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# BERRY RIDING CLUB



*Riding Fun For Everyone*

## BRC NEWS - ISSUE 2 2021



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### MID YEAR UPDATE

Where did the first half of the year go?

EOFY means it's time to renew your memberships, and this year we're doing things differently! We've moved from our website forms to using Nominate as our membership management tool. This is going to streamline our membership data, and help us manage our ever expanding membership base more efficiently.

Thanks to everyone who has entered our events over the past months. Although the weather interrupted a few plans we still managed to hold some great days at our grounds. We've had quite a number of riders who are travelling some distance to come and join the fun at BRC. We appreciate your efforts, and welcome to the Club!

There's a massive second half to the year coming up, with plenty more of our regular events, plus a Pink Funkhana (Sep) and Interschools (Oct).

Traditionally we have held the Pink Ribbon Funkhana as a fundraiser for NBCF, and have donated almost \$33,000 to breast cancer research. However this year we have made the tough call to change the funkhana to a Club fundraiser activity. The last 18 months of natural disasters and Covid has heavily impacted our ability to raise funds. So for this year we'll hold a "Funkhana in Pink" (we know how you all hoard your pink gear throughout the year, so we'll stick to the colour theme).

Don't forget for those of you who are wanting to ride with a like minded group of adults during the week, we have Tuesdays and Thursdays designated as Galloping Grownups (GG's) days. If this sounds like it's for you, take look at our website for further information.

*Stay safe (and warm) x*

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## SPORTS GRANT

Many thanks to Club member Michelle Spooner who successfully obtained a grant from the NSW Office of Sport for a defibrillator for our grounds. A vital piece of equipment that we hope we never need to use.

As a Club we rely on grants and other funding, and are constantly applying for funding. We really appreciate Michelle's efforts coordinating and compiling our grant applications. If you know of a grant that may benefit the Club, email the information to [info@berryridingclub.com](mailto:info@berryridingclub.com) and we'll take a look!



L: Matchy Matchy at its finest for our April Dressage Competition  
R: Gayle Loose (Working Eq judge and committee member) explaining the finer details of riding an obstacle at a WE Play and Practice day)

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## CLUB CLOTHING

We have some stock of the Club merchandise, including polo tees, rugby jumpers and jackets. Next time you're at the grounds be sure to check out what's available in your size. Cash or bank transfer for payment.

### Tees:

- Childrens' sizes from 4 to 14 – Cost \$30
- Ladies' sizes from 8 to 20 – Cost \$35
- Adult sizes from S to 3XL – Cost \$35

### Rugby Tops:

- Childrens sizes (4-14) – Cost \$45
- Adults sizes (S-3XL) – Cost \$50

### Jackets:

- Childrens' sizes (4 to 14 ) – Cost \$45
- Adults sizes (S-3XL) – Cost \$50

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## Volunteering. More ways you can help.

Are you a tradie? Someone with unique skills who could help the Club by using your talents to our advantage?

You'll see on this year's membership forms that we've included "specialist trade skills" as an option for volunteering. We know there are so many people within our Club who are great at what they do, and we'd love to have you volunteer your skills.

Perhaps you could service the mower? Or install a sink? Or do some welding repairs to the equipment trailers. Maybe you've got legal qualifications and can review some of our corporate documents? There are a mountain of jobs that need to be done. Not all volunteering is pencilling at the dressage or picking up poles for the showjumping.

Maybe you're an organiser, or a crafter, or a creator. Handy on the tools, a tinkerer, a jack of all trades? Maybe you're a keen photographer and can take the club camera around the grounds at one of our events?

Whatever your gig, however you can help, we need volunteers to keep our fabulous Club functioning. So keep your eye out for where you can make a contribution to your Club.

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR CLUB

There are so many new members of the Club. And there are lots who have been around since we began. We love seeing the friendships that grow between fellow horse lovers, and encourage you all to reach out to those you don't know and help continue to be the friendly, warm and welcoming Club.

The Executive of our Club are:

**President:** Penny Rose

**Vice President:** Emma Longford

**Secretary:** Judy Sweeney

**Treasurer:** Sarah Green



Emma is Vice President of BRC, a qualified showjump judge, and is regularly seen at our showjumping and derby days (often with her sidekick, Bimbie the blue merle, blue eyed Border Collie – check out their starring role in the latest Paradise Pet Park advertisement!).

As well as continuing to build on her jumping qualifications, Emma is training as a course designer, and also working hard on the development of the new x-country course. And whenever she can, Emma is off jump judging at competitions far and wide. Emma is a Cambewarra local, and the owner/manager of iTalk Travel and Cruise in Nowra. Once a Cambewarra Pony Club kid and always a horse tragic, Emma's love of horses drew her to Berry Riding Club as a volunteer, and we've kept her ever since!  
Photo credit: Need for Steed

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## **BERRY RIDING CLUB IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:**



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## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **JUNE**

- Sat 12: Dressage Practice
- Sun 13: Dressage Competition
- Sat 19: Working Equitation Play & Practice
- Sat 20: Working Equitation Competition
- Sat 26: Clear Round Showjumping

### **JULY**

- Sat 3: Working Equitation Play & Practice
- Sat 24: Clear Round Showjumping
- Sat 31: Dressage Practice

### **AUGUST**

- Sun 1: Dressage Competition
- Sat 7: Working Equitation Play & Practice
- Sun 8: Working Equitation Competition
- Sun 22: Showjump Competition
- Sat 28: X-Country Derby Day

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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.