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October-November 2016 Newsletter

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The final few events for 2016 for the club are the Tshirt Hack Day on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct and Tshirt Dressage Day on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Programs available on [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au) and club website.

If you can spare any time to help out for either or both events please contact one of the committee it would be much appreciated. Communication to your committee is through the clubs email address; [graftonridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:graftonridingclub@gmail.com)

All volunteers at the GRC Comps go into a draw for a prize from one of our sponsors.

Last club event for the year will be the Xmas outing day on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov and more information will be available closer to that date and sent out by email.

The second All Breeds Hack Show was held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August and was well attended with numbers being up on last year. Results to also be available soon on website.

Club general meetings are held on third Tues of every month and the next two meetings are 18<sup>th</sup> Oct and 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.30pm at Sth Services Club. Some meet prior to meeting to have tea from 6pm. All club members are welcome at meetings.

We were successful in gaining a small grant from Equestrian Australia towards Club Development and activities that will help grow and strengthen our club. For the Nov Tshirt Dressage Day we are offering the members discounted entry rate to members of the North Coast Equestrian Club and Pony Club members. Proof of membership is to be provided at time of entry and is uploaded into nominate. This event is also themed to coincide with the Jacaranda Festival so wear your purple shirt and or saddle cloth to join in the spirit of the festival.

Member Mariah Hall has recently given birth to a baby girl and the club sends our congratulations to Mariah, Zac and their families. 😊

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/news/member-feedback-needed>

Are you a member of Equestrian Australia? Please take the time to complete the members survey (link above) to assist in development of equestrian sport. Our club has been successful in gaining funds from the EA over the past two years to hold Dressage Judges Seminars and Workshops and for club development. Several new introductory level dressage judges are now accredited in our region thanks to their support. Accredited judges and officials are essential to enable clubs to hold events.

## Passion, Commitment, Love. Does this sound like someone you know?

Barastoc believe in helping young riders follow their dreams, so they are offering 12 young riders the opportunity to become part of our team and join our Barastoc Junior Riders Squad. Every month they will announce a new winner. If you are not successful this time, don't worry, your application will be kept, so there is no need to apply for a second time.

Throughout the competition period, you're welcome to try and get the judges attention on Facebook or Instagram by showing your [#juniorsquadspirit](#) by posting photos of yourself and your horse and using the competition hashtags [#BarastocJuniorSquad](#) [#JuniorSquadSpirit](#).

If you haven't already, apply today <http://www.barastochorse.com.au/juniorsquad/>

## EA Statement - Helmet Standard

Equestrian Australia can advise that Helmet Standard EN1384 will remain effective until 31 December 2016. In addition, a new standard **VG1** has been added to the General Regulations effective immediately. As of 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 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 your riding helmet may no longer meet the required safety standard. This means that 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.

Did you know that there is now a rule in dressage that a noseband cannot be too tight? The Australian Dressage Committee have issued a statement that: The Australian Dressage Committee (ADC) wishes to reiterate that welfare of the horse is paramount in all that it does, whether developing rules for the sport or in training of its dressage stewards and judges – an active on-going program. Nosebands that are too tightly fitted, regardless of type are never acceptable. The International standard for the testing of the fitting of nosebands is the two finger test. The Equestrian Australia Dressage Rulebook clearly illustrates this test. Its implementation is part of the education process for stewards and judges. At the request of a steward or judge a rider must loosen the noseband A noseband that is too tight will adversely affect the harmony of the horse's performance in a dressage test and the results will be reflected in the judges scoring of that test.

**\*\*\*\* HELP NEEDED\*\*\*\***

We need helpers for the TShirt Hack day and Dressage day.  
Hack day coordinator: Jill McKeown **0418677238**  
Dressage day coordinator Wendy Bruszewski **0457526790**



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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**Remaining Club Dates for 2016**

October 9<sup>th</sup> Training Day- flat riding – contact Sonia or Jill  
October 16<sup>th</sup> TShirt Hack Day  
November 6<sup>th</sup> Jacaranda T-Shirt Dressage Day  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Training Day Christmas Break Up



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.



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