

Riders Round Up

NITE January 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.



This is a special NITE edition of Riders Round Up—dedicated entirely to show & tell about NITE 2025.

Thank you to ALL riders, organisers, judges and helpers – for making NITE happen.

Results are the official Results posted on the day. I took most of these photos—contact me if you want a copy.

I hope all who were there enjoy this as a record / souvenir.

For those who couldn't make it in person—here's what happened. I hope you are inspired to give it a go next time.

To ALL you South Islanders—this is what we do at NITE. Get yourselves going and enjoy SITE 2025 ???!!!

ENJOY—after all, NITE is all about getting together and having fun with our horses.

FOXTON is one of those nice little towns that we mostly drive through on the way to somewhere else -usually Wellington.

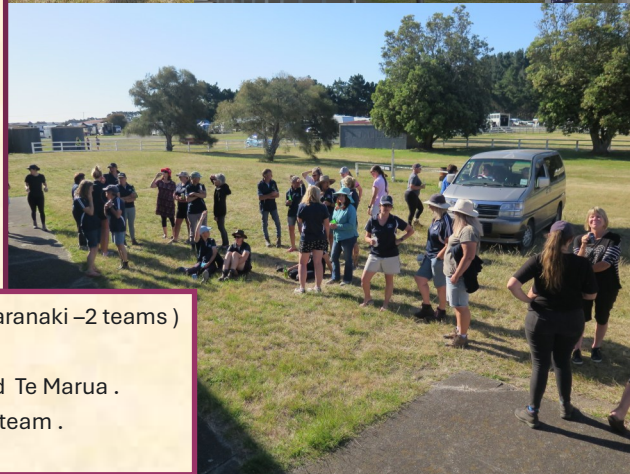
It is famous in NZ for its windmill.

Locals told me it's a good place to live.

Foxton Racecourse is on the northern outskirts of town. Some of the racecourse buildings are looking a bit tired and old, but the showers and loos were modernised and clean. Our venue was right beside the course, but separate from it -and well setup as a horse competition venue, with ample yards and facilities, including covered yards.



NITE started with the usual Friday evening Team Welcome, briefing and a run through of the Riding Club Mount course with two very capable Working Equitation members who made it look super easy.



This year, there were 13 teams from 8 clubs. They came from Coastal (Taranaki—2 teams) and Twin City (Hawkes Bay—1 team) down to Wellington.

Hosts Kapiti fielded 3 teams, 2 teams each came from nearby Oroua and Te Marua. Wanganui, Manawatu (Saddle Up) and Le Trec (Wellington) each had 1 team.

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RIDING CLUB MOUNT

This obstacle course phase is compulsory at NITE . This year there was the option for ALL team members to ride , if they wished—with the best 4 scores to count . The course looked deceptively straightforward . It was good to see a course where riders could show how well they could complete an obstacle , though the guinea pig riders from a local Working Equitation Group made it look far too easy .They showed us a quite nifty way to negotiate a rope gate as a pair together—and several rider pairs choose to do it their way (as in photo right). Riding the course in pairs rewarded good teamwork , but I was surprised that many seemed to struggle with riding a good canter figure of 8 .



3 of the 5 Riding Club Mount obstacles :

ABOVE—the rope gate - Kapiti Girls on Fire

LEFT— the bridge - Wanganui Queens of the NITE

BELOW— the pick-up and carry - Twin City—the Survivors



Thanks to Manawatu Saddle Up Club for organising this phase , and to the Working Equitation Group's guinea Pig Riders



North Island Teams Event 2025 - Riding Club Mount Results

Hosted by Kapiti Riding Club at Foxton Racecourse



Team Name	Riding Club	Rider 1	Rider 2	Rider 3	Rider 4	Rider 5	Rider 6	Team Presentatio	Penalties	Team Results	
		Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score		Total	Placing
Oroua Mumbai Dream Fac	Oroua Riding Club	63	62	61	56	63	0	9.5		258.5	6
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	58	61	60	60	28	58	8		0	13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	67	66	65	63	59	63	8		269	2
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	59	64	69	67	0	0	9		268	3
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	55	44	53	66	0	0	9		227	11
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Clu	62	60	59	66	48	42	7		254	8
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	61	51	52	38	0	0	8.5		210.5	12
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	69	62	69	69	66	68	9		284	1
Wicked witches of the Wes	Coastal Adult Riding Club	63	54	65	60	60	0	9		257	7
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	52	66	65	64	63	0	8		266	4
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	39	52	67	65	33	60	8.5		252.5	9
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	61	67	66	62	0	0	8		264	5
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	47	67	46	60	52	0	9		235	10

247 Eliminated

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NITE Riders from Le Trec (Wellington) showing the precision & creativity that won them the Quadrille phase and the Trophy for Artistic Presentation with their "Alice" themed quadrille

- very impressive , well done .

QUADRILLES



▲ **Oroua Mumbai Dream Factory** set the tone and the standard—they rode first and came in 2nd with a really creative theme and stunning costumes

The Survivors from Twin City (Hawkes Bay) with a very apt theme and costumes—told a great story for 3rd place

▼ **Kapiti Winging It**—were in very military formation to Top Gun music for 6th

▲ **Wicked Witches of the West** were from Coastal ARC – Taranaki. They placed 5th . Their faces were very suitably green !!!



For many at NITE the Quadrille is the star phase.

Most team practise / prep is about the quadrille , and several teams gave a polished display with a clever theme .

These are my personal notes - intended as impartial comment , not criticism— I KNOW how much work it takes to put a quadrille together .

-gold stencils look good on any colour horse . Several teams custom made and very effectively used stencils on horse rumps .

-1 amazing piece of music can work well . Some teams used several pieces of music that fit their theme well .Take care that the music doesn't sound "bitsy".

- some teams had a simple , effective and clever theme and costumes and music— this worked well for them , and was reflected in the results .

-Spectators thoroughly enjoyed ALL the quadrilles—comments were— awesome, impressive , incredible , cute .

-How many colours of pinto are there ? 1 team had 4 broken coloured horses—all a different colour !!! They rode Pintaloosa, Buckskin ,Chestnut and Grey Pintos .

- Thoroughbreds CAN DO ANYTHING—Sprinter of the Year START WONDERING won 11 races & \$700k . He was in a Coastal team and jumped with his friends !!!



Oroua Highwaymen were 4th with a very original finish

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Kapiti Girls on Fire— wore very bright FIRE costumes ►

Queens of the NITE rode a Priscilla theme .

They were from Wanganui ARC ▼



▲ **Missing Pieces** from Manawatu Saddle Up



Te Marua Black Nites rode a Shrek theme ▲



▲ **Kapiti Navigators** wore really stunning costumes with incredible details— I loved the hats and rosettes and stencils .
They were really good sports when some lost their way !!!



▲ **Rescue Me** from Coastal ARC-
Their “patient “ rode bareback

Te Marua White NITES ►



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QUADRILLE RESULTS

Thanks to judges Fay Flintoff & Wendy Flintoff-Baker— who donated the lovely new Quadrille Trophy in memory of founding member John Flintoff. This trophy is for the winners of the Quadrille or equivalent dressage-type phase. Thanks also to New Plymouth—who organised this phase .

Team Name	Riding Club	Appearance	Content of Programme	Performance	General Artistic Impression	Appearance	Content of Programme	Performance	General Artistic Impression	Penalties	Team Results	
		20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	40 Points	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	40 Points		Total	Placing
Oroua Mumbai Dream Fac	Oroua Riding Club	15	16	13	32	20	18	16	38		168	2
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	11.5	16	14	33	14	11	11	22		0	13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	15.5	16	10.5	30	17	11	11	22		133	9
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	16	16	11	28	18	9	9	21		128	11
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	14.5	15	12	31	18	17	18	33		158.5	3
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Clu	12.5	16	11	30.5	17	17	14	30		148	7
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	16.5	12	9.5	25	20	13	12	20		129	10
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	18	16.5	18.5	35	20	20	19	40		187	1
Wicked witches of the Wes	Coastal Adult Riding Club	14.5	16.5	13.5	33.5	15	15	14	32		154	5
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	13	15	12	30.5	20	17	16	34		157.5	4
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	16	17	11	32.5	14	17	15	28		150.5	6
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	9.5	10.5	10.5	27	12	12	11	20		112.5	12
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	12.5	16	13.5	33	13	14	16	30		148	7

132.5 Eliminated

45 Artistic Presentation Total

60.5 Artistic Presentation Total

49 1 Artistic Presentation Total

63 1 Artistic Presentation Total

Late on Saturday , the Mounted Games became quite fast and furious , with a lot of friendly rivalry - the whole idea being to have fun and enjoy the comradeship.

3 games were played :

- Housewife's Scurry—dropping an apple into a bucket then picking up and handing over an orange , a carrot and then an onion—which were all dropped into the bucket
- Bending
- Mug Shuffle where paper cups were picked up and placed on the top of a different bending pole

The games were fun for the riders to play , and for spectators to watch—but there was a lot of waiting around for action and running this phase needed lots of helpers on the ground to run it.



North Island Teams Event 2025 - Mounted Games Results

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Team Name	Riding Club	Bending		Mug Shuffle		Housewife's Scurry		Team Results	
		Time (Sec)	Placing	Time (Sec)	Placing	Time (Sec)	Placing	Total	Placing
Oroua Mumbai Dream Fac	Oroua Riding Club	201.03	7	61.97	6	228.94	7	20	7
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	201.14	13	66.44	13	377.78	13	39	13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	168.03	5	56.1	4	206.59	5	14	5
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	167.5	4	60.09	5	196.14	4	13	4
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	172.5	6	62.73	7	229.65	7	19	6
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Clu	147.57	2	55.13	3	153.6	1	6	2
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	370.97	13	81.63	11	209.03	6	30	9
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	150.35	3	53.49	1	176.84	3	7	3
Wicked witches of the Wes	Coastal Adult Riding Club	231.37	10	66.75	9	5940	13	32	10
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	144.6	1	53.94	2	157.34	2	5	1
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	255.63	11	90.38	13	290.04	11	35	12
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	292.81	12	81.66	12	231.47	9	33	11
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	209.04	9	70.71	10	288.04	10	29	8

6th equal so Bending result used to break tie

Eliminated

Eliminated in last game

TOP SCORE SHOW JUMPING

The Saturday night get together started with drinks & nibbles (thanks to NZRC Committee) - then a Burger Dinner was enjoyed by riders , supporters and organisers .

Nice to have such a large hall to use —plenty of room for all .

Sunday was the day for jumping—with the Showjumping competition a different choice of phase -Top Score Show Jumping , with ALL NITE combinations able to have a go if they wished . The best 4 scores for each team counted . This was popular initiative , with 7 teams starting 5 or 6 riders . Interestingly , the 5 top scoring teams all fielded 5 riders in this phase.

In Top Score , riders kept jumping until their 90 seconds was up .Each rider chose their own course out of 12 jumps of varying height and difficulty – with points to match . Each jump could be jumped twice only—and from either direction.

Courses ridden , jumps cleared and scores varied hugely , with team members urging their friends on at each jump.



Great to see Evelyn Cooper—
NITE stalwart for many years
and NZRC Life member .
With NZRC President
Denise Brown (right)

Great to see lots of people helping
pack up the show jumps ▲

North Island Teams Event 2025 - Top Score Results
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Team Name	Riding Club	Rider 1			Rider 2			Rider 3			Rider 4			Rider 5			Rider 6			Team Results		
		Score	Penalties	Total Score	Score	Penalties	Total Score	Score	Penalties	Total Score	Score	Penalties	Total Score	Score	Penalties	Total Score	Score	Penalties	Total Score	Total	Time	Placing
Oroua Mumbal Dream Fac	Oroua Riding Club	1120		1120	1510		1510	1100		1100	1080		1080	500		500	0		0	4810		1
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	1030		1030	760		760	740		740	1010		1010	940		940	680		680	0		13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	1140		1140	1070		1070	850		850	790		790	290		290	0		0	3850		5
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	1190		1190	470		470	570		570	1280		1280	0		0	0		0	3510		6
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	670		1200	670		1200	780		780	510		510	0		0	0		0	3160		8
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Club	740		740	230		230	1260		1260	1120		1120	0		0	0		0	3350		7
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	400		400	120		120	0		0	330		330	0		0	0		0	850		12
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	400		400	1350		1350	1060		1060	1410		1410	980		980	0		0	4800		2
Wicked witches of the Wes	Coastal Adult Riding Club	240		240	960		960	570		570	640		640	0		0	0		0	2410		11
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	810		810	810		810	1520		1520	720		720	990		990	0		0	4130		3
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	860		860	220		220	300		300	200		200	560		560	810		810	2530		10
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	1000		1000	160		160	1110		1110	280		280	0		0	0		0	2550		9
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	1260		1260	880		880	340		340	710		710	1110		1110	0		0	3960		4

3740 Eliminated

The Team Formation Jumping was great to watch and several teams had obviously been practising formation riding and jumping together, with some impressive displays of teamwork. The jumps were cute little 60cm wooden hurdles.

This phase is judged on how well the riders keep in place—with their team members.

It is quite a challenge to jump evenly apart in single file, then in pairs, and then 4 wide together.

Oroua Mumbai Dream Factory went first and just outscored Wanganui on the right.

Well ridden everyone.



Queens of the NITE from Wanganui were 2nd in this phase

The Survivors from Twin City RC included NZRC President Denise Green



Coastal ARC -Wicked Witches of the West—with retired racehorse Start Wondering (closest) showing how well he enjoys life after racing.



NITE 2025 - Team Formation Jumping Results

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Team Name	Riding Club	Jump Points	Senior Judges Points	Team Results	
		Score	Score	Total	Placing
Oroua Mumbai Dream Factory	Oroua Riding Club	240	204	445	1
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	240	64	0	13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	240	181	421	5
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	240	174	414	6
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	240	186	426	4
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Club	240	204	444	2
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	100	85	185	12
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	240	168	408	7
Wicked witches of the West	Coastal Adult Riding Club	185	127	312	10
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	240	199	439	3
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	200	123	323	9
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	160	99	259	11
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	240	119	359	8

Working together as a team

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304 Eliminated

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North Island Teams Event 2025 - Overall Results

Hosted by Kapiti Riding Club at Foxton Racecourse



Team Name	Riding Club	Event 1		Event 2		Event 3		Day 1		Event 4		Event 5		Overall	
		Riding Club Mount		Quadrille		Mounted Games		Team Points		Top Score		Team Formation Jumping		Team Points	
		Score	Placing	Score	Placing	Score	Placing	Points	Placing	Score	Placing	Score	Placing	Points	Placing
Oroua Mumbai Dream Factory	Oroua Riding Club	258.5	6	168	2	20	7	15	3	4810	1	445	1	20	3
Te Marua white Nites	Te Marua Horse Club	0	13	0	13	39	13	39	13	0	13	0	13	78	13
Kapiti Girls on Fire	Kapiti Riding Club	269	2	133	9	14	5	16	4	3850	5	421	5	30	4
Rescue Me	Coastal Adult Riding Club	268	3	128	11	13	4	18	6	3510	6	414	6	36	6
The Survivors	Twin City Riding Club	227	11	158.5	3	19	6	20	7	3160	8	426	4	39	7
Queens of the NITE	Wanganui Adult Riding Club	254	8	148	8	6	2	17	5	3350	7	444	2	31	5
Kapiti Navigators	Kapiti Riding Club	210.5	12	129	10	30	9	31	12	850	12	185	12	67	12
Niteriders	Le Trec NZ Wellington	284	1	187	1	7	3	5	1	4800	2	408	7	15	1
Wicked witches of the West	Coastal Adult Riding Club	257	7	154	5	32	10	22	8	2410	11	312	10	51	9
Oroua Highwaymen	Oroua Riding Club	266	4	157.5	4	5	1	9	2	4130	3	439	3	17	2
Kapiti winging it	Kapiti Riding Club	252.5	9	150.5	6	35	12	27	10	2530	10	323	9	56	10
Missing pieces	Manawatu Saddleup	264	5	112.5	12	33	11	28	11	2550	9	259	11	59	11
Te Marua Black NITES	Te Marua Horse Club	235	10	148	7	29	8	25	9	3960	4	359	8	46	8

Here are the Overall Results .There are no equal placings . So in the Quadrille—Team 13 were 7th with more points for Artistic Presentation & Team 6 were 8th .

The White Nites had “an unfortunate hiccup” on Day1 which meant they were disqualified/ eliminated but they continued on with “ lots of learnings and plenty of great stuff!” (“ ”= quotes from the team via facebook)

Translation /Takeaway = READ the rules before you start– find them on the NZRC website



Special thanks to Kapiti Riding Club for hosting and organising a great NITE weekend in Foxton.

Kapiti RC got sponsorship from several Local firms—with some great prizes , including spot prizes. Thanks to sponsors – Toyo Tyres, Natural Habitats , Farnell Fencing , Deb Delaney , Ski Trading Post , Living Rural Supplies Depot, Dunstan Feeds, Farmlands Otaki, R J Kerr Ttd., Tack Up Levin , Body Fix Gym , Agar Accounting .

Huge thanks to all helpers , hosts , riders , judges and spectators—for making NITE 2025 a fantastic event and weekend for all involved .

WELL DONE

We all know that NITE is about joining in , being there and having fun together .

▲ The OVERALL Winners Le TREC Niteriders

Oroua Riding Club were **2nd** with their **Oroua Highwaymen** and **3rd** with their other team the **Oroua Mumbai Dream Factory**
4th place went to **Kapiti Girls on Fire**



On behalf of Le TREC NZ Wellington we want to say a big thank you to the [New Zealand Riding Clubs](#) and Kapiti Riding Club for organising NITE 2025 at Foxton Racecourse. The event was much enjoyed by our team and was so well organised and so much FUN too. Also a big thank you to all the kind helpers and sponsors who supported NITE and for our prize of bags of feed ... much appreciated for sure. We are now pleased to confirm that NITE 2026 will be held at Clareville, Wairarapa A&P grounds on 10 /11th January as the venue has been confirmed—from Facebook