

## Berry Riding Club

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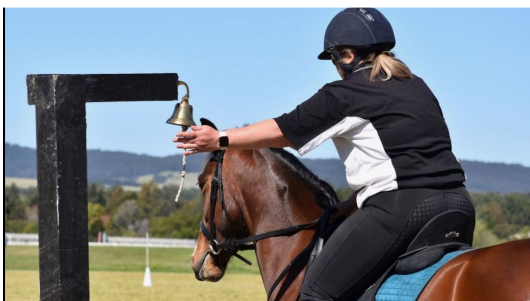
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# BERRY RIDING CLUB



*Riding Fun For Everyone*

## BRC NEWS - ISSUE 1 2021



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## 2021 Here We Come

As a Club, we were really fortunate to have been able to proceed as we did through 2020, with only a few interruptions to our schedule. Thank you to all of our Club members and supporters for taking the changes in your stride and doing your part to keep our activities happening. There was a lot of juggling to make it work, but we managed to hold our Pink Ribbon Funkhana AND Interschools within 2 weeks of each other, and just a week before Christmas - what an exhausting end to the year! But the magnificent turnout to both events, and the enjoyment on the faces of our riders made it all worthwhile.

We're off to a flying start to 2021, with twilight clear round jumping nights getting great numbers. It will continue for the first 2 weeks of February so if you've missed the last few weeks, now is your chance!

And some twilight working equitation play and practice events have been introduced for 2021. We'll have another on the evening of Sat 6 Feb. We're also looking forward to the return of our regular WE Play days throughout the year - they're a popular event that's loads of fun.

It's been so great to see so many new faces at our Club, and we still have new members joining each week. Membership currently stands at just over 400 members! Welcome to our new members, and thanks for joining the fun that is BRC!

***Stay safe x***

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## **MAKE THIS THE YEAR YOU VOLUNTEER**

There are so many ways that you can help to keep our Club successful!

Membership fees only go part of the way towards paying for the Club insurances, facilities and maintenance, let alone purchasing new equipment or making improvements to our grounds. The majority of our funds are raised through our events. So the better and more successful our events, the more we can grow and develop the Club and take advantage of our beautiful facility.

**Wondering how you could help out? Here are some easy ways to get involved:**

**Volunteer your time at an event that's not your usual discipline**

Rather than trying to do it all on a day you'd usually compete, come along and help when

**Help set up before an event or stay/come back for the pack up.**

There's always plenty to do in the lead up - arena's to be built, jump courses to be

you're not riding. Showjumpers - come and pencil a dressage test. Dressage riders - why not come along and steward a showjump ring, or pencil for an Ease of Handling at working equitation?

It's also a fantastic way to learn a little more about another discipline if you've been thinking of trying something new.

### **Put your skills to work**

Are you a little bit handy, willing to wield a paintbrush, or are a dab hand with a welder? Why not offer your skills and services to help maintain/improve/build equipment? There are always jumps to be painted, x-country obstacles to be constructed or repaired, trailers that need refurbishing, and a mountain of other odd jobs to be done.

### **Provide sponsorship for ribbons and prizes**

We work with sponsors to cover the costs of ribbons and prizes and are always eager to hear from businesses who are willing to come on board for either one off events or with a regular sponsorship.

constructed, bunting and fences erected. And then it all has to go away at the end of the day. Stick around a little longer and quickly pack up before heading home.

### **Volunteer a mate**

If you've got a supporter who has a little time to spare, send them our way. There are plenty of errands on competition days - from running test sheets to scorers, or delivering refreshments to judges, or relocating equipment. Impromptu help is always welcome.

NO ONE  
*can do*  
EVERYTHING  
BUT EVERYONE  
*can do*  
SOMETHING

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## HEADING ONLINE



Thank you to everyone for getting on board with the push to go digital with our competition entries.

The time that has been saved by having entries online has been massive - it removes the need to manually reconcile payments and entries, as well as giving us all of the information we need in a format that's much easier to use.

Nominate and Global Entries Online are our two main platforms for entries. If you aren't already using them, take the opportunity to get online and familiarise yourself. We also suggest downloading their Apps. As well as being able to manage your entries on the go, you can view our dressage competition results on Nominate.

Throughout 2021 we'll be moving even more into the electronic domain as we grow our memberships and our events.

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

**Please show your support to our wonderful sponsors!**

### **Illawarra Equine Vets**

The team have been providing dedicated equine vet services to the South Coast for over 20 years. So for expert veterinary care for your horse, contact the team at Illawarra Equine.



### **Sheds n Homes Nowra**

Mark, Jane and the team will work with you to sort out design, approval, concrete and build for your construction project. From the smallest shed to an aircraft hangar, a horse stable to a huge house.



## COMING EVENTS:

### FEBRUARY:

Tue 2 & 9: x-rail-70cm Twilight Jump

Wed 3 & 10: 70cm + Twilight Jump

Sat 6: Working Eq Twilight Play

Sat 13: Dressage Practice

Sun 14: Dressage Competition

Sat 27: Showjump Clear Round

### MARCH:

Sat 6: Working Eq Play & Practice

Sun 7: Working Eq Competition

Sun 14: X-Country Derby Day

Sun 28: Showjump Championship

### APRIL:

Sun 4: Pink Ribbon Funkhana

Sat 10: Dressage Practice

Sun 11: Dressage Competition

Sat 24: Working Eq Play & Practice

Sun 25: Showjump Competition

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## COVID SAFETY - *'cause we care about you!*

Please remember to stay COVID safe at all of our events - socially distance, sanitise and sign.

We require ALL visitors to the BRC grounds (for ANY purpose) check in using the Service NSW QR code that is posted on the front gate and around the grounds.

And if you're feeling unwell, or have visited a known hotspot, please stay home.

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