



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Greetings members, and Autumn! Equally pleased to have you both here! It was wonderful to have Carolyn present on Biomechanics after our rally—I was sad I personally missed it! It is extraordinary how much biomechanics, not just horses but us riders too, plays into the equation. I swear, the more I 'know', the more I know how little I actually know! But as riders, we must have a thirst for learning, as we cannot possibly continue to grow without it.

Anyway. Enough of that! A few days left to send in your RSVP. We have some great coaches coming!

The next rally is on April 7, 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 31st March** (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.

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 1st 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

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CROSS COUNTRY HIRE

The cross country course is available for **free hire** to any Wallangarra member that has their own PC or EA insurance.

Bookings are essential. **Contact Linda Fletcher** on 0437 712 500, or Julie Cameron on 0417 188 956.

COMMITTEE FYIs

Naval Base horse beach

Early engagement has started for Westport's Naval Base horse beach consultation and they are interested in hearing from the equine community. So far they have held an online information event, an in-person meeting at the beach, and are also looking for feedback on their online survey.

If you use this beach and would like to keep it, please complete the survey which is open until 31 May. [Survey here.](#)

Darling Downs busy bee

The following schedule has been released for upcoming busy bees at the Darling Downs 70 acres: 13 & 14 April, 18 & 19 April and 8 & 9 June. These will occur between 8 and 10 am and will have a free sausage sizzle provided afterwards.

If you use these facilities, please come and help. The more hands on deck, the better we can make it for everyone!

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

The Committee met this month and we are making great strides with progressing our May ARCA Challenge.

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

- We have Sven Targett from Equimove attending the 7th April **After Lesson Session** to discuss equine biomechanics and hoof care. The 28th April session will be with Tara Ramsay to discuss the importance of the correct fitting bit. Tara will also be available to take bookings (note, these bookings will not be available after the rally).
- Our first "Wally Socials" was a dinner at the Byford Tavern. Our next one will be over the **Adelaide Festival** period, coming together to watch some amazing riders do their thing.



MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our members for their recent achievements, whether you've kept them to yourselves or they're below:

- **Murray ARC Series** March 11—*Bobby McDougall*: 3rd in 70cm, 4th in 60cm
- **Orange Grove Dressage & Show Jumping Series** March 10—*Kelly Kent*, achieving amazing scores in Preparatory; *Sara Vroom*, completing her first dressage test on her new horse; *Meredith Kessell*, getting through her first show jumping round in two years; *Belinda Moreton*, completing her first Novice test ever; *Katherine Sturges*, completing her first Elementary test and also her first competitive 95 cm jumping round.
- **Capel HPC 2024** March 16 & 17—*Katherine Sturges*, getting through those first finish flags of the year.



MEMBER HELPER DUTY

We have issued a Poll on our Private Group on Facebook to understand our members preferences for helper duties for our upcoming ARCA Challenge. Please remember that this is a requirement of your membership, or you forfeit your \$40 that was paid within your membership pack. Please cast your vote in the Poll by the 27th March (Wednesday).

If you do not have Facebook, please email the Committee advising of your availability to assist. This does not have to be a manual labour task—we will be able to cater to your abilities and skills.

HOT TIPS

Did you know that you can get a top-up PC membership? Better still, there is also a PC Day membership.

If you have EA insurance, you can get an events only top-up, saving you on having two sets of equine insurances. Or, if you don't think you'll be competing at PC all that much, they have a day (single event) insurance. So if you're like me and you only wanted to do the PC Avon Valley Hunter Trials, now you can without having to break the bank!

Top-Up Members

- ◆ Aged 18+ as of 1 January
- ◆ Must be an EA member—this grants you entry into Open events only.
- ◆ You have no Personal Accident or Public Liability cover.

One Event Membership

- ◆ Valid for ONE single event only and is available for Open classes only
- ◆ It is recommended that you purchase this through the State directly (Pony Club Direct Membership)
- ◆ Must be aged 18+ on the date of application
- ◆ This grants you Public Liability cover only
- ◆ If you upgrade to an annual membership (say, the Top-Up) within 30 days of the event, a discount of \$45 will apply

If you want a PC membership, [click here](#).

SPONSORSHIP

We have been fortunate to have some amazing sponsors come on board for our ARCA Challenge. With that, we call on our members to help bring in more sponsors. Do you work for a company, or perhaps have a relationship (any kind of –ship) with someone in the equine world that would be interested in sponsoring? Get them (or you) to touch base with us at wallangarraarc@gmail.com and our wonderful sponsorship officer Jane will get in contact with them.

Our sponsors so far...

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