

# Saddlebags

## UP COMING EVENTS

- ♦ JAN 27th - trail ride  
Kowen Forest
- ♦ FEB 16th - BRC  
Country Park Classic -  
Dressage Competition
- ♦ MAR 2nd -  
Eventing (jumping and  
Cross County) clinic  
with Fiona Gruen for  
beginners/nervous  
riders
- ♦ MAR 1st/ 2nd -  
Combined BRC/MARC  
eventing clinic with  
Carlene Barton at  
Bungendore  
Showgrounds

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## BUNGENDORE RIDING CLUB

NUMBER 1 2014

## Presidents Message

By Helen Locke

Happy new year everyone!

I was lucky enough to be able to attend all the rally days in the latter part of 2013. They were all low key training days that I found enormous fun and stress free. A brief summary of what we did is provided later in the newsletter. Hope you are all practising your dressage in preparation for the Classic! I would like to welcome Fiona Simmonds as our new events co-ordinator and I am sure there will lots more fun to be had in 2014 — including training with a mechanical cow! And of course a huge thank you to our recently retired (well earned I must say) events co-ordinator, Anna McAuliffe. We wish Anna all the best in pursuing her passion for eventing. Our next activity is a trail ride on 27 January led by myself! The registration form is now on the website so please let me know if you are coming and I look forward to seeing you.

### BRC Country Park Dressage Classic!

Sunday 16th February 2014  
at Bungendore Showground

Entry details soon!

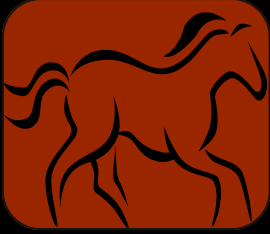
The new website is now  
live and up and running!

Website : [www.mybrc.net](http://www.mybrc.net)



Find us on  
Facebook

The screenshot shows the Bungendore Riding Club website. At the top is the club name and a navigation menu with links for Home, Membership, What's On, Events, Newsletter, Forum, Sponsors, Links, Contact, and Governance. Below the menu is a large photo of a rider on a grey horse in an outdoor arena. Underneath the photo are three columns of news items: 'MEMBERSHIP' with a 'More info' button, 'NEXT -' listing upcoming events like a Committee Meeting and a Trail Ride, and 'SPONSORS' with a 'More info' button. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'FROM THE PRESIDENT.....' featuring a photo of a woman and a short message, and 'WHAT'S NEW?' with a quote from a member about the website's revamp.



## Events Coordinator Introduction

By Fiona Simmonds

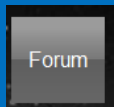
I have just moved to Tarago after a number of years in Far North Queensland where my riding consisted of galloping around cane fields and swimming in rivers, in between trying to keep the Qld itch at bay! In a big change of pace from my previous job I have just started work at HQJOC as a Meteorologist. I have 3 well travelled horses (2 Arab, 1 QHx) who are going to get the shock of their lives when I ask them to do some "real work". We don't excel at anything but I like to have a go at everything with them and I am looking forward to making the most of the wide range of opportunities we have down here. One area of particular interest for me is Large Animal Emergency Rescue and I hope to get the training programs for this running locally over the coming year. I have lots of ideas for events and training days and somehow ended up on the committee! I look forward to getting to know you all and if you have any ideas or requests for activities/training/events send them my way!

### CONTACT BRC

New email  
address:  
[2mybrc@gmail.com](mailto:2mybrc@gmail.com)

BRC now has a  
Forum!

Check it out at  
the new website



## July rally day - Debbie Dixon dressage

The quality of the venue was matched only by the quality of Debbie's tuition. In the depths of winter a covered sheltered arena with sun streaming in is the place to be riding! Debbie has a lifetime of experience with horses and has a real passion for teaching. When not riding there was plenty of time to sit in the sun and relax and watch and learn from the other lessons and of course have a good chat with fellow riders. Thanks to Debbie and we hope she will agree to do another clinic in 2014.



# Sporting Day August Rally Day

[STARCC]

A great day set up and run by our Vice President Laurene, this was a stress free “have a go” day of sporting and mounted games and was enjoyed by all. We did flags, bending races, barrels, bounce pony and keyhole in the morning and mounted games in the afternoon. Many thanks to Laurene.

**18th May  
2014**

STARCC is a combined competition for all the local adult riding clubs.



**Marion Kilby on Jeremy**



**Rebecca Gaukroger on Jordan**

The ACT Government has published a comprehensive booklet on managing horses in a bushfire. It is highly recommended reading. Here is the link to the website

[http://esa.act.gov.au/  
community-information/  
bushfires/horses-and-  
bushfire/](http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/bushfires/horses-and-bushfire/)

## HENDRA UPDATE!



The Equestrian Australia (EA) Board met on 27 October 2013 and resolved to move towards a mandatory vaccination policy, with a target implementation date of **1 July 2014**.

## Kate Fenner WEQ - September rally day

15 riders experienced some of the obstacles you will meet in a working equitation test. The sessions were of 2 hours each and Kate set up a barrel race, a “bridge” (ie a blue tarp) and poles that we had to side pass over as well as a “gate” that had to be backed through. This last one proved tricky for quite a few riders. Kate told us all these obstacles had been purchased very cheaply from Bunnings so there was no excuse for us not to go home and practice! All in all, an enjoyable and interesting day. It is hoped WEQ will be part of the STARCC competition next year.

## Dressage protocol and pre jump and lunging training – October rally day

This was a busy day with about 15 members coming along to try the different activities. A few people with new horses or on their first outing with the Club had come along to do the lunging but also ended up joining in with the pre jump training with Keith Churchill. Thanks to Keith for setting up a course of poles that we rode to music – at times there were horses going in all directions as we negotiated our way around the course trying to stay in formation but it was lots of fun. I discovered my horse Elvis loves the music – I am sure he was trotting along in time at one stage. The dressage protocol was very popular with Leanne Quick kept busy judging tests for most of the day. As usual Leanne’s judging was positive and encouraging with some good insights into how to improve your test. I thought Leanne was spot –on in her comments on my 2 tests and has given me some goals (more rhythm and forward, not so abrupt down transitions). Thanks to Leanne and her daughter Sammi who pencilled for

Leanne.



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**About BRC**

BRC is a fun, social and educational adult riding club providing a range of experiences to riders and horses of all levels of ability. Our members vary from beginners, ex-pony clubbers; adults returning to riding and adults who compete in Open Events regularly. Our members have different Equine interests ranging from Dressage, Jumping and Horse Trials/Eventing; to Trail, Sporting and Pleasure.

We organise qualified local and visiting instructors to instruct members in an informal, fun and relaxed environment. Dress is casual and we do have a range of Club clothing for those members wishing to purchase, but it is not compulsory. We are an EA affiliated club and the safety of our members and their horses is paramount - we expect our members to participate in accordance with our Code of Conduct.

**BRC Events Calendar 2014**

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- **MAR 23rd - BRC Training day**
- **APR 25th/26th - South Coast Overnight Trail ride**
- **APR 27th - **Kale & Hardwicke** Eventing Clinic**
- **MAY?? - BRC Training day - TBA**
- **MAY 18th -STARCC (Southern Tablelands Adult Riding Club Comp)**
- **1st JUN - BRC ODE**
- **JUN?? - Trail ride - TBA**
- **JUL 27th - **Debbie Dixon** Winter Indoor**
- **AUG 24th - BRC Training day**
- **SEPT 28th - BRC Training day**
- **OCT 26th - BRC Training day**
- **NOV 23rd - BRC Training day**
- **NOV?? - BRC 10 year reunion details TBC**

