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TRIAL DATES

July

1 - 2 Netherby Short Course Sheep Trial at Netherby Farm
14-15 Cudgegong Valley Championship at Mudgee tba 29/6/17 Greg Reeves 02 6358 8285 | 0428 588 285
gcreeves4@gmail.com 14-16 Bendigo Sheep & Wool Show Australian Yard Dog Champs – Luke Twigg
21-203 Nyngan Utility, EC 14/7/17 Gary white 0428 679 503 21-23 Ballidu Arena. WA Marge Solomon
0428731152.
29 - 31 Warwick Trans Tasman Sheep Trial at Warwick Showgrounds

AUGUST

3 - 6 Tullamore Sheepdog Trial at Tullamore
5 -6 South West Championsip, West Wyalong EC 21/7/17 , Peter Darmody, 02 6974 1159. 5 - 6 Nepowie
Field Trial Nepowie, Woolumbool SA
6-8 Sheepvention Farm Trial – Ian O’Connel
10 - 13 Eumungerie Supreme Sheepdog Trial at Eumungerie 12 - 13 Mungindi, EC 9/8/17 Jason Cooper
0427 775 950
14-15 Trundle Sheepdog Trial 2017 at Trundle 17 - 18 Morongla Sheepdog Trial at Morongla
17-20 Binnaburra State Utility. WA Marge Solomon. 0428731152.
24 - 28 Wentworth Show Trial Wentworth Showgrounds, Wentworth NSW 25-26 Rochester,Des Church
,0400 194 621
26-27 Delungra Chamionships EC 18/8/17 Matthew Ehsman 0428 681 153 27-28 Rabo Bank Classic Darling
River Champ. Wentworth.
28 - 30 Moulamein Sheepdog Trial, at Moulamein
30-31Dowerin Arena. (Unofficial) Marge Solomon. 0428731152

SEPTEMBER

1 - 2 Narromine Championship, Bill Gibbs, 0400 231 986. 8 - 10 Cobar Sheepdog Trial at Cobar
8 - 9 Royal Adelaide Show Sheepdog Trial Wayville Showgrounds, Goodwood SA
8 – 10 Camperdown Utility Trial – Richard & Ali Davies – 0412190246 / (03)55939397 9 Forbes, EC 1/9/17
Noel Hocking 0400 523 835
14 - 17 Central West Championships at Guerie 19 - 21 Henty Sheepdog Trial at Henty
19 - 21 Murray Valley Championship, Henty EC 5/9/17 Neale Taylor 0402 325 210. 20 - 21 Mount Gambier
Trial Mount Gambier Showgrounds, Mount Gambier SA
22 - 23 Maitland Trial Maitland Showgrounds, Maitland SA
26 - 28 Paskeville Trial Paskeville Field Day Site, Paskeville SA
29 Bribbaree EC on the day Matthew Hunter 02 6383 2224 0477 832 224. 29 - Oct 2 Murrumbidgee
Championship Sheepdog Trial @ Narrandera 25-26 Rochester,Des Church ,0400 194 621
29 Swan Hill Yard Trial -
Sep East Gippsland Championship Utility Dog Trial – Norm Severs - 0428512544

TRIAL ORGANISING COMMITTEES - PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU

The WKC is dedicated to supporting trial competition generally and is always pleased to make space available to include details about forthcoming trials auctions etc append entry forms and so on. - all of which costs hosting committees absolutely nothing but without you help costs us hours of work searching web sights for dates for inclusion and compilation of a calender such as the above. Please help by sending in trial dates and results.



Partnering with working dog associations

The Cobber Challenge aims to highlight the unsung heroes on Australian farms— Australian working dogs.

Ridley is looking to hold the challenge in late August and early September. We hope to collaborate with working dog associations to nominate farmers and their dogs for the competition. We also hope to work with these associations to promote the Challenge to association members and their networks.

The Challenge is a great platform for the associations to engage their members and come together nationally as a community passionate about working dogs.

The Cobber Challenge

Working dogs from different states compete in a three-week competition which crowns the hardest worker. Dogs are given GPS collars that log their movements while at work and are scored based on distance, time and speed.

Last year's challenge featured eight dogs from Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia. Victorian stock contractor and farmer Damien Clifford, and his dog Larry managed to beat the competition after covering 497.1km during the competition period, at an average speed of 8.67km/h.

Message to members

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Cobber Challenge that will place dogs across the nation against each other in a competition of endurance and speed to find Australia's hardest working dog. You can nominate yourself or a mate at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CobberChallenge>

Organised by nutritional dog food specialists Ridley, the Cobber Challenge will see dogs from each state compete in their natural environment. GPS collars will be fitted to competing dogs for three weeks, tracking and scoring their running distance, duration and top speed. Results will be uploaded daily to www.cobberchallenge.com.au so people around the country can follow the performance of their favourite dogs compared to their rivals throughout the country.

Ridley launched the inaugural Cobber Challenge last year, named after its leading dog food brand, Cobber. The 2016 Challenge saw eight working dogs from NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia compete. Over the three-week competition, Victorian Damien Clifford and his kelpie dog Larry beat out fierce competition to become the first Cobber Champions, receiving a year's worth of Cobber.



The partnership

What we need help with

- To nominate farmers and their dogs for the Challenge (see below for our selection criteria)
- To share our posts on Facebook
- To feature the Challenge on your digital platforms (Facebook, website)

What we can give to you

- Mention your association on our Cobber Dog social media posts
- Feature your association on the Cobber Challenge website

Selection criteria

We're looking for people who run working dogs every day during August and September and are keen to showcase their dog's talents. These people will be comfortable with using smart phones and computers. Successful applicants must:

- Work on a farm regularly
- Have a computer with Windows 7 and have reliable internet Applicants will be considered favourably if they:
- Have social media accounts
- Their dog competes in dog trials
- Are happy to participate in media during and after the Cobber Challenge
- Are comfortable with technology and taking video footage from their phones