

~ Grafton Riding Club ~
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January February 2017 Newsletter

Committee

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The AGM was held on Sunday 20th November 2016 followed by a xmas BBQ lunch which were both well attended.

Your new club President is Stacey Williamson (daughter of Sonia George). Stacey has been involved with horses all her life, growing up she attended Glen Innes and Grafton Pony Club and a member of Grafton Riding Club. Her 9 year old daughter has started riding, and so Stacey has become a horse mum who wants to be actively involved in the club. Stacey's professional knowledge and experience will be a huge benefit to the club. She currently works as a Contracts Officer for the Pacific Highway Upgrade. Stacey is committed to encouraging and promoting the club.



Jill McKeown has taken on the role of Vice President, Sonia George as Secretary and Public Officer, Lee Ann Brown re-elected as Treasurer.

Sub Committee's were also elected for co-ordination of club activities and events for Dressage, Hack Shows and Training Days.

Communication to your committee is through the clubs email address; graftonridingclub@gmail.com

The presentation of **Annual Club awards for 2016** were awarded to:

Junior Dressage - Olivia Hall; Senior Dressage – Raylee Nelson;
Encouragement – Meshelle Hall; Clubmanship – Braydon Muddle

Life memberships were also awarded to long time active members of the club:

Wendy Bruszewski, Sloane Scott and Judy Baldwin

Grafton Riding Club 2017 Calendar of Club Events

17 th January	General Meeting
5 th February	T-shirt Hack Day
21 st February	General Meeting
4 th March	Tshirt Dressage Competition
5 th March	Official/Participant Dressage Competition
21 st March	General Meeting
2 nd April	Training Day
18 th April	General Meeting
7 th May	Training Day
16 th May	General Meeting
3 rd June	Dressage Judges Clinic
4 th June	Dressage Training Protocol Day
20 th June	General Meeting
1 st & 2 nd July	Official/Participant Dressage Championships
18 th July	General Meeting
6 th August	Training Day
15 th August	General Meeting
2 nd & 3 rd September	All Breeds Show
19 th September	General Meeting
8 th October	Tshirt Hack Show
17 th October	General Meeting
5 th November	Tshirt Jacaranda Dressage Competition
19 th November	AGM and Xmas Party

Club general meetings are held on third Tues of every month at Sth Services Club. Some people meet prior to meeting to have dinner from 6pm. All club members are welcome at meetings.

Information regarding contact for training days and programs for events will be sent out by email or in Newsletter and be available from the clubs Website www.graftonridingclub.org and Facebook page.





Club Member Rachael Clarke competed at the NSW State Dressage Championships in the Open section of the Novice classes. Romeo is a horse they bred and only 5yo so they are extremely proud! They finished mid field against many beautiful imported horses but just to be down there, part of that level of competition and not too far from the placings was amazing. Competing at this level has certainly sparked Rachael's enthusiasm to qualify and go back to try again next year. 😊

Agistment available a short drive from Coutts Crossing
please contact Joan van den Ende Mob: 0418793040

EA Statement - Helmet Standard


The Equestrian Australia Helmet Standard has changed. As at 1 January 2017 helmets with the EN1384 standard will not be permitted under EA’s General Regulations. As per the EA General Regulations, Equestrian Australia highly recommends the use of helmets that conform to Australian Standard AS/NZS 3838, as this standard provides for more stringent testing and further periodic retesting.

As of 1st Jan 2017

	 PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA	 EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA
VG1	✓	✓
ASTM F1163	✓	✓
AS/NZS3838	✓	✓
EN1384	Only acceptable for helmets made up to and including 2015	During 2016 only – not permitted from 2017
PAS 015	✓	✓

*These standards are for the national bodies and local regulators may have their own variation.

Your helmet may no longer meet the required safety standard. As an EA affiliated club we will be required to comply with this regulation at club competition and outing days. In accordance with EA rules you must wear a helmet that meets the required standards for if there were to be an accident your coverage as a member may not be valid for insurance purposes.



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From 1st January there are also substantial changes to the rules for Dressage and the summary of these available from Equestrian Australia Website is attached.



The club wishes to thank our major sponsor Mitavite for their generous support throughout 2016 and their ongoing support for all events. If members would like to discuss nutritional requirements for their horses then please contact Mitavite for more information on products that would be best for your horse. Contact **Mitavite** on 1800-025-487.

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Most communication within the club about events and meetings occurs through members attending monthly meetings or by the Newsletter, Facebook, Website and email. If you do not have access to the internet then please let us know and we'll send newsletters to you by mail.

Grafton Riding Club Website:
www.graftonridingclub.org

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