

Riders Round Up

July 2023

Mission Statement: To promote, educate, support and encourage equine enthusiasts 17 years and over to participate in equestrian activities in a friendly atmosphere and safe environment.

From Our President

Hi, now that we're coming out of winter and days are starting to getting longer so clubs can start to plan more events for their members.

Also, a reminder to see if clubs can get a team together for NITE.

*Happy riding
Denise*



REMINDER FOR ALL RIDERS
NZRC members must wear a
Safety Approved Helmet

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE TAGGED

**ESNZ , NZ Pony Club , RAS
and many VENUES require
YELLOW tagged Safety Helmets
from August 1st 2023**

**After 1st August RED tags are obsolete
and many Helmets will NOT COMPLY**

AGM 2023

in Wellington saw the usual few members attend to report and renew their customary national committee roles. So few, considering the 500+ members of NZRC !!!

2 new national committee members were elected - Nicola Gill is a local Wellingtonian & SMART (South Makara Adult Riding & Trekking)club member who is a computer whizz- and I (Shirley Collie - HORSE Club) have taken on the Newsletter Editor role.

We welcomed Jackie from NZ Horse Network who spoke about her advocacy work expanding riding venues and opportunities .We are in a "speak up or miss out " phase , often competing with cyclists and walkers for bridle paths and forestry access .More on this topic on Page 4.

Other discussions included organising a trophy for NITE Quadrille / dressage winner—so there will be a trophy for each phase now .The present trophy is for Artistic Points , so often not won by the leading team . Committee is busy formulating Guidelines for running Club Events and activities . This will help Clubs with running dressage days , Ribbon Days etc.

NZRC will again have a stand at Equifest in Taupo (NEC) October 13– 15 .

Next years` AGM will be held in Hamilton—save the date – June 22nd / 23rd 2024

Welcome to my first NZRC Newsletter .

I`m Shirley Collie . I live in the Waikato and I am a member of Hamilton`s H O R S E Club . I have ridden for most of my life, and have for many years hacked , dressaged and shown my horses, often Side Saddle . I`ve been involved with NITE many times as a rider, coach , organiser and choreographer — with memories of mermaids , ballerinas , toys , blues brothers, singing stars (Tina Turner) , as the Queen—side saddle and jumping sometimes (reluctantly) . I have now joined the NZRC National committee as the Riders Round Up Newsletter Editor . Please contact me with any queries / contributions / Club activities / suggestions for Riders Round Up .

This newsletter can only be as good as what is in it !!!!!
Email me at nzrcrru@gmail.com



Taranaki Winter Dressage Series

Ribbon winning riders on Day 1 in May

Thanks to Maree Collins for the photo and news



Coastal Adult Riding Club in Taranaki holds a Winter Dressage Series every year. The first day of competition was held on 20th May, and it was so well supported (by members and non-members) that the club had to limit entries & even had a waiting list. The event aims to be a supportive environment where people can bring out their green or young horses or for those that haven't done a lot of dressage before. Our members are competing for points over both days to win club trophies. FYI - Coastal Adult Riding Club has members mostly from Central Taranaki Events are held at Egmont (Hawera) or Stratford A&P grounds , with this May day held at Egmont in South Taranaki . Entries came from North Taranaki through to Wanganui

NITE / SITE NEWS

SOUTH ISLAND Clubs and Riders

NZRC committee want to get SITE kickstarted again .

WE NEED YOUR INPUT !!!

WHEN works best for you ???

Look forward to your replies

Looking for North Island Clubs to help at NITE - by running a phase

All obstacles (for RCMount) , Jumps etc. available on the grounds

Please contact Coastal ARC

coastaladultriding@gmail.com

NITE 2024

January 6th & 7th

Hosted by Coastal Adult Riding Club

to be held in STRATFORD

The Phases will be -

Quadrille Riding Club Mount

Games Formation Jumping

Show Jumping Gamblers`Stakes

Also -

Quiz night with a catered Dinner
Fun Trail Ride

Get your team together and get going NOW !!!!



AGM MEETING FULL OF FUN

Taupo Riding Club AGM with a difference!!

The Taupo Riding Club had their AGM recently. The meeting was hosted by Fiona who has spent years working with the Arabian children and SHEIKS and she suggested we adopt the arabian theme and customs and have a meal at our AGM this year.

Pillows covered the floor and we enjoyed a traditional meal of rice served with chicken, goat, breads and many traditional sauces. We even lounged on the pillows and ate with our fingers.

A lot of laughs, serviettes and finger licking was enjoyed by us all.

Fiona then entertained us with a talk about her experiences with some video and slides.

The meeting was well supported and all positions filled.

Thanks Bev Birkett



Somehow , this report from our President Denise Brown got lost and didn't make it into print at the time .Better late than never

Twin City Riding Club SHOW DAY

We held our club show on Easter Monday. We opened it up to non-members. It was a lovely relaxed, friendly day. Great to finally get to something.

Ted was awesome so we ended up "poofers" flat class champion, 1st shepherds hack, 6th showhunter and high points of the day.



Bridleways NEWS

Cyclone Gabrielle washed out and damaged a much used BRIDLEWAY in Rapids Road adjacent to the National Equestrian Centre in Taupo. This is where the Aratiatia Village used to be .

The track was scoured out in many places by the huge amount of rain, making it unrideable. This is a popular bridleway, used by riders from all over NZ and supported by NZRC National Committee.

Funds from the NZRC paid for the track restoration . This came about because responsibility for maintenance/ restoration work is unclear . Local Council and DOC were not interested .

Thank you to DF Landscaping, Taupo for doing a fantastic job.

Maintenance is ongoing to keep the track cleared of brush and to mow the grass. All work that is done, is mostly by volunteer hours but sometimes money is needed for the bigger jobs, like this restoration work .

This is covered by asking for a 'GIVE A LITTLE' from anyone that can spare a wee bit.. every \$ helps.

If you can do this too it will always be there for all, free of charge, to ride.

Westpac BRIDLEWAYS ACCOUNT.....030430024452301

Many thanks

BEV BIRKETT Taupo Bridleways Convener

There is a map /photo of this bridleway on our NZRC website



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A number of district councils are presently updating future plans that involve bridle paths & horse riding areas .

We as riders need to get involved , make submissions to council and generally make ourselves heard !!

District Councils are unaware of the large recreational riding population— mountain bike riders are a more organised and vocal group and so they are being heard more and often taking over use of bridle paths / riding areas !!!

If we want to have places to ride in the future , we must get involved before we lose access.

RAGLAN BEACH - was banned for horse riding , until HAAWI (Horse Access Advocates Waikato Inc) was formed , got involved and proved that the ban was illegal . RIDING ON RAGLAN BEACH IS NOW ALLOWED AGAIN .

In Waipa (Waikato—around Te Awamutu) , the District Council has recently formalised the **Sainsbury Road Reserve** Management Plan— to promote and prioritise future recreational horse riding on this 40 hectare block on Mt. Pirongia . They received over 50 submissions—mainly from horse riders using the Reserve for riding .

Waikato District Council are reviewing their “Connectivity Strategy” - including developing bridle paths .

Taranaki , Hawkes Bay and Mackenzie are presently developing future plans at District and Regional Council level , and they want rider input to help with planning .

How to get involved / have your say? — NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network - Facebook group & website / NZ Bridleways Facebook group / go to your local District Council and Regional Council websites

STRENGTHEN and ADAPT ROADSHOW AIMS to BOOST EQUESTRIAN

On the Friday before our AGM some of our committee members met with Jo Collins of ESNZ , to find out about their aim to “future-proof equestrianism collaboratively”.

With funding from Sport NZ , they want to move away from their present elitist “ sport / event” profile - with more groups involved (hence the approach to NZRC), at a more grass roots level .

There is NO proposal for NZRC to join at this stage – more of a “wait and see what happens” approach.

ESNZ are holding a series of roadshows – to find out what riders want.

This is our chance to have a say in our riding future. Here is an outline :

If you're invested in equestrian, your horse and the future of recreational riding or competing please come. It's open to everyone

- you don't need to be a member of Equestrian Sports NZ

ESNZ Roadshow



The Roadshows are well under way as a nationwide programme funded by Sport NZ to boost recreation among participants and athletes across all sports. They are being held at eleven locations across Aotearoa New Zealand, co-ordinated by Equestrian Sports NZ National Development Manager Ashra McAvinue.

Helmet yellow tagging will be available at selected workshops

Background

The Strengthen and Adapt programme is a government response to COVID-19, that provides sports organisations and networks with the opportunity to strengthen their capability and capacity post-pandemic, and create a better future for those who take part.

The programme includes multiple sports codes, and has been rolled out in four “waves” since July 2020. Equestrian Sports NZ was selected for the third wave that has included Snow-sports, Special Olympics and the Halberg Foundation among others.

Northland , Auckland & Waikato workshops are underway .

Tauranga, Hawke's Bay and Gisborne- your dates are now confirmed.

More info at the bottom of ESNZ website home page at

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/>

or email me -I have lots more info (22 pages) on file nzrcru@gmail.com

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And lastly , something to laugh at !!!???

The new craze—for kids without horses ? Coming to the Olympics ?

Search for **Finnish Hobby Horse Championships**

on You Tube or TikTok or google Hobby Horse



LINKS :

ON you tube <https://youtu.be/BqTE3iVxTVQ>

And in Wanganui -<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/news/local-focus-hobby-horsing-is-here-and-its-no-joke/>

And I thought I was into bling browbands ??!!!!!!.....



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