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## Spring at last!

Gumboots on to wade through what was once a laneway but now a river to catch a horse that one lived in a dry dust bowl paddock but now resembles a lake! As for actually riding? Well I always thought a horse pool would be great but a riding arena was more important for the sport of dressage, I don't think I'm the only one starring out over a 20mx60m swimming pool, am I????

Besides the deluge of rain, the days are getting longer and warmer, Spring is actually here.

It has been so dry for so long I even forgot what mud was and how it just ends up all over everything!

We haven't had this much rain since the mid '90's,

Dams and tanks are overflowing everywhere. I think most of us are lucky on the edge of metro-

politan Melbourne, whilst it has been consistent for 6-8wks now, we didn't really experience nearly the worst of the past weekends weather. With over 200mm in some areas, rivers banks broke, towns and homes



Horse property backing onto Sunday Creek in Broadford on 12-Aug

flooded, people evacuated and roads closed. Our thoughts go out to those in the Wimmera, North & North East of the state who still on high alert with more rain still to come.

Now we have to consider the effect on all this rain on the

pastures and horses. I have already seen clover popping up (I thought it was long gone!) and the grass has never been so thick. Just as we are not used to mud and it's potential associated problems, mud-fever & greasy heel, hoof abscesses, be aware as the sweet lush grasses emerge, founder is not limited to fat ponies, keep an eye on horses that may over indulge in the coming weeks.

Local Rainfalls 1-31st Aug 2010

Arthurs Creek 83mm

Christmas Hills 95.8mm

Hurstbridge 93.2mm

Kangaroo Ground 96.4mm

Warrandyte 93.2mm



Benalla, Vic

Photo's from Herald Sun Website



Tinamba, Vic



Myrtleford, Vic

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# President's Report



What a fantastic format this newsletter has now - I am really proud to forward it to our sponsors and others, as it looks truly professional. Thanks Min, for updating our image! We shouldn't forget to check the web-site from time to time too, as Peter keeps it very much up to the moment.

Can you believe this weather we're having? My arena is a swamp, so I'm very grateful that I have our great club grounds to come to. Numbers have been modest at rallies, but we have a small band of enthusiastic regulars who are enjoying the opportunity of weekly instruction, and some combinations seem to be making really good progress.

It was great to see Virginia back at a rally this week (albeit in a social context – riding might have to wait for a while) and we hope that she and Viv have a great

time in Kentucky at WEG in a later this month.

On the social front, Terry Hutton of Stockrun in Yarra Glen, kindly auspiced a great event, jointly with KG ARC, at Wellers last week. It took the form of a dinner with fashion show, and about 35 or 40 people from both clubs had a fantastic night, checking out the super country and equestrian fashions that are sold by Stockrun. The clothes were very professionally modelled by Anna Beard, Melanie Farrant, Georgia Hill (KG) and Denise Hutton, and Terry was a great MC.

Next month is our AGM, so this is a good time for members to think about whether they might take a more active role in the management of the club. We have a strong committed group on the committee at present, but it is always good to get an influx of new energy and ideas, so do think about whether you might like to play a bigger role in the coming year. We are a relatively small club, so it's important that the workload gets shared, but it also means that we can be more responsive to everyone's aspirations and interests.

Entries will soon be open for Top Teams Trophy dressage, so we need someone to co-ordinate our teams. Let me know if you are willing to do this – you will have the gratitude of many, as will the volunteers that will be needed for each team, and we all have great fun, not just the riders. I think we will be able to field at least 2 and possibly 3 teams this year. As soon as we have a co-ordinator, we can get started on taking nominations.

One thing that did fall between the cracks in the transition to the new newsletter editor, was the rally roster. This used to be the bane of my life and would take far longer than you would believe, as I always agonised about how long it had been since someone last did it and so on. There are a number of different strategies we can try, so I will continue to nominate someone for the next 2 rallies up to the AGM (which we normally have catered) and then the new committee can come up with an equitable way of doing it.

Until next month, happy riding

Ingrid

## Travel Tales

### Julie

Has been flat out since she got back from the US and hasn't had a chance to put together details of the rest of the trip just yet...

**Sal, Eliza and Phoebe** are off discovering EUROPE for 4wks. Complete with their Eu-Rail Pass they are 'training' their way round and bound to have a fantastic time!

**Virginia & Georgie** are off to KENTUCKY to see the best of the best in the world compete at the World Equestrian Games.

# Bits & Pieces



### ELP Fencing

Quotes have been provided and assessed by both the Pony Club and ERARC Committee. Council approval is yet to be obtained but work will commence as soon as possible.

### PIC Codes Reminder

As of 1st July 2010 all properties with horses have to be registered with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). To apply for a PIC number (Property Identification Code) number all you have is copy the link below into your browser and follow the instructions

<http://new.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/about-agriculture/nlis-livestock-tags>

### Warning: Processionary Caterpillars & Abortion in Horses

Geelong Vet Hospital Report increased incidence and possible link to high number of caterpillars are, or have been, present. Where this cannot be avoided, provision of supplementary feed to reduce grazing under and around trees may be beneficial. Replacement of trees that are the natural food source of the PC (i.e., eucalypt and acacia species) might be considered, but may not be practicable. Removal of caterpillar nests in February and March is also an option. At this stage, spraying is not an option.

We urge you as horse owners to have a look at your paddocks and if you see large numbers of the PC to contact Geelong Vet Hospital and take the above measures.

### Camp Update—March 26/27, 2011

Camp at Wandin equestrian centre booked for Mar 26/27, 2011 weekend. Adult Riders have been invited to attend.

This a fantastic venue, close to the Warburton trail to ride the horses (or push bikes) and the cross country course offers a variety of jumping challenges in lots of open space.

### Hecker's Hill Rural Rec Trail

Confirming the trail at the end of Hecker's Hill Crt has been re-opened on the proviso you do not access the Aqueduct Track or area which will be fenced off. Its seems Nillumbik aren't going to open this section, however if you would like to help, letters to Nillumbik are needed.

### A Night of Fun, Food & Fashion

The new venture between the Purvis' and Hutton's, Stock Run, held a social evening for ERARC & KGARC members, family & friends. It was a great night had by all

Stay tuned for details of the next function.

## Sponsor Highlight



**Kirsty Swinton** has recently moved down to Victoria, now based in Gisborne and happily travelling around Victoria helping horses feel and move better.

**Kirsty** completed her Diploma in Horse Business Management at Marcus Oldham

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# Upcoming Events & Clinic

## September

- 11-12 Dressage—Victoria Dressage Club (EFA)
- 19 Dressage—KG ARC (Inc Pairs Musical Ride!)
- 19 Dressage—Dressage Vic (EFA)
- 22 Dressage—Lancefield EG (ARC)
- 26 Dressage—SECAR Glenbrae
- 25-Sept to 10 Oct—World Equestrian Games, Kentucky, USA

## October

- 3 Horse Trials—Bulla ARC
- 4 Show—Whittlesea ARC
- 9-10 Dressage—Monash ARC
- 10 Dressage—WPVDC (EFA)
- 17 Dressage—YVDC
- 19 Dressage—Dressage Vic (EFA)
- 24 Dressage—Hurstbridge ARC
- 25 Dressage—Wandin ARC
- 24 Combined Training—Nunawading PC (Open Sections)

## Clinics

### September

### October

- 12 Desiree Hultstrand (ERARC)  
Contact Lindy Webb (0407 094 188)

Refer to Chaff Chat and EV Handbooks for full list of events

## Out & About

Has anyone been out & about in this weather.....??? YES!

### Treehaven Equestrian Club

Kathryn Eke & Sleuth  
2<sup>nd</sup> in PSG and 1st Inter I

### VDC Teams Challenge

Ingrid & Teeki  
4<sup>th</sup> Medium  
Ann and Lyndy  
5<sup>th</sup> Team Event

### Glenbrae Saddle Up Series - Final

Mel & Big Will  
4th & 2nd Novice



# Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2010



Esprit—The official Model horse of the 2010 Games



The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games are the world championships of eight equestrian disciplines recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). The Games are held every four years and this will be the first occurrence in the United States.

The Games will be broadcast on NBC Sports, which marks the largest commitment to network coverage of equestrian sport in U.S. television history. The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$167 million, and current sponsors include Alltech, Rolex, John Deere, Ariat International, Inc., Meydan, Kentucky Ale, and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. For more information on the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games please visit, [www.alltechfeigames.com](http://www.alltechfeigames.com).

We wish the Aussies all the vest best of luck, finalised team members named thus far:

Eventing

- Christopher Burton & Holstein Park Leilani
- Sam Griffiths & Happy Times
- Sonja Johnson & Ringwould Jaguar
- Megan Jones & Kirby Park Irish Jester
- Paul Tapner & Inonothing
- Stuart Tinney & Vettori OR Panamera

Dressage

- Hayley Beresford & Relampago do Retiro
- Lyndal Oatley & Potifar
- Brett Parbery & Victory Salute
- Rachael Sanna & Jaybee Alabaster

Jumping

TBA

Para-Equestrian

- Nicole Kullen
- Grace Bowman
- Sharon Jarvis
- Kate Doughty
- Susan Seipel

Vaulting

- Krsytal Lander
- Lee Briggs, Sally Briggs, Rebecca Hillman
- James Hocking, Sarah Leadbeater, Jo Lee
- Lani Maher, Jess Mazlin, Ruth Skrzypeck

Reining

- Warwick Schiller
- Warren Backhouse
- Shauna Larcombe
- Martin Larcombe
- Robyn Schiller (Res)

Driving

- Boyd Exell
- Gavin Robson

Endurance

- Penny Toft & Don
- Norbet Radny & West Coast Archaron
- Matthew Sample & Tarrangower Crecendo

## Comings & Goings

None to report this month.

Maybe I'll create a rider profile each month if there are no comings & goings.....  
Volunteers???

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# Rally Dates & Roster

Date	Time	Activity	Members on Duty
<b>September</b>			
Tuesday 7th September	10:30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
Tuesday 14th September	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
Saturday 18th September	TBA	Rally	<b>Sue &amp; Julie</b>
Tuesday 21st September	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
Tuesday 28th September	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
<b>October</b>			
Tuesday 5th October	10.30am	Pay Rally	<b>Yvonne</b>
Tuesday 12th October	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
Saturday 16th October	10.30am	Rally	<b>TBA</b>
Tuesday 19th October	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid
Tuesday 26th October	10.30am	Pay Rally	N/A—Contact Ingrid



## Grounds Duty 2010-2011

July	McLennan	Completed	January	McCandless	
August	Newman	Completed	February	Royston	
September	Dinnage		March	Mock	
October	Beard		April	Turner	
November	Carrington		May	Simmons	
December	Edward		June	Norris	



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