



Rallyround

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Fantastic Results from the State Level for NMZ



A big congratulation goes, to Alex Benson and Jess Eaton, for their terrific results at State Dressage and Showjumping Championships on the 27th of February. Jess finished 2nd overall in grade 2 dressage and Alex finished 4th overall in B grade showjumping, with the B grade North Metro team coming 2nd. This is a fantastic effort. I would like to highlight to everyone what a huge achievement this is. These girls firstly represented our club in December last year, at the Zone Qualifiers, where they had to place in the top 4 to be selected to represent the Northern Metropolitan Zone at state level. There are 20 clubs within our zone, and 10 zones within the state. So you can see what a stellar job these girls did. So well done girls and GO NUNA!



Upcoming Dates

- April 9th NMZ Horse Trials grades 1,2,3
- April 17th—Rally
- May 15th Unmounted Rally at yerringberg Teams Horse Trials
- May 22—NHP Dressage & Showjumping Day
- June 18th PCAV State Games, Flat 7 Musical Ride Championships (Bacchus Marsh)
- June 19th Rally
- July 17th—Rally

Your Contributions for Rallyround

Please provide photos, stories, results and other items to share with the club 10 days before each rally weekend for inclusion in Rallyround. Send them to Linda at:
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President's Message— James Fitzpatrick

Your club's new committee held its first meeting last Thursday night with a really positive start to our year. It promises to be an exciting year as we look for new ways to improve our already great club. Over the year we will be working through a great list of suggestions to make our pony club an interesting and exciting place. We had a great discussion – our meeting went for three hours!!

As I write my first President's Message, I'd like to start by thanking and acknowledging the great work done by Stefan and Wendy for their many years of service and effective contribution to the club as involved parents, active committee members and leaders in the club. As President and DC, you have handed on a great club for us to enjoy. Thankyou.

March Rally Meeting

At the March Rally we will have line-up as usual at 9.30am so that we can perform the necessary gear check and information for the day. We have a new section at the rally which will be at lunch-time where we will give out awards, find out what the Junior Committee are planning for the coming months and information on upcoming club activities. We would like all riders and parents to support this new initiative – should be much better than sitting on your horse all that time in the morning.

Membership Fees Due

A reminder that membership forms and payments are now due. For those who haven't been able to make payment and return their forms yet, please give your forms and payments to Suzanne at the March Rally. All families must have either paid or made an arrangement with Suzanne at the March Rally to be able to continue riding in pony club.

Many Hands Make Light Work

It would be greatly appreciated if at the end of a Pony Club Rally all parents and children stay behind for a short while to help with the packing up of the equipment. We understand that everyone is keen to get going but if everyone helped out it would only take a few minutes to complete this task and then everyone could go home at a reasonable time.

It is not a fun job when it has to be done with only a couple of helpers. This also includes all club members, including Riders.

Code of Conduct

Our club has a fresh start from March 2011. Members are reminded to read the Code of Conduct on the Membership Form as it is so important for us to be positive, supportive and really enjoy our time at pony club. The committee has given all current members and a few returning members a chance to enjoy our club. I will be monitoring behaviours for our club and expect to see us all having fun. I hope all members embrace our intention to give every rider an opportunity to be part of this wonderful club and to forget the past – it's a once only chance to clean the slate and start a fresh. Enjoy.

Keep the grounds clean

The week after this March Rally, Monash City Council is performing their annual pavilion and facilities site review. It is important that the pride we have in our facilities is on display by ensuring the grounds and clubhouse are clean and orderly. Can everyone we please make a special effort to clean up the clubhouse and grounds (horse droppings, drinks containers, papers, etc.) at the end of the day.

NHPC Dressage and Show Jumping Day

Please keep a big note in your diaries that the 22nd May is our annual Dressage and Showjumping event. We have started organising this event and will need help from everyone to make it a success. We will need some help on the day before with setting up of the grounds and then on the day we will need marshalls, pencilers, runners, gear-check marshals, canteen help, parking stewards, etc. So please keep the date clear and let Rosemary and Janine know how you can help, or ask what the various roles are if your unsure what might be involved.



March 2011 DC's Report-Bronwyn Potton DC

Hi everyone,

Thought I would start by introducing myself, to those who don't know me. However I think most of you do. I have been a member of Nunawading Horse and Pony club for over 15 years. I started as a non-owner and progressed through the grades to represent our club at a national level 2 years ago now. Over the years I have seen many District commissioners, all of which I have looked up to. This month starts a new chapter for me in pony club. I now sit on the other side to where you riders are and I am looking forward to listening and helping you achieve what you all want from your pony club experience. I hope that you all feel that you can come and talk to me about any problems or issues you may have. Remember I was little once too and I have probably been in your shoes, at one stage or another. However I must ask for your cooperation as well, as I plan to be teaching this year at rallies, so I ask that you respect your fellow club members and don't come and talk to me while I am teaching. I will be available to talk to at the start of every rally. I will be there from 8:30 in the morning, which gives you a whole hour before rally starts. You can come and talk to me at lunch time and also after rally. BUT PLEASE NOT WHILE I AM TEACHING!! J If you wish to speak to me outside of rally that is perfectly fine too, you can ring me on my mobile at anytime of the day, and there is always e-mail and facebook, which I check almost on a daily basis.

Now to what is happening this rally!!! There will be a few changes this month. Firstly when you all arrive in the morning, and you come to sign the attendance book, there will be a box there for your grading cards for those of you who hold on to them. Grading cards need to go in to the box to be signed for attendance. Attendance will be signed off at lunch time, and cards can then be collected at the end of lunch time. Also rally will be run a little different this month as a trial to see if you like it. So line-up which will be just gear check will happen at **9:30**. Lessons will start at **9:45** and run for an hour. There will still be 2 sessions before lunch and 2 sessions after lunch. At **12:15** there will be a meeting which I will call "muster" and here we will talk about, what we normally talk about at line-up. So you guys will have, half an hour to untack your horses, have them feed and watered, grab some lunch yourselves, so you can eat while we have muster. Parents are also welcome to come to this, as there will be information for you too.

This year there is a card secretary, here name is Sarah, she will be the one who holds on to the cards, so if you forget to collect your card at the end of rally, she is the one to get in contact with. Sarah can only sign the cards for attendance, if you need to be graded you have to come and talk to me, and get me to change your grading.

Notice to parents, we have our dressage and showjumping competition, coming up at the end of May; we will need volunteers to help run this day. This month at rally our top riding group will have a theory session on comfort and safety. I highly recommend that parents come and listen in on this session, as it will cover concepts of gear checking, and therefore maybe you can then help by running gear checking at our competitions. Senior Riders, can also volunteer to help with gear checking.

2011 – Club Calendar

Month	Day	Activity
March	Sun 20	Rally Day
April	Sat	NMZ Horse Trials Grades 1, 2 & 3
	Sun 17	Rally
May	Sun 15	Unmounted Rally at Yerringberg Teams Horse Trials
	Sun 22	NHPC Dressage & Show jumping Day
June	Sat 18/ Sun 19	PCAV State Championships Games, Flat 7 Musical Ride Championships (Bacchus Marsh)
	Sun 19	Rally Day
July	Sun 17	Rally Day
August	Sun 21	Rally Day
Sept	Sun 18	Rally Day
	TBA	Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials
Oct	Sun 16	Rally Day
	Sun 23	NHPC Combined Training Day Event
Nov	Sun 20	Rally Day
Dec	TBA	Presentation Night
Dec	Sun 18	Christmas Break Up Rally day

Junior Committee News—Scarlett Howard

Hi everyone,

First we would like to welcome everyone back to pony club and also extend a warm welcome to any newcomers. We really hoped you all enjoyed your first rally this year. We have some news, events and congratulations from the J.C. to discuss in this months' Rallyround.

The Junior Committee would like to express our congratulations to the girls who not only qualified for state but whom also placed at state both in their teams and as individuals. We would like to acknowledge these members, Alex Benson and Jess Eaton, riding their very talented horses, Indy and Cliff. You two have both worked exceedingly hard to reach state level and the Junior Committee would like to show our support. Amazing job girls!

Next, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Emily Busljeta at this difficult time. Mr Hot Shot was such a special and talented horse and we know he is greatly missed.

We have a little bit of happy news to report from the new owners of Creamy Soda - the young Shetland pony the Howard family bought and sold to a new family. On the 20th of February while her family attended pony club Soda gave birth to a gorgeous chestnut colt named Fantail. He is healthy, strong and unbelievably cute. Soda has adjusted very well to life in the front yard of a property and is doing a great job of being a mum. Both of them are very happy and well cared for.

Finally, one of our members, Mia Piotrowski, is doing the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser. We would love to offer our support to her as she is making a great contribution to the community and to this cause. Therefore, if everyone could bring something little to donate to a raffle this coming March rally it would be greatly appreciated. The J.C. will organise everything in to hampers at lunch and raffle them off to members at the March rally. Please buy tickets on the day. All money raised from this raffle will be put towards sponsoring Mia in her efforts. Good luck and good job Mia!

That's all from the Junior Committee this month.
See you all at rally!

Thanks everyone, see you at rally.



Out and About

Jess Eaton– Grade 2 dressage team
5th

Grade 2 dressage individual 2nd

Alex Benton—B grade sj team 2nd

B grade sj individual 4th



Alex Benson on Indy:

Macclesfield sj B grade: 1st, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd overall

Whittlesea sj B grade: 1st, 2nd, 6th, 2nd overall

Hasting height grade 2 (Indy's first grade 2) 12th

State show jumping championships: 4th overall



Eurohunter Accent 15 inch All purpose Saddle as new – unmounted

Bought before Christmas 2010. Has 5 year warranty on tree.

\$350.00 ONO

Will be on display at March Rally

See Jay Garrett

Canteen Roster for March & April

March

Morning and Lunch BBQ	Coghlan
Canteen shift 1	Appaloosas
Canteen shift 2	Chestnuts
Canteen shift 3	Bays

April

Morning and Lunch BBQ	Skermann
Canteen shift 1	Appaloosas
Canteen shift 2	Buckskins
Canteen shift 3	Browns

Morning BBQ	8:00 am – 10:30am
Lunch BBQ	11:30 am – 1:30pm
Canteen Shift 1	8:00 am – 10:30am
Canteen Shift 2	10:00 am-12:30pm
Canteen Shift 3	12:30 pm – 2:30pm

The shifts are allocated in the Roster to the Groups to spread the load for all members. If you are unable to do the BBQ shift you have been allocated, please arrange/swap with another member to take your shift.

Please make sure that you work out with your Group as soon as you arrive at the Rally as to who will represent your group for the Shift allocated that day (we only need 2 people per shift for it to work well).

An explanation of the tasks for your shift are posted on the wall above the sink in the kitchen

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*****REMINDER*****

Mia Piotrowski is doing the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser and the club, in particular the Junior Committee, would like to show her our support by running a fundraiser at this coming rally. If every family could please bring something small for the Junior Committee to organise in to hampers at lunch and then raffle off in the day at rally it would be greatly appreciated. Please buy tickets on the day as this is a very worthy cause and we would love to support Mia's efforts. All money raised will go to sponsoring her in the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser.

THANK-YOU

Appaloosas	Bronwyn	Blacks	Sarah Priestly
Jacinta Finlayson Alexandra Giannakidis Rebecca Jamieson Samantha Burke Natalie Tan Phoebe Schramko Jade & Finn Wharton Jacqui Grande Yasmin Jackson Madison Martin	Riding and horsemastership. Trail ride through Cross Country if we can have enough horses	Emily Seeary Abbey Williamson Michelle Rowson Ella Garrett Milena Fanciullo	9.30 – Gear Check 9.45am – Flat – Grass 10.45am – Games – Grass 11.45 – LUNCH 1pm – Showjumping 2pm - Horsemastership
Chestnuts	Heather	Buckskins	Leah Simmons
Scarlett Howard Emily Busljeta Christie D’Ortenzio Alex Benson Stephanie Williams Rachael Bell Jess Eaton	9.30am – Gear Check 9.45am – Cross Country 10.45am – Showjumping 11.45am – LUNCH 1pm – Gear Check training	Olivia Skerman Jade Pitrowski Jade Coghlan Sarah Owen Kaitlyn Stack	9.30am – Gear Check 9.45am – Showjumping 10.45am – Flat - Grass 11.45am – LUNCH 1pm – Games - Grass
	Haylee	Browns	Kate Wilson
Tiesha Smith Abbey Fitzpatrick Lauren Burke Emily Garnett Kirra Hobbs	9.30am – Gear Check 9.45am – Flat – Gravel 10.45am – Games – Grass 11.45am – LUNCH 1pm – Cross Country 2pm - Horsemastership	Claire Skerman Tayla Bennett Mia Pitrowski Rachael Busletja Millie Fitzpatrick Brooke Hoey Jones Sarah Brophy	9.30am – Gear Check 9.45am – Games – Grass 10.45 – Horsemastership 11.45am – LUNCH 1pm – Flat – Grass 2pm – Showjumping

PLEAS NOTE – We are trying a slightly different format this year. All groups will gear check at 9.30am, followed by 2 sessions in the morning. Lunch will be a little longer so that we can have a sit down meeting in the club rooms. The Junior Committee and Instructors will also now have an opportunity to meet before saddle up for the 2 afternoon sessions.

SO CHECK YOUR TIMES CAREFULLY PLEASE

Thanks

Kate Wilson