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Dear Dandie Friends

Given that you are all living in different parts of the country and indeed the world, we can only hope that you each are safe and well whatever your weather experience is at this time. The Dandies will be fine, we know, as they will make your lives miserable if they are not happy.

We have a very exciting piece of news to share in this letter. You may remember an earlier reference to the Animal Memorial being developed at Pozieres in France to remember the service provided by animals during times of war. Dandies in Oz made a contribution to this fund. One of our Dandie owners, Malcolm Kirkland, is representing all of us at the occasion of its opening and has been invited to participate in the laying of the memorial pavers. Significantly, Malcolm has been approved to wear his full Dress Uniform as a retired member of the services. We congratulate Malcolm on this honour and are very grateful that he is able to be present. We look forward to being able to share some photos when he returns to Australia.

Thank you to those owners who were able to participate in the Geelong Highland Gathering Scottish Breeds Match and the Dandenong Heritage Day Match. It is always hard to find time to attend these extra functions but the publicity it provides for our breed is invaluable. As usual, people and dogs were well behaved and performed their tasks well.

Dandies also participated in the Victorian Sporting Terrier Club's Championship show over the Queen's Birthday weekend. It is great to see more of our breed out and about.

Many of you will have been following the events in Scotland to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of Old Ginger, the "father" to all our current Dandies. The work which has gone into this celebration is phenomenal and has brought the Dandie Dinmont Terrier to the attention of the world. Thank you to all involved.

As time passes, and circumstances change, the flow on effect can be quite wide spread. Dandies in Oz is experiencing this first hand with the need to cancel this year's Fun Day. It is not possible to prepare for it but we do hope that next year life will be a little smoother and time will be available to get it organized.

So, on that note, give your Dandie a hug and take care of yourselves.

With kind regards,

Rhonda, Heather and Jan