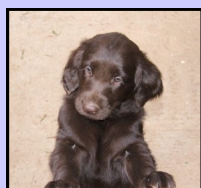


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# THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSN.

## FLATCOAT NEWS



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Mistakes are made deliberately. Some people are always looking for errors.....  
....the Editor aims to please everyone.

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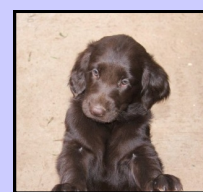
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# President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



I have much pleasure in presenting the 2018 Annual Report which reflects the strong position of the Association. The Flat Coated retriever continues its climb in popularity and success around the country; now holding its own in most fields of canine competition. The Treasurers report will show the Association to be in a sound financial position. Membership at the end of 2018 showed a DROP FROM 45 TO 43 members distributed across the country. The distribution of membership is: 1 in the ACT; 10 in NSW; 1 in the NT. We have 4 in South Australia, 1 in Tasmania, 4 in WA, 3 in Queensland and 19 in Victoria. The Association has had a quite active year when one considers that we have a quite small committee.

The year commenced with the holding of our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 where the Office Bearers and Committee were elected, reports were received and awards presented. Throughout the year we successfully conducted 2 events. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018 we held our first event for the year, a retrieving trial run in partnership with Central Highlands retrieving Club. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2018 we conducted a RATG competition and also ran a Beginners Test. Both events were well supported by the Gundog community. Club finances were again aided by a well-supported raffle run by Gwen Methven.

The Association also conducted a raffle that was supported Australia wide. Thanks to the wonderful donation of framed embroidery of a Flat Coat head with pheasant made and donated by Marilyn Dawson and a framed 6 postcard wall hanging of Flatcoats donated by Jean Bryant. These shows and trials were well supported by members of the Committee and our financial gains were greatly boosted by the sterling efforts of our Secretary and cater Leanne Tormey. A summary of the annual awards will be presented to this meeting and will be published in this newsletter.

Congratulations to all those who won awards and many thanks to all the exhibitors and trial participants who took the time and interest to submit scores and results. In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their dedication and support during the year 2018; without these people there would be no club. To the office bearers Helen Eley, Leanne Tormey and Scott Farquhar and the Committee Kate Eltringham, Sue Farquhar, Noel Eltringham and Simone Wilkie I thank you all personally and on behalf of the membership for your efforts throughout the year.

Peter Eley O.A.M. President



## YOUR COMMITTEE

### Office Bearers

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Ass Secretary	Helen Eley
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Noel Eltringham (Retrieving Trials)
Sue Farquhar (Assist Treasurer)
Simone Wilkie (Conformation)

Webmaster: Deon Barylak.



**My Life is perfect....as long as I'm in it.**

## CANBERRA ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW

February 2019

Class 5

1st Ch Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (P King) RCC

Class 10

1st Ch Skyehaven Ticket To Ride (M O'Shannassy)

Class 11

1st Poweron Bag Full Of Silly (J Gregg) DCC & RUBOB

2nd Ch Blackregal Fastnet Rock (P King)

Class 3A

1st Peppatree Song of Ice and Fire (B Frew) RCC

Class 11A

1st Ch Blackregal Little Miss Sunshine (J Gregg) BCC & BOB and also short listed for BIG



Congratulations to Peter King and his young dog CH ALMANZA DOUBLE ACTION DARK KISS (IMP SWD) for being Show Dog of the Year and Interstate Show dog of the Year.

A further Congratulations to those people whose dogs were recipients of awards and title acknowledgements.

A special Congratulations to Gwen Methven for being awarded Life Membership for her contribution to the club fund raising raffles. Gwen with very little assistance advertised, organised, sourced and distributed the raffles over many years, therefore raising much appreciated finances. The club is forever grateful of her generosity.

Joy Gregg has recently exported a number of pups (3?) to New Zealand, this will be a great benefit to that country.

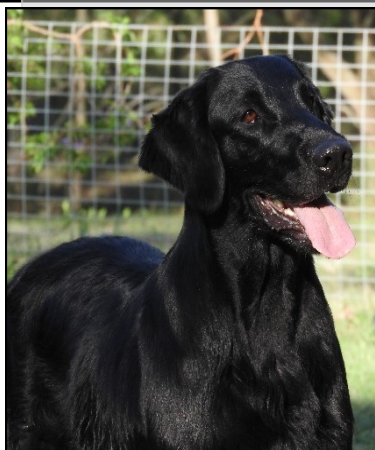


According to Robyn it took 3 days for the pups to travel to New Zealand from Gundagai a regional town in Australia, I don't know the details but I expect they spent some time in kennels before they were loaded onto their plane.



And not wasting any time into the show ring Portia's first outing at Manawatu KA ribbon parade. Baby Puppy of Group .





G.Holmes Gr Ch. HAWKSDALE POSITIVE WHISPER

**Show Dog of the Year and Interstate Show Dog of the Year TROPHY**

Above Left:- P. King's. CH ALMANZA DOUBLE ACTION DARK KISS (IMP SWD)

**Puppy of the Year TROPHY**

R. Williams' CH INJITALI TREASURE SEEKER

**Track and Search Dog of the Year TROPHY**

R. Williams' DUAL GR CH (TS) DUAL CH (T) INJITALI INTRIGUING SECRET

**Novice Retrieving Dog of the Year TROPHY**

H. Frew's T CH KELLYCK YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE NRD ORA

**Ch Lainston St Charity NRD Memorial TROPHY**

H. Frew's T CH KELLYCK YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE NRD ORA

**500 Club SASH**

C. Murray's CH SHEREPOINT GREEN IVY

**Grand Champions SASH**

G. Holmes' Gr Ch. HAWKSDALE POSITIVE WHISPER

R. & J. Bryant's GR CH SHEREPOINT PEPPERMINT CRISP

**Australian Champion SASH**

P. & H, Eley's CH KELLYCK WHOA BLACK BETTY

M. Dawson's CH SHEREPOINT ONCE IN A BLUE MOON (AI)

G. Holmes' BLACQLABEL FIRSTIME OFFENDER

G. Holmes' BLACQLABEL FIRSTEDITION

R. Williams' CH INJITALI TREASURE SEEKER

**Track and Search Champion SASH**

R. Williams' DUAL GR CH (TS) DUAL CH (T) INJITALI INTRIGUING SECRET

**Track and Search Grand Champion SASH**

R Williams' DUAL GR CH (TS) DUAL CH (T) INJITALI INTRIGUING SECRET

R. Williams' DUAL GR CH (TS) DUAL CH (T) INJITALI INTRIGUING TALE

**Dual Grand Champion (Track and Search)**

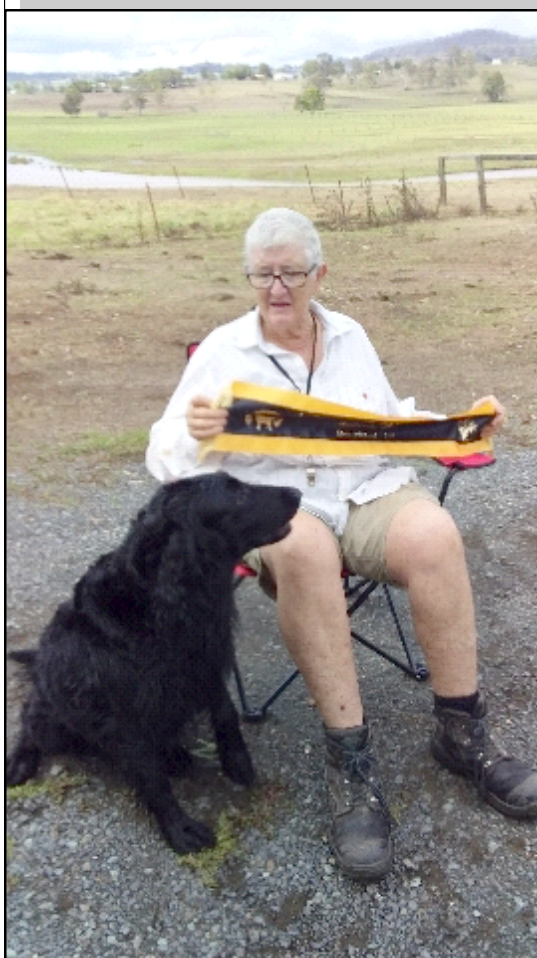
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**Novice Retrieving Dog SASH**

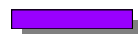
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Helen Cattermole's Ch Hawksdale Helens Mia was first in Restricted on Sunday 17 March at the Lab. Club of Old's trial. The judge was Margaret Wedgewood. The trial was held at a beautiful property near Beaudesert in SE Qld.

During the 3rd run the property was hit by a storm with torrential rain but Helen had had her run and saw out the storm from the safety of her truck. The second photo shows the ground minutes after the rain stopped.



**VALE**  
**Dual Champion (R) Kellick**  
**Rhythm of Life (Billie)**



29th January "Billie" Dual Ch (R) Kellick Rhythm of Life RRD was laid to rest on the farm where she spent many happy hours training & playing & sometimes even trialling . Billie was an exceptional dog who loved people & Retrieving she lived in 3 homes over her lifetime & gave pleasure to all who shared her life To our knowledge she was & still is the only Flat Coated Retriever to have gained her Dual Championship (with one title being in Retrieving) in Australia . Bred by Helen & Peter Eley she came to QLD & spent her first four years with Marg Sullivan gaining her show title & RRD ,she then came to me & we were a very successful team for 4 more years wining 11 1sts, 10 2nds & 8 3rds with a 4th in NSW Championship & completing several other state championships.

She won 3 of the 4 major club trophies & in 2014 dog of year for QLD . She was retired in 2015 after completing QLD Championship but failing the National.

She then moved on to live with Gail & Byron Pershouse to enjoy a spoilt retirement. Thanks to the Eleys for breeding Billie for Marg for trusting me with her & Gail & Byron for giving her a happy retirement .

RIP "Billie".



News from Blacqlabel NSW

Not much showing for my dogs in the later part of the 2018 – what with going to the World Dog Show in Amsterdam – and visiting Kennels in Sweden – such a great experience and it seems like such a long time ago now – however planning has already started for another Dog Trip for 2020.

Mid December 2018 saw a litter born of mostly boys by my girl GR CH Hawksdale Positive Whisper (Charlie) and by a lovely boy NL CH Almanza Burberry The Beat (Swe) (Diesel) – who lives in the UK. Needless to say it was a very quiet Christmas here looking after puppies during some periods of very hot weather – I’m glad we have some solar panels to help with the power bill.

It has been a long time planning this litter – having watched the dogs from Diesels’ litter from the moment they were born – the sire and dam are 2 of my Favourite Flat Coats - Diesels’ Father needing no introduction PH CH CIE NO UCH WW-15 EUW-17 SE YOU (U) CH & SE VCH ALMANZA BURBERRY GOODIEBAG and his mother being NORD V-10 FI JV-07 SE U (U) CH CIE NO UCH SE V-11 ALMANZA TASTE OF ETERNITY.

I have spent a lot of time researching the sires of this litter & other litters I have planned for the future, fingers crossed all those plans come together. I am very happy with all the puppies – they have all found lovely homes including 2 that have gone to be service dogs in their communities and it is nice to get regular updates from them – it’s always nice to be able to see how they actually turn out & people enjoying their dogs.

I have kept a boy and girl from this litter which has been Themed “Whispr” after their mum Charlie. Idrus – Blacqlabel In a Whispr (AI) – and Harper Blacqlabel Secret Whispr (AI) – and they are soon to get some time in the ring. Both have been entered in Sydney Royal which may be a bit of a challenge – but I love showing babies – the main thing is having fun.

Enjoy your Dogs  
Gillian



At Milton Show Society on 2nd March 2019, [Helen Frew](#) and “Saga” - Peppatree Song of Ice and Fire - won their second Minor Puppy in Show award!!! Helen says thank you to judges Caroline Stuart and Graham Cruse for recognising Saga’s soundness and beautiful breed type. Saga” is by Multi Ch Almanza Secret of Success and out of Ch One Shining True Hero NRD ORA RA (IMP SWE) Saga was also best minor in show at the Kangaroo Valley A & H society show.

Kirsty Blair is going very well with 'Rollo', Lionsfield Berri Black N Bold. He was best [Baby](#) puppy in group for the third time in a row and best Baby puppy in show at the Liverpool & Districts All Breeds Kennel Club last Saturday.





Above :-

Grand Champion SHEREPOINT PEPPERMINT CRISP recently was awarded her Grand Champion title.

Hi again everyone

I haven't much to report as I have only been out to one dog show since the middle of December. The weather has been extremely hot here which makes dog showing hard, plus I have been sidelined for a while after a short stay in hospital having an op and quoted a 6 week recovery period.

I do know Tina Corbell's boy Ch Skyehaven Man on Fire took out a Best in Group early in March, a good win. Its lovely to hear of all the litters born last year and one this year – 12 in all, and yet I am still getting puppy enquiries – four this week. Even better is to hear how well flatcoats are doing in the show ring all around Australia, and in retrieving trials, Rally and RATG's as well.

Congratulations to John Aarts I hear a baby he bred won a Baby in Group, I think it was Zuma - DeCarissa Northern Wizard owned by Sharni ? from Ch Almanza Burberry Goodiebags and his bitch, also Sue Batchelor with her baby boy Ziggy - Lionsfield Huckleberri Finn – Baby in Group, Kirsty Blair's three Baby in Groups and a Baby in Show with the brother Rollo - Lionsfield Berri N Bold – great for Angela with her first flatcoat litter. Helen Frew with Saga – Peppatree Song of Ice – two Minor Puppy in Groups – Rhonda Williams in Victoria continues to do well her lovely girl Seeker – Ch Intijitali Treasure Seeker – Christine Murray in Perth with Intermediate in Group with Ch Sherepoint Green Ivy, Christine and Bob Clarke in Tasmania with their young boy Paddy – Kellick Limited Edition at Firebush winning Intermediate in Group and Sherepoint Lunar Eclipse at Firebush winning a Junior in Group.

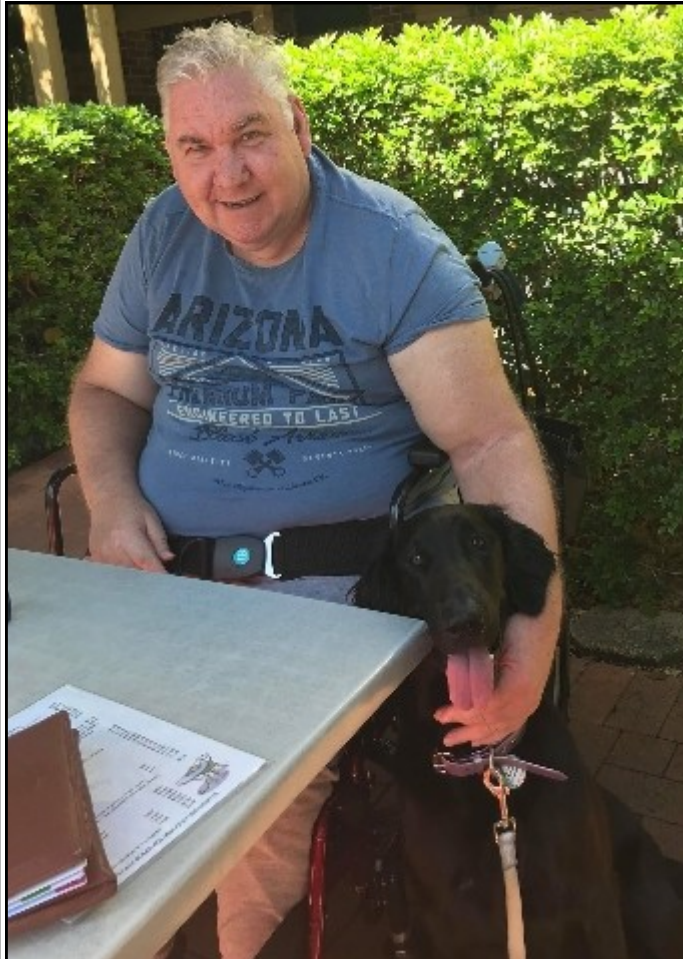
On the working side Jim Jeffrey and Teharna Miramon in Qld doing well with Torvi – Peppatree Queen of Shadows gaining second place Test Stake and Luna – Peppatree Bella Luna 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Test Stake and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Intermediate Stake at UFR WGAA Trial.

Helen Cattermole with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Restricted Retrieving Trial with Mis – Hawksdale Helensmia. In NSW Kirsty Blair's Freja – Ch One Shine True Hero also very busy – with 2 qualifications in Rally Excellent, one a first place on a score of 97. In Victoria Peter and Helen Eley's Morgan gaining a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Novice Retrieving trial. Lovely to hear all of these results. If I have missed anyone out, its just because I haven't heard their news and I apologise. I enjoy watching all the posts about what all these babies are up to.

Our lovely Jade was desexed last month, at 8 years of age she isn't going to have any more babies. Bree came to visit a few weeks ago, and her owner said she would be happy to take on another older bitch she enjoys Bree so much. Minty and Cracker had a lovely stay in kennels for 2 weeks and came back looking great.

That's all  
Jean Bryant





This Support Service Client now gets out of his home because he enjoys walking with Tabu to go to the local cafe for coffee.

### Ch Kellick Sunshine Tabu NRD.

Tabu came to live with us in 2016 as a 8 week old pup.

Unfortunately it turned out to be a time when my life for some time was going to be turned upside down with a close friend & training partner getting cancer. However I trained her when I could & she appeared to have great potential to fulfil the role I had in mind .She was going to be my next RTCH Retrieving dog , Tabu had other ideas .

After having Dual Champion (R) Ch.Kellick Rhythm of Life (Billie) who came to me from Marg Sullivan at the age of 4 years, Billie was bred by Helen & Peter Eley. I thought I knew all the little nuances that make up Flat Coats, how very wrong I was, at 12 months Tabu started to show me she knew better & so the arguments started & I quickly realised she was no Billie. Slowly I realised that Tabu not only was not a driven retriever but a selective one, she was very needy of my attention & really wasn't fitting in with my pack of 4 GSPs.

So I made the decision to move her on after a couple of false starts & feeling really bad that we weren't matched I advertised her.

The very best thing I could have possibly done for her, she now lives with a lovely couple who adore her to say the least, I get updates on a regular basis which I love. The really great part of this story is that my stubborn annoying Tabu has become a much loved therapy dog.

Trish's words

“Another day at work . My client used to completely refuse to leave the house .Now he likes to go & walk Tabu up to the local café and get a coffee every Monday. No complaints from Tabu who gets showered in pats treats from café workers and other customers.”

Job well done Tabu .

What I wanted to share with this story is remember not all dogs fit their first home & moving a dog on, when we feel it is the right thing to do ,can like Tabu have a lovely ending with great outcome. While my training of Tabu has made her a well-mannered & pleasant dog her natural aptitude to give all she is to people, strangers or not was her role in life. Well done girl & thanks Trish & Stan for taking this girl & giving her a great purposeful life.

*Trish is a support worker, working with people who have special needs.*





# FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019

The membership year is 1 January – 31 December of the year that you join. Memberships received from 1 October will be valid until 31 December of the following year.

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