



the Weekly Woof

Latest News from DOGS NSW

Friday, 28 August 2026

WHAT'S ON!



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~ WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK ~

Call for Nominations
DOGS NSW Regional Directors
Illawarra & South East Region
Northern Region

Casual Vacancies – Board of Directors

Pursuant to [Article 30B of the Royal NSW Canine Council Limited \(t/a DOGS NSW\) Articles of Association](#) where a casual vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors and the remaining term of office of the Director concerned is more than one year, the Board of Directors is required to invite nominations to fill the vacancy in accordance with [Article 31](#).



Following the recent resignations of Directors representing the follow regions;

- [Illawarra & South East Region](#)
- [Northern Region](#)

the DOGS NSW Board of Directors is now calling for nominations from eligible members to fill these two regional vacant positions.

As the remaining term of office for each position is more than one year, the successful nominees will be appointed for the remainder of the current term. The appointments will commence immediately following the conclusion of the [2026 Annual General Meeting](#) and will expire at the conclusion of the [2027 Annual General Meeting](#).

Any eligible member wishing to nominate for either position, including the current appointee, must submit a nomination in accordance with the prescribed nomination procedures set out in [Article 31 of the Royal NSW Canine Council Limited \(t/a DOGS NSW\) Articles of Association](#).

Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be submitted to the [DOGS NSW Company Secretary](#) by email to secretary@dogsnsw.org.au and must include a [resume of no more than 300 words](#).

Nominations must be received by the Company Secretary [by Friday 25 September 2026](#).

Members considering nominating are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the [Royal NSW Canine Council Limited \(t/a DOGS NSW\) Articles of Association](#), including Articles 30B and 31, prior to submitting their nomination.

[DOGS NSW Board of Directors](#)

From the Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee

The Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee wish to sincerely thank everyone who attended Judges Training on Thursday 13 August.

Your support for candidates is greatly appreciated.

Another Judges Training session will be conducted at Blacktown Trial in September and your assistance will be very welcome.

From Dogs Australia: Press Release World Dog Show 2027 - Attention Show Judges and dog breeders

Attention Show Judges and dog breeders who are interested in participating in the World Dog Show 2027

Please find below a legal expertise report on the legal situation and case law in Austria regarding dog shows and cruel breeding. You may find it useful to learn more about the legal status in the run-up to the World Dog Show 2027 in Austria, so you can prepare accordingly.

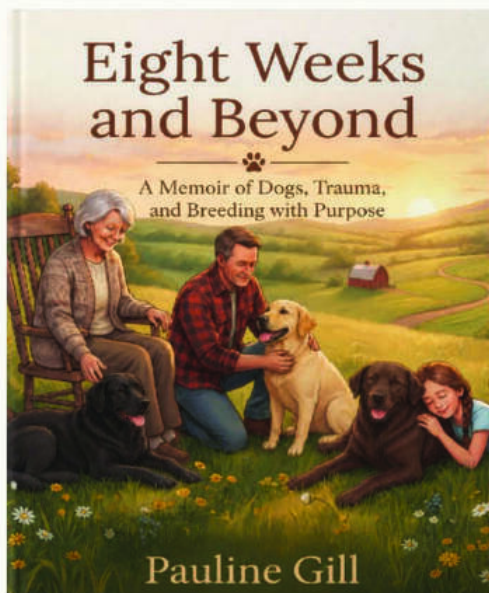
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You're Invited to a Book Launch for 'Eight Weeks And Beyond' by Pauline Gill

Eight Weeks and Beyond

A Memoir of Dogs, Trauma, and Breeding with Purpose.

"BOOK LAUNCH"



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You are invited to attend Pauline Gill's book launch for her new book **'Eight Weeks and Beyond' A Memoir of Dogs, Trauma, and Breeding with Purpose.**

'Eight Weeks and Beyond' is for the breeder who wants to do better, the trainer who wonders why some puppies just "have it," and the family waiting years for a dog that could change their lives. It proves that a dog bred with intention, raised with science, and placed with purpose is not just a pet—it is a partner, a lifeline, and a miracle on four legs.

VENUE: Cowra Library, 77 Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794

DATE: Tuesday, 1 September 2026

TIME: 10.00am

Morning Tea will be provided. All are welcome!

Books on Sale on the Day! - Eftpos Available!

For more Information about the book please click on the link below.

[Please Click Here](#)

Attention: Affiliated Clubs

If you wish to advertise your Club's event in the DOGS NSW November Gazette, please note that your draft schedule documentation must be submitted to the office no later than 7 September 2026.

As a reminder, please ensure you submit your completed Judge's Contract together with your draft schedule to avoid unnecessary delays in processing.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program - Applications Are Now Open

Funding now available for life-saving equipment

The NSW Government has now opened the 2026/2027 Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program. This program aims to improve safety at community sport by increasing access to life-saving equipment.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to fund the cost of an approved AED package. Eligible organisations can only receive funding for one AED package under this round of the Program.

Key Details:

Applications open: Friday 7 August 2026

Applications close: When funds are exhausted or by Wednesday 7 October 2026, 1:00 pm (whichever comes first)

Funding available: \$500,000 total

Grant amount: Up to \$3,000 per AED package.

(Funding is allocated on a first-in, first-served basis)

Postcode Eligibility

To be eligible for funding under the Program, applicants must primarily operate within a postcode listed in **Appendix C**, or that the majority of its participants reside in a postcode listed in Appendix C of the program guidelines. For potential applicants that do not meet the postcode eligibility, organisations can demonstrate they are currently experiencing financial hardship. These postcodes are identified using the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), which ranks areas according to relative socio-economic disadvantage.

For program guidelines, full eligibility criteria, approved AED packages and how to apply, please visit the website below.

Find out more and apply

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Win a copy of 'Living with Freddie'

A beautifully written memoir by an animal behavioural scientist and New Yorker writer, about seeing the world from the point of view of man's best - and oft misunderstood - friend, the dog.

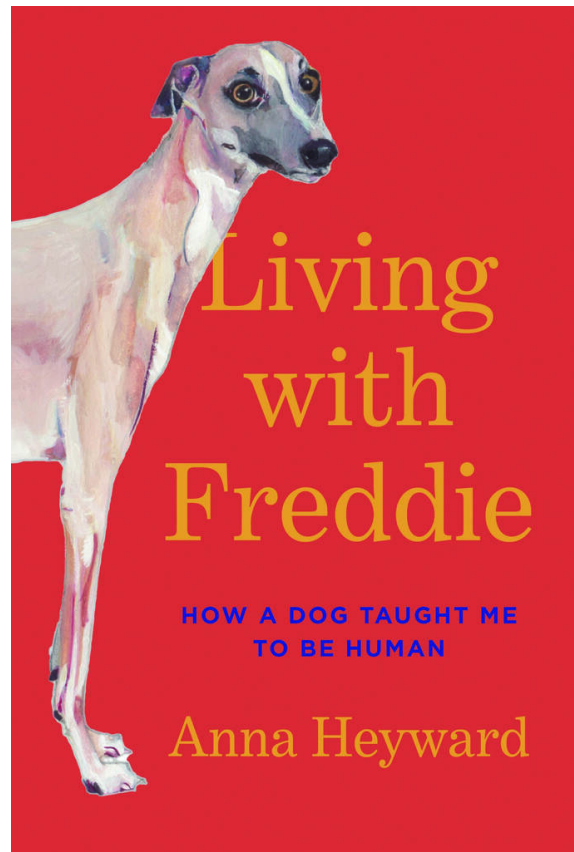
'Living with Freddie' is New Yorker writer and animal behavioural science student, Anna Heyward's extraordinary memoir about learning to see the world through a dog's eyes.

When Anna Heyward adopted a rescued Italian greyhound, she was thrilled to bring a dog

into her life. But Freddie, she quickly realised, had severe separation anxiety, unable to be left alone for more than thirty seconds without crying uncontrollably, biting his own tail or scratching at his body.

While some would have given the dog back, writing him off as a 'bad dog', Anna transformed her life. She took Freddie to work and hid him from her boss. Her social life withered. Her relationship with her fiancé began to flounder. She dedicated her life to entering the mind of her dog. As Anna observed Freddie's behaviour, she began to experience the world as he did: the quality of light, the timbre of sound; a leaf falling from a tree. And she changed - but not in the way you might expect.

This is a meditation on what it means to be bad or good, on how much we can - or should - try to alter another being's behaviour, and on what is possible to know about another mind. But at its heart, 'Living with Freddie' is a beautiful, heart-wrenching portrait of the relationship between a human and a dog. And, at the end of Freddie's story, you, too, may find yourself changed.



TO ENTER: For your opportunity to **'WIN a copy of 'Living with Freddie by Anna Heyward'**, simply tell us in 25 words or less, why you would like to win this book. Don't forget to include your name, residential address, phone number and DOGS NSW membership number on your entry. One entry per person.

Entries close: 30 September 2026, and winners will be notified by post or email.

By Email: With 'Living with Freddie' Competition in the subject line:
competition@dogsnsw.org.au

By Post: 'Living with Freddie' Competition, DOGS NSW Magazine, c/- DOGS NSW, PO Box 632, St Marys NSW 1790

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