

Metropolitan Region

Two (2) Representatives to be elected for a three (3) year term.

Ms Nellie Abela

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

Approximately 32 Years

Breed associated with:-

Bullmastiff, Australian Kelpie, Dobermann and Rottweiler.

Business experience:

I currently work as an Administration Officer for Hoxton Park High School and have held this position for 28 years. During my time in this position, I have been a member of the selection panel for new employees, which involves reviewing resumes, selecting candidates for interviewing and conducting interviews.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Secretary - Bullmastiff Club of NSW for 16 years
- Vice President - Liverpool & District All Breeds Kennel Club for 7 years
- Vice President - Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club for approximately 5 years
- Committee Member - Library & Archives Committee for approximately 10 years
- Committee Member - Ladies Kennel Club Inc for 5 years
- Committee Member - DOGS NSW PR Committee for 2 years

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- Life Member - Bullmastiff Club of NSW
- Member - Liverpool & District All Breeds Kennel Club - approximately 10 years
- Member - Ladies Kennel Club Inc - approximately 6 years
- Co-ordinator Utility Group - DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Training - 1 year

Judges Status (if any):

All Breeds / Accredited Assessor for Groups 1,2,3,4,6 & 7.

Other Relevant Information:

Even though I have retired from breeding and exhibiting, I am still passionate about purebred dogs and all dog sports. I participate as either a steward or judge most weekends and I also actively participate in the running of dog shows. Prior to becoming Coordinator for Utility (Group 6), I participated in the training of candidates in DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Training Scheme as a mentor, assessor and lecturer.

I have always participated in DOGS NSW events, such as Dogs On Show, Dogs in the Park, Sydney Royal Stand and Dog Lovers Show. I support and promote purebred dogs in not only conformation but in all facets of dog sports.

I believe it is time for some fresh faces on our Board of Directors, to assist in bringing DOGS NSW positively into the future.



Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc

How many years have you been a Member of the RNSWCC and its predecessors:-

44 Years

Breed associated with:-

French Bulldogs, German Shepherd Dogs

Business experience:

Have run a busy Veterinary Hospital from 1976 to 2019.

RNSWCC Board of Directors &/or Committee experience:-

- Nominated for the Board in 2017
- Elected to the Executive Committee in 2018
- Elected President in 2019.

Association with Affiliated Clubs:-

- GSDCA - Breed Affairs Chairperson for 3 years
- GSDCA - Canine Health - 20 odd years
- GSDCA - Haemophilia Chairperson
- GSDCQ - Breed Surveyor from 1985.
- French Bulldog Club NSW - Committee Member for 10 years.

Judges Status (if any):

Group 5 Working Dogs, GSD Breed Specialist Groups 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Awaiting final examination for Group 1 Toys.

Other Relevant Information:

I have been a member of various committees for DOGS NSW with emphasis on government legislation and how it affects dog owners and breeders.

I believe it is most important if dog owners and breeders of DOGS NSW are to move forward, we must have a say in what governments decide: what dog owners and breeders can or cannot do.

The recovery from COVID-19 will need to be managed carefully if our hobby is to come back in a strong position in order to regain our premier position in the dog world.

