

Hurstbridge DARC Newsletter

APRIL 2017



Club Calendar

Midweek rallies run every Wednesday.

- 1 Apr - Saturday Rally
- 2 Apr - Pony Club Rally
- 16 Apr - Saturday Rally
- 6 May - Saturday Rally
- 7 May - Pony Club Rally

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News In Brief

Arena Harrowing Roster

Mondays and Tuesdays are preferred for harrowing duties. For those that have not harrowed before, you do not need a 4WD. The harrows are beside the arena and you do not need to move the jumps.

April 2017

- 3rd - Coralie Millet
- 10th - Nola McMohan
- 17th - Jo McIlroy-Smith
- 24th - Diana Martin

May 2017

- 1st - Sarina McDermott
- 8th - Belinda Males
- 15th - Jess Lyall
- 22nd - Andy Luckman
- 29th - Donna Leggett

Rally Payments

Now that we are getting back into the swing of things at rally, this is a good time to remind everyone that they must pay for their lesson BEFORE they ride. And don't forget that when you do pay by EFT, to put your name down as the reference (I also pop in the rally date as well).

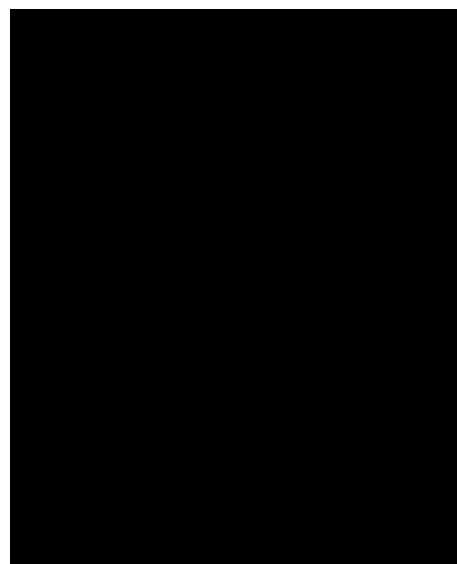
Membership Cards

Can we also remind members that your membership card MUST be stamped if you're a full member to our club and you wish to compete at HRCVA events.

PLEASE don't leave it to the LAST minute as you have had 4 ½ months to get this done!

To get your card stamped, post it with a self addressed stamped envelope to the postal address PO Box 269, Hurstbridge vic 3099

Jakki Barton and Sharlene Wright will be at club most weeks for rally if they know you are coming to get your card stamped.



Presidents Report

Hello Members,

Well it certainly has been an eventful month! Lots happening around the club.

Rallies

Our rallies have been well attended all term and it is great to see members sitting out the front of the club house having a cuppa and a chat after their lessons.

Dressage Trailer

Our dressage trailer has arrived back from ECH, where it has been cleverly transformed from the orange trailer that Hurstbridge Pony Club luckily inherited from the old Diamond Valley Pony Club, into the very useful grey trailer that houses the entire 4 arenas, which comprises 160 rails, 160 bases and 48 markers – that's a lot of plastic!

The trailer resembles nothing of its former self, and it has blossomed into a very useful asset that will make the task of setting up for our dressage jackpot and indeed packing up too, a much easier task. The trailer is quite large, but it needed to be in order for everything to fit. Care will just need to be taken when backing the trailer into the shed.

From this:



To this:



Event Committees

I am very pleased to say that we now have Event Coordinators for our Dressage Jackpot!

Thank you very much to Belinda Males (for doing it again) and Julia Walker for taking this role on and big thanks to Sarina Mcdermott and Lou Serrao who have kindly volunteered to be our Canteen Coordinators. Along with the sub-committee comprising Kerrie Unwin, Kayleen Chatfield-Jones and Sarah Ross, our Dressage Jackpot is sure to be a well run event. When the time arrives, please help these terrific people out by putting your hand up to assist on the day – **Sunday, 8th October, 2017.**

Save the Date - Working Bee

The date of our first working bee has been set for **Saturday, 20th May** starting at approximately 12.30 p.m., straight after rally.

Pony Club will also join us for this working bee. Sausage sizzle and drinks provided. Please put this date into your diary. The working bee attendance will be a good way to make a start on your compulsory membership hours. There will be plenty of jobs to do. Apart from the work, working bees provide an opportunity to meet other members and are a great

way for both clubs to work together for the common good. **Together we can achieve great things!**

Disabled Toilet

As you are already aware, the work has been completed to our disabled toilet so that it can be accessed externally to the club house by all members at any time.

Terry the Carpenter, who lives in Hurstbridge, did the work and he has done a fantastic and neat job. If you need any carpentry work done, I can highly recommend Terry. He was a pleasure to deal with professional and reliable. His contact number is 0418 322 494.

Thank you very much to Zoe Warrell for prepping and painting the new toilet door, frame, window, etc. and even giving the existing back door a new lick of paint. Great job Zoe! What a helpful new member you are :)

Defibrillator Training

Our defibrillator is being installed and a training session provided by St. John Ambulance on Thursday, 20th April (see email 25th March for details). I have received quite a few replies from members wishing to attend the training.

Please let me know, if you haven't already, if you would like to attend - melissa@ech.com.au

Thanks Cath!!

Thank you to Cath Giles for organising and leading the trail ride in St. Andrews and lunch at the Nillumbik Estate Winery on 4th March. From all accounts, a great day was had by those who attended.

Thanks Di!!

The garden is looking particularly colourful at the moment. Thank you Di for all the work that you do in keeping our grounds beautiful. Thank you David

Wilson for attending to a job recently too.

Don't forget Astrids Story

You will find in this newsletter another wonderful, heart-warming story from Astrid, this time about her rescue horse that she named Rainman. Thank you Astrid for sharing your stories with us. We love to read them.

Thank you Maxine for your creative expertise in producing the newsletter each month.

That's it from me for now. Keep riding :)

Mel Dawson



Ground ARC - Hurstbridge Saddlery
Navigation Ride

Tuesday April 25th 2017
ANZAC Day

Approximately 15km
Official HRC AV Section Only

Ride will begin from our club grounds and will be mainly on quiet bush roads, many with trails off to the side.

Riders to compete in pairs

VENUE: Kangaroo Ground PC Club Grounds
Kangaroo Ground- St Andrews Rd, Kangaroo Ground
(Melways Ref Page 271 E7)

STARTS: 9am

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday April 15th – Pre Entries Only

ENTRY FEES: \$30 per rider

CHEQUES TO: Kangaroo Ground Adult Riding Club and post to 3
Miller Street, Box Hill 3128

EFT: BSB: 633 000 Account: 112553201
Put name in "Your name – NAV" as the reference & include a copy of transfer with entry

ENTRIES: www.horsecomps.com.au
Or post to: Lucinda Mack, 3 Miller St, Box Hill, 3128
To be on Standard HRC AV Entry form

ENQUIRIES: Lucinda: [0448 880 226](tel:0448880226) or
cinmack@hotmail.com

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- Run Under HRC AV Rules & Regulations
- Current HRC AV Membership & Navigation ride cards must be presented to Event Sec 30 min prior to your ride out time



Astrid - Equine Rescuer

Hi Astrid here!

Just an update on Annie and Lizzie. After the safety pen was built I separated them at times. Both are total pros at this! Lizzie is enjoying her youth still and Annie just looks around as if to say 'as if I care!' Lizzie is friendlier now, I use 4BP training method to bring her to accept me. Annie took to head collar and leading like a pro in 20 minutes with the clicker! (Thanks Georgia Bruce).

Today I'd like to talk about Rainman. I saw a picture of him over 2 years ago, so young and innocent. Said to be a QH x Appy 4 to 5 years old (now 15hh), I couldn't let him go on the truck though waited and waited for someone else to step in. And so he is named after the rain which stopped the heavy truck from being able to enter the dealer/knackery yard to take him on his one way trip.



Rainman Seen here at the dealers/doggers just before he was on his one way trip. He was the last horse of this batch on the urgent list to sell. Photo taken somewhere in 2014.

Rainman came in a stock crate to Arthurs Creek in January 2015 (and brought much needed rain with him too). The very experienced handler said to me 'watch out, he's a bit wild, he may



jump out'. He proved to be a very loving & inquisitive horse but one that was difficult to bring round to trust a human.

Initially he had a head collar engrained into his face which had probably been placed under lots of pressure whilst gelding him (at a cattle station??). I suspect he has (had) an equine form of traumatic stress and I have seen him freak with only one goal in mind 'get me out of here NOW!' He can appear spaced/timed out if under pressure and it has taken a long time to bring him round to handling, though this has been so rewarding!

Quite soon after his arrival, I had a very well respected 'horse whisperer' at my place. Rainman took one look at him and jumped out of my then not-so-good round yard and was gone. To be the first person a horse trusts is very special! I can still feel him breathing down my neck on a warm summers' night last year as he smooched up in the field, probably knowing he was safe at last.

Some months after arrival a local trainer helped me get a new head collar on but stayed outside my cattle yard, as he said Rainman was much too defensive and he the trainer would get hurt. I had been able to touch him before this but he remained very tentative about touch.



Seen here with STB Chuca, approx. 2 years ago, peeping around the corner!

Rainman then slowly learnt with a permanent head collar on and lead rope for 3 weeks (risky!!) to be willing to be lead away from the herd and handled a little bit at a time. He loves clicker training and as long as he is in control he is fine. I couldn't touch his face but with the clicker this happened in no time at all! Confinement or giving up his autonomy are his problems. I could throw a training rope around him at liberty pretty soon and even put a saddle pad on.

He has been here 2 years now and only recently has he had his hind legs done normally by the farrier (autonomy issue – thanks Mike for your patience) though his front legs have been done regularly for one year already. Dani Simmonds does special things with traumatised horses too and this approach worked very well for him albeit that she respects that he still has his life nicely boxed into compartments to be able to deal with his previous trauma.

He has also recently had the dentist do his teeth normally who confirmed his original age of 4/5yo which now makes him 6/7yo. He was done 1 year ago with sedation - 2x the dose of a normal horse by local vet Sandy who has always been a great support for me - thanks Sandy. More recently he started float training. I am mindful of previous trauma and I am concerned if I close the back bar too soon that he could freak so I am doing this very slowly. He walks up the ramp and into the float with flair though!

Last night he was waiting at the gate for me and we had a lovely long smooch. This was soooo good for me too and 'I thank you my boy Rainman, you are one very special horse!'

-Astrid



Rainman today, having a laugh!



Members Results

Congratulations to Jessica Stevens and the lovely 'Lucy' aka Fifty Shades for her fantastic results at recent competitions. Jessica and Lucy placed 3rd in the Open level 3 at Seville Pony Club Horse Trials and two individual 1st places in the level 2 and dressage jackpot at Bulla HRCav Dressage Day.





Wednesday Rallies

	9:00 am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017		Duty: TBA		
Viv Axton		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017		Duty: TBA		
Tanya van Bokhoven		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Jenny Sheppard		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017		Duty: TBA		
Kirsten Beard-Adams		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2017		Duty: TBA		
Tanya van Bokhoven		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017		Duty: TBA		
Dale Murie		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Robbie Allen		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	

Rally Information

Each lesson is \$25 and payments can be made either online before the rally or cash on the day.

Online Payments

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BSB: 633000 Account number: 112585229

Please have the reference as your surname then first initial and date, eg. "Smith T 15/2"

Payments must be made before the rally and you need to tick your name off the rally sheet on the day to say you have paid online.

Cash on the day

We will still offer cash payments on the day of the rally as per usual, however please observe the following rules:

- pay for your rally before you ride
- remember to bring the correct amount (i.e. \$25) and do not expect to get change
- put your payment along with a completed payment slip in **one** envelope per rider

Bookings: Email melissa@ech.com.au and include your level and preference. Cancellations must be made by Sunday 8.00pm prior to the Wednesday rally or you are obligated to pay for your lesson. For booking enquiries &/or cancellations, call Melissa - 0439 080 861.

Duty Roster: Duty requires setting up, packing up, providing morning tea and looking after instructors. Members rostered on should make contact to agree how to share the duties. If you are unable to do your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member and notify Melissa of changes.

Wednesday Rally Coordinator: Melissa Dawson E: melissa@ech.com.au P:0439 080 861



Saturday Rallies

Saturday rally information will be emailed out when available

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