

## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF RIDING TOGETHER



October 2020- Above Sarah Powell and Stella

# KILMORE AND DISTRICT Adult Riding Club

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Letter from the editor

Sue Flavin

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

Daniel Andrew said “2020 has not been the year any of us wanted”. We all know the truth of these words, having lived through a year none of us had imagined or planned for.

Due to Stage 3 lockdown, in Mitchell Shire, our August and September rallies were cancelled. Luckily, we managed to get in our July rally just before the restrictions kicked in.

Joanne managed to liaise with the council to allow two people at a time to use the club grounds for those who needed to exercise their horses.

With the October rally now going ahead, it finally looks like we may have turned a corner. And as of the 24<sup>th</sup> September the HRC AV have announced competitions will be able to commence in regional Victoria.

The Committee has continued to meet remotely, whilst we have been in lockdown. You will be pleased to read about the new purchases made

with grant money Sarah has secured for the club on page 9.

In this edition we celebrate the Club’s 35<sup>th</sup> year. This is a great achievement and I am sure you will enjoy reading the memories of Bernie Melvaine, Lesley and Joanne.

Thanks Gail for continuing to keep us updated with emails and Facebook posts and for liaising with Mitchell Shire to get the Club back up and running. You can read more details about Covid Safe changes throughout the newsletter.

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I look forward to your contributions to the newsletter.

***Happy reading and riding***



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## Annual General Meeting- October 10

The AGM has been scheduled for the 10th October, however the format the AGM will take is still undecided due to COVID restrictions. If restrictions remain in place the AGM will be held electronically via an online forum such as Zoom. If restrictions are eased the plan would be to get together at the club for the AGM.

Either way could people please save the date and consider if they would like to nominate for any of the positions below. As this year will be unusual please get nomination forms in to the secretary email as soon as possible.

President  
 Vice President  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary/Membership  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Rally Coordinator  
 LB Davern Reserve representative  
 Newsletter Coordinator  
 Website / communications coordinator  
 Rally day lunch coordinator  
 Risk Management Coordinator.  
 First aid officers  
 Gail Allingham

## NEW PROCESS FOR RIDING AT GROUNDS BETWEEN RALLIES

If you would like to ride at the grounds between rallies please text our new “grounds booking officer” Maxine on 0400381317 with name, phone number and times you will be at the grounds.

There is to be no more than 4 people at a time riding at the grounds between rallies. Maxine will record who is riding when and inform members if too many have booked at one time. Probably very unlikely but records are also needed if someone tests positive to COVID-19 in the future.

Most importantly don't ride if you have symptoms or feel unwell.

## Next Rally – 3<sup>rd</sup> October Wandong

Please read the HRCV Covid Safe information before coming to the rally

## Vale Brian Jones

Vale Brian Jones, husband of Life Member Anne, recently passed away. Brian was a long-time member of our club and friend to many of us. Brian was also an active member of the LB Davern reserve committee taking special care of our grounds at Wandong. Condolences to Anne.

From the North Central Review -

*“Brian was a drover in his day, he was a big horseman and would ride the boundary fences in the Northern Territory,”*

*“He had two dogs, you’d see him driving around town with his two blue heelers Dozer and Diesel, they were his pride and joy.”*

*He was given a living legend award by Pony Club Australia last year having taught at the Oaklands and Broadford pony clubs. He was also a life member of Sunbury Pony Club, a member of Kilmore Adult Riders, Melbourne Showjumping Club and LB Davern Reserve Committee” [From the North Central Review](#)*



## Celebrating 35 Years of Riding Together- memories of our club from life member and club founder Bernie Melvaine

I spoke with Bernie about her memories of the club and this is her story-

Desley Gillick was my neighbour, both of us enjoyed riding but we still had a lot to learn. One day Desley visited me with a brilliant idea, she thought we should start an adult riding group.

Shortly afterwards, in August 1985, we placed an article in the local newspaper seeking people interested in joining a club. By September we had enough interest and had formed a committee. Pat Kosky and her husband began the work of setting up club registration and other formalities.

These were fun times, with committee meetings taking place in member's homes. Champagne suppers drew large numbers to the meetings and everyone relaxed and enjoyed one another's company while we made plans for building our club.

The first rally took place in January 1986 at Kilmore Racecourse, but due to clashes with race meetings it was decided a new venue was needed. A few rallies were held at Broadford Common before Mitchell Shire offered the Wandong grounds to the club in 1992. Shortly after the shed was erected at the new grounds in 1993.

The Club went from strength to strength and grew quite large. Rallies were held on Sundays and consisted of novice groups through to advance riders with 6 or more riding in each group. Lessons in flat work and over jumps were given by a team of talented instructors including Terry Campbell, Sue Tufnell, Felicity Yunken and Jan Colough. During the winter months the rallies were held at various indoor arenas and the members looked forward to attending weekend long clinics at places such as Jan Colough's indoor arena in Euroa.

The club had great success at Top Team Trophy events and members travelled together and supported each other. I remember Anne Putker, Kelly Morrow, Sue Holinger and Sue Tufnell as being talented eventers who achieved great success for the club.



Club member Anne Putker riding Weltevreden Star to fifth place in the Avenel international Horse Trial in 2002



Opening of the new shed November 1993

Camaraderie was very strong in these early years and with large numbers the club was able to host events such as trail rides, navigation rides, events at Weeribee Park and cross country at Riddles Creek. I fondly remember the great social times we had on these days and the pride I felt in wearing the club uniform which remains in the same colours today. I competed in show jumping, cross country and dressage.



As a life member of the club and one of its founders I have great memories of fun times with friends and our horses. The club has given me the opportunity to improve my riding, as well as, providing me with friends to share so many happy times and achievements with.

## Celebrating 35 Years of friendship and horsemanship

### Memories of the club

#### From Lesley Holmes our President

Kilmore & District Adult Riding Club – My Story -  
Lesley Holmes

I grew up in West Essendon in the 60's. At the end of our street was "The Farm" which consisted of racing stables, ponies, chooks, pigs and two very large dogs that I was extremely frightened of as a small child.

When a little older my neighbor got to ride a Shetland pony named Pete and she gave me a ride and taught me rising trot.

Over the years (until I found boys were more interesting than horses) I rode all types of horses and ponies (some had saddles, some didn't) and fed them every morning before school and helped muck out stables for the privilege. I was never allowed to have my own pony.

When I left home I shared a house with my best friend Brenda who casually asked if I wanted to go horse riding one day. I told her I used to ride when I was younger so off we went to various horse riding places and ended up at Uncle Nev Peachy's. When I met Barry (who worked with Brenda) he came riding with us and before long there was a group of around 6 who used to go every Sunday morning for years.

I got my first horse (Chaney) in 1988 she was my "engagement" horse which was preferable to a ring at the time (got that too later). Through riding at Peachy's I met Pat Sheehan who asked me if I would like to join Adult riders and go with her as I didn't have a float.

I joined Kilmore ARC and went to my first rally at the Kilmore racecourse riding in the car park. Terry Campbell was instructing Dressage and Sue Tuffnel was instructing Jumping and I had a wonderful time on my palomino, Kara and was hooked.

Kilmore was a large club (there were only 3 in the area at that time, Kilmore, Findon and Beveridge). Every year we joined with Findon (now Whittlesea) to hold horse trials at their grounds. I was a cross country jumps judge in the pouring rain all day at the first one I attended and have never done that job again!

Our meetings were held at member's houses and everyone bought plate for supper. When I joined Anne Putker was President and Jane Ryan was secretary. I remember Bernie, Anne



Jones, Deb Brew Pat Kosky and Bev Mumford who along with Anne Putker were made life members over the years from that era.

Kilmore was very successful in TTT events, winning the Dressage, Horse trials with a composite team and the Navigation ride in the one year. We held all those events the following year. We moved from the racetrack briefly to the Broadford Common and then the oval at Wandong was offered to us. We rode on the oval, even held a dressage day there before the council offered us the land where we are now set up. (As they were updating the Oval). Our winter rallies were held at the Victorian Show Jumping Stables (Russel Johnstone's). We had pies for lunch in their pie warmer and at one stage we had to hold the rally over two days. Our membership was capped at 60 riding members.

Over the years we moved out winter rallies from Russel's to McLeans (AEBC) at Clonbinane, Fimister Park in Kilmore East, Broadhanger in Kalkallo, Lowdens and now at El Castillo at Lancemore.

I have held many positions on the committee, starting with Secretary only a year or so after I joined. I was the rally co-ordinator for many years on and off as well as Vice President, Secretary again and this year President.

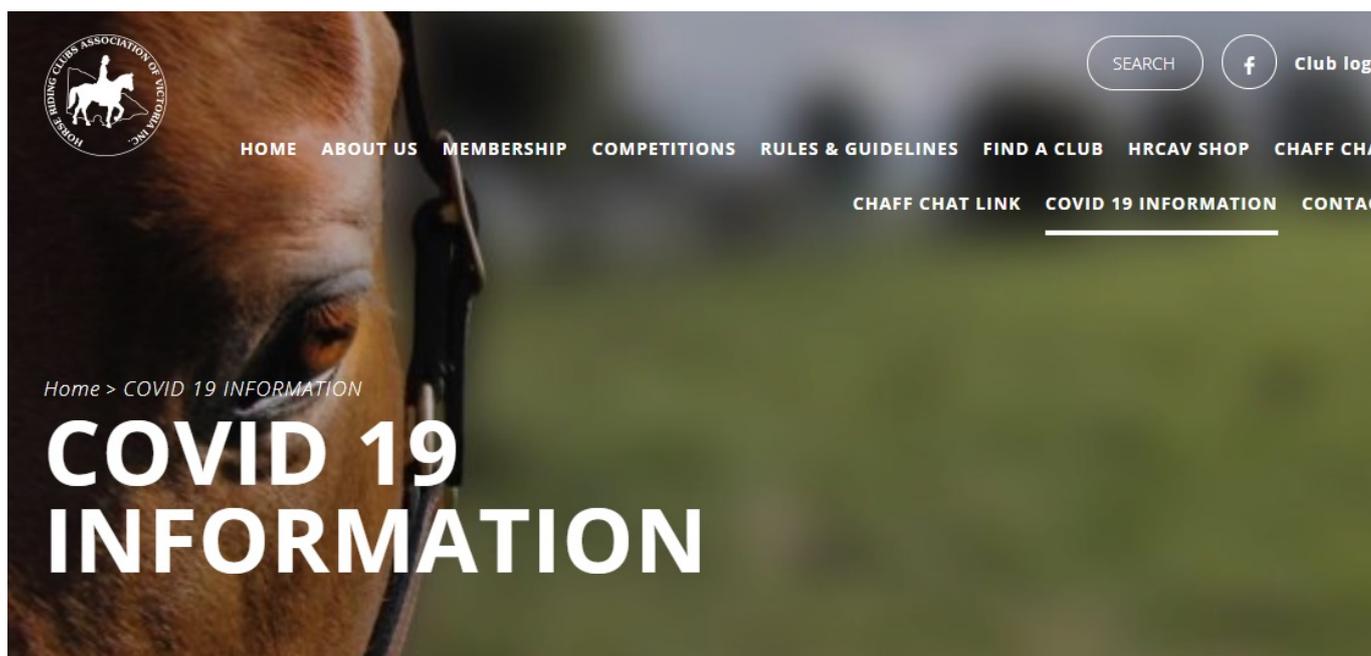
### **Memoires of our club from Joanne Empey Vice President**

“I joined the club in 2015, some great memories I have of the club is going to Alex show in the pouring rain and Justyne and Rob turn up to support me. I didn't have a Kilmore rain jacket so Rob gave me his to ride in. That's the type of club it is and what I love about it.

Going to Ruffy and Alex show at other times and members competing against each other and all cheering each other on and the comradeship amongst us. Also at Dressage days where we all call each others test and support each other.

Also Beth's amazing efforts in organising the silent auctions at the AGM and raffles at the Christmas party just such a fun club to be involved in.”





## HRCav UPDATE 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 FOR VICTORIAN CLUBS

Easing of restrictions in Regional Victoria from 16th September 2020 In accordance with the DHHS Restricted Activity Directions (Non-Melbourne) (No 5) we are pleased to advise an easing of restrictions which will allow members to broaden their equestrian activities. Members residing in regional Victoria may ride off property, have riding lessons and attend Club rallies and activities subject to the following conditions. A separate detailed advice, including information regarding equestrian competitions, will be released shortly. Directions for equestrian activities in regional Victoria. You may:

- Ride off property with members of your household or in groups of up to 10 plus and instructor if required.
- Ride outdoors at agistment properties or equestrian centres subject to owner/manager requirements.
- Participate in outdoor training/coaching activities with members of your household or in groups of up to 10 riders plus the instructor.
- Travel unlimited distances within Regional Victoria. These allowances are for outdoor areas only – indoor arenas must remain closed. Social distancing (1.5m) and good hygiene MUST be maintained Club activities Club rallies and activities may resume under the following conditions:
- No more than one group of a maximum of 10 riders may be at the venue at any one time (plus the coaches and minimum number of helpers required to run the activity). The only exception to this rule is where there is sufficient space to allow more than one group of 10 separated by a distance of 100m minimum. Groups must not intermingle whilst at the venue and facilities may not be shared.
- Facilities, with the exception of toilets, must remain closed.
- Toilets and common surfaces must be cleaned regularly.
- The COVIDsafe app should be downloaded and active.
- Name, mobile phone and time at the venue must be recorded for every person present.
- Clubs must have in place a management plan (Rally Plan) addressing Covid 19 risks.
- A Covid Safe Officer must be appointed to monitor compliance with Covid 19 rules and restrictions.
- Persons displaying any sign of sickness must not attend.
- Equipment to be cleaned between use. No sharing of equipment. Clubs which allow member use of locked grounds for training must put in place a booking system to limit numbers at the grounds at any one time. Rules in line with the requirements for rallies and group training must be applied. Face masks If you are doing exercise or a physical activity where you are out of breath or puffing, such as cycling or running, you do not need to wear a face covering. You must carry a face covering with you and wear it before and after you exercise. If you are doing exercise or a physical activity where you are not out of breath or puffing, then you must wear a face covering unless you have a lawful reason not to. The approach to activities/training remains ‘get in, train, get out’

## New jumps and harrows for the club

Sarah has been working on submitting grant applications. First, she was successful with a grant of \$2500 for jumps and poles and now another \$1000 through a COVID emergency grant. Thank you Sarah for your expertise in this area.

The club was able to raise a further \$480 via the sale of the old jump wings and poles. By adding an additional \$465 of club funds we have purchased from Horizon jumps-

5 x Pairs of Aluminum Wings

20 x Painted poles

4 x extra cups

1 x set of breakaway cups



The white aluminum wings and painted wooden poles are light weight, so will be so much easier to set-up and pack-up. And much safer. These should be ready for delivery when rallies resume at the club grounds.

## Harrows are almost completed

A quote of \$700 has been provided to the club for harrows. Similar harrows were tested at the club two weeks ago and were found to be suitable and easy to use by 2 people. A motion was put forward to accept the quote of \$700 for harrows to maintain the new topping on the club grounds.

## Places to ride in our local area- Broadford Common

Situated behind the cemetery and hidden from the main drag, Broadford Common is a hidden gem for horse riders and dog walkers.

In 1861 the town of Broadford set aside 117 acres for the community use. Today this is a unique and loved feature of Broadford. The local Pony Club and Adult riders use this area for their meetings and at one time our club held a few rallies here before moving permanently to Wandong,

Mitchell Shire maintains the area, keeping the grass well mowed. You will find horse yards, tracks, cross country jumps and numerous shady trees. It is close by, open all year round and there is plenty of room to park your float.



## New Club Website

Sarah has completed a new website for the club, it looks smart and fresh. Thank you Sarah for the wonderful work you do for our club. Please take the time to have a look - [kilmoreanddistrictarc.weebly.com](http://kilmoreanddistrictarc.weebly.com)



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### Hay Testing

Each year I cut my own hay, but have never had it tested. Because my mare Bella has been battling laminitis this year I have sent the hay off to be tested for protein, fibre, metabolic energy, starch and sugars. This will enable me to know if my hay is suitable for horses. The test costs is \$61.00 and when I get the results I will share them with you.

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## Welcome back Jacqui and her horses Hank, Betty and Chrissy

I contacted Jacqui and asked her to give us all an insight into her life with horses. Here's what she had to say.

*"I got my racing trainers license back in June so my riding really shifted focus to track riding and race fitness riding from many many years of enjoyable adult riding"*

*"I'm training quite differently with my horses being paddocked together, being barefoot and only going to the track once or twice a week once there up to fast work. I ride all my horses work except jump outs"*

*"I believe that educating them as I've done with all my previous off the track thoroughbreds will help them be better racehorses hence my application to re-join the club"*

*"Look forward to coming to rally's with them"*



RACE DAY FOR BETTY

## Rally Report- July

### CAROL HILL AND WALTER AT THE JULY RALLY



The July Rally was held at El Castillo with instructor Catherine Davies. Eleven riders turned out - Carol, Helen, Maxine, Lesley, Sandy, Jo Empey, Judi, Erica, Alison, Nicolle and Joel. As the Covid situation was worsening, at the time, these riders were lucky to get out and enjoy the indoor lesson.

Carol reports the following

“Just wanted to say I had a super lesson today. I got such a lot out of the lesson. I need to focus more on inside leg to outside rein.... It was great to be back in the saddle in such a safe environment and friendly people. We did have a few floating issues and I was extremely nervous. Nice to catch up with the ladies I have not seen in years. We are looking forward to next month.”

Unfortunately, due to corona virus restrictions the August and September rallies were not held.

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# Rally Information

All rally payments are to be paid into the Club account by the Thursday with the reference: **Your Name + Rally**. Cash payments can be made by prior arrangement with the Treasurer. This allows us to confirm numbers with the instructors and organize the groups.

Official Rallies are \$30, Unofficial Rallies are \$20. Bookings are finalized the Monday before

## CANCELLATIONS

Any rally cancellations received after 6pm on the Monday still require payment unless a vet/ medical certificate can be supplied.

If you need to cancel, please call or SMS the Rally Coordinator.

## PAYMENTS

Payments are to be made to:

Kilmore & District Adult Riding Group

BSB: 633000

ACC: 154624829

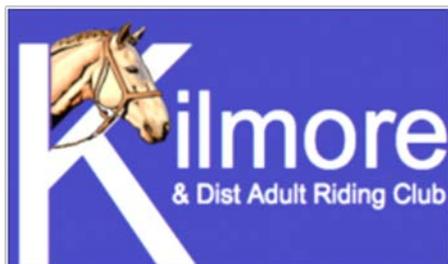
## MANURE

Instead of placing the manure under the trees we are trialing placing the manure in old feed bags and leaving out for the neighbouring community for their gardens. Hopefully a win for all.

## LUNCH

# No food to be shared at the moment





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