

# STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

## CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY: THE PET SHOW

The Pet Show is a PLC Sydney tradition dating from the early 1950s when it was billed the "Pet and Doll Show". Before long the "pets" gained supremacy and since the early 1960s the proceeds from the Pet Show have been donated to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

By 2015 these donations totalled \$498,954.66. The funds have gone toward the training of guide dogs to help the visually impaired.

*Pet and Doll Show 1953. Photo donated by Margaret Dent (née Goodacre), student 1949-1961*



*Program 1964*

Year 9 students organise the annual event. Judging of pets is central to the day but there are also food and handcraft stalls, special events and celebrity guests. Over the years television personalities from *Sons and Daughters*, *Home and Away*, *A Country Practice*, *Harry's Practice* and *The Voice* have opened the Show or judged the entries.



*Program 1984*

The girls learn how the process works by meeting guide dogs and their owners. Each year representatives from the Guide Dogs organisation attend a special assembly where that year's donation is handed over.

The pupils work throughout the year for this special day. They have a lot of fun in the process but the key value of the project is learning that through service they can make a difference in the world and that through contributing to the community they fulfil the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship.



*Pet Show 2003*



*Pet Show 1956*



*Pet Show 2010*