



## CLUB COMMITTEE PROFILES

### *Louise Crawford – President*



My passion for animals started at an early age. My first pets were cats, called Chocolate and Mewslie. I then went on to show and event horses in my teens.

My first dog was a wonderful Great Dane called Sebastian, the bond I shared with him was unequalled, and shortly afterwards Buundi, my little red dog (above) joined our small family.

My passion led me to becoming a qualified vet nurse which I practised for 10 years. I went on to study the Dog Behaviour and Training course run by the Delta Society of Australia. I now hold a Certificate IV in Dog Behaviour and am an accredited trainer with my own business.

I came to Tracking 3 years ago with Buundi, and absolutely love the atmosphere and the challenges it presents. He was a natural tracking dog and once I learnt to trust his nose he was a great success! Unfortunately bone cancer cut short his tracking career, as he couldn't do the distance with 3 legs, but he still loved to track! Especially articles! He earned the nickname, Dr Watson, as he was so fastidious in following the track. Unfortunately his cancer returned in October and he is now tracking at the Rainbow Bridge.

Georgia, my Great Dane, joined me in 2006 and has taught me so much about tracking! She has greatly exceeded my expectations and is going for her TDX this season. I thought I'd be lucky to get a TD! Just goes to show we need to have a little faith!

Basil the baby Bloodhound has now joined us, so it should be an interesting year ahead, so far his nose has only led him to the biscuit bag, the fridge and kitchen bench surfing, but the floor has never been so clean!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in the forest!