

GRAFTON RIDING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER & RALLY DAY NOTICES February 2014

35 riders attended the rally day held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 at Hawthorne Park, which was a wonderful start to the year ahead.

Welcome to the good roll up of new members who joined on the day – we have a good programme of events coming up for all our members – please come along and take part in the activities. Remember, if you can't bring a horse to ride on the day, come on in for a cuppa and watch the activities,

A big thank you to the members who helped out on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb for the User Group working bee at Hawthorne Park - Norma Steven, Lyn Green and Judy B cleaned out the clubhouse to have it looking neat and tidy for the rally day on Sunday . Thanks also to Ralph Connors for cooking the sausages for lunch on Sunday and Norma for her assistance with the domestic chores connected with getting lunch for a big crowd of members and their families.

Our Instructors on the day, Barbara Jones and Jenny Edwards coped admirably with the large number of members on this day – our thanks to Barbara and Jenny for giving their time to assist our members.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February is our T Shirt Hack Day** with Beginners Ring, Ponies and Galloway Ring - and Hack Ring. Entries \$3.00 per class with \$5.00 ground fee per competitor. Canteen available. 9am start. Competitors must be member of EA or

GRC, GRC day membership available for \$10.00. Please come along and support your club on this day

Entries for the Dressage Competition to be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Remember, this will be our first Dressage Comp under the new rules and regulations as decided by Equestrian Australia. New tests apply to all levels, and the new tests will be available for riders on our Hack Day - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. All the tests are also posted on our website.

### Dates for 2014

16 February	T Shirt Hack Day
2 March	Dressage Competition. Entries close Wed 12/2/14
6 April	Annie Creighton – Groundwork + jumping Wendy Bruszewski – Dressage,
4 May	Rally Day – Maxine Brooks instructing
31 May	Day 1 of 2 x day adult riding clinic – details later
1 June	Day 2 of 2 x day adult riding clinic – details later
5 July -	Dressage Championships
6 July	Dressage Championships
3 August	Rally Day
24 August	T Shirt Hack Day
7 September	Rally Day
12 October	Rally Day
2 November	Dressage comp T Shirt

Details of our next rally day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April with Annie Creighton and Wendy Bruszewski will be published in our next newsletter - ,hopefully out in early March 2014. Due to the increased number of riders turning up to our rally days, we will need to obtain more information on booking in – e.g. age and experience of rider, size of horse or pony etc so we are better able to put similarly experienced riders and mounts in each group, so that in turn it is easier for our Instructors to cope with a group lesson.

Keep riding – look forward to seeing you all at the Hack Day on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 and Dressage Comp on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014.