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## Welcome to WPC for 2009

### WPC Committee for 2009

The Committee for 2009 is as follows:

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Membership fees for 2009 are:

**WPC Family Membership: \$70.00**

**WPC Single Membership: \$45.00**

**INSURANCE Rider: \$37.00**

**INSURANCE Non-rider: \$22.00**

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## Dates for February 2009



*Above: Wamboin Pony Club members, December 2008.*

**WPC COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday  
3 February 2009, commencing at  
7.30pm. VENUE – Baldwin Residence**

**FIRST RALLY FOR 2009 – Sunday 8  
February 2009, 10.00am Start  
(Gear Check at 10.00am)**

***Do not mount up unless you (18 years or over) or your parent/guardian has signed the Insurance paperwork and your 2009 membership and insurance has been paid.***

### CLUB PHOTO

We would like to attempt to have a club photo taken on our first rally day back – please be in neat & tidy club uniform for this purpose.

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Other roles at WPC for 2009 are as follows:

**ZONE DELEGATES:** Robyn Slater & Toni Cuthbertson (Reserves Leanne Quick & Tracey Durr)  
**CANTEEN COORDINATOR:** Alison Evans  
**UNIFORM COORDINATOR:** Shane Harris  
**EQUIPMENT OFFICERS:** Chris Slater & Steve Quick  
**HORSE WELFARE:** All Instructors, Senior Instructor has final say  
**CHILD WELFARE OFFICER:** Marion Whalan  
**NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE:** Marion Whalan

WPC also has a Junior Committee, which generally tries to meet on the first rally day each month. All members of WPC under the age of 25 years may participate in Junior Committee meetings. The Junior Committee can consider any matter or concern of the junior membership and can then raise these at the WPC Committee Meetings. Some great ideas have come from our Junior Committee over the years.

### **CLUB EXPECTATIONS**

- Our aim at WPC is to provide instruction in riding and care of the horse, and introduce as wide a variety of horse-related activities as possible. Pony club, however, is not a substitute for professional instruction.
- Younger and/or beginner riders may require parental assistance during a session. This is particularly necessary when you are new to the club and settling into the routine or when you or your child is introducing a new horse. All instruction and activities are undertaken in groups and the instructor will not normally be available for intense individual support.

### **CLUB INSTRUCTORS**

- Some instructors are parents. Some are individuals who are prepared to donate their time and expertise. All our regular instructors are volunteers. The instructor is in charge of the group. Please do not interrupt the instructor during a session – leave any questions until the end.

- Our current Instructors are:

Robyn Slater (Senior Instructor)  
Marion Whalan  
Maureen Purdie  
Toni Cuthbertson  
Tracey Durr  
Linda Ivey  
Ceilidh Armer  
Elizabeth Barter

- PCANSW conducts training for potential instructors each year. All parents are encouraged to consider training to become an approved PC instructor. Just ask a Committee Member or the Senior Instructor for further information.

### **RALLY DAY ATTENDANCE**

In Zone 16 and also at State Level, to be able to compete at zone or state events, a minimum rally day attendance record is required. Currently it is attendance at 3 rally days in the preceding 12 months.

Our own club has an attendance requirement for our annual awards, which is 5 rally days in a calendar year.

These rally days must be attended as a mounted rider, except for Associate riders, who can attend unmounted as an Instructor or assisting an Instructor and have one such unmounted day counted in either the 3 or 5 tallies.

You must stay the whole day for a rally day to be counted, two half days do not constitute a day under either attendance requirements.

The Club Senior Instructor and Secretary are responsible for recording rally day attendance and issuing attendance cards. Any rider can request an attendance card if they wish to keep a personnel record of their rally day attendances.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

## MICHELAGO SPORTING SPECTACULAR

WHEN: SATURDAY 31 JANUARY & SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

PLACE: BREDBO SHOWGROUNDS

TIME: 9.10 AM SAT & 8.40 AM SUN

*17 Sporting Events, a truly fabulous weekend of fun competition. **PRE-ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL – ENTRIES CLOSE 27 JANUARY 2009.** See [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full details.*

## ZONE 16 GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2009

PLACE: CRC CLUBHOUSE, LYNEHAM

TIME: 6.30 PM

*The first general meeting of Zone 16 for 2009.*

## INSTRUCTOR'S SCHOOL

WHEN: SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

PLACE: TO BE CONFIRMED

TIME: TO BE CONFIRMED

*A weekend of instruction for new or existing pony club instructors. More details will be available soon, so mark these dates in your diary.*

## ZONE 16 SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

PLACE: BREDBO SHOWGROUNDS

TIME: 9.00 AM

**PRE-ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL – ENTRIES CLOSE WITH OUR SECRETARY, LOUISE BALDWIN, ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2009.** See [www.zone16.pcansw.org.au](http://www.zone16.pcansw.org.au) or [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full details and entry forms.

## UNIFORM

Our club encourages all riding members to wear the club uniform at rally days. Riders must wear full pony club uniform (shirt & tie) when competing in inter club & zone events, attending zone coaching clinics (unless specified otherwise) and for certificate testing. The only exception for inter club & zone events is that the club polo shirt can be worn for sporting, mounted games and the cross country phase of a One Day Event.

The WPC uniform consists of:

- fawn or beige jodhpurs – available at horse shops
- cotton white long-sleeved collared shirt (**not** polo shirt) – available from most uniform shops
- maroon & white striped tie - available from the Club Uniform Coordinator
- navy woollen jumper – available from most uniform shops
- WPC saddle cloth – available from the Club Uniform Coordinator
- navy polo shirts – available from the Club Uniform Coordinator
- baseball caps and jackets (not compulsory uniform but very useful items) – available from the Club Uniform Coordinator
- Well fitting approved helmet AS/NZS 3838
- Reasonably smooth soled elastic sided riding boots. Boots may have a front zipper, but no laces.



*Above: These riders are in the official Wamboin PC Uniform.*

# WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED GEAR CHECK?

Gear checks take place at the start of every mounted rally day and at events, be they club, zone or state events. The gear check is to ensure safety, comfort and well being of both the horse and rider.

All pony club members are encouraged to ride in ordinary snaffle bridles. If they use other than an ordinary snaffle, they should know what it is called, how it works, and why it is necessary to use it.

All gear is checked for soundness of stitching, leather and holes. Nickel bits and stirrup irons are not recommended.

Note: Helmets must be AS/NZS 3838 approved or you will be unable to ride.

## Checking the Horse

### Head and Bridle

- The head must be clear of dried sweat and mud, especially around the ears.
- Soundness of stitching, leather, holes and keepers is checked.
- Cheek pieces level, noseband at the correct height, level and tightness, brow band and throat lash.
- Bit right way up, correct size and height. Curb chain, if any, flat and correct length.
- Mouth is checked for injury or soreness

### Reins

- The reins should be the correct length. They can often be too small on ponies so they can be knotted although a large loop can not be left (double knot or knot tightly and unbuckle the reins)
- If a martingale is used, stops must be present.

### Saddle

- The saddle needs to be clear of the spine for its entire length and not pinching the withers (as a guide 3 fingers should fit between the horse's back and the saddle).
- Risers and gel pads are acceptable providing they are comfortable for the horse with rider mounted.
- Saddle blanket needs to be larger than the saddle, lifted up into the gullet without tucks or wrinkles.
- Girth and straps are checked for safety with particular attention paid to the stitching and holes. The girth needs to have at least 2 buckles. If a 1 buckle girth is used, a surcingle should also be present. The surcingle must not restrict the release of the stirrup leathers from the bars. The girth should be tight.
- Stirrup leathers are checked for overall soundness - stitching, holes, same level on both sides.
- Stirrup irons need to be the correct size (finger width between iron and boot each side) and on the correct way round. Rubber tread is recommended for safety.

### Martingale and Breastplate

- Ensure non interference of breathing and action. Correct length. Stops at neck strap and on reins.

### Horse's Legs

- The horse's legs are checked for injuries. Bandages and boots are checked for correct fit. Loose shoes are checked and if the horse is not shod, the hooves should be trimmed.

### Gear – General

- Should be clean, clean of dirt, mud, sweat, saliva and show signs of regular care and reasonable oiling. Over oiling of gear can be as bad as no oil. Do not be concerned by the age of your gear, provided it will pass all of the checks above, the age of gear is irrelevant.

## **2008 ANNUAL AWARDS**

<b>8 YEARS &amp; UNDER</b>	<b>9 &amp; 10 YEARS</b>	<b>11 – 13 YEARS</b>	<b>15 YEARS &amp; OVER</b>
	MOST IMPROVED RIDER <b>SAMANTHA QUICK</b>	MOST IMPROVED RIDER <b>BRODIE WORDEN</b>	
BEST PONY CLUB COMBINATION <b>CHARLIE DURR &amp; OBIE</b>	BEST PONY CLUB COMBINATION <b>JACK DURR &amp; FRED</b>	BEST PONY CLUB COMBINATION <b>PENNY SLATER &amp; ASHES AND AMY EVANS &amp; ZAC</b>	BEST PONY CLUB COMBINATION <b>ELLEN SMITH &amp; CHLOE</b>
BEST OVERALL RIDER <b>VICTORIA EVANS</b>	BEST OVERALL RIDER <b>JESSICA BALDWIN</b>	BEST OVERALL RIDER <b>LAUREN SLATER</b>	BEST OVERALL RIDER <b>KATIE SLATER</b>
INSTRUCTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD <b>MATTHEW QUICK</b>	INSTRUCTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD <b>MATTHEW WORDEN</b>		

**TONKA AWARD: MATTHEW WORDEN**

**HIGH POINT AWARD: BRODIE WORDEN**

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: HANNAH BRUGMAN**

**RIDER'S AWARD: KERRY BRUGMAN**

**WPC RIDER FOR 2008: NICOLE SMITH**

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## Wamboin Pony Club

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## How Not To Sell Your Horse

**Tip No.1** - It is absolutely necessary to illustrate that your 3-yo thoroughbred horse is safe by including photos of a small, unhelmeted child clinging to its unsaddled back while loose in the paddock. Extra points if there are loose horses and other potential hazards in the background.

**Tip No.2** - You may want to include photos in your advert of your horse in front of fencing, preferably barbed wire and falling down. Random rubbish in the pasture is a plus too. This shows that your horse is smart enough to never get injured on dangerous objects. No one wants a horse stupid enough to get sliced up on barbed wire!

**Tip No.3** - Provide educated guesses about your horse's future height. Nothing says honest like posting your currently 2-year old 12-hand horse and saying: "*She will mature to be around 15.2 hands probably.*" Measure your horse someplace other than the withers (and don't provide the wither measurement): "*She is already 15-2 at the hip.*"

**Tip No. 4** - Tell us everything your horse ever could be potentially good at doing in the future. Does your horse have four legs and a head? Then he might be the next triple crown winner! Or perhaps he'll be a champion at jumping, dressage, barrels, or breeding! Your pony could even be a pony, as one person wrote: "*She will make a great pony prospect.*" We would have never figured that out on our own. "*He is really great at everything he does. He is a fast learner with tons of potential. His bloodlines are all talented riding horses.*"

**Tip No.5** - Take photos of your horse when he is at leisure in the pasture. If he is dirty and shaggy, that just goes to show us how natural your ownership skills are. Why would you go to the effort to brush or bathe your horse to make him artificially clean when you could be doing better things!

*Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.*