



# VYUFDA NEWSLETTER

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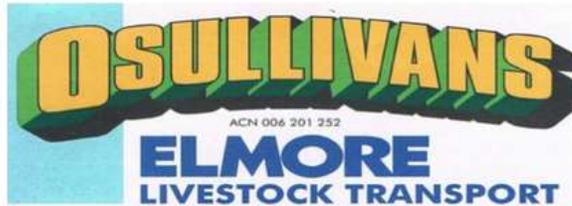
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Working Dog Handling Whilst  
Displaying Good Sportsmanship  
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# PRESIDENT REPORT

Hope all members and families are well and coping with these difficult times of restrictions.

Very quiet on the trial front again this Spring season, which is very disappointing but unavoidable, I'm optimistic that we may be freed up enough to have some trials late in the year. So be prepared to spring into action!!!

I envisage that these trials may well be small local competitions that could be run on private property in permanent yards rather than in public. If any member is in the position to organise a trial please contact your zone representatives for assistance.

A huge thankyou to those involved in the Bendigo trial that was cancelled at the last minute, even though we knew the risks of this happening there were many enthusiastic helpers that arrived to build the courses and then those that came back the following Saturday to dismantle and pack up. Also the competitors that had travelled hours with families for the weekend only to have to turn around and head home.

A great effort!!

We are still working toward running both the Yard and Utility Championships this year but if not achievable then these will be scheduled for early 2022.

There are many challenges for us through these Covid times, each member has unique circumstances to deal with, separation from family and friends, normal routine is now not possible etc. There is only so much dog training that can be done before motivation disappears!!!

A suggestion that can be very helpful is to set up Snapchat or WhatsApp with a group of friends and compare dogs working or showing off a new pup etc. Keep these groups to people you can trust rather than wider social media where there are countless destructive and critical "expert" individuals. If you're aware of any members that are isolated, please reach out and include them as this will help keep us all connected and healthy.

Stay connected and healthy, looking forward!

*Rod*

Rod Cavill

VYUFDA President

## 2022 Membership

As Covid has again impacted our ability to run events in the manner we would like, the committee has discussed the option of offering a reduced membership fee for the 2022 season to those members that have paid their full membership in 2020 and 2021. As membership fees are set via the AGM, the committee intend to put to the AGM a proposal to offer a 50 percent reduction in the fee set for 2022 to those eligible members.

# Bring a dog back from injury

By Sarah McFarlane

Has your dog injured itself and you have not been able to get him/her, well right? Are they hesitant to jump up or go downstairs? Does your dog present lameness after a big run at the park? Or perhaps they are limping for 3-5 steps after rest and then seem to walk it off. On a daily basis, Canine Balance is asked by dog owners about dog injury. You follow all the vet's advice but your dog just doesn't seem to move as freely or back to being 100% after their injury. Your dog's back or legs still seem to be tight and rigid. That's because once our dogs are given the all clear to go back to exercise we go about it all the wrong way.

## Ralf's Dog Injury Story:

Doctor and assistant checking up golden retriever dog in the vet clinic.

Today I received a call from "Joe" asking for help in regards to their injured dog. Joe went to the vet with his dog "Ralf" when he first hurt himself. Ralf received a 2-week course of anti-inflammatories, X-rays which came back all fine and was suggested more tests in the future. The vet gave Joe specific instructions to "*rest the dog*" and come back and see them in 2 weeks.



Joe takes Ralf back for the follow-up visit. After examination, Ralf seems fine and the vet gives the "*all clear*" to go back to exercise. Great news! The next day Joe takes Ralf down to the park for a run around off lead, plays with other dogs and chases the ball a couple of times for about 15 minutes. All appears well, however in the last 2 minutes of exercise Ralf is showing slight signs of lameness or soreness. This routine continues daily and a week later the exercise is increased to 30 minutes. Unexpectedly Ralf starts limping every time straight after rest for 4 or 5 steps and then he seems to walk it out. Joe also notices that Ralf is not running as fast when they first start their session at the park.

Back to the vet and this time Joe is recommended to rest the dog again and try another course of anti-inflammatories. Joe happily follows this until day 4 when he lets Ralf out for a toilet and he suddenly takes off down the back yard to chase the birds. Ralf seems pretty good in himself and moving well, so he must be OK. Joe sees that Ralf is fine and takes him out of confinement and tries to keep him quiet around the house and yard. Ralf being a young dog, by this stage has a lot of pent up energy because he hasn't been for a run. Ralf's not resting as much as he should be as he has no restrictions. They finish off the anti-inflammatories and life returns to normal.

Ralf gets back to the park, off a lead and running mad with excitement because he is finally out of the house. This time no signs of pain, soreness or lameness. Perfect, Ralf is better! Joe continues his normal routine with 30-minute walks for a few more weeks. Until one day Joe started to notice after Ralf had rested, he would get up and limp for the first 4 or 5 steps. Oh no, not again! "Why does this keep happening mate?" Joe says to Ralf.

## How to Fix a Dog Injury:

When a dog injures itself, we are naturally in such a hurry to get them back to normal activity. When a vet or dog therapist provides you with instructions to "**REST** the dog", rest your dog! Rest is confined rest and it is your responsibility to do this. Rest is **KING** and it actually makes or breaks your dog injury recovery. Another thing that can help significantly with the rest recovery phase is to apply heat or ice to the injury.

This is something to discuss with your vet as it is depending on the injury as to which one to apply.

Just because we are given the clearance from our vet, it doesn't give us the OK to go straight back to normal activity. We do not take into consideration if it is a sprain on a joint or strain on the muscle. Have you ever pulled a muscle? It is painful and it restricts your movement. Our bodies compensate to avoid using that muscle and it weakens. Did you know that a dog can decondition its muscles in as little as two weeks? So why in hell would you allow your dog to go back hooning around the park? We must bring our injured dog back slowly.



### **Your Dog Injury Plan:**

In fact, it is imperative that we bring our dog back slowly after 2 weeks of rest. We must encourage our dog to walk on all legs equally to help regain functionality, build strength within the muscles, improve the flexibility of joint movement, increase lymphatic flow, as a result, reduces pain. When you have sprained your ankle, would you go back to playing sport at competition

### **Week One**

1. Keep them off any slippery surface at all costs.
2. Ensure there is no running, jumping or rough play with other dogs which means confinement.
3. Allow your dog out of confinement for 15-minute periods three times per day, by themselves. Allow them to roam around the yard under your supervision and move at their own pace.
4. Walk your dog slowly on lead to ensure that all legs are being used equally and are touching the ground. Do this 3 times per day for no more than 5 minutes. Moving frequently for short periods aids in improving functionality but not exercising to the point of pain.
5. Swim your dog once per week or get them to walk through water for no longer than 5-6 minutes maximum. The ground must be firm, no soft sand or thick mud underfoot. On the water day, no other exercise. No off-lead running on the soft sand or in muddy banks of rivers or dams.
6. Lightly massage the entire back of the dog as it has compensated by being on three legs. Lightly massage up all legs for 30 seconds every day. Learn how to apply a simple dog massage technique here.
7. Seek Canine Rehabilitation Therapy

### **Week Two**

1. Keep up all the instructions in Week One.
2. Walk your dog slowly on a lead and gradually increase their time to 2 x 10 minutes and 1 x 5 minutes.
3. Getting your dog back to normal activity it must not only heal but also regain strength to not go on and reinjure. Seeking a Canine Rehabilitation Therapist will help your dog with a strengthening program and prevent reinjuring themselves.
4. Most importantly, if your dog is not showing signs of improvement, it will require further dog injury therapy and a follow-up visit with your vet to discuss what to do next.

Getting our dogs back to 100% after an injury has many challenges. Remember we must allow the body to heal properly no matter how good our dog feels. Once you are given the all clear from your vet or therapist, gradually bring your dog back normal activity by keeping them on a lead and increasing the activity gradually. A good strengthening program will help your dog avoid reinjuring itself. For further information on treatments, pricing and plans, go to our [services page](#) for a full breakdown of what is involved in our [consultations](#).

# EUROA – 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 1987

We are fortunate to have Life Members like Nancy & Graham Halsall still involved in our Association. They have recently shared with us some VHS tapes of the Euroa Sheep Dog Trial from 2nd of May 1987. We have been working on converting the VHS tapes to a digital format to allow them to be viewed on our website. At present we have converted the Novice and Open Finals and they can be found in the Gallery section of the website (Under Contact Us).

We are looking to gather more of the history of the Association so If you have any tapes, photos etc from over the years, we would love to see them and possibly grab a copy. We need to remember those that came before us and made us what we are today.

## Open Finals

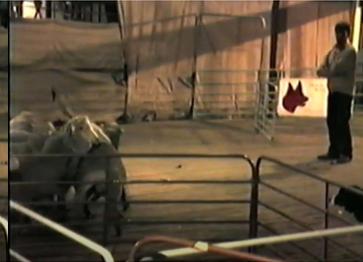
[J O'Connor with Meg](#)



[R Sims with Jock](#)



[B O'Connor with Mac](#)



[G Halsall with Snow](#)



## Novice Finals

[M Jamison with Tootsie](#)



[G Halsall with Sandy.](#)



[M Jamison with Jan.](#)



[D Halsall with Bing](#)



## 2021 Trialing Season and COVID-19

Disappointingly the current COVID-19 situation has resulted in several shows making the hard decision to cancel. At this stage the ones we are aware of include Horsham, Swan Hill, Seymour, Boort, Heathcote, Lancefield, Euroa, Alexandra, Omeo and Yea.

I would like to remind you all this is a difficult decision for the show committees to make, many of whom run with limited finances and need community support to stay afloat each year.

This will obviously impact our normally busy spring trialing period. To provide an outlet for our members we need to think outside the square and consider things such as running some trials on private property, following Government guidelines. These trials could be simple events with minimal set up using permanent existing yards on properties where there are available sheep. In the circumstances to minimise travel and the potential to spread Covid, these could be zone trials for competitors within that zone. The CopRice sponsorship of dog food available so this can be used for prizes. Because of the restricted nature of these events, these trials would be ineligible for high point awards.

So in an effort to keep us all motivated to keep training our dogs, be a lateral thinker, talk to people within your zone and see what you can come up with for your area/zone. We are open to ideas.

# EVENT CALENDAR 2021

Trial Locations and Dates			
Date	Name	Form	Location
<b>October</b>			
<b>November</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Euroa Yard Dog Trial	Yard	Euroa
20 <sup>th</sup>	Noorat Yard Trial	Yard	Noorat
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	2021 Utility Championship - Beloka Utility & Yard Trial	Utility	Welshpool
<b>December</b>			
<b>TBC</b>			
	2021 O'Sullivan's/ Coprice State Yard Dog Championship	Yard	Heathcote

[A link to the full online 2021 Event Calendar - can be found here:](#)

**\* DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL DATES PROPOSED \***

## SAVE THE DATE

2021 CopRice State Yard Dog Championship

Heathcote – Date TBC in early December

2021 CopRice Utility Championship

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of November @ Beloka in Welshpool

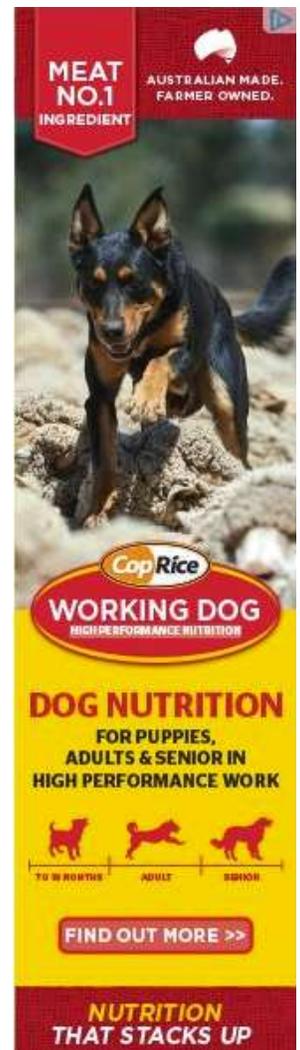
Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 11:00 am in Wallan.

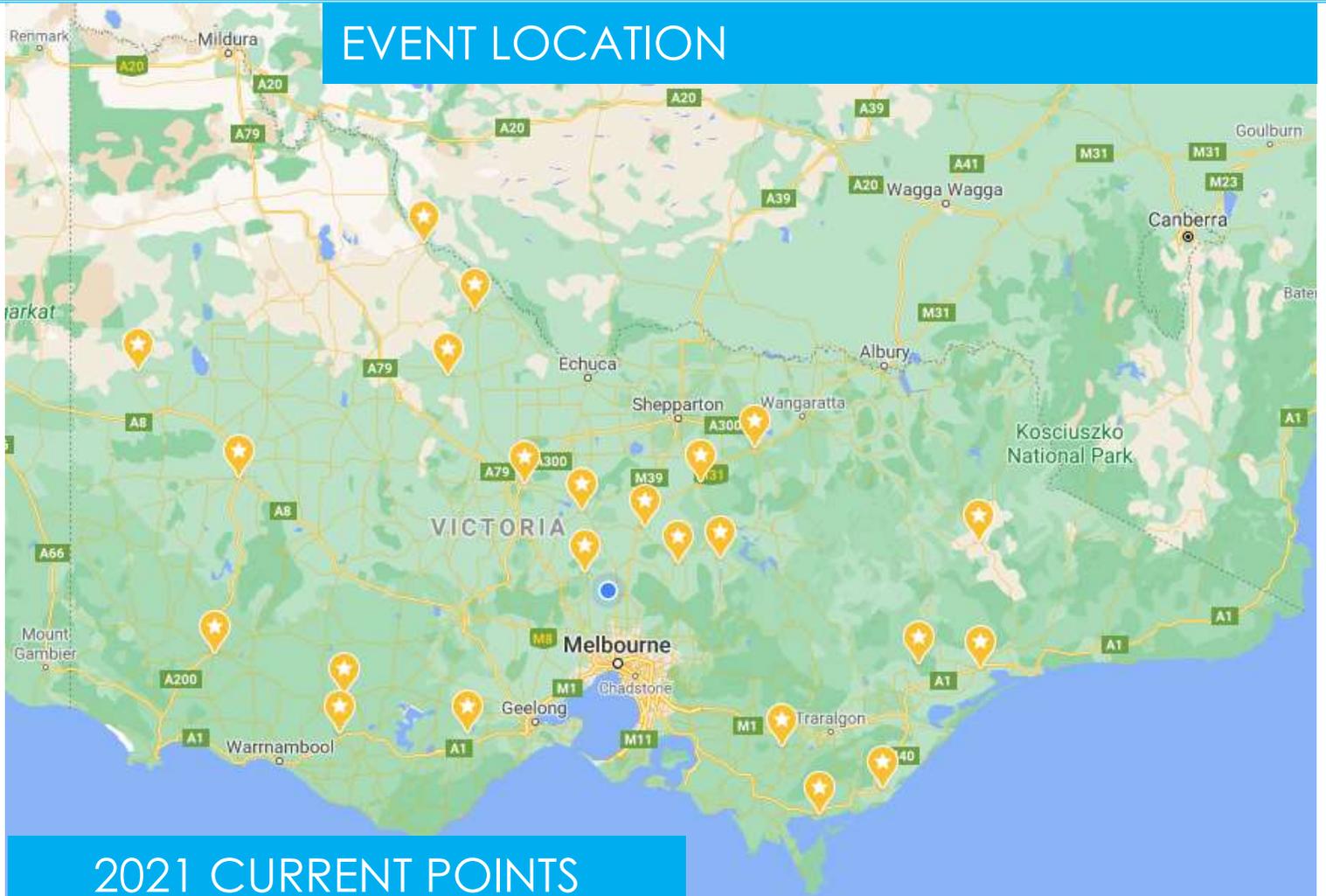
## NSWYD & SAYD DATES

Dates for South Australian Yard Dogs Association can be found [here](#).

Dates for NSW Yard Dog Association Inc. can be found [here](#).



# EVENT LOCATION



## 2021 CURRENT POINTS

Dog Of the Year	
Dog	Point
Bendocpark Trix (Spicer)	30
GoGetta Basil (Spicer)	25
GoGetta Clue (Spicer)	22
Marista Zoe (Cudmore)	18
Woodja Cruise (Jubb)	17
Jeb (Bowman)	17
Moana (Cudmore)	11
Buster (James)	10
Mulcra Sarg (Lee)	10
Tundabardi Mick (Smedley)	10

Lady High Point		
Name		Point
Cudmore	Bree	41
Jubb	Kate	39
Collins	Keren	14
Taylor	Robyn	9
Reynolds	Ros	8
Kennedy	Lisa	7
Lee	Sarah	6
Barry	Sharon	5
Reynolds	Rena	5
Prince	Roberta	3

Encourage of the Year		
Name		Point
McMahon	Emily	11
Leahy	James	8
Morris	Nicola	7
Campbell	Megan	4
Davidson	Kim	4
Whyte	Jason	4
Bamford	Keilan	3
Chown	Trevor	3
Furphy	Ross	3
Ross	Molly	3
Wiederman	Tony	3



# TRIAL RESULTS JUL – SEP

## Victorian Sheep Show - Ballarat Yard Dog Trial – 3rd & 4th of July 2021

OPEN:			Judge:	Vin Gedye	
Place	Name	Dog	1st Run	2nd Run	Total
1st	Joe Spicer	Gogetta Clue	92	94	186
2nd	Joe Spicer	Gogetta Basil	93	83	176
3rd	Kate Jubb	Woodja Cruise	87	78	165
4th	Dale Thompson	Broken River Jake	88	75	163
5th	Joe Spicer	Broken River Bank	91	69	160
6th	Joe Spicer	Gogetta Gibbo	81	60	141
IMPROVER:			Judge:	Vin Gedye	
Place	Name	Dog	1st Run	2nd Run	Total
1st	Ros Reynolds	Somerville Marty	80	80	160
2nd	Dale Thompson	Broken River Sheba	76	76	152
3rd	Kate Jubb	Hopkins River Tiger	86	62	148
4th	Sarah Lee	Nacooma Jazz	77	50	127
NOVICE:			Judge:	Joe Spicer	
Place	Name	Dog	1st Run	2nd Run	Total
1st	Sarah Lee	Tolema Bix	92	91	183
2nd	Mitch Jubb	Rossi	92	87	179
3rd	Mark Wheeler	Somerset Boof	91	80	171
4th	Carolyn Thompson	Broken River Tex	90	80	170
MAIDEN:			Judge:	Ros Reynolds	
Place	Name	Dog	1st Run	2nd Run	Total
1st	Sarah Lee	Tolema Bix	92	91	183
2nd	Dale Thompson	Kliff	89	85	174
3rd	Mark Wheeler	Somerset Boof	91	80	171
4th	Emily McMahon	Will	85	55	140
ENCOURAGE:			Judge:	Ros Reynolds	
Place	Name	Dog	1st Run	2nd Run	Total
1st	James Leahy	Glenlyon Flick	96	85	181
2nd	Keilan Bamford	Bundy	94	82	176
2nd	Trevor Chown	Kraken Weapon	93	83	176
4th	Shaun Hearmon	Deni	90	71	161





Stockdale Utility Trial - 19th & 20th of June

Congratulations and well done to the Open and Encourage winners.



Open Winner – Bree Cundmore



Encourage Winner – Kim Davidson with Aby

An advertisement for CopRice Working Dog Food. The background is a red and white striped pattern. In the center, there is a red oval logo with "CopRice" in white and "WORKING DOG" in red, with "HIGH PERFORMANCE NUTRITION" in white below it. To the left, the text "AUSTRALIA'S FARMER-OWNED WORKING DOG FOOD" is written in white. On the right, a man in a yellow shirt is kneeling and holding a dog. At the bottom, there is a small white dog head icon and the text "AUSTRALIAN MADE. FARMER OWNED." in white.

# BELOKA FARM AND KELPIE STUD

PRESENTS



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## CopRice State Utility Championship Incorporating the 25th Annual Beloka Dog Trials Sat 20 – Sun 21 November 2021

- **CopRice State Utility Championship**
- **Yard Encourage Trial**
- **Duck Trial**
- **City Slicker Dog Trial**



### Novelty events:

**High Jump, Farm Agility, Instinct Testing**

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# JUDGES & CONVENORS

## Helpful documents on the our Website:

**COVID Safe Plan and Forms:** The COVID Safe Plan, Compliance Checklist & Screening Declaration can be found here : [Click here to access](#)

**Judges List:** The full VYUFDA Judges List can be found here : [Click here to access](#)

**Competition Rules:** The VYUFDA Competition rules can be found here: [Click here to access](#)

**Trial Convenors Kit:** Trial Convenors Guide or Kit can be found here: [Click here to access](#)

**Trial Risk Assessment and Incident Form:** Trial Risk Assessment and Incident forms can be found here: [Click here to access](#)

**Heat Policy:** Our Association now has a heat policy which can be found here: [Click here to access](#)

**Animal Welfare Policy:** Our Association's has developed an Animal Welfare Policy that is available to all and can be found here: [Click here to access](#)

**Trial Result Submission Form:** Trial Results can now be submitted directly to the Secretary using an on-line form – this form is located on the VYUFDA website: [Click here to submit.](#)

**Membership List:** Our current membership list can be found on our website: [Click Here to access:](#)

## JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Members may submit a nomination for new judges and/or the promotion of current judges. A minimum expectation is the nominee be able to regularly complete and preferably have a number of wins at a minimum of Novice level. The appointment and promotion of judges will be managed by the Judges Subcommittee, Rod Cavill, Roland Pell and Joe Spicer.

### The procedure we ask you to follow is:

1. Obtain the agreement of the person you are going to nominate; and
2. Submit the names of 2 members who support the nomination and will provide a verbal reference for the nominee if requested; and
3. Forward the nomination to VYUFDA Secretary.

## TRIAL RESULTS

Results: To make life simpler for all, trial results can now be submitted on line via our website. The link can be found on the Trial Convenors page or using the link here: <https://www.vyufda.com.au/trial-results/>

For those wishing to do it the traditional way please send results in either Word or Excel format as soon as you can.

Each set of results should have:

- 1st to 6th place for Championships and Open,
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place for Improver, Novices, Maiden & Encourage,
- Scores for each placing run,
- Name of Judge,
- And if possible a winner's photo for the newsletter.

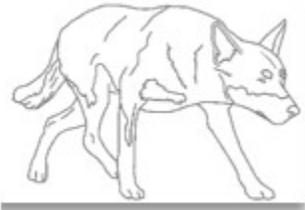
**NB: Photos of score sheets will not be accepted.**

### **Reminder to all Convenors:**

- **All affiliated trials are required to use approved Judges from the Judges list,**
- **Our insurance DOES NOT cover trials that allow "Non-Members" to compete.**

# Upper Goulburn Working Dog Group

566 Crystal Creek Road, Alexandra



The skill of stockmen & women is legendary across Australia, ever since sheep & cattle were introduced to the new colony approx 250 years ago.

Challenges between them in the form of dog trials have been part of our countries pastoral history since the late 1800's. Technology has had a huge impact on agriculture in recent times, but the age old skill of handling livestock with dogs has always been admired, even more so in today's highly developed livestock industry.

Dog trials have become an extremely popular sport with the skills and training of the team, competitor and dog, on display as the stock are moved through obstacles around a course within a set time limit.

Upper Goulburn Working Dog Group will be hosting a different format trial at the Mansfield Showgrounds on the 12th & 13th of March 2022.

The Supreme Stock Dog Challenge (SSD) will be a trial designed to showcase the skills of dogs and handlers over three different courses including both sheep and cattle.

There will be individual event winners and then the overall winner will be named the Supreme Stock Dog Champion.

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