



# Hurstbridge DARC Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2017



## Club Calendar

Midweek rallies run every Wednesday.

- 18 Nov - Saturday Rally
- 2 Dec - Saturday Rally
- 2 Dec - Xmas Breakup Party
- 3 Dec - Pony Club Rally

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## News In Brief

### AGM Outcomes

Congratulations to our current office bearers, Melissa Dawson (President), Sharlene Wright (Secretary) and Jakki Barton (Treasurer) who have been re-elected.

Returning to committee are Di Wilson, Liane Hensell, Sarah Walsh, Michelle Anderson and Lou Serrao

New to the committee for 2017 -2018 are Lisa Embling and Shevaun Sly - welcome and thank you!

Please take some time to read Mels President Report to the AGM - included in this newsletter.

### Christmas Break Up Party

Please join us in celebrating the end of another great riding year. Come down to the clubhouse on Saturday 2nd of December from 6:30 onwards for a BBQ dinner. Bring the partners, kids, drinks and your Christmas cheer. BBQ dinner, roast potatoes, salads and desserts provided (please advise of any dietary requirements). BYO drinks.

If you haven't already, please RSVP by Monday 27th November to Mel at melissadawson1961@gmail.com or

text 0439 080 861 confirming numbers for catering  
Hope to see you there :)

### Past and Present Members Catch Up Morning Tea / Lunch

Wednesday 29th November from 10:00am onwards.

All welcome, don't be shy, we would love to see you.

Please bring a plate to share

You can park on the grounds. Please park on the arena side of the float parking area or if this fills you can park below the water jump

Please spread the word. Bring a past friend and share on facebook

Love to see you there.

### Harrow Roster

20 Nov	Philippa Doggett
27 Nov	Sandra De Poi
4 Dec	Melissa Dawson
11 Dec	Erica Davis
18 Dec	Tina Davey
25 Dec	Kim Cullen

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.



## Presidents Report

Hello Everyone,

Well, what an eventful few months it has been! Showjumping Jackpot, Dressage Jackpot, Mid-week Show and then in the middle of all of that - history being made - with our very own Hursty girls winning TTT Showjumping! What a vibrant club we have and how terrific is it that all of these events happen with all of you doing it. You should be very proud of yourselves. It's awesome and thank you!

For me, it is heart-warming to witness the way that everyone pulls together to help run these successful events, under the lead of very capable and efficient coordinators who want to run events that they are passionate about and have expertise in. I also love to see the riders from the wider HRC AV community enjoying being a part of our events. They make compliments about our grounds and about how well run our comps are. So we are doing a lot of things really well! Good on you!!

### Working Bee - 26th August

Our working bee on 26th August was again well attended and lots was achieved, including the repainting of our yards.



### Towing Vehicles

Please go onto the Vic Roads website to check the towing capacity of your vehicle.

(PS: Look out for our special towing write up in the next newsletter)

### TTT Showjumping

Congratulations to Jakki Barton, Lisa Embling, Hayley Harrington and Karen Robinson – the HRC AV 2017 TTT Show Jumping champs!!

What an historical moment for HDARC. The girls were presented with their prizes on Wednesday 11th October at club, by Sarah Colhoun from Horseware - the sponsor of the TTT event. Thank you to Simone Freeman, our TTT teams coordinator who kindly drove to collect the prizes.

Whilst on the subject of TTT events, I would like to acknowledge the administration work that Simone does in getting these teams to the events. I am sure, as it is with most things of an admin nature, that at times you are pulling your hair out, trying to get the paperwork in, entries completed correctly, fees paid, helpers organised etc. etc. Thank you Simone for all that you do, year in, year out!. You do a super job and it is appreciated.

We look forward to congratulating the girls properly with a toast and a clink of the champagne glasses at our break up party on 2nd December. As with all TTT events, the winning club has the fabulous opportunity to host the next year's TTT event, so thank you ladies for bestowing us with that honour. More details on this to follow shortly.

## End of Year Function

Notice about our end of year break up party went out some weeks ago. I hope you noted the date on the calendar. We would love to see as many members there as possible. Remember, partners and kids are most welcome. The date is Saturday, 2nd December from 6.30pm. It will be at our club house, same as last year. Food provided, just BYO drinks.

## Julie Garrett Memorial Award

At the end of year break up I will announce the winner of the Julie Garrett Memorial Award. Please have a think about who you feel epitomises Julie's qualities, as detailed in the flyer, and then vote for that person.

You can send me an email (melissadawson1961@gmail.com), call me or text me on 0439 080 861 to vote.

## Thank You To Our Event Sponsors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fantastic sponsors. Without their support of our club, we would not be able to offer the great prizes that we give away at our events. Thank you to :

- 🍷 High Plains Horse Rugs (Showjumping Jackpot)  
(Tracy Brereton)
- 🍷 Horseland Epping (Dressage Jackpot)
- 🍷 Fletchers Real Estate (Mid-week Show)
- 🍷 Hurstbridge Saddlery
- 🍷 The Bit Emporium (Loren Wellings)

Please support them as they support us.

## Thank You Nick From Bridges

Please support Bridges with your patronage. Without Nick allowing us to use his land for parking at our comps, we would be up that well known creek. Parmas on a Thursday night are very good value.

## Members Leaving Club

Each year there are members who leave HDARC. Things change throughout the years, people move out of the area and other people's circumstances change and they find themselves in a position where they are unable to actually ride. Whatever the reason, I would like to say thank you for their contributions to the club over the years. Some of them have given hours and hours of their time for others and they will be sorely missed! We wish all those leaving members the best of luck for the future. We hope to see some of them back in years to come!

Finally, best of luck to our TTT Dressage riders for the 17th, 18th, and 19th November. Shevaun Sly, Pauline Nugent, Jo McIlroy-Smith, Erin Nugent, Asha Wood, Rachell Regan, Rachael Walton, Robyn Sholly, Sherri Morley, Kayleen Chatfield-Jones, Jess Stevens and Lisa Utting will head off to Boneo Park to represent the club in the HRCav's premier event.

We know you will do us proud girls! Most importantly, have fun!

That's it from me for now!

Take care and happy riding.

Mel Dawson



## 2017 Presidents Report to the AGM

It is with pleasure that I write my first President's Report to the Annual General Meeting.

The year has flown past, and I can't believe that we are heading into Christmas yet again!

As I review the year, the first project undertaken on the list was the creation of an external toilet that all members could use. This was achieved very easily, it caused no damage to the club house and the cost was minimal. In fact it looks like it was always there! I know members were very pleased to finally have this facility. Thank you very much to Zoe Warrell - (a new member at the time), who did a great job prepping and painting the door and frame. We are happy you joined our club Zoe!

On 20<sup>th</sup> April our defibrillator was installed and it has been mounted to the wall in the external toilet. We had 13 members attend a training session conducted by an instructor from St. John Ambulance. Kim, the instructor, delivered a very informative talk. The unit is designed for simple and reliable operation by minimally trained users whereby you follow the voice instructions for each step in using the defibrillator. We are fortunate to have this piece of equipment located on our grounds.

We were very pleased to see the transformation of the old orange trailer that once sat in the shed, into the very useful grey dressage trailer it has become. It houses all four arenas together with 48 markers. It has made the task of setting up for our dressage jackpot and, indeed, the packing up too, a much easier task.

The grounds have been regularly mowed and whipper snipped and Di has done a superb job in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Thank you Di for the many hours you spend weeding, planting, mulching, buying plants and keeping them alive. It doesn't go unnoticed!

On that note, I would like to mention our grounds and the work that has been undertaken by members. Every fence was in a state of disrepair at the beginning of the year and I am happy to report that all fences are now back in great shape. Various members have removed dead trees that have fallen across the fences causing the disrepair to begin with, then rejoined wires and restrained the fences. Thank you very much to those members, particularly Sandy and Mark Cornell, Jen and Laz Rao and Lloyd Walker.

Our working bees have been very well attended. So much was achieved and it was great to see members from both pony club and adult riders working together for the benefit of all. I believe that a collaborative effort is a great way of building on the harmonious relationship that exists between the two clubs today.

Many thanks to :

- Neil Brereton (pony club Dad) for bringing his machines down to make the work so much easier and for also coming back on the Sunday and doing more work for Di's garden. We simply couldn't have done these jobs without you.
- Brendan Cullen (pony club Dad and ARC husband) for your work on the clubhouse.

- The husbands/partners of ARC members who came along and rocked those chainsaws. You were awesome!

We provided a BBQ and some drinks towards the end of the work and this was enjoyed and appreciated by the members and it gave people an opportunity to meet and have a chat with someone that they had not met before. Thank you Di for getting the barbie going!

One of my goals is to improve our facilities and grounds for members and I know that some headway was made this year in that direction. Pony Club funded quite a few new cross country jumps and repairs to existing dilapidated ones and we are grateful to them for that.

The committee revisited the dust problem that exists on our arenas during the summer months and much investigation and discussion took place. There really is only one way to solve this issue and it is an irrigation system. This is a costly project - we do have a quote from a business that is experienced in providing irrigation to large areas. The quote is \$35K. There is considerable irrigation infrastructure required along with water storage, pump and appropriate automated sprinkler systems to do the job properly. We don't have a solution in the short term, however it remains an issue that we are keen to resolve.

Towards the latter part of the year, Cath Giles, who is our Council Liaison Officer, also kindly agreed to represent HDARC on the Equine Industry and Activity Strategy Reference Group.

We are lucky to have Cath take responsibility for these roles on behalf of our club and we thank her very much for doing so. Also thank you Cath for being our trail riding extraordinaire. We are grateful for the time that you spend in organising these activities for our members.

We saw a handing over of the reins from Sarah Walsh to Hayley Harrington as coordinator of Jenny Sheppard lessons. We thank Sarah for all that she has done over the past years. It is a big job organizing people on a regular basis and I know that our members and also people outside of the club, who regularly attend Jenny's lessons, are very thankful to Sarah for her commitment. Thank you very much to Hayley for taking over from Sarah, you are doing a fabulous job!

It is pleasing to report that both Wednesday and Saturday rallies were very well attended this year and our arenas held up well - I think we only had to cancel one Wednesday rally due to a deluge of rain the previous night. Thank you very much to Lisa Utting for coordinating Saturday rallies, you do a fantastic job!

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for attending meetings throughout the year and providing a good balance of views and ideas. Many hours are spent in administering the running of the club and keeping it ticking along. It is often a thankless task and it all happens behind the scenes - many thanks to Sharlene - our Secretary and Jakki - our Treasurer for your work throughout the year, particularly at this time of the year when membership renewals are keeping you busy.

We have to thank committee member Liane Hensell for her time spent on the Bendigo Bank small grants application. Writing grant applications is often the job nobody wants to do, but Liane took it on with gusto and we are pleased to hear that the bank have agreed to fund our shade sail that we had planned to purchase. Liane will be presented with the cheque this evening. The sail will be installed hopefully in time for our end of year break up gathering. Great job Liane.

Thank you to the talented Maxine - we appreciate the time you spend in producing our very informative newsletters which keep us up to date with the latest news and information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic sponsors. Without their support of our club, we would not be able to offer the great prizes that we have. Thank you to:

Horseland Epping, High Plains Horse Rugs, Fletchers Real Estate, Hurstbridge Saddlery, and The Bit Emporium who have been major sponsors, equally thank you to the many other local businesses who have donated items for our raffles.

We rejoiced when we learnt of the history that had been made when our very own Hursty girls won the prestigious 2017 TTT Show Jumping - What a thrill! We look forward to congratulating the team of Jakki Barton, Lisa Embling, Hayley Harrington and Karen Robinson, properly - with a toast and a clink of the champagne glasses at our break up party on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We thank the team for bestowing us with the honour and fabulous opportunity to host next year's TTT event.

I believe that, at its heart, our club is strengthened when we all participate willingly and see our members flourish both on and off their horses. We have seen an eventful few months – Showjumping Jackpot, Dressage Jackpot and Mid-week Show. I must acknowledge and thank our awesome event coordinators – Belinda Males, Julia Walker, Geraldine Sanderson, Maxine Wileman, Rachael Walton and Jenny Webb along with their respective hard-working sub-committee members. You have all worked incredibly hard for the benefit of the club and raised invaluable funds in the process. Thank you very much.

For me, it is heart-warming to witness the way that everyone pulls together to help run these successful events, under the lead of very capable and efficient coordinators who want to run events that they are passionate about and have expertise in. I also love to see the riders from the wider HRCVA community enjoying being a part of our events. They make comments about our lovely grounds, about how well -run our comps are and about how friendly they think our club is. So we are doing a lot of things really well! Good on you and don't change a thing!

As I reflect on the year that has been, I feel a sense of pride and achievement.

In closing, I would like to say that I will strive to ensure that the club continues to develop a positive and friendly environment where new members are embraced and all members work together for the betterment of our club.

I have enjoyed being President in 2017 and I look forward to an exciting 2018 for HDARC.

*Mel Dawson – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017*



## 17-18 Harrowing Roster

This year's harrowing roster has been completed following on after last years list adding new members and removing ex members who are no longer with the club.

After suggestions and input from many members over the past few months the committee has made a roster for harrowing of the club arenas that will require the participation of ALL members, not just Wednesday riders.

We suggest that the arenas (top and bottom) be harrowed on either a Monday or Tuesday, late Sunday if easier due to work commitments?

This should help maintain our grounds and also shares the workload across members. We have started alphabetically from the bottom and with 120 members and 50 weeks you will not be required to do this terribly often.

**If you cannot harrow in your allocated week, please arrange a swap with someone else and let myself know so we can keep track please.**

Wednesday rally duty will not involve harrowing and should result in a more friendly sharing of providing assistance, morning tea and being able to ride if you like.

For those that have not harrowed before, you do not need a 4WD. The harrows are beside the arena, (both top & bottom) you do not need to move the jumps. Please direct any queries to Sharlene.

WEEK STARTING	MEMBER	WEEK STARTING	MEMBER
6 NOVEMBER 2017	CINDY EDWARDS	7 MAY	DANEILLE APTED
13 NOVEMBER	JUSTYNA ECHAUST	14 MAY	MICHELLE ANDERSON
20 NOVEMBER	PHILIPPA DOGGETT	21 MAY	SHARLENE WRIGHT
27 NOVEMBER	SANDRA DE POI	28MAY	ASHA WOOD
4 DECEMBER	MELISSA DAWSON	4 JUNE	SARAH WILSON
11 DECEMBER	ERICA DAVIS	11 JUNE	HEATHER WILSON
18 DECEMBER	TINA DAVEY	18 JUNE	DI WILSON
25 DECEMBER	KIM CULLEN	25 JUNE	AMANDA WILSON
1 JANUARY 2018	JENNY CRAPPER	2 JULY	RACHEL WILLIAMS
8 JANUARY	SANDY CORNELL	9 JULY	NATALIE WILLIAMS
15 JANUARY	HELEN COCKS	16 JULY	JENIVIEVE WILLIAMS
22 JANUARY	KYLIE CHRISTIAN	23 JULY	JACLYN WILLIAMS
29 JANUARY	KAYLEEN CHATFIELD-JONES	30 JULY	MAXINE WILEMAN
5 FEBRUARY	KARYN CAMPBELL	6 AUGUST	CAROL WILKINSON
12 FEBRUARY	TRACEY CALDWELL	13 AUGUST	LEEANNE WICKHAM
19 FEBRUARY	CAROLINE BULMER	20 AUGUST	LOREN WELLINGS
26 FEBRUARY	TIA BRULLO	27 AUGUST	JENNY WEBB
5 MARCH	ANN BOLAM-MARSH	3 SEPTEMBER	ASTRID WATERDRINKER
12 MARCH	JODIE BISSICKS	10 SEPTEMBER	ZOE WARRELL
19 MARCH	ROCHELLE BAXTER	17 SEPTEMBER	RACHAEL WALTON
26 MARCH	JEANINE BATCHELOR	24 SEPTEMBER	VAL WALSH
2APRIL	JAKKI BARTON	1 OCTOBER	SARAH WALSH
9 APRIL	ANDREA BARTON	8 OCTOBER	SUSIE WALKER
16 APRIL	LOUISE BARRY	15 OCTOBER	JULIA WALKER
23 APRIL	MARIE BALDWIN	22 OCTOBER	LISA UTTING
30 APRIL	LUCY BAIN	29 OCTOBER	ROBYN UTTING



## Wednesday Rallies

	9:00 am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2017</b>			<b>Duty: TBA</b>	
Viv Axton		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2017</b>			<b>Duty: TBA</b>	
Sarah Ray		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
Jenny Sheppard		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	
<b>WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2017</b>			<b>Duty: TBA</b>	
Dale Murie		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2017</b>			<b>Duty: TBA</b>	
Viv Axton		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

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](mailto: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](mailto:melissa@ech.com.au) P:0439 080 861**





## Saturday Rallies

Our instructors for the Saturday 18th November rally Lisa Bray for Flat, Poles and Jumping

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**Bookings:** Email [lisaathome@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lisaathome@gmail.com) P:0411 027 656