



# Command News

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## No Training Queen's Birthday

There will be no training at all venues From Saturday 12 to Monday 14 June due to the Queen's Birthday long-weekend

## Just For Dogs

DogZone day care for dogs is where you can book your dog in on a casual basis or take out a 10 or 20 day pass which can be used over a 3 or 4 month period respectively. DogZone also offers a V. I. P. monthly pass for those dogs who need to come daily. Dogs on passes get priority bookings for day-care and grooming. All DogZone dogs are given a maintenance brush before going home to help maintain their coats condition minimising the amount of hair loss at home. All you'll need to do is take your dog home, feed and love it. Exercise, play, daytime companionship and brushing will have already taken place

DogZone is based at 53-55 North St, Richmond . Owned and managed by professional dog trainer Sally Chan. Contact Sally 9427 9888 Email: [sally@dogzone.com.au](mailto:sally@dogzone.com.au) Web site : [www.dogzone.com.au](http://www.dogzone.com.au)



## Kokoda Track

Kokoda was the battle site where ordinary blokes with no real training, came out on top. Every year hundreds of people, make the trek to learn so much of the personal heartbreak and triumphs of so many. This now includes Basil Theofanides who did this trek in April starting on Anzac Day ....Judy Small



Battle of Isurava - Monument - Day 3 L - R Hardy, Dave, Frank, Joe, Basil, Dan (No Roads Trek Leader)

## My Trip Along The Kokoda Track 25 April—3 May Basil Theofanides



At Bomana Cemetery Anzac Day L-R: Basil, Frank, Joe, Hardy, Dave

This was one of the most amazing experiences I have had. It was an absolute honour to walk the track. Personally one of the hardest things I've done physically and mentally. The history of the Kokoda Track is incredible.

Whilst the trek for me was extreme, it pales compared to the things the Aussie diggers had to endure. I went with my best mate, his son and two others through a company called No Roads Expeditions. We arrived on 23 April and stayed at The Holiday Inn. On Anzac Day we went to the dawn service at Bomana cemetery. Very moving indeed.



At Deniki Village Day 2

After the service we went to the Australian High Commission for a gunfire breakfast then back to the hotel to grab our gear and fly in to Kokoda. Out trek had begun. Numerous emotional moments along the track when we came upon battle sights with memorial plaques and details of heroic acts. We also took with us as a group notepads, calculators, glow sticks etc for the school kids at Kagi Village. After dinner that



Alola Village Day 3

night (day 3) we walked about 10 minutes from our camp site to the school and village and were greeted by 30 – 40 kids ranging in age from 4 – 17 (my guess). The sun had set so we had our headlamps on as we handed out glow sticks to them. All you could

see was a sea of glow sticks moving about and hear the screams of joy from these kids. Then we met the school principal Frank who thanked us for the books etc. He assembled the students and we were presented lei's by ladies from the village, The children then sang for us. Their voices we amazing. All of us were incredibly moved by this. After the singing, the kids were handed the bits and pieces we had brought and then walked past and shook our hands... Cont p2.



Bisset Memorial Plaque

# Readers Page

## Dog of the month



**Logan**

Our dog of the month for June is Logan An 18 month old Sheltie, currently in Intermediate one with C.D.T.S. Instructor Eddie. Logan loves nothing more than his training at our Burwood venue. Other loves are catching up with all his mates at training and getting a few extra treats for doing so well. And not forgetting his mate Dougal that stays home while Sue and Logan have that special time together.

Judy Small

A healthy pet for life  
**NATURE'S GIFT**

### New Product

Nature's Gift has some great new products that I tried out on my two dogs. They just loved them. Made from tasty, all natural ingredients and in a variety of flavours and shapes for you dog to love. Great as a treat for dog training as they are just the right size. A must try are the Travellers and Chance's favourites the chicken Motivators Also try the Mini treats and Glad Just that perfect size for training

### Liver Treats

**(as requested by all your dogs)**

1 lambs fry cut into strips about 1 cm thick  
Turn oven to 180 gas or electric.  
Place strips on a lightly greased tray, and place in oven for 25-30 mins. When cool cut into small pieces, and place in plastic bags. These will keep in the fridge for 1 week These can also be frozen Just take a bag out the night before training

Judy Small



**Entering Ioribaiwa Village**

shoulder to the mountains and hills we had trekked over the last 8 days with disbelief. We all walked up to the threshold and paused in a line before walking through at the same time. It still stirs emotion in me thinking of that moment. A lot of

..from p1. At the end of the trek on the 8th day, we were on our final climb (around 45 minutes – an hour). We were all very tired by now. We followed the narrow path zigzagging to the top of Ower's Corner. On the final turn, we were presented with the Kokoda Trail archway and the ANZAC emblem on top. It was the most amazing sight and quite humbling. I looked over my



**Memorial Plaque at Ower's Corner**



**At Ower's Corner at end of our trek**

high-fives, pics and then celebration with some cognac and beer. That night we had a celebratory dinner with our guides and porters. I am currently reading A Field Guide To Kokoda and Peter Fitzsimons' Kokoda.

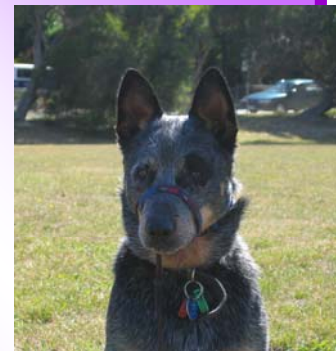
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### Chance

An article was published in the Herald/Sun on May 18th

Also mentioned on Magic 1278 with Jane & Kevin breakfast programme.

It was all about my dog Chance who is doing so very well. I can not take full credit for this. I once again have to thank Basil Theofanides and all my instructors at Command Dog Training School. Without their help there would be no Chance. Chance and I will be forever grateful



Judy Small & Chance

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