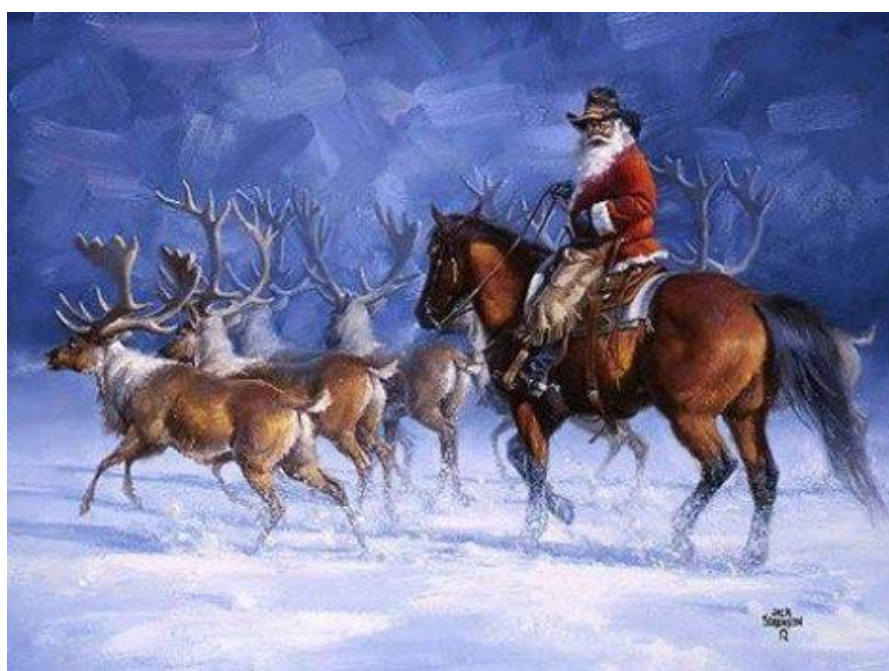


WORKING EQUITATION YARRA VALLEY



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FROM THE EDITOR

A big warm welcome back to all our members that have re-joined for the next financial year, and also a shout out to some new members as well - Karen Dolheguy, Anne Moseley, Nicole Wild and Rachel Weeks. Be sure to say hello to them and make them feel welcome at our friendly club.

I wasn't able to attend the recent AGM due to a prior engagement but I did write out a President's report to be read out on the night.

The Committee was basically re-elected again with the addition of Joan as a general committee member so welcome Joan, glad to have you on board.

The Committee as a whole were a bit surprised at the lack of members at the AGM. We had lots of good things planned so some of them were put on hold for another day. Kim from Yarra Ranges Vet Services came along and gave a great talk about First Aid, what is required in a 1st Aid Kit and how to use it. There was one already made up and Deb Clow won it as the door prize for the evening. I've since heard that it may have come in handy as Yasmin got in a bit of a pickle with some thorny scotch thistles, doing herself a nasty damage. Hope she's on the mend by now Deb.

Kim received some lovely flowers and yummy choccies for sparing some time to come along and share her knowledge on things horsey.

For future reference we would love some feedback as to why you may not have attended the AGM. Maybe it was too early in the evening? Wrong night? Too far away? Just not interested? Shoot me an email and let me know. Your thoughts will be confidential.

WEYV Presidents report 2017 AGM

Welcome to everyone that is here tonight, members, family and friends.

My sincere apologies for my non-attendance tonight and a big shout out our ever competent Treasurer and VP, Kerry Pitcher, for chairing this meeting in my absence. Unfortunately I still haven't come across a way that I can morph into 2 people and be at 2 different places at the same time. As this is being read out I will be on the way home, somewhere between Molyullah and Woori Yallock after spending a few days at the fabulous Mountain Trail Course belonging to past members Chris and Brenda Millott.

I would have stopped to join you but I have precious cargo on board though given the chance I'm sure that Dale would have welcomed the stopover, have come inside and made himself quite at home, have swept all the food off the table looking for tasty treats and hopefully not leaving his calling card at the door! Sunny would have just waited at the front door for him so that he (Sunny) doesn't get into trouble!

Our club is ever growing. This year we welcomed 54 members, both re-joining and new, to our membership list. Some were regulars at just about every rally, and unfortunately, for whatever reason, some we have never even seen. Hopefully they have re-joined and we will get to know them throughout the coming financial year.

The HRCav have finally accepted that Working Equitation is here to stay and have formed a new Sub Committee to help formulate rules and regulations pertaining to WE. This is yet to be finalised but once done we will be better equipped to run competitions under their banner instead of it being a bit mish/mash with different ruling bodies, i.e. ANWE National, ANWE VIC and HRCav. On that note the committee voted a few months ago not to renew our Club membership with ANWE (Australia National Working Equitation Ltd) due to a variety of reasons but mostly because our membership demographic is seen as mainly 'non-competitive', its core membership being riders that enjoy their horses, they want to improve their riding and have their horses wellbeing first and foremost. Someone having a quest to compete nationally or wanting go to the Olympics may not necessarily be a member of our club though I guess we all have to start somewhere!

We now feel fully at home at the indoor arena at Gruyere and are very privileged to be invited to use this wonderful facility. A variety of instructors helped us throughout the year – Susie Walker, Natasha Jones, Jason McInnes, Anna Gust and Ro Jelbart gave us varied instruction with Anna unveiling Pedro El Toro, her infamous bike/mobile bull which was a lot of fun. We also ran a few 'weekend' rallies which enabled us to do back to back instruction days around a full obstacle course.

Bendigo Bank, again, were very gracious with their sponsorship money. They have entrusted us with another \$2000 with which we are to purchase some lovely club jackets. Of course the polo shirts from the previous year were a fashionable addition to our club wardrobe also.

Well I hope that you all have a really great night, I know that the committee have organised Kim from Yarra Valley Vets as your guest speaker and that there are some games to play, prizes to win and of course voting to be done!

Thank you to the outgoing committee members, and welcome to the new ones voted in, though looking into my crystal ball I'm guessing they may still be the same! Enjoy.

Regards Helen

Past/re-elected President?????????

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Please note that this year the new HRCav financial year began on November 1st.

This means that you will need to be a fully paid up member to ride at a rally. You will not be insured or able to ride at a rally until fees are paid, nor compete at an event until your green membership card has been stamped for the current financial year.

New forms have been uploaded on our website and I have included them as attachments as well. Please ensure that the club membership form is filled out AS WELL AS the HRCav disclaimer form as you will not be covered under their insurance until that is received and processed. The emergency form is also required if your circumstances have changed since last year, or if you are a new member.

Please ensure that you bring your green card to the next rally to be stamped once your fees are paid.

DECEMBER RALLIES

Unfortunately due to extremely low numbers for the December rallies it was decided that they would be cancelled. Hopefully the reason for the no show was because it was coming up to Christmas so the Committee may have to look at an alternative for next year.

Again, if you're willing to offer some feedback we would love to hear from you. Maybe it is too hard at this time of year? You haven't re-joined as yet? Not going to re-join? Was it the instructor or the advertised content of the lesson maybe wasn't suited/of interest to you? The Committee love feedback so that we can please our members.

Love to hear your thoughts – no questions asked.

FEBRUARY RALLIES

The 1st rally day of the year starts off with Classical Dressage instruction with Jason McInnes on Wednesday 7th February.

Then the WE theme continues as the following weekend will be the first of 4 weekends set aside in the year for a double rally. This one will be with visiting instructor and judge Frances Hughes from Traralgon WE club.

This will be a great opportunity to work on the whole 3 phases of WE. We trialled this type of rally last year and it was very successful so when Lisa advertises it next year don't delay in booking as it will be very popular.

BUNNINGS

We have been lucky enough to secure a booking for the Bunnings BBQ at their Chirnside Park branch. Unfortunately we will have to wait another 12 months for it to come around as the date is 9th December 2018.

This is our major fundraiser as it enables us to cover our rally fees and indoor arena costs that run at a loss most months of the year.

It would be lovely if we can have lots of volunteers as it's a fun day and it's a great way of getting to know your fellow WEYV members.

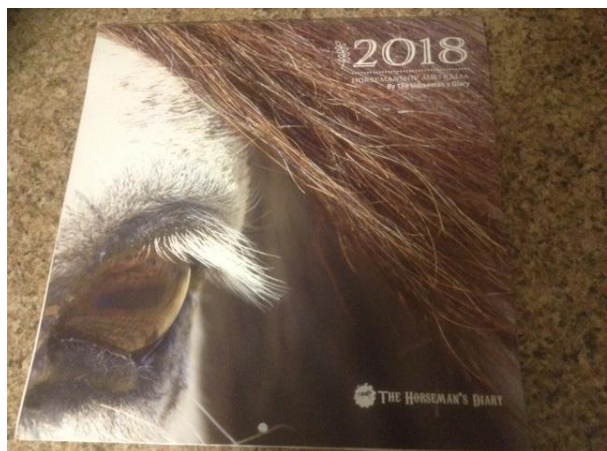
FUNDRAISER-HORSEMANS DIARY CALENDARS

We have been fortunate enough to obtain some Horseman's Diary calendars to sell to raise some funds for the club.

There are still some available and at a cost of only \$10ea they are an absolute bargain and a great idea for Christmas pressies for those hard to buy for horsey friends and relatives.

Inside there are beautiful photos of some famous, and local horse trainer identities, plus the calendar comes with a year planner for your office or stable wall.

Anna and I both have some left so please contact either Anna on 0431 030003 (she lives at Wattle Valley) or myself Helen on 0419 030137 and I live at Woori Yallock to arrange purchase.



CLUB UNIFORM

For those newer members we have a lovely polo shirt for sale at a small cost of \$25. Details are below and if you would like to purchase one please let one of the committee members know and we can arrange that to happen for you.



At each of the rallies there will be some 'samples' of our new polo shirts for members to try on prior to ordering and purchase. They come in sizes 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, we have these sizes to try on but I think they may come in 24-26 if required. They are a small fitting so don't be alarmed if the size you would normally take won't fit! The shirts are only available in black.

We now have a number of 'spare' polos in various sizes for purchase 'on the day' for those that didn't place an order.

As these polos have a sponsor logo on the rear they are not able to be used as an 'official' uniform under HRCav competition rules.

NEXT YEARS RALLY CALENDAR

Anna is our hard at work rally and venue organiser and she has come up with a very exciting calendar for 2018.

She has written a few paragraphs below about what will be avail for you next year.

"I am very excited to tell you about our calendar of events for 2018. I think it will be a great fun year for everyone involved.

Your committee, who work very hard to try to listen to the feedback from members, have come up with a calendar that is a little different from the ones of the past. We will be creating the opportunity to practice your dressage, style and speed on four occasions throughout the year.

The preceding Wednesday will be a dressage day and the following weekend will be set up with a full course of obstacles for you to practice your style and speed phases.

We have been very lucky to secure 3 amazing Instructors for these days. Susie Walker will take the dressage days, Frances Hughes from TARDAC and Margaret Anderson from WEG will take two weekends each of style and speed. These days are for everyone to enjoy. If you have a desire to compete, they will give you practice in the 3 phases that you will encounter at a competition.

We will also be running 3 clinics during the year.

- Introduction to Working Equitation
- A position clinic
- Green horses

If you have other ideas for topics that you would like covered in the future, please fill this out on a feedback form.

Our rallies for the year will also cover many subjects such as; how to ride specific obstacles or dressage movements, practising a pas de deux (riding in pairs), Garrocha, and work with the cow/bike. In addition to the instructors listed above, other instructors for the year include Ro Jelbart, Jason McInnes, Anna Gust, Natasha Jones and Helen Sharp.

I am really looking forward to a fun and vibrant year with lots of great activities and instructors. Hope you will join us."

Month	Day	Instructor	Venue
February	Wednesday 7 th rally	Jason McInnes	Gruyere
February	Saturday 10 th (obstacle weekend)	Frances Hughes	Gruyere
February	Sunday 11 th (obstacle weekend)	Frances Hughes	Gruyere
March	Wednesday 7 th Rally	Natasha Jones	Gruyere
March	Saturday 10 th Rally	Natasha Jones	Gruyere
March	Sunday 11 th (intro to WE clinic) plus a couple of members to demonstrate	Anna Gust	Gruyere
April	Wednesday 4 th Rally	Ro Jelbart	Gruyere
April	Saturday 7 th Rally	Ro Jelbart	Gruyere

April	Wednesday 18 th (position clinic)	Susie Walker	Gruyere
May	Wednesday 2 nd Rally	Susie Walker	Gruyere
May	Saturday 5 th (obstacle weekend)	Margaret Anderson	Gruyere
May	Sunday 6 th (obstacle weekend)	Margaret Anderson	Gruyere
June	Wednesday 6 th Rally	Natasha Jones	Gruyere
June	Saturday 9 th Rally	Ro Jelbart	Gruyere
June	Sunday 10 th (green horses clinic)	Susie Walker	Gruyere
July	Wednesday 4 th (pas de deux) Rally	Susie Walker	Gruyere
July	Saturday 7 th (Pas de deux) Rally	Susie Walker	Gruyere
August	Wednesday 1 st Rally	Susie Walker	Gruyere
August	Saturday 4 th (obstacle weekend)	Frances Hughes	Gruyere
August	Sunday 5 th (obstacle weekend)	Frances Hughes	Gruyere
September	Wednesday 5 th Garrocha Rally	Helen	Gruyere
September	Saturday 8 th Garrocha Rally	Anna Sharp	Gruyere
October	Wednesday 3 rd Rally	Jason McInnes	Gruyere
October	Saturday 6 th Rally	Ro Jelbart	Gruyere
November	Wednesday 7 th Rally	Susie Walker	Gruyere
November	Saturday 10 th (obstacle weekend)	Margaret Anderson	Gruyere
November	Sunday 11 th (obstacle weekend)	Margaret Anderson	Gruyere
December	Wednesday 5 th Rally Cow bike/fun day	Anna Gust	Gruyere
December	Saturday 8 th Rally Cow bike/fun	Anna Gust	Gruyere

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GOODWILL WINES

Our club has a charity account with this company, if any wines are ordered through Goodwill Wines and our account is nominated we will then benefit from the order by having cash paid into our account. Easy money, we already have \$80 odd credited – just for drinking wine!

Don't forget to order your special wines for our club fundraiser. Go to www.goodwillwine.com.au to place your order.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Sue Hain and I (as organiser) recently attended clinics and lesson days at the newly opened Mollyullah Mountain Trail course with Instructor Steve Halfpenny.

There is also an accredited course at Avalon Park in Pakenham.

Sue has kindly written a few paragraphs for us.

Molyullah mountain trail and Avalon Park

We had a great time at Molyullah Mountain trail commencing with a weekend two day clinic involving everything from groundwork to riding, to ensure horses were able to negotiate obstacles with rider and horse confidence. It was great to see everyone grow and reach such a greater understanding of what direction was needed to work with their horses. So many people from so many different backgrounds and disciplines joined us and got much out of this clinic.

On Monday we commence the introduction to cattle clinic. This day was designed for everyone of all abilities to introduce their horses to low key cattle work and everyone seemed to get a great deal out of the basic groundwork Steve had begun with, to ensure we had our horses in the right place before beginning to work with the cattle.

Two more days of private lessons followed this and all in all such a great place for my horses.

Thanks for a great time and can't wait to get back for more!

I can't stress enough the benefits of Mountain Trail obstacle training so to any of you who can make Avalon park with Steve Halfpenny in December be assured of a really great way to improve your understanding of the beneficial aspects of this training.

SUSIE'S LEGERETE EXAM

We are pleased to advise that Susie Walker has now passed her Pedagogy exam as part of her Level 1 Legerete training. This is the 2nd of a 4 part exam system.

Susie has been working extremely hard over the past few years in the Legerete system so it's wonderful that her hard work is coming to fruition.

MEMBERS ADVERTS

I am happy to take adverts from members to appear here in this spot. I generally send out an email a week before the newsletter is due out calling for anyone that would like to make a contribution (of any sort).

DRESSAGE SADDLE PAD



Black Grandeur saddle pad, would suit most dressage saddles.

Not had a lot of use so in really good condition. Padded non slip upper helps to keep saddle in place. Anatomically shaped pad to allow for the horses wither.

\$75 contact Helen 0419 030 137

DRESSAGE SADDLE FOR SALE

Loxley by Bliss of London.

Black Dressage saddle, 17", XW gullet, (is easily changed by a saddle fitter), long girth points, fully mounted, comes with girth and saddle cover.

Good sized knee rolls, deep seat and an extremely comfortable saddle.

Beautiful English leather

I have used this saddle for everything from flat work, WE, cattle work, jumping, mountain trail and trail riding.

Will also include blue dressage saddle blanket.

This saddle has been made on a hoop tree which has a slightly more open head than a classic dressage tree, it's generally flatter in it's curves, this makes it better suited to the wider, flatter backed cob type horses.

This saddle is only 2 years old, is in excellent condition (just minimal wear marks of stirrup leathers), has never been wet and is kept indoors on a saddle rack with its cover on.

Would suit new buyer.

\$2800 ono

Contact Helen on 0419 030137



WORKING EQUITATION AT PANTON HILL

Susie has some Working Equitation obstacles for riders to use on her property in Panton Hill.
She is offering lessons to a group/s of members that would like to practise their WE skills or learn new techniques.

She has a 60x20 outdoor arena and can set out up to 10 obstacles for a group of 4-5 riders for a 3 hour group session or rounds, including morning tea.

The price will depend on the number of riders. Obstacles that are available are:

Stock pen
Gate
Collect and drop pole and ring
3 barrels
Side pass poles
Jump
Rein back & Bell corridor
Slalom
Varied footing
Bank: Raised Tractor Tyre

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