
CLUB POSTAL ADDRESS

PO Box 394 Pantom Hill 3759

WEBSITE

www.workingequitationyarravalley.org

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President – Andrew Feher

feher.andrew@gmail.com

Vice President - Helen Sharp

Newsletter – Helen Sharp

helenisharp@bigpond.com

Secretary – Susie Walker

walker.susieg@gmail.com

Treasurer – Kerry Pitcher

kerry.pitcher@gmail.com

Rallies – Lisa Saunders

lisaandian@bigpond.com.au

Instructors & Venues/

WEV Representative – Anna Gust

annagust37@hotmail.com

Uniforms – Julia Colman

Maintenance - Julia Colman

colmanj@southernphone.com.au

Fundraising – Fay Diamantakis

Risk M'ment – Fay Diamantakis

fdiamantakis@optusnet.com.au

Fundraising – Carola Sahler

carolasahler@optusnet.com.au

Events – Lindy Whitfort

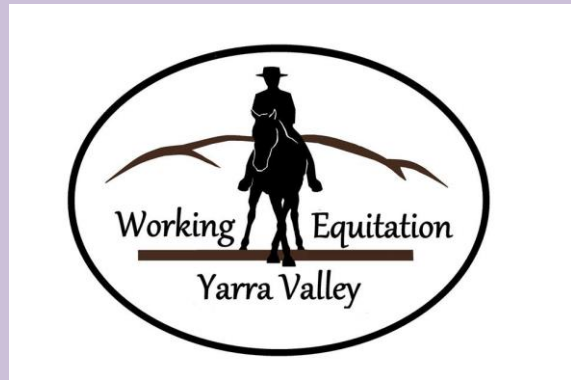
lindy.whitfort@bigpond.com

Melrose Farm – Karen Gillings

karenjgillings@gmail.com

Grants – Catherine Bateman

mscbateman@gmail.com



October 2015

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

The sun is out again and the grass is growing and we can reduce the hard feeds and the rugging so we can concentrate on our horses and our riding.

At our rally last Wednesday Nicki Bosen from Woori Yallock and District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank Financial Services took advantage of our offer to visit the club on a rally day. We gave her a ridden demo in the obstacle arena and she also went down to have a look at the lesson down on the dressage arena. She was suitably impressed with the Club and Melrose Farm and went away with a clearer vision of what WEYV is all about and also as to where the sponsorship monies will be put to good use. If you see Helen pat her on the back for her great work in getting this money for the club.

Helen and Julia have been busy with shopping around to work out the best way to renew the obstacles with the wonderful grant from the Bendigo Bank.

We have a busy two months ahead of us with Clinics, Competitions and our AGM.

There are details to bring to your attention in this newsletter about our AGM. It is your chance to have a say on the WEYV committee. Don't be shy – we need YOU.

For all the details please read on then come and join us for fun and enjoyment.

Until next time

Andrew

JOIN AND ENHANCE YOUR COMMITTEE

Our AGM is not that far away and we would love to see new faces on our Committee. Our first two years as a club has been busy and now that we are up and running I believe we need a Committee with a new focus on sustaining the momentum we have built.

I feel confident that many of you have ideas and skills to help sustain our club – please consider a role on the Committee and bring your skills to help improve our activities. We are a friendly, fair & flexible Committee who meet every month over a Pub dinner and throw around ideas and try a few unusual things. All ideas are welcome and new members will be made to feel wanted, appreciated and welcomed.

Please note that all members wanting to join the committee or intending to vote at the AGM **MUST** be financial members on the night. The new financial year starts on 1st November – more about how to join up further down this newsletter. Opportunity to join on the night will be available before the meeting starts. Have your forms signed and ready to go, along with your money. This will make the Treasurers/Secretary job easier.

The **AGM** will be held at Melrose Farm, arrive at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30 start. We will have nominations for committee positions, executive committee reports and a short general meeting which should all be finished by 7.15 whereupon dinner will be ready to eat.

At 7.45 we will be hearing from our guest speaker for the night - Andrew Bowe from Barefoot Blacksmith fame (Andrew Bowe is a career master farrier who specializes in the barefoot rehabilitation of horses that are either suffering from chronic lameness or are simply not performing as well as they should be. He works in conjunction with veterinarians and equine body therapists) I'm sure he will be available afterwards to answer any questions you may have re hooves, trimming etc

Karen has asked that everyone please bring a chair and your own drinks.

At the last meeting we put together a list of who is bringing what to eat for tea.

Anna – orange salad
Lindy – rice salad
Lisa – sweets
Kerry – nibbles
Susie – potato salad
Helen – cold meats
Andrew – bread rolls

As a special favour to those that have food allergies (me included) could those that are making salads please bring along the bottle of dressing (if used) for me to see the ingredients so that I can ascertain as to whether or not I can eat it. Or better still, maybe do the final put together on the night?

We would still like to have a few more dishes so if anyone is good at cooking or whipping up something yummy please let Helen know (either email or txt is fine), another couple of deserts may be nice or a fruit platter?

A committee nomination form is attached.

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

The HRCav new financial year starts on 1st November and you must be a financial member to vote, and to ride. I have attached the new membership forms. Please fill them out and return, if preferred either at the next rally, AGM or beforehand. You will also need to bring your **GREEN** membership card to be stamped for the new year. You will not be able to compete unless your cards have been officially signed.

Amongst the forms there is a member emergency information form. This only needs to be filled out and returned if any of the information required on the form has changed since you filled out the last one ie- new address, phone number, etc.

The new membership forms for 2015/2016 financial year are now on our website. It's still just \$70 to join our club – plus your HRCav insurance. Remember, if you are wishing to ride at the November rallies you need to renew or join up before these rallies. We also welcome associate membership if you are already a member with another HRCav club. Chaff Chat is optional.

Our next upcoming rallies are on Wednesday 4th November and Saturday 7th November, both at Melrose Farm in Yarra Glen.

You can also go to the website for the new membership forms. Go to 'about', 'membership', 'joining process' - <http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/joining-process.html>



WOORI YALLOCK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK BRANCH OF THE BENDIGO BANK

We are very grateful for their sponsorship and we will be helping to promote the Bank at our rally days and of course on our big competition day. With their help our borrowed equipment will be returned to its owners and will be replaced with wonderful new items. Also we will be able to purchase obstacles that have been missing on our course due to lack of funds.

Community Bank® branches provide communities with more than just quality banking services – they deliver employment opportunities for local people, keep local capital in the community, are a local investment option for shareholders and provide a source of revenue for important community projects determined by the local community.

The Bank will be holding a cheque presentation morning tea at Woori Yallock on Tuesday 20th October. I have sent out a separate email asking if any members were available to join us but unfortunately it coincides with the Eduardo clinic and work. At time of writing Andrew, Deb, Karen and myself are able to attend so hopefully that will be enough.

NEW BOOKING FORM UPDATE

The new rally booking form via our website is ticking along well but there are still a few 'tweeks' happening as new things and questions arise. If you have any concerns about it please contact Andrew, he is being 'trained' as the new guru of webpages!

While I'm on the subject of rally bookings Lisa has asked me to share a few things concerning rally booking procedures.

Our rallies to date have all run at a loss, which means that the club has to wear the cost of rallies. Hence all our fundraising efforts at this stage go towards running costs of 2 rallies per month.

Payment is strictly required AT TIME OF BOOKING! Not the next day, not on the day but as you send the booking form through please ensure that you also arrange the bank transfer. If Lisa does not receive your payment you WILL NOT be put on the rally list to ride – period. Sorry if this sounds harsh but we have had members book but not pay, Lisa has put them on the rally list in good faith and they haven't turned up. This not only has taken a lesson place that someone else could have taken but we then have run the day at a greater loss due to no fees for that lesson.

Please also adhere the the rally booking CLOSURE DATE. This is in place so that Lisa has optimal time to organise groups. The date will be strictly adhered to by Lisa, no excuses, as she usually gives us plenty of time to book and pay. Rally dates are published far in advance for members to put in diaries/calendars/phones etc.

Booking fees are non refundable unless for sickness in either horse or human. No other excuses accepted. (You may need to pray for nice weather if you don't like rain).

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY RALLY



As Andrew mentioned earlier in the newsletter we had a guest at our Wednesday rally in October. Nicki Bosen from WYDCOM Financial Services (Bendigo Bank) came along to see what our club is all about. She is pictured in these shots with our members on the obstacle course and at lunch time. She gave us a few words about what her company does and various offers that are available to clubs such as ours. We were very grateful that she made the effort to share with us. Not sure whether we will see her on a horse though as she says she's a bit scared of them! She did well to pose in with Jake and Dale.

NEW GATE

Well, those of you at last Saturdays rally would have seen the inaugural unveiling of our fabulous new gate, made specifically for our club by Julia and her partner Gary. They have created a masterpiece and we thank them for their efforts in putting this all together in time for our competition.

Gary is a welder extraordinaire (see his ad at the bottom of the newsletter), and Julia isn't that bad at welding either she tells me! If you have a job for Gary give him a call and he may be able to help you out with one of his creations.



COMPETITION DATE – SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH

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

I think everything is organised to go on Sunday week. The draft has been done, program on its way etc etc etc.

I suggested that we could have music for the obstacle course to make it a bit more like the comps in Europe? Trouble is that I have no musical sense or suitable equipment so if anyone out there is a budding DJ or has a ghetto blaster maybe you could offer to help us out?

Also has anyone got any contacts with a local nursery for a lend of some plants to make the dressage arena look a bit spritzy?

Also if anybody is available on Saturday arvo to help set up any help would be greatly received.

WE CLINIC

Eduardo Almeida is visiting the Yarra Valley next week and will be holding a WE clinic at Maurice Rd, Gruyere.

Hopefully everyone participating in the clinic has a great time and we look forward to pics and a write up telling us all about it.

WE SPRING CLINIC



These are just a few pics taken at our Spring clinic back in September. Everyone had a good time and accomplished some good techniques over and around the obstacles. I didn't think I was actually going to get to ride as Dale seemed a bit colicky earlier on that morning but his symptoms eased and I had a bit of a go at the course. Think it was more like his ulcer returning so he was back on the meds again, sigh!

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.

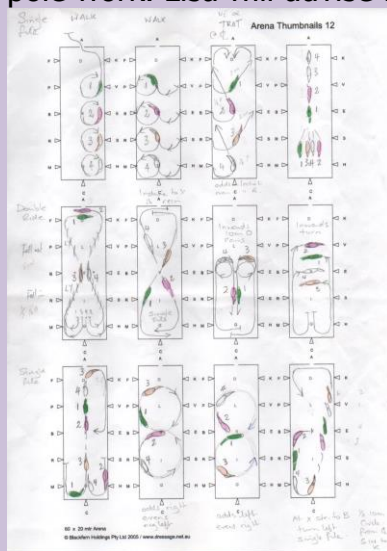
www.workingequitationyarravalley.org

NOVEMBER RALLIES

Susie has offered something a little different for the November rally days – Quadrille for dressage and Pole Work for obstacles – (still with a normal dressage lesson on offer).

This is one of the quadrille programs that Susie has in mind, it's a bit hard to read but she has it all worked out.

Of course we will still have Karen's drums, bridge, gate, tyre and tarp there to play with if someone is keen for other obstacle lesson in Nov. but the focus will be on pole work. Lisa will advise nearer the day.



The quadrille sheet!

Dale showing how it's done on the tyre!

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.

The 1st lot of items have been embroidered with the club logo by Kylee from Cedar Lodge in Macclesfield. We need to have a few items for the next batch to go so if you do have something please contact Julia for the next date that she will require them by.

We do have a small amount of embroidered short and long sleeved white tops available for purchase.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

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.

BANYANDAH by Anna Gust

Banyandah Naturally

Riverina Highway, Howlong

<http://www.banyandahnaturally.com.au/home.html>

Hello everyone,

A few weeks ago Susie and I had the pleasure of a short break at a beautiful horse facility up on the Murray, near Howlong on the NSW border.

It's hard to describe Banyandah in words, as its one of those places where you softly melt into the nature around you, and lose track of time, work or worries.

A weekend is simply not long enough. The attraction is with many things - the 350 acres of river flats, the magnificent huge red gum trees, the safe trails along the river, the quality and style of all that is built there, the peace and tranquillity, and of course the amazing horse facilities, including arenas, round yards, large horse yards, and an extensive permanent outdoor horse playground, cross country course and horse swimming beach on the river. Yet with all this, it's reasonably priced as it's designed specifically for horse clinics and relaxing time away with your horse.

It's a superb property with something for everyone, from nervous riders to experienced. It is a place to spend high quality time with your horse and friends, or just sitting in the grass watching time pass by with the current.

Susie and I had a fabulous time meandering around the property on horseback and on foot, playing with the obstacles, and in the honeycomb, moving a few cows around the "Field of Dreams", watching the Cow Working Clinic that was on at the time and playing at liberty with the ponies. picnicking on a blanket by the river, sitting under the stars by the fire, burning marshmallows and philosophising on the meaning of life with horses ☺. The opportunities are many and varied as the property lends itself to so many things. You could come up and use the facilities in your own way or join in group activities.

The idea of having a club camp there with our members is something to consider for next year, in spring or autumn. So we have put the rates and accom details here for you to look at. Also see the website link above.

Banyandah – Rates & Accommodation

There is detailed info on the website, but here is a snapshot of the current costs and accommodation arrangements. As it's a popular venue we would need to make an advanced booking in order to secure the venue for our members.

Camping is \$15 per night per person with the use of a cattleman's hut for cooking, showers and toilet.

Accommodation in the "Lighthouse" is \$50 per night per person and sleeps 8 people in 4 bedrooms with very comfortable bunks. Doonas and pillows are provided, but BYO sheets. The lighthouse has fully equipped large kitchen, wood fire, and two bathrooms.

Horse Yard hire is \$15 per day. At certain times of the year the horses will be allowed into a large common paddock to graze together.

Possibilities are there to bring the family, particularly for camping.

We are considering a return visit in autumn, for 3 or 5 days, possible dates: Easter 2016 25th – 29th March. If you are interested in these or some other dates, email Anna on annagust37@hotmail.com I would like feedback on whether you would be interested in going to Banyandah as a social event, to do a clinic or not at all.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

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>

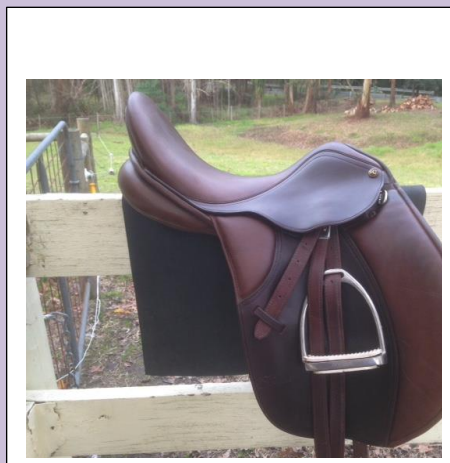
Sunday 25 th October 2015	WE Competition: Dressage, Style & Speed	ASEA Indoor
Wednesday 4 November 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Saturday 7 th November 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
<u>Monday 9th November 2015</u>	<u>AGM & Awards night</u>	<u>Melrose Farm</u>
Wednesday 2 December 2015	Club Rally	Melrose Farm
Saturday 5 th 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! \$1850 please call Helen on 0419 030137 or email helenjsharp@bigpond.com





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



Trainers Jessica Pro Dressage Saddle
17", wide Gullet but fully changeable
Only had 6 mths use, suit new buyer
Extremely comfy saddle, gives you a
very secure seat and position, FM with
English leather stirrup leathers & Zilco
irons, sad but genuine sale \$2200
ph Helen 0419 030137



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.



FOR SALE 2003 BMW R1150RT 25,000 genuine klms, lots of extras
Excellent condition, 12 months rego, \$11,000
Ph Paul 0409 538 068 or Helen 0419 030137

OUR SPONSOR

Woori Yallock
& District
Community Bank®
Branch



OUR SUPPORTERS



Eastside Mitsubishi
"We're on your side at Eastside"

303 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading, Vic, 3131

Ph: (03) 9878 7333 - Fax: (03) 9878 6149



Noysworks

Unit 1/114 Warren Road,
Mordialloc,
Vic 3195

T: 03 9588 1230

F: 03 9588 0408

M: 0418 988 600

E: peter@noysworks.com



17 Lawler Lane
Coldstream 3770
PH: 03 9739 1669
www.horseinthebox.com.au



Delivering a healthy future

www.organicorigins.com.au



Ranger Floats

<http://www.rangerstockfloats.com.au/>



Horseland Lilydale



476 Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale, Vic 3140
Tel 03 9739 6822, Fax 03 9739 6823

“HANDFORGED WROUGHT-IRON”

Factory 3/ 39 Power Road,
Bayswater

Gary Butters 0402 657 793

For all structural steel/aluminium welding and quality handcrafted iron products.



Address: 11 Kiernan Rd, Macclesfield VIC 3782

Phone: [\(03\) 5968 9672](tel:(03) 5968 9672)