

# KYNETON PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2023

## Upcoming Birthdays

### October

21<sup>st</sup> – Ella Brentnall

## Upcoming Events

### October

1<sup>st</sup> – KPC Rally

7<sup>th</sup> – Harcourt PC Stockmans Challenge & SJ Day

**8<sup>th</sup> – KPC Working Bee @11am**

8<sup>th</sup> – Williamstown Show Jumping Day

**14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> – KPC Working Bee @11am**

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yarrambat Pony Club HT, CTD & SX

28<sup>th</sup> – Woodlands Pony Club Freshmans SJ

### November

5<sup>th</sup> – KPC Rally

**11/12<sup>th</sup> – KPC Horse Trials, CTD & SX**

19<sup>th</sup> – Whittlesea PC Dressage Day

19<sup>th</sup> – Macedon PC & Open Dressage Day

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Ballarat PC Horse Trials



## THE COMMITTEE

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# Presidents Message

## September Rally

Wasn't it a lovely day for our September Rally, the sun was shining and not many clouds in sight. Bridget again put on a great day with lessons in Dressage, Show Jumping, Obstacles and Showing Preparation. I saw lots of smiles on a lot of riders faces, so it looked like it was a good rally for all. We had 2 Come & Try's - Sadie & Charlotte, we hope to see them again soon.

## Open Day

Our first Open Day was not too big, could be that the Daffodil festival was active in Kyneton, we will host another one this rally, so please help out where possible and make any new faces around the club feel welcome.

## Working Bees/XC Rebuild

As advised in emails, we only have 4 weeks left to get the cross country course completed for our Horse Trials in November, we need as much help as possible and anyone making jumps if you can please have them done as soon as possible that would be great too.

## October Rally

As Bridget has advised she will not be present for this rally. If everyone could pitch in and help out that would be greatly appreciated. Any queries on the day please come see Leah and/or myself.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday  
Cassandra



# Get to know a Rider

## Kiara Vallance

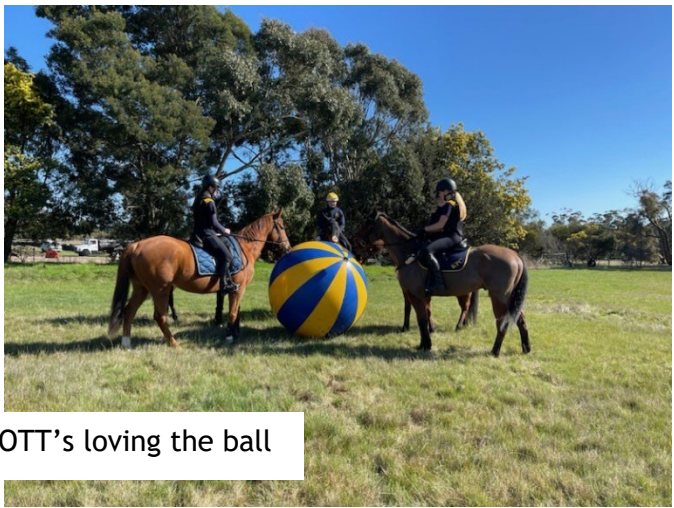
- 1. How old are you and when is your birthday?*  
I'm 16 and my birthday is November 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2. How long have you been interested in horse riding and riding horses?*  
I have been riding since 2017, so 6 years
- 3. How many people in your family ride horses?*  
Only my mum (Heidi) occasionally rides
- 4. How many horse(s) do you and your family have?*  
We have 3 horses, beau, nick & faith
- 5. What are your horse(s) names, breed and ages?*  
Nick is 6yo Thoroughbred, Beau is 13yo Thoroughbred & Faith 36yo Shetland
- 6. What treats do your horse(s) like?*  
All of them love carrots & apples
- 7. Do you live on Acreage?*  
Yes I do, we live on 6 acres
- 8. What is your favourite Competition type and why?*  
My Favourite competition type is 2/3 day eventing because when it is all in one day you and your horse become exhausted a lot quicker, so having it spread out over a couple of days makes in more fun and enjoyable.
- 9. Where do you like to go riding?*  
I love to go riding at all different pony clubs to experience all different types of jumps
- 10. What is one thing you would tell someone who is interested in starting to ride horses?*  
This sport is not for the kindhearted, it is a lot of work. But this sport is a beautiful and is an exciting hobby. We bond to our horses like a best friend. It all takes time and you will get where you want in life if you don't give up. It gets hard but you have to push through it because if you don't you will be stuck in the same spot, but once you finally do, you will never go back you will



# Out & About



September Rally - Our OTT's loving the ball



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Melton Show Jumping Day  
Rose - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 Round  
Ruby - 4<sup>th</sup> Accumulator & Equitation Award



Rose on Mac at Melton Show Jumping Day



Melton Show Jumping Day  
Makayla on Izar - 5<sup>th</sup> 2 Round



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Velvet & Pat, Chris & Dash  
Helping out, at our Working Bee digging  
ditches



Ruby & Rupert @ Werribee PC  
HT Grade 3

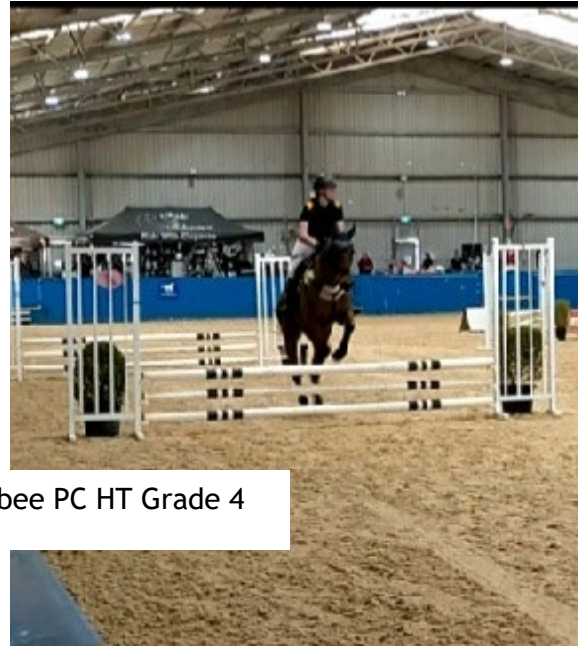


Bridget & Simon at working bee,  
finishing off two of our ditches.

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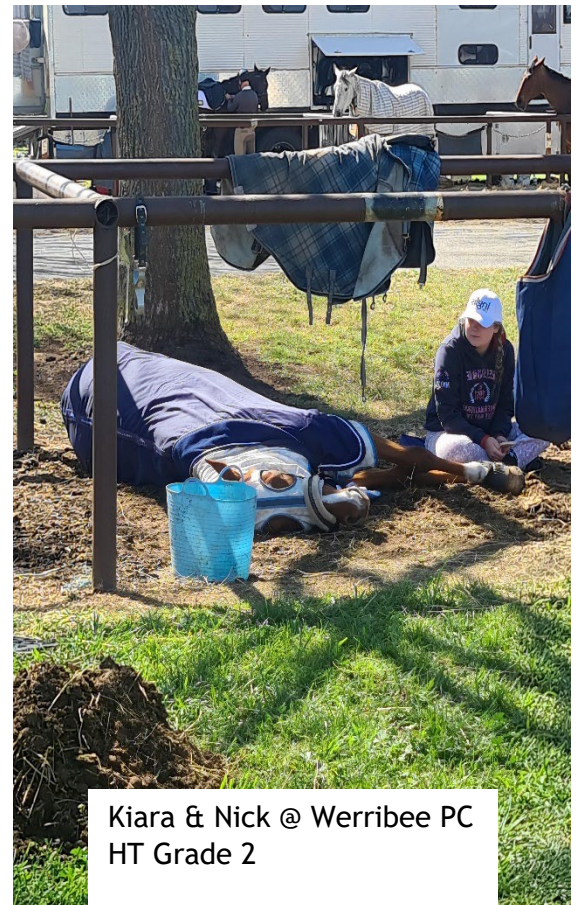
Rose & Mac @ Werribee PC HT Grade 4



Makayla & Izar @ Werribee PC  
HT Grade 5



Natalia & Rex @ home



Kiara & Nick @ Werribee PC  
HT Grade 2

# Long rein or loose rein

**A dressage test usually asks for a long rein at some point. You maintain a soft contact and let the horse stretch down.**

**You would leave a dressage arena on a loose rein (no contact). Your coach may ask for a loose rein after an exercise, to relax and cool down your horse**



Long Rein, soft contact

Loose Rein, no contact



# Horse Breeds

## Warmbloods

### Origin - Continental Europe

Warmbloods are a group of middle-weight horse types and breeds primarily originating in Europe and registered with organisations that are characterised by open studbook policy, studbook selection, and the aim of breeding for equestrian sport. The term distinguishes these horses from both heavy draft horses (cold bloods) and refined light saddle horses such as Thoroughbred, Arabian and Akhal-Teke (hot-bloods). Although modern warmbloods are descended from heavier agricultural types systematically upgraded by hot-blood influence, the term does not imply that warmbloods are direct crosses of “cold” and “hot”.

Most warmbloods were developed in continental Europe, especially Germany. It was once thought that the warmblood type, which originated in continental Europe, descended from wild, native, proto-warmblood ancestors, called the Forest Horse, though modern DNA studies of early horses have disproven this hypothesis.

The best-know German warmbloods are the Hanoverian, Holsteiner, Oldenburg and the purebred Trakehner. There are many more warmbloods known in multiple countries around the world.

Open studbook policies separate most warmbloods from true “breeds” such as Thoroughbreds, Arabians, Percherons and Morgans which have a closed studbook and required two purebred parents. Instead, most warmblood registries accept breeding stock from other similar populations to continuously improve their own, and do not consider their own horses to be a discrete “breed”. The Trakehner is an exception, as although some other breeds are used within the breeding population, this horse is considered a true breed.





# SHEDDING SEASON FOR HORSES

Now that coats are shedding you might like to make a scratching post for your horse.

Scratching post for horses and stable scratch pads are fun for your horse, but they're also important. They give your horse the chance to groom themselves and do some equine self-care.

Self-care, technically called self-maintenance, is how horses maintain their bodies. Scratching against objects is an important self-maintenance behaviour. It helps horses groom their hair and skin, along with rolling on the ground, scratching themselves with their teeth and hooves, and having a mutual grooming session.

All you need is a brush, broom head or even doormat and something solid to attach them to. You can tie large broom heads to trees with twine for a quick temporary set up (handy if you agist) or get to work with a hammer and nail for something more permanent.

Remember not to attach scratchers to something you don't want your horse to bend, or anything where your horse might get their tail or legs caught (so avoid fences, gates or shelter/stable walls).



# Kyneton Pony Club

## Uniform Price List

as at March 2021

<b>Polo's</b>	Short Sleeve	\$	40.00
	Long Sleeve	\$	40.00
<b>Jumpers</b>	Woollen Size 5-7	\$	60.00
	Woollen Size 7-10	\$	65.00
	Woollen Size 12-16	\$	75.00
	Rugby	\$	40.00
	Hoodie Kids	\$	56.00
	Hoodie Adults	\$	60.00
<b>Jackets</b>	Thick Jackets	\$	75.00
	Soft Shell Jackets	\$	75.00
	Tracksuit Kids	\$	60.00
	Tracksuit Adults	\$	65.00
<b>Pants</b>	Tracksuit Kids	\$	35.00
	Tracksuit Adults	\$	36.00
<b>Saddle Pads</b>	Full	\$	89.00
	Pony	\$	75.00
<b>Ties</b>		\$	25.00
<b>Caps</b>		\$	15.00
<b>Scarves</b>		\$	5.00
<b>Badge</b>		\$	10.00
<b>Medical Arm Bands</b>	Small	\$	20.00
	Large	\$	30.00
<b>Grading Card Holder</b>		\$	5.00

# *Syllabus of Instruction (Certificates) V's Grading*

The information below is to provide an understanding of the difference between the Syllabus of Instruction and Grading.

## **Syllabus of Instruction**

The Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction is built on Certificate levels that enable the rider to continuously develop their skills in Riding, Horse Care and Citizenship. Members are encouraged to move through the Certificates at their own pace, but in the following order E, D, D\*, C, C\* or K, B, A.

Books for each Certificate can be purchased through your JustGo membership portal. These books are a fantastic way to improve your practical and riding ability through the Pony Club guidelines.

I recommend riders work through these books and when you complete a book, let me know so you can be assessed at a rally, passed, and then receive your certificate of completion. You will then be ready to move onto your next book.

## **Grading**

Typically, Gradings are used for riders who compete, even if it's just a couple of times a year. If you are a rider who doesn't compete, gradings are also a terrific way to track how you and your horse are progressing as a combination (horse / rider).

Grading is an assessment of the horse / rider combination.

If you change horses, this is a different combination, and the grading process will start again.

When you are graded, you can be graded on a number of different disciplines and types of competitions. These are:

- Dressage only
- Show Jumping only
- Horse Trials - Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country
- Combined Training Days - Dressage and Show Jumping

When you ask to be graded (ask your DC), the grading process will ensure you are competent in the disciplines you want to be graded in. This means you can successfully jump the height allocated to that grade and competently complete dressage. It's always best to start at the lowest grade and work your way up and remember, there's no hurry for you and your horse to move up the grades.

For most Disciplines / Sports, Grading starts at Grade 6 and works up to Grade 1, and then Advanced.

Show Jumping is the only discipline that starts at Grade 5 and works up to the Advanced level.

If you are unsure if you are ready to be Graded and / or at what level, it's always good to talk to the Instructors at Pony Club, or if you have a private instructor, talk to them too.

# KPC Code of Conduct

PCAV Code of Conduct 2010

The Pony Club Association of Victoria's Code of Conduct outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in our organisation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated. It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, coaches, instructors, spectators, family, friends, administrators and other members of our diverse pony club community. It applies to all PCAV, Zone and Club sanctioned activities.

The Pony Club Association of Victoria's Code of Conduct supports everyone to have fun in a friendly and inclusive environment.

## Our Values and Behaviours

### **Respect and Recognition**

- I will treat others as I would like to be treated
- I will treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and respect
- I will appreciate performances by all participants
- I will value and recognise good behaviours and the contribution of all
- I will communicate openly and provide constructive supportive feedback

### **Caring**

- The welfare of the horse is paramount
- I will be considerate of others
- I will encourage others to participate but I won't force the issue
- I will never resort to verbal abuse, harassing behaviour, hostility or aggression

### **Integrity**

- I will be open, honest and trustworthy
- I will do what I say
- I will be a Good Sport and encourage others to do the same
- I will not make any disparaging or belittling remarks about others
- I will abide by the Code of Conduct

### **Inclusion**

- I will support and help others
- I will be flexible and responsive to people's needs
- I will work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes
- I will encourage the participation of all regardless of ability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture or religion
- I will contribute towards an enjoyable and safe environment for all

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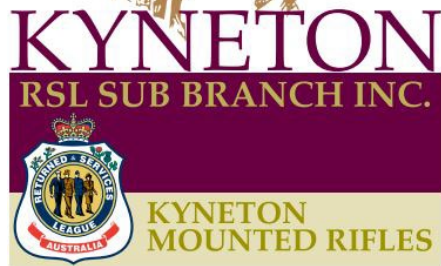
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