

WORKING EQUITATION YARRA VALLEY



NEWSLETTER

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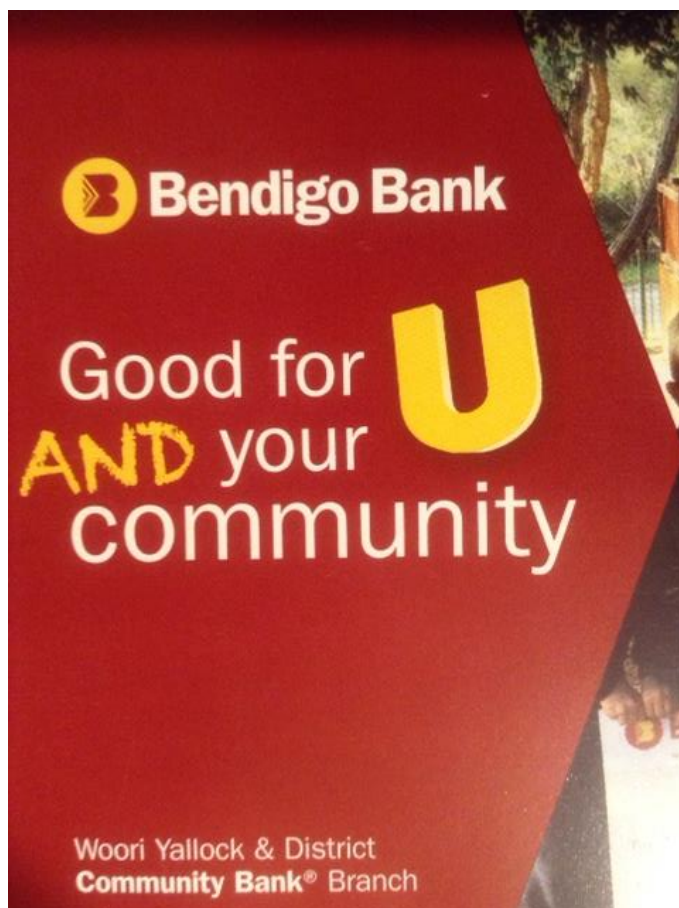
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FROM THE EDITOR

Well, I'm back from holidays and after being back at work for over a week already I'm still trying to catch up with day to day stuff. I spent over a week up at the beautiful Banyandah doing clinics with Steve Halfpenny then we were back home for a day then flew out to Sydney to hop on a ship to Vanuatu, hence the absence of the September newsletter.

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Please note that this year the new HRCV financial year begins on November 1st, which is also our first rally day for the financial year.

This means that you will need to be a fully paid up member to ride at this rally. You will not be insured or able to ride at a rally or compete at

an event until your membership card has been stamped for the current financial year.

New forms have been uploaded on our website.

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

RALLIES

I was also away for the September rally days and to be honest I have no idea what went on so I'll give this bit a miss for this month! OOPS!

RALLY DUTY

Duty roster says that the following have duty for November:-

**Wednesday
Saturday**

**Kay Davies & Sandy Goss
Kerry Pitcher and Kerryn Dunlop**

**If you are unable to make it to that rally please ensure you swap with someone else.
Contact Lisa for details.**

NEXT MONTHS RALLIES

Instructors for both November rally days will be Susie Walker.

Susie will be working on shoulder control and rounding.

"Using the figure 8 barrels, the gate, and a 4 pole square, we can develop skills for better contact and steering while riding one handed.

Practice collecting the pole and ring, trotting or cantering with the pole, opening & closing the gate, riding a figure 8 with the pole, or just drawing patterns in the sand with the long pole."

Books are already open for these 2 rallies so don't delay in booking in. Remember that your name is not on the 'rider' list until your funds have been received by Lisa.

NATASHA'S CLINIC - 18TH NOVEMBER

Natasha Jones has a clinic coming up for WEYV on 18th November, at Gruyere.

It will be focusing on 'Searching for Symmetry for Horse and Rider'. Details will be available soon.

AGM

Our AGM will be held at the Grand Hotel Yarra Glen on the evening of Wednesday 15th November.

We are going to have some door prizes and a raffle so if anyone has anything that they could kindly donate to this cause it would be greatly appreciated and accepted.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Kim Johnson from Yarra Valley Vets in Lilydale who will give a fabulous talk on First Aid for our horses, something we should be aware of in case of emergency. She will be bringing along a First Aid kit as a sample as well.

Start time will be 6pm for dinner, meeting afterwards.

We will be voting in the new committee which should be pretty painless as I think that most are going up for re-election. SOOOOOO, that being the case there's **NO** excuse for the rest of our club members coming along for a fabulous night out with some equally fabulous people!

The only person that we may be seeking is someone that is computer literate who would be happy to take on the role of running the WEYV web page. Just a little tinkering is needed throughout the year to update a few things. All the hard work has been done in setting it up and it's running pretty cruisy.

Please send Lindy an email before Friday 10th November, to lindy.whitfort@bigpond.com if you are coming to the AGM. We need to confirm numbers for the restaurant booking.

The committee is looking forward to seeing some new faces there on the night.

COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHTS

The committee meets generally on the last Wednesday of the month at the Grand Hotel in Yarra Glen.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting, or just join us for a meal beforehand.

Wednesday is Parma night and there are some pretty special looking parmas to be ordered.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 25th October**, meet there at 6.30 to order meals, meeting starts at 7pm sharp.

We would love to see you so please join us. It's also a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow members.

CLUB UNIFORM

Details of how to order our new jackets will be available shortly once the committee have discussed this at the next meeting.

In the meantime if you have recently ordered, and paid for a polo shirt please contact Julia on 0437 741871 to arrange collection. She has them waiting 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 but we are looking into a white alternative.

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.

CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT RIDING PLACES FOR RALLIES ARE LIMITED SO DON'T LEAVE YOUR BOOKING TO THE LAST MINUTE OR YOU WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

Lisa will have a waiting list available for those that have missed out.

This is a new and updated calendar with the new entries highlighted

MONTH	VENUE	DAY	DATE	INSTRUCTOR/S
OCTOBER	TO BE ADVISED	Wednesday	25 th	Social trail ride
NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	1 st	Susie Walker
NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	4 th	Susie Walker

NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	18 th	Natasha Jones(clinic)
DECEMBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	6 th	Anna Gust Garrocha
DECEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	9 th	Anna Gust xmas break up fun

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.

EDITORS CHOICE READING

A bit of light hearted reading this month! This is pretty accurate actually.

30 Common Pony Names and What They Reveal About Your Steed

What's in a name? **ONLY EVERYTHING.**

1. Stormy: wants to be a wild horse. Requires a bucket of grain to be caught in the paddock.

See also: Storm, Snow, Wind

2. Socks: not the brightest, but aims to please. Loves to be loved.

See also: Boots

3. Buddy: endlessly patient. Spends hours carting kids around on leadline pony rides.

See also: Pal, Partner

4. Lightning: loving but a bit mentally unsound. Goes into fits of bucking for no apparent reason.

See also: Flash, Sparky

5. Nugget: a name of extremes. This horse is either worth his weight in gold, or a total turd.

6. Lucky: the ideal kid's horse. Puts up with everything under the sun except for hunger; known to drag his rider across the ring to get at a few blades of grass.

7. Belle: tough and sturdy. Excellent chance of outliving you.

See also: Bella

8. Blackie: owner lacks imagination.

See also: Red, Goldie, Brownie

9. Shadow: is basic.

See also: Midnight, Onyx, Blaze

10. Major: stoic and rigid. Never gets excited to see you, no matter how many times you greet him with treats.

See also: General, Colonel, Captain

11. Moses: saintly by nature.

See also: Sampson, Micah

12. Apollo: has delusions of grandeur. Known to bang on the stall door to demand treats.

See also: Zeus, Athena, Artemis

13. Honey: a natural fatty. If grass intake is not monitored, will quickly become obese.

See also: Sugar, Fudge, Cookie

14. DD: lazy. Needs the big spurs.

See also: BB, CC

15. Lily: a delicate flower. Spooks at small noises and is prone to unexplained cuts and scratches.

See also: Rose, Petunia, Tulip

16. Fox: prone to lifelong identity crisis.

See also: Kitten, Hawk, Rabbit

17. Rocky: not very smart.

18. Hershey: spoiled rotten. Poor manners.

See also: Reese, Cadbury

19. Misty: aka, old faithful. Won't get worked up about riding by a construction zone but will occasionally spin you off just to keep you from getting complacent.

20. Ranger: great on trails.

See also: Rover, Jimmy

21. Birdie: short attention span. Very easily distracted by food, noises and other horses.

Sometimes forgets there is a rider on her back.

See also: Robin, Raven

22. Dusty: loves kids, good for any discipline.

23. Cherry: sweet and cuddly. Affectionate. Full of energy and likes to go fast.

See also: Apple, Clementine, Kiwi

24. Whiskey: owner is an alcoholic.

See also: Tequila, Kahlua, Jager

25. Spice: sassy. Usually a mare that hates other horses and pins her ears when she gets curried.

Careful when doing up her girth.

See also: Cinnamon, Ginger, Pepper

26. Romeo: very smart, a little rude. Thinks humans are a slave race that exists to serve him.

See also: Hamlet, Macbeth

27. Mischief: requires electric wire running all the way around the paddock, because if she finds a weak spot in your fence then she gone. Double chain her stall if she has a half-door because she will figure out how to get it open. Sometimes poops in her water buckets if you come to the barn late in the morning.

See also: Missy, Sassy

28. Bob: as reliable and cantankerous as your old grandfather. Needs to be reminded regularly that he is not in fact a human being.

See also: Bill, Tom, Jack

29. London: the perfect unicorn when he feels like being good, otherwise a monster. A nightmare to load into to the trailer.

See also: Paris, Sydney

30. Lady: would trade you or any other human in a heartbeat for a handful of cookies.

See also: Duke, Duchess

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter I was off on holidays.

The first part was to participate in 2 x 3 day clinics with Steve Halfpenny at Banyandah, Howlong NSW. There has to be some benefit in being an organiser for a clinician!

This was THE best time away with my horse, the 2nd clinic just consolidating that I have a pretty special boy in my paddock.

I was joined throughout the clinics by some fellow club members : Julia Coleman and Ziggy, Deb Clow and Yasmin, Lindy Whitfort and Huckleberry, Sue Hain and Jake, Brooke and Laura Dalsanto with Patrick and Trixie, Bronwyn Farrar and Bailey. Everyone went home with some fabulous acheivements from the clinic.



Cattle work



In the field of dreams



Julia and Ziggy



Bronwyn and Bailey



Bridleless



Steve starting the bridleless idea!



Playing in the river



Sue and Jake on the cows



Lindy and Deb

Steve works on balance, timing and the all elusive 'feel', of which is pretty hard to get without the other two components. We were able to use the playground this year (last year it was flooded but was useful for getting the horses used to water!) Not so this time so we took advantage of all the obstacles, the jumps, the Honeycomb roundyards and the river too. The Field of Dreams was traversed a few times and the cattle were also given a gentle workout. Well, it was our job to keep them in a group huddle in the middle of the paddock whilst we took it in turns to cut and keep one out. All handled that task really easily.

I guess my highlight of the clinics was that on the last day I took the plunge and rode (mostly at canter) Dale bridleless within the honeycomb for nearly 5 minutes. (He wanted to keep going, I wasn't forcing him to canter for that long) I even jumped him bridleless. It was AWESOME, the best feeling to finally let him go forward without restriction of the reins. Steve said the next step was doing it bareback but I may just pass on that one for the time being, ha ha ha.

Our trip to Vanuatu had a horsey component too! I did a trail ride in Vila through some rainforest and coconut plantations. I had a 14 hh black mare called Delta, she was lovely, I was even able to convince her to have a short trot up the hill. All the others were beginners so walking was their only option.

Once we got back (it was only for an hour) we unsaddled and hopped on bareback and rode into the sea lagoon for a swim. Delta wasn't content to just paddle with the other horses, she waded right out up to my chest and was having a great time swimming around, as was I.

The horses there are a little lean, but well looked after in the unenviable environment up there. I told my 2 boys they have it pretty good here at my place, and to not forget it, ha ha .



Where's Wally in the water?



In the lagoon



The view from the top

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)

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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HELEN DAVIES CLINICS

Lindy is now the co-ordinator for Helen Davies, visiting vet and go to person for horses with body issues, soreness or gait imbalances.

Helen's next clinic date for the Yarra Valley is Saturday 28th October and she consults from a private property in Yarra Junction.

I have attached 2 flyers regarding what she does, details for bookings, fees etc.

If anyone is interested in booking a consultation please contact Lindy on 0432 675 844

On a personal note Helen Davies was the only person that diagnosed EXACTLY what Dale's body issues were over 4 years ago and the improvement was amazing.

JIM MASTERSON CLINIC

Our lovely and hard working Fay is the organiser for Jim Masterson from Masterson Method who is coming to Australia for a 5 day student clinic between Monday 4th – Friday 8th December. He will be based at Monegetta which is about a 30 minute drive north of Tullamarine Airport.

Fay is looking for anyone that might like to volunteer their horse/s for students to work on (under strict supervision). Fay has been very busy studying The Masterson Method and will be doing the 5 day course herself.

I have taken a paragraph from Jim's website to explain what he does.

Improving performance, communication and relationship with your horse.

The Masterson Method[®] is an integrated, multi-modality method of equine massage. It is a unique, interactive method of equine massage in which you learn to recognize and use the responses of the horse to your touch to find and release accumulated tension in key junctions of the body that most affect performance. In contrast to most traditional modalities, it enables the horse to actively participate in the process of releasing tension. It is something you do *with* the horse, rather than *to* the horse. This participation and interaction are what makes the method fascinating for those who use it. In fact, if you do not allow the horse to participate, it does not work!

If you can help her out by volunteering your horse for a free massage please contact her on 0408 035411

SNAKE ISLAND

Bronwyn has managed to get some dates for the ride to Snake Island.

It will be on 28/29/30th January

The ride starts on the low tide from Port Welshpool across to Snake Island where you spend a night or two on the island and explore then ride back across on the low tide.

There is a bunkhouse for accommodation and yards or a paddock for the horses.

Bronwyn 0419 575 383 or bronwynbaxter@hotmail.com

Please note that this is **NOT** a WEYV club sanctioned event and therefore is not covered by insurance.

MARJI ARMSTRONG CLINIC

Marelle is organising a 5 day clinic at Gruyere for Marji Armstrong in April next year.

I have attached her flyer for your information, please give Marelle a call on 0419 884022 if you'd like more information.

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