show Calendar – CACIB & A20 Shows**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Dogs Australia establish a National Show Calendar specifically for CACIB and A20 shows, with DOGS NSW overseeing its management through its Show Committee.

CARRIED

The meeting agreed for the DOGS NSW Representatives at the Dogs Australia October 2026 Board meeting nominate the Chair of the DOGS NSW Show Committee as Chair of the National Show Calendar Committee.

- **Camden Agricultural Show**

Director P Brown raised an issue brought to his attention last evening and reiterated via email this morning that the Camden Agricultural Show has been moved to the Friday as Liverpool & District All Breeds Kennel Club has refused to move from the Saturday.

Director G Vernon, Chair of the Show Committee, advised that this was outdated information and Camden will be run on the Saturday as the Liverpool Show is a PM show.

- **2027 Show Calendar**

Director G Vernon advise the meeting that, with the assistance and great work from Jane Fisher and staff member, Shireece Buddee, the 2027 Show Calendar is now complete and will be published in the Weekly Woof in approximately a week's time.

- **Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board Meeting Agenda**

The Acting Chair briefly went through the items on the Agenda for the upcoming Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board meeting, scheduled for Saturday 20 June 2026, in particular, the **Champion Class**, noting this was a dramatic change and will be difficult to implement.

Directors were requested to peruse the Agenda in the Reading Room and pass on any comments to the President and Senior Vice President, who will be representing DOG NSW at the meeting.

- **BoardEffect Training at Next Meeting**

The Company Secretary raised the issue of several Directors who were having difficulties navigating their way around BoardEffect and offered to meet 20 minutes earlier at the July Board meeting to undertake some training.

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8. Other Business & Closing

- **Review of newly assigned actions**
 - Company Secretary: To move the President and Directors' Reports Sections to fall under Section 6: Strategic Reporting & Decisions
 - The Board to discuss with the Operations Manager his succession plan on either a temporary or permanent capacity.
 - The Operations Manager to develop a structured Procedures Manual of his role for presentation to the July Board meeting.
 - Directors to peruse the Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board Meeting Agenda and pass on any comments they may have to the President and Senior Vice President **"prior to Saturday 20 June 2026"**.
- **Confirmation of Next Meeting** **8 July 2026**
- **Meeting Closed** **3.40pm**

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