

Proposed Motion to be approved at AGM

That the travel allowance paid to instructors be increased from \$5 up to a maximum of \$10 per training day.

Motivation

1. Our club is very successful, has a growing membership, does not advertise and offers a superb service to the community at a token cost of \$50 per year.
2. The club's success has resulted in a growing bank balance that is becoming embarrassing and is more than adequate to ensure the continued survival of the club.
3. This success is due to the trainers who do an excellent job (as volunteers). Without trainers there is no club.
4. Our trainers commit to a term and come to training every Sunday whether they feel like it or not. Most trainers are there every term. Trainers put their class before their own dogs and manage to squeeze in some training in the pre-trial class, but this means an early wake-up.
5. The existing \$5 per training day attended is to help cover the travel cost to training. The idea is to continue with this but at the end of the year take any excess funds (above a limit agreed upon, say \$15,000) and divide this amongst the trainers pro-rata up to a maximum of another \$5 per training day attended. This is like a Christmas travel bonus paid to trainers as a "thankyou" for another successful year.
6. \$10 per day is not unreasonable as at a reimbursement rate of 50c per km this covers 20km ie a 10km trip to training.
7. The trainers will appreciate this bonus at Christmas time and will be motivated to return the next year and continue as a trainer. Trainers are scarce – our class sizes are at the upper limit and it will be a pity to turn away dogs and especially pups.
8. The amount of this bonus is not fixed so if the club shrinks dramatically the excess funds will shrink and the bonus will be small or might not even be paid. In other words, the club is not being committed to future expenditure that it might not be able to afford.