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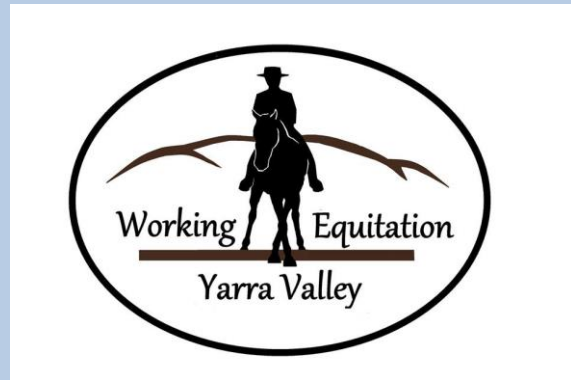
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Hi everyone,

I don't know about you but I will be very grateful for the use of the indoor arena come next rally day. I'm over the cold and wet and can't wait for the sun to shine. Yes I know, soon enough we'll be complaining that it's too hot and we need the indoor to shelter from the sun!

Last month's Wednesday rally at Gruyere was certainly better in attendance than previous and the fire was kept going by those that chose to watch from upstairs in the warmth. In saying that it wasn't too bad once you were riding but I think Susie was glad to have a break to warm up.

Thank you to all those that heeded my words re the cleaning up, a vast improvement so thanks again for that. Keep up the good work.

I see that Lisa was asking for volunteers for rally duty again. Please, if you haven't already done so make yourself available for this duty as it really does help if we spread the workload around. It doesn't take much effort and as there are usually 2 duty people on for each rally the required duties can be spread for the morning or afternoon meaning you don't have to stay all day.

We don't want to get to the stage of having to put people on a roster but it's also not fair that some

members are doing their share more times than others. So don't be shy – contact Lisa, she'll be glad to hear from you.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Apart from the drizzly weather and slippery paddocks these days, three things come to mind with WEYV.

Fund raising with Horse In The Box

On Friday 31st July about 18 members and friends had a private shopping experience at "Horse In The Box" in Coldstream after an enjoyable meal at the Coldstream Brewery. The night was a great success, and credit to Carola for organising it and negotiating 5% of the takings back to the club. The night raised \$135 for the treasury, and inspired Erika to stock some interesting brown club coloured goodies for our members.

Our WE Competition on Sunday 25th October.

Lindy and Susie have been diligently working at putting the event together and have collected a few more volunteers to help both on the day and in the preparation.

Can I ask all members again to please support this event and let Lindy know that you can volunteer your skills and help in some way in the lead up organisation, or on the day. We need you!

Join in the Rallies

Rallies for winter are indoor at Gruyere. It's dry in there!! Its a great venue with easy parking and big yards for our horses. If you're not riding, its still nice to get out and about in winter. Drop in for a cuppa or watch a few lessons – there is always something to learn, someone to chat to, or something to do. If you feel the cold, you'll soon warm up learning how to set up the obstacle course.

If you are not riding you can always do an in-hand lesson. Did you know there are many in-hand flexions to teach your horse to accept the contact, to balance, to flex, to extend, and to round his poll. You can even teach your horse all the lateral work in walk, from the ground.

Remember you don't need to know what to do, or be doing it well to come to the rallies. Most of us are beginners and the rallies are a great place to learn or to help your horse relax with different obstacles or other horses, distractions and people about. We work on the individual needs of each horse and rider in gentle effective

ways without force or gadgets. Exposing young, green or nervous horses to these obstacles is great for their training, and your safety.

There are no expectations and there is no pressure to do anything. (Other than picking up your horse's poo!) We support each other, and you do as much or as little as you want. So, come along, be part of your club, in your fluffy winter woollies and muddy manes and meet some new friends.

Until next time

Andrew

CLUB GROUNDS – OR NOT?

A discussion came up at the last committee meeting as to what our member's thoughts were re trying to obtain permanent club grounds - ie share with another ARC or PC on their grounds, or whether in fact it was easier to stay the way we were and hire our grounds out per rally.

There are pros and cons to both ideas:-

-firstly we need to find suitable grounds that we could share with an existing club.

-at the moment we are losing about \$1000 per annum in grounds hire but the benefit of hiring is that there are no ongoing upkeep fees and charges and no working bees!

-our 'own' grounds would bring along its own set of rules – the upkeep on the grounds, members would have to pitch in for working bees – if not there is generally a charge to offset working bee non attendance.

-there would still be fees in having our own grounds, possibly to be paid to the main usergroup.

Thought – Is the club about the people? Do we need our own clubgrounds to have a sense of belonging?

Your thoughts are valued – please pass them on to a committee member or maybe bring the subject up at the lunch break at the next rally for a discussion amongst our other members.

Whilst on the subject of grounds – if you are in need of an enclosed arena to use I have been told that the grounds that we currently use for rallies are available for hire on consultation with the owners.

Deb's indoor - \$20 ph, Karen's Melrose Farm - \$15 ph or Warramate - \$15 ph.

COMPETITION DATE – SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH

The day is getting closer!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please note that you will need to be Level Assessed for dressage on the horse you want to enter on. (see further down the newsletter for more details on this)

Medical armbands are to be worn for the obstacle phases.

I have attached a copy of the dressage tests with this newsletter but for more details please go to our website www.workingequitationyarravalley.org

As this is an "All hands on deck" occasion we will have a duty roster to run the day. We may need to call upon our competing members to help around their riding times.

Some highlights about this competition;

- This is our first go at running all 3 phases in one day - Dressage, Obstacles Style and Obstacles Timed (speed).
- The competition will be limited to about 25 in order for us to get each rider through each phase.
- There will be 3 levels in each phase - Introductory, Preliminary and Debutant.
- For dressage tests, score sheets, and sample course maps see the WEGBI website: <http://www.wegbi.com.au/rule-book.html>
- Please contact Susie if you have any questions about the rules or tests
- We hope you will take this opportunity to enter on the day.

We would also like our members to ride as well so give this some thought too. More details available later, as they come to hand.

WEGBI NEWSLETTER

I have attached as a separate item a copy of the latest WEGBI newsletter. Please read as it has some good information in it and keeps us up to date about what is going on in the world of WE.

You will read in there that Eduardo Almeida is visiting Australia in October and that he will be holding WE clinics over a few weeks while he is here.

Anna has already sent out an email inviting expressions of interest in a 3 day clinic on 19/20/21st October. The deadline may have already passed but if you are still thinking about it contact her ASAP as she needed 10 riders to make it happen.

ED NOTE: at time of writing Anna has the numbers for a clinic in Vic but is waiting on advise/confirmation from other organisers in NSW as to whether there are enough people to warrant him coming down so she will advise details ASAP.

FACEBOOK and WEBSITE

Don't forget that our club has a Facebook page as well as a great website. If you are a Facebook member go to Working Equitation Yarra Valley to get some great training articles by Susie along with lots of our general info re rallies and special events, photos etc.

The website is also great for more technical club info with HRCav links.

www.workingequitationyarravalley.org

CLUB SOCIAL TRAIL RIDE

On **Wednesday 19th August** the club has planned a social trail ride, similar to the last successful ride from Yea to Cheviot Tunnel and return.

As the ride along the Goulburn Valley Rail Trail is really lovely I thought that this ride we could meet at Molesworth and ride towards the Cheviot tunnel, from the other direction. The ride will be about 18klms long, mostly walking but we may have to have a trot to get back to the floats at a decent time. The last ride was a similar distance and that took about 4 hrs (a bit less than that). There are yards for the horses at Molesworth and it will be easier to BYO lunch for after the ride. Bring a chair, horse needs, water (can't remember if there is any at the yards) and whatever else is required for a good ride! There are toilets nearby on the trail but are a good 5 mins walk away. We can do a 'horse holding' at the toilet at the start and end of ride for those that are crossing their legs.

Meet at Molesworth at 9am for a 9.30 am ride start. Molesworth is about 15 mins towards Mansfield from Yea. When you get into Molesworth drive past the pub which is on the LHS, the yards are up a bit further on the RHS.

Please let me know if you are coming on the ride – no later than Monday evening the 17th so that I know who to expect.

Likewise, if you have a query about whether or not the ride will still go ahead due to possible inclement weather please contact me on 0419 030137 to confirm.

FUNDRAISING EVENING

The fundraising committee invited us all to our inaugural "Table and Stable" night on Friday 31st July. About 15 or so members and friends turned up which was a really good number.

We gathered for a yummy dinner at Coldstream Brewery and then moved on to Horse-In-The-Box for some good old "shop til ya drop" retail therapy.

Erika, the lovely owner of Horse-In-The-Box in Coldstream, opened the doors to her shop especially for us one night after hours. 5% of the proceeds went to our club for some much needed funds.

I am pleased to report that the club spent some good money, just short of \$1900. What a great effort ladies (Andrew was there but I don't think he spent any money). That meant that \$135 was put into the club coffers as the fundraising donation.

Thank you to all that attended, and especially to Carola for doing the organisational side of it. The meal at the pub was lovely, a popular venue for locals with apparently nice beer and cider. The salt and pepper squid was also ordered in copious amounts!

Erika from Horse in the Box has sent us details about saddle blankets and other items for our uniform.



Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 1 – High protection saddle pad in chocolate, light brown binding, light brown/golden colour braids in Dressage or AP, about \$79 TBC

Figure 2 – High protection saddle pad in Ecru, light brown binding, choc/golden colour braids in Dressage only, about \$79 TBC

Figure 3 – Horze brown saddle pad, Double cord, avail in Pony only, \$55

Figure 4 – Horze Silvercord, avail in Pony and Full, \$45



Some of our members enjoying the Horse in the Box shopping spree.

UNIFORMS

If you have any queries re uniforms or saddle blankets please contact Julia on 0437 741871 or on the email at start of the newsletter.

As stated earlier we have the option of the saddle blankets from Horse in the Box but Julia has sourced another lot from Garfield which could be a bit cheaper, plus logo if required. Black and white binding can also be sewn on if desired. Cost is being clarified at time of writing.

The latest edition of Chaff Chat states that if you want to compete at official competitions you must have the club colours on the rider's upper body, with the Club name or logo displayed on the upper body garment and/or saddle blanket.

So basically we have 3 choices:-

- Display the logo on your upper body garment
- Display the logo on the saddle blanket
- Display the logo on the upper body garment and the saddle blanket

White or black saddle blankets are also allowed under our uniform colours, with a brown vest or top and a white shirt.

If you were wanting your saddle blanket embroidered they must be new and/or clean as the horse hair clogs up the needles.

Julia has also sourced some caps so once they are embroidered she will bring them



along for us to see and try on.

This saddle blanket is the one sourced from Garfield.

LEVEL ASSESSMENT

Veronica Harris will be at our Rally on Saturday 15th August for level assessing for anyone who needs to be done. Please advise Lisa if this is the case.

It will be \$20 each and you must bring your **FULL** set of HRCVA cards. Susie has put an information sheet about level assessing, and how it works, on our FB page.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Julia and I finally made it out for a trail ride through Mt Evelyn and Silvan last week. I floated Dale to her place in Mt Ev and she showed me some of the trails around her place and we eventually made our way into the forest behind the Silvan Fire Station.

We had a good trot up one of the hills but even that wasn't enough to get us warm. The wind was whipping through the hills and valleys. We thought we had dressed for the chilly occasion but by the time we got back to her place nearly 2 hours later I almost couldn't undo the bridle to take it off - my hands were so cold (I left my gloves in the float - very handy - no pun intended - place for them to be!) and Dale's mane is, what shall I say - he's an Appaloosa so there isn't much for me to put my hands under!

Once I had Dale rugged up and eating we went in to the warm house for a cuppa and to thaw out. Both our boys ride out well together - both bitless and barefoot.



Chester, Dale and Helen



Julia and Chester (and Dale!)

Send me your interesting ride article or any horsey achievements - don't be shy - other members would love to hear what's going on in your horsey world.

WEYV WINTER CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

We are now indoor at Gruyere right through the winter!

As usual we source great facilities and a wide range of activities for you, so toss off those winter woollies and join us for some fun training & riding.

For info & bookings email Lisa Saunders at lisandian@bigpond.com.au

Book early: Closing date for bookings & payment is 5 days prior to event.

WEYV Calendar: <http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/calendar.html>

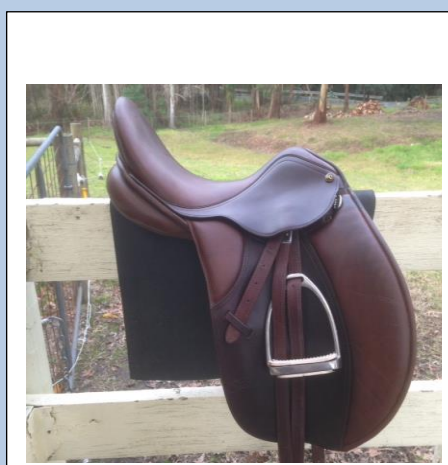
Wednesday, 12 August 2015	Club Rally	Gruyere Indoor
Saturday, 15 August 2015	Club Rally	Gruyere Indoor
Wednesday, 19 August 2015	Social trail ride (non-club event)	Molesworth
Wednesday, 9 September 2015	Club Rally	Gruyere Indoor
Saturday, 12 September 2015	Club Rally	Gruyere Indoor
Wednesday, 23 September 2015	Spring Clinic: Working Equitation	Gruyere Indoor
Wednesday, 7 October 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Saturday, 10 October 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Sunday, 25 October 2015	WE Competition: Dressage, Style & Speed	ASEA Indoor
Wednesday, 4 November 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Saturday, 7 November 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Wednesday, 25 November 2015	AGM & Awards Night	Melrose Farm
Wednesday, 2 December 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Saturday, 5 December 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm

FOR SALE

Trainers EVA all purpose saddle, 17"
Approx. 2 yrs old.

This saddle is the 'top of the line' in the Trainers saddle models and is hard to find. Brown, super comfortable seat with beautiful soft leather panels, Pessoa soft stirrup leathers and Grainge irons, long girth points

Always kept covered and inside, well oiled and conditioned. Ready to go. Has MW gullet but is fully changeable. Selling as it does not suit my horse, he goes better in a dressage saddle! \$1950 please call Helen on 0419 030137 or email helenjsharp@bigpond.com



CLUB SADDLE BLANKET

I would like to sell my brown, club logo embroidered saddle blanket only because I have discovered it must be a pony size, that's why it's been sitting a bit short on Dale. Only used 3 times, in perfect order. Asking \$40, need to buy a bigger one! Save time on waiting for new ones to come in, and save embroidery costs. Will bring to Wednesdays rally. Ring Helen on 0419 030137 or email me.

NISSAN TIIDA

This Nissan Tiida 2007 comes from a non smoking environment. I am only selling this car because my wife inherited her mum's car which she wants to keep for sentimental reasons.

This car is small and zippy. It has driver & passenger airbags, ABS brakes and air conditioning, full service logbooks and has always been kept in a garage or carport.

It has front door map pockets, front bottle/cup holders, 4 speakers, remote central locking and power door mirrors, tachometer. It has 5 seats, enough for the whole family and has never been in an accident. This car has electric power assisted steering, brake assist and electronic brake force distribution. With a powerful 1.8 litre engine this car is exceptional value at \$6,500. Comes with a roadworthy certificate and has only 124104 km on odometer.

Phone Deb Clow

0458 651 957.



Zaldi 18 inch Grand Prix 2000 All Purpose Saddle.
Fully mounted, includes stirrup leathers and irons
Good used condition.

Does not fit my young horse. \$200

Debrah Clow. Ph.0458 651 957

For Sale

Beautiful black Clydie X colt, 11 months old.

Lovely laid back, easy going temperament. I would expect him to mature to 15/16 hh.

He has been fully vaccinated for tetanus and strangles, wormed and had his hoofs trimmed regularly.

Zach is such a sweetie, and he is only for sale to a kind person who is knowledgeable about young horses.

Eligible for registration with the CCSHA. Price \$2.500

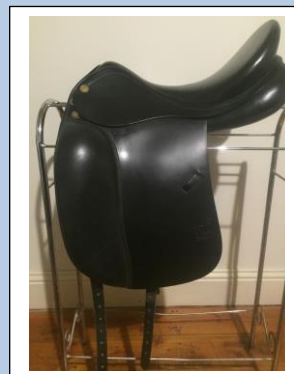
Rosale 0407565333



SADDLE FOR SALE

17" Prestige Top Dressage saddle.
Beautiful saddle. Always kept inside.
Ridden in lightly as was only kept for best.
For sale as no longer have the horse I brought it for.
\$1,200

For any further details please contact Chloe 0400183731



FOR LEASE WITH OPTION TO BUY

To approved rider only

'STRONGBOW'

My name is "Strongbow". Don't let the name fool you, I'm not tough at all. I am a marshmallow. I'm an 11 year old Friesian /TB cross (Friesian Warmblood). I'm dapple grey. 15.2 hh

I have lived at Melrose Farm with my best friend India for 4 years. At first we were inseparable. We did everything together. Pony club, Adult riders, Trail riding, loads of classical dressage lessons, clinics inc western trail and lots of natural horsemanship .
But then she left me to go to boarding school.

I miss her so much! She was only able to ride me in the school holidays and when she came home on the weekends. Other times my Grandma rode me and I continued my classical dressage training with Kailie Nott on board. I've had a go at working equitation and I think I'm really good at it. I can jump too, but classical dressage is my thing. I know heaps of stuff! Just ask me properly and kindly and you will be amazed at how soft, responsive and obliging I am.

I have impeccable manners and I always try my hardest.

Grandma has even been using me for corporate leadership training with the city folk.

India is in Year 12 now. Next year university, she's all grown up. I think my heart is going to break. Things will never be the same again between us.

So I'm looking for my new best friend. Granma insists on an audition process because I am seriously special! My new rider must be very kind, understanding and preferably someone with classical training or a willingness to learn. An understanding of natural horsemanship also would get the best out of me. Just wait until you see my liberty work! I'm not very brave so I need my rider to be a good leader and reassure me when I worry. I never do naughty stuff, I just worry sometimes. If you tell me its ok and we both believe it, then I'm all good.

The deal is lease with free agistment at Melrose Farm with an option to buy after an agreed period. I come with all of my gear and a heart as big as a mac truck!

If you would like to meet me call Karen on 0414927785 Thanks. (Karen is AWOL until 24th August)

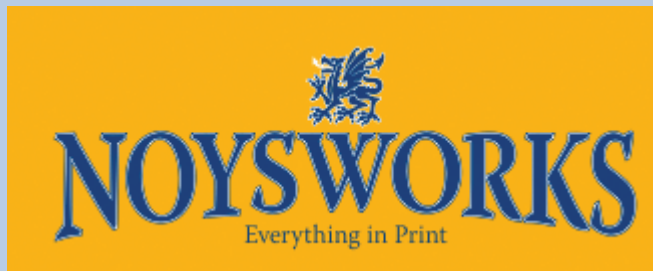


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