



# GIBBER GABBER

November 2010

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010**

**VENUE: WPC CLUBHOUSE**

Please consider nominating for a Club Committee Position – all will be declared vacant:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Zone Delegate (2)

Canteen Coordinator

Uniform Coordinator

Equipment Officers (2)

Please read a special message from the outgoing President on pages 6 & 7 of this edition.

## Dates for

### November/December 2010

**WAMBOIN CHALLENGE SHIELD –  
SUNDAY 14 November**

**WAMBOIN GYMKHANA –  
SUNDAY 21 November**

### **WORKING BEES:**

**SATURDAY 13 & 20 NOVEMBER – 2PM  
TO SET UP THE SHOW JUMP COURSE  
AND MARK OUT THE MAIN ARENA  
PLUS A GENERAL TIDY UP OF THE  
GROUNDS including rock pick up and  
sand redistribution in our arenas.**

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Sunday 12 December 2010, at the WPC  
Clubhouse**

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER  
AT THE EVAN'S FAMILY HOME  
375 WIRREANDRA ROAD WAMBOIN**

## OUT & ABOUT REPORTS

BEEN TO AN EVENT? Why not tell the GG Editor or write a brief article yourself for publication in your club's newsletter? Go on, don't be shy!!!! We love to hear about how everyone is having fun with their equine friends!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO WAMBOIN TEAMS WHO RODE AT THE STATE MOUNTED GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following riders:

#### The Wamboin Warriors:

Katie, Lauren and Penny Slater, Ally and Jack Durr – **2<sup>ND</sup> overall in the Club Team Competition** with 5 1<sup>st</sup> placings out of 10 races!

#### The Wamboin Whips:

Amy Evans, Mara Sutcliffe, Laura Worden, Andrea Thompson and Nicole Smith – 6<sup>th</sup> in the Tyre Race and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Postman's Chase Race and =12<sup>th</sup> overall in the Club Team Competition

### STATE ODE REPORT, by Lauren Slater

On the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, Mum and I travelled to Geurie, north of Wellington to the NSW State ODE. We arrived in the middle of the afternoon after a five hour drive and set up camp with the other Zone 16 riders. After sprucing our horses up (which was a bit difficult for some because there was no water on the grounds at that stage!) and getting into our Zone 16 uniforms, we headed out for fitness check and presentation. After the Team Manager's meeting, Mum informed all the under 17s that we would only be doing dressage on the Saturday and Cross country and showjumping on the Sunday.

Saturday dawned nice and sunny. I was last of the 30 riders in our age group for dressage, so I was able to walk the 2.5 km cross country course beforehand. It was quite a difficult course, but I figured Jed would be fine as he loves cross country. I think Jed probably did one of the best dressage tests he's done, which placed me 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

Then mum and I and the rest of the under 17s walked the course again so that we had no chance of getting lost on the Sunday. Saturday night we had a rather late but yummy roast dinner provided by the host zone. Sunday morning dawned fine but windy. All the under 17s were pretty positive about the cross country, although we knew it would be quite a testing course. Jed went really well. We had to go pretty fast in the first section because the last part was pretty twisty, turny and through trees. By the time we got to jump 22, we'd gone clear – phew, made it through the triple sunken road jump everyone was worried about! Then it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> last jump – the water, which also had 3 elements. Jed wavered a bit before plunging into the water and then we were on our way to the finish. When the results were posted I was really pleased to see that I had moved to 4<sup>th</sup> place after cross country.

By the time we came to do our showjumping it was really windy and the sand in the jump arena was blowing everywhere. Jed jumped well but we pulled a rail after coming around a tricky turn in the course. Fortunately for me, quite a few people pulled rails and I kept my 4<sup>th</sup> place. After quite a delay waiting for the C graders to finish, we finally started presentation, with all the riders forming a horse shoe on the main arena. I had a really great time, especially riding on a different, challenging cross country course and also spending time with my friends from Zone 16.



Above: Lauren & Jed receive their 4<sup>th</sup> place sash in the 15-U17yrs Novice Division

## STATE MOUNTED GAMES 2010

*Submitted by Les Worden*

Well it happened! The Wamboin Whips were given the opportunity to compete in the 2010 State Mounted Games at Bungendore Showgrounds NSW. Given a wild card to represent their club was a dream come true, having attained 4 times better than state required times at Zone Mounted Games and missing out by a few seconds in others. Opportunity came for these riders when Zone 16 gave these hopefuls the chance to represent their club in the event of the year for them - THE NSW STATE MOUNED GAMES AT BUNGENDORE- with all the hype and questions that would be forthcoming these riders were unsure how to proceed with their training. The Wamboin Club was ready for such an event with some members unable to compete in this event and others willing to accept the challenge. With the inclusion of experienced rider Nicole and the willing Andrea joining Amy, Laura and Mara the team was set.

Weekly practices were demanded and whilst the Team Manager, the ever reliable Mrs Purdie was overseas enjoying the sights, the team trained under the watchful eye of the senior rider Nicole.

Then the weekend snuck up on them and it was the 'Real McCoy', the games had started. The atmosphere was electrifying, the number of riders immense and the competition mind blowing. Well as a parent, I was concerned that all this "atmospheric" pressure and sensationalism was going to be too much for these untried teens. "Eat your heart out father and burn your socks" these teens were here under their Wamboin PC Banner to perform and by golly perform they did.

Wamboin Pony Club battle cry is "GO WAMBOIN" and by cricket they just up and did that. There were moments of dread and moments of glory, but whatever the final outcome was they enjoyed the ride, the sportsmanship, the camaraderie, the games, the competition and the joy of representing their club in an event that is the envy of all riders, and should be achieved at least once in their riding career.

This club has the luxury of having a SENIOR team, the Wamboin Warriors, or should we say a team that the Whips could look up too (remembering of course that our own Nicole was a Warrior for many years) and compete against to hone their skills. This senior team has shown these riders that all riders should endeavour to try or attempt to perform above their comfort zone and better themselves by entering into competitions they would not normally try.

The atmosphere of events, camping and the overall competition of these Mounted Games is something all riders of all ages should experience. It gives the riders, parents, helpers and volunteers the opportunity to meet people who have the same interest in life. To parents I say "they are better riding horses on the weekend where you know their whereabouts, than have them roaming the street smoking that funny stuff and getting into trouble".

Laura, Amy and Mara camped at the ground, in an 8 man tent. This luxury abode was erected by Les and Matthew after much discussion. There was only one drawback, the girls refused to let Matthew or I sleep in this waterproof tent. We were sent to the "sin bin" and had to sleep in the float, and yes it leaks around the door and tailgate.

The camp out is an experience on its own, as some people tend to retire early, while others party to all hours of the morning. Luckily these three girls slept well, on both nights, after going to bed early. Saturday night our group was increased in number by the presence of Victoria (yes, she slept in the tent). When asked why Matthew and I couldn't sleep in the tent as well, someone mentioned Toni, and her suggestion that we snored.

Overall, it was a good experience and I suppose now that Laura has decided to compete at other events away from Wamboin, that tent/float is going to become a second home away from home.

Footnote: Another thank you – "We'd also like to thank the club and the zone for supporting Mara so that she could participate in a team at state mounted games this year. Thank you also to the instructors who coached and managed the team." *Sutcliffe Family*



## UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

November, 2010						
Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <a href="#">Belconnen-Murrumbidgee PCs Eventer Trial</a>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <a href="#">Queanbeyan Show</a>	14 <a href="#">Queanbeyan Show RALLY DAY - ALL CLUBS</a>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <a href="#">Wamboin Gymkhana</a>	22	23	24	25	26 <a href="#">Zone 16 Associate Camp</a>
27 <a href="#">Zone 16 Associate Camp</a>	28 <a href="#">Zone 16 Associate Camp Bungendore Gymkhana</a>	29	30			

Go to [www.zone16.pcansw.org.au](http://www.zone16.pcansw.org.au) for the full calendar and details of all these events

December, 2010						
Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1	2	3 <a href="#">PCA NSW Show Riding Championships</a>
4 <a href="#">PCA NSW Show Riding Championships AREA 6 SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION</a>	5 <a href="#">PCA NSW Show Riding Championships Monaro Shield Show Jumping</a>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <a href="#">RALLY DAY - ALL CLUBS</a>					



Above: Waiting for Gear Check (photo by Les Worden)

ALSO CHECK OUT THE WAMBOIN WEBSITE FOR MORE PHOTOS BY LES AND PETER EVANS.

# WAMBOIN PONY CLUB MATTERS

## Will YOU help keep Wamboin Pony Club going?



Yes – you!

**Without new people, the club will not be able to form a Committee and will therefore have to wind up – please consider what YOU can do as no-one wants to see Wamboin PC in limbo.**

### Message from the RETIRING President

Yes folks, it has come time after many enjoyable years as President of our great little club for me to pass on the baton to a new face. I will not be accepting a nomination for President at the 2010 AGM. I can also advise you that after 3 years in the role, Louise Baldwin will be standing down from the position of Secretary. And of course we have had Toni Cuthbertson in a “care taker” Treasurer role for quite a few years.

### **IT IS TIME!**

That means that 3 of the 4 positions on our Club Committee are vacant at the AGM on 12 December. If we cannot form a Committee, that is and I will spell it out – if we can’t find a new President, new Secretary and new Treasurer – we will not be able to constitute a viable Committee and the Wamboin Pony Club may have to go into RECESSION.

This is not the “recession” we are meant to have. It is up to you all as members to step up and take on a role to keep Wamboin PC viable.

Here are the three job descriptions to help you understand the jobs – none of them are onerous, just a few volunteer hours a week.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider contributing to your club.

### **President**

**Required to fulfil the role as specified in Section 2, Schedule A, Para.13 of**

**PCANSW Rule Book but more specifically;**

- Chair General and Committee meetings and preserve order.
- Prepare Annual Report for AGM.
- Liaise and attend meetings as required, with Palerang Council, local businesses and the community.
- Sign all documents as required.

### **Secretary**

**Required to fulfil the role as specified in Section 2, Schedule A, Para 15 of**

**PCANSW Rule Book but more specifically;**

- Contact person for Wamboin Pony Club.
- Record and deal with all correspondence.
- Arrange meetings (Committee, Special & AGM), prepare agendas and record minutes.
- Maintain membership list and provide updates to Zone Secretary & Senior Instructor.
- Prepare affiliation forms and send to PCANSW and Zone.
- Prepare and receive requests for transfers and send to Zone and PCANSW.
- Liaise with Zone and State as required.
- Liaise with Palerang Council and the Canning Close Grounds Committee as required.
- Maintain a list of upcoming Zone competitions & events.
- Forward information of Zone events to Publicity Officer and distribute same to WPC members.
- Co-ordinate with Senior Instructor and Treasurer to accept entries for Zone and State events/activities.

- Ensure WPC entries for Zone events meet closing dates.
- Ensure new members complete membership form, horse forms, risk form for submission to the Committee for consideration.
- Ensure all members complete horse forms for all owned or leased horses brought to Club activities throughout the year.
- Maintain sufficient copies of all required forms.
- Ensure all members have access to other relevant reading material.
- Prepare annual report for AGM.
- At rally days ensure visitor's sign Visitors Book.
- Record accident reports and send to Zone.

### **Treasurer**

**Required to fulfil the role as specified in Section 2, Schedule A, Para 16 of**

**PCANSW Rule Book but more specifically;**

- Provide a detailed monthly report to the Committee. Keep accurate records of all moneys received and expended.
- Provide receipts for all moneys received.
- Reimburse members for approved out of pocket expenses.
- Liaise with the Merchandise Officer in order to maintain records of deposits and full payments made for merchandise.
- Liaise with the Canteen Manager in order to maintain records of canteen expenses and profits.
- Liaise with any WPC member who assists with fundraising in order to maintain records of fundraising expenses and profits.
- Undertake regular banking.
  - Ensure all bills are paid in a timely manner.
  - Arrange an annual audit of the Club's finances. Prepare annual report for AGM and present audit.
  - Submit annual audit to Office of Fair Trading.
  - Advise Office of Fair Trading of amendments to the Constitution and Committee.

## ***Who will you nominate for the Tonka in 2010?***

### **Tonka Trophy (Perpetual Shield)**

The Tonka Perpetual Shield has been awarded at Wamboin Pony Club for many, many years. It is one of two non-riding annual awards.

### **What are the Criteria?**

The Tonka Shield may be awarded to any person who has worked hardest for the Club during the year.

It acknowledges a person who has contributed to the club in any number of areas; it acknowledges those that contribute as a constructive club member, working for the betterment of the club and its reputation. It can also acknowledge someone associated with the club who has made a significant contribution toward our club.

Any member of the WPC (including riders) may nominate any person for this award.

Nominations are called by the Senior Instructor in November each year. So, why not give some consideration to those that you see fulfilling the criteria for this special award throughout the remainder of this year and nominate them in November? ***You will need to make your nomination to Robyn Slater by no later than our Gymkhana on Sunday 21 November.***

This is just one way that members can seek to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of others for our club. Start considering who you would like to see acknowledged.



## Rally Day – 12 December

There will be riding activities following the fancy dress, so riders should make sure they bring with them suitable gear for riding, of course always remembering your 3838 helmet and riding boots! It is hoped that our older riders might be able to run these activities in order to free up the senior club members for a General Meeting as well as the AGM (see earlier plea in the GG on this matter).

## Christmas Rally Day and Christmas Party

I know it's a bit frightening but Christmas is just 8 weeks away! Which means it's just 6 weeks to our last Club Rally Day of the year.

Planning is underway for a fun day of activities on Sunday 12 December.

The traditional "fancy dress" parade that kick starts the fun is – as a tradition – on again!

Get planning your fancy dress costume for you and your four legged companion.

### FANCY DRESS CATEGORIES:

- MOST HORSEY,
- MOST CHRISTMASY,
- MOST UNUSUAL OR
- SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER OF YOUR NAME



### Annual Awards

Of course the other major activity that occurs on the last rally day of the year is the presentation of our Annual Awards. We have three age groups this year:

- 11 years and Under
- 12 to 14 years, and
- 15 years and over

To be eligible, riders must have attended 5 full rally days in 2010 (the Challenge Shield and the Gymkhana both count in November). Associate riders can have one full unmounted rally day count toward their 5 days as when unmounted our Associates assist with instruction or the running of an event. All riders who achieve 5 full rally days in a year receive a participation shield for that year.

Awards are considered for the most improved rider, the best pony club combination and the overall rider in each age group. There may also be encouragement awards or a special instructor's award presented. There are also club wide awards for sportsmanship and the WPC rider of the year. And of course there is the long running "High Point" award, based on presentation at rally days throughout the year.

The awards are made by the Club Senior Instructor, who can call on the views of the other club instructors in 2010 to assist in final decisions regarding award recipients. The Instructors will be meeting in November (at a secret location!) to make their recommendations for this year's awards.

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## Wamboin Pony Club

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