

# Riders Round Up

## MAY 2025

**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.



### DID YOU KNOW -

The **NZRC Constitution** / Rules were updated and approved in 2024 at our AGM—so we are now up to date with the new law and compliant with the Companies Office / MBIE.

NZRC Constitution / Rules can be found, viewed, downloaded from—  
Our **NZRC website** = <https://nzridingclubsbridleways.nz>

Look under **LIBRARY** for:

- NZRC Club Affiliation form
- NZRC Constitution / Rules
- NZRC Competition Rulebook = rules for NITE & SITE
- NZRC Dressage Tests
- AGM Forms for Nomination & Delegate
- Riding and Road Safety Handbook and exam info

NOW is the time of year for clubs to re-affiliate.

Affiliation fees are due from April 1st each year. The cost is \$10/rider for the year.

Some clubs pay a separate Bridleways membership as well—  
this is only \$20 / year for a club.

The form is on the NZRC website



Hello Everyone,

In this autumn edition you will find photos and catchups from clubs around the motu, notice of our NZRC AGM in Tauranga in JUNE, Bridleways / Advocacy news and news of our next BIG event— **SITE is happening at Kaiapoi in October**.

I've been busy with Eve—at our NZ Side Saddle Assoc. North Island Champ Show in March—this is the Costume Class.

My favourite—because when else do you get to ride a horse in a gown ??? - and a Top Hat !!!  
Yes- I sewed it all myself—with a matching blue velvet saddlecloth.

Please contact me with any queries / contributions / Club News and activities / suggestions for Riders Round Up. Otherwise, I trawl Facebook and pinch your photos !!!

This newsletter can only be as good as what is in it.

Email me at [nzrcrru@gmail.com](mailto:nzrcrru@gmail.com)

*Shirley Collie—Riders Round Up Editor*

### Waimakariri Riding Club

16 riders turned out for our March Hacknix on Friday 21st March at Whiterock Mains at Loburn.

There were lots of options for riding and the crew spread themselves out into 3 groups .

Those who wanted to explore had quite a decent ride over One Tree Hill Lovely scenery from all accounts and 360 views from the top.

Another group enjoyed a shorter laneway ride .

Great to see some new faces out and about.

The March rally was focused on training for rhythm and relaxation.

3 new prospective members came, played with us, and gave some great feedback!

Both instructors had a mix of riders from those who traditionally don't enjoy 'arena' work to those for whom flatwork was a focus - so there was a real mix of riders and horses, and some good work done and a lot of laughter along the way. Some riders practiced their tests for Pegasus-Harris-Trophy and generally got themselves acquainted with each other.



Taupo & District Riding Club held an April rally at Red Frazer's arena -

A big thank you to Red for hosting the GIVE IT A GO & to the ladies who braved the weather & came down & had a go. Great fun



Twin City Adult Riding Club in Hawkes Bay held an Easter Treasure Hunt—in pairs .

Shelly Warwick—chairperson of NZEAN asks :

## IS YOUR COUNCIL DOING A GOOD JOB?

of including horses on pathways and trails?  
Most are not, but we need to hear from those that are.

If they are, please contact me on 021949214 or in-  
fonzean@gmail.com

There is some work being done on "what is good practice "  
by Equestrian Sport NZ so that evidence based docs can be put  
together for councils.  
Will be very helpful. Please get in touch

## What is NZEAN all about?

NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network Inc

was set up to improve the safety and wellbeing of  
all New Zealand riders and their horses, through  
the promotion and preservation of recreational  
horse-riding tracks, trails and pathways in New  
Zealand's public spaces.

We believe that every person in New Zealand who  
wishes to ride a horse for recreation should be  
able to identify and have safe access to public  
places where this is permitted.

**We want to create a legacy for future  
generations of horse riders**

**EVERY horse rider in NZ should be a member—  
it costs only \$10 /year**

**Look on the NZEAN website for more info**

**Members can join the NZEAN private Facebook  
group to access up to date news & info**

NZEAN is now evolving into a nation wide  
umbrella organisation for recreational rider  
groups .

This ties in with our NZRC Bridleways .



## NZEAN PRESENTS TO PARLIAMENT - April 3rd

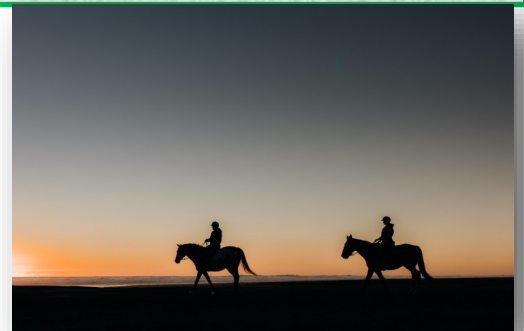
[Shelly Warwick](#) (chair) and [Tina Budd](#) (secretary) presented to the select committee at Parliament,  
following on from NZEAN's Vulnerable Road User Petition submission last year.

The Select Committee was very receptive to the NZEAN plea for change and recognition and asked some very NZEAN  
favourable questions to NZTA & Ministry of Transport—which they were unable to answer.

“Massive thanks to everyone who signed this petition, the last petition and the ones that went before it. And shout out  
to everyone who went hard collecting signatures. Hopefully the MPs who were there yesterday and were so obviously  
annoyed at NZTA and MOT actually shake the political tree and some action is  
taken “

“Shelly and Tina were absolutely brilliant, the MPs were very supportive and  
really grilled NZTA and MOT who were very clumsy and awkward.”

“Excellent presentation. Legislators asked some great questions with NZTA  
unable to answer. “



## Hurunui District Council

### A vision that should be the standard.

This 2050 Walking and Riding Strategy (vision) is a pleasure to read because it recognises recreational horse riders equally to walkers and cyclists.

“An important part of this is to make walking and riding an accessible, safe, enjoyable and healthy activity that becomes a part of daily life whether for transport or recreation, or both.

The provision of trails also contributes to a healthy community and can increase safety by reducing the number of walkers, cyclists and horse riders sharing roads with other road traffic.”

**This is NOT the standard across NZ and it should be.**

If you work in local or regional government as a planner or elected member, please read and consider how you can provide for all passive recreational user groups.

PWASNZ Founder

Equestrian's Advocacy - Canterbury/ West Coast Chair

WELL DONE HURUNUI



## OUR PRINCIPLES

Four key principles form the basis of this Walking and Riding Strategy. These principles will guide and inform the decisions that will shape our walking, cycling and horse riding future.

**Collaboration** - The Council recognises that it cannot implement this strategy on its own. We endeavour to continually work to build and strengthen relationships with all stakeholders, including mana whenua, New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, Hurunui Trails Trust, St James Trail Trust, Hammer Springs Trails Network Group, Community Boards and committees, neighbouring councils and any other stakeholders.

**Inclusive** - we consider the needs of all users to ensure walking, cycling and riding infrastructure is accessible to, and usable by, as many people as possible.

**Efficiency** - make best use of existing infrastructure and prioritise actions that will have the greatest benefits first.

**Strategic alignment** - the Strategy aligns with relevant national, regional and local strategies and plans.

The four principles are not mutually exclusive, and nor are the principles set out in a hierarchy. All the principles have been weighed up in an overall consideration of the relative influence any given issue or opportunity may have in the implementation of this Strategy.



### What is the definition of Active Transport?

Active transport is physical activity undertaken as a means of transport and not purely as a form of recreation. This can include walking, cycling, horse riding, skating and skateboarding. It is a great way to keep healthy and fit, save money and reduce your impact on the environment. Active transport is an easy way to be regularly active and can help you fit 30 minutes of physical activity into your daily routine.

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Last September's **Pass Wide and Slow Rides** were very popular and successful and well received by the public

—so this is becoming an annual event !!!

**It has also given birth to a new entity .**

The international Pass Wide & Slow road safety message has been brought to Aotearoa and is supported by the community as there is an immediate need to educate drivers on how to approach and pass a horse on the road safely

Pass Wide & Slow New Zealand has been established with the aim of reducing the number of incidents, deaths and near misses on our roads.

**This will sit as a permanent education and road safety platform**

PWASNZ is an education and awareness platform to empower drivers and riders across NZ

**2025 Pass Wide & Slow New Zealand**

**Awareness Rides 13 & 14 September**

Visit the website - [passwideandslow.co.nz](https://passwideandslow.co.nz) to register your 2025 RIDE

follow on Facebook [pass wide and slow new zealand](https://www.facebook.com/passwideandslownewzealand)

## SITE NEWS

Planning is well underway with 7 clubs meeting regularly.

**SITE 2025** will be at  
**Kaipoi Pony Club Grounds**  
(approx 17 km north of Christchurch )  
on **Labour weekend =October 24-26**—TBC

Waimakariri RC are hosting / running it with help from 3 other clubs running phases.

The other clubs involved are-Nelson RC,  
Blenheim RC , Dunstan RC ,  
North Canterbury Advocacy Group

The programme is :

**Friday Evening** – catered **DINNER**

**Saturday AM**—Riding Club Mount  
**Pairs Dressage** — run by Waimakariri R C

**Saturday PM**— **Show Jumping**—  
run by North Otago RC

**Show Cross** — run by Wakefield & DRC

**Sunday AM**—**Games**—run by Grey Valley RC

**Competitive Trail Ride** –judging may include Time, Heart Rate , Recovery etc.—TBC

**Sunday PM**— **PRIZEGIVING**

**An Expression of Interest Form has gone out to all South Island Clubs—**

we need more clubs to join in - but limited to 10 TEAMS max this time

mixed teams are possible—WRC has over 50 members so has capacity to support other teams.

### Contact

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**NZRC South and North Island Teams Event  
is an OPEN group on Facebook**

Have a look for general information ,news and  
updates about NITE and SITE



## NZ Riding Clubs and Bridleways

South Island Teams Event (SITE)

When? Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 2025  
Where? Kaipoi Pony Club Grounds.

*Teams of up to 6 with best 4  
scores per event for a live team*

- ✓ NZ Riding Club teams and members. 17 years and over.
- ✓ Clubs involved to date include; Nelson, Wakefield and districts, Grey Valley, Blenheim Adult Riders, Waimakariri Riding Club, Dunstan Adult Riders
- ✓ Events still being decided but will include; Riding Club mount, pairs dressage, games, some jumping and some CTR or other orientation type event.

**BOOK NOW**



**FOR MORE INFO :**  
contact Gwen Gilmore at Waimakariri Riding Club,  
Organising Chairperson



Our **NZRC AGM** will be held on **Saturday 14th June**

At **TAURANGA RACECOURSE**—Cameron Rd.,  
Greerton

in the **TOKYO Lounge**

Hosted by **Tauranga Riding Club**

Start time is **08.45 TEA & Welcome**

Meeting starts at **09.00 am**— approx. **12 noon** = **AGM**—  
open to **ALL**

Followed by **LUNCH**

Then **NZRC Committee Meeting**

So

**CLUBS**—organise your delegate(s) and nominations -  
forms are on the **NZRC website**—look under **Library**



**SAVE THE DATE** - October 17th—19th

### Equifest 2025

Is on again in **Taupo** at the **National Equestrian Centre**

We are again planning to share a stand with **NZEAN** =  
**NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network**

## NITE NEWS

Save the date—**9-11 January 2026**

and **Northern Clubs**—get planning & fundraising for  
the long trek south to **Clareville** - just south of **Mas-**  
**terton** at the **Wairapa Showgrounds**

This years winners **Le Trec** are hosting



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**NZRC South and North Island Teams Event Facebook open group**:

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