

WALLANGARRA ADULT RIDERS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACK



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WELCOME

Welcome to Wallangarra Adult Riders—fondly known as the “Wallies”!

We’re delighted to have you join our community of equestrian enthusiasts who share a passion for riding, learning, and having fun. Whether you’re here to refine your skills, compete, or enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded riders, we are here to support you every step of the way.

Our club is built on values of inclusivity, respect, and shared learning. Everyone, from beginners to experienced riders, is encouraged to participate and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

As you settle in, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our lovely committee members—they are here to make your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at your first rally and sharing many great memories ahead.



MEET OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Membership Officer: Claire Hurst

At Wallangarra Adult Riders, we understand how important it is to feel welcomed and supported, especially when joining a new club. That's why our Membership Officer, Claire Hurst, is here to ensure your first rallies are enjoyable and stress-free

Claire has been a proud Wally member since 2023. She often brings her handsome Standardbred, Blaze, to rallies and is eagerly waiting for the day her young drum horse, Comet, can join in the fun too. Having relocated from Brisbane, Queensland, in late 2022, Claire joined the club to build her riding skills, make new friends, and immerse herself in the Wally community.

Her warm experience as a new member inspired her to step into the Membership Officer role, where she now helps others feel as welcome as she did. Claire can usually be found in the Clubroom before rallies start, greeting new members and answering any questions.

If Claire isn't available, one of our friendly Committee Members are always happy to assist. Together, we're here to make sure you feel right at home at Wallangarra!

Don't hesitate to say hello and reach out to Claire or any of our team—we're so excited to have you on board!



OVERVIEW

Wallangarra Adult Riders was established to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for adult riders to learn, socialize, and compete.

Our facilities include:

- Clubroom: A hub for refreshments, and mingling.
- Grassed areas: Dressage arena setup on well-maintained grass areas for flatwork.
- Show Jumping Ring (main): Equipped for jumping practice and lessons.
- Adult Riders arena: enclosed arena used for poles classes.
- Cross-Country Course: access to a variety of obstacles from 45cm to 1*.
- Horse Yards & Parking: ample space for floats and secure yards for your horse.

Membership Benefits

- Access to all club facilities during rallies.
- Participation in workshops, clinics, and rallies.
- Opportunities to join social events, such as trail rides and BBQs.

Checklist for first rally - New Members:

- Suitable riding gear (helmet, boots, tack).
- Snacks and water for you and your horse.
- Completed membership and payment including risk waiver.
- EA, PC or private insurance.

Communication = stay connected with the Wallies!

- Website: Wallangarra Adult Riders
- Facebook: we have two pages - Wallangarra public and Wallangarra private for members only.
- Newsletter: sign up on the website for updates.
- Email



GEAR SAFETY & STANDARDS

Helmets

ALL members must be wearing an EA approved helmet when mounted on a horse at all times. The accepted safety standards and more information can be found on the EA website.

Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838(2006onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked; New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked; current American Standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001; current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked; interim European Standard VGI (01.040:2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark.

Correct fitting results in the skin on your forehead moving with the helmet. The retention harness and chinstrap must be firmly fastened when mounted. Any helmet that receives a significant impact must be replaced immediately. Helmets do not need to be EA WA tagged for rallies, but some ARCA events do require a tagged helmet.

Boots (rider)

Must have a low heel to stop the boot slipping through the stirrup. Must have a smooth sole. Light treads are usually alright.

Boots (horse)

Recommended but not compulsory for jumping and cross country. Must fit the horse well and be secured correctly, as per manufacturer's instructions.



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Body Protectors (Safety Vests/Cross Country Vests)

Body protectors are compulsory for any rider participating in a cross-country lesson, regardless of height. If you are not wearing a correctly fitting body protector, you may not ride in a cross-country lesson at rallies. EA has introduced a minimum standard as of January 1st, 2020, stating that during competitions all riders must be using a body protector manufactured after 2009 and complying with either EN13158 or BETA Level 3 standard.

Please note: WARC recommends all members ride with the highest level of safety gear as possible, to minimize the risk of injury during a fall. Currently EA's new standards only apply to competition, and not training or lessons.

WARC members do not need to comply with the new standard for lessons or insurance, however anyone competing EA will need a vest that complies (this includes ARC classes at EA events), and we recommend all riders replace their vests as per the EA and manufacturer's recommendations.

Saddles

Should be correctly fitted for both the horse and the rider. Treeless and Western saddles are permitted at rallies but not recommended for jumping. Must have a girth with a minimum of 2 buckles, or girth with one buckle plus surcingle. Must be in good repair with no rotting stitching.

Stirrups

Irons must allow 1cm. each side of rider's boot at the broadest part. Leathers must be in good repair with no stripped holes or rotting stitching.



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Bridle

This must be correctly fitted and in good repair. May be English or Western. Bitless bridles permitted. Headcollars/halters (for riding in) not permitted.

Reins

Should be of safe length; i.e. not long enough for rider's foot to be caught in loop of reins.

Girth

Person's fingers should be able to fit comfortably between the horse and the girth when the rider is mounted.

Fly Veils

Should only be used under exceptional circumstances.

Bandages

If worn, must be either stitched or taped with at least 3 rounds of tape, and under padding used. Taping of boots is optional.

Club Merchandise

Our club shirts (available in both long and short sleeves) and saddle blankets can be purchased via our [website](#). While not compulsory for regular rallies, wearing club gear is a great way to feel part of the team

Club Uniform for Competitions

If you're competing in an ARCA challenge or an ARC class at an event, wearing the official club uniform is required.

- Shirt: Wallangarra club shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Jodhpurs: Cream or white.
- Saddle Blanket: Club-branded or plain white/cream.



RALLIES

Rallies will start at 8am to avoid the hottest part of the day during summer (Jan-Mar). Gates open at 6.45am.

Generally, from April to October, gates will open at 7.45am and classes commence at 9am. Keep an eye on your emails or social media for any changes.

Rallies are \$50 each rally.

Your Role in a Smooth Rally

- Setup: Riders in the second class of the day are responsible for setting up (dressage arena or jumps).
- Pack Down: Riders in the first class of the day are responsible for packing down after the rally.
- Be on time for each of your classes to help the day run smoothly.

ONE WEEK BEFORE RALLY DATE

1. Submit Your RSVP via email: wallyadultsvp@gmail.com by the week prior to the rally date.
2. Payment must be made to the club at the time of RSVP. Please attach your payment receipt to your email.
3. In your email, include the following:
 - Your preferred level for flatwork (Prep, Prelim, Novice, Elementary) and/or jumping (Poles, 45cm, 60cm, 70cm, 90cm).
 - Any preferences, such as:
 - Only participating in one class.
 - Focus on jumping only.
 - Paired with a friend (include their name).
4. While we'll do our best to accommodate preferences but are not guaranteed.

Please note:

- Requests for specific coaches or time slots are not available.
- Our rally coordinator will allocate groups and schedules based on the overall needs of the rally.



RALLIES

ON RALLY DAY

Please arrive between 7 and 7.15am so you can either tack up or setup and be ready for the first lesson at 8am.

Class Schedules

- Rally class lists will be posted in the clubroom on the morning of the rally.
- Lessons typically run on the hour, starting at 8:00am (e.g., Class 1 at 8:00am, Class 2 at 09:00am and so on).
- Riding concludes around 12pm, followed by clearing away/packing up.
- Check your emails or our Facebook page for updates on changes to rally start times as we may start earlier in the hotter months.

Facilities Available

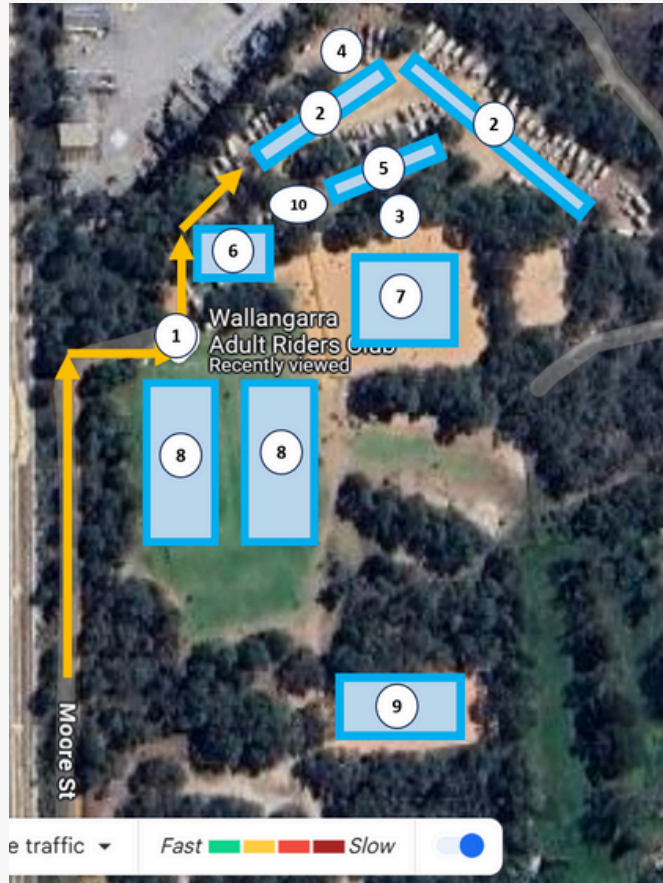
- Yards: Available on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Horses may be secured in shaded 3-sided pens, enclosed yards, or your float yards (ensure you bring a rope to secure your horse).
- Water: Available for your horse at the wash-down area, end of the 3 sided yards and up at the back of the 4 sided yards..
- Toilets: On-site facilities are available.
- Morning Tea:
 - Complimentary tea and coffee are provided in the clubroom.
 - We encourage members to bring a plate of morning tea to share.
 - Please bring your own cold water and drinks.

Additional Notes

- Tractor Use: A tractor is available to assist with moving poles and equipment.
- Horse Care: Ensure your horse has water and any feed/hay.
- Clean-Up: Please clean up after your horse. Bag and take manure home with you.

WARC GROUNDS

Address: Fletcher Park, Moore Street, Wungong



1. Entrance
2. Parking
3. Wash bay
4. Enclosed yards
5. 3 sided yards
6. Clubhouse/Toilets
7. Show jump arena
8. Dressage arenas
9. Adult riders arena
10. Water

CODE OF PRACTICE

1. Members only will be allowed to ride at club activities. Children of adult rider members are welcome to watch but will not be permitted to ride at club activities.
 2. EWA membership is not compulsory, but we suggest Adult Riders membership as some instructors require this for their classes. We recommend ALL members have some form of personal accident insurance, as your club insurance is Public Liability only.
 3. Safety of riders gear is each individual adult's responsibility. This includes helmets and horse gear (saddles, bridles, halters and lead ropes etc). Guidelines outlining safety standards is outlined in this joining pack.
 4. Prior to tuition, individual adult riders are responsible for ensuring the area for the riding activity is safe and suitable for the purpose.
 5. Different areas are designated for parking of floats, horse activities, yards and spectators.
 6. Perimeter fencing must be closed to stop a loose horse escaping.
 7. The presence of a horse that shows dangerous behaviour to a rider, another horse, or spectators, will not be allowed. A horse showing these tendencies will be asked to leave the lesson for 10 minutes, during which time the rider can try to settle the horse. They can then re-join the lesson, if they have the horse under control.
 8. A first aid kit must be present at each activity, and a means of communicating with emergency services must also be available.
 9. All riders are strongly advised to carry on them or provide to the committee information on current medical conditions which could affect emergency treatment in the event of accidents (e.g. allergies, epilepsy, asthma).
 10. An Incident Book must be kept. All incidents and accidents must be recorded, including names and addresses of witnesses.
 11. NO DOGS are allowed on the grounds, by order of the City of Armadale. Please respect this rule, especially if using the grounds privately, as we do not want to jeopardise the use of the grounds.
 12. There must be unobstructed access for emergency vehicles at all times.
 13. Signs or other warnings should identify hazards that cannot be removed.
 14. Stallions and rigs will only be permitted to participate in club activities with the permission of the committee.
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CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. WARC is a club for riders who would like to enjoy different aspects of horse riding in a non-competitive and social atmosphere. As a member, you will be required to comply with the following:
 2. Riders must be a minimum of 18 years old. Horses must be a minimum of 4 years old (unless committee deems the horse suitable).
 3. Attend meetings, held on some of our rally days, to help organise club activities.
 4. Riders must clean up after themselves and their horses at rallies, including removing manure and hay. Please note: we may be required to take all manure home in 2022. Committee will advise via email/newsletter/facebook when confirmed with Pony Club.
 5. Assist at a minimum of 1 of the (max) 2 fundraising events run during the year (date/s TBA).
 6. Assist in set up and pack away at each rally, and any other job you volunteer for during the year.
 7. Members are expected to remain at the grounds for the duration of the rally, as apart from the social atmosphere, the rally days are by our members for our members to enjoy, so setting up and packing away arenas and poles/jumps is part of the day.
 8. Abide by the club's code of practice (provided to all members on initial enrolment).
 9. EWA or PCAWA membership is not compulsory, but we strongly recommend a recreational membership with or without private health insurance so you are covered if you are injured at a club event. Please note: WARC has public liability insurance ONLY, members do not get personal accident insurance via the club.
 10. Sign the disclaimer. Copies available with the enrolment pack and at rallies. Please take the time to read and understand this document before signing. Once signed this affects your legal rights.
 11. Your WARC membership entitles you to free use of the grounds when not booked for events/club days. This must be arranged via Wallangarra Pony Club, please contact Linda Fletcher on 9399 2388 or Linda.Fletcher1@bigpond.com. Conditions apply.
 12. ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: in the event of a fall or incident; it is the decision of the first aider, and NOT the injured person, as to whether or not an ambulance is required. ALL riders/visitors who are injured and have concussion-like symptoms will be transported via ambulance to an emergency department, as per the EA WA concussion policy. In the event of a rider or visitor requiring an ambulance, the cost of the ambulance will be borne by the injured party, and NOT by the club. This is a condition of membership, and is not negotiable. WARC recommends all members have either private health insurance with ambulance cover, or separate ambulance insurance.
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RISK & WAIVER

Equestrian Western Australia Inc (EWA) Release and Waiver of Liability

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Acknowledgements

1. I acknowledge and agree that:

1a. taking part in horse sports is a dangerous activity and serious INJURY or DEATH may result from participating in horse related competitions or activities;

1b. horses may act in a sudden and unpredictable manner, and EWA and WARC does not make any representations or warranties as to how a horse may act; and

1c. I participate in any event held or managed by EWA and WARC, or coaching services provided by EWA or WARC or a member coach of EWA (activities), at my OWN RISK.

2. I have read, understood and agree to abide by this Release and Waiver of Liability, all and any rules, regulations, policies and codes (including the Code of Conduct) of EWA, and any organiser or manager of activities, as may be in force from time to time, and acknowledge and agree that:

2a. EWA's publication of any amended rules;

2b. any misconduct (as determined by EWA or the relevant activities organiser, in their sole discretion) or refusal by me to follow any direction of EWA or an activities organiser, may result in my immediate disqualification from the activities and forfeiting of all fees paid in relation to those activities.

Release and Waiver

3. To the maximum extent permitted by law:

3a. I waive all legal and equitable rights of action against EWA and WARC, including its officials, volunteers, medical personnel, members, employees, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises on which activities are held, underwriters, consultants and coaches (associates), in regard to any claim arising from activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising; and

3b. I fully release and hold harmless EWA and WARC and each of its associates for all and any loss, damages, injury, claim or death whatsoever or howsoever arising out of or in relation to the activities.

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4. I represent and warrant that:

4a. in the event I feel unsafe or unwell in any way, I will immediately advise EWA and WARC and the relevant associates and will immediately cease to participate in the activities;

4b. I assume full responsibility and liability for any risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising from participating in the activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising;

4c. if I have any queries about this Waiver and Release of Liability, I have discussed those queries with EWA or WARC, or otherwise sought my own legal advice and satisfied myself as to those queries;

4d. I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of EWA and its associates and WARC from all liability to the maximum extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the minor(s) or children under my care, suffering injury or death, or any of my property (including horses) suffering damage, injury or death, and

4e. I have explained the contents of this Waiver and Release of Liability to the minor(s) or children under my care, who have in turn confirmed to me their understanding of the terms and effect of this Waiver and Release of Liability.

By completing a visitor or membership form, I acknowledge and agree to the above conditions of membership, and Waiver and Release of Liability.
