

## **President's Report – January 2012**

There is a lot to fill you in on this month! But firstly, Happy New Year, I hope you are enjoying holidays and that Santa was good to you. The Xmas Rally, which now seems so long ago, was again a great day. There were many fantastic costumes and so much effort shown. My sincere thanks go to Naomi White and Ellie Symes for their creative rally plan ideas and to Kasey Massih for pulling it together and running the day. Congratulations to all who received end of year awards, and any remaining will be handed out at the January rally.

At the January rally on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, summer time hours will resume (until March) and gear check will be at 8.45 am. We will finish earlier in the hope of beating any heat.

### **Our ODE**

Please get your entries in for our ODE asap via [www.ktrials.com.au](http://www.ktrials.com.au). A list of duties leading up to and for the ODE will again be on the noticeboard at this rally, so please choose something you don't mind doing rather than being allocated something worse!

The fundraising team are running a fabulous raffle at the ODE, with many great prizes, the majors being a brushcutter and a high pressure cleaner. Tickets should be available at this rally.

### **Twilight Rally at Wandin Park**

The Twilight Rally (or mini ODE) is being held at Wandin Park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30 pm to 5.30 (gear check at 2.45pm) for those who are not doing the ODE. The cost is \$20 per rider. Please make enquiries and bookings with Tracey Kerford.

### **Seville Recreation Reserve Redevelopment**

Over the last few weeks, Andrew and I have been hard at work putting together a formal response to a Draft Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Seville Recreation Reserve. The Reserve comprises the land which the Seville Pony Club leases from the Council, the Creek and the other side of the creek occupied by groups such as football, cricket and netballers. The redevelopment has begun with the new "water park" and involves creation of pathways throughout, revegetating along the creek corridor, and across the creek: parking, lighting and rebuilding. Also, several parties have expressed interest in utilising some of the pony club grounds. The result of this redevelopment and interest may mean loss of some of our land and facilities, particularly the cross country. If any of our members is interested in being involved with further discussion, please contact Andrew or myself.

### **New Seville Pony Club Constitution**

In order to comply with PCAV advice, Victorian pony clubs including our own are systematically adopting new Constitutions or "Statement of Purposes and Rules of Incorporation". These follow model rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria which have been adapted for pony club. The Rules use more straightforward modern language, reflect the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the most current PCAV Handbook of By Laws (and any subsequent amendments that may follow). Major differences between our old one and the new, include fuller definitions of members (ie Associate Members, Junior riding members, Service Providers and Adult Supporters) and voting rights. A Special Resolution will need to be held (at the AGM in March) and a 75% approval must be received to adopt the new Rules. Therefore we will be forwarding Proxy Forms to all members soon, so please look out for these and return them promptly. For those members who are interested, the old and new Constitution and the major differences between them, will be available for viewing at the next rally.

### **"Grand Valley Showjumping Classic"**

Our pony club has been asked to assist with running a section of this showjumping event for Yarra Valley Jump Club on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great event to enter to give you more jumping practice prior to our ODE. See email attachment and flyers at the January rally. Entry is online at [www.globalentriesonline.com](http://www.globalentriesonline.com).

Lastly, I wanted to tell you that I will be stepping down from my role as President and from the Committee. After almost 3 very busy years, I need to now concentrate on the family commitments I will have in 2012 and 2013, not to mention supporting Olivia as she does VCE this year, then Holly the year after. We will also be doing major renovations of our Flinders property starting soon, which will involve much travelling and I'd like to get back to my painting and exhibiting. If you feel you can offer ANY assistance to the Committee, we

would be most grateful, so please give Andrew or myself a call. The Committee members are all very supportive, friendly and hardworking - a great team to work with.

Some of you will not be at the next rally but instead will be competing at Cockatoo. But for others, see you this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, early at 8.45 am for gear check. No sleeping in.

Regards, Ria

PS. Get Well Wishes are sent to Jo Darby, who has been in and out of hospital recently with an infection and to Kevin Jones who had a nasty fall from a young horse. Take care both of you.