



# NEWSLETTER



## Membership Renewals

The new financial year means it's time for you to renew your BRC membership.

Members have been sent an email with the link to make payment.

If you've been thinking of becoming a member of the friendliest club around, now is the perfect time to join!

[nominate.com.au/clubs/joinclub](http://nominate.com.au/clubs/joinclub) and find Berry Riding Club

Single: \$48  
Family: \$65

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

A new membership year is upon us (how did that happen so fast?). Thank you to each and every one of you who are part of Berry Riding Club - it's the wonderful people who make our club so great.

There are always opportunities to get involved in our Club, and we are keen to hear from volunteers to make the workload a little lighter. Did you know that we are solely responsible for all of the upkeep and maintenance for the grounds, as well as any improvements and upgrades? The only way we can keep on top of things is to have extra help. The list of jobs is never ending, so why not get in touch and see what you can do to help out? Send an email to [info@berryridingclub.com](mailto:info@berryridingclub.com). We'd love to see you at the grounds!

As always, stay safe and have fun!



## Seeking Sponsors

We have several big competitions coming up, and are seeking sponsors to help keep entry costs low.

If you'd in a position to sponsor, we're seeking sponsorship for:

**Showjumping Championship** on Sun 30 Aug

**BRC Interschools Equestrian Championship** (3/4/5 Oct)

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT BRC

Across the summer we held the very successful **Twilight Jumping**. Every Tuesday and Wednesday we were busy with lots of riders enjoying some clear round showjumping in the cooler evenings. We've also held a number of **Clear Round Jumping** days with fantastic numbers.

Several **Working Equitation** obstacle practice days were held, providing training opportunities for all levels of horse and rider. These are always great desensitising and training days, as well as being very social.

After a couple of postponements due to the weather, our **Funkhana in Pink** went ahead at the end of April, and was another huge success. This time we had beautiful garlands, donated by Palouse of Australia, made by Jannette Watton m: 0410 973 449. Our ribbons & rosettes were donated by Bendigo Bank - Nowra Branch

**Matchy Matchy Dressage** was a spectacular autumn day, with lots of very well dressed competitors turning out for some relaxed dressage competition.



## COMING EVENTS

### JUL

- Wed 1: Membership Renewals due
- Sat 11: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sun 12: Working Eq Obstacle Practice
- Sat 25: Showjumping Clear Round

### OCT

- 3/4/5: Berry Interschools Champs
- Sat 17: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sun 18: Combined Jumping Day
- Sat 24: Working Eq Obstacle Practice
- Sun 31: Dressage Practice Day

### AUG

- Sat 1: Dressage Practice Day
- Sun 2: Unofficial Dressage Comp
- Sat 8: Working Eq Clinic
- Sun 9: Working Eq Training Comp
- Sat 15: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sat 29: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sun 30: Showjumping Championship

### NOV

- Sun 1: Unofficial Dressage Comp
- Sat 7: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sun 15: Unofficial One Day Event
- Sat 28: Working Eq Clinic
- Sun 29: Working Eq Training Competition

### SEP

- Sat 5: Showjumping Clear Round
- Sat 12: Working Eq Obstacle Practice

### DEC

- Sun 13: Xmas Funkhana



### First Aid Tent

Our dedicated first aid tent, courtesy of a grant from Equestrian NSW, makes finding first aid much easier, and is a great shade shelter for our paramedics and first aiders.

Always remember that if you have a fall you need to report to the first aid tent and be checked over before you can re-mount. There are additional rules regarding falls when it comes to competitions for each discipline.

## UPDATE TO EA HELMET STANDARDS

Progressive changes are being introduced to helmet standards, with the next major change coming into effect on 1 Jan 2027. Check your helmet - maybe a replacement needs to go on your Christmas wish list?

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA%20National%20Helmet%20Standards.pdf>

## Grounds Access

BRC members are encouraged to book in to ride at the grounds any time they're not being used for a scheduled event (and pending the condition of the grounds in wet weather).

All of the information you need can be found by heading to the [Membership](#) page on the BRC website. Look for the section: BRC Grounds Booking Rules and Procedures.



## Drainage Works

Lots of work was done over the Christmas and New Year period to improve the drainage on our main surfaces.

Channels were dug, drains and gravel laid then back filled.

It has made a massive difference to the arenas - THANK YOU to our volunteers who made it happen.

## Your BRC Committee

The BRC committee, as elected at the Annual General Meeting on Tue 10 Feb 26:

**President:** Grahame Sweeney

**Vice President:** Jane Robinson

**Vice President:** Lisa Smith

**Secretary:** Judy Sweeney

**Treasurer & Public Officer:** Stacey Thomson

**Minute Secretary:** Cassandra Weiske / Lisa Smith

**Junior Representative:** Eve Pratt

**General Committee:** Sue Litster, Marlene

Battedou, Cris Critcher, Natalie Wieland, Kym

Pratt, Jocelyn Fox, Neatie Malcolm, Vicki Stuart



## Meet a Committee Member - Sue Litster

A committee member since 2021, Sue is a one woman force of nature!

The amount of work Sue does behind the scenes is huge. When she's not on the mower, Sue can be found planting trees, fixing fences, sorting storage, cleaning up and generally making improvements across the grounds.

Sue's fabulous sidekick Teddy gets to the grounds sometimes too! You might have spotted them at a funkhana, looking fancy for our matchy dressage, or enjoying some working eq.

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