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January's Meet Up

This months meet up will happen on

Sunday 12 January 2019 at 10am

We will be meeting at The Fox and Bow at the Farrer Shops - so bring your dogs and come and have a relaxing hour or two and meet the other member's of ARF.

If you can't find us - look for people wearing ARF shirts or you can call [0417 220 097](tel:0417220097) to see where we are!



[The Fox and Bow's website](#)



[Directions to Little Oink](#)

February's Meet Up

Next months meet up will happen on

Saturday 15 February 2019 at 10am

We will be meeting at Little Oink Cafe in Cook - so bring your dogs and come and have a relaxing hour or two and meet the other member's of ARF.

If you can't find us - look for people wearing ARF shirts or you can call [0417 220 097](tel:0417220097) to see where we are!



[Little Dink's Facebook Page](#)



[Click here to go straight to the ARF's available dog page.](#)

Who is waiting?

As of January 1st the dogs that are waiting for their forever homes are - Paddy, Archie, Pilot, Teddy, Maisie and Sophie.

Feel free to share their stories!

- Click on Pilot's picture to be taken straight to his profile.

Pilot is a handsome youngster wanting nothing more than a family to call his own



Know anyone that would like to be part of the ARF Community?



[Click here to find the membership form](#)



Do you have writing, editing, photography and / or graphic design skills? Then ARF's Communication Sub Committee needs you!

The CSC deals with ARF's communication program which includes but is not limited to: promotional material for the ARF website and social media, our ARF calendar where twelve lovely ARF dogs are photographed and turned into stars for the year, (our 2020 calendar is selling out fast and is likely to sell out by Christmas!), media releases and ARF's quarterly magazine *ChinWag*.

Don't have any of those skills but are an organisational wizard and love to go to events on weekends? Then ARF's Communication Sub Committee also needs you!

The CSC also deals with stalls, fund raising, our amazing trivia night and informational events where we need people to talk about ARF and what we do so we can let the public know just how awesome ARF is.

So if you think you could spare some time to help ARF, please contact Wendy Parsons and she can give you some more information and let you know when the next CSC meeting is. Also, if you have a friend, neighbour, co-worker or family



member who may be just who ARF is looking for, please ask them to send an email as well.

[Contact Wendy Parsons](#)

What's On In The Community This Month?

Master Loose Lead Walking Course

11 January - 1 February

The focus of this topics class is polite walking on leash, particularly in the presence of distractions. Loose leash walking, leave it, and go for it will be practiced with various



Loose Leash Walking Information

Guide Dogs Talk

21 January

Join us to hear this inspiring talk from Amanda Heal about living with vision impairment, training guide dogs and how her guide dog helps her in her everyday life.

Amanda is a totally blind speaker, life coach and published author, and is the sort of person that, if you tell her she can't do something, she'll often find a way.

Amanda lives in Canberra, Australia with her guide dog Sadie and enjoys nothing better than a meal out with friends.



Guide Dogs Talk Information

Thanks to ALL our supporters!

A rescue organisation does not run on passion and love alone. We value and thank every single one of our members, our volunteers, our foster carers, our financial contributors, the people who share our dogs and talk about them when someone says they are thinking of adding a dog friend to their family.

Without all of you there would be no ARF.

Meet ARF Member - Tanja



I started keeping an eye on the ARF website and other rescue websites since 2008 when I first started to look for rescue dogs. I had always wanted dogs but could never have any for various reasons. But in 2008 when I moved to a small rural property I knew the time had finally come. Being a newbie to dog ownership, I really appreciated the in depth advice carers would give and the effort to match the dogs with the right people. Had I gone to the pound myself, I would have had no idea what to look for! I ended up adopting my first two dogs Hannah and Rusty (pictured above) not from ARF but from other rescues (called CARA and RADAR at the time, I think), but I figured in the end what mattered most was adopt don't shop! I adopted both almost at the same time and had to learn the hard way that this means three times the work at least! Long story short, both dogs were quite similar in age and sadly I lost both to cancer within the space of two months in 2018. I was absolutely gutted, I had forgotten just how empty a house can be! Keeping an eye on the ARF website had become sort of a habit, so that was my natural go to spot when I decided it was finally time for a new addition to the family a few months later. As I work full time and am away for long hours during the day, I never really considered having a single dog because I thought it would not be fair. So yes, I did what I had taken a sacred vow to not do ever again, and what I would not recommend to anybody, which is to adopt two teenage dogs at the same time! And yes, I can confirm that it is indeed three times the amount of work :-). Like the first two, Karli and Penny (pictured below) turned out to be complete surprise packages, mutts of very uncertain parentage but so lovely! Totally different from each other and from my previous mutts, helping me to learn heaps about different dog personalities and issues. Penny is a total sweetheart, my first truly dog-social dog and I'm loving it. She has her own fan club at the Murrumbateman Markets, and is the type of dog that happily lies under the table while I'm having a coffee, only to come out to make lots of new friends, of the dog and human kind. She is just the softest and silliest dog ever, a particular hit with toddlers and young kids who just seem drawn to her, and Miss P just takes it all in her stride (always closely supervised of course). Karli is a bit more challenging, my first ever complete velcro dog, bonding hard and fast to her preferred person. We have enlisted the help of the fabulous Eleni from All Round Good Hounds to address some of the guarding issues that come with this and we are making excellent progress. While frustrating at times, it is also enormously rewarding, she gives so much back and I don't think I ever had a dog as loyal as Karli. I'm trying to take them to doggy events as much as I can on weekends, social dog group walks organised by my local community, obedience, agility, whatever is happening. The latter in particular is a total hit with the girls, it has been great for building their confidence. Penny has this habit of jumping like a kangaroo, clearing every jump with a metre of air in between and landing on all four legs, which has everyone in stitches. So.....a year and a bit since they moved in, and we're slowly chipping away at it. I can't imagine my life without my two little boofheads :-)



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