

Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club Newsletter



March 2025

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Hello and welcome to the March edition of the Pony Club Newsletter. There's a lot to report and a couple of great photos to share (no social media stalking needed this month!).

Well done to all the riders who attended our first official Rally in February, especially those riders doing Pony Club for the very first time! It looked like a fun day was had by all. It was also nice to see a big turnout of family members and other supporters. This goes a long way to maintaining our positive Club culture (and also helps with the canteen takings!).

I trust everyone is looking forward to the first event in our Orange Grove Series this weekend. These events are a great chance to showcase the skills we have been developing with our horses throughout the season, in a fun and competitive environment.

Certificate Winners

Well done to all the riders who were awarded a Certificate at the February Rally:

Saskia - keeping on trying even when your pony didn't want to listen!

Kaitlin - doing well on your new horse, who is bigger than Andy! Well done.

Bryanna - for riding Q at your first Rally. Well done!

Sophie - a brilliant first Rally with Nova after working so hard over the summer holidays. Well done!

Sharp - riding so soft all Rally.

Harpa - an amazing first Rally on your new girl Qi. You're going to make an amazing team, you just need to believe!

If you would like to nominate a rider for a certificate, please reach out to Tatum or Anita. This is a great way to encourage and congratulate our riders and be recognized by the Club.



Out and About



Tatum and Milo look ready for the Showjumping Series



Hailey and Mickey at Futures earlier this month



Hailey in mid -flight at Futures



It's all smiles for Nieve with her new pony Poppy



Arlia and her best mate Ellie at their first Rally



Q checking the position of her rider. And it's perfect. Well done Bryanna!

Tatum and Milo show casing their skills to Instructor Don



Svetalina wins the prize for Best Pony Name – Trouble!

Chief Coach Anita's young grooms getting her new horse Ellie ready for her first ride.

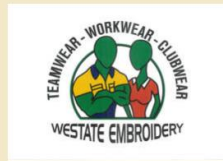
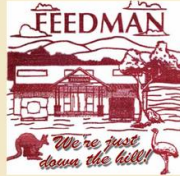


Horseland Kelmscott
Orange Grove
2025 Dressage and Show Jumping Series

Sunday 23rd March

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Competition Tips and Tricks

Here are a few friendly tips and reminders on how we can all help make our Competition run smoothly:

- Prior to starting your Dressage Test or Jumping Round, please find the assigned Gear Checker and get checked off. The Gear Checking spot is located adjacent to the far end of the undercover arena. Once done, you can then proceed to the Marshall for your event.
- Dressage takes priority over Jumping - so please ride to your Dressage time but keep an eye on the Show Jumping ring if your schedule is tight.
- When completing your Helper Duty on the day, please arrive at the front desk inside the Clubrooms **15 minutes prior** to your shift starting. This allows for any instructions to be communicated and folders and gear to be handed out by the Committee. If you aren't registered for a Helper Duty but are looking to help out, please see someone at the front desk. There is always something that needs doing!



- Please be polite and courteous to all Marshalls, Judges, Canteen staff and Volunteers. We all want the day to be enjoyable and to run smoothly. If you are not sure of something or need assistance, just ask someone and they will be happy to help.
- Finally, and most importantly, have fun! Our competitions are a busy, exciting and action packed day - designed for riders and their horses to showcase all their wonderful Dressage and Show Jumping skills.
Good luck to everyone competing!

Incident Reporting

The information below regarding Incident Reporting was emailed out recently from Pony Club WA. Please have another read so you are familiar with this important reporting procedure:



Incident Reporting is Simple and Important

All it takes is a quick scan with your mobile or tablet to use the Incident Reporting System to report incidents involving:

- Rider fall
- Concussion/head injury
- Non-fall person injury
- Horse injury
- Safety issue
- Near miss

Attached is the poster (pictured) that clubs can print off and put around their facilities. It is vital that accidents are reported promptly for the health and safety of our members.

Why should we report incidents?

The Incident Reporting System enables our organisation to:

- Keep accurate records of incidents and accidents
- Support any insurance claims lodged with our insurer
- Use the collective data to help us manage our risks

It is important to submit all accidents, incidents and near misses to assist the organisation to understand its risks and assist future committees by recording information on accidents, incidents or near misses.

MINIMUM MEDICAL STANDARDS for EVENTS

PCA CONCUSSION POLICY

HOW DO I REPORT AN INCIDENT OR NEAR MISS?

1 ACCESS THE FORM
Scan the QR code on your device or visit form.jotform.com/PonyClubAust/pca-incident-reporting-system

2 FILL IN THE FORM & SUBMIT
This form can be filled in online or in the field & submitted once re-connected. It can also be saved & finished later

3 RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS NOTIFIED
Pony Club Australia & the relevant state are notified of the submission which is then reviewed

4 ACTION
If regular incidents or near misses are identified in a high-risk activity or area, steps can be taken make the environment a safer place for everyone

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The poster is a vertical yellow and green graphic. At the top, it has the Pony Club Australia logo and the title "HOW DO I REPORT AN INCIDENT OR NEAR MISS?". Below this is a QR code with a "SCAN ME" button. The main body of the poster is divided into four numbered steps: 1. ACCESS THE FORM (with a URL), 2. FILL IN THE FORM & SUBMIT (with details on how to use the form), 3. RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS NOTIFIED (with details on notification), and 4. ACTION (with details on high-risk areas). At the bottom, it says "A LIFE WITH HORSES STARTS HERE" and provides the website URL "ponyclubaustralia.com.au" with a download icon.

Joke of the Month



Why did the Shetland pony cough?

Because he was a little *hoarse* !



Birthdays

A big happy birthday to the following riders this month:

March

2nd - Tatum

10th - Arlia

15th - Makayla

26th - Georgia

27th - Sophia



Tip of the Month

When using our grounds, please ensure at the end of the day your yard is clean of manure. We share our grounds with other clubs, and we all need to work together to keep our facilities neat and tidy. Please don't place manure under any trees or near the sheds; it can simply be scattered in an open area away from the yards. Please also cleanup manure when using the wash bays and during lessons on the sand arenas.

Thanks!



Upcoming Events

March

Sunday 23rd March – OGHPC Showjumping and Dressage Series, Event 1

Wednesday 26th March - Pony Club WA AGM

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March - PCWA State Tetrathlon Championships.

April

Sunday 6th April - Rally 2



PCAWA Go for 2&5 program

<https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/go-for-25-race-around-the-state-2/>

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