

Presidents Report

Each year I have to produce a President's Report and each year, after looking back at our calendar, I am amazed at what our little club achieves. But this year, we outdid ourselves: The Scottish Terrier Club of Victoria is one very busy club!

2019 has been a big year where we saw a significant lift in engagement with our members. This shows that our events are meeting the needs of our membership, particularly our focus on bringing more events to our regional areas, something that we will continue to focus on. The new events, Ballarat Lake and Warburton Trail walks were well attended. The Bendigo Scottish Festival had many Scotties and their owners turn up, especially for the parade through the streets of Bendigo where we even had a TV crew interview us for the nightly news!

As well as our usual events, we included many more where our members outside of the committee offered their time and attendance to represent the club. The Moomba Dogs Vic event and the Dog Lovers Show were manned by our members who volunteered to share their love of Scotties with the general public. Just so you know, that is not an easy task as so many people try to pat and touch the Scotties that it can get very busy and rather chaotic. One has to have patience and a very friendly Scottie to cope, and each Scottie did us proud!

I'd like to thank Danielle Goldsmith for her talents as the Show Secretary this year. We usually only do 2 shows a year, our Championship show and Member's Competition, but this year we had 4! We had a Memorial Show to honour our late members Lindsay & Helen Weate, who had made huge contributions to the running of the club. It was a pleasure to see some new show participants over the course of the year and I hope they continue to show and do well. We also stepped in to organise the Dandenong Scottish Heritage Show due to another club folding. This show is a fun show where Scottish dog breeds are judged, then the winner is up against other Scottish breeds such as cattle, horses and sheep! Rather unusual but very interesting.

Another Danielle must be mentioned and thanked for her amazing work with rescue dogs. Danielle Haywood single-handedly runs All Westie Rescue (AWR) and helps us with rescuing Scotties, assessing them and dealing with any issues that arise eg, health, aggression etc. During this past year, Danielle has taken in 3 Scotties whose owners contacted the club in order to re-home them and each have a number of health issues that require addressing or management. Without people like Danielle, dogs are just put down. Also thank you to our members who help by giving generously of their time and money to Danielle and AWR, as without them, we wouldn't be able to give our beloved Scotties a second chance.

One last mention has to be about the survey we ran to find out what our members are wanting. It seems that you are after more Fun Day Walks. We are looking forward to accommodating this request in the 2020 Calendar of Events and hope that you might be able to suggest some locations that would be suitable to share with your fellow club members. Please don't hesitate to email the club with any suggestions.

So as another year passes by, I'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work and dedication. Our club may not be huge, but we achieve an amazing amount through a lot of work! Also, I'd like to thank the members that have contributed and made our little club so successful. Remember, our club is only as good as the volunteers who run it! We are always happy to have members involve themselves so don't be shy, get your Scottie and come and join us!
I hope everyone has a lovely and enjoyable festive Season.

Cheers,
Eva Karlik, President

