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Urgent Notice re Obedience & Rally Trial 2014

It is with great regret that the committee of Northcote Obedience Dog Club Inc announces that, due to circumstances beyond its control, the Obedience and Rally Trial scheduled for Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 4th November 2014, must be cancelled.

Despite having a confirmed booking from March this year, the local council announced only last week that they have decided to carry out resurfacing and drainage works at Alphington Park from October to December, making the grounds unusable. The committee tried its best get the maintenance work rescheduled and then when that wasn't possible, to find an alternate venue with suitable grounds, facilities and parking so that the trial could proceed. However, given that the trial was only 4 weeks away, and on a public holiday, a viable alternative that was available, in the same area, logistically feasible, and would ensure an enjoyable and safe trial for volunteers, judges, competitors and dogs simply could not be found in time.

The club sincerely apologizes to the judges, competitors, VIPs and club members for having to cancel this event so late, but in the end the committee felt it had no choice, and that it was better to have no trial, than continue with a poorly run trial in unsuitable facilities and difficult circumstances that would not be enjoyable for all.

The trial will be back on track in 2015, and we hope to see everyone again next year.

From the Committee of Northcote Obedience Dog Club.