Governing Council News

July 2026

Business Arising

- **Website Development**
  Governing Council approved an express refresh of the Dogs West website by OneIT, following a review of the stalled website project. The refresh will address key content, structural and member-facing functionality issues, with an optional WordPress conversion.

Committee Business

- **Executive Committee**
  Governing Council formally noted the completion of the winding-up documentation and dissolution of the Bullmastiff Club of WA.
- **Training Committee**
  Dispensation was granted from the five-year Group panel experience requirement under Regulation F17.4, and the appointment of Eva Fekete as Group 4 Convenor was ratified.

Correspondence

- **Albany All Breeds Dog Club – Request for Dispensation**
  Albany All Breeds Dog Club was granted dispensation from the commencement time requirements of Regulation B23.4.2 for its November 2026 and February 2027 show weekends, permitting the events to commence before 6.00 pm.
- **Emeritus Judge Application – A Lacy Herbert**
  Governing Council approved the application from A Lacy Herbert for Emeritus Judge status in Agility, Obedience, Tricks and Dances with Dogs (DWD).
- **Dogs West Website – PANDORA Archive**
  Governing Council approved a request from the State Library of Western Australia for the Dogs West website to be archived in the National Library of Australia's PANDORA Archive.

General Business

- **Dogs Queensland – BOAS Screening Risk Assessment Tool**
  Launch by Dogs Queensland of a Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) Screening Project for French Bulldogs, British Bulldogs and Pugs noted. The breeder-led initiative. Breeders and owners from other State bodies are welcome to participate.
- **Junior Handler Social Media**
  Governing Council discussed the implications of the Australian Government's under-16 social media legislation for the use of Facebook as a communication platform for junior participants. The matter will be referred back to the Working Party for further consideration.
- **Dogs Australia Matters**

  Several matters were raised for follow-up with Dogs Australia, including the presentation and hierarchy of performance titles, vaccination requirements within the Dogs Australia Regulations, and the Dogs Australia aggressive dogs list.
- **Dogs West Grounds**

  Governing Council reviewed the current gate closure arrangements on the grounds and agreed that the existing arrangements remain in place.

August 2026 – No meeting

Motions On Notice (See Canine Notices for details)

- Electronic Motion 2026 08 20a – Amendment to Regulation A85
- Electronic Motion 2026 08 20b – Amendment to Regulation HM2 2.17

Canine Notices

Amended Dogs West Regulations

- **CAWA Regulation HM2 2.17 amended to read:**

  2.17 A Member shall at all times comply with relevant consumer laws. Any member who is found guilty of breaching State or Federal Consumer laws, in relation to the breeding, sale or transfer of ANKC Registered dogs or puppies, will be in breach of this Regulation

- **CAWA Regulation A85 amended to read:**

  A85 DOGS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S GROUNDS
  Refer A5.7 for definition of Association's grounds.

  85.5.1 That dogs below the age of three (3) calendar months are not permitted on the Association's ground, except where A85.5.2 applies.

  85.5.2 That puppies aged between 8 weeks and under 3 calendar months be permitted to use the Dogs West grounds for restricted training purposes.

  85.5.3 That the use of the grounds be limited to organised classes only, conducted under strict biosecurity conditions - including use of enclosed rooms, agreed cleaning protocols, and no free access to the grassed areas.

  85.5.4 That organisations offered the opportunity to conduct these restricted classes must be affiliated with Dogs West.

Governance Determinations

PROTESTS & DISPUTES TRIBUNAL

09/06/2026

N Rhodes – Moonchow Following the Sun Breach of A44.3. Dog suspended for 2 months, penalty of $100.

18/08/2026

J Phillips - Breach of HM 2.6, HM 2.31 and HM 2.33.5, specifically HM 2.33.5.1. Dog be transferred on the Main Register into the name of the Complainant, within 10 working days. Penalty of $1,250

25/08/2026

D Schofield - Breach of HM 2.27, HM 2.32 and HM 2.33. Penalty of $2,150.