



# Dances with Dogs

*ACT and Queanbeyan*

*23 Sept 2010*

Hi All.  
Thought I might experiment a little with a 'newsletter' for info sharing and updating. All suggestions gratefully received.

Well the first three classes have come & gone ... and we are doing well. Such a talented bunch!

Some new moves coming up in week-four include 'backing-up' and, first refining and then further developing the weave. I will also introduce and provide you with a 'routine planning sheet' and a 'moves record list'.

## *Lesley Farish Workshop*

Saturday, 23 Oct. 9:00 to 12:00 and 12:45 to 3:00 (approx)

Morning session:  
Training and consolidating moves; music and DWD; developing a "Team Routine" – the Canine Square Dance.

Afternoon session:  
Refining routines ... one-on-one. How to get the most out of your routine – sequence, patterning, transitions, starts & finishes, playing to the audience and working the judges.



## *Forward planning*

Watching DVDs is great, but nothing replaces the real thing! NSW has four DWD competitions coming up. Actually eight comps, as each day is a double header (morning and afternoon comps). These comps will be held at Erskine Park – the large centre of Dogs NSW – about a three & a half hour drive.

Dates are:

- 13 Nov (Saturday);
- 28 Nov (Sunday);
- 5 Dec (Sunday); and
- 11 Dec (Saturday).

Costs: A spectator is usually around \$5 to \$10 for the full day. Competing – I will check.

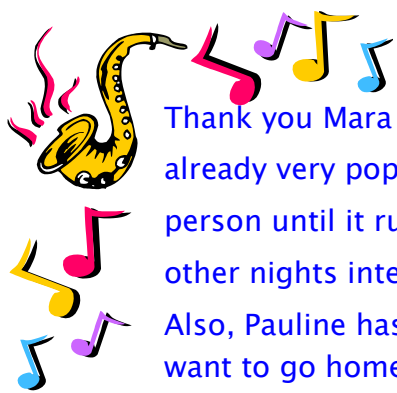
Possible proposals:

- Go as a group of car pooling spectators – sharing petrol costs.
- Some, I know, are interested in competing.

I will set up a sign-up sheet for those interested.



## *Social news*



Thank you Mara & Richard for donating the urn. Our tea, coffee and biscuit breaks are already very popular. Wednesday night's group has organized a mini-tea fund ... \$2 per person until it runs out ... should last several weeks, possibly to the end of the year. Are the other nights interested in joining in?

Also, Pauline has offered (big thank you) us a mini bar fridge from next week. No one will want to go home!

## *Working –bee, BBQ & maybe DVD viewing?*

BBQ and tools building? I am happy to host a lunch time BBQ Sat Nov 6 or Sun Nov 7 at my place. Goals: eat lots; build some, DWD tools for both group and individual use; eat lots; paint tools and add sparkle; eat lots; watch a DVD or two ... and have I mentioned ... eat lots? Anyone interested?

## *Planning night?*

By the time we complete the first 6 weeks, I am sure many will have ideas about how we best progress classes, the topics we cover, should we actually have classes in week 7, places to visit and compete, social and other activities. I would love to hear them.

What are your plans over Christmas (mid-Dec to end of Jan)? Would you like to do some once-of f activities over this time?

Perhaps in week 7 or 8, when currently no classes are scheduled, we could have a planning night.

