



Hurstbridge DARC Newsletter

AUGUST 2017



Club Calendar

Midweek rallies run every Wednesday.

- 5 Aug - Saturday Rally
- 6 Aug - Pony Club Rally
- 19 Aug - Saturday Rally
- 2 Sept - Saturday Rally
- 3 Sept - Pony Club Rally

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News In Brief

Volunteers - Showjumping Day

Our annual Showjumping Day will be held on Sunday 10th September. Sub-committee members are now calling for volunteers to help run this fabulous event. Time offered will go towards your membership obligations and are offered in 3hourly slots. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Lessons with Tanja van Bokhoven

For those who miss their lessons with Tanja, she'll be back from Adelaide briefly and is offering lessons Sat 26th and Sun 27th of August. For further information, or to book a lesson, you can contact Tanja via Facebook Messenger, or by email at tanjavanbokhoven@gmail.com.

Harrow Roster

- 7 Aug Lianne Hensell
- 14 Aug Hayley Harrington
- 21 Aug Cheryl Hargreaves
- 28 Aug Lucinda Hall

- 4 Sept Anne Greenwood
- 11 Sept Cath Giles
- 18 Sept Julia Gibson
- 25 Sept Cara Ghiotti
- 2 Oct Simone Freeman
- 9 Oct Sarah Fredrickson
- 16 Oct Lisa Embling
- 23 Oct Kate Edwards
- 30 Oct Cindy Edwards

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.

Save the Date



OCT 8 Hurstbridge & District ARC Official Dressage Jackpot
Public - Hosted by Belinda Males

★ Interested ✓ Going Share ...

8 October at 8:30-17:30

Heidelberg/Kinglake Rd Hurstbridge Show map



Presidents Report

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all still managing to get some riding in despite this very cold and bitter wintry season! Maybe some of you use the winter as a forced spell for you and your ponies. If that is you, then I hope you are enjoying your break. Whatever your situation, things are still happening at our beloved club grounds, your committee continues to keep everything running along and attendance at rallies has been great. I must say that at Wednesday rally there has been a plethora of yummy delights baked for morning tea. Gee we have some great cooks out there amongst our members and it is very kind of them to share their hospitality with us at rally.

Working Bees and Upcoming Events

As I mentioned in my email some weeks ago, we had a great turnout for our first working bee and thank you very much to those people who were there helping. Lots was achieved and it was terrific to see adult riding members (some with their very helpful partners) and pony club kids (along with their Mums and Dads with very useful earthmoving machines and plumbing expertise) all working together to improve and beautify our grounds. Some of these jobs just could not be done without these particular people, so big thank you to them.

You will have noticed the new XC jumps of various heights that have been placed in our grounds, along with many repairs to existing dilapidated jumps. We need to say thank you to pony club for undertaking and funding this work. They had commissioned Albert Putker to build 8 new jumps and also to advise on the placement of these jumps. Albert spent half a day at the working bee repairing broken existing jumps.

Following on from that, please note down the date of our next **working bee - Saturday, 26th August starting at 12.00 p.m.**

We have scheduled it for this date, in preparation for our Showjumping Jackpot (Sunday, 10th September), so we will focus on getting our grounds and club house area looking ship shape!

From there we look forward to our Dressage Jackpot (Sunday, 8th October). We are certainly going into the busy time of the year for HDARC.

Please note these two event dates in your diaries as your help will be required to run them.

We are very fortunate to have awesome event coordinators and sub-committees who are working hard behind the scenes to ensure we run successful events. Please help these people when the time comes by putting your hand up for a job. The relevant people from each sub-committee will email members in due course asking for assistance.

Remember everyone is a volunteer, trying to do the best for our club for all to enjoy and benefit from.

Helping at working bees and events is how all clubs operate. Part and parcel of being a member is the requirement

to do a minimum 6 hours of club assistance throughout the year. The aim of this is to spread the workload across our 120 members so that people do not get burnt out. The year is flying by and before you know it, membership renewals will be happening. Please do not be remiss in taking advantage of the opportunities to provide assistance.

Harrowing Roster

Thank you to all the members who have harrowed the arenas on their rostered weeks during the first half of the year – much appreciated. Sharlene, our Secretary sends out reminder emails in advance to members and Maxine lists the up and coming members rostered each week in the newsletter. This roster was emailed out to all members earlier in the year, if you feel that you have missed this information, please email Sharlene to check when you are rostered on.

Raising Issues

Most of you will not know but I am one of the unconverted - I am not on Facebook! I know that there are many useful features of this social media application and it is an efficient way of getting information to people quickly. However there are also some not so helpful aspects. Can I please ask that if there is ever a problem to do with our club or something that needs to be rectified, please contact me to let me know about it in the first instance. I will not be able to address the issue if I do not know about it. You can call me on my mobile 0439 080 861 or text or email me.

Fire Extinguishers

Council have installed 2 additional fire extinguishers within the club house. Please familiarise yourself with the locations of the 3 fire extinguishers, they are all signed and easy to see.

There is another wonderful story to read from Astrid. This one is about her beloved rescue donkeys Laurel, Tramp and Cairo. Good on you Astrid!

Take care and happy riding.

Mel Dawson



Astrid - Equine Rescuer

Hi, Astrid here!

Sorry for missing the last newsletter. The long hard haul into winter takes it's toll, also on my sense of humour! However, we are just one day away now from the shortest day as I write, so we march on from here to summer, whoopeeee!

A Big Thank You to Jenny and Carol for your rugs! Much appreciated by me and by other rescues!! There were so many I was able to give some to a horse gear garage sale run by a registered horse rescue, who in turn gave money generously to two private horse rescues, so you have helped four horse rescue groups this way - thank you from all of us!

I want to tell you today about my donkeys Laurel 8 yo, Tramp 18yo (Gelding) and Cairo 28yo. I firstly got Laurel, Hardy and Tramp from Echuca now almost 3 years ago. They were unhandled and scared, probably trucked down from NT. Worldwide donkeys are now being decimated, slaughtered for their meat and hides. if you are interested in their horrific ordeal please look on FB page Donkeys of Australia or Donkey Time to help them out.

I was fortunate enough to get a very able teenage donkey handler Kitty to my house who quickly got them into halters, leading and tying up. They are good with the farrier and dentist now and Laurel has started his harness training. Sadly Hardy died whilst being castrated as donkeys are far more at risk than horses to die from gelding by blood loss, due to vessels that tie off with

greater difficulty. His joyful spirit though lives on here always. Shortly after his demise, I found Cairo at Pakenham sales, where he was about to be bought for slaughter the same day, hence his name Cairo. He is actually 28yo (at least), and didn't need much to become clicker trained either. He can carry a child on his back whilst being led though is not ridden really as he is so old. You could argue he is middle aged as donkeys grow into their forties with ease! He has a clubfoot and initially this caused him problems as his feet had not been done either but now he is fine and seldom obviously unsound. He always comes running when he sees me as and thinks -food!!

I cannot say just how lovely it is to be a donkey owner. They are so endearing and loyal! Did you know they just love their ears scratched on the inside? My neighbours may have something to say about their braying but I just love it when I lie in bed and hear my donkey talk! I always imagine Laurel is calling out to me! Equally, the first time you see these creatures, once scared and bewildered, galloping around the field in joy, your heart simply sours!

Next time I'll tell you about my mules! If anyone feels they are dying to rehome any of my equines, please contact me via Melissa and I will be able to tell you if I have one which suits your needs!

White Donkey is Laurel, grey dapple is Tramp and the brown donkey is Cairo.





Wednesday Rallies

	9:00 am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm
WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2017		Duty: TBA		
Kirsten Beard-Adams		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Trish Kruse		Working Equitation	Working Equitation	
WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2017		Duty: TBA		
Dale Murie		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Sarah Ray		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2017		Duty: TBA		
Sarah Ray		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Robbie Allen		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2017		Duty: TBA		
Viv Axton		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Trish Kruse		Working Equitation	Working Equitation	

Rally Information

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

Online Payments

Account name: Hurstbridge & District Adult Riding

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

Our instructors for the Saturday 5th August rally will be Carly Reid (flat/poles) and Courtney Fraser (show jumping).

This will be your last opportunity to jump with Courtney before our Show Jumping day – so make sure you book in early.

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Bookings: Email lisaathome@gmail.com and include your level and preference. Cancellations must be made by Wednesday 8.00pm prior to the Saturday rally or you are obligated to pay for your lesson. For booking enquiries &/or cancellations, call Lisa on 0411 027 656.

Saturday Rally Coordinator: Lisa Utting E: lisaathome@gmail.com P:0411 027 656

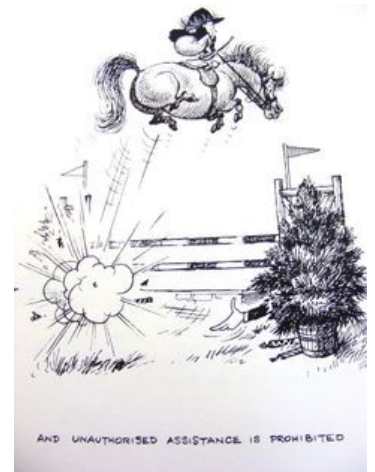
Volunteer Jobs for Showjumping Day, Sunday 10th September, 2017.

Please see the following list of jobs that to be done to make our Showjumping Day run. The time slots are 3 hours each. Half of the 6 hours of obligation required for membership.

Set up Saturday am- 12 people required (9:30am SHARP-normally finish at 12)

Silent Auction prizes on Sat am please.

Any cakes/ biscuits that you can bake or get your family to do for you on Sat or Sunday.



You can choose morning or afternoon. From 8 am- some jobs may start earlier depending on ring start times*

- Parking officials – front gate (1) car park (1)- will start at 7am *
- Canteen- will start at 7 am *
- Judges baskets.
- Gear check- will start at 7 am*
- Penciller (ring 1)
- Penciller (ring 2)
- Cards Window in/out- will start at 7 am*
- Secretaries Office/ Scoring
- Ring Stewards (ring 1)
- Ring Stewards (ring 2)
- Warm Up ring steward (1)- will start at 7am*
- Warm up ring steward (2)-will start at 7am*
- Crash Crew (1)
- Crash Crew (2)
- Results runner.
- First Aid- 7am

Jobs will be allocated as offers come in, there may need to be some negotiated requests to ensure that everything is covered. Please email your preferences to n.sanderson@braemar.vic.edu.au, indicate if you are riding so we can work around ring times.

Thank you in anticipation of your willingness to help.

Regards,

Nickle Sanderson

For S/J sub committee.

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