



# YARRAMBAT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

JUNE NEWSLETTER





# HI MEMBERS,

May is always a busy month at pony club and one of my favorites, as it provides opportunities for our riders to participate in team events. We kicked off the month with the NMZ Yeringberg Teams Event where 3 Yarrambat teams proudly represented our club. A very big thank you to the following riders who stepped up to the challenge and so eagerly volunteered to be part of a team:

Rosie Brocksopp, Gabby Page, Michaela Page, Destinee Stubbs, Takiyah Lowe, Amelia and Abigail Ryan, Rose Stephen, Jessica Flynn & Ciara Hanlon.

Hats off to these riders and their families who also mastered our club duties for this event, packing up the cross country course in record time and with plenty of laughs. Big thanks also to Teha and Tamika who made a special trip up (trailer in tow) to help us out with duties – lovely gesture of support!

Both the State Horse Trials for our Grade 1 and 2 riders and the State Interzone Horse Trials for our Grade 3 and 4 riders were held in May at PCAV Park in Gladysdale. This year, we only had 2 riders representing our club in the grade 1 and 2 event and unfortunately Eloise Barton had to withdraw due to an injury to her horse. When competing at Grade 1 level, it is important that our horses are in optimum condition, so well done to Eloise for putting Bubby first and taking the safe option. Disappointing, but we're sure this dynamic duo will be back next year! Well done to Edward and Tad, who excelled in the grade 2 section to bring home 6th place in the State, a brilliant effort!

Two riders also proudly represented our club and Zone in the Interzone Championship. Congratulations to Gabby Page and Takiyah Lowe who were selected in one of our Zone teams and came a very impressive 3rd place in the State!

We finished up the month with another great team event which saw us bring 3 teams to compete at the Interzone Games event also held at Gladysdale. Some brilliant weather helped make this day a fun day for all, with loads of impressive results. Great to see our young games enthusiasts, the Baby Bats putting in an awesome effort, our Stingers bring home 5th place and our die hard Bats take out 2nd place in a hotly contested battle!

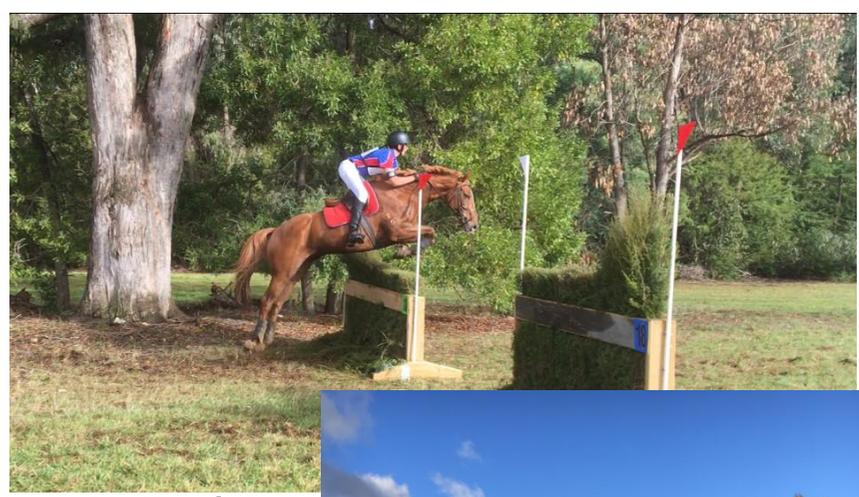
So pleasing to see lots of YHPC riders participating across these events with some great results and we particularly love the team spirit and camaraderie abounding at these events.

Cheers, Sinead

# OUT & ABOUT



Well done to all the riders who participated in the NMZ Team horse trials, although we may have not been successful on the score board we certainly showed the best club sprit.



Edward cruising around the State horse Trials course to receive 6th place in a very tough class.

Well done to Gabby and Takiyah whose team received 3rd place at the Interzone Horse Trials.



Great job Rose, having a very successful day at Ballan Showjumping.



Abbey doing an amazing job at Whittlesea CT placing 4th!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Yarra Glen Dressage Day

15th/16th July Bacchus Marsh HT

16th July Langwarrin HT

23rd July YHPC Showjumping

YHPC Showjumping is coming up soon so Andrea and Teha will be seeking members to nominate their preferred duty at the rally on Sunday.



Alice coming 1st and Ashley coming 2nd at Whittlesea CT, great job girls!!!!

## DUTIES

Please remember we are all volunteers, so we rely on everyone pitching in to ensure the rally runs smoothly. Both Duties begin at 9:30 am.

If you are rostered on and cannot make it, you are responsible to find a replacement.

### Canteen

Constantini/Pearson (Team Leader)

Yob/McLeish

Tozer

Young

Zaccagnini

### Set up/Pack Up

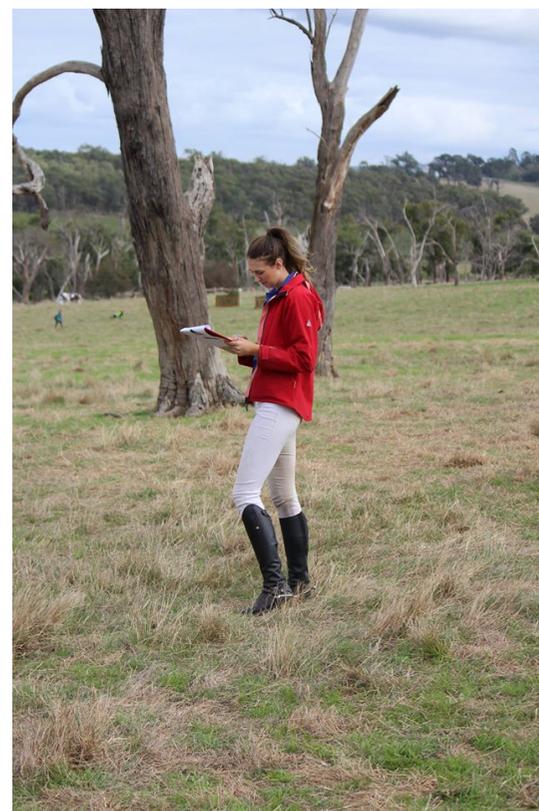
James (Team Leader)

Warrior

Ryan

Darby

TBA



Members doing a great job helping out with our Zone duties.





Tamika and her new boy, Froggy

## A WORD ABOUT RALLY GROUPS...

Members are instructed in groups based on the ability of the horse and rider combination. Grading and grouping is not an exact science and often riders' abilities can vary across the disciplines.

With this in mind, we work very hard to ensure that our riders are placed in groups that allow the group to operate at a similar level where everyone can learn, be challenged and enjoy the rally. We ask parents and riders to remain positive and encouraging when someone is having a tough day.



## YHPC SHOWJUMPING DAY

Entries are now open for YHPC Showjumping on [www.eventsecretary.com.au](http://www.eventsecretary.com.au), so make sure you get your entries in asap! All YHPC families are asked to complete a duty, so please ensure you see Andrea and Teha at this Rally to nominate your preferred duty.



Hannah & Kelsey at Kangaroo ground

## C CERTIFICATE

As advertised previously, C Certificate work will commence at the June rally.

At the time of writing, I am still waiting on quite a few riders to respond to emails sent to them regarding C Certificate, so if you are aged 12 and over and do not yet have your C Certificate, please contact me ASAP.

Please note that changes to groups will be made to accommodate riders completing their C Certificate. If your name is listed in one of the C Cert groups and you DO NOT wish to participate, or you already have your C Certificate, please contact before the rally.

A reminder that all riders aged 14 years and over MUST have achieved their C Certificate if they wish to compete in any event at STATE level, including games.

## HELMET AUDIT AT JUNE RALLY

To ensure that our riders helmets are in line with the 2017 requirements, we will be conducting an audit of rider's helmets at the rally on Sunday. Please bring your helmet in to the desk for checking when you sign in.

Please keep up to date with the PCAV rule changes for 2017. The link below details the 2017 rules and any new or updated rule is written in red.

<http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au/site/ponyclub/vic/downloads/Publications/Rules%20and%20Regulations/Gear%20Rules/Book%20-%20Gear%20Rules%202017.pdf>



# RIDER OF THE MONTH

## TAMIKA ALLEN

**Age**  
14 Years old

### Tell us a little about your horses

**Frog splash:** Froggy is an 8 year old OTTB, standing at 17hh. He was a steeplechase horse until 2014; afterwards he went to live at Wilky Park with Will Enzinger and Emily Anker. I then bought Froggy from them, and have owned him for 8 weeks, with the dream to pursue eventing with him.

**Don't Need Wings To Fly:** Macca is a very sensitive thoroughbred, and while he is only 16hh, his courage and skills are endless. He has lived many different lives before me, but at 17, still has many more years left to keep amazing me.

**Tayuri:** After being horribly abused as a foal, she has made her way into my family. While she cannot be ridden due to her scapula being broken from a fall, and one of her eyes being damaged, she loves attention. This is why I do liberty work with her, and she picks tricks up very easily, and seems to benefit from having someone to trust.

**Lady Alchemy:** Lady was a dream pony, and taught me many things, from bravery to patience. She gave me the real start into my passion for eventing. While her life was cut short at only 9 years, she will live in my heart forever. R.I.P



Tamika and Macca

### Other Information

#### Pets:

I own 2 dogs and 3 horses, Minti and Milo are twin black Labradors, who are 4 years old. Milo recently ate string and was in puppy hospital for a while after a 4 hour surgery. However he is back to normal, playing with his brother, and even eating horse poo (eww)

#### Hobbies/interests:

Outside of horse riding, I love spending time with all my friends, boxing, reading, photography, and using my leaf blower (yes that's a hobby). I aspire to become a psychologist when I am older as I love helping people to find their purpose and look for the positivity in their lives.

#### People I most admire:

I admire all the riders at Yarrambat. Everyone at the club is full of spirit, and is super supportive of each other. Each rider has their own style that works for them and the horse, and all riders care for their horses, and are considerate of all riders at the club.



Tamika and Lady Alchemy

### When and where did you start riding?

I began riding at Unicorn Valley Equestrian Centre when I was 10. There I was able to pick up the skills needed to own my first horse. 2 years after riding there, and having one of the riding school horses available for me to lease out, I bought my first horse, Eclipse. I owned Eclipse for just over a year, and in that time it's safe to say that he taught me how to stick in the saddle. As I progressed in my riding, and ambition, Eclipse and I began to differ in what we wanted out of each ride. Eclipse is now sold to a lovely family who take him out trail riding. As we were looking for a new horse, we came across Lady. We organised a time to meet her, and it was love at first sight. We clicked instantly, and my confidence on her went through the roof. During the purchase of her, we also had the fortunate opportunity to join Yarrambat Pony Club. During the year I was able to ride Lady, she taught me more than I could have asked for, and guided me through the competing/pony club experience. After the loss of Ally, we found Macca, who is the most sensitive soul on this planet, but will always try his heart out for you. He is very responsive, and will always jump whatever I point him at. We then purchased Froggy, and he is also willing to please, but doesn't quite know his job yet, so we are learning together. After an incident with pecking order and a fence, Macca is out of action, but I hope to bring him back into full work (4-6 times a week) very soon.

### Favourite discipline

With both of my horses, I love eventing, and hope to pursue it right to the top

### Biggest Influences:

I would have to say that my biggest idols in the horse industry are Will Enzinger, and my instructor Tonya Holdsworth-Rose. Will is such a talented and gentle rider, always making sure that the horse is comfortable and happy. He is also one of the most talented eventers, and I hope to one day ride at his ability. Tonya has been my instructor right from Eclipse, and looking back, I think I would still be eating dirt most rides if I didn't have her support. She has always been a great source of knowledge, and I never leave a lesson dissatisfied. She is also an extraordinarily talented rider, who knows how to help all riders progress. She is always spreading positive vibes into the world, and continues to be one of my favourite people to be around.

### Highlight of your riding so far:

I would call any time I am around my horses, a highlight of my riding career. I love spending time with all of my horses, whether it is watching them graze in the paddocks, hooning around tack-less, watching others ride, or flying around a cross country course, no day is poorly spent when I am with my horses.

### Goals:

My riding goal in the long term, is to compete at the Melbourne International 3 Day Event before I graduate high-school.