



# Rallyround



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## Welcome to 2010

The year is well and truly underway and its time for Pony Club!

Hopefully everyone has had an enjoyable holiday period and that 2010 had got off to a good start.

As your newsletter is being put together the weather forecast for the 21st of Feb is

for a fine and warm day. Looks like it will be a perfect way to meet up with your friends and their horses again.

We've started planning a great year of rallies with special events and guest instructors. So, please make note of the annual calendar included in this edition.

But to start with we hope everyone enjoys this round-the-world memory from our Christmas Break up Rally.

Well done Janine!

### West



### South



### East



### North



### Upcoming Dates

- Feb 21st - Rally Day & AGM
- Mar 21st - Rally Day Adam Wotton attending for Show-jumping with each group
- April 9th, 10th & 11th - Pony Club Annual Camp with Monash PC
- April 11th - NMZ Horse Trials Grades 1, 2 & 3 Only (Note same date as camp)
- April 18th - Rally Day

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## Vale Patch - Moongara Relic 21/10/97 - 8/2/10

Steph Parsons

We originally purchased Patch as a 6yr old for my younger sister Annabel from a former instructor at NHPC, Rebecca Kasperovic.

I'm sure everybody thought my parents were mad when they saw this gigantic off the track thoroughbred with his tiny little rider on top! Annabel was still a tiny kid and had just come off her very reliable first pony, Toby. But his amazing temperament and obvious ability soon changed peoples' opinions of the tiny blonde girl on the giant horse.



We realised very quickly that eventing was where his talent lay, particularly in the cross country phase. At the end of the first year we had him, Annabel decided that pure show jumping was the direction she wanted to pursue and we did a switch. She took on my 15h Arab cross, that I had grown too big for, and I got Patch.

The list of our achievements as a combination is too long to even think about. We have jumped around courses like Yarrambat, Wandin, Werribee, Bacchus Marsh, Yeringberg, Candlebark, Tooradin, Goldfields and even as far away as Albury with much success at club, zone and state level.

He always gave the best ride across the country if you just let him do his thing. So long as you let him travel and kept him straight between your hands and leg, he would take care of the rest through even the stickiest of lines, over the biggest of ditches and trakeners, and the most intimidating of water jumps. He was always his happiest when galloping a long stretch out on the cross country course.



He loved a cuddle and a bit of licorice. Always showed me where he wanted me to scratch. He has jumped gates and landed on his head, kicked the vet (breaking his arm) and always conveniently timed injuries to a week before the NMZ Dressage and SJ qualifier. In four straight years of entering that event, I never once made it to Wesburn.

His obliging nature, good work ethic and kind temperament made him my horse in a million.



He will be dearly missed by our family, the D'Ortenzio's and his paddock mate, Centurion.

## DC's Report—Wendy's Waffle

Wendy D'Ortenzio DC

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you have all had a nice quiet rest over the holidays and are ready for a very busy year at the club. A big thank you to everyone for such a terrific December Xmas Break up rally and well done to all our members for their efforts with fancy dress section of the day. A very special thank you to Kate W for all her work planning the day.

### A few items to advise you about:

- New PCAV Books for Gear Rules, Hand book of By-laws, Showjumping and Horse Trials. Effective Feb 2010. Please see me if you would like to order copies. Approx \$6.00 each book. \*Please disregard old books.
- Feb 21st Rally and Club AGM All parents and members must attend the meeting held at lunch time.
- March 21st Rally Adam Wotton Specialist Showjumping Instructor coming.
- April 10th/11th Yerringberg Horse Trials. \*(note same weekend as camp)
- Beach Camp with Monash Pony Club will be held on 9th, 10th & 11th April. More info to come. Cost etc.
- April 24th \*(Saturday) Zone Games, Flat and Musical Ride Teams event
- May 8th/9th Tintern School Horse Trials Wandin
- May 16th Rally day will be cancelled at our grounds and instead we are holding a unmounted rally at Yerringberg Teams Horse Trials. All members should attend. (Need all parents, and members that are not competing to assist with our clubs duties at this event).
- May 30th NHPC Dressage and Showjumping Day.
- June 19th/20th PCAV State Championships Games, Flat and Musical Ride Teams, being held at \*Bacchus March racecourse this year. \*Note this event also falls on our June rally day. I will advise if this rally date will change after the Zone Games, Flat and Musical Ride event in April.
- October 24th NHPC Combine Training Day.

### Club 2010 Calendar with our Rally days, Competitions and other Important Dates

As you may have noticed a number of dates for events this year are clashing with our clubs rally days or other planned activities. I have included our club's yearly Planner/Calendar in this issue. Please display at home for easy reference.

### Zone Events

List will be available at each rally for you to put your names down if you're wishing to compete Zone events or planned activities. Yerringberg Horse Trials 10th and 11th April, for grades 1,2 &3 and also Yerringberg TEAMS Horse Trials 16th May, for grades 2,3 &4. Please put your names down at this rally if you wish to compete. List in club rooms.

### NM Zone Eventing Clinics

A number of NM Zone Eventing Clinics are planned for the year for Inexperienced grade 5's , Grade 5 and Grade 4. Please see me for the list of date and venues. These clinics are great value to our riders with excellent instruction and are low cost.

### Thank You To Brian Potton And Mary Dyson

A very special thank you to Brian Potton who has been our Rally Round Master for many years and a wealth of information for the club. Brian has decided to hang his boots up. We will miss your sense of humour Brian ! Good luck and I am sure we will keep in touch.

Another special thank you to Mary Dyson. Mary has been involved in our club for many years, firstly as a parent, then Club Secretary and Zone Rep for 5 years, even staying on supporting when her daughter Claire had finished riding at the club. Thank you Mary for all you have done, its been a pleasure to know and work with someone so nice, organised and patient with me when I give my reports at the meetings. I know the whole club will miss you.

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 12.15pm sharp at this rally, there are a number of committee positions and general committee spots that need filling. We cannot run our club if they are not filled. Please put your hand up and speak to a current committee member before the meeting if you would like more info. We have a great bunch of parents at our club and spend a lot of hours together and have loads of fun socially, so please be included, make new friends and help out when you can. We need you !!!!!

Enjoy your rally ,

Wendy D'Ortenzio DC

# 2010 – Club Calendar

Month	Day	Activity
February	21	Rally day and Annual General Meeting
March	21	Rally Day -Adam Wotton attending for Showjumping with each group
April	9, 10, 11	Pony Club Annual Camp with Monash PC
	11	NMZ Horse Trials Grades 1, 2 & 3 Only (Note same date as camp)
	18	Rally Day
	24	NM Zone Games, Flat and Musical Rides Event, Wesburn Park
May	8, 9	Tintern Schools Horse Trials
		Yerringberg Teams Horse Trials
	16	<b>RALLY DAY CANCELLED DUE TO CONFLICT</b> <b>*UNMOUNTED RALLY AT YERRINGBERG INSTEAD</b> <b>*All members should attend.</b>
	30	NHPC Dressage and Showjumping Day Event
June	19, 20	PCAV State Championships Games, Flat and Musical Rides Event *Held at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse this year
	19	Rally Day
July	18	Rally Day
August	15	Rally Day
September	19	Rally Day Specialist Eventing Instructor (TBA)
	??	Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials (TBA)
October	17	Rally Day
	24	NHPC Combined Training Day Event
November	21	Rally Day
December	19	Christmas Break Up Rally day



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## President's Prattle

Stefan Ziemer - President

With an echo of the theme song from "Welcome Back Kotter" the first rally for 2010 is here.

Hopefully everyone has had a safe and happy break since our fantastic Christmas Break up rally in December. You'll see a number of great photos from that rally throughout this newsletter. Congratulations to all of you who put so much effort into your turn out and fancy dress. Also, many thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with judging, marshalling, setup/packup and making sure everyone had fun. I know I enjoyed my annual horse ride (using that term very loosely)

And here we are again...

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Sunday and am especially pleased to be able to welcome back some new and returning members and horses. It's great to see members encouraging friends and others to get the bug and join our club.

### Annual General Meeting

Our February rally also includes the club's annual general meeting. A critical aspect of the agenda is the creation of the committee to manage the club through the year. As per my message in last November's Rallyround, there are a number of specific and general committee positions that will be open. I look forward to a fierce contest for these positions; actually an orderly nomination and voting process will be just as satisfying!

### Messages of Thanks

A few people I wish to thank for their dedicated effort in supporting the club over the past few years.

**Mary Dyson.** Special thanks for your significant efforts over the years as committee secretary and zone representative. You've been a pivotal element of consistency as the committee has undergone significant transition over the past couple of years. Having continued after Claire left the club is an true indication of your commitment.

**Brian Potton.** Many thanks for your tireless efforts in coordinating and getting out the rallyround over the years. Thanks for looking after the website as well. Hope the SeaChange is going well...

**Kerryn Skerman.** Keeping the canteen running smoothly and profitably over the past few years has been a mammoth task. I'm yet to see anyone leave a rally day, or one of our events, hungry or not a little lighter in the pocket! Many of us underestimate the planning and preparation work you have put in each month and the times you've missed seeing your girls do their thing on their horses. Many, many thanks.

### Getting Things Done around the Club

Does he ever stop? No, here we go again and the topic of running the canteen is a great introduction. We will be trying a different approach this year with a little more sharing of the joy.

Understanding that often it is difficult to help when you don't really understand what needs to be done, we are in the process of documenting the processes surrounding running the canteen in preparation for a rally/event on the day and immediately after, We will then establish a roster of parents to run the canteen. Hopefully, by spreading the responsibility we can all only miss a few hours of our children's riding at two or three rallies a year.

We'll be looking into a similar process for the equipment setup. We'll have a little more flexibility as it looks like Sally's increased riding and training commitments will reduce the number of Saturday training sessions we need to setup for.

At the end of the day without a committee and the volunteer contribution from everyone we will not have a club. The ongoing success of the club is not in the hands of the instructors, the committee, the riding members, or the parents; everyone needs to pitch for it work.

See you all on Sunday.

Stefan Ziemer—President

## Out and About

I haven't been made aware of many results over the Christmas break but here's a few I'm aware of. Congratulations to all.

**Scarlett Howard**

*Barwon Valley Pony Club Dressage & Showjumping Day*

- 4th in Grade 3E Dressage Test
- 5th in Dressage overall

**Claire Skerman**

*Cockatoo Jumps Trials*

6th overall PC Grade 4 - section 2

**Olivia Skerman**

*Cockatoo Jumps Trials*

2nd overall PC Grade 5

**Tara Ziemer**

*Cockatoo Jumps Trials*

- 1st overall PC Grade 5

**Tasha Ziemer**

*Cockatoo Jumps Trials*

- 5th overall PC Grade 4 - Section 2

**Bronwyn Potton**

*State Dressage and Showjumping Championships*

- 7th overall Grade 1 (on count back)

**Alex Benson**

*State Dressage and Showjumping Championships*

- 5th Place—C Grade team showjumping

Please send all your results and photos to:

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For inclusion in Rallyround.



# Rally Plan

Kate Wilson—Chief Instructor

Appaloosas	Jess Oldfield Sarah Priestly	Browns	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kirra Hobbs</li> <li>• Chloe Stevens</li> <li>• Katrina Gill</li> <li>• Hailey Gill</li> <li>• Melina Fanciullo</li> <li>• Jacinta Finlayson</li> <li>• Ebony Cavallo</li> <li>• Anna Upton</li> <li>• Katherine Mangidis</li> <li>• Alexandra Glannakids</li> </ul>	<p>Riding and theory throughout the day.</p> <p>Riding will be dependant on “extra” horses brought along by members.</p> <p>12.15 – 2pm – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claire Skerman</li> <li>• Lauren Williams</li> <li>• Tasha Ziemer</li> <li>• Brooke Hoey Jones</li> <li>• Alex Bryan</li> <li>• Tayla Bennett</li> <li>• Zoe Howard</li> </ul>	<p>10 – 11am – XC- pacework</p> <p>11.15 – 12.15 – Activities</p> <p>12.15 – 2pm – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p> <p>2 – 3pm – Grid – Grass with Buckskins</p>
Chestnuts		Buckskins	Kate Wilson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronwyn Potton</li> <li>• Scarlett Howard</li> <li>• Emily Busljeta</li> <li>• Christie D’Ortenzio</li> <li>• Alex Benson</li> <li>• Libby Cameron</li> </ul>	<p>10 – 11am – Grid – Grass</p> <p>11.15 – 12.15 – XC – Pacework</p> <p>12.15 – 2pm – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p> <p>2 – 3pm – Flat - Gravel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olivia Skerman</li> <li>• Millie Fitzpatrick</li> <li>• Penny Couper</li> <li>• Mia Pitrowski</li> <li>• Sarah Owen</li> <li>• Rachael Busljeta</li> </ul>	<p>10 – 11am – Activities</p> <p>11.15 – 12.15 – Flat – Gravel</p> <p>12.15 – 2pm – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p> <p>2 – 3pm – Grid - Grass</p>
Bays Pre-5	Haylee Catley	Blacks	Nicky Mullens
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiesha Smith</li> <li>• Abbey Fitzpatrick</li> <li>• Abbey Williamson</li> </ul>	<p>10am – Flat</p> <p>11am – Poles</p> <p>12.15 – 2pm – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p> <p>2 – 3pm – XC ride</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jade Pitrowski</li> <li>• Tara Ziemer</li> <li>• Emily Seeary</li> <li>• Jade Coghlan</li> <li>• Ella Garrett</li> </ul>	<p>10 – 11am – Flat – Gravel</p> <p>11.15 – 12.15 – Grid – Grass</p> <p>12-15 – 1.45 – AGM &amp; LUNCH</p> <p>2 – 3pm - Activities</p>

**FLAT AND MUSICAL TRAINING** – each team to train for 1hr with Libby as per times below.

**FLAT TEAM** - Emily Busljeta, Christie D’Ortenzio, Claire Skerman, Scarlett Howard TRAIN AT 3PM

**MUSICAL A** – Lauren Williams, Tasha Ziemer, Claire Skerman, Brooke Hoey Jones TRAIN AT 2PM

**MUSICAL B** – Alex Bryan, Millie Fitzpatrick, Jade Coghlan, Scarlett Howard TRAIN AT 11.15AM

**MUSICAL C** – Tara Ziemer, Abbey Williamson, Ella Garret?, Abbey Fitzpatrick? TRAIN AT 10AM



## FOOTWEAR WARNING

Please remember that everyone is required to wear covered shoes at Pony Club. Horses hooves hurt! Thongs and sandals can cause other problems around horses and long grass areas.

