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The Flat Coated Retriever Association Of Victoria Newsletter



The New FCRAV Committee 2024

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- Asst. Treasurer Sue Farquhar
- Retrieving Trials Noel Eltringham
- Publicity/Newsletter Jean Ross
- Committee Member Simone Wilkie
- Committee Member Alys Mayes
- Website Deon Barylak

**The Committee thanks the outgoing
FCRAV President - Simone Wilkie
who has shared her love for
Flat Coats and for her
Dog Showing expertise.
Best wishes on her new venture
and
Congratulations to
Kate Eltringham
our new FCRAV President**

Flatcoat News Highlights

**Welcome to the
New President
Kate Eltringham**

**Poppy the Babysitter
and
Murphy the Story
Book Boy**

**FCRAV Annual Awards
Sydney Royal Results**

**Retrieving Ability Test
for Gundogs**

**AGM - Simone Wilkie's
Outgoing
Presidents Report**

**Puppies Available
FCRAV Info**

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Kate Eltringham - FCRAV Presidents Report

Welcome to the May newsletter for 2024. We have a busy year coming up with a number of activities which we will endeavour to keep you all informed about.

Firstly, my thanks to the outgoing committee and welcome to the new, not a lot of changes but let me thank Simone Wilkie our immediate past President for the work she did whilst President. Simone isn't lost to the committee she is just taking a wee step back but will still be involved with the upcoming club events.

On June 2nd in conjunction with the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria we will be running a RATG (Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs) the event will be held at the Connewarre Wetland Centre, 605 Lake Road, Connewarre. Judges will be yours truly and Andrew Yeomans from Victoria and we are extremely pleased to have Kirsty Blair (NSW) judging for both clubs. Kirsty has worked and shown both Flatcoats and Labradors and we are extremely happy that she accepted our invitation to judge at both events. Fingers crossed the weather gods will be kind to us over the weekend.

Our next events for the club will be the two Championship shows (a.m. and p.m.) on Sunday November 3rd at the Bulla Exhibition Centre. The weekend has the Victorian Gundog Club on Saturday 2 November, our two Championship Shows on Sunday 3 November, Victorian Women's Dog Club's Championship Show on Monday 4 November and Sunbury Canine Club's on Tuesday 5 November.

All these shows are at Bulla so Flat Coat owners can show their dogs at 5 Championship Shows over four days all at the one location. What a marvellous opportunity to show the breed and of course catch up with friends from all states. At this time we don't have information on the judges as we work with the Sunbury Club to sub contract international judges from their panel. As soon as we have information we will advise everyone.

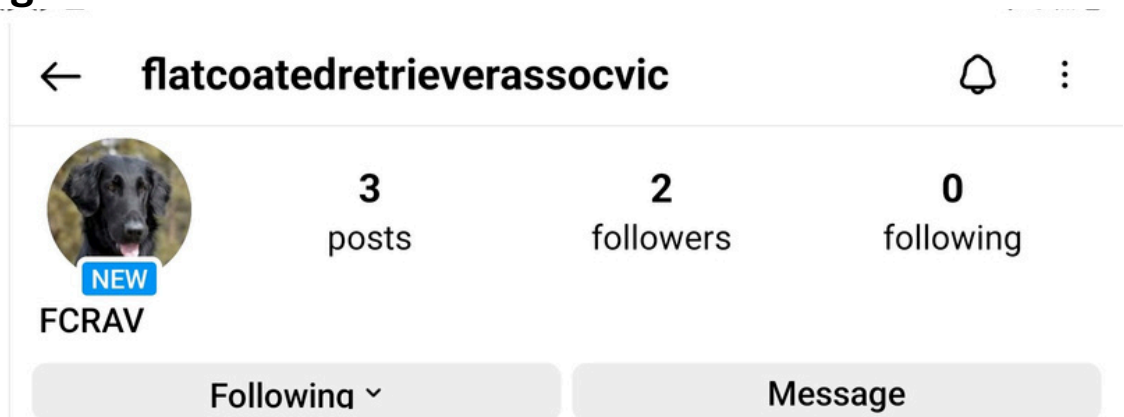
Speaking of communication the club now has an Instagram page, flatcoatedretrieverassocvic - thank you to Jean Ross. As electronic media seems to be the quickest way to get information. Please like and follow these pages to keep up to date with all things Flatcoat. We will be continuing to produce a newsletter with lots more information in it for everyone.

Coming into winter (well I think we are, but here I am 9.30 p.m. and we've still got the front and back doors open) remember to look after your four legged companions and yourselves. Keep your eyes open if you're out and about walking snakes are still active we found a metre and a half brown snake skin last week in our paddock.

We're small but busy committee if you feel you would like to be part of the committee please, please send us a message. It's not onerous, we meet over Zoom and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

Kate

Instagram Page below





**The Flat Coat Retriever Association of Victoria
in conjunction with the
Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria
Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs
2nd June 2024 - AM and PM**

**Connewarre Wetlands
605 Lake Road, Connewarre, Vic, 3227
Judges - Kirsty Blair (NSW)
Kate Eltringham and Andrew Yeomans**

The Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs is an introductory step into retrieving and testing basic obedience, with two levels of ability - Novice and Open.

Open tests have more complicated concepts including double retrieves.
Both Registered and Associate gundogs are allowed to compete in these trials.

The Novice level is judged out of 100 points and includes obedience and retrieving.

The obedience part of the test is not as demanding as the novice level obedience.
The first exercise consists of the dog walking at heel for 20-30 metres. (10 Points) and the second exercise is a recall (15 Points).

The retrieving consists (Exercise Three and Four) of two single mark retrieves of 50 metres (30 Points) and 70 metres (35 Points), and may include land and water.

Book through Easydogs



ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 24th May 2024
RETRIEVING ABILITY TEST FOR GUNDOGS

To be held under the Rules and Regulations of the Victorian Canine Association Inc.
A copy may be inspected at the office of the Secretary of the fixture on the day of the trial.

**FLAT COATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF
VICTORIA (Inc)**

(Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.)

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 2024 - AM

TRIAL MANAGER: Mr Noel Eltringham 0409 541 455

LOCATION: Connewarre Wetland Centre, 605 Lake Road, Connewarre

JUDGES: **SUNDAY 2nd June**
NOVICE: Mr Andrew Yeomans
OPEN: Mrs Kirsty Blair (NSW)

VCA SURCHARGES & LEVIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE:

ENTRY FEES:	STAKE	MEMBERS	NON - MEMBERS
	Novice	\$ 15.00	\$18.00
	Open	\$ 15.00	\$18.00

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 24th May 2024
Trial Secretary – Mrs K Eltringham
24 Collings Road, Amherst 3371 Mobile: 0419 820 433

Easy Dog Entries: <https://www.easydogentries.com/au/>.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

VETTING TIME: **SUNDAY:** 08.00 am – 08.30 am **START:** 09.00 am.
TROPHY LIST: **FCRAV Sash & Trophy for Stake winners**
FCRAV Sashes & Trophies for placegetters in all stakes.

Pass certificate will be awarded to all competitors who obtain a Pass in a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs. A score of at least 50% in each exercise and an overall score of not less than 75% must be achieved.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Main and Limited Registered Gundogs (including de-sexed registered Gundogs) and associate dogs of a variety accepted by a Member Body as a Gundog shall be permitted to compete in Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs in all States and/or Territories of Australia.

GAME TO BE USED:

Approved RAFT committee dummies.

TRIAL VENUES: Properties used for Trials are private properties and **MUST NOT** be revisited after the trial. Entry for the Trial is subject to this condition.

DOGS VICTORIA APPROVED

DATE: 11/04/2024

SIGNED: *MA*

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Thank you to Joy Gregg for these beautiful Photos of Poppy the Babysitter!



Blackregal Poppy
Diamond
from Joy's last litter
by
Ch Blacqlabel Mission
Blackregal - Pablo
and
Blackregal Diamond in
the Dark - Argyle

The puppies have their
parents' beautiful
caring temperament.

**Poppy was six months old
in these photos.**



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Peter and Helen Eley

12:55 pm



Murphy was assessed by Alan Shephard from 'Secret Dog's Business'. Alan was impressed by Murphy's behaviour around other dogs and people. Murphy will be a Story Dog for Grade 2 students.

Murphy watched an Easter Egg hunt with the children, with a constantly wagging tail.

Murphy the Story Dog!

A huge THANK YOU to Jan Everett for sending the photos of Murphy.

Story Dogs are an Australia Wide Literacy Support Program

**if you are interested in finding out more please contact:-
www.storydogs.org.au**



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Congratulations! Sydney Royal - 1st April 2024 Results Below



**Ch Peppatree Riders on the Storm (AI) SWA
3rd Place in Group
Owner - Sue Gale. Breeder - Kirsty Blair**



**Thank you to Helen Eley and Simone Wilkie for the show information.
The Purple Rosette in the photo was presented on behalf of the FCRAV**

Sydney Royal - 1st April 2024

FLAT COATED RETRIEVER

CLASS: S400 - Gundog Group - Best in Group

Best in Group - 3 700 MRS S GALE BATHURST NSW 2795
CH. PEPPATREE RIDERS ON THE STORM(AI) SWA (2100528508)

CLASS: 5 - Flat Coated Retriever - Intermediate Dog

Breed - 1 699 MRS B L KENT & MISS M J KENT TIVOLI QLD 4305
CH. SKYEHAVEN REIGN OF CHAOS(AI) (5100126791)

CLASS: 10 - Flat Coated Retriever - Australian Bred Dog

Breed - 1 700 MRS S GALE BATHURST NSW 2795
CH. PEPPATREE RIDERS ON THE STORM(AI) SWA (2100528508)

CLASS: 11 - Flat Coated Retriever - Open Dog

Breed - 1 701 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
GRAND. CH. BLACQLABEL STARES N WHISPRS(AI) (2100510547)

CLASS: S100 - Flat Coated Retriever - Dog - Challenge

Challenge - Winner 700 MRS S GALE BATHURST NSW 2795
CH. PEPPATREE RIDERS ON THE STORM(AI) SWA (2100528508)

CLASS: S101 - Flat Coated Retriever - Dog - Reserve Challenge

Challenge - Reserve 699 MRS B L KENT & MISS M J KENT TIVOLI QLD 4305
CH. SKYEHAVEN REIGN OF CHAOS(AI) (5100126791)

CLASS: 4A - Flat Coated Retriever - Junior Bitch

Breed - 1 702 MS A S DEAN INVERGOWRIE NSW 2350
ALUBYC P FOR POETIC NYMPH(AI) (4100384237)

CLASS: 5A - Flat Coated Retriever - Intermediate Bitch

Breed - 1 703 MS G L HOLMES SINGLETON NSW 2330
CH. BLACQLABEL ONE BELIEF AWAY(AI) (2100586519)

CLASS: 10A - Flat Coated Retriever - Australian Bred Bitch

Breed - 1 704 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
WILGUNNDI PAINT IT BLACK (3100439314)

CLASS: 11A - Flat Coated Retriever - Open Bitch

Breed - 1 705 MS J LAMBERT GUNGAHLIN ACT 2912
CH. BLACQLABEL NOBLE MISSION(AI) (2100538359)

CLASS: S102 - Flat Coated Retriever - Bitch - Challenge

Challenge - Winner 702 MS A S DEAN INVERGOWRIE NSW 2350
ALUBYC P FOR POETIC NYMPH(AI) (4100384237)

CLASS: S103 - Flat Coated Retriever - Bitch - Reserve Challenge

Challenge - Reserve 704 MRS S WILKIE & MR D J WILKIE WINCHELSEA VIC 3241
WILGUNNDI PAINT IT BLACK (3100439314)

CLASS: S104 - Flat Coated Retriever - Best of Breed

Best of Breed - Winner 700 MRS S GALE BATHURST NSW 2795
CH. PEPPATREE RIDERS ON THE STORM(AI) SWA (2100528508)

CLASS: S105 - Flat Coated Retriever - Runnerup Best of Breed

Best of Breed - Runner up 702 MS A S DEAN INVERGOWRIE NSW 2350
ALUBYC P FOR POETIC NYMPH(AI) (4100384237)

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Title trophies

Annual Awards and Titles gained in 2023.

**Victorian Show Dog of the Year:
D. & S. Wilkie's Gr. Ch. Blacqlabel Stares N Whispers**

**Interstate Show Dog of the Year:
B. Evans' Sup. Ch. Kellick Criminal Intent**

**Australian Champion:
Vowell, Kershaw, Morphet, Landy & Shield's Ch. Alubyc O For
Obsidian**

**G.L. Holmes' Ch. Blacqlabel One Belief Away (AI)
R. William's Ch. Injitali Toblerani Sydney
C. Murray's Ch. Starflatz Take A Jansz On Me**

**500 Club:
J.Bryant's Ch. Alubyc Orphan Black**

**Grand Champion:
D. & S. Wilkie's Gr. Ch. Blacqlabel Stares N Whispers
R. Williams' Gr Ch. Injitali Forever Young**

**'Firebush' Puppy of the Year:
Vowell, Kershaw, Morphet, Landy & Shield's Ch. Alubyc O For
Obsidian**

Congratulations to All.

And Thank You to Leanne Tormey for organising the awards.

Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria Simone Wilkie's President's Report from the AGM 2023/2024

I am pleased to provide my president's annual report for 2023/2024.

Firstly, I wish to thank our small but enthusiastic committee, who gave up their time throughout the year to manage our finances, prepare our newsletters, attend and plan for events and competitions and of course to respond to the various official requests that come through from the Dogs Victoria office.

Thank you Leanne, Peter, Helen, Jean, Scott, Sue, Noel, Kate and Alys – You are all wonderful and appreciated.

Secondly, I would like to thank our members for your continued support and continued love of our wonderful breed the Flat Coated Retriever.

2023/2024 was a reasonably quiet year for the club with no official competitions held, with the postponing of the RATG and being an alternate year for our Championship shows. However, we were pleased to organise our social events which included a wonderful day at Rothwell Run, where our flatties got to enjoy the pool, fun games led by Jean and of course the craziness that is a gathering of Flat Coated Retrievers; and our Christmas gathering in the Geelong Botanical Gardens, where games and flat out craziness also were enjoyed.

In 2023/2024 we said goodbye to our long-term member Julie Hosking who lost her battle with cancer. Her sharing of photos and stories of her Flat Coat girls is being missed by many. She was a strong supporter of the breed and our club.

I would also like to recognise the small but committed group of Flat Coated Retriever breeders around Australia. Without you, the breed would not exist and flourish in this country. I think all of our members would thank you.

As guardians of the breed in Australia, it is a combined responsibility of the club and breeders to ensure that we look after the wellbeing, health, type and temperament of our breed and we must continue to ensure that we do our best to breed only for these purposes. We should always have in our minds that while we all LOVE flat coats, they are not a breed for everyone, and it takes a special household to truly meet a flat coat's needs.

There are many pressures building around requirements for breeding of animals, coming through reviews of animal welfare legislation in many states, land use, planning rules, and local government permit requirements.

continued:

These top-down requirements, while important do not always come from a place of understanding of pedigree dogs, the benefits of pet ownership and the love of our breeds.

I would encourage all members to have your say in processes that you think may impact your ability to have a Flat Coated Retriever in the future.

Finally, the committee have been planning and preparing for upcoming activities, with two championship shows and a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs locked into the calendar for 2024.

Best Wishes,

Simone



**A Huge Thank You to
Simone Wilkie
former FCRAV President
for her enthusiasm and
dedication to the flat coated
retriever and her showing
achievement with Nakia
'Grand Champion
Blacqlabel Stares N Whisprs'**

FLAT COATED RETRIEVERS OF VICTORIA

Biannual Show

★ Sunday 3rd November AM&PM

**Info on International Judges
and schedule to follow!**



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Flat Coat Puppies available



**Contact Dogzonline (link below) for further details
on puppies available now and due May 2024**

<https://www.dogzonline.com.au/breeds/puppies/flat-coated-retriever.asp>

**Wayne and Teresa Parkinson - One pup available now.
Location :Teal Point, VIC - Phone : 0409 188 626**

**Alubyc Kennels - Bill & Karen Vowell - May Pups
Location : Gold Coast QLD - Phone : 0423320020**

**Koacu Kennels - Jodean Ross - May Pups
Location: Bellbrae VIC - Phone : 0474228234**



**Thank you to Helen Eley and our
Webmaster Deon Barylak
for updating the Website
www.flatcoated.org.au
For Members Access click on the
wagging tailed dog -
Password - 24coats**

**Acknowledgement and huge thanks to
Helen Eley for her tireless efforts in re-homing
Flat Coats**



Welcome to our Two New Members featured in this months Newsletter



Jan Everett and her

Story Book Flattie - Murphy



**And Sue Gale and her beautiful
Ch. Peppatree Riders on the Storm**



Newsletter - New Features

If you would like to advertise upcoming pups
or dog-related items or anything
Flat Coated Retriever related

Please contact publicity.fcra@gmail.com
and thank you to all who have contributed to this months
newsletter.

If you would like to share photos of your Flat Coats
we would love to hear from you.
at-publicity.fcra@gmail.com

Membership Reminder

There is still time to renew your membership
Email - fcra.publicity@gmail.com

