

WORKING EQUITATION YARRA VALLEY



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FROM ANNA GUST

Hello and Happy New Year to all WEYV members, and a warm welcome to those who have joined us for the first time. We're looking forward to a great turnout at the February rally – and even if you're not riding, think about coming along to watch, have a cuppa and meet some new people.

The HRCV "3PE" is relatively new in the HRCV context and it appears to be gaining some momentum this year. If we want it to become a permanent discipline in the HRCV we need to show our enthusiasm and support. There have been some new clubs who have decided to run unofficial competitions, good on them! Dingley Riders club ran a very successful 3PE Jackpot in December 2018. I spent the day shadow judging and pencilling which gave me a great overview of the day.

Obviously members of our club, and a few other clubs, have been practising Working Equitation for a while. At the comp, there were some such experienced WE riders, such as our very own Anita Begg, but I was surprised to see that there were many first timers who just came to give it a go and have some fun. Most of these riders found the obstacles more challenging than they had imagined. Dingley has a huge flat area with a lot of space to erect great obstacle courses. I am sure you will all see this great space when you enter their next competition in February.....!! 😊

For 2019, three clubs decided to get together and run a 3PE series. These are Koo Wee Rup, Dingley and Cranbourne. Koo Wee Rup held the first completion of the series on Sunday 20th of January. I both rode at this completion and helped to pencil along with our wonderful secretary Lindy Whitfort. We both got a lot out of this pencilling experience and I would encourage you all to consider pencilling if you get a chance. It gives you a really clear picture of what the judge is looking for and how you might improve your score. Many of you have been doing WE for a while now and would have this as a great advantage at a competition among people who are new to the sport. Remember that in level 5 or 4, obstacles are done at a walk and trot; you may canter between obstacles if you want to but there is no pressure to go faster than you are comfortable with. You can do your speed round in any gait but if you decide to do it all in walk then that is fine.

You need to ride at your assessed HRCav dressage level. If you are not yet assessed you can look on the HRCav website and find an assessor in your area who you pay a very small sum to watch you ride and tell you your level for competing. Please consider entering in one of the up and coming competitions. The more WEVY members who go, the more fun it is and we can also post your lovely photos of the day to you and on our FB page. This will go a long way to supporting 3PE to become an official HRCav discipline. The rule-book is on the HRCav website, here is the link <https://hrcav.com.au/2018/03/new-three-phase-equitation-3pe-rules/>

If you would like to compete and don't have a club uniform, talk to Kerry Pitcher our Treasurer about what to wear. We have a new batch of sew-on WEVY badges made up that can be bought and sewed onto saddle blankets or a vest. In case you have never seen a WEVY competition outfit, here's a photo of what I wore at the Koo Wee Rup competition.



The WEVY colours are "liver chestnut" (copper/brown), black and white. I have a medical armband for the Style and Speed phase. I also have one of the WEVY material badges on the back of my saddle blanket. I think our uniform looks very classy! That should be enough on its own to make you want to wear it and show it off.

Your next big chance to put on our uniform and ride for WEYV is at the Dingley competition on 17 Feb. I have put the details on the club FB page or you can find it on Event Secretary. They still have a few spots available but not for long so get your entries in quickly.

If you miss out on Dingley stay tuned for:

- Ovens Valley 3PE: 17 March (being held in Benalla)
- Cranbourne: 14 April (the 3rd in the Series)
- Macedon Ranges 3PE: 19 May
- Macedon Ranges 3PE: 13 Oct

To get you in the competition zone our first 2019 rally in February is a full obstacle course with Susie Walker teaching.

If anyone is interested in becoming a 3PE judge there is a training day which is run by HRCV in Elmore on 24 Feb to become an interim judge. As well as attending this day you will need to become a level assessor. There are many level assessor days run across the state that you can choose to attend. For me the closest is Hurstbridge on 14 April. I will try to attend this - would anyone like to join me? Unfortunately this will clash with the Cranbourne 3PE competition so you might have to choose one or the other as I am sure you will all be itching to go to one of these events.

We're off to an exciting start to the year! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the rallies and some competitions this year.

FUNDRAISER – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We were very lucky with our allocated Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day on 9 December. Only two days prior, the weather was 38 degrees – the sausages wouldn't have been the only thing sizzling that day! But luckily it was only in the mid 20s for our day. You may think this a fairly irrelevant factor but believe me, that little tent got hot!!! You may recall from the last newsletter that I was concerned that my Garry, who was coming along to help as one of the sausage cookers, would eat all our profits. Well, the weirdest thing happened – he ate ZERO sausages that day. I ate more than he did.....but that's not unusual. Anyway, back to the topic: thanks to those who came along and did a shift – you are champions!!! We made a net profit of \$1,983.85. That will just about cover the facility hire for our rallies for the 2019 year, which is a super outcome.

CLUB UNIFORMS

We still have a number of the lovely black polos, sponsored by Bendigo Bank, available at the great price of **\$25**. They wash really well, and dry super fast, so they're perfect for summer riding. I'll have them at the February rally – so try one on and see how comfy they are.

We also have a small number of the black, soft shell Club jackets, again sponsored by Bendigo Bank. I'll have them at the February rally – first in best dressed. Heavily subsidised price is **\$45**.

There's also a new batch of club patches available, for sewing onto saddle blankets or clothing. So, we have:

- Large, white patches, perfect for saddle blanket **\$15**
- Medium, white patches, would work for saddle blanket or vest or shirt **\$10**
- Small, brown patches, which we ordered as an experiment. Too small for a saddle blanket, but perfect for a shirt. For anybody who LOVES brown. **\$12**

(The reason for the price differential between the latter two is that we have used a new supplier for the Medium ones and they have come in a bit cheaper.)

RALLY DUTY

Oh, I can hear you groaning from here ;-)

Rally duty is a necessary evil, like washing dishes, or ironing, or cooking, or cleaning the bathroom.....(apologies if anybody likes doing any of those things). And whilst we have to have designated people on duty, who take responsibility for the list of required tasks, if we all help out even when we're not on duty, then everything is done and dusted in a jiffy.

Lisa will put together the roster for the 2019 year. We'll trial a system of 2 people on for the morning shift and 2 for the afternoon shift. It'll be easier (and more fun) to share the load, and we'll try to pair "newies" with "oldies" to make it easier for everyone. In a nutshell, the responsibilities are:

Morning:

- Set up the tea and coffee
- Bring something yummy to share for morning/afternoon tea (sweet and/or savoury).
- Set up the 4-5 obstacles required for that rally (if we are doing the full obstacle course, we'll make alternative arrangements – we won't expect the 2 rally duty people to do it in the morning)
- Help and look after the instructor (get them a cuppa, reinstate an obstacle if it gets knocked down, pick up poo from arena)
- Maybe empty the poo barrow from the car park before you go (if it gets too full, it can be quite heavy)

Afternoon

- Help and look after the instructor (per above)
- Put away the obstacles after the last lesson
- Clean up the kitchen, put away all the supplies
- Vacuum the kitchen area
- Empty the poo barrows from the car park and the arena
- Make sure car park is clean of poo and hay

2019 RALLY CALENDAR

The 2019 rally calendar is on the website

<https://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/calendar.html>

FUNDRAISER – FOR THOSE WHO LIKE A WHINE....I mean wine

Don't forget WEYV has a charity account with Goodwill Wines. This means that when any wines are ordered from Goodwill Wines and our club is nominated as the 'charity', the club gets cash paid into its account. Feedback has been that the wines are really good. They deliver to you, so it's all super easy!!

www.goodwillwine.com.au

Now, if we could just do something similar with someone who makes CHOCOLATE.....

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

See Anna's President's report on recent comps.

If you want to let your fellow Club members know about what you've been up to, email me at kerry.pitcher@gmail.com with info and photos and I'll put it in the newsletter.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

All members are welcome at the committee meetings. Next meeting is Thursday 21 February 2019. We meet at the Grand Hotel, Yarra Glen at 6.30pm for dinner first, then meeting from 7pm (or sometimes a bit later, depending how much yacking we need to do about our horses and everything else 😊). Come along and see what fun it is!!

MEMBERS' ADS

Email me at kerry.pitcher@gmail.com any time you have something you want to advertise and I'll pop it in the next newsletter 😊

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