



GIBBER GABBER

WELCOME TO WPC FOR 2011

It was great to see so many returning and new members at the first rally day for 2011 on Sunday 13 February. There were 15 riding members at our first rally, including one brand new member Holly and her pony, with her mum Rebecca. We also welcome new members:

Caitlin & Tracey
Claudia, Zac & Rebecca
Gabby (Associate)

Vicki and Mary Steele come along to sign up and Vicki told us how well Shania and her foal were doing. Vicki will be back riding as soon as the foal is weaned.

On the first rally day riders participated in troop drill, flatwork and show jumping before lunch and concentrated on sporting games in the afternoon.

The club is fortunate to have the continued support and sponsorship of Steve Hughes, from the Feed Shed, Bungendore for 2011. Each first rally day of the month, Steve donates two bags of feed which go in a lucky member draw at lunch on the rally day.

The first recipients of a bag of feed each in 2011 were Ceilidh and Vicki E.



Above: Steve Hughes from the Feed Shed, Bungendore

The next rally day will be on Sunday 13 March, with gear check at 9.30am and ready to ride at 10.00am. Don't be late!

Sporting Success

Eight Wamboin riders competed at the Zone 16 Sporting Championships held at Bungendore on Sunday 20 March. From all accounts it was a great day and everyone had a lot of fun. There were ten games and every rider had two runs in each game, with their best time counting for final places and points.

Charlie rode in the 9 to U11 age group finishing 4th overall, Jack & Vicki were in the 11 to U13 age group, in which Jack finished runner up, Penny, Laura & Ally rode in the 13 to U15 age group, in which Penny placed 5th overall and Amy and Lauren rode in the 15 to U17 age group, of which Lauren was the Cham-

pion. The team of Lauren, Jack, Charlie and Penny placed 2nd in the team competition on 288 points, behind the Champion CRC team on 329 points. The Wamboin riders say a big thank you to their support crews and to Robyn & Chris Slater who represented the club at the Saturday working bee.

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GIBBER GABBER DEADLINES

Edition	Deadline
April	28 Mar
May	2 May
June	30 May
July	27 June
August	1 Aug
Sept	30 Aug
Oct	3 Oct
Nov	31 Oct
Dec	28 Nov

Becoming a Pony Club Instructor

The Pony Club Association of NSW adopted the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) as its coach/instruction education program in 2010.

All pony club instructors are volunteers who are prepared to donate their time, expertise and knowledge in order that pony clubs can provide a structured and safe learning environment for all pony club riders.

Many of our current Wamboin PC instructors are parents of current riders or current Associate riders.

Students under the NCAS scheme can commence training at 16 years of age, however they must be 18 years of age at the time of their assessment to become a fully fledged instructor.

The next scheduled weekend school for training instructors in Zone 16 is scheduled for April 30 and 1 May 2011. However you can commence training as an instructor at any time under the supervision of a qualified PC instructor.

For more information on the NCAS training scheme, go to

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/> and look for the "Coaching" tab and the drop down link to "NCAS Program".

To get started at the club with learning to be a pony club instructor, speak with Robyn Slater, the Club's Senior Instructor.



Pony Club Proficiency Certificates

K CERTIFICATE

The K Certificate is an alternative to the C Star (see below). It is designed for the active rider and covers many equestrian aspects not included in other certificates. The K comprises a compulsory section and a wide variety of optional subjects. The minimum age of candidates is 14 years. Pre-requisites are the D and C certificate i.e. you have to achieve these before you can do your K certificate. The K certificate requires the Club to appoint a coordinator to act as advisor to K certificate candidates and to help them arrange lectures and demonstrations by experts in the various subjects. For more information go to this link: <http://www.pcansw.org.au/?Page=6491>

C STAR CERTIFICATE

The C Star Certificate is an alternate to the K Certificate. The candidate should be able to demonstrate active riding skills at a fast pace, with a correct and stronger seat and be well established in the forward jumping position. The minimum age is 14 years. Specific details for the C Star Certificate can be found at the following link:

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/?Page=6492>

C CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded for an independent seat with correct aids and a degree of competence in other aspects of riding, general knowledge and care of the horse. The minimum age for the C Certificate is 12 years.

Use this link for more information:

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/?Page=6492>



Above: Laura achieved her C Certificate at the 2010 Zone 16 Camp, notably scoring 100% in her written exam. (Photos: Catherine Daniel)
Below: Amy also achieved her C Certificate at the 2010 Camp.



Pony Club Proficiency Certificates continued

D CERTIFICATE

A rider's first introduction to certificates comes with the D Certificate. This is awarded for keenness and encouragement. The candidate must be 7 years of age before assessment and they must have also attended at least three (3) rally days and learned about elementary grooming, feeding and general care of a horse as well as basic riding. There is no written paper for this level.

D STAR CERTIFICATE

Once achieving their D Certificate, most riders move onto the D Star Certificate, although this is not compulsory. Candidates must be 9 years of age and have gained further knowledge in grooming, feeding and care of the horse. In terms of riding skills, candidates must have control of their ponies and show a more secure and correct position for

flat work and jumping. Sometimes also referred to as the D Gold Star Certificate, there is also no written exam for this level.

For more information on both these levels of Certificate, try the following link:

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/?Page=6493>



Naming the contents of this grooming kit would be information D Star Certificate candidates should know.

2011 WPC Award Age Groups

As most members will be aware, but some of our newer members may not, at the end of each calendar year, the Club has a set of annual awards that are considered. Some of the annual awards are aged based, and for 2011 the following age groups have been set:

- 11 years & under,
- 12 to 15 years, and
- 16 years and over.

For more information on the annual awards, try the following link:

<http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au/site/ponyclub/wamboin/downloads/memberbooklet%202.pdf>

AGE GROUPS SET FOR 2011 ANNUAL AWARDS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All members and volunteers over 16 years of age **MUST SIGN** a Volunteers/Student Declaration form **ANNUALLY**. These forms may be found on the NSW Commission for Children and Young People web site www.kids.nsw.gov.au or on the PCANSW website www.pcansw.org.au.

The NSW Commission have asked for as many volunteers as possible to

complete the form online and then print to sign and hand to their club Child Protection Officer in order that the Commission can gauge the number of volunteers in NSW.

Collecting this information will be useful for the Commission to petition the state government for further funding to enhance the protection of children and young people in NSW.

The Wamboin PC Child Protection Officer is Jeni Worden.



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GO WAMBOIN!

Next WPC Committee Meeting is Wednesday 23rd March at the Wheelwright residence, 31 Canning Close, 7.30pm

WAMBOIN PONY CLUB WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES TO

THE WAMBOIN AREA

CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION

ABOUT WAMBOIN PONY CLUB

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Royal Canberra Show

On Sunday 27 February four Wamboin riders competed in the pony club rings at the Royal Canberra Show. Sammi, Tyla, Ellie and Nicole went along with four horses—the Quick's Jodie and Kizzie and the Smith's Kriket and Omen.

It was great to see the pony club rings supported by large numbers of pony club riders, with many clubs competing from across NSW and even one pony clubber from Tasmania!

On the day, our Wamboin riders showed how useful all that troop drill really is

when they headed out in the Grand Parade as well as their pairs classes. Sammi, Kizzie, Tyla and Omen placed 5th overall from a large field in the under 15 years pairs. Ellie, Jodie, Nicole and Kriket placed 4th overall in the Associate pair of riders.



Above: Nicole, Kriket, Tyla and Omen in the Grand Parade (Photos thanks to Steve Quick)

All four riders were very grateful to the support, organizing and training arranged by Leanne Quick prior to the day and they did look very smart in the new uniform addition—the navy vests. The horses scrub up pretty well too!

