



MOOROODUC SADDLE CLUB

****News Flash****

JANUARY 2011

*****Important dates for your Diary*****

General

Happy new year to all members. Newsflash this month—look out for a newsletter when we start rallies in February.

The Committee has already held one meeting over summer, and we are looking forward to another year at the club.

We are hoping for some maintenance work conducted by the road crew working on the freeway, as well as having some slashing done in the top land. Stay tuned the committee is working on the 2011 calendar and it will be released as soon as possible. Cheers Terry Keet (President).



Sunday Rally

Our first Sunday Rally will be held on **Sunday 20th February**.

Please be ready to ride at 10am unless otherwise notified.

Please remember the **no call/ no email no ride rule** and please appreciate the effort the rally coordinators put in to make the rallies run smoothly and successfully. Please notify as early as possible, before the Tuesday night prior.

Please remember that if you cancel and do not notify the club the onus is on you to pay the instruction fee.

Mid week Rally

The first mid week is on **Thursday 3rd Feb.**

If you are lucky enough to have the time on Thursdays it is an excellent way of gaining extra instruction. In the past the groups have been smaller than the Sunday rallies, great for introducing new horses and riders. Mid week rallies are held on the first Thursday of each month.

Remember the **no call/ no email = no ride rule** and notify rally coordinator by the Monday night prior.

Grounds Maintenance

Just a reminder that there is always heaps of brush cutting and general tidying called for at the club.

If you happen to have any time free during the summer longer daylight hours you can contribute to your 10 hours of club service now. Don't forget to log your hours.

Brain and Marty (many thanks) have been doing some work around the grounds which has included poisoning the ménages so please be aware and do not allow your horses to graze in or too close to the arenas.



Jump Clinic Sunday 27th February 2011

In response to the survey that we conducted last year the Committee will endeavor to organise more specialist riding clinics during 2011.

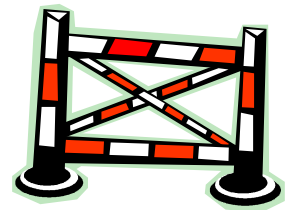
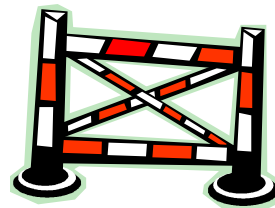
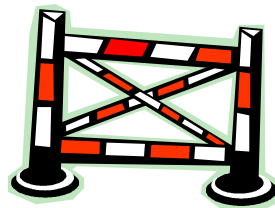
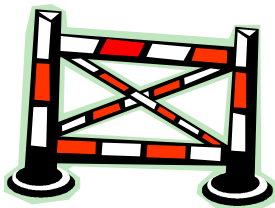
The first , a jumping clinic will be held on Sunday 27th February at the club grounds with Natalie Davies .

Natalie is an accomplished high level dressage and event rider with many wins under her belt. She is traveling to the UK later this year to compete in the famous Burghley Horse Trials with her horse Thomas.

We are very pleased to have secured her for this clinic.

The groups will be divided into levels of experience so please let us know what height you feel you will be confident with. The cost for the Clinic will depend on the number of riders taking part but will be around \$40.00 for the day. Email if you are interested.

Times and groups to be arranged.



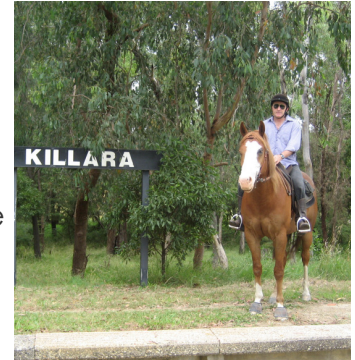
Out and About

Gayle and Grant Travel Log – Warbuton Rail Trail

We decided to go for a ride along the Warbuton Rail Trail starting at Wandin, float parking area on Warbuton Highway at Wandin.

It took 1.20 hours from Somerville using East Link. The trail is suitable for horses without shoes and is flat and very picturesque. It is well used by walkers and cyclists so be ready for them, some now have bells to give you a warning. Jack and Chester didn't find the cyclists a problem and everyone was very courteous and careful with

regard to the horses. There is a fabulous café in a train carriage on the trail at Seville. It has a horse tie up area with water. There were plenty of opportunities for long trots and canter and we stopped and ate our lunch on the trail at Woori Yallock. It was approximately 34km round trip. It is well worth the drive and we are sure the horses enjoyed it after they recovered.



Looking handsome boys !!

Trail Rides

Trail Rides are held on the first Sunday of the month. The next trail ride is scheduled for February 6th. Please check website for more details closer to this date, and book in so that the co-ordinator knows who will be joining the group. Please note the key below, this is for the safety of all riders.

- **Rating of 1**- will travel no faster than walking pace. These will usually be held within the club grounds. These rides are perfect for those new to riding or even those with new or unfamiliar horses.
- **Rating 2** - will travel no faster than a trot, and will also take place usually from the club grounds.
- **Rating 3** - will involve three paces – walk, trot and canter.

Private Lessons—Andy Rouget

Our resident Instructor , Andy Rouget is available for private lessons.

Andy is a EFA and NCAS equestrian coach. She specializes in all riding skill developments including horse mastership, groundwork and sale and show preparation.

It doesn't matter where you are at with your riding—you can always improve and learn (the beauty about riding and horses). So whether you need help with "keeping your heels down" , jumping or just getting the best out of your riding and horse, give Andy a call. Her telephone numbers are **0408 582 716 or 5998 3106**

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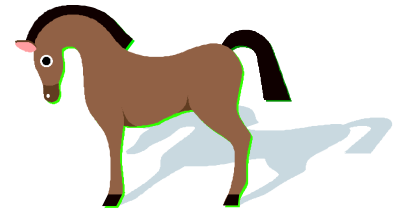
Website www.moorooducsaddleclub.com.au

Please take the time to look at the Club website.

Remember that the website is there for you to access if you need further information.

The website is a great starting point if you have items to sell, swap or may need.

Please feel free to suggest anything that may help us make our club better. If you have ideas we would love to hear them.



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