

Year of Induction 2024

Category – Prominent Persons



Mr Ron Jackson – Queensland

Club Activities

Ron has been a club member of various retrieving clubs since his involvement in the sport, from 1976 (47 years).

He was actively involved in the formation of Field and Retrieving Association (FRA), and was elected as the inaugural President in 1984.

Ron is the current FRA President and is once again playing a crucial role in all aspects of the club- whether it be in leading the club's decision- making processes, liaising with governing bodies, running quality trials, speaking to and encouraging new and old members, or even grass roots tasks such as organising the game and the port-a-loo.

Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing

Ron's contribution to retrieving is complemented by judging throughout each year, not only for FRA but for a variety of other clubs throughout Australia.

Judging the Queensland State Championship for the first time in 1986, he subsequently judged an ACT State in 2012, Tasmania in 2017 and again in Queensland in 2021. He has judged 3 National Championships- twice in Queensland in 1992 and 2015, as well as the recent 2023 National in Western Australia.

Owner/Breeding

Under his breeder's prefix LEOLITA, Ron has bred litters of dogs going to successful retrieving working homes; as well as into other forms of work, such as with the Federal Police, which in itself is a testament to his exacting standards.

Handling/Trial History

Ron has trained and competed over the years with his own dogs at the highest level, including dogs who were both Field and Retrieving trial champions.

Other

Ron has spent countless hours promoting the betterment of the sport through his role on various panels, judges training groups and is currently part of the Dogs Queensland Retrieving and Field Trial Sub- Committee (RAFT).

He has also spent time as the Chairperson of the National Retrieving and Field Trial Sub-Committee (NRAFT).

In addition, over the last 8 years, he has contributed by running training programs and support groups to foster new handlers to the sport.

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