

ALBANY ADULT RIDING CLUB



Newsletter - Jan/Feb 2025

Welcome to 2025

Welcome new and existing members.

A new committee was finalized at the AGM on 1 Feb, and the first committee meeting was held on 11 Feb. During the meetings, both office bearer and other roles were assigned as follows:

- Brenda Chapman - President & Media -
- Sarah Robbins - Vice President
- Fiona Holden - Secretary & Website & Lesson Coordinator
- Jill Compton - Treasurer
- Penny Slebos – Lesson Coordinator
- Janine Bell – Safety Officer
- Elizabeth Fletcher – Uniform Officer
- Suzanne Plant – AEC Rep and Newsletter
- Tisa Crocker – General Member

Please do not hesitate to contact the committee with any concerns or suggestions you have for our club by emailing the club at albanyhadultriding@gmail.com.

This year we hope to provide a variety of instructors, covering a wide range of disciplines to develop our riding and horsemanship skills. The popular Working Equitation with Sue Buckley is confirmed for April and October, with other instructors to be arranged subject to their availability.

We aim to cater for all rider skills and horse education levels, including groundwork or unmounted. If there is anything you would like to have a go at, let us know and we can see what we can plan. Our club is all about enjoying time with your horse and horsey friends in a supportive, safe, and non-judgmental environment.

February Rally – Sunday 23rd February

MEET AND GREET FUN DAY – 9am

This is the rally where we get a chance to meet new and catch up with returning members. We will be starting with coffee and cake in the clubrooms at 9am. We will set up some fun activities, saddle our horses, and spend the morning playing with some easy, fun obstacles and games.

Once we have set up some fun activities, we will then saddle our horses (for those that wish to) and have a play on whatever you decide you want to play on. We will also set up the soccer in the indoor arena so all can have a play, without the ball running away with Albany's wind. After packing up around 11:30, we will then have a combined lunch and enjoy socialising. Please bring a plate to share for lunch and any refreshments for lunch. Coffee, Tea and cake will be provided.

It will be a fun time to just chill out and play with your two legged and four legged friends. Please remember you must have submitted a membership form and paid the membership fee prior to mounting on the day to cover legalities.

Future Rallies

Date	Instructor/s, Activities
Sunday, 30 March	TBA
Saturday, 26 & Sunday, 27 April	Sue Buckley (Working Equitation)
Sunday, 25 May	TBA
Saturday, 28 June	TBA
Sunday, 27 July	TBA
Sunday, 31 August	TBA
Sunday, 28 September	TBA
Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 October	Sue Buckley (Working Equitation)
Sunday, 30 November	TBA
Sunday, 14 December	Christmas Fun

Housekeeping

- Please ensure that your yards are clean and closed prior to leaving the grounds.
- We require all riders to wear helmets at our rallies.
- 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, so please ensure your horse is under your control.
- Camping is available at the AEC grounds, but you must book and pay for this directly with the Albany Equestrian Centre prior to camping.

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. While you can submit an order at any time (order forms available on the website), we will generally do a couple of larger orders and promotions during the year.



Club Contact Details

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~~And a letter~~ And a ~~letter~~ Note from the ~~Editor~~ person who wrote the Newsletter 😊

After the wonderful Fiona Holden has taken care of the newsletter for many years, she has very kindly let me have a go for 2025.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter, please send them to me via the club's email - adultridingclub@gmail.com.

Cheers,

Suzanne Plant