



Brookfield Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

APRIL 2022

NEWS UPDATE

**Next muster:
Sunday 24 April 2022**

Looking ahead - 2022 Muster dates

24 April
22 May
19 June
24 July
28 August
18 September
23 October
20 November

Other events:

25 April - ANZAC Day Horse Parade
12 June – Training/accreditation day
31 July - BHPC Official CT event
11 September - Fun Day
9 October – Derby Day
27 November – Awards & AGM

Cross country clinics with Sasha

Sat 20 Aug

Zone 1 Championship events for 2022 – let's get out competing!!

Sun 1 May - Zone 1 JF McGill Formal Gymkhana at Wynnum Pony Club.

Sat 9 June - Zone 1 Jumping Equitation at Moggill Pony Club

Sun 10 June - Zone 1 Showjumping at Moggill Pony Club

Fri 24 – Mon 27 June - Zone 1 Camp at Boonah Showgrounds, including the Bobby Bayard Sporting Gymkhana and Campdraft

Sun 17 July - Zone Teams Sporting Challenge at Hendra Pony Club

Sun 14 August - Aitkens Showjumping at Runcorn Pony Club

Other Pony Club events in Zone 1

Sun 15 May – Gymkhana at Darra Oxley Pony Club

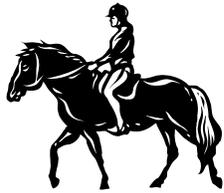
Attendance at any Zone events gains points for riders towards the prestigious BHPC End of Year Awards.

Check the events calendar on the Pony Club Queensland (PCQ) website at

<https://ponyclubqld.com.au/events/>

For information on gear, uniforms and Pony Club rules for the various disciplines, go to "Rule Books" at

<https://ponyclubqld.com.au/resources/rulebooks/>.



Chief Instructor's Report

March Muster

The weather was finally kind to us!! After looking ominous all week, and heavy rain on Friday night, the grounds had dried out and we had a fine day for the muster. Thanks to the instructors who were able to help on the day.

As we could not use the stables or oval, and parking was limited, we divided the club for a morning or afternoon session with 3 groups each. We had a total of 27 riders attend, including Annie who came as a come and Try rider. Riders did a range of activities, including gridwork and show jumping, cross country riding, stockhorse challenge and games.

Newly accredited instructor at BHPC

Congratulation to Rebecca Arnott who was assessed at Moggill Pony Club on 12 March and has gained her instructor's accreditation. Great to have another qualified instructor on our team! At the muster we presented her with her own instructor's green shirt. A great big thank you must go to Frankie Rous and Phoebe and Freya Bates for coming along as demonstration riders to enable the assessment to take place.

Next muster Sunday 24 April: 8.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Riders come in their informal polo shirt, and beige jodhpurs or beige stockman trousers. The Uniform Order Form is on the BHPC website -

<https://www.brookfieldponyclub.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/BHPC.uniform-Order-form-2.pdf>

Activities will include flatwork, pole work and jumping, and games, with a focus on preparation for our Sporting Gymkhana (Informal Ribbon Day) which will be delayed to the June muster to allow time to learn and practise the events. The Sporting Gymkhana is the first of our 2 annual Club competition days.

We hope to be using the stables, but this will depend on the progress of repairs to these facilities.

You must bring a completed PCQ Horse and Participation Health Declaration to each muster. The Brookfield Showground PIC number is QJBB0368.

BHPC Camp 9 – 10 April at Brookfield

The Committee made the difficult decision to postpone our annual camp given the very low number of nominations. Another weekend for the camp will be organised in the coming months. There will still be jumping lessons on Sunday and some fun activities for interested riders.

ANZAC Day Horse Troop - Monday 25 April

Brookfield Pony Club has again been asked by the RSL to participate in this year's ANZAC Day remembrance event at the Brookfield Showground with a led troop of Pony Club horses and ponies at the ceremony before the Shell Green cricket match



This event acknowledges the Shell Green cricket match played at Gallipoli during preparations for the allied troops' evacuation, the contribution of Sri Lankans who fought alongside the ANZACs, the history of the local community's commitment to supply horses for the war effort, and the sacrifice of past Kenmore State High student Mathew Hopkins who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009.

Pony Club members lead their horses in pairs in a troop line, led by riders of the Light Horse, and stand behind the Army XI and Brookfield cricket teams along with Armoured Vehicles for the remembrance, including recital of the Ode and the Last Post, before the cricket match. Below are the details of the event, although times may alter slightly.

When: Monday 25 April at 10.15 am for the parade at approx 11.00 am and completion around 12.00

Where: Parking of floats in the cemetery paddock and gathering on the grassy area for lineup and troop practice with instructors.

Who: Horse to be presented with neat and clean natural presentation in bridle; handler to be in formal Club uniform including helmet. Parents can accompany junior handlers as required and medals can be worn [right side for those wearing medals on behalf of loved ones].

We meet at 10.15 am in the Brookfield Reserve paddock and finish around midday. A rewarding experience for our members to take part in. Please let Sandy know if you are attending with your horse or pony (sandypollitt@hotmail.com).

See page 6 for some memories of the Pony Club Troop in 2021. Beautiful horses and well presented handlers who proudly represented the Club.

BHPC Management Committee Report

Flood report

Rebecca, our grants officer, and Veronica and Ros (past-members and grants application specialists), have been applying for grants to help cover the costs of repairs. The Committee is very pleased to announce that the Club has received a grant for \$15,000 from the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA). Additionally, the Club has been approved to receive the Brisbane City Council's \$5,000 Community Facility Disaster Relief Payment for reparation work in the cemetery paddock since that is leased from the Council. These grants will certainly assist us to get our facilities back into working condition. Great work, thanks Rebecca, Veronica and Ros.

2022 membership

All members, new and renewing, are urged to read the members' handbook and bylaws on the BHPC website <https://www.brookfieldponyclub.org.au/information-for-members/> to ensure that all member families are aware of the rules of the club and their family's obligations as club members.

ANZAC Day Ceremony and Horse Parade 25 April – volunteers urgently needed

BHPC has taken part in the ANZAC Day remembrance activity at the Brookfield showgrounds for the past 6 years. The Pony Club contributes with a led troop of our Pony Club horses and ponies to commemorate the horses sent to the First World War. The canteen also operates all day to cater for the many people who attend the early 9 am remembrance ceremony and the later ceremony for the Shell Green cricket match. We need volunteers to help in the canteen – it is a major fundraiser for the club and a great way for our club to contribute to a very special community event.

Reminders

Hendra Virus vaccination certificates

When your horse receives its annual Hendra virus vaccination, please forward your Zoetis certificate to Kim Jones, our Horse Health Officer at kimtarynjones@yahoo.com.au so that our club records are kept up to date. No horse is to be brought to a muster or clinic unless it is registered with the Club, and its Hendra vaccination certificate has been provided.

Working Bee and Rosters

All members are required to complete 2 setup rosters and 2 canteen rosters each year. Please contact Angela our Roster co-ordinator at batesrus@gmail.com if you have any problems with the booking system to enter your roster dates.

Setup for the muster is usually on Saturday afternoon from 4 pm in the warmer weather.

Horse and Participation Health Declarations are always a last moment effort to print and fill out, but essential for our Club Biosecurity records.

HANDY HINT – Fill out one form with all the required personal and horse details, scan and print multiple copies, enough for the Pony Club year. Keep the copies in your vehicle, on muster day, sign and date, hand in at the gate, so easy!!

The Brookfield Showground PIC is QJBB0368 for your Declaration.

Junior Committee

Members who are 11 through to 17 years, are invited to attend the Junior Committee meeting at the muster on 24 April. Come along and put forward your ideas about pony club, activities you want and fundraising ideas. Elections for Club Co-Captain positions on the Junior Committee will be held.

Long yard arena and oval use

The long yard and oval are facilities managed by the Brookfield Recreation Reserve Trust. Riding members of BHPC may use the long yard arena and oval without charge. Junior members must be accompanied by an adult or instructor. Please note that the long yard cannot be used if there is a cricket match or other event occurring.

For the long yard, riders must book on-line 2 days before use to gain approval from the Showground booking officer. Fill out your booking details, including your Pony Club membership number, on the Brookfield showground webpage at <https://www.brookfieldshowground.com.au/facilities-for-hire/the-long-yard/> .

The long yard accommodates one booking only at any time. All manure must be removed.

The arena, long yard and oval are for training only at steady paces - absolutely no galloping around. All riders must wear a suitable riding helmet (current standard required by PCQ), riding boots and Pony Club compliant gear.

Rider Class Notes for the Sporting Gymkhana at the June muster

Rider class is judged on rider position, correct use of aids & correct workout. The workout will depend on the ages and abilities of the riders in the group. Younger riders will only be asked to walk and trot a fairly simple workout. Older riders will be asked to ride at walk, trot and canter a more complex workout.

Rider Position

Straight line through ear, shoulder, hip and heel. Leg stretched down with lower leg held still against horse, not loose or swinging. Heel pressed down, not raised up, heel slightly lower than toe. Feet parallel with the horse's sides, toes not turned out. Hips level with equal weight of seat in the saddle. Shoulders square, not rounded. Back straight and stretched tall, not rounded or hollow. Rider not leaning forward, particularly be aware of this when changing gait. Hands carried slightly above the horse's wither, with thumbs on top. Arms not stiff and straight, but with bend at elbows. Straight line from elbow, through hands to bit. Hands follow the horse's movement at walk and canter, steady at trot. Elbows carried neatly at sides. Seat is independent of the reins. Rider is balanced. Rider is not stiff and tense. Eyes up, looking forward, not down at horse.

Correct Use of Aids

Rider applies aids correctly and effectively. Correct aids for riding straight lines, curves and circles, moving forward and halt. Correct aids to change direction and gait. Rider on correct diagonal at rising trot, and horse on correct lead at canter. If incorrect, the judge wants to see attempts to correct instantly.

Correct Workout

During individual workout, rider keeps horse at an even rhythm in each gait. The horse is straight when moving on straight lines, and bends correctly when moving on a circle or curve. Transitions are smooth and at the correct place. Size of circles – rider to use entire area, circles should be good shape and the same size (if 2 included in workout). Centre line between circles is straight for a few strides, and the same centre line is used throughout workout. Rider can use the judge as one marker and distant object, e.g. post, for other marker to get centre line correct each time.

Judge's instructions

Listen carefully to the judge when the workout is described. Ride exactly the workout that the judge asks for. If unsure, ask the judge again before starting your workout. When it is your turn, ride forward out of the group, halt and salute your judge before you start, and salute again at the end of your workout. Stand respectfully, with horse on contact, quietly watching others take their turn. Riders can lose points for talking in line and not paying attention. Wait for previous rider to return to their place before leaving the line of horses for your turn. Instantly correct any mistakes, e.g. if horse breaks from canter back to trot, immediately balance and ask again for canter. Wait for presentation of all ribbons to be completed and dismissed by judge before moving away. If you win a ribbon, congratulate other place getters in the lineup and thank your judge.

Memories of our ANZAC Day Horse Parade with Pony Club Led Troop & Light Horse Association riders 2021



Reward Training

Reward training is another method that we can use to help a horse to learn. Give your horse something he enjoys to reward his good behaviour.

You can give him a scratch or rub on the wither or neck.



You can give your horse a carrot or apple when catching him in his paddock, rewarding him for being caught. Just make sure to feed him off the flat palm of your hand for the safety of your fingers.



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Their continued generosity supports the purchase of equipment, ribbons and trophies, provides prizes, as well as allowing us to run Official PCQ events.

Great to see Brookfield Produce, now **Brookie Traders**, have opened up an equestrian section for the horse-riding community.

Special thanks to **Greg Grant Saddlery** for extending their affiliate program for the months of April and May to help with flood recovery. This means the club receives 10% of every purchase made by Brookfield Pony Club members back in cash. Remember to select Brookfield Pony Club at the checkout in the affiliate drop down box.