

Good evening,

Welcome to the 2023 Dogs NT AGM and thank you all for attending. Tonight sees me retiring as your long-standing President and I wish to acknowledge and thank all the Councillors who have stood with me during my many terms, seeing Dogs NT continue to operate for all it's members.

As always a big thank you must go to all of the clubs and their tireless committees for holding so many events in 2022 and 2023 for members to attend. Thankfully COVID appears to be well and truly behind us now and we have been able to resume activities at full capacity.

In 2022 Dogs NT has continued to advance with it's electronic and online capacity more and more, and whilst we are still behind a few of the bigger states we are well on our way to simplifying and streamlining processes for our members. Clubs are now using digital show certificates and members are able to produce their title application forms direct from their Showmanager accounts. The next on our list is litter registrations and announcements will be made as soon as those forms are available. We are hoping to have your Dogs NT membership renewals available online for 2024!

We have been very fortunate to secure a Community Benefit Scheme Grant for \$57,542.00 to upgrade our lighting system on the Winnellie grounds. It is a much-needed upgrade from the old halogen lamps to bright new LED's! A big thanks must go to the NT Government Community Benefit Scheme for their very generous support of these works.

Dogs NT has again maintained a fairly steady membership base and appears to be financially sound for now but there is always a need for more support on the ground with its affiliated clubs to allow them to continue. I hope to see Dogs NT continue to support our clubs in various means to allow them to remain viable through 2023 and beyond.

In closing I wish the Dogs NT community all the very best and hope to continue seeing you all out and about enjoying your dogs.

Regards,



Mel Hammett