



Winter 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Our President, Annette Dougherty, welcomed approx. 20 Members to our Canine Friends Pet Therapy AGM held on 14 May, 2016. It was a very positive and productive meeting and commenced with a word from our Patron, Liz Bowen-Clewley, who is also a Sponsor and loves visiting in Wellington with her dog. Liz talked about the values of Canine Friends and gave some wonderful insights into her visits with Polly.

Please read on Page 2 our President's Report which Annette presented to the meeting and also read on Page 3 our new Committee Contacts List. See photo of Annette on right with Nina, our Secretary.

We are pleased to announce a new Committee Member, Victoria Caccioppoli, who is also our Liaison Officer for Lower Hutt and Carolyn Williams, Committee Member, has a new title of Communications Manager. Carolyn will be responsible for our stories to be placed in the NZ Dog World monthly as well as communicating with our Liaison Officers monthly. Please see photo of Carolyn (right) reporting to the meeting.

Thank you to all members who have paid their Subscriptions and for those members who paid between the 1 & 30 April they went into a draw to win either a Canine Book or a year's free subscription. We apologise that the draw was not done at the AGM but was drawn at the Committee meeting on 28 May. Congratulations to our Winner, Margaret Pryce from Fairy Springs, Rotorua.

Please see photo (right) of Ann Evans, our wonderful, hard-working North Island Field Officer reading her report to the meeting which incorporated all reports received from Liaison Officers throughout the North Island. Editor



A very Special 90th Birthday was celebrated recently.

Eileen Curry, our Founder, Committee Member and still our Mentor celebrated in style with her family and approx. 50 friends at a Luncheon held at Kaitoke Gardens. Many friends, related old stories and everyone shared their good wishes for her future. Eileen is a very gracious lady.

Eileen shared with her family our Canine Birthday gift which was a box of cupcakes with the Canine logo on each cake. It was great fun and she was delighted and surprised to receive them.

Eileen's response: "Thank you to all of our members who sent messages from far and wide for my Birthday. It was a great time for me and gave me a lot of happiness. We had a wonderful get together with family and friends which was made extra special when our friend, Peter, played Happy Birthday to me on the Bagpipes". Eileen.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 14 MAY 2016

Welcome again to everyone who has taken the time out of their busy lives to attend our Canine Friends AGM today.

Special welcome to our founding member Eileen Curry who turned 90 several weeks ago and I would also like to acknowledge Elaine Varcoe, a Life Member, who has recently retired from visiting for numerous years. We wish you both health and happiness and our sincere gratitude for having the foresight in commencing this prosperous club you see before you today.

A warm welcome also to our Patron Liz Bowen-Clewley who will say a few words in a moment.

Our membership continues to grow and at the end of April stood at 532 which was an increase from 443 in 2015. (a growth of 20% in our membership.) Our Secretary and Database Manager, Nina works hard to keep our membership up to date.

The new Health and Safety at Work Act, which is based on recommendations made as a result of the Pike River Mine Tragedy, aims to reduce workplace injury by 25% by 2020, and has an impact on us and what we do.

It broadens the responsibilities of the person in charge or control of the workplace (or where we visit). As we are volunteers, not employers, employees or contractors, we are in an interesting position as we too are covered under the provisions of the Act.

We are seeking further information and clarification on the best way forward ensuring that we have a solid understanding of all and any risks and concern. Once we are satisfied that we are fully aware and can manage all matters we will then report back to our organisation on any changes etc. that may be required.

We are in good financial shape thanks to the ongoing support of our members and the generous contributions from our sponsors being The Lotteries Commission, Competency International Ltd (CIL) ,Superior Farms Pet Provisions, Hutt City Council and a big welcome to our new sponsor The New Zealand Kennel Club. Our Organisation really appreciates all your help to assist our club in moving forward.

At our Annual General Meeting last year our main objective for 2015 was to sell our book and organise a workshop/fun day for all our Liaison Officers throughout New Zealand. To date we have sold 312 books approximately so still have nearly 200 still to sell. If anyone here today would like some more books please see me after the meeting. Being extremely cautious with our finances due to the initial outlay for the book the Liaison Officers day was delayed but the good news is that due to the kind sponsorship from The New Zealand Kennel Club in the past month this will now go ahead in the Spring. A sub committee was formed at our last meeting two weeks ago and as soon as we have a confirmed date we will let you all know.

Our major project for the next 12 months will be an upgrade of our communications technology and systems. As we have grown very rapidly we need a smarter technology platform with more functionality. We are fortunate to have on our committee Leanne Gibson who will help to scope this project, produce a plan and organise funding to implement it. Leanne will discuss this with us under General Business later on the Agenda.

We are constantly getting requests from all walks of life with some most unusual requests but we do need to remind ourselves we are a **Canine** Pet Therapy organisation which policy allows for one dog, on a lead, with scarf, one person wearing a badge and the dog under the strict control of its owner at all times. There are several Organisations who cater for other animals and requests for other species of animals must be directed to these Organisations.

I would like to recognise the huge responsibility our Liaison Officers have in looking after their areas, it can be so frustrating as well as immensely rewarding so hang in there, we can't do without you. To our Field Officer for the North Island, Ann Evans, Committee member and Liaison Officer who travels bi-monthly from Ohingaiti (440 kms) about 3 1/4 hours to Lower Hutt a huge thank you from us all. You are certainly making a big difference in keeping a much higher level of communication open with our members in the North Island. We are still working on a Field Officer for the South Island but that is work in progress.

Finally, but most importantly, a personal thank you to my wonderful committee without your support my position would be absolutely impossible.

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BOOK LAUNCH OF “TOBY GOES TO GRANDMAS”

Julia Hinrichs, Liaison Officer for Christchurch, and her dog, Ayla, attended the book launch on behalf of Canine Friends. If you wish to buy this book please go to Website: www.theadventuresoftobythedog.com for further information. Canine Friends Pet Therapy will be the recipient of a donation from the sale of the book.

Or Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Adventures-of-Toby-the-Dog-1483130598592203/?ref=hl>



NEW MEMBER—MACDUFF

MacDuff has been visiting the residents at **Trevellyn Home & Hospital in Hamilton** for a few weeks now. He is becoming well known by both residents and staff and is well received by most. He enjoys himself, especially all the pats and wears a back pack containing interesting toys, treats and his brush. It's great to hear stories of dogs once owned and get MacDuff to show off some his tricks. Though he became mute when one ex high country farmer wanted to hear him “speak up”.

We obtained Mac from the SPCA when he was about 5 months old and he is now 3 and a half years. He has gained his Canine Good Citizen Gold qualification and I was competing with him in Dog Agility, however, due to his poor start in life his joints have been compromised and he is now suffering mild to medium osteoarthritis and can no longer continue with agility. He has always been a very confident, friendly dog and was a big drawcard for the general public at the dog shows, building up quite a fan club around the country.



Regards Liz Scott

OUR DOGS VISITING—RITA ANGUS HOME IN KILBIRNIE

"**Pebble** is a 16 month old Labradoodle, who has started to make weekly visits to the Rita Angus Home in Kilbirnie. So far, she has spent most of her time in the hospital lounge and rooms; home to the residents who have poor mobility, dementia or are generally unwell. The residents love her soft fleece coat and her gentle nature, and talk about her visit long after she has left. Generally, morning tea has just been served when Pebble arrives, much to her delight I'm sure! Pebble is all too familiar with hospitals herself - she was quite poorly as a puppy and had a tonsillectomy at 12 months. She made a full recovery and loves to chase balls, swim in the sea and cuddle up with her smaller sibling— a Welsh Springer."

Kind regards, Simon Fothersgill



WESTPAC LIFE FLIGHT TRUST OPEN DAY

It is important to remember we are just one of the great organisations who are giving up our time to enhance the welfare of our community. When we join together to support each other that enriches all of our organisations. It was a great privilege to attend and support the Life Flight open day here in Wellington. Many of our volunteers and dogs from the region turned out and they were all well behaved despite the crowds and the noise (especially during the helicopter display). Brandy the standard poodle had a great time. She was in great demand for cuddles by a crowd of young kids and when she wasn't working she got to sit in the pilot's seat and hang out with a couple of Hurricanes.

(She is now a fan) . **Regards Wendy Macilree**



CANINE MEMBERS WITH THEIR CANINE FRIENDS ENJOY A DAY OUT ON THE CAMBORNE WALKWAY, PAUATAHANUI INLET

After days of wind, rain, thunder and lightning Sunday 29th May dawned overcast and dry. Even a rising westerly wind was not enough to deter CFPT volunteers and their canines from meeting up to walk along the Camborne Walkway. Nia and Lexi displayed their expert climbing skills by scaling the wall up from the beach – who needs steps?

With dogs baying to get underway, Tui's dad took a family picture of those who had arrived at the starting point. Then it was off with the scarves and leads and a rowdy group of canines headed toward the walkway. With the choice of taking the dry high road or splash through the surf, the latter won every time. Eventually the group located the missing members Penelope and Brandy who had relied on Google and got a tour of Camborne. Naughty Google!

Every opportunity for a dip in the water was seized with eager paws. As Madison had lost her toy at the beach, it was up to Tui and Diesel to share their Kong and tennis ball with everyone else in the water. Only Messrs Winston and Bosco maintained their dignity and resisted the allure of the muddy water. Madison provided a running commentary all the way there and back. There were no arguments amid all the noise. We met a few members of the public along the way, many of whom were curious of who we were and some commented on how well behaved the dogs were. After bidding adieu to Lucy and Bruno, Tui and Brandy along the way, Bosco, Diesel, Madison, Nia and Lexi, Reilly, Sula, Winston and Penelope returned to the starting point promising to venture on another walk together after winter.



These walks are a great opportunity for volunteers to meet and dogs to unwind from the rigours of being a therapy dog. The goal is to have a combined Wellington area walk twice yearly (April/ May and October). Volunteers should, through their Liaison Officers, nominate suitable walks to showcase their area and increase CFPT profile to the community. **Regards Jean Barr—Liaison Officer Kapi Mana**

NEWS FROM CATHERINE RIVRON, LIAISON OFFICER FROM OAMARU & HER TWO NEW MEMBERS VISITING THE IONA HOME IN OAMARU

"Meet beautiful Bronwyn - a 7 year old black Labrador mix breed who along with her Mum Liz visits Iona Home in Oamaru. By 6 months of age she had experienced abuse and been rejected from four homes. Luckily, before all hope was lost she found her forever family! With their love, commitment, patience and training and no small amount of learning on her part too she has blossomed into a wonderful companion. She has a very gentle nature—once saving an injured duck by guiding it to safety on the bank. She is also a source of disappointment to her Jack Russell buddy because once she flushes a rabbit she plays with it and then lets it go back home. She is no longer invited to go rabbit hunting by him! Bronwyn is also a keen swimmer, enjoying sea and river dips. She is very sociable - always ready to rest her head on a welcoming lap or to give a quick kiss. Her first visit to Iona home went well, she was a natural and made several new friends. Mum Liz is very proud of her girl and is thrilled to be able to share her with others. One resident asked to give Bronwyn a dog treat, so Liz obligingly handed her a piece to give to Bronwyn, waiting patiently... the lady then popped it in her own mouth and ate it, much to Liz's horror. No harm done. Bronwyn is one of 3 Labradors that visit Iona." **Thanks Cath.**



"Welcome Dusty - a handsome 18 month old yellow Labrador. He lives with his family on a small farm in Oamaru and just loves to keep Mum Judy company whatever she may be doing. There are chickens to keep in line, balls to retrieve endlessly and even a new puppy to play with. He has also proved himself a useful fielder in the grandchildren's games of cricket—although now knows that getting too close to an enthusiastic batsman has some painful consequences. Being a Labrador food is never far from this mind but he also takes great joy in water—be it at the beach, in his private paddling pool or in his water bowl!! He has learnt that the car takes him to all sorts of exciting places and is first in line for a road trip. Judy and Dusty also enjoy relaxing and socialising at agility. Dusty is one of three Labradors that now visit **Iona Home in Oamaru**. Judy loves the company he provides and is looking forward to sharing her wonderful boy with the residents. His first visit went well and with time and practice he will get the hand of manoeuvring between chairs, tables, legs and walking frames". **Thanks Cath**

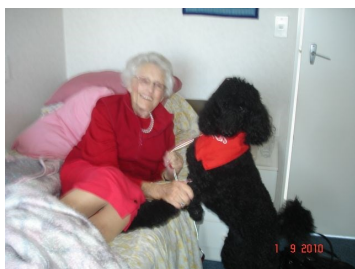


BARDOWIE RETIREMENT COMPLEX—ONEKAWA, NAPIER & GREENDALE RESIDENTIAL CARE LTD. GREENMEADOWS, NAPIER

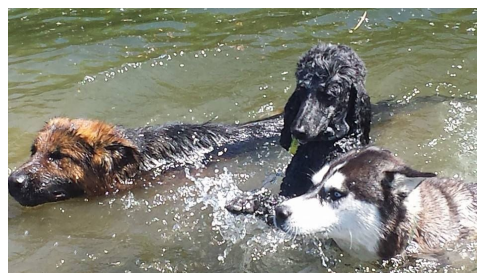
Tess Stiles and her beautiful Purdey love to visit both of these residential care homes. They have a very busy schedule as each home caters for 20—26 residents and Purdey visits each individual person. He is seen below with some of his friends.



Bernie & Purdey



Gladys & Purdey



Purdey at play with his mates

A VERY SPECIAL 100th BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GRACE MILLER at "THE WOOD" NELSON

Just look at this photo of Grace and me sharing a long loving moment during her 100th Birthday Party a few weeks ago.

Grace Miller has been a best friend of mine for 9 years. We met at **"The Wood" in Nelson** on my first assignment as a "Canine Friend". It was love at first sight for both of us. Grace, who is totally blind and deaf, always welcomes me as soon as I touch her hand with "come on Jemima let us get on the bed together for a proper cuddle" - I am a bit too big to sit on her lap you see. There we would share many a laugh and hear stories of Grace's amazing life. I have always told her she would reach 100 years of age and get a telegram from the Queen.

And she has and she did ... And not only from royalty but many other important dignitaries too. It was all very exciting. We had a great party with Grace's family gathered from far and wide.

What a privilege it was for me and my friends Patricia and Margaret to be included in such a long awaited celebration. It is one of the many rewards of being a Canine Friend - I love my job. **Jemima.**

PS From Grace's Daughter, Audrey, "it was a great pleasure for us to see you, Margaret & Jemima again, especially after all the care, love & laughter you brought into Mum's days".

Kindest regards Patricia Mackay from Nelson

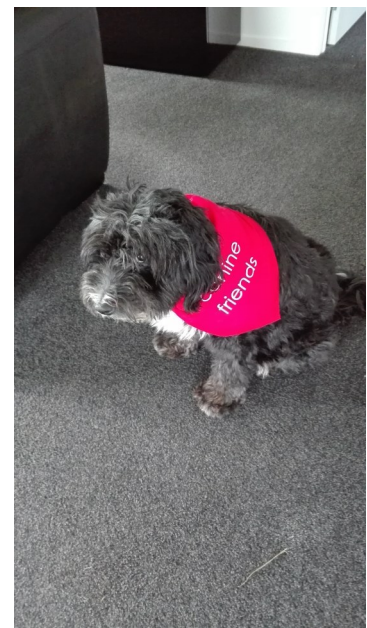


OUR DOGS VISITING

KINGSWOOD AGED CARE FACILITY IN MATAMATA

Merlin (Tibetan Terrier) came with his owner Kath from Australia 2 years ago where he had visited Aged Care homes along with Barney (a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo) and Daisy (a Rabbit). Our local vet had a Canine Friend Flyer and gave one to us so we gladly jumped on the Bandwagon here. Merlin has had visits to the lovely Kingswood Aged Care Facility in Matamata and is now quite excited when we pull up outside in anticipation of floor crumbs more than anything I suspect! Should of called him "Hoover" in hindsight. His placid accepting nature is his trademark and quite a select group gathers around him now as our confidence grows and due to our visit times at the close he keenly leads the residents at lunch time to the dining room where sadly for Merlin we say Goodbye at the door for a fortnight.

Regards Kath Blackmore from South Waikato



THE BIG DOG WALK WITH LOTS OF DOGS

Hundreds of people & their dogs gathered in **Waitangi Park in Wellington & Waiaatarua Reserve in Remuera, Auckland** for a simultaneous mass dog walk. The Event started with a Facebook post by Wellington Comedian, Alice Brene in January. The walks aimed to raise money for Animal Welfare Charities, HUHA and Chained Dog. Siobhan Warren took her two dogs Nia & Lexi to the Walk.

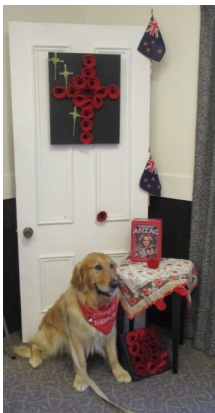
Lexi's the black and white one and Nia is the gold one. They're both border collies and will work for cheese. Lexi does awkward things like stand in the passage in the dark. You flick on the light and she's just standing there staring at you. Nia's name means ray of sunshine in Swahili and her best trick is spinning. She's a therapy dog with [Canine Friends](#) so we go to **Kenepuru** every Saturday morning and she cuddles people in the geriatric wards. Love is her superpower, I reckon. Nia's scarf was not worn for this walk.



OLLIE VISITING THE JACK INGLIS RESTHOME & HOSPITAL IN MOTUEKA

Ollie and I visited Jack Inglis again after two weeks of respite for us both. Ollie got caught in the wire at the local vineyard after chasing his beloved tennis ball and ended up with a very sore swollen leg and I did too much in the garden and got a sore back & not able to walk very well for a week. We did the familiar round, first through the hospital part & then partly the rest home & we visited the regulars who really like Ollie. He is loved by the nurses who make a real fuss & he gets lots of cuddles. I always like to go & visit the Dementia Ward and the residents are starting to respond to Ollie, if only briefly. Stuart came slowly up to Ollie & started to stroke him, one of the nurses looked a bit worried & amazed at the same time. It was later revealed that Stuart doesn't like animals especially the home cat. Since this day Stuart has shared his sandwich with Ollie and taken him for a walk. The nurses were delighted & surprised. Ollie is so gentle & he has no precept ideas about anyone...he meets people the way they are & there is something about that makes you want to stroke him. The frightened rescue dog has grown into a beautiful confident dog with a big loving heart.

Kind regards Marijke Lups



Oakie Doakie poses with his poppy on his scarf in front of the Anzac Commemoration Display at **Ranfurly Residential Care Centre in Feilding.**

Regards Ann Evans

TUI VISITING ABI WHITBY

Tui is a 3 1/2 year old Huntaway x German Shepherd. She is very active and her favourite activities are running, swimming and chasing balls. Frisbee & water toys and "helping" us hang the washing outside (which is just another excuse to chase her ball).

Her favourite places are the beach and the bush; she enjoys long walks in the Tararua's and is very well behaved when we take her on overnight tramps.

She is a real people dog and especially loves cuddles and tummy rubs. Her favourite people are children.

Pebble is very smart and keeps us on our toes trying to find new tricks to teach her!

Many thanks Shells List and Blair



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Welcome to our New Members to 21 May, 2016

AUCKLAND

Leigh Cattin, Border Terrier X, Senna
Laura Harper, Miniature Schnauzer X Maltese, Lola
Warren Hughes, Labradoodle, Macy
Ruve James, Boxer,
TahiShannon Kelly, Bichon x Shih Tzu, Joey
Caroline Mackenzie, Labrador Retriever, Fifi
Laura McMenamin Labrador Retriever, Steven
Rebecca Nisbett, Mixed breed, Duke
Natalija Palada, Labradoodle, Woody
Johanna Spaak Rhodesian Ridgeback, Mayasa
Prachi Thacker, Golden Retriever, Ilo
Claire Vale Greyhound, Lucy

WAIKATO

Stacey Bate, Greyhound, Piggles
Liz Scott, Bearded x Huntaway, MacDuff

ROTORUA

Suzanne Matthews, Welsh Springer Spaniel, Archie

TAURANGA

Ross Cockroft, Labrador, Stella
Kelly Pidgeon, Labrador, Max
Andrea Rae, Spoodle, Puddin
John Sutcliffe & Clare Davis, Labradors, Henry & Jess
Francesca Tindall, Labrador retriever, Alfie

WANGANUI

Anita Darrah, Border Collie x Poodle,
Bentley

MANAWATU & RURAL

Josephine Drysdale, Spoodle, Sandy

KAPI MANA

Nicola Dickie, Border Collie, Reilly
Shells List, Huntaway x German
Shepherd, Tui
Joanna Parker, Miniature Schnauzer,
Thistle

LOWER HUTT

Anne FAMILTON, Spoodle, Bunty
Sara Kennedy & Amanda Oatham,
Labrador x Neo Mastiff, Holly
Lynda Prebble, Golden Retriever,
Murphy

LEVIN

Irene Olsen, West Highland Terrier,
Chalky

BEREAVEMENTS

Eddie & Rachel Hoskins of Palmerston North, on their loss of their
Chow Chow, Shadow
Janet Fosberry our Tauranga Liaison Officer, on the loss of her
Border Collie, Jandal

WELLINGTON

Jo Ablett-Hampson, Lhasa Apso x, Baxter
Rose Aileone West Highland Terrier, Bronson-
Simon Fothergill, Labradoodle, Pebble
Ricky Mudgway, Labrador, Oxford
Yuri Sakashita, Papillon, Farfella Dainty Della
Neil Thornton, Malamutes, Gambit & Logan
Julia White, Viizsla x Labrador Retriever, Bruce

NELSON – TASMAN

Nicola Turilli, Huntaway x Blue Heeler, Flo

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Lisa Bennett, Labrador, Chester
Cari-Ann Dudley, Mastiff x Staffordshire Terrier,
Ari
Jaya Harris, English Springer Spaniel, Dennis

OAMARU

Jane Campbell, Irish Wolfhound, Mungo
Elizabeth Eyles, Labrador x Border Collie,
Bronwyn
Judy McHugh, Labrador Retriever, Dusty