



WHITTLESEA HORSE & PONY CLUB

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

PRESIDENT REPORT

Hi Pony Club Members and families,

Well, another year of pony club is nearing its end. For some reason each year seems to be going quicker than the year before (that might be me just getting old). In the past year we've said goodbye to some faces and hello to some lovely new ones. To those members who have joined us, we hope you are having great fun with your horses and hopefully, learning some new skills.

Firstly, I would like to thank Kerry Blackley for giving up her time to be our volunteer at the Pony Club ring at the Whittlesea Show this year. I'm sure she managed all the PC riders (and their parents) with great skill to ensure a smoothly run ring. Thanks Kerry.

For those of you who competed at the show, I'm sure everyone would love to hear about your efforts and if you have any photos that you would like to share, please bring them to rally and we will post them on the noticeboard.

Speaking of which, I think it's time the noticeboard in the clubrooms had a bit of an update. It would be great if the kids could bring in some fun photos of themselves and their horses for the board. At least one or two from each member would be nice. Then the kids can help decorate the board and make it their own.

As you know we had a couple of very gratefully received donations made to our club this year. One being Morrison Kleeman Real Estate, Doreen and the other being Stockland. At the next rally, I would like all riders to assemble in the arena in front of the clubroom, with their horses, prior to untacking for lunch, so that we can get a photo holding the Morrison Kleeman banner and one holding the Stockland cheque. These photos will then be used in an article to be published in the local newspapers, promoting Whittlesea Pony Club and our sponsors.

Our Christmas rally is fast approaching and will be held on **10th December. Not on our usual rally weekend.**

The rally will be similar to last year with a Supercross competition (SJ and XC). We will also have some fun games. Ribbons will be awarded and maybe a visit from a special man in red.

Lunch will be a relaxed Christmas Party style lunch instead of the full canteen. It would be appreciated if all families can be on duty to help setup, run the day and pack up.

Lastly, please remember to book in for each rally with Bec. The earlier in the month the better, to make her job of planning each rally a little easier.

See you at rally
Meaghan

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DUTY ROSTER

If you cannot attend to do your duty, contact Meaghan Moras

to arrange to swap your duty.

If you do not do your duty you will be put on the roster again.

All current financial members are required to attend their duty even if their child/ren are not attending that rally.

HORSE MANURE

The Agricultural Society have requested that no horse manure is to be placed around the trees planted on the grounds.

You can either bag it and take it home or spread it

DUTY ROSTER

NOVEMBER 26TH

R/C – MORAS

DE'LUTIS & BEVILAQUA

DECEMBER 10TH

ALL FAMILIES TO ASSIST

ALL FAMILIES TO HELP PACK UP BEFORE LEAVING

Please remember we are all volunteers, so we rely on everyone pitching in to ensure the rally runs smoothly. Too many families leave early and unfortunately there is a small number of people that are left to pack up everything.

It is only 10 minutes of your time and allows everyone to leave earlier.

MONTHLY MEETING

Our Monthly Meetings are held the day after rally at the Whittlesea bowls club @ 7.00pm all our members are welcome.

Some of our mbrs attend early at 6.00pm to enjoy a lovely meal before the meeting.

We always look forward to our members attending....

NEXT MEETING 27TH NOVEMBER

YARDS

If you use a yard, PLEASE make sure you hook the chain back up after you leave.



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MEMBER PROFILE



NAME: Charleigh-anne Walsh
GROUP: Black (C Certificate)
AGE: 12

I have been on a pony since before I could walk with my mum & dad leading me around, I used to show my very naughty pony BB in led line until I got my first independent pony Gerry and we joined wpc in 2015 when I was 9years old

I've had 2 ponies since Gerry, Sunny my pally and now my newest one Cody which I've only had for 5 mths but we are going very well together

We live on a farm in Woodstock, we have horse's, cow's sheep, chicken's, and much more, I'm starting high school next year & looking forward to it.

We have 8 ponies/horses, from a few oldies that do nothing to a yearling and all in between, my mum breeds Arab's

I try to ride 4-6 times a week but depending on school/weather & mum sometimes is only 2-3 days

I'm working towards entering Cody & I in our first horse trials for next year & one day I'd like to compete in the Garry Owen

Two of my biggest achievements have been winning at wpc Combined Training competition on sunny and most recently winning the showing jnr highpoint champion on Cody where I received woollen rugs for both

I admire my mum and dad, because they do so much for me to help me achieve my dreams and goals & my instructors for their support and believing in me.



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DISTRICT COMMINISSONER REPORT

~ OCTOBER ~

Hello members. Today we had 16 members riding, one member attended unmounted and one come and try rider. That's a total of 18. The weather threatened rain most off the day with a couple of drizzly moments.

We welcomed Dani Quinsee to our club after lunch who showed us how to do some barrel racing and helped those riders wanting to give it a go. Charleigh Anne Walsh, Amelia Harris, Mackenzie Gillon, ?? all gave it a go.

"C "certificate girls have all handed in their books. Well done girls.

There were 2 falls this rally, first fall was from Amelia on CC. Amelia remounted her pony after Princess went for a small tour of the parked cars and floats. Taydem's pony had a spook during flat with Aimee Stuart. Taydem also remounted and continued with her lesson.

Green group, Silver and Black group all enjoyed their Show Jumping lesson with Nikki Grey who covered some grid work.

I will ask all members to please read our new vamped up newsletter. We are also in the process of updating our member's handbook which will be handed out hopefully next rally.

Also don't forget to clean up your poo and do up all yard chains before you leave rally. This has been an ongoing problem with members leaving this for other families to complete before leaving.

Next rally will be our last rally with instructors. December will be our breakup Christmas rally.

Happy riding everyone

Cheers from your DC

Bec Lacekels



**Our vice president & d/c
checking out one of Bel's show birds**



MID - SEASON RUGGING

For horse owners, Summer and Winter rugging options are reasonably straight forward as we mostly enjoy predictable temperatures and horses can be kept comfortable with a forward rugging plan and relatively little inconvenience.

Most breeds of horses originate from colder climates and in Australia; over-rugging presents more problems than under-rugging. The modern horse owner appreciates the benefits of rugging as it keeps their horses clean, sleek, in peak presentation and in cold weather, rugs prevent chills after exercise and minimise the growth of a heavy Winter coat, which can be difficult to manage.

However mid-season (Autumn and Spring) can deliver weather conditions equal to the extremes of Winter and Summer and most horse owners' decisions regarding the appropriate rug wear must be made in advance of the day ahead and allow for the unpredicted changes that may eventuate.

Keeping horses comfortable is mostly about protecting them from the elements – in Winter, it is the wind chill factor which is greatly increased if the horse is wet or without any shelter. In Summer, the sun's beating rays land directly onto the horse and will make it difficult for nature to keep the horse cool.

It is important to remember, that synthetic rugs capture radiant heat and can act like car windows to greatly increase temperatures inside the car. The outside temperature is magnified by 3-4 times the stated reading and even on a coolish day, sparkling mid-season sunshine can cause overheating. Synthetic horse rugs can cause over-heating and make the horse uncomfortable sweat, leaving the horse wet and when the sun goes down, the horse will be wet and cold.

Signs that overheating is evidenced in the horses' coat, the dried hair will look matted and stuck together, the mane becomes "sticky" and if over-rugging is continued, the hair follicles can be damaged and new growth may be affected.

The ideal choice for mid-season rugging is canvas, as it is a natural woven fibre which breathes, does not overheat and yet provides protection from the wind and rain. A canvas rug with a cosy wool lining is a tried and true favourite for many astute horse owners and extra warmth can be added with the inclusion of a wool or "doona" styled under-rug. It is always advisable to keep a "cotton" stable rug next to the horse's skin as this can be easily cleaned of hair debris and washed.

Canvas has been used for horse rugs for many generations as it is a miracle fibre which swells when wet. The wet, tightly packed fibres make the canvas waterproof and keep the inside of the fabric (and the horse) dry. Canvas has been used in rug making for many decades (well before the introduction of "high-tech" synthetic fabrics) and is the ideal choice for mid season rugging or for horses, particularly those with skin complaints and dermal sensitivities. This can include some "light skinned" horses which are prone to itch and other hair and skin irritations.

Owners can prolong the life of a canvas rug by "proofing" (treating with a waterproofing product) the rug say, once a year, to ensure that any wear and tear or breakdown of the fabric/threads is kept to a minimum. Saddleworld stocks a range of products to ensure that your canvas rug stays in top condition and remains waterproof



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OFFICIAL RALLY 26TH NOVEMBER ~ GROUPS ~

RALLY ATTENDANCE...

REPLY BY THE CUT OFF DATE SET OUT IN THE RALLY EMAIL.

The reason we have a cutoff date is because we need to book instructors in & we need to know how many we will need for the day in advance

PLEASE LET BEC KNOW....

Bec Lacekels by either text (0412 736 128) or email bec_lacekels@hotmail.com

SILVER

Georgia Lacekels

Isobel Moras

Anna Gurnett

Laura Barling

Ebony Fennel

Jordan Henderson

GREEN

Helena Cook/Bevilaqua

Julia De'lutis

Morgan Woolacott

Adele Iannou

BLACK

C. CERTIFICATE

Charleigh Anne Walsh

Alison Rasmus

Olivia Iannou

PURPLE

Shelby Gallagher

Mackenzie Gillon

Harrison Gillon



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OFFICIAL RALLY 26TH NOVEMBER

~ PLAN ~

DUTY ROSTER

R/C – MORAS

DE'LUTIS, GALLAGHER & BEVILAQUA

Group	Gear Check 9.30	Lesson 1 9.45am – 10.30am	Lesson 2 10.45am – 11.30am	LUNCH	Lesson 3 12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lesson 4 1.30pm – 2.15pm
Silver		Flat Sand Arena Lisa Bray	Theory Club Rooms? Jenny Smith	LUNCH	Show Jumping Sand Arena Lisa Bray	Cross Country Emily McQueen
Green		Cross Country Emily McQueen	Show Jumping Sand Arena Lisa Bray	LUNCH	Theory Club Rooms Aimee Stuart	Flat Sand Arena Jenny Smith
Black		Show Jumping Sand Arena Aimee Stuart	Cross Country Emily McQueen	LUNCH	Flat Sand Arena Jenny Smith	"C" Certificate Club Rooms Lisa Bray
Purple		Flat Sand Arena Jenny Smith	Theory Club Rooms Aimee Stuart	LUNCH	Cross Country Emily McQueen	Grid and Poles Sand Arena 2 Aimee Stuart

YARDS – Manure & Chains

FINAL WARNING TO ALL MBRS THAT USE THE YARDS

After last rally there were several yards that had not been cleaned and still had manure in them (not spread or picked up) & several still had the chains left hanging down.

This was left to another mbr to pick up after you.

Due to this being ongoing **AT EVERY RALLY** we will now have a yard monitor.

If you do not pick up or spread your manure or hang your chain back up - you can expect an email & banning from yard use for a period of time.



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CLUB SPONSORS

WE ARE VERY LUCKLY TO HAVE THESE FOLLOWING COMPANIES SUPPORT OUR CLUB



We are so very happy to have on board MORRISON & KLEEMAN REAL ESTATE as a new club sponsor

If you are looking at selling or purchasing any property, please give Christian and the team a call

YAN YEAN STOCK FEEDS offers our club mbrs a 5% discount on all products, which goes into a holding account with them & to be used by the club towards prizes for our events.

This will be a great help to our club once we are seeking sponsorship/raffle prizes. All you need to do is make your purchase and let them know your "club & name" it's that easy



STOCKLAND, Cloverton graciously donated towards the club, so if you're looking at a house & land package in Cloverton please pop into their office



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UNIFORM LIST

If you wish to purchase uniform items, please see Sandra Rasmus at the next rally or email Sandra to arrange a time ~ monsoonspice@yahoo.com.au

OUR UNIFORM OFFICER WILL BE AVAILABLE EACH RALLY FROM

11.30PM-12.150PM

***Please do not see other members for purchases.
If Sandra is absent from rally, please see Bel.***

Below is a current price list

Woollen Jumper (up to size 16) **\$65**
Woollen Jumper (over size 16) **\$71**
Polo Tops (NEW) **\$26**
Polo Tops (OLD) **\$21**
Polar Fleece Zipped Jacket **\$40**
Ties **\$15**
Medical Armband **\$8**
PCAV Badge **\$12**
Waterproof Jacket **\$110**
Saddle Blanket (cotton) **\$56**
Saddle Blanket (woollen) **\$68**
Caps **\$12**

NO SMOKING POLICY

The Pony Club Association of Victoria Inc. has developed a Smoke Free Policy.

Whittlesea Horse & Pony Club Inc. is a "smoke free club" and does not permit smoking on our club grounds during an official Pony Club rally.

Please refrain from smoking on our grounds during rally times





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CALANDER – DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER - FEBRUARY

Please check the roster as there have been a few changes

<u>4th & 5th November</u>	<u>WHITTLESEA AG SHOW</u>	
NOVEMBER	No IN BETWEEN RALLY Due to Whittlesea Show	
26 th November	OFFICIAL RALLY - Whittlesea Pony Club Grounds	RC - Meaghan Moras Delutis, Bevilaqua & Gallagher
10 th DECEMBER	OFFICIAL RALLY - Final Official Rally of the year including end of year Presentations!	All families to help set up & pack up
25 th February 2018	OFFICIAL RALLY - Whittlesea Pony Club Grounds	RC - Caroline Fennell Phelan, Rampling.

We're a special bunch... your Vice President Caroline





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MEMBER RESULTS

Doongala Show jumping Georgia placed 4th on Jackson in the C grade & 3rd overall on Max in the D grade

We had several mbrs attend Whittlesea Ag Show over the weekend of 3rd, 4th & 5th some did the show jumping on the Friday, showing classes on the Saturday and pony club ring on the Sunday.

Georgia and Max competed in the 60cm show jumping class on the Friday taking home a very well deserved 6th place



< Helena & Obi had fantastic results in the p/c ring placing in every class



Charleigh-anne and Cody had placings in all their > classes in the pc ring



< Georgia & Jackson competed at Yarra Glen H/T's and has a fantastic day.