



# Pony Club News

Summer 2017



## Mildura-Alcheringa Pony Club

### Bricks and Mortar

By Geoff Dickson

**Leanne Dellar and Bev Blanch**

If the Mildura Alcheringa Pony Club was a building, then the members would be the bricks, the parents, perhaps, the doors and windows – and the President and Secretary would definitely be the mortar that binds them all together. Until recently, that mortar was made up of Leanne Dellar, in the role of Club President, and Bev Blanch as Club Secretary.

Both have been involved in the club since their daughters' joined as junior members. Leanne's eldest daughter, Emily joined in 2005, and her youngest daughter, Kate, joined shortly afterward. Bev's daughter, Caitlin, joined in 2008.

'When Emily joined, the membership was in the high forties. Most of the members were in the twelve to eighteen years category. There was little in the way of young children,' said Leanne.

'Caitlin joined when membership was at its lowest. Low thirties, thirty one or two. But it picked up a lot after that,' said Bev.



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# New Helmet Regulations

Equestrian Australia have updated their helmet regulations as of 19th October.

Included below are both PCA and EA rules for your information to make an informed choice when buying a new helmet (if your old one does not meet the regulations/ is more than 5 years old)

PLEASE CHECK THE RULINGS YOURSELF as this is information only- not a recommendation of any helmet

There is a detailed explanation at this PCAV link <http://www.ponyclubvic.org/default.asp?Page=29988> and EA link <http://www.equestrian.org.au/news/helmet-regulations-updated>

PCAV Gear rule 10.5 (page 20)

It is the rider's and or parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure the rider wears a helmet at all times while mounted and it is:

- ♣ Fastened and fitted in accordance with rule 9.2
- ♣ At least one of the complying standards: **AS/NZS 3838**, EN1384, **ASTMF1163**, **PAS015**. Helmets marked SOLELY with EN1384 will be phased out.
- ♣ Being used or is replaced from time to time, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. NB: Manufacturers recommend a 5 year life from date of manufacture.

The new EA rule (from 19 Oct) says

As per the EA General Regulations, Article 122.2: Dress and Salute, the following will apply: Except where Sport Rules allows otherwise, riders and drivers competing in an EA competition, must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. The same is recommended when riding a horse at any time.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standards **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.*
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*

So any of the **standards in red** above should meet both PCA and EA regulations. The new ARB HS 2012 is stated to be superior to and will supersede Aust standard 3838



the 'marks' are the logos to the right

Note: Not all of the helmets available locally are made to the same standards-  
-you will have to check the labels of all the ones you are interested in to ensure they meet the regulations and will therefore give value for a few years.

Happy helmet hunting, **Bev Blanch** District Commissioner MAPC

# Geoff's pic of pics

2016, like any other, has been a year filled with ups and downs for us all. Over the year, I have taken a lot of photos, and captured some shots from both categories. There have been obstacles overcome, lessons learnt, and of course thrills, spills and disappointments. I have shared a lot of these moments with you over the past twelve months, but since this is the last newsletter for the year, I'd like my photos to reflect the fun had in pony club over that time. A lot of these shots are a bit different to stuff I normally post, but they all have one thing in common, I wonder if you can spot what it is.

Because there are too many to fit them all in the newsletter, you'll have to go to my post on the pony club Facebook page to view the album of my happy snaps from 2016.

Great year, riders and parents. I look forward to taking more photos and sharing them with you all next year. Geoff.





## Bricks and Mortar

By Geoff Dickson Continued

As they are both nurses – although in different departments – Leanne and Bev had known each other for years before their involvement in pony club. This involvement heightened their friendship with a mutual interest as they became firmly entrenched in the club. They do occasionally socialise outside of MAPC, but their real connection is the club and its members.

Leanne became president in 2014, and Bev, after a six month stint as interim secretary, was elected secretary and DC in the same year. They had a lot to learn, but soon had the club running like a well oiled machine, working closely together, with the committee and the Board of Management to build the club into the strong and competitive one we know today.

There have been many changes in the time since Leanne and Bev first joined MAPC, most notably the changes to the grounds. But there are other things that might not be as readily noticed.

'MAPC has grown over time to become a little more polished,' said Leanne. 'That's not a reflection on previous years. So many regulations have been imposed and we're a little bit more savvy to the rules.'

'More kids are competing in different ways, travelling away and reporting back at rallies, making that sort of thing more visible,' said Bev. 'I think that's really important.'

When it comes to personal achievements Leanne and Bev have watched the many changes and have a lot of things they look back on with pride.

'Family involvement is one of the best things to happen in my time as president,' said, Leanne. 'People putting their hands up to do things and spreading the workload. I'm very proud of that.'

'Working with Bridget and the like, who spend enormous amounts of time putting on events like the Horse Trials,' said Bev. 'Young riders, whose parents are happy to come to rallies, knowing that they're in a safe environment to enjoy their riding.'

When it comes to the future, Leanne and Bev see great things ahead for MAPC.

'I'm sure it will continue to grow,' said Leanne. 'We're one of only two clubs with a Ewan Kellett water jump, and we've got grants to improve the show jumping arena.'

'I hope to see further developments of the grounds in the future, with all the clubs working together,' said Bev. 'I hope we continue to have a good reputation as being a progressive club, willing to travel to compete and communicate with other clubs.'

When it comes to advice for club members, the pair has similar recommendations. .

'Embrace it,' says Leanne. 'Listen to instructors. No two instructors will tell you the same things. No one thing works for every horse and rider. Soak up the experience. Make friends. Parents – get in and get involved. Everybody has something to contribute.'

'Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way,' says Bev. 'Try and learn as much as you can. Take away good things and file away what you're unsure of, as you never know when you might need it. Parents – embrace and contribute.'

Leanne and Bev were a package in their roles – bouncing off each other like a well polished comedy act, finishing each others sentences, correcting each other and echoing each others thoughts, often to the amusement of their audience.

From their first involvement, the pair worked tirelessly for the club, and continue to do so. Bev has stayed on in her role as DC, and both she and Leanne are always on hand to help the new club president and secretary. The guidance of these two will be invaluable.

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I thought it fitting to end with a quote from each of the ladies. I think they both reflect the true nature of MAPC.

'There are good people in every organisation. But there are great people in pony club.' Leanne. 'You might think you can't do it, but you absolutely can.' Bev.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Leanne and Bev for their dedication over the years and I look forward to many more years of friendship, whether or not we are involved in pony club together. Best wishes to Kirsty and Lara – the new mortar in the building. With the guidance of your predecessors, I'm sure you will both continue with the good work and take MAPC boldly into the future.

If you'd like a copy of any of Geoff's Pics Bring a USB memory stick to the next rally.



## Rally Dates

### 2017

5th February

5th March

25-26 March Horse Archery

2nd April

6th & 7th May - Instructional Camp

21st May

4th June

9th July

6th August

3rd September

1st October

12th November

### Mildura Horse Trials

18 & 19 March Official Dressage & Freshmans SJ Plus 6 Bar

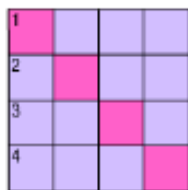
### Nyah Pony Club Horse Trials

14 May

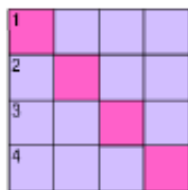
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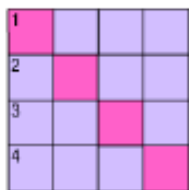
Fill in the clues below...the letters in the pink shaded boxes will reveal the colour, age, sex and breed of a horse.  
 Work out the answers to the clues (we've provided them in alphabetical order below),  
 then drag the word answers to their relevant position in the boxes!  
 You need to click and drag on a letter in the words to get them to move. Good luck!



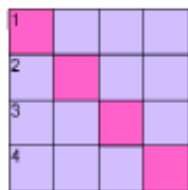
1. Puffy fetlock swelling, wind -----.
2. A two-beat pace.
3. Horses over 12 years old are said to be this.
4. A donkey makes this noise!



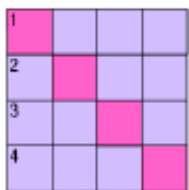
1. Shock absorber beneath the hoof.
2. The tail grows from this.
3. Small marking on a horse's face.
4. Top of a horse head between the ears.



1. a game played in chukkas
2. Short white leg marking.
3. Horse neck hair
4. Elderley horses sometimes develop a dippy ----- back.



1. To cut a horse's coat.
2. A horse's hind leg joint.
3. Black & white coat colour, pie -----.
4. A rider's contact in the saddle.



1. Our hands, seat and legs are these.
2. Make a mash with this food.
3. Blue and strawberry are this horse coet colour.
4. Type of bit that has a chain.



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# Committee Page



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