

## President's Report – November 2012

Hello there,

I am writing this from afar again but have been keeping up with the news back home.

Congratulations to all involved in the Freshman' Show Jumping during the Seville Festival. I have received great feedback, both from within the club and from the Festival organisers. Great work done by many people on the day did us proud and lead to lots of fun for the riders. The money raised will not hurt either!

Talking of fund raising, our date for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is Sunday 9 December, 2012. Riders and parents alike are requested to contact Joni with your preferred shift time. They are only 2 hr shifts so not a big interruption to the weekend. Shifts have been broken down to 2 hr blocks to minimise impact on your weekend. We see this as a good opportunity for *riding* members to be involved and help raise money that will go straight into their experience at the club. Please contact Joni or a committee member to ensure you have a place.

The new Facebook Group site is working great as a communication tool for the club and our members. Check in regularly for all the latest.

Watch this space! You will very shortly receive the program for the Xmas rally. The theme is the 60's so there is plenty of scope to get creative in there. Thanks in advance to Megan and the rest of the team in Black group for all your help in taking this on.

The next big news item is that our major event of the year is just around the corner. Yes, the ODE arrangements are underway already. Assistance is a condition of membership so keep some time up your sleeve to help out. The date is Sunday 3 March, 2013 and heavy duty assistance will be expected right across that weekend as well as the week prior. Many members have come up to me in recent months and commented on how good our grounds are looking with much new work having taken place. We haven't stopped there with

previously reported plans for improving XC and drainage. All of this doesn't come for free and it is the ODE that funds these big ticket items. Without the ODE and the effort of our volunteer labour, your club would not be as strong and healthy as it is today or will be in another 12 months. Time to get off my soap box but again, please set the time aside in your calendar for late February and beginning of March. If you would like to put your hand up for your favourite job, get in early and let us know.

A special message to our older riders. Well done to those have worked in preparation and completed their exams. We hope you now get to spend a little more time in the saddle and can take some well earned relaxation (Good job to the rest of the family for surviving as well).

Have fun at your next rally!

Andrew