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Welcome

Welsh Corgis Club of NSW welcomes you to our website.

Since 1950, the **Welsh Corgi Club of NSW** has been the recognised home of both **Cardigan** and **Pembroke** Corgis in Australia. Our focus is the preservation, promotion, and exhibition of these two distinct breeds.

On our website you'll find information about our **breeds**, details of **Club events and shows**, and resources to support both experienced exhibitors and newcomers alike. By sharing knowledge, expertise, and a deep respect for tradition, we work to uphold the quality and future of the Welsh Corgi in Australia.

Championship Show

The 2025 Championship Show was held in conjunction with the **Dogs NSW 2025 Royal Canin 50th Anniversary National Spring Fair** on 28th August at the beautiful grounds of the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs.

NEW SHOW RESULTS

Champion Cardigan & Pembroke

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OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

The Welsh Corgi Club of NSW is excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website, designed to better showcase our beloved Cardigan and Pembroke Corgis and to support members, exhibitors, and enthusiasts alike. The updated site offers a fresh, modern look along with easy access to key information – from breed standards and club history to upcoming events, show results, and helpful resources for both newcomers and experienced corgi owners.

Whether you're looking to explore the versatility of our breeds, catch up on the latest news, or learn more about joining the club, the new website brings everything together in one welcoming and user-friendly space. We invite all members to take a look, enjoy the new features, and celebrate this exciting step forward for our club.



WELSH CORGI CLUB OF NSW INC.'S 142ND CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIALTY SHOW

The Welsh Corgi Club of NSW Inc. traditionally holds its annual breed specialty in April each year. However, 2026 brings an exciting and unique opportunity for our club. We have been offered the chance to subcontract an international judge—an

experienced breed specialist from the United Kingdom, who will already be visiting Australia for another appointment. To take advantage of this rare opportunity, the Club has sought and received approval from Dogs NSW to move our 2026 Specialty Show to 11 October 2026.

This revised date comes with an added bonus. The Spitz Breeds Club of NSW will also be holding a Semi-Specialty Championship Show on the same day, at the same venue—the Dogs NSW Grounds at Orchard Hills. This means Pembroke exhibitors will have the opportunity to enter two shows in one day, making it an even more appealing event for local and interstate competitors.

The Committee is thrilled to offer members and exhibitors the chance to show under an international breed specialist, and we hope the event will be strongly supported across the community. Planning and sponsorship arrangements are already underway, and we warmly encourage members to save the date, begin considering travel and accommodation, and share any suggestions they may have regarding logistics or sponsorship opportunities.

The Show Schedule and further announcements will be released in due course, and members are encouraged to keep an eye on club communications for updates.



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CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: TEAM JENINDA

A Big Few Weeks for Team Jeninda!

Written by Melinda Mills

It's been an exciting and memorable few weeks for Team Jeninda, with achievements across dog sports, the show ring, and a special birthday celebration along the way.

We are incredibly proud to announce that Iago has made history, becoming **the first Cardigan Welsh Corgi in Australia to achieve the SprintDog™ SPRD title**. At the Fast Paws Sydney Trial on 13 December 2025, Iago earned the final points needed for this milestone on a rainy night – conditions that certainly didn't dampen our spirits or our determination.



While several Cardigans are now participating in SprintDog™ and have achieved N.SPRD titles, Iago is believed to be the first Cardigan in Australia to progress to the SPRD level, the second stage of the SprintDog™ title journey, requiring 250 points to qualify.



We couldn't be prouder of our versatile boy, now officially known as **CH Mandene Balerion Ap Iago SPRD** (pictured below).

This achievement coincided with the release of the Battle of the States – Australian 100m Sprint results, where only two Cardigans were enrolled nationally. Iago finished second for the breed, 28th in NSW, and an impressive 893rd overall out of 1,073 competitors – a fantastic result for a rare breed in a fast-growing sport.

Interstate success followed in Canberra, where Rosie (pictured above, left) enjoyed a wonderful weekend in the show ring. On Sunday at the Canberra All Breeds Kennel Club (AM Show) under Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD), Rosie was awarded CC and Runner-Up Best of Breed, along with a very pleasing critique. The momentum continued at the ACT Ladies Kennel Club (PM Group Show) under Mrs Sue Langford (VIC), where Rosie again received CC and Runner-Up Best of Breed, before finishing the weekend on a high with Puppy in Group and a glowing critique. We are delighted with her progress and growing confidence as she continues to mature with each outing.



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Closer to home, Candy (pictured left and below) also gave us plenty to smile about. At a Dogs NSW Show, under judge Mrs J Montford (NSW), **CH Mandene Rock Candy at Jeninda** delighted us with an unexpected and very welcome Junior in Group win. Separately, we later celebrated Candy's first birthday, marking the occasion with a special cake, party hats, and plenty of yummy treats – a joyful milestone for this much-loved young girl.

Thank you to the judges and host clubs for their generous critiques and to the clubs for running such enjoyable events. We are incredibly proud of our Cardigans and grateful to be part of a community that celebrates the breed's versatility, spirit, and achievements across so many disciplines.



Go Team Jeninda – and go Cardis!

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Around the Rings in NSW – Member Results & Achievements from 2025

A look back at the standout wins, memorable moments, and impressive achievements our members enjoyed throughout 2025.

20th Australian Welsh Corgi National Adelaide - May 2025

"Luna", **MBISS MBIS SUP CH Aziah And So It Was This Time** was proudly breeder/owner handled by Mrs Liana Bettison to **Best In Show** at the 20th Australian Welsh Corgi National, hosted by the Welsh Corgi Club of South Australia at the GSDC of SA Grounds under Breed Specialist Ms Deborah Bass-Shindle (US).



Sydney Royal Dog Show and the Fédération Cynologique Internationale Show - April 2025

Litter brothers "Norman" and "Basil" achieved a remarkable double in April 2025, securing Best of Breed at both major shows: **Aust CH Bojojamile Bottoms Up** (Sydney Royal, pictured left) and **Aust CH Bojojamile Bite the Bullet at Huddylu** (FCI, pictured right), bred by RH & VJ Hutton.

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Welsh Corgi Club of NSW Inc.'s 141st Championship Show Sydney – August 2025



Show Best In Show
Winner "Gio" **UK. Ch.
Aust. Ch Craigycor
Giovanni (IMP UK)**,
owned by Mrs R
Cochrane & Mr A & Ms
S Matthews



Best Baby Puppy
in Show –
**HarryDaisy Blue
Rosette at
Jeninda "Rosie"**
with
Owner/Handler
Ms Melinda Mills

2025 Royal Canin 50th Anniversary International Spring Fair – Sydney, August 2025



FCI A20 Show

BOB, Bitch CC, Best Puppy
In Group
Ch. Fergwyn U Had Me At
Hello, Bred by Michelle
Young



FCI CACIB Show

BOB, Dog CC, CIB
Ch Bojojamile Bite the Bullet
at Huddylu (ai), Owned by
Miss K Grannall & Mr T
Farmer and RH & VJ Hutton.
Bred by RH & VJ Hutton



Crufts Qualifier Show

BOB, Bitch CC
Ch. Mandene Santa Baby,
Owned by Mrs J & Mr M
Vanderwey, Bred by Ms
Julene Brady.

The introduction of the new **Dam of Merit** (DOM) and **Sire of Merit** (SOM) titles added an exciting dimension to the 2025 show year. Dogs Australia (ANKC) formally approved these titles in June 2024, with eligibility commencing from 1 January 2025. The awards recognise sires and dams whose progeny have demonstrated consistent excellence in the show ring, contributing meaningfully to the advancement of their breed.

To qualify as a Sire of Merit, a stud dog must have produced **10 champion offspring**, while a brood bitch must have **5 champion offspring** to earn the Dam of Merit title. Importantly, at least one of those qualifying champions must have completed their title after 1 January 2025, ensuring the award reflects current, ongoing influence within the breed.

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Around the Rings in NSW – Member Results & Achievements from 2025

Our Club's 2025 DOM & SOM Achievements

We are delighted to acknowledge several significant achievements by dogs bred by long-standing club member **Mrs Robin Robertson (Anwyl)**. Three Anwyl males had already met the numerical requirements for SOM status, and each secured their final qualifying champion early in 2025.



"Brock"

Sup Ch Anwyl Fast Track To Paris

The first to qualify was **"Brock" – Sup Ch Anwyl Fast Track to Paris**. Brock (pictured left) has sired well over the required number of champions, including multiple Specialty winners. His frozen semen son, Reuben (Ch Anwyl Fast Forward Solo Star AI – pictured below, right), who completed his title last year, provided the crucial post-1 Jan 25 qualification.

Brock is owned by Shaneen Bendixon (Qld) and, at nearly 15 years of age, remains a handsome and happy elder statesman.



A Brock son: "Reuben"
Ch Anwyl Fast Forward Solo Star (AI)

Next to achieve SOM status was **"Xander" – Ch Anwyl Strike A Light** (pictured bottom-left).

Xander is by Am Gr Ch & Aust Ch Humin'bird Rock Yr Socks (USA) out of Ch Anwyl Lights Over Paris—a full sister to Brock.

Xander also exceeded the required number of champions (even without counting his **four New Zealand champions**). His qualifying offspring was "Evie" (Ch Scottholme State Secrets), who completed her title this year under Michelle Pratley's guidance. Evie had begun her points earlier with young Cam Pratley and finished quickly once back in the ring. Her title also qualified her dam for DOM status.



Pictured left: "Xander"
Ch Anwyl Strike A Light



A Xander daughter: MBISS NZ CH
Kelbryn Focus On The Light (AI)
(Anne Lacey & Wendy O'Callaghan,
NZ)

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Our Club's 2025 DOM & SOM Achievements

The third SOM for 2025 was **"JJ" – Ch Anwyl Leave The Last Dance for Me (AI)**. JJ (pictured below, left) is a frozen semen son of Am Can & Aust Ch Caamora Gandy Dancer HSAs, out of Ch Anwyl Leave The Light On For Me AD JDX—a daughter of the well-known "Pandi."

JJ's qualifying offspring was "Cilla" – NZ Ch Anwyl Tell Me I Am Dreaming, who completed her neuter title to finish her sire. Our thanks go to Anne Lacey and Wendy O'Callighan for their work with Cilla. She is one of three champions from her litter: Kiri, at home, is dam of Tane, and Sunny (CH Anwyl Tell Me On A Sunday – pictured below, right), with Ray Barwick & David Smith (VIC), has sired multiple champions despite very limited use.



"JJ" – Ch Anwyl Leave The Last Dance For Me (AI)



A JJ son: "Sunny" – Ch Anwyl Tell Me On A Sunday

A **Dam of Merit** is also pending confirmation. Once Dogs NSW processes 2025 applications, we expect to see **Ch Anwyl Angel of The Morning** confirmed as a DOM, with an impressive **10 champion offspring**—double the requirement. Her final qualifying progeny was her last daughter, who completed her Neuter title under Victoria Lee.

Angel has been shared with Liana Bettison, and we look forward to presenting a full overview of her producing career once Dogs NSW returns the official paperwork.



"Angel" – Ch Anwyl Angel of the Morning



Pictured above, Angel's first litter (by Xander), three of whom went on to become Champions.

A Memorable Journey to the UK: Celebrating the Centenary Welsh Corgi Club Show

Written by Kayla Grannall

In November 2025, I had the privilege of travelling to the United Kingdom with my mentor, Mrs VJ Hutton (BOJOJAMILE), who had been appointed to judge the Centenary Welsh Corgi Club Show in Swansea, Wales. It was a remarkable opportunity, not only to witness such a historic event, but to experience our beloved breeds' country of origin in a way that felt both deeply meaningful and wonderfully eye-opening.

Our trip began with sightseeing at Windsor Castle, followed by several beautiful stops throughout Wales, thanks to the warm hospitality of our host and the Secretary of the Welsh Corgi Club, Mrs Cerys Davies (CERANDA). We rounded out our travels with a spot of shopping, exploring London, and a visit to the newly renamed Royal Kennel Club.

One of the most thrilling aspects of the trip was seeing the Centenary Specialty held entirely at the Mercure Swansea Hotel. Exhibitors stayed onsite with their dogs in their hotel rooms, and the show itself took place just outside in a wedding-style marquee. The convenience, atmosphere, and sense of community were extraordinary.

It reminded me of my 2024 trip with Joan to the Golden Gate Pembroke Fanciers Specialty in Los Gatos, California, where the entire show was held on the lawns of a motor inn, where exhibitors could literally step out of their rooms and straight into the ring. Experiences like these make it hard not to feel a little disheartened that Australia isn't quite there yet in terms of allowing dogs in hotels and public venues. The possibilities for a NSW specialty held in this style are truly exciting to imagine.



Beyond the convenience, the camaraderie among exhibitors/breeders was simply fantastic. Upon arrival, the hotel lounge and bar were buzzing with friendly reunions and lively conversations. An informal dinner on the first night set the tone, followed by a gala dinner after the first day of judging. The room was filled with laughter, cheers, clinking glasses, and—judging by the quieter atmosphere the next morning, a few sore heads. Day two, however, was anything but quiet once the Cardigans entered the ring; their enthusiastic voices more than made up for any lingering hangovers.



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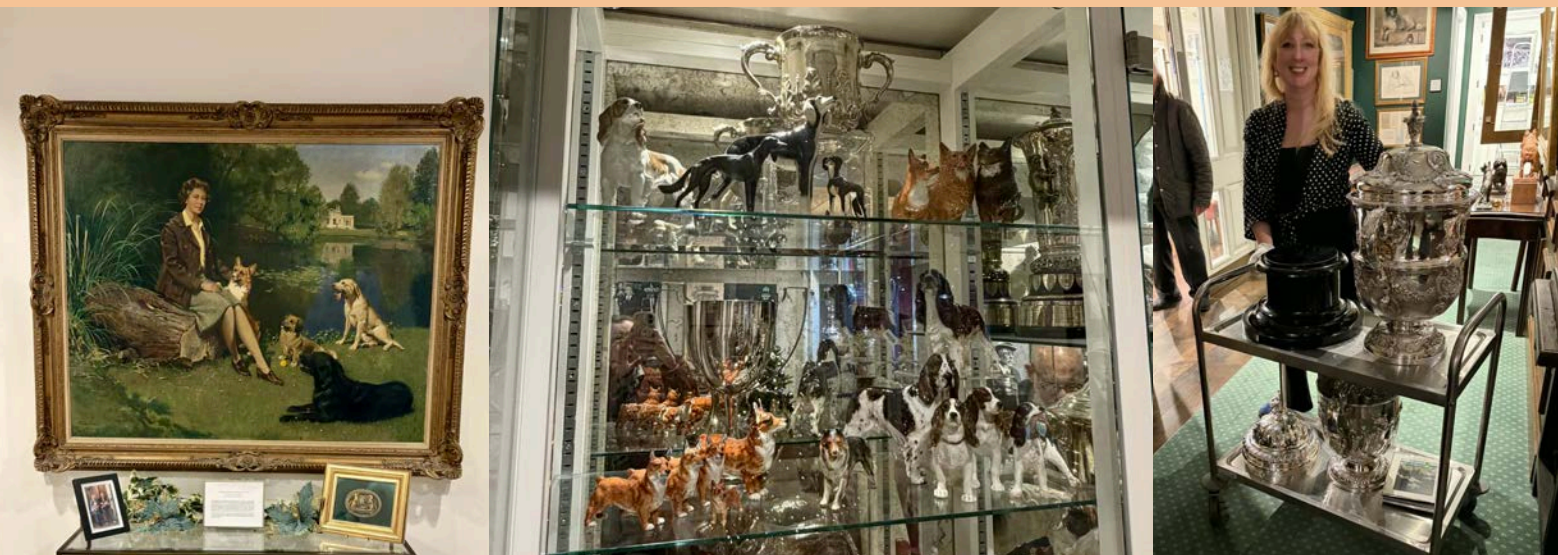
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A personal highlight of the trip was our visit to the Royal Kennel Club, ironically on Friday 21 November, the very day the organisation officially launched its rebrand from the “UK Kennel Club” to the “Royal Kennel Club”, as granted by King Charles III.

From the street, the building appears to be just another London side-street façade, save for two green flags quietly announcing “Royal Kennel Club.” But once inside, the experience becomes something truly special. Visitors are greeted warmly, asked to sign the guest book with entry and exit times, and then guided through glass doors into the heart of the Club.

The first sight is the Club’s lavish Board Room, a space so elegant it left me comparing it, somewhat sheepishly, to the boardroom at my own workplace. From there, we were taken upstairs to the Private Members’ Club, where staff whisked away our coats to the cloak room, and we found ourselves surrounded by a fully stocked bar, a tea station (naturally—*it is* England!), and charming little snacks on each table. This was only the beginning, as we were soon treated to a three-course lunch in the dining room.

The dining room itself was beautifully adorned with dog-themed displays, and several breed clubs were gathered there for their Christmas and end-of-year celebrations — another tradition I would love to see embraced more widely in Australia.



The Royal Kennel Club is awe-inspiring: hallways lined with dog paintings, cabinets filled with figurines and porcelain treasures, an extensive library of canine literature, and, most impressively, the climate-controlled Art Gallery housing the Keddall Memorial Trophy, better known as the Crufts Best in Show Trophy.

To our astonishment, two staff members in white gloves entered the gallery during our visit, unlocked the cabinet containing the Keddall, and removed the trophy right before our eyes in preparation for its display at the Club’s rebrand launch that evening. Standing 34 inches tall and weighing 9 kilograms (with 3.8 kilograms of pure silver), the trophy is even more magnificent in person.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to travel to the UK, to witness a specialty show in the breeds’ homeland, and to again experience the history, hospitality, and passion that surround Welsh Corgis abroad. It was a journey filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable moments, one that will stay with me for many years to come.

–Kayla Grannall

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National Welsh Corgi Council (NWCC)

All correspondence intended for the NWCC must be directed through your local jurisdiction's Welsh Corgi club.

The Club extends its very best wishes to all members and their families for a safe, happy, and fulfilling 2026. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year at our various outings, events, and gatherings, celebrating the joy, companionship, and spirit of our beloved Cardigan and Pembroke Corgis.



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