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<http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/workingequitation.yva/>

Hello and welcome to WEYV!

Thank you for your application for membership to Working Equitation Yarra Valley. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you soon. Below are a few points we need to bring to your attention. If you have any queries, just ask - we are happy to help.

ABOUT WEYV

The purpose of WEYV is to provide an opportunity for riders (adults and juniors) in the Yarra Valley to participate in classically focused working equitation training events, classical dressage schooling, riding club rallies, clinics and lessons.

The sport of working equitation is based on traditional styles of riding used during fieldwork in various countries. The sport tests the horse and rider's ability in dressage and their partnership and ability to manoeuvre obstacles. The principles of dressage are utilized in the navigation of obstacles – which is why working equitation is sometimes referred to as 'dressage with obstacles'.

There are two governing bodies that apply to working equitation: ANWE (Australian National Working Equitation) and the HRC AV. HRC AV has named its discipline 3 Phase Equitation (3PE). WEYV has chosen to affiliate with HRC AV.

3PE competitions comprise:

- Dressage test – where the horse and rider perform obligatory movements in an arena.
- Ease of Handling (also called Style) – navigating obstacles as they may appear in the field, such as bridges and gates. The obstacle course is designed to show the partnership between horse and rider
- Speed – navigating obstacles, against the clock

Working equitation as governed by ANWE also includes a cow phase.

In the same way that riders often start out in HRC AV and decide to progress to the challenges of EA, HRC AV 3PE is a great way to get to know the Dressage, Style and Speed phases before deciding to pursue competing with ANWE at a state, national or international level.

WEYV embraces classical dressage principles and strives to engage classically trained instructors as far as possible.

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP INVOLVE?

We all join clubs for different reasons, and we hope you find warm and friendly company and great training opportunities at our club. We also hope you take the opportunity to be involved in WEYV as we know that the more members that are involved, the more interesting the club becomes for everyone. Further, we really do welcome input about rallies and events, and we do need a little help from time to time to keep things ticking along.

HRCVAV GREEN MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Green Membership cards are required to validate membership, insurance, and personal details. In addition, coloured performance cards validate level and performance records of your horse/s. Each horse has its own performance card/s. (ie Dressage, Show jumping etc.)

NOTE: If you are joining or rejoining as a full member with WEYV, your Green HRCVAV membership card must be stamped and signed by our Secretary for the current financial year (1st November – 31st October) BEFORE your first ride in that year.

If you are a new to HRCVAV, your new Green membership card will be sent to us from HRCVAV (with a full set of performance cards). We will stamp, sign and validate your membership card and return it to you via post. If you do not receive it, please let us know.

POLICIES AND INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Club policies and information about rallies and events are on the website. Take a tour around it to get to know how things work. To contact us, WEYV Committee Members' details are at <http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/contact.html>

COMMUNICATION & CALENDAR OF DATES & EVENTS

We have a Newsletter, a Facebook page, and a website. The annual calendar of events is posted on the website and Facebook page. Details and updates to events and rallies are emailed to members, posted as an EVENT on our FB page, and promoted in newsletters and online.

ONLINE BOOKING FORM

Booking into rallies is easy. The Rally booking form is on our website. Here is the link: <http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/rally-bookings.html>

The front page has payment details and links to information on prices and format. Then simply tick the boxes as required, and click on 'Register' when finished. The offer may change from time to time if we have a special event or a guest instructor. If you have a special request in relation to your booking there is a place on the form to make notes for the rally coordinator. In order to secure your place in a rally, we suggest you BOOK EARLY and confirm with EFT payment at the same time. Note that completing the booking form alone will not secure you a place in the rally – the payment must be received to confirm the booking. First in, best dressed.

RALLY COORDINATOR

Our rally Coordinator is the lovely Lisa Saunders. Lisa works full time so it's best to contact her via email: lisaandian@bigpond.com or text message. Lisa's mobile is 0402 380 528.

FB EVENTS, FILES & PHOTO ALBUMS

The WEYV FB page has a large number of followers. We use it to publish events, share files and links, upload photos, answer questions and discuss Working Equitation ideas. Please note we don't accept posts that are not relevant to the club or working equitation.

Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/workingequitation.yva/>

RALLY DUTY

We don't have our own grounds but we have use of great facilities, and take pride in looking after the relationships we have with our venue owners. Each rally we roster people for rally duty – to help with morning set up, end of day pack up, and provision of refreshments to share (ie milk, fruit, dips, cake etc.)

The roster for rally duty is sent out by Lisa after finalization for the year. If you cannot make the date allocated to you, we ask that you please arrange to swap with another member and then let Lisa know. We really appreciate everybody's contribution to the work involved in running the club rallies.

Rally Duty includes:

- For those on for the morning: bring milk and morning tea, set up the kitchen (and potentially the obstacles if there are only a few being used), welcome members and guests, let the instructor know of any cancellations or changes to the publicized schedule, looking after the instructor (to see if they need a drink or snack) and general arena assistance through removing manure and fixing up any obstacle that needs reinstatement after use.
- For those on for the afternoon: pack up the kitchen and obstacles, ensure facilities are left clean and tidy, and all manure & dropped hay is removed, wheelbarrows emptied. Like the morning duty, it also includes letting the instructor know of any cancellations or changes to the publicized schedule, looking after the instructor (to see if they need a drink or snack) and general arena assistance through removing manure and fixing up any obstacle that needs reinstatement after use.

HEALTH SAFETY & WELFARE

We want to look after your welfare in the event of any problems. When attending rallies, it is important to let the Instructor know if you or your horse have any health issues or general safety concerns about participating in a lesson or activity.

HRC AV EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES

For insurance purposes HRC AV asks us to bring to your attention the **excluded** activities listed in the HRC AV Insurance document. These are:

- Hunting
- Polocrosse
- Bush racing
- Rodeo activities
- Harness racing
- Endurance racing
- Racing of any kind
- Polo
- Parelli natural horsemanship
- Campdrafting
- Members not wearing a helmet

HRC AV INFORMATION & CODE OF CONDUCT

The HRC AV have an informative website for all information about their rules, forms events, club

contacts etc. <http://www.hrcav.com.au>. The Code of Conduct can be found on this website under Forms. It is also printed on the back of the disclaimer you signed.

UNIFORMS

Our club colors are Brown (“Liver Chestnut”), White and Black. For official HRCav competitions, you must have our club logo either on the saddle-cloth, your shirt, or your vest. Saddle Cloths can be Brown, Black or White. Riding attire is a white long sleeve shirt, with a brown vest, and riding pants in either brown, black, taupe. Approved ASA Helmets and safe riding boots are required at all events. Saddle cloth numbers or bridle numbers are required for all events. Entry numbers are issued upon acceptance of your entry for each competition.

Thank you again for joining our club. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards

Anna Gust

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