

The Hitching Post



Dandenong Ranges Horse and Pony Club
Monthly Newsletter, February 2014



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**Reminder that; no dogs are allowed on the premises during rallies,
and that there is a no smoking policy on grounds.**

February Rally 2014

SAVE THESE DATES (more at

<http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au/calendar/>)

17/3	Tooradin Horse Trials		
23/3	Merricks PC Dressage and Combined Training	24/3	Lilydale Horse Trials, State Qualifier
31/3	Monash Combined Training Day		

This rally is the long awaited Moomba SJ, which is always an amazing event, and this year (ought) to have a A and B grade classes, so keep an eye out for the people competing in these classes as it will surely be amazing!

On that note, we will need as many volunteers to make the day run smoothly, it could be something as simple as being crash crew for an hour or so, however other jobs that you could volunteer for are; Gear Check, Penciling or timing for judges, working in the canteen or being a steward. Remember; many hands make light work!

There is clover and lucerne hay for sale from the Contessi family, coming from a private farm in the Golburn Valley. It is very high quality hay, and I can personally recommend it, I've never had a horse forgo grain for hay before this hay but they love it.

Call Maurice Contessi on 0421001020, free delivery to local area, \$15 per bale (\$20RRP)

Duty Roster
Mar; Riseley, Sargeant, Savage
April; Vanson, Veto, Arnold
May; Lepore, Christoph, Conlan

If you know you will be unable to help on your rostered rally day, call Claudia Schultz on 0423 003 294

This has been Important Notices.

Melanie is kindly sponsoring us by donating items to raffle at our rallies and competition days and the terrific rugs worn by our



games team.

Check out her website at:
www.piaffeequestrian.com for
some fantastic rugs, saddle
blankets etc.

Or phone Melanie on: 9754 8499

Canteen and Duties

FAMILIES ON DUTY ROSTER WILL BE PREPARING A SIMPLE LUNCH MENU IN THE MORNING AND MANNING THE CANTEEN

Families on duty roster will have an opportunity to watch their children ride, take it in turns to pop out after all food has been prepared and the canteen is not busy.

Duties; report to canteen at the beginning of the day. Someone will tell you what you need to do!

Canteen: prepare lunchtime menu, serve throughout morning and lunchtime, and clean up canteen when finished including sweeping floors wet

Cleaning: Sweep clubrooms, and clean amenities at end of the day

Equipment: Help set up jumps & games equipment before rally and pack up after. If you are not in the canteen, you must do this!

To assist with ground duties, speak to Fred Edwards

Important: if you are unable to help when rostered you must arrange to swap with someone else.

To do this, call either Claudia Schultz (0423 003 294) or Sally Savage (0409 559 901)

IMPORTANT **INFORMATION FOR** **RALLIES**

If you are not going to attend a rally you must notify our DC— Sarah Moody by the Monday prior to the rally. Please phone her on 0414 594 437.

You also must notify Sarah if you decide to leave during a rally as to gain attendance at a rally day you must attend for most of the day according to PCAV by-laws.

If you wish to enter pony club competitions, you must ensure you are graded for that type of competition and that your grading card is fully completed and up to date. If you require grading you must fill in a request for grading form and give to Sarah. She will then try to arrange an assessment at the next rally. If you have any queries, or need more information regarding how to enter competitions, what the different competitions are, gear rules etc. please contact Sarah or speak to a committee member.

Strictly NO SMOKING on Pony Club grounds at ALL times!

Strictly NO DOGS allowed on Pony Club grounds at ALL times!

If a “Code Red” Fire Danger Rating is announced for the Sunday of a rally on the Thursday prior to a rally, the rally will be cancelled.

The DC and President also reserve the right to decide on the day of a rally, if

due to any form of Extreme Weather, that the rally will not take place.

It's warming up again, so make sure that your pony isn't too hot with its rug or **jumping boots on!**
Also please give your pony water!

Dandenong Ranges Pony Club Uniform Policy

There has been some confusion regarding what is acceptable uniform at rallies and competitions lately, so here is our policy:

Rally: Any solid colour jodhpurs, club jumper with white shirt and club tie or Polo Shirt. Polo shirt under jumper not allowed and long sleeve top under polo shirt not allowed. Rugby Top over Polo Shirt acceptable. Socks never to be worn over jodhpurs unless wearing gaiters/chaps over top.

Competition: Beige or white jodhpurs. Dressage uniform must be club jumper with white shirt and club tie.

Showjumping uniform can be jumper with white shirt and tie or Polo Shirt. Cross country can be jumped in white shirt and club tie, Polo Shirt or Rugby Top. Long sleeve top under polo shirt not allowed. Socks never to be worn over jodhpurs unless wearing leather gaiters over top.

Full Uniform must be worn at all award presentations!

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Could all future brags and photos please be emailed to Elishia Edwards (edwards.elishia.s@hotmail.com) Or texted to 0400 966 961 I will reply as soon as I get your brag, so if I don't reply, I don't got it.
Or hey I know you all have Facebook.

Committee Details

Find committee details here;

<http://www.dandenongranges.ponyclubvic.org.au/db/clubdisplay.asp?ID=63>

Sponsors

STEAK BANK CHARCOAL GRILL
533 North Road, Ormond
Ph. 9576 9492



The Groovy Fruit Shop - Belgrave South kindly donate fruit and salad for our canteen on rally days.

We greatly appreciate the donations of bread from the Belgrave South Bakery, however our bread is now supplied by Baker's Delight, Fountain Gate.



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