

# Mooroolbark PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**August 2011**  
**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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## *FAMILIES ON DUTY – NEXT RALLY*

### **NO DUTY THIS MONTH**

Because we will be at Wandin Park, there is no duty this month. We also will NOT be running a canteen, so please make sure you bring your own lunch.

## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Doongala PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> August</i>
<i>Yarrambat PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> August</i>
<i>Monash PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Wyena PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Eltham PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Upper Yarra PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>NMZ Gr4/Gr5 Eventing Clinic at Yarra Glen</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October</i>

*Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events.*  
[www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au)

## MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

### FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

July	Kanen	Drennan	Wright
August	McKinnon	Henchley	O'Neill
September		Dalsanto	Goss
October	Moore	Scott	Winter
November	Catley	Wright	Pepper
December	Bourke	Harper	Laukart
2011 February	Howes	Russell	
March	Henchley	Goss	
April	Moore	Winter	
May	Laukart	O'Neill	
June	Pepper		
<b>July</b>	<b>Robbins</b>	<b>Wright</b>	
<b>August</b>			
<b>September</b>	<b>Catley</b>	<b>Whitfort</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>Laukart</b>	<b>O'Neill</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>Henchley</b>	<b>Vaughan</b>	

### How does the duty roster work?

These are the expectations for families on duty:

- \*\* One parent to assist in the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer)
- \*\* One parent to assist outside the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer)
- \*\* Assistance with clean up of canteen, toilets and club rooms at the end of the day
- \*\* Roster families also need to take home that day's garbage as we don't have a garbage collection at the club

### Changes to the roster?

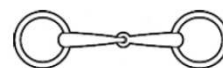
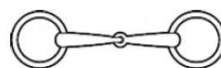
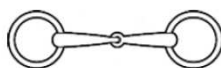
As we no longer have a specific person organising roster, it is YOUR responsibility to organise a swap if needed, and to let Wendy Wright know so she can change the information in the newsletter/web site. The information that we have published above is to the best of our knowledge - if you don't tell us about changes, we won't know to make the change.

### End of day pack up

The pack up of equipment in each ring/arena is to be done by ALL FAMILIES at the rally on the day. This frees up the rostered families to help with the clean up duties.

*If everyone pitches in, the ring pack up can be done very quickly - more hands make light work!*

## DC'S Bit



Hi everyone, this wet weather is doing my head in!!!! Even when we get good days the ground is still so wet you can't do a lot anyway – hats off to all of you that are getting out there to ride.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the rally at Yarra Glen PC, they have closed their XC course so there's not much point going if we can't use that. Due to the condition of our XC it will again be off limits for August rally so I have decided to do something a little different.

We will be doing a trail ride along the Warby Trail. The Ankers have kindly allowed us to use Wandin Park (Victoria Road Wandin) as a meeting place from which we can meet and tack up safely, ride out and be back in time for lunch. We also have use of one of their arenas, and the toilet block, but not the kitchen area. So, you will need to bring your own lunch.

I understand that not everyone will want to do the trail so Nicky will be available for Flat lessons at Wandin Park on their big arena. Could everyone please get back to me on 0418 392 004 as to what they want to do;

- Attending – YES / NO
- Trail Ride
- Flat Lesson

We need to know who we are waiting for at Wandin Park and Nicky will also need to know how many people want lessons so we can allocate times. This isn't a normal rally but I thought it would be something different instead of only being able to use the arena at PC, it should be a lot of fun (especially when you see me ride!)

Whether you are riding out, or having a lesson, please arrive at Wandin Park by 9:30 am, for 9:45 gear check and sign in, ready to ride at promptly 10 am. We'll have our lunch and meeting when everyone gets back, and rally will finish up after lunch. For those going on the trail ride, when signing in, please put your rider's & parent's mobile contact numbers on the sheet in case we need to be in contact during the morning.

I have also looked into Yering Equestrian Centre in Victoria Rd Lilydale with a magnificent indoor arena as well as an outdoor sand SJ arena. I will speak about that at Rally (or on the trail).

That's about it from me, hopefully I will see a few faces on the trail – don't forget parents are more than welcome as well.

Roz

**Anyone interested in a bike ride?**



Is anyone interested in a bike ride along the trail while our horse riders are out on the trail? Nothing too strenuous, and we will keep well clear of the horse group ... let Wendy Wright know (phone 59642279 or by email).

# Our riders Out & About

***Congratulations to all our riders who have been out and about recently.***

*Not everyone can place at every event, thanks to all those of you who send in news of your wins, placings and personal bests. If your name is not here, please don't be shy just send your details to Wendy or put them in the out & about book. Let us know the type of event you entered, the date, horse you were riding, and what class you rode in. AND LOTS OF PHOTOS! For personal bests - tell us what you were particularly pleased to have done on the day!*

## **State Inter-Zone Horse Trials July 24<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Sara-Jane Vaughan** competed in a Grade 3 team representing North Metro zone at the State Inter-zone Horse Trials in July. These were held at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre. Although two of the riders in her team of four were eliminated, Sara-Jane was justifiably happy with her performance, with a great dressage score, and clear cross-country, she placed 6<sup>th</sup> in her section.

## ***Fundraising – thanks***

**Every little bit helps, thanks to our members who took advantage of the Horseland VIP sale in July and who nominated our club – we earned around \$130 towards the club.**

## ***Hay for sale***

**Jim has let us know of good quality hay that is for sale at \$40 for large bales, and \$8 for small – contact Graham on 0427 004 837.**

**Graham has been helping Jim grade the arena at the club recently, but over the years has been one of those “quiet helpers” that Jim is so good at finding!**

## ***LESSONS WITH NIKKI***

**Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 27th August in the afternoon. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to go.**

# About the Warburton Trail

The Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail is a 39 km recreation trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It commences at the back of the



Lilydale Railway Station and finishes at the Warburton township. The trail's gentle gradient makes it ideal for all levels of fitness. You can download a map of the trail from

[http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Things\\_To\\_Do/Lilydale\\_to\\_Warburton\\_Rail\\_Trail](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Lilydale_to_Warburton_Rail_Trail)

## History<sup>1</sup>

Since the closure of the [Warburton railway](#) line in July 1965 and the dismantling of the track in the 1970s the land had remained vacant. In 1984 and again in 1996 the [state government](#) investigated selling off the land, but withdrew these proposals in part due to community opposition.

Since its establishment in 1996 the trail has been continually developed and maintained by a combination of local volunteers, particularly the Friends of the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail, as well as the Local Council and State and Federal governments. Over several years a significant amount of effort went into clearing the land, restoring 13 bridges and surfacing of the trail. Negotiations were undertaken with neighbouring farmers who had previously occupied the reserve to erect fencing and gates where necessary.

By 1998 the trail was continuous from [Maroondah Highway](#), [Lilydale](#) to the site of the former Warburton station, with only a relatively short section between Lilydale Station and Maroondah Highway remaining incomplete. The remaining section of the trail, a bridge across the Maroondah Highway, was completed in early 2011. The next stage of improvements to the trail is a crossing at York Road in Mount Evelyn.

**General Trail Etiquette** When using rail trails, respect the rights of other users, the natural and cultural environment, and the local communities that care for the trail.

## Sharing

- Keep left and do not obstruct the trail
- Cyclists: alert other users of your approach and pass on the right at a reduced speed
- Approach horses with care
- Move quietly near stock
- Park in designated areas where provided and don't block access tracks
- Leave gates as you find them
- Observe local signs and regulations

## Dogs

- Dogs are allowed on most trails but may not be allowed where there is a risk to wildlife or livestock
- Keep dogs under control at all times
- Dogs should be kept on-leash except in specified off-leash areas
- Clean up after your dog

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<sup>1</sup> Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lilydale\\_to\\_Warburton\\_Rail\\_Trail](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lilydale_to_Warburton_Rail_Trail)

## For your safety

- Exercise caution at road crossings; young and inexperienced riders and cyclists should dismount
- Carry plenty of water and light snacks
- Consider appropriate clothing for the conditions
- Riders, wear an approved helmet and ride in control
- When coming up behind riders or walkers, let them know you are there
- Maintain your equipment, and carry repair and first aid kits in case of emergencies
- Let someone know before you go



## Horse Riding on the trail

During our rally trail ride, your instructors will provide more detailed guidelines for the day, and to keep the group safe you may need to ride differently to how you might normally when you are on the trail.

There are some normal “etiquette” practices that are good to remember: Trail etiquette is really about good manners that help everyone stay safe.

- Stay together; horses are herd animals and don't like to be abandoned by the rest of the herd, wait until everyone is safely mounted before taking off.
- But keep safe distance between horses, tie a red ribbon in the tail of horses that kick.
- Unsettled horses are usually better if they are behind the others (& they might learn some manners!)
- Slow down around cyclists and walkers: Bikes & riders can look scary to your horse, slow down, talk to your horse to reassure him, encourage cyclists to speak to you (say hello!) to help reassure your horse, let the rider know if there are more in your group ahead or behind.
- Be courteous: thank any walkers or riders for their cooperation
- If you come across other horses: in theory, single riders “give way” to a group, but don't count on that. Slow to a walk. Allow plenty of room to go around each other.
- Unless you know the oncoming horse and rider and their abilities, it is safest to assume that the horse and rider are both inexperienced and be prepared that anything could happen as you or they go by.
- Think like a horse, especially if you are the leader of the group. If you look at objects on the trail like a prey animal (is it unfamiliar or potentially dangerous), you can help prepare yourself for anything.
- Warn those behind of holes, bad footing or other dangers.
- Consider the pace of others in the group; make sure everyone agrees before changing pace.
- Bridges: slow to a walk, consider other riders whose horses may be reluctant, provide a lead, wet bridges can be slippery.
- Leave no trace: *take only pictures, leave only footprints ...*
  - Don't cut switchbacks
  - Try not to walk through soft, wet ground. Horses' hooves are sharp and destroy vegetation.
  - Stick with the main trail, don't create new paths
  - Pick up all your trash, and take it with you



**NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE OF P.C.A.V.  
GRADE 4 & EXPERIENCED GRADE 5  
EVENTING CLINIC  
YARRA GLEN AND DISTRICT PONY CLUB INC**

Reg no: A008248C

DATE Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

COST \$75.00 for 2 days instruction by cheque made **payable to Yarra Glen and District Pony Club Inc.** (inc \$1 Zone levy)

VENUE Yarra Glen Pony Club Grounds, Yarraview Road  
Yarra Glen MW REF 274 F4

UNIFORM Full Pony Club Uniform must be worn **including** medical armband.

INSTRUCTORS Marg Hinkley, Brenda Mitton, Kylie Parker  
Petrina Gilligan, Heather Wilson, Anthea Cooper

ENTRIES Send completed entry form, consent form, entry fee and stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Kylie Parker  
70 First Avenue  
Eden Park 3757

ENQUIRIES: Kylie Parker 0407 712 005 Brenda Mitton 0414 277 534

**CLOSING DATE** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 unless full prior.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- Each rider must be a current member of an affiliated PCAV club.
- Riders must be riding their regular Pony Club Mount and have been to **two** Pony Club rallies on this mount.
- All riders must wear medical armbands
- DC's signature is required to confirm this rider's suitability for this clinic.
- **No refunds after closing date.**
- Neither the organising committee of this clinic nor the PCAV accepts any responsibility whatsoever for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, ground spectators or any other person or property.
- Horses must be at least four years old
- Entering this clinic constitutes acknowledgement that PCAV rules apply and acceptance of these rules.
- Grading Cards not required.

# ENTRY FORM

GRADE 4 & 5 EVENTING CLINIC YARRA GLEN  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

GRADE (**Please circle**)

Grade 5

Grade 4

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Pony Club \_\_\_\_\_

**DC Signature** (no signature = no entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate held \_\_\_\_\_

Height of horse \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Name of the Horse and / or names as officially entered**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address of property from which horse will be moved to the event

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of property where the horse will move after the event

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to a Zone clinic before? YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ Who was your Instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been at Pony Club on **the** horse you are bringing to this clinic? \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Rallies : \_\_\_\_\_ on horse going to clinic \_\_\_\_\_

No. of H/T events : \_\_\_\_\_ on horse going to clinic Gr 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Gr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of H/T events : \_\_\_\_\_ on any horse Gr 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Gr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments that may help us put you into the correct group \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENT FORM

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ ("this rider") to attend the Grade 5 and 4 Eventing Clinic to be run by the Northern Metropolitan Zone of P.C.A.V. on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Yarra Glen Pony Club Grounds. I understand, in the event of this rider requiring urgent medical attention, every effort will be made to inform me first, however, if I cannot be informed, I hereby authorise the organisers to obtain such treatment (including blood transfusions and/or anaesthetics) as is considered necessary at the time. I also authorise the organisers to seek assistance for the rider's horse in the case of an emergency. I also undertake to reimburse the organisers for any costs incurred.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_





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