



# Drouin Pony Club

## August 2010

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**Chilly greetings to all,**

We have seen some of the coldest weather that we have had in a few years. A big congratulations for braving the elements to attend the first rally of the new financial year. What a great turn out for the July rally, it is always nice to see our members and their trusty steeds but it was fantastic to meet our 6 new members their families and their mounts. A big welcome to the Drouin Pony Club to you all and looking forward to a great year ahead.

It's also important to remember that there may be a few group changes over the next few rally's. This will be due to finalising our members returning and assessing rider and horse partnerships to ensure that the groups are well balanced for all disciplines of riding. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time as every effort is made to ensure that horses and riders are grouped to encourage progression, safety and most importantly building confidence with all area's of riding and horsemanship.

## Welcome to our New Members

Drouin Pony Club is very happy to welcome our new members to the Club

Genevieve Green

Julia Couacaude

Shelby Hamilton

Stephanie Roefs

Jessica Walker



### GEAR CHECKING WORKSHOP

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of June, a gear check clinic was held at Pakenham pony club. Helen Wilson, Larelle Braithwaite, Linda and Sam Bennison, Denise Panozzo and I attended, along with mums from other clubs. It was freezing cold day, it was good to learn how other clubs go about gear checking. Oriel Gardner, who took the clinic did gear checks on some of the ponies to show us how it should be done. The thing that was most picked up was ill-fitting nosebands, which several of the rider's had.

Once the riders were in their lessons, we went into the club rooms and each piece of gear that can be used at pony club was talked about and I'm sure we all learnt something new.

As a rider, knowing how to gear check makes a big difference when it comes to looking after my tack. Simple things that are often overlooked by rider's are: damaged stitching, cracked holes in both stirrup leathers and girths, as well as stirrups that are not the right size for the rider.

I now know what is and isn't acceptable. I also know now that if a gear checker sends you back because you have faulty tack, it isn't because they are out to get you, rather they are looking out for your safety and the safety of my horse.

Jacqui Panozzo





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## Drouin Pony Club Working Bee

**When: Saturday August 21st 2010**

Working bee's keep our ground tidy and or equipment and jumping area's safe for our kids to use. It is important that all families are involved in sharing the tasks on the day as many hands make light work and maximise the efforts on the day.

**Please bring suitable tools/machinery, painting, chainsaw etc..**

**Contact Nick Johnson.**

To Redeem your \$80.00 working bee levy, families need to attend and register at 2 working bees.



We had a great July rally with roast beef and jacket potatoes for lunch and fortunately, missed out on any rain that was around. Thanks to those who assisted in the canteen on the day. It was nice to see some more new members in the club and I will get to catch up with you all eventually. We will have a code of conduct up on the noticeboard that we will ask you all to look at and adhere to please. Please let me know if there is anything that you are unsure of, or have questions about. This is for the better of all in the club.

Our annual trip away from PC is getting closer and will be conducted on the last weekend in October 2010 (Melbourne Cup Day long weekend). This will again be down in East Gippsland, staying at Nowa Nowa Pony Club grounds. There are some other activities also going on that weekend at Nowa Nowa so this promises to be a hoot! Further details as they become available.

## July Rally Pics





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## *Important Dates:*

### **August Rally:**

Sunday 1st August—Gear Check 9.45 am

**Committee Meeting**

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Drouin Library meeting room 7.30pm

## **ZONE REPORT**

West Gippsland Zone has welcomed a new club - Dalmore Pony Club based out of Tooradin Pony Club grounds. Their Colours are Navy and Emerald green. We look forward to meeting their members as we get out and about over the next few months.

Are you looking to be nominated for the state Dressage and Show jumping teams? If this is on your goal list you should be well under way with your qualifications to nominate. Please ensure that you are keeping record of your events and placing and scores to support your application.

The Zone Committee would like to extend a BIG thank you to all those who volunteered at the state horse trials for 2010. It was great to have the clubs support so we can continue to host these events. GAMES and FLAT TEAMS—Currently there has been a request for support to address the current teams format with purposed changes to bring in line with the national format. This will make it easier for smaller clubs to participate in such events. The Clubs are asked to write a letter of support for the format changes and submit this letter back to the Zone president ASAP. The next Games Event is due to be held the 3rd Weekend in April 2011.

Strength return—What is It? The strength return is a deadline that every club must meet in order to ensure that riders are covered for insurance reasons for the first rally of the new financial year; but most importantly because PCAV our governing body need to print club members cards for the next 12 months. You may have noticed that the card colours change each year. Our treasurer would like to thank those families that complied in time for the deadline to ensure that your membership card received and transcribed by our hard working D.C. In time for the July Rally. If you missed the strength return deadline your new card is delayed from PCAV.





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**All outstanding fees must be finalised by  
August 31st 2010**

**PLEASE CONTACT JENNY BROWN—TREASURER ON 0400 970 450 OR  
MAIL TO PO BOX.210 DROUIN 3818**

## New Membership Category

Drouin Pony Club committee at the last monthly meeting voted to adopt a Recreational membership. This membership allows club members and members of the community (that apply for this membership) to access the Pony club grounds outside sanctioned pony club times.

As notified in the Warragul Gazette a few weeks ago all the ground keys have been recalled and will no longer be available via the Horse land, Drouin Grain store or Purdy's. The new membership gives community members the ability to have their own key and access the ground on non pony club or adult riding club days. Having recreational members as part of our club creates a bigger supporter base and will assist in grant submissions and future planning of the ground usage, moving forward to the new site.

During the due diligence into this issue and following enquiries with PCAV HRCVA and other pony clubs around the country that have it type of membership, the committee needs to advise all members that PCVA insurance only covers the registered rider / club member at Pony club sanctioned rally's and events. Therefore please be advised that if you are accessing the grounds other than Pony Club times it is strongly suggested that you have your own personal accident insurance. There are many companies that now cater for recreational horse riding policies.

For anyone wanting further information on the Recreational membership please contact our Membership coordinator –via email on [membership@drouinponyclub.org.au](mailto:membership@drouinponyclub.org.au)

### **Canteen Duty:**

Thanks to those who helped out with the Canteen at the Last Rally.

The following families are rostered on for  
Canteen duty at the August Rally

Saultry'  
Sventek  
Touhy

If you are not attending the Rally it is your Responsibility to find a replacement and notify Fiona Camp—Canteen Co-ordinator





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## West Gippsland Calender of events:

For further information on the Zone calendar of events or Pony Club events in Victoria  
please visit PCAV website— [www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au).



## August Birthday's

Wishing the all members celebrating  
a happy birthday in August 2010

Kathryn Bavaro  
Isabelle Camp  
Kathryn Fox  
Rhys Galvin  
Mirrin McKay



Stubborn jumping saddle..16.5 inch, older style in very good condition. Very comfortable to ride in and puts you in a correct position. Comes fully mounted. \$650

Brand new without tags. ELT Paris sticky bum breaches. Subtle smart check design in mouve/purple. Size- Ger 36, USA 24 ? fit size 8-10. Given as xmas gift but too small for me. Never ridden in! \$100

Near New. WINDSOR denim sticky bum jodphurs. Size 10. Will fit 8-10. Excellent look and fantastic quality. Never worn as too small. \$50

Drouin pony club jumper. Excellent condition Tagged as an XL but will fit size 10-12. \$20  
Weatherbeta body protector size small. fits size 8-12, \$50

Enquiries please contact Rebecca/Debbie Smith 56 278 560 or 0407 912 656