

Saddlebags

AUTUMN/WINTER 2013

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Hi Members Sorry for the newsletter hibernation. Hope you've managed to squeeze in some riding with this Winter weather. Good newsis daylight savings is getting closer! Happy riding

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2013 FEEDSHED BRC ODE

Report By Bec G

Nothing was going to cancel this year's Feedshed ODE, not even 30mm of rain overnight! Despite sloppy, wet, windy conditions some brave riders made their way to Bungendore Showground on Sunday 2 June for the three phase competition. Initial entries were at 70 however several made the decision to scratch on the day.

The morning kicked off with dressage and show jumping, and cross country in the afternoon. The XC course held up surprisingly well.

Our Technical Delegate, Chris Hardwicke, and Announcer, James Wenn, kept riders in high spirits with their positive attitudes.

1st place getters won beautiful wool rugs, with special broad sash ribbons awarded up to 5th place.

A special thanks to our esteemed judges, and volunteers who made the day happen.

Also a huge thank you to the sponsors: The Feedshed, Southern Equine Dentistry; Bungendore Rural Supplies; Bungendore Veterinary Surgery;



THANK YOU!!

Shout out thank you to our wonderful ODE volunteers—we seriously could not have done it without you!

Rob Lillie; Maedb Haraki; Olivia & Luke Bartlett; James Wenn; Kristen Proudfoot; Emma Clifton; Leslie Bennett: Michelle Ford: Barb Feeken; Catherine Allen; Sabina Helgems; Maureen Purdie; Josh Peck; Karen Svenson; Sue Dahlenburg; Alex & Angela Chapman; Kaaren Sutcliffe; Janet Lennox; Kerry Medveczky; Lara Willis; Clare Heditch; Sean McDermott; Claire Stewart; Peter & Hannah Blackwell; Carl Davies; Greg Field; Rod Smith; Helen Thompson; Helen Mooney; our lovely TD Chris Hardwicke and Judges, and finally the **BRC Committee**

Photos courtesy of James Wenn

Congratulations **BRC!**



Congratulations to our very own BRC Members who placed at the 2013 Feedshed ODE

Anna McAuliffe-60A Clare Edsor-60B Karen McDevitt-60B



President's Page

We are finally half way through winter – spring is on its way.

Spring time is also time for the Club's AGM which will be held at the showgrounds on 15 September.

The Club has had a very successful year with two competitions and lots of different activities on offer. Lots of great things still to come – dressage with Debbie Dixon, sporting and mounted games, and working equitation with Kate Fenner.

I recently spent a weekend at the

south coast with my horse Elvis and rode the Bingie dreaming track from Congo to Tuross in the Eurobodalla National Park. This ride is definitely on the list for next year - it is a stunning ride across beaches, through bush and past Tuross Lake, a perfect spot for a swim with your horse. I also checked out some trails in the Mogo State Forest. Next year is the 10th anniversary of the Club. The Club started back in late November 2003 with a notice on the community blackboards asking for interested people to come along to a meeting. Our first rally day was in February 2004 and as I recall we had a polocrosse training day. We are looking to celebrate the Club's anniversary and would love to hear your ideas about how best we could do that. Please feel free to contact

Anyway – back to the AGM -the committee has many long standing members who have indicated that

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they would like to have a break from their duties. All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM so please feel free to come along and nominate. The committee is quite big so the workload is shared. Important positions needing to be filled this year include events secretary, dressage co-ordinator and information dissemination person (ie Rebecca Gaukroger's job of keeping members informed by email and producing the newsletter). There are other more minor roles such as first aid and equipment officer, sponsorship. We have not had a catering person for a few years so would be great to fill that position too! Jump club has been a very successful activity run by Sam Welch for many years so we would love someone to take this on to give Sam a break. It is a very flexible job- just run it when it suits you! And by the end of the year the showgrounds will have a great new jump arena. Amy Griffin, our dressage co-ordinator is having a baby later this year so we are very keen to find someone to take her place to run our dressage comp, the Bungendore Classic in February. Please contact me or one of the committee members if you would like more information. Cheers

Helen Locke—BRC President







Kowen Forest Trail Ride—28 April

Report by Helen Locke

About 6 or so riders came along to both rides. The Kowen ride meandered through pine forest and along the Molonglo River gorge on fire trails and bridle trails.

The Gundaroo ride was across paddocks and up into the hills behind Gundaroo with a lunch stop on a high hill with spectacular views. A big thank you to Sam Beckett for organising the fabulous Gundaroo ride.

Click here to view the Kowen trail map and report



Gundaroo Trail Ride—19 May





ODE post event working bee

The BRC Committee would like to thank the dedicated members who assisted with ODE course preparations and post event repairs. It's extremely difficult for a voluntary committee to deliver a range of fun and safe events all year round without club members' support.

Thank you: Rob Lillie; Helen Thompson; Kerrie Medveczky & the BRC Committee

Container clean up

By Val Woodward

A special thanks my helpers: Michelle F, Kerrie M, Sabina, Steph, Linda A, Michelle and Alana Scicluna & children, Harry and especially Rob Lillie who did most of the heavy work.

We organized the container in rapid time of about an hour . We moved items out, checked equipment, audited, hoisted, swept, reorganized, added a filing cabinet and packed everything away. We were lucky with the weather as it was bright and sunny. We

had plenty of space to work in even though there were many horses & horse floats at the Mounted Games competition.

We still have a small amount of labelling and tidying to do but now 95% is completed.



Hendra Virus

Hendra virus is a zoonotic disease, which means it can transfer from animals to people.

Hendra virus can cause disease in horses but only rarely in humans. It can be transmitted from flying fox to horse, horse to horse, and horse to human.

There is no evidence that the virus can be transmitted from flying fox to human, or human to horse, or human to human.

Flying foxes are a natural reservoir for Hendra virus. Flying foxes do not show any signs of illness when infected with Hendra virus.

Although Hendra virus infection is periodically present in flying fox populations across Australia, the likelihood of horses becoming infected is very low.

Hendra virus can cause a range of clinical signs in horses and should be considered where there is an acute onset of clinical signs and rapid progression to death associated with either respiratory and/or neurological signs.

Most cases in horses are fatal but occasionally a horse will survive the infection. The mortality rate in affected horses is approximately 75%.

Click here for further info



Upcoming Events

- *30 June—training day cancelled due to committee unavailability
- *28 July—Debbie Dixon Dressage Clinic at Fairy Meadow (lesson times on website) Spectators welcome
- *18 August—Mounted games and Sporting (rego coming soon)
- *15 September—Kate Fenner, Kandoo Equine, Clinic

BRC Uniforms

Polo shirts, jackets and other clothing items available for purchase. Contact Val to place your order

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Articles Wanted

If you have any stories of recent outings or interesting horsey information that can be shared in the newsletter—please send it through to Bec G

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BRC Sponsors

BRC would like to thank our Sponsors for their continuing support and valuable contribution!

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ABOUT BRC

BRC is a fun, social and educational EA affiliated adult riding club providing a range of experiences to riders and horses of all levels of ability. Our members vary from beginners, ex-pony clubbers; adults returning to riding and adults who compete in Open Events regularly. Our members have different Equine interests ranging from Dressage, Jumping and Horse Trials/Eventing; to Trail, Sporting and Pleasure. We organise qualified local and visiting instructors to instruct members in an informal, fun and relaxed environment. Dress is casual and we do have a range of Club clothing for those members wishing to purchase, but it is not compulsory. Instruction/lessons and competitions are mainly in the following disciplines:

- Show Jumping
- Eventing
- Hacking
- Sporting/Mounted Games
- Dressage
- Trail Rides
- Combined Training / Novelty

New members are always welcome!





BRC Committee Contacts

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President- Helen Locke
Vice President- Laurene Edsor
Treasurer- Harry Lok
Secretary—Amy Griffin
Event Coordinator- Anna McAuliffe
Dressage Coordinator- Amy Griffin
Showjumping Coordinator- Sam Welch
Cross Country Coordinator- Anne Field
Trail Riding Coordinator- Helen Locke

Sponsorship Officer- Val Woodward
Membership Protection Officer- Alana Scicluna
First Aid Officer- Marion Kilby
Equipment Officer- Sam Welch
Sporting Coordinator- Laurene Edsor
Website Coordinator- Anna McAuliffe

Newsletter Coordinator– Bec Gaukroger **Catering Coordinator**– Vacant

BRC Code of Conduct

Members are to participate in a polite, honest and respectful manner in dealings with fellow members, officials and others associated with BRC.

Inappropriate behaviour and / or abusive language will not be tolerated.

Members are to respect the rights, dignity and worth of others

Members should encourage and support new and/or less skilled members during BRC events.

Members must accept responsibility for their actions, both mounted and unmounted.

Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others during BRC events.

Members should make a commitment to the club by providing assistance and support for BRC events, even when not riding. Members should not be under the influence of alcohol or performance inhibiting drugs during BRC events.

Members should ensure they understand the rules and policies of BRC and follow them.

Members should not use their involvement with BRC to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of the BRC.

Members will refrain from any form of harassment of others. Members will refrain from any behaviour that may bring the BRC into disrepute.

Members will show consideration and support towards others who may be sick or injured during a BRC event.