



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

We have officially kicked off 2024! Our bonus rally was met with fantastic weather and wonderful coaches. And oh boy, you guys made morning tea an absolute delight!

The next rally is on March 3, and we have on offer:

**Flat work | Show Jumping | Poles | Cross Country**

### RALLY INFORMATION

Lessons commence from **8am** during the summer months. The gates will be open from approximately 6.45am. The class list will be posted in the club house the morning of the rally, so please arrive with enough time to settle your horse in and then help set up (for those riding in the 9am lesson), or tack up (for those riding at the 8am lesson). Those riding in the 8am lesson will help pack up at the end of the day.

Please email Karen your **RSVP by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** (wallyadultsvp@gmail.com) and transfer the \$50 required. Please let her know what level flatwork (prep, prelim, novice, elementary) and/or jumping (poles, 45cm, 60cm, 80cm, +) you would like to do and if you have any preferences (e.g., one class, only jumping, paired with a friend, etc) and she will do her best.

Morning tea refreshments will be in the clubhouse. **If you have capacity, can you please bring in some treats to add to our morning tea.**

### HOUSEKEEPING

Please clean up all manure and hay and take this home with you. We recommend bringing a spare chaff bag. This includes any manure your horse produces in their yard, at the float, wash bay, arenas and grassed fields. This does not extend to the cross country area. **Do not place manure around trees.**

The water jump is not to be used unless during a cross country lesson with your instructor.

Lunging is not permitted on the grass. Please use the small arena behind the main sand arena.

### CROSS COUNTRY HIRE

The cross country course is available for **free hire** to any Wallangarra member. Bookings are essential. **Contact Linda Fletcher** on 9399 2388, or wallangarra.xc.hire@gmail.com.

**JUST A REMINDER TO MEMBERS, WE LOVE HEARING ABOUT WHAT YOU GET UP TO! SHARE IT WITH US SO WE CAN SHARE IT WITH THE MEMBERS AND CHEER YOU ON!**

## WARC 2024 CALENDAR

(Rallies 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month except \*\*)

- ◆ February 4—**BONUS RALLY**
- ◆ March 3—**RALLY**
- ◆ April 7—**RALLY**
- ◆ April 28 \*\*—**RALLY**
- ◆ May 5—**AUTUMN ARCA CHALLENGE**  
Wallangarra ARC Show Jumping
- ◆ June 2 —**RALLY**
- ◆ July 7—**RALLY**
- ◆ July 14—**WINTER ARCA CHALLENGE**  
Brookleigh ARC
- ◆ August 4—**RALLY**
- ◆ September 1—**RALLY**
- ◆ September 21 & 22—**SPRING ARCA CHALLENGE**  
Magenup ARC Dressage
- ◆ October 6—**RALLY**
- ◆ November 3—**RALLY**
- ◆ December 1—**CHRISTMAS WIND-UP RALLY**

Rally RSVPs to Karen Nelson (email only) by the **Sunday** prior (i.e., one week before)

**wallyadultsvp@gmail.com**

**BSB 066 162**

**ACC 1047 1711**



Bookings only available via the Pony Club  
Contact Linda Ph: 9399 2388

## HOT TIPS

In the interest of keeping everyone in the loop and communication pathways as open as possible, I'm starting up this new segment "Hot Tips".

This month we are presenting the difference between the private Facebook group and the public page.

**The page:** [Wallangarra Adult Riders Club](#)

This page is utilised more from a 'marketing' standpoint. It's where we engage with the wider horse community, provide general notifications that are passed down from the Adult Riding Clubs Association (ARCA), and upcoming events. Anyone can view and interact with this page.

**The group:** [Wallangarra Adult Riders Club](#)

This group is **Members Only**. It is a private group where we share internal communications, updates or need to knows. Anything you post in here is only seen by your fellow members. This is absolutely the place to post and ask questions.

We will generally provide the same updates from ARCA/ upcoming events on the page as we do the group, however the group page, we encourage much more interaction.

## COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

The Committee met at the end of January and I think it is the largest turn out I have ever seen! It's fabulous to see so many of us coming together in support of the club we love so much.

Here's a summary of some of the topics that were discussed:

- Claire brought her game with many great subjects to consider for our After Rally Sessions. We will keep you posted!
- There are some polo shirts still available if anyone is in need. Other items are on order.
- We have consolidated the survey data, of which is summarised below. Kelly notes the following: *"Overall, your diverse interests and preferences highlight the importance of flexibility and communication within our club. While we strive to accommodate as many requests as possible, we acknowledge that catering to every individual need isn't always feasible."*
- We have a new committee role! Well, it's become more of a sub-committee. **The Social Working Group**. Claire, Carolyn and myself will be working together to bring you some social events. With and without our horses. If you have some suggestions you're really keen on, you are welcome to approach one of us with it.
- We have trialed posting the rally classes ahead of the day. Please ensure you stay back to help complete your pack-away duty, if this is assigned to you. We would love to be able to continue providing this service, but we need everyone to do their bit.



### REASONS FOR JOINING

Members join for various reasons, from improving skills to enjoying social aspects and trying new activities like cross country.

Oh, and of course Teen's Lemon Cake!

### RALLY ATTENDANCE

We've noted a split response in planned rally attendance, with members expecting to attend between 4-11 rallies in 2024.



### IMPROVEMENTS TO RALLIES

We've heard your suggestions and will work on ensuring lessons start and end on time, as well as providing early release of lesson plans.

### INTEREST IN ARCA CHALLENGES

Excitingly, 23 of our respondents are interested in attending ARCA challenges in 2024!

### RALLY BOOKING PROCESS

Mixed feedback on the current process, with the majority happy with the way things are, others suggesting online bookings with class selections. We'll continue to explore options available to us over the next year.



### COACHING INSTRUCTORS

We've noted your suggestions for coaches, including Gina Hendrie, Wendy Barker, Tegan Lush and more.

It hasn't been possible to meet all of your requests, but we hope you'll enjoy the variety of coaches we have this year.

### DESIRED ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

Training days and clinics have received a strong response. We're looking at running some clinics and we will be hosting the ARCA Challenge this year.