

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2013 RALLY SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER
Start Time – 8.00am

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mornington Peninsula PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>30th Nov/1st December</i>
<i>Healesville Showjumping Day</i>	<i>1st December</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally (Club Champ's)</i>	<i>1st December</i>
<i>North Metro Zone State Qualifiers for SJ & Dressage</i>	<i>7/8th December</i>
<i>North Easter Pony Club Twilight SJ</i>	<i>29th November</i>
<i>Kangaroo Ground and Ringwood Pony Club Camps</i>	<i>7th Jan to 21st Jan</i> <i>(3 Different Camps)</i>

Please note that the clinic previously advertised as being run at Lilydale on 30th November is being rescheduled.

Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events.

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Families on Duty this Month

*December - All families required for Club
Championships*

February 2014 - Moore and Laukart

DC's Report - December 2013

Don't forget to let me know if you are a YES or NO for rally, you can email me karen.brooks0@bigpond.com or text / ring the mobile 0408 558 776 or leave a message on Facebook.

HO, HO, HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Hi All,



It is hard to believe that this is our last rally for the year.

As you know we are going to run a club championship on Sunday. Your riding times have been included in this newsletter and posted on the website and our Facebook page.

The dressage tests that will be from the 2013 PCAV dressage book. The tests are 2C, 3C, 4C, 5C, and 5A for pre grade 5 riders.

It has been decided that if you are riding more than 1 horse that you need to nominate which horse you are competing on and the other horse/horses will be HC. We believe that it will be fairer for all the riders. So could you please let me know which horse you would like to nominate before Sunday.

In the afternoon we will be running a Kingston Lad competition. This is a show jumping course that starts very low and everyone will jump the first round, if you get a clear round then you go into the second round that is increased in height, this is continued till the last pair is standing.

As we will be busy with the club champs we will need all parents to be on duty. See the duty roster below to see what you will be required to do for the day. There will be some set up required at the start of the day and therefore we would like all families to arrive at around 8.00am. The first dressage test will be at 9.00.

Rally lunch will be simple and easy, a reduced canteen will run with a sausage sizzle. To celebrate 2013 Lindy Whitfort has kindly opened her house for dinner and drinks after rally. All you need to bring are some nibbles, drinks and \$5 per head for pizza/fish & chips, Oh and don't forget your bathers. All family members are welcome.

Have a safe and happy Christmas break,

Karen



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - December 2013

Mooroolbark Pony Club's Championships will be run as a Dressage competition and Derby competition. Riders will be required to learn the 'C' test for their grade (2013 PCAV tests). If you are riding more than one horse you will need to nominate which horse is your competition horse and the other you will ride as HC.

As this is a competition all families will be required to assist with the running of the day. Below is a schedule of duties. If you are unable to do your duty please contact Dianna Moore on 0418 357 486.

CLUB CHAMPs DUTY ROSTER

XC Set Up and Flagging: Jim will do this during the week, if you can help please phone Jim
Dressage Setup: Friday 29th November, 4.00pm

Morning Setup 8.00am	All Families
General Organisers	Julie Howes & Karen Brooks
Gear Check 8.00am	Jillian Brooks
Canteen 7.30am – 10.30am	Kylie Black, Shelly Hughes & Mum
Canteen 10.30am – 2.00pm	Kat Howes, Sue Tucker
Dressage Penciller: Ring 1 (40 X 20)	Jenelle O'Neill
Dressage Penciller: Ring 2 (60 X 20)	Lindy Whitfort
Derby Penciller:	Dianna Moore
Derby Marshalls 10 – 1.30pm	Lisa Savini
Crash Crew: 10 – 1.30pm	Rob Laukart
Cross Country Judges	Michelle Winter, Deb Harper, Kellie Smith, Nikki Willand
Office/Scoring	Wendy Wright

Pack up – all families to be available to assist with pack up as each ring finishes.

CLUB CHAMPs RIDING DRAW

Name		Horse	Grade	Dressage Time	Derby time
Jackie	Wright	lakevale Toyman	2	9.00	10.30
Lauren	Howes	Kalais	2	9.10	10.35
Jackie	Wright	Tetley	2	9.20	10.40
Hayley	Harper	Rove	3	9.35	11.00
Lauren	Howes	Kiel Park Newmarket (L)	3	9.43	11.05
Tessa	Whitfort	Kantallis Anson (A) Andy	3	9.51	11.10
Kara	Willand	Henry	3 open	9.59	11.15
Alexandra	Brooks	Jazz	4	10.30	11.30
Kate	Moore	Pepper	4	10.36	11.35
Taylah	O'Neill	Donegal Kings Ransom	4	10.42	11.40
Genevieve	Savini	Amber	4	10.48	11.45
Louisa	Smith	Goose	4	10.54	11.50
Chelsea	Winter	Kahean Leilani (G)	4	11.00	11.55
Chloe	Black		5	11.15	12.10
Elizabeth	Brooks	Abbey	5	11.20	12.15
Amy	Moore	Gunnah	5	11.25	12.20
Stephanie	Hughes	Bobby (B)	5	11.50	12.25
Elisha	Laukart	Bucky	5	11.30	
Amy	Tucker	Henry	5	11.35	
Brianna	Howes	Junior	Pre 5	11.45	12.40
Charlotte	Hughes		Pre 5	11.55	12.45
Monique	Savini	Dolby	Pre 5	12.00	12.50
Lauren	Howes	Ollie	Pre 5	12.05	12.55

Cavehill (Quarry) Update ...

Hi all

Just a quick update on the "Cavehill Project" that affects our club grounds. We have continued to liaise with the consortium that is developing the plans (this group includes the quarry owners, council & a number of consultants).

A Draft Master Plan was recently released outlining proposed future uses for the quarry site and surrounding land, you can view this plan at their website www.plancavehill.com.au.

Feedback is invited from the community and this can be done online and via a number of events that are being held.

You will notice that our pony club is not included on the master plan, the consortium has concluded that space for equestrian activities is not a priority for the shire. However they have acknowledged the importance of our club and of retaining our identity and are investigating relocation options, including options to share facilities with other clubs.

Whilst we continue to work with the consortium, we believe it is very important for us to continue to demonstrate our commitment as a club and so we are asking that as many of our members as possible attend the various events that are being run (see dates below). Not only is this important for our club, but also for all of us who live in or use the area affected by this proposal.

Most importantly is a Community Forum on Monday 25th November from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Lilydale Lake Community Room. We would like to see a large group attending this meeting again, and ideally have as many of us in club colours / uniform as possible. They have asked for RSVP's for this by phoning 9285 9008 (although if you RSVP late I don't think it will be a problem).

Other event details:

Information Session #1 Saturday 23rd November drop in any time between 10am – 1pm at Yarra Ranges Regional Museum 35-37 Castella Street Lilydale

Information Session #2 1st December drop in any time between 12pm 3pm at Yarra Ranges Regional Museum 35-37 Castella Street Lilydale

Online forum register & post your feedback online at www.plancavehill.com.au

Please help us to keep our club high on everyone's minds and priorities!

Regards

Wendy

Mooroolbark Pony Club

Medical Arm Bands ...

A timely reminder – at many events stickers are placed on your arm band (indicating you have presented to gear check) – don't forget to remove old stickers at the end of the event, don't leave them on your arm band.

Lessons with Nicky

Nicky will be running lessons at Pony Club on Sat 30th November and Sunday 8th December. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729 – please contact her if you are interested.

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!

Mentone Horse Trials – 27th October

Loz and Sarah Jane went to Mentone HT, both riding Grade 3. Loz rode Leo. His dressage test was a bit ordinary as he decided he was scared of the photographer who was standing right next to the judge's car and he shied every time he went past. He showjumped OK, and went clear in the XC although he looked a bit sticky, and ended up fourth.

Sarah Jane took Grif. He did a really nice dressage test. She was very happy with him. He warmed up well for his SJ but at the last minute another rider came into the warmup with a naughty horse and unsettled Grif who then went in and jumped flat and hurried and took a couple of rails. They were eliminated in the XC at a narrow, a fence type that Grif had never seen before and just had him totally confused, as he couldn't understand why you would want to jump something you could so easily go around.

The day was quite well run and was probably the last HT to be held there as the privately owned property is being sold.

They also went to Oaklands HT a couple of week before that. Loz came 2nd on Kal in Gr 2 and 4th on Leo in grade 3.

Julie Howes

Yarrambat Horse Trials – 17th November



So proud of Flynny and Griffin today! They were both amazing boys. Griffin redeemed himself after a disastrous dressage test yesterday going clear xc and sj. Flynn was just amazing his first real comp back after being sick for 5 months and he does an amazing dressage test and clear xc and sj so he WON! Couldn't be more proud of my boys.

Sara-Jane Vaughan

So good to see you out and about with Flynn again

Lilydale Show – 16th and 17th November

Good turnout at Lilydale today, lots of welshies and good turnout of buckskins! Amber did considerably well, First in led welsh, Second in ridden welsh, First in led buckskin and Reserve champion led buckskin, First in ridden buckskin and Reserve champion ridden buckskin. Gena Savini

Congratulations Gena and Amber!!!!!!



Monbulk Combined Training – 17th November

Clever Leo came 2nd and 1st in his two tests at Monbulk Dressage and CT Day. Proud of my little man! Lauren Howes Leo is certainly coming along very nicely

Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association – Cup Week

After the Carnival - Life beyond racing? 3 Nov 2013 Last week, while Melbourne's eyes were turned to the track, sixty people and fifteen horses were gathered together in Wandin North to learn about a very different way of working with horses.

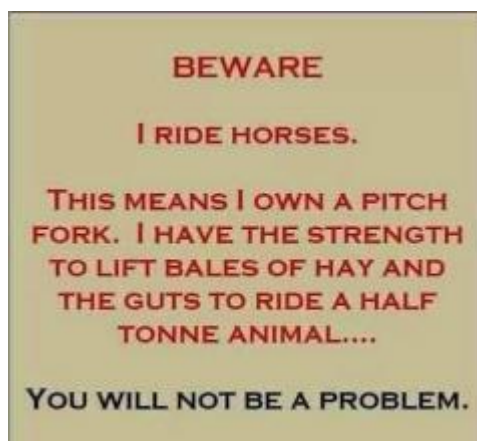
Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) trainers are here from the United States and South Africa to run their annual training for Australian and New Zealand psychotherapists, counsellors and horse professionals.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) offers professional help to people with emotional or relationship difficulties using an experiential approach that incorporates connecting with horses - on the ground only, no riding involved. For six days last week, trainees were finding ways of incorporating activities with horses into their therapy sessions.

This kind of animal-assisted therapy is growing in popularity in the mental health field in Australia. Horses offer instant feedback to people in their search for new ways to solve problems.

Somewhat similar to art therapy, with a huge canvas and living collage materials, EAP offers another career to horses who have already given service to their owners. Many retired racehorses are part of Australia's EAGALA teams offering this innovative and exciting therapy.

Deb Harper



2013 Mooroolbark Pony Club - Appreciations

2013 has been another busy year for Mooroolbark Pony Club. The successful running of our club can be attributed to an extremely hard working committee, supported by energetic and committed families along with enthusiastic and dedicated riders. We have had an amazing year, maintaining a strong membership, successful entrants in zone and interzone competitions, numerous successes and firsts in pony club competitions, continued development of our riders and instructors and most importantly the development of friendships in a fun, safe and rewarding environment. Our club has/is facing one of our biggest challenges this year and there has been some amazing work done behind the scenes by the sub-committee of Wendy Wright, Julie Howes, Deb Harper and Kellie Smith. They have put in countless hours gathering, assessing and collating information for numerous documents/reports needed to help us fight for our grounds. Thankyou for all your efforts and your dedication to Mooroolbark Pony Club. We continue to work closely with Sibelco and the council with the endeavour of achieving a favourable outcome for our club.

Our club has been well supported by instructors this year. We thank Nicky, Chloe, Libby, Victoria, Bec and Jillian for their quality instruction and commitment to Mooroolbark Pony Club. Their efforts have not gone un-noticed and we wish them all the best for Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

The corrals have taken on a new look in recent months. This was thanks to Jim Page, Deb Harper, Karen Brooks, Jenelle O'Neill, Jillian Brooks and Taylah O'Neill for finding, gathering and spreading the saw dust in the yards. Our ponies have never been happier and I'm sure all the riders on our Derby day appreciated the nice soft (no mud) surface.

Working bees are often approached with the attitude of 'Oh no, not another working bee!!!' This has not been the case at our club, our working bees have been well attended and our grounds have always been picture perfect (mostly due to Jim's ongoing slashing!). We thank Mooroolbark families for all their efforts this year, many have volunteered numerous hours mowing, whipper-snipping, digging, chain sawing, cleaning and much more.

A special thankyou goes to the Willand family for donating a stereo/radio system to the club. Also to the Tucker family for gathering and putting together the raffle prizes for the Derby day. All donations and contributions are valuable to our club and reflect the ongoing love we all have of Mooroolbark Pony Club. Thankyou.

Zone Qualifiers

Lauren Howes, Sara-Jane Vaughan, Jackie Wright and Chelsea Winter will be competing at the Dressage and SJ zone qualifiers in December - Good Luck, may your horses look after you as much as you look after them!

C - CERTIFICATE

October 12th 2013

On October 12th a group of 20+ riders converged on Mooroolbark Pony Club full of anticipation and nerves. Five riders from our club along with others from Lilydale, Nunawading and Kangaroo Ground had finally got to judgement day, C-Certificate testing!!!!!! The riders were divided into groups and were introduced to their assessors. Our girls, Amy Moore, Kara Willand, Louisa Smith, Chloe Black and Gena Savini were lucky enough to be put into a group together which was very comforting for them. (In fact Nicky had prepared them so well that the only thing that had their adrenalin running was the fear of the GALLOP!!!!!!).

It was a credit to our club that the day ran so smoothly. All was set up and ready to go, canteen was in full swing and the weather was perfect. The day only improved from there. All our girls successfully completed all components of the certificate and were complimented on their preparedness and presentation. (A special thanks goes to Nicky for this!!!) The gallop proved to be not so daunting after all. So much so that all they wanted to do was show it off to Nicky the next day at rally.



The girls had been preparing all year for this day and they can not thank Nicky enough for having fine tuned their skills and provided them with such thorough and precise instruction that they simply could not fail.

THANKYOU NICKY

The parents of the girls that rode are also to be thanked for not only supporting their children but also setting up, packing up and running a very profitable canteen on the day.

A final thankyou goes to Kellie Smith, who not only took some wonderful photos of the day, but provided all the girls with their own copies of these photos that were presented the next day at our rally.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Amy, Louisa, Kara, Gena & Chloe



State Training Workshop

Saturday 30th November 2013 – Kangaroo Ground Pony Club

For all Pony Club Instructors, Office Bearers, Officials, Parents, Riders and any other interested people.

This clinic is an updating activity for current NCAS Coaches

Session	Presenter	PCA NCAS Module	Target Group
PCAV Grievance Procedure, PCA NCAS accreditation, Sports CONNECT	Pam Davey Kate Wilson		All participants - lunchtime
Comfort and Safety ALL DAY	Pam Davey - Master Saddler Clare Lewin – PCAV Executive Officer		Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Showjump Course Building ALL DAY	Jenny Muir EA NCAS Level 1 Coach EA Level 2 Course Designer		Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Horse Behaviour Be more confident & safe when handling your horse. ALL DAY *NEW TOPIC*	Tim Calkin EA NCAS Level 2 Coach and Coach Educator		This will be an informative session for parents, and riders on basic horse handling techniques.
Showjumping Coaching Poles & Grids – AM Jumping Courses - PM	Heather Wilson PCA NCAS Level 1 EA NCAS Level 1 Coach	<i>Prelim Unit 3.5</i> <i>Level 1 Unit 3.8 & 3.9</i>	Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders
Lungeing – AM	Natalie Lees PCA NCAS level 1 Coach PCAV State Assessor	<i>Level 1 Unit 3.11</i>	Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Rally Planning/Grading PM *NEW TOPIC*	Natalie Lees PCA NCAS level 1 Coach PCAV State Assessor		Club DC's, Chief Instructors, Committee members, Parents

This is a great opportunity to receive instruction from presenters with years of experience and knowledge and at the same time cover competencies from the new PCA NCAS coaching courses.

Kangaroo Ground Pony Club Grounds

Kangaroo Ground & Pantan Hill Road, Kangaroo Ground

MW 471 F7

9:00 AM Registration - 10:00 AM Start – Finish 4PM approx.

This workshop will be partially funded by PCAV through its instructional grants

Cost \$20.00 per person.

Preferred payment via direct deposit

BSB : 013355

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Quote code : STW and your name please

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Bring your own chair, pencils and notepaper

Canteen will be available on the day OR BYO lunch

This clinic is a great opportunity to hear from experienced and knowledgeable presenters. A few people from Mooroolbark indicated they were interested in attending, so if you would like to find out who, or share the driving, it would be a good idea to put a message on the Mooroolbark Facebook page. See the Zone website (www.nmz.ponyclubvic.org.au) for entry information.

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>November 10th</i>	Willand	Laukart
<i>December</i>	All hands on deck for Christmas rally	
<i>2014 February</i>	Moore	Savini
<i>March</i>	Black	Hughes
<i>April</i>	Wright	Howes (A&K)
<i>May</i>	Harper	Smith
<i>June</i>	Winter	Willand
<i>July</i>	Laukart	Moore

How does the duty roster work?

These are the expectations for families on duty:

Canteen The duty families are to run the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer). There are instructions provided in the canteen area, and one of the canteen supervisors will be available at the start of the day to deliver food, get things going, and answer any questions. There is usually some time during the day for families to share staying inside, and being outside watching the rally, and they should roster this between themselves. It is usually "all hands on deck" just prior to and during the busy lunch period.

Outdoors Setup Duty families are responsible for setting up and packing up at the rally, and this means that one parent needs to be outside most of the day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer). If there is more help needed during setup, the duty family should organise a call over the loud speaker for more help. There will usually be a supervisor available to provide direction (usually Jim or Karen).

Canteen end of day Duty families are responsible for the 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.

Outdoors Packup Duty families are responsible for organising the pack up of outdoors areas at the end of the rally day. However ALL FAMILIES are required to assist them. Stay in touch with instructors and with the DC to find out when rings can be packed up, and put announcements over the loud speaker to get other families involved if needed.

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.

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

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