

PARACOMBE PONY AND EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Spring 2020

Welcome to the new Pony Club year!

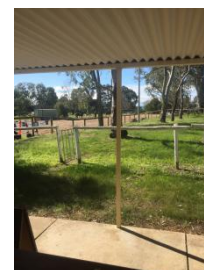


It's great to see so many new and returning members at the club for 2020/21. Our committee has put together a plan for the next 12 months that we are confident will ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy. The team is committed to the plan, but weather and other unforeseen circumstances may sometimes throw a spanner in the works, so keep an eye on our social media and website for updates. Looking forward to seeing everyone out there!



August 2020 Rally: Jumping Instruction with Chari-Lee Zanker

Everyone always loves lessons with Chari-Lee, and this was a chance to get in some practice before our Come-&-Try Show Jumping Day in September. Participants started from poles on the ground and worked up, with careful attention paid to the fundamental horsemanship skills that underpin the fun stuff (flying over jumps!). See more photographs on our Facebook and web pages.





September 2020 Rally: Come & Try Showjumping Day

The lessons learned at our August rally were put into practice over jumps, from poles on the ground to 45cm. Lots of brave riding produced lots of personal bests, with horses and riders trying new things in a competition-like setting. Special thanks to the volunteers who make these special rallies possible by designing and setting up the course, stewarding the gates and organising riders, and timing rounds. It was great to see everyone pitching in to change the course between rounds, putting the jumps away, and providing lots of encouragement to riders. More photographs can be seen on our Facebook and web pages.



Think I'll Go and Eat Worms

Unlike the human in the song, who chooses to eat them, and

 'thrives on worms three times a day' ,

our horses are not so lucky. They inadvertently eat microscopic worm larvae that are sitting in wait on blades of grass for a grazing horse to come along and help them on their journey to becoming an adult worm.

Adult Strongyle (Bloodworms), Ascarid (Roundworms), and Tapeworms live in the intestines of some horses. They lay eggs, which are shed in manure, and, if the conditions are right, hatch into larvae which are eaten by the horses, then end up back in the intestine where they become adult worms and continue the cycle.. It is possible to determine whether your horse is carrying Strongyles and Ascarids by performing a faecal worm egg count: these adult worms shed eggs continuously, which can be seen using a microscope. Tapeworms do shed eggs in packets, but not continuously. The absence of tapeworm eggs in a manure sample does not necessarily mean that your horse is not carrying tapeworms. I do get very excited when I see the characteristic D-shape of a packet of tapeworm eggs when I am performing a faecal egg count. Unless the sample is from one of our own horses :-).

For reasons that are not yet known, some horses eat worm larvae but their bodies are able to prevent those larvae from colonising their intestines and becoming adult worms. Other horses are not as fortunate, and require regular treatment with an appropriate wormer. A faecal worm egg count is useful when deciding whether or not your horse requires chemical worming, but we also need to consider the possibility that our horses may be infected with Bot Fly larvae or Pin Worms, which have a very different life cycle, and do not shed eggs into manure. However: Bot Fly eggs can be seen with the naked eye when adult flies lay them on our horses' coats, and Adult Pin worms and eggs can be seen with the naked eye around the horse's anus and dock, often causing the horse to scratch its rear end on fence posts to relieve the itching.

Why not stick a worming paste into our horses on a regular basis, 'just in case'? Worms continue to develop resistance to wormers; research and development of new drugs is expensive, and it seems that there are currently no plans to develop any new wormers, so we face the very real possibility of having no effective treatment for worm affected horses in the not too distant future. It is therefore important that horse owners act responsibly and only administer wormers when they are necessary.

How do we decide whether or not our horses require treatment against Strongyle or Ascarid worms? We perform a faecal egg count.



Jackie Gouldhurst and Gordon Conaghty

Jackie and Gordon are the team that makes sure our club stays on the right side of Pony Club SA administration, our grounds are spick and span, and our members and visitors never go hungry at rallies. Jackie grew up in Armidale, and her first riding experiences were on her cousins' ponies during school holidays. They would lure her onto a pony's back before slapping it on the rump and laughing at the outcome. Fast forward several years, and Jackie began agisting her horse on what are now PPEC grounds before becoming a member of Paracombe Riding Club, and staying on when it became PPEC. Gordon gained his horse experience while caring for his niece and her pony when her parents took a holiday.

Jackie and Gordon are a tough pair to catch with a camera, but you'll find Jackie behind the registration table at every rally, and Gordon serving your bacon and egg sandwich. Between rallies they spend countless hours keeping on top of the grass and the paperwork so we can all enjoy our lovely club. Make sure you say Hi, and Thanks, when you see Jackie and Gordon at the next rally.

Calling all non-riding members of the PPEC family

Did you know that you can join the club as a social member for only \$5? Your social membership lets us better understand and support our wonderful extended family, and also helps the committee when applying for grants to maintain and improve the club. ***You can download a membership form at***

<http://www.paracombeponyclub.org.au/forms.html>:

Booking the main or warm-up arena

Our Facebook page has a **BOOK NOW** button to help everyone share the use of our arenas. **T&Cs** of use can be found on the website.



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The PPEC Family: get to know more about the people you usually talk horses with.

Three generations of **Drury**s have grown apples, pears and quinces in the family's orchards near Inglewood and Paracombe for over 100 years. Rick, who has been a volunteer Fire Fighter for more than 30 years, generously loans Drury's heavy equipment to PPEC when required for grounds maintenance.

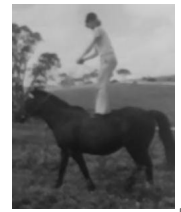
Rosemary is a long term member of the PPEC Committee, and a past President. Having ridden all of her life, she now attends rallies with Lucky, her current mount. Rosemary's Grandmother was involved with Port Lincoln Pony Club, and Rosemary would ride her horses when holidaying there, as well as riding with her mother in Adelaide. Rosemary had riding lessons at Templewood when they were located at Houghton, and moved with them to Inglewood



Rosemary got her first horse when she started high school, and has had one ever since.

She joined Pegasus PC at that time, and was a member for one or two years. Later, about 9 years ago, she joined Paracombe PC when they reformed and were looking for members.

Rosemary wasn't interested in showing, and has always ridden for pleasure. However, she confesses that, like all of us, did some wild things as a kid.



The Horner Family own Mt Bera Cellar Door and Winery, and daughter, Maya, rides at PPEC with her pony. Rosie.



Mt Bera is located on Torrens Valley Road, outside Gumeracha, and boasts an exquisite cellar door, winery, restaurant and BnB accommodation. Their quality wines are single vineyard and estate grown on their property at Cudlee Creek. The restaurant menu changes from week to week, dependant on availability of ingredients, which are sourced fresh from their own gardens and other local producers.

Eldest daughter, Lily, rode at PPEC before commencing her Veterinary Science studies. Her younger sister, Maya, and Rosie are now following in her hoofprints.

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RALLIES

EVENTS MAY
CHANGE
SUBJECT TO
WEATHER OR
OTHER ISSUES

**AUG
9**

*Jumping
instruction*

**SEPT
13**

*Come-&-try
Freshman's
Showjumping*

**OCT
11**

*Obstacles and
cross-country
day*

**NOV
8**

*Pony club
certificates and
patches*

**DEC
13**

*Local trail ride
and Christmas
lunch*

**JAN
9/10**

*Overnight
camp
(on site)*

**FEB
14**

*Horse
health*

**MARCH
14**

*Dressage
instruction*

**APRIL
11**

*Encourage
Dressage Day*

**MAY
9**

*Come-&-try
polocrosse*

**JUNE
13**

*Off-site
trail ride*

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