

# ALBANY ADULT RIDING CLUB

August 2024

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## Newsletter

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Hello

Hi Members

Our usual very quiet July rally wasn't so quiet after all. We had six riders for lessons and about thirteen for lunch. Lunch was full of laughs and relaxation. Big thanks to all that came and worked hard to make it happen.

At the end of this month bookings for the October Equitation clinic open, you need to be quick to book as these fill in fast. You need to be a current member to book and even though there is a one day option, preference will be given to those doing the two day clinic. See below for more details.

Please read our new booking procedure for lessons in this newsletter. We have had to make some changes due to the size of our club as well as the business of committee.

Please remember to RSVP if attending, even for free activities as this makes planning easier.

## 25<sup>th</sup> August Rally – Andy Forbes & Amanda Pritchard

### STRUCTURE

9am Morning Tea

10am Lessons start: Andy (group lessons) – Indoor arena,  
Amanda (Private lessons) – Sand arena

Free Activity: To be decided on day (weather & numbers dependant)

12pm Lunch time: Bring a plate to share

1pm Lessons start: Andy (private) – Sand arena  
Amanda (group lessons) – Indoor arena

2pm Rally Close

PLEASE NOTE ABOVE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDANT ON NUMBERS AND WEATHER

**Group Lessons** - \$50 Indoor Arena. You will be in the indoor arena in a group of four riders or less. These are available with Amanda Pritchard and/or Andy Forbes.

**Private Lessons** - Sand Arena. Please email me for price. Both Amanda and Andy are offering these this rally but there is very limited available. You will be in the sand arena but will have

the instructor all to yourself. Please email to ensure there is a private lesson available before deposit of money for private lessons.

**Free Activity** – As the weather for this rally can be wet and cold we will decide on the day. We have a television now and will set it up with some equine instruction video clips or DVD, so even if the weather is horrendous and you don't want to bring a horse you can sit and enjoy. If you bring a horse and the weather plays nice we have lots of options also and decide on the day.

**Lunch** 12pm - bring a plate of food to share.

Please remember to RSVP even for free activities so we can cater for needs.

## September Rally – Andy Forbes, & Jo Parsons

Again at this rally we be having two great, yet very different instructors. As usual there will be a free fun activity for those not wanting to book a lesson.

## Future Rallies

27<sup>th</sup> October – Sue Buckley (Equitation Clinic – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>), TBA

24<sup>th</sup> November – Janelle Richardson, Jo Parsons & TBA

15<sup>th</sup> December –Free Activity - Christmas Fun (including Poker Run)

## Olympic Games Day – The countdown is on

We are going to run our own Olympic games day. We have not decided on the date yet, but will let you know once we can figure out where to fit it in to our busy schedule. You will need to dress in the colours of your favourite colour and join in the fun games planned for your chance to win gold and stand on the podium.

## Sue Buckley Equitation Clinic – 26th & 27th October



Bookings open at the end of the month. There has been a price increase due to Sue's costs, the one day clinic is now \$195 and the two day clinic is \$360. This is an indoor clinic so you can book in advance and not have to worry about the weather. Please also note that even though there is a one day option, priority of bookings is given to those wanting to do both days.

Check out more information on our Facebook page.

## Raffle- Equine First Aid Kit – Winner – Sandra Frid.



Sandra one this amazing equine first aid kit. If you really one, you can purchase one from Nullakai Vets for about \$150. Great idea for the float or you could even suggest it to your loved ones for a christmas present.

## Committee Members

Due to the increase in size of our club and hence a larger work load, we are on the look out for some extra general committee members. If you are interested please email us. We have our meetings once a month and they are a great way to be involved in the running of this great club.

## Using the AEC Grounds

If you use the AEC grounds outside rally days please check the AEC calendar. If there is an event being held on the grounds, please get permission from event co-ordinator and ensure you stay away from areas being used. As an AEC member you have right to use the ground as long as you don't interfere with any event. Remember at many events there are often young and inexperienced riders and/or horses and we want everybody to enjoy a safe and courteous environment.

## Uniform

Our uniform colours are black and purple. We have a range of polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, vests and jackets available. All of these can also have your name embroidered on for an extra cost. Amanda Owens is our uniform officer and can help you with your enquiries.

## Housekeeping

Please ensure that your yards are clean and closed prior to leaving the rally. Please fill in the attendance sheet (in the clubroom) at each rally. Camping is available at the AEC grounds but must be booked and paid for prior via the Albany Equestrian Centre.

Remember we require all riders to well helmets at our rallies end ensure your horse is under your control. Please be aware that our club has nervous riders and green horses as well as experienced and want to ensure it is a pleasant experience for all.

## Lesson Booking – To be completed by Thursday prior to rally

Process for booking a lesson –

1. **Email AARC** – advise of instructor/coach required and if attending lunch. If you do have a preference for start time please let us know and we will try to accommodate you if possible. Please note that you may not get a response until closer to the rally.
2. **Pay amount into our bank account** (BSB 086519 Account 414429819) - leave your name as reference.
3. **Email us proof of payment**

4. **Attend lesson as per scheduled time** - AARC to forward you rally lesson schedule on the Friday or Saturday prior to rally. Please ensure you are ready for lesson prior to commencement time.

Your name will not be confirmed on lesson schedule until we have been paid. We have a no-refund policy when it comes to lessons, however if given enough advance we may be able to sell your lesson to another member (if there is a waiting list). We get charged by the instructors if you turn up or not. If you are unable to come to your lesson, please advise us as soon as possible. Please ensure that you turn up prior to your lesson so that you can be saddled and ready to go by the time of your lesson.

Cheers

Fee Holden