

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2014 RALLY (Trail Ride) SUNDAY August 10th 2014

*****Gear Check Time – 9.45am*****

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

Remember that some events may be forced to cancel in the event of extreme weather - keep an eye on web sites & facebook to stay up to date ... Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events. www.ponyclubvic.org.au

<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally (Trail Ride)</i>	<i>Aug 10th</i>
<i>Wyeena Combined Training and Dressage</i>	<i>Aug 10th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Special General Meeting 7:30pm</i>	<i>Aug 19th</i>
<i>Seville Dressage Day</i>	<i>Aug 24th</i>
<i>St Andrews Show Jumping</i>	<i>Aug 31st</i>
<i>North Eastern PC Horse Trials Grades 3, 4, 5</i>	<i>Sept 7th</i>
<i>Ringwood Pre-Royal Show</i>	<i>Sept 14th</i>
<i>Kangaroo Ground Dressage Day</i>	<i>Sept 14th</i>
<i>Main Ridge PC Eventing Clinic</i>	<i>Sept 23/24</i>
<i>Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser</i>	<i>Oct 4th</i>
<i>Lilydale SJ Day</i>	<i>Oct 12th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Derby</i>	<i>Nov 2nd</i>

Families on Duty this Month

August: Moore and Savini

Sept: Black, Hughes & Horner

DC's Report - August 2014

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.

Hi All -

The weather hasn't been great for riding. Hopefully this week's looking better, cold but dry.

It sounds like everyone had a good time at Lilydale rally, thank you Lilydale for a wonderful day. Riding with the hounds sounds like it was fun. Thanks also to Julie for filling in as DC & looking after our riders on the day.

This Rally we are going to Wandin Park (305 Victoria Rd Gruyere) for a Trail ride and lessons at the Harpers Indoor arena (33 Maurice Rd Gruyere, off Victoria Rd Gruyere). Thanks to the Harpers for the use of their arena. At the moment the list (see page 12) are the people who said that they would like to go for a lesson. Nicky will be taking them so please be ready to ride at the appointed time. You can park at the Harpers for your lesson only but please park at the front of Wandin Park for the trail ride and lunch. If anyone else would like a lesson or to go on the trail ride please let me know ASAP.

We're going to have lunch altogether at 12.00 at Wandin Park. Trail Riders need to meet at Wandin Park for gear check at 9.45 or for lunch at 12.00 and then their ride. Full uniform & please bring your cards as usual. We are planning to order pizza for lunch (\$5.00 per person). Drinks and chocolate will be on for sale.

I have asked if Lilydale would like to send two riders for each trail riding group, so will let you know. We can also split the groups up further if we have any adult riders that would like to come along.

Karen

Special General Meeting (SGM)

.We hope that all our members have received their copy of advice of the SGM to be held on 19th August. We've included a copy at the end of this newsletter - we urge all to either attend or take the time to submit a proxy vote if you can't make it.

And if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask.

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!

Interzone Teams Horse Trials Overview & History

The Interzone Teams Horse Trials comprise three disciplines, dressage, cross country and showjumping, which are conducted on the same weekend. Combinations compete in all three disciplines. Combinations of horse and rider must be graded in Grade 3 or Grade 4 eventing to be eligible to compete in this state level event. The competitions are conducted on a Teams basis. Riders send an Expression of Interest and a list of their qualifications to their zone for selection.

Zone Teams may be entered and excess riders may be offered a ride in a composite team if space in the draw allows.

In 2003, the first Interzone Teams Horse Trials was conducted to give Grade 3 riders a State Level Event. In the following year, Grade 4 riders were included and the Interzone Teams Horse Trials has continued annually. It is now a focal highlight of the Grade 3 and 4 calendars for horse trials.

Mooroolbark Pony Club is proud to say that we have consistently had riders qualify for this event

PCAV Interzone Horse Trials 26/27 July

This year we had Lauren Howes, Sara-Jane Vaughan and Gena Savini all selected on teams. Unfortunately Gena was injured and unable to attend, but we know that she and Amber would have made a great combination.

Pretty proud to say that 3 horses I've trained not only qualified for PCAV Interzone Horse trials but all placed individually and in their teams Big congrats to Jess who rode Scoobie Doo in grade 3 who individually placed 2nd and team placing 3rd.

Leo being in the same team placed 3rd and was 6th individually. Finally Ollie placed 1st individually but also his team came 1st in grade 4. Pretty proud of my boys Big thanks to my team mates and there amazing efforts! Thanks to [Louise](#) and [Kirsty](#) for all your help with my boys! And to Jess and [Jenny](#) for everything they have done with Scoobie! Couldn't be prouder of the amazing team they have become. **Lauren Howes**

Congratulations to Sara-Jane Vaughan & her team, who finished 2nd – a great result – Sara-Jane had the best result in her team (but sorry not sure where she placed individually.).



Glenbrae Equestrian Freshmans

Ollie man was a champ on Friday night at [Glenbrae Equestrian Centre](#) freshmans day. Jumping clear in the 60cm and 70cm rounds. Also winning the 60cm comp! Yay Ollie your first 1st!!!! Leo was also a good boy jumping the 80cm and 90cm rounds, gaining some confidence after our failed attempted at 1.05cm

Lauren Howes

Bunyip Pony Club Dressage Day

Had a great day on Sunday at Bunyip Pony Club Dressage Day. Kal was a star surprisingly placing 1st, 2nd and overall champion in Grade1!!!! Despite Leo's antics he still managed to pull out a 2nd, 3rd and Reserve Champion in Grade 2, Well done boys, coming home with a new rug and a bag of feed made the trip and rain all worth it.

Lauren Howes



*I'm sure
I'll grow
into it!*



RALLY GALLERY #1

This is your opportunity to contribute monthly to Mooroolbark Pony Club's newsletter. It would be wonderful if all our members could see what goes on at our rallies. When you're with the same group each month you often have no idea what others are up to.

It's easy to contribute, here's what to do:

STEP 1: Make sure you get photos of your day at rally

STEP 2: Choose one or two photos that you would like to have published, remember space will be limited.

STEP 3: You may choose to add a caption or words to your photos

STEP 4: Email your photos to Dianna Moore (s.dl.moore@bigpond.com)

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED LAST RALLY



It was nice to Kara and Henry back in action at rally, they make a truly dynamic duo.

Jillian had her new mount 'Seamus' at rally for the first time and he seemed to take it all in his stride.



Chloe trialled a new horse, 'Buddy'. He is a stockhorse X and was very comfortable in the pony club environment.

Lizzie and Brianna joined the next group up and they fitted in perfectly, both riders and ponies had no difficulties at all.



Taylah had Donnie jumping well, just have a look at the parents rugged up in the background, it was a cold chilly day, but at least the rain stayed away.



Nicky received a beautiful award for her many, many years of service to Mooroolbark Pony Club. We managed to surprise Nicky by having ALL of her family there for the presentation.

The award was made by Jim's daughter – thanks so much to her for doing that for us.



It was a rally for celebrations, Jim cut the cake to celebrate Mooroolbark Pony Club's 30 years at our current Hull Road site. A special thankyou goes to Sibelco for allowing us to lease and use this part of the quarry grounds.



Finally, we would like welcome two new riders Julia and Gracie who seemed to really enjoy themselves.

RALLY GALLERY#2!



Shared Rally with Lilydale Pony Club



Some of our riders were able to take up the offer from Lilydale Pony Club to attend their July rally – some mounted & others unmounted. After a cold & foggy start, Lilydale put on a great day (no rain, and the XC able to be used!). Lilydale's parents put in loads of effort to making the day memorable and we're grateful to them.



One of the groups heading out to a cross country lesson.

Riders enjoying some XC practice.





The highlight of the day was the “parade of the hounds” where the huntsman brought out a pack of hounds and invited all riders to ride around the XC while the dogs were being exercised. A pretty interesting experience for all, mounted or not!



Lessons with Nicky

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Lessons with Nicky in August will need to be negotiated directly with her

*She can be contacted on 0413 249 729
– please contact her if you are interested.*

IMPORTANT DATE

**Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 4th
October**

**Put it into your calendar –
great fundraiser for the
club**

BITS AND PIECES



Medical Form

**We are currently updating
our medical records so we
have relevant information in
an emergency.**

**There was a form handed
out with your card last
rally.**

**Please fill it out and bring it
along to rally and give to a
committee member.**

**Chocolate for everyone who
hands one in!**

**(We've included a copy here
for anyone who missed out).**

Happy Horses' Birthday

For all our ponies for August 1st



**My parents are going out
tonight 🤔🤔🤔**

We can wash saddle pads

In the washing machine



Trail Riding Etiquette

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 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

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!), although some horses just want to be out front!
- 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: the theory is that 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

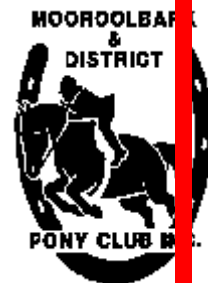


Lessons with Nicky at the Harper's		Time	Trail Ride
10.00	Amy M Jill	9.45 – 12.00 Faster ride	Jackie Sara-Jane Taylah Chelsea Lauren
11.00	Hayley		
12.00	Lunch	9.45 – 12.00 Slower ride	Chloe (instructor) Lizzie Brianna Stephanie
1.00	Lauren Jackie Sara-Jane	12.00 – 1.00 Lunch	
2.00	Taylah Lauren	1.00 – 3.00 Slower ride	Chloe (instructor) Amy M Chloe Teagan Phoebe
		1.00 – 3.00 Faster ride	Jillian Tessa Kara Louisa Amy T Elisha



Mooroolbark Pony Club PCAV MEDICAL HISTORY & EMERGENCY CONTACTS FORM

The information you provide on this Medical History Form will be kept by your Pony Club in a secure place and used only in the event of an emergency. Keep in club – do not send to PCAV



Personal Details

First Name: Last Name:

Sex: Vehicle/Float Reg No.:

Date of Birth: Age:

Emergency Contacts

Full Name..... Relation:

Phone (h) Phone (w):

Full Name..... Relation:

Phone (h) Phone (w):

Health Cover Details

Medicare No.:

Do you have Ambulance Cover? ☐ Yes ☐ No Ambulance No.:

Do you have Private Health Cover? ☐ Yes ☐ No Fund:

GP & Dentist Details

Private Doctor: Phone:

Address: Suburb/Town:

Private Dentist: Phone:

Address: Suburb/Town:

Health History eg, Asthma, anaphylaxis, ongoing medical conditions, previous major injuries.

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I certify that the information given on this form is to be best of my knowledge a true account of my current physical condition.

Rider Name: Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian: Signature: Date:

Medical Release

Member over 18 years

If emergency medical care is required for myself and if I, or an accompanying spouse or relative, am not able to convey permission in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorised authorises appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment.

Rider Name: Signature: Date:

Member under 18 years

If emergency medical care is required for my child..... and if permission is not available in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorised authorises appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment.

Parent/Guardian: Signature: Date:

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MOOROOLBARK & DISTRICT PONY CLUB INC.

Notice of Special General Meeting



This notice dated: July 21 2014

Location: Meeting to be held at
Mooroolbark Pony Club Clubrooms
Hull Road, Mooroolbark

Date & Time : Tuesday 19th August 2014 at 7:30 pm

Voting Rights: All members of Mooroolbark Pony Club aged 17 and over are eligible to vote.
A copy of the club's constitution is available for viewing on our website at
www.mooroolbark.ponyclubvic.org.au

Purpose:
To vote on the following motion:

To proceed with merger activities supporting the amalgamation Of Mooroolbark Pony Club (MPC) with Lilydale Pony Club (LPC), with the newly merged club to be situated at the Hunt Club Grounds, Melba Hwy, Yering

Background:

After more than 30 years at its current home, Mooroolbark Pony Club (MPC) is now obliged to relocate to allow for the redevelopment of the land as part of the Cave Hill Urban Renewal Project. The committee believes that the best achievable option is to amalgamate our club with Lilydale & District Pony Club at their grounds, the Hunt Club property on Melba Hwy in Yering.

The site already has good existing clubrooms and has plenty of land with room to expand its facilities to accommodate an additional club. It is more centrally located to our members than any other option, and the Hunt Club are currently proposing substantial upgrades to create a Regional Equestrian Facility. Whilst this planning is still in its infancy, the prospect is exciting and offers a long term prospect of truly outstanding facilities for our riders.

Members should however be aware of a number of deficits in the existing facilities at the Hunt Club, the major one being the lack of an all-weather arena. We have requested a donation of funds from Sibelco quarry to support the costs associated with our relocation, including the cost of a surfaced arena, and believe they will provide a degree of assistance. However, it is likely that a portion of the cost and much of the labour required for the relocation will need to be supplied by the club itself.

Furthermore, in amalgamating with Lilydale PC, MPC will also be entering into an agreement with three other Equestrian clubs to form the "Yarra Valley Equestrian Group" (YVEG) who will jointly develop and manage the proposed new Regional Equestrian Facility. This is a major task that will involve a substantial commitment from our members.

Significant work has been done by the MPC committee to analyse this option, and we continue to contribute towards the work being done by the YVEG. A number of papers have been provided to our committee, and presentations to our members.

Principles:

Members should be aware that a positive outcome on this motion means that the committee will cease to investigate other relocation options for our club and focus solely on the Lilydale Merger option.

The merger activities to be conducted prior to the decision to merge may include entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LPC outlining the steps to be undertaken leading up to the merger along with the rights and obligations of both clubs.

The final decision to merge will be put to Mooroolbark members at a further SGM. At this time the club will be presented with more detailed information regarding the proposed joint club, including a proposed constitution.

It is hoped that members will also be provided with more detailed information regarding the funding of our move and the prospect of the Regional Facility Proposal gaining government financial support so that they are able to make a fully informed decision.

Questions:

We welcome questions prior to or at the Special General Meeting. Prior to the meeting all questions or requests for copies of papers related to this proposal should be directed as follows:

General Meeting and Constitution questions:

		Phone	Email
President	Jim Page	9726 5801	
Secretary	Lindy Whitfort	9722 1548	lindy.whitfort@bigpond.com

Project questions:

Vice President	Julie Howes	9722 1920	julie.howes@southernhealth.org.au
General Committee	Wendy Wright	0447 650 457	wwri2119@bigpond.net.au

Proxy Arrangements: A proxy may be appointed as per the rules of the association, extract here:

19. PROXY VOTES

- (a) Each member is entitled to appoint another member as his proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.*
- (b) The notice appointing the proxy must be in the form set out in Appendix 2.*

Mooroolbark and District Pony Club Inc.

Registered Association: A0005996E

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

In accordance with the
Mooroolbark and District Pony Club Rules of Incorporation.

I,
of.....
hereby
appoint.....
of.....

being a Member of the Pony Club as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general
meeting of the Pony Club (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case
may be) to be held on theday
of.....the year and at any adjournment of that
meeting.

(1) My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the
resolution (insert details).

And/Or (delete as appropriate)

(2) My proxy is authorised to vote for all resolutions as my proxy may decide at the
meeting.

Signed.....

The.....day of.....the year