



Brookfield Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

MAY 2022

NEWS UPDATE

**Next muster:
Sunday 22 May 2022**

Looking ahead - 2022 Muster dates

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

Other BHPC events:

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

Saturday 20 August

Brookfield Show - Fri 13 – Sun 15 May
Horse events are cancelled due to the wet grounds and forecast rain. Therefore, the Pony Club Bending Teams Relay will not be held this year.

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

Sat 4 & Sun 5 June - Zone 1 Jumping Equitation & Show Jumping 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

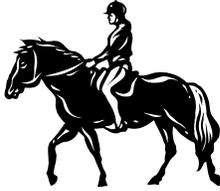
Other Pony Club events in Zone 1

Sun 15 May – Gymkhana at Darra Oxley Pony Club
Sat 21 May – Dressage at Moggill 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/>.

Horse and Participation Health Declaration

You must provide a completed PCQ Horse and Participation Health Declaration at each muster. For the form, the Brookfield Showground PIC number is QJBB0368.



Chief Instructor's Report

April Muster

As we still could not use the stables or oval, groups 1 and 2 started in the long yard, while the other groups rode in the cemetery paddock and Rita O'Hanlon arena. We had a total of 25 riders attend, and welcomed 2 Come and Try riders. Riders enjoyed a range of activities, including gridwork and show jumping, flatwork, cross country riding, and games. A few showers fell in the morning, but was heavier after lunch, so it was decided to cut the day short, pack up and head off home.

Many thanks to the instructors and trainee instructors who were able to help on the day (Anne, Ben, Erika, Peter, Phil, and Rebecca).

Next muster Sunday 22 May: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm.

The May muster details may change depending on the amount of rain received over the next few days and if the grounds then dry out in time for safe riding.

Activities currently planned include flatwork, games and jumping, to prepare riders for our Sporting Gymkhana (Informal Ribbon Day) which will be held at the June muster.

We are hoping to have a special activity at the May muster - Working Equitation. We have invited Selena, an experienced Working Equitation coach, to teach us the basics of this activity. To find out more about Working Equitation see the PCA website <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/11-Working-Equitation-DOTM.pdf>

Riders come in their informal polo shirt, and beige jodhpurs or beige stockman trousers.

To assist with organising groups and catering, please let Sandy know if you are coming or not coming to the muster (sandypollitt@hotmail.com) by 5 pm Wednesday 18 May.

ANZAC Day Horse Troop - Monday 25 April

Brookfield Pony Club again participated in the ceremony during this year's RSL ANZAC Day Shell Green cricket match event, re-enacting the local community leading their horses to the Showground to donate to the war effort during World War I. We had a troop of 15 BHPC members, as well 2 members from Karana Downs Pony Club in the horse parade. A very emotional and rewarding event.

Many thanks to BHPC members Freya Bates, Phoebe Bates, Gracie Behm, Zara Jones, Anastacia Malisaukas, Sophia McMillan, Ruby Page, Alexia Pearson, Ashton Pearson, Georgia Pollitt, Maddi Pollitt, Clancy Rous, Frankie Rous, Olivia Whitefield, Adelaide Whitefield, for representing the club so well in the Pony Club Horse Troop.

Thanks also to instructors Erika, Anne, Rebecca and Ben who supervised the led troop.

Unfortunately, with light rain falling, the cricket match was abandoned after the Shell Green ceremony.

See page 4 for some photos of ANZAC DAY at Brookfield.

BHPC Management Committee Report

ANZAC Day Ceremony 25 April

The Kenmore-Moggill subbranch of the RSL conducted its Official Commemoration Service on the Showgrounds oval at 9 am, attended by veterans, officials and many children from the local schools and organisations who marched in behind them.

While the Pony Club Horse Troop was part of the later Shell Green ceremony, BHPC also took part in the 9 am RSL commemoration, with 2 of our young members laying a wreath during the ceremony. Many thanks to Anastacia Malisaukas and Alexis Bennett for representing the club so well in that role.

The light rain kept spectator numbers lower than in 2021, however the canteen operated until lunchtime to provide our famous burgers, sausages on bread and chips to those attending. A huge thank you to Emma, Angela and Craig McAlister for their organisation and work on the day, and to all the helpers in the canteen and sausage sizzle.

Flood repairs

Our jump trailer and dressage/games trailer have been repaired. A huge thank you to All Fleet Service and Repairs (allfleet.com.au) for repairing our flood-damaged trailers, including fixing electricals, wheel bearings and brakes, free of charge. The Pony Club is extremely grateful for this assistance.



After allowing the posts in the stables to dry out, repair work is also being done on the flooring of the stables to have them ready for the Brookfield Show.

Cross country course repairs

The Club has been fortunate to have Darryl Burgess, an Equestrian Australia 4 star course builder, come to work on repairs to our cross country course. You will notice the new brush in the fences on the top track, improved ground lines, and repositioning of some of our movable fences. With his machine, he also moved about 40 cu metres of mulch onto the course to replace the mulch washed away by the heavy rain.

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.

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. As per our BHPC bylaws, 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 muster 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.

Junior Committee

Members who are 11 through to 17 years, are invited to attend the Junior Committee meeting at the muster on 22 May. Come along and put forward your ideas about pony club, activities you want and fundraising ideas. Club Co-Captain positions on the Junior Committee will be announced.

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.

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/>.

All riders must wear a suitable riding helmet (current standard required by PCQ), riding boots and Pony Club compliant gear.

ANZAC Day Commemoration and Pony Club Horse Troop at the Shell Green ceremony



Posts from our riders – Freya Bates and Roy out adventuring at a TADRA clinic

I went to The Australian Distance Riding Association (TADRA) come and try clinic at Samford in April and I thought it was an amazing learning experience. I learned lots including how to take my horse's temperature and heart rate, they even gave us a free stethoscope to do this. The 7 km ride itself was very beautiful with lots of creeks to walk through which was fun. Everyone was very nice and friendly, and I won a prize for being the first ever junior rider at a TADRA event.

Roy and I are now training for the next event at Spring Mountain on 21 May and I would love it if any one of my pony club friends would like to join me.



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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 **Brookies Rural Traders**, formerly Brookfield Produce, 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 funding. 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.

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