

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**2013 RALLY SUNDAY July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Please Check Rally Plan closely for Gear Check Time**

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## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<i>Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Upper Yarra PC Winter Woolies</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Working Bee (Fixing Corrals)</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally – <u>Dentist Coming</u></i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Langwarrin PC One Day Event</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Bacchus Marsh PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>20/21<sup>st</sup> July</i>
<i>PCAV Interzone Horse Trials at Yarrambat</i>	<i>27/28<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Cockatoo Dressage Jackpot</i>	<i>3/4<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Upper Yarra Combined Training</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Wyena Combined Training &amp; Dressage</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Hurstbridge Combined Training &amp; Open Dressage</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Seville Dressage Day</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Ringwood PRE Royal Show</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> September</i>
<i>SMZ Dressage Clinic at Glenbrae in Wandin</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>St. Andrews Show Jumping</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> September</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)

### **LESSONS WITH NICKY**

*Nicky will be running lessons at PC, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729.  
Please contact her if you are interested.*

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

## FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>2012 February</i>	Savini	Whitfort
<i>March</i>	Rally at Yarra Glen	All members to help
<i>April</i>	Winter	Moore / Howes K&J
<i>May 6th</i>	Harper	Wright
<i>June 10th</i>	Savini	Laukart
<i>July 8th</i>	Pepper	Vaughan
<i>August 12th</i>	O'Neill	Wright
<i>September 9th</i>		Howes (K&J)
<i>October 14th</i>	Willand	Winter
<i>November 11th</i>	Savini	Moore
<i>December 2nd</i>	In house club champs, all hands on deck.	
<i>2013 February</i>	O'Neill	Drennan
<i>March 10th</i>	Vaughan	Howes (A&K)
<i>April 14th</i>	Wright/Harper	Smith
<i>May 12th</i>	Moore	Laukart
<i>June 9th</i>	Winter	Willand
<b>July 14th</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Savini</b>
<b>August 11th</b>	<b>Hughes</b>	<b>Howes (A&amp;K)</b>
<b>September 8th</b>	<b>Wright</b>	<b>Harper</b>
<b>October 13th</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Smith</b>
<b>November 10th</b>	<b>Willand</b>	<b>Laukart</b>

## 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 Roz).

**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!*

# DC's Report - July 2013

Hasn't the weather been great for riding. I hope you have all been out riding in the holidays. As the weather is so good we should be able to use the cross country this rally as the winter weather hasn't hit.

Don't forget that the dentist is coming to do a talk after lunch and to do your horses teeth. Your horse should have its teeth done once a year. James Harvey from the Equine Dentistry Australia will be coming out. He has been an equine dentist for 9 years completing his certificate in 2004. He is charging \$55 per horse on the day. James is arriving at 10.00 to start on the horses that are booked in. There is still space to have your horses teeth done if you would like so please let me know.



As the dentist is coming we will only have 3 sessions on the day.

We are planning to have the gear check at 9.30 for the Arabs Group (Chloe's Group) so that we can have a little longer warming up for the cross country but still have a full session. Also could the Thoroughbreds (Bec's group) be ready to start the first session at 9.30 as Bec is organising to do grid work with you and would like you to be there to help set up and talk about setting up a grid.

We are interested in starting a C\* group for the riders that have done their C certificates, if anyone is interested could you please come and talk to myself or Chloe.

Your new grading cards have arrived, please check them thoroughly when you collect them after rally to make sure all the information has been transferred correctly, if there are any issues come and see myself or Lindy and we will get it rectified.

Just a reminder regarding our pony club uniform, in the winter months you can wear black jodhpurs along with the standard colours of beige, banana and white. You must wear the official Mooroolbark Pony Club polo shirt or a white shirt and tie, the jumper and/or jacket can be worn with both of these. I have noticed that a lot of riders are wearing a long sleeve T-shirt under their polo shirt, this is fine for rally, so long as it is in club colours (black or red), however, it CAN NOT be worn in competition.

Have a look at this cutie!!!



This beauty belongs to Monash P.C. and is painted in their club colours. Perhaps there's hope for our tractor yet!!!!

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

**Hope to see you all at the July rally. Karen Brooks**

## MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB WORKING BEE:

If you're handy on the tools, especially woodworking tools, Jim and the Committee invite you to attend a club working bee on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The main aim of this working bee will be to replace timbers that are rotten or broken in the corrals. Any assistance for however long will be much appreciated.



**WHEN:**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**TIME:**

**9.00am – 12.00noon**

**WHAT to BRING:**

**Woodworking Tools**

Some work has already started and Jim would like to thank Niki Willand for her efforts in helping him on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, she's proven herself to be quite the tradie!!

## TRACTOR LESSONS AT RALLY:

Jim and Stuart Moore have kindly offered to run a lesson on how to use our tractor, it can be a little temperamental at times!! We would love to have a many people as possible knowing how to use the tractor, you never know when we may need your new found skills.

The lesson will be on rally day, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, at 10.00am.

## WE SOLVED THE MYSTERY...!!!

*At the state horse trials Lauren & Jackie received lovely show bags with gifts, samples, magazines and pamphlets ... anyway, in their show bags they both received a ... well, an unidentified object ... and despite asking around, we had not been able to identify what it is.*

*However, our club members leapt to the challenge (and the lure of a prize!) to let us know that the "thing" is actually a tyre pressure gauge... thanks to those many members who wrote in with their correct answers (good to see that the newsletter is being read!).*

*The winner was Lindy Whitfort, whose email came in first by about 30 minutes ... for those who didn't know, here is her answer:*

"Your mystery piece looks very much like my tyre pressure gauge which I keep in my car. It is very useful for checking your tyres when in any doubt and I use it to double check the float tyres if I have used my little air compressor as the gauge on that is unreliable.

You press the non-sliding end up to the valve on the tyre and the other end pokes out. You read the pressure of from where it emerges. Sounds like a great thing to put in a show bag".

Cheers

Lindy



### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Last month we welcomed some of the new members on our committee, it has been confirmed that we indeed have a few extra new members that we unfortunately did not acknowledge last month. (Apologies to all)

We are extremely grateful to have a new club member's mother join the committee, Kelly Smith, along with the experienced and knowledgeable Deb Harper.

We are fortunate enough to now have a wonderful committee that consists of a balance of new enthusiastic members and experienced hands that are ready to support and represent our club into the next year and beyond.

### **RALLY PLAN FOR JULY 2013:**

<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Thoroughbreds</b></u>	<u><b>Arabs</b></u>	<u><b>Quarter Horse</b></u>	<u><b>Welshie</b></u>
9.30-10.00am	<b>Gear Check &amp; Set show jumping</b>	<b>Gear Check</b>		
9.45-10.00am			<b>Gear Check</b>	<b>Gear Check</b>
10.00 – 11.00am	SJ (Bec)	XC (Chloe)	Flat (Nicky)	Flat (Victoria)
11.00 – 12noon	XC (Bec)	Flat (Chloe)	SJ (Nicky)	SJ (Victoria)
12 noon – 12.30pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.30 – 1.30pm	Dentist talk	Dentist talk	Dentist talk	Dentist talk
1.30-2.30pm	Flat (Bec)	SJ (Chloe)	Theory	XC (Victoria)

<u><b>Thoroughbreds</b></u>	<u><b>Arabs</b></u>	<u><b>Quarter Horse</b></u>	<u><b>Welshie</b></u>
Hayley Jackie Chelsea Tessa	Kate Jillian Taylah	Amy M Louisa Kara Gena Chloe	Lizzy Stephanie Charlotte Monique Brianna



# 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!*

## ***Adam Wootten's Freshmans – 15<sup>th</sup> June***

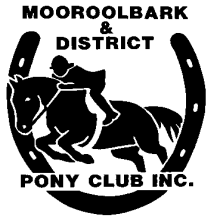
*Hayley Harper, Lauren Howes and Jackie Wright headed down the highway to the renowned facilities and show jumps that belong to Adam Wootten. All riders pushed themselves and their horses over the wonderful and challenging courses. (Take a look at the Thomas Jump!!) Freshmans show jumping is a great way to train your horse over a course without the pressure of competition. If you get the chance to do this at Adam Wootten's facility you won't regret it. It's fantastic to see Hayley up and about with her riding after making a successful recovery from her shock injury last year.*



## ***Monash Show Jumping – 23<sup>rd</sup> June***

*Jackie Wright competed in Show Jumping at Monash P.C. on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Taking along her pair of trusty steeds, Tommy and Tetley, this was to be Tetley and Jackie's first outing together competing at B Grade. After competing through 6 rounds, one might be forgiven for thinking that Tommy thought he was in his icy frozen paddock of recent mornings when he chose to stop and take a look at the glistening frost on the wave jump. He finished 10<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in C Grade to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Tetley, being the seasoned veteran that he is, took Jackie safely around their first B Grade competition, taking down only one rail, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and again an overall 2<sup>nd</sup> placing. Great consistency Jackie, well done, a great effort with both ponies.*





## **MOOROOLBARK & DIST. PONY CLUB INC.**

Cnr Mooroolbark & Hull Roads, Mooroolbark  
June 25, 2013



Hi everyone,

We would like to give you some important information regarding our Pony Club.

As many of you know, Mooroolbark Pony Club has been leasing the current PC grounds from the owners of the Lilydale Quarry since 1984 (30 year lease celebration coming up in 2014!).

The Quarry owners are starting to think about “what next” for the quarry and surrounding land once there is no longer economic value in the mining activity. They have extended an invitation to the community to contribute to a master plan for the area, taking into account options to convert the land to a potential combination of residential, recreation, educational and industrial uses.

As our twelve acre pony club will be directly affected by these developments, the committee held a meeting to discuss the invitation and our response. The owners, who have always been supportive of our club, have indicated their willingness to continue to assist us moving into the future. We feel this could be an exciting and potentially significant opportunity for our club, and we intend to prepare a submission that will outline how our club grounds could be incorporated into the future master plan. Although it is possible that we will need to relocate in some way, we expect that this will be an opportunity to seek support to develop a robust and long-lasting plan for the club's future. With the submission deadline being July 17<sup>th</sup> we need to move quickly, and a group of our committee members has volunteered to do this.

We don't believe that any changes will happen in the short term (the master plan will be a 20-year plan) as there is significant planning work still needed, however as part of our submission we will be asking for a reasonable amount of lead-time to prepare for any changes that impact our use of the grounds.

There is a web site with more information, including the steps for consultation, and where you can register to be kept up to date of progress and relevant community events. We encourage all our members (both riders and parents) to make sure Mooroolbark's voice is heard by looking at the site, registering to get more information, and most importantly attending as many of the events as you can. This is an important opportunity not just for our club, but also for those who live in the region.

One of the events that we would like to encourage EVERYONE to attend is a community discussion forum on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 6 – 8:30 pm (location to be advised). You MUST register for this by phoning or emailing the organisers (details on the web site).

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to reply to contact one of the committee members. However, we will also keep you up to date at rallies, and by email and Facebook.

Regards

The Mooroolbark Pony Club Committee

## **Horses and Ponies Need Food – Part I**



Horses have evolved as grazers, meaning they spend a long time eating large amounts of pasture during the day. Pasture or Pasture hay is essential in a horse's diet as it:

- Supplies the fibre to maintain a healthy digestive system
- Relieves boredom, preventing the development of behavioural vices
- Reduces the development of sharp edges on the horses teeth
- Helps prevent the development of stomach ulcers

Horses do not always show the clinical signs of stomach ulcers. However, if they are present, they will be causing the horse severe pain and discomfort, and if present over a prolonged period of time, they can cause peritonitis if the ulcer perforates the gut wall. Horses with ulcers may also suffer from a poor appetite and poor body condition.

During drought conditions and at the height of summer there are not many paddocks where you can keep a horse where there is pasture. Winter is also a time when grass is scarce – grass grows very slowly in cold temperatures. When pasture is limited, or non existent, a horse or pony will need to be supplied with food daily. You must assume the worst and calculate your possible feeding expenses based on your horse/pony having to be 'hand fed' every day.

If agisting, be aware that you pay a lot more for a paddock with grass, and it may actually be a cheaper alternative for you to keep you horse in a bare paddock and feed hay. If you are fortunate FEEDING YOUR HORSE enough to have your own paddock, you must realise that grass does not grow all year round! Grass grows very slowly in winter and dies off in the heat of summer.

When good quality pasture is not available, it must be replaced with good quality pasture hay. In summer, when the pasture becomes dry and stalky, feed a 'rich' hay such as clover and rye, as it is easily digestible and balances out the diet.

If you decide to feed lucerne hay, introduce it into the diet slowly, and ensure that it is always balanced out with pasture hay. Lucerne, on it's own, is not a balanced diet and can cause colic and diarrhea (it is also more expensive than other types of hay). Many people swear by lucerne hay as part of a suitable diet, and many others think it should be avoided at all costs.

A green paddock does not necessarily indicate good pasture (**a lot of weeds are green!**) You may need to seek advice on your pasture quantity/quality. If there is not enough pasture to sustain a horse, they will require 2-3% of their body weight in hay each day. Hence a 500 kg horse needs 10-15 kg of pasture hay daily (approximately half a bale).





pasture, but will not be as available in hay as they are in fresh grass. If a commercial feed is not required to increase calorie intake, a supplement may be required to meet the necessary levels of vitamins and minerals in the diet. The exact amount of hay will vary depending on the quality and whether or not a 'hard feed' (chaff, commercial feed and/or grain) is being fed. It also depends on the type of horse or breed, the environment in which it is kept, the activity level, and the age of the horse.

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## *Dressage Judging Clinic – Wandin*

South Metro Zone is holding a Dressage Judging Clinic with Mary Longden on 13th Sept 2013 at Glenbrae Equestrian centre in Wandin. Details are on SMZ's web site

(<http://www.smz.ponyclubvic.org.au/>) or on our facebook page. The clinic is aimed at coaches, judges etc, but from previous experience these clinics are useful to anyone wanting to learn more about what dressage judges are looking for.



# AUSTRALIAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS



## ATTENTION ALL HORSE RIDERS WIN FREE COACHING FOR YOUR CLUB or SCHOOL!!!!

The Australian Showjumping Championships are to be hosted in Victoria in September 2013. We are very pleased to announce an initiative to give Pony Club members, schools and HRC/V clubs exposure to the event and the top showjumping riders across the country. This initiative has the backing of the very best coaches in jumping from around Victoria and will see the opportunity for Clubs to gain their services free of charge for a rally at their local ground.

The offer is for every 30 registered people that a club can arrange to attend the final day of competition, (22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at Werribee Park) they will receive a ticket in the Coaches Draw. Smaller clubs can combine to meet this total. The draw will be undertaken at the end of the Sunday's competition with winning tickets gaining the services of a coach for a rally at your club.

The best instructors in state have put their names into the pool, and kindly volunteered their time to support the riders and the event. These coaches have competed at international level including the Olympic Games, Australian Teams or World Equestrian Games or alternatively in World Cup competitions here in Australia and have extensive coaching experience.

### **Best Club 'Cheer Squad' wins a one day clinic with a top Victorian coach**

In addition to the above drawn opportunity, there will be an award for the best Cheer squad group. Presentation of your club in uniform, banners and cheering will be taken into account to be judged the "Best Cheer Squad" who will then win a full day clinic.

Everyone will be invited to join a course walk of the Senior Title Final class.

The event is runs over four days from 19<sup>th</sup> September through to 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The heights offered range from 90cm through to the title events for the Australian Champion 2012 in senior, young rider and junior age divisions. The website for the event is [www.iumpinevictoria.com.au](http://www.iumpinevictoria.com.au) or alternatively queries can be directed to [jumping@equestrianvictoria.com.au](mailto:jumping@equestrianvictoria.com.au)

If you are interested in being a part of this fantastic opportunity, please fill in your clubs contact details below.

We look forward to hearing from you and look forward to a great fun day watching the best showjumpers in Australia!

Address: PO Box 616 Werribee 3030 Phone 0432 077 028 Email: [jumping@equestrianvictoria.com.au](mailto:jumping@equestrianvictoria.com.au) [www.vic.equestrian.org.au](http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au)



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