

Fassifern Horse & Pony Club



Newsletter JUNE 2011

Hard to believe we are already in June and this is Newsletter Number 4.

MUSTERS - We have been having some great musters - hope you are all enjoying them. We have had some beautiful weather and the kids especially have been amazing. We welcome our new members and hope they will enjoy their time with us – remember any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

DRESSAGE/COMBINED TRAINING DAY - Thanks to those few who showed up at the working bee on Saturday. Thankyou also to the members who came on Sunday to help out with the event. We were a little short on helpers from our own club and would have liked to have seen a few more members show up. Remember, when we hold a successful event, the benefit goes back to ALL members through the club. The profits from events we host and run help to subsidise the schools we hold – even sometimes pay for the whole thing such as the one held last month. My own personal thanks to my daughter Lauren for bringing Kaylee along to work in the canteen. As I was pencilling, and sick with the flu as well, she was a godsend.

DRESS CODE AT MUSTERS - We have had several discussions at meetings over the past few years as to suitable dress for musters. As a club we have a duty of care to all members in regard to Sun Safety. To this end, we strongly recommend that all riders wear a collared shirt with sleeves – preferably long. We understand that it can be difficult to get children to wear sun-safe clothes but feel it important that we all set an example for them. I am sure they will thank us in the future.

ARENA USE - Just a reminder that if you wish to use the Pony Club grounds when it is not a muster – you must register that use in the book on the verandah. If there is an incident while using the grounds, this also will need to be reported to one of the executive. This is an

insurance issue. At each meeting, we ratify the use of the Arena which means those members using it are authorised and therefore covered by our insurance.

CLEM SMITH CLINIC - 3rd July - contact Kerry Anderson if you are interested in attending.

We need to ask members to not park behind the loading ramp in front of the clubhouse as this is being used as a jump, and would hate to see one of the cars damaged – or the horse that runs into the car.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Well done to our members who attended Ipswich Show recently. Jess and Ellie Sommerlad, Katrina and Taryn Christensen and Lily Brown competing together resulted in Fassifern winning High Point Club!!! Excellent job girls.

INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER/PRE SCHOOL

Any of our instructors who are due to do a refresher or our trainees who need to attend a school – there will be one held on 24th/25th July. If you are able to attend, contact Melanie Fedrick to make sure you get your name in.

CONTACT NUMBERS - If you need to contact a member of the executive in regard to musters etc. we would ask that you ring President Barb Irving on 54635254 or 0414960049 or Chief Instructor Margaret Harvey on 54635228.

REGULAR MONTHLY REMINDER ON RULES....

Remember – all small children who are not riding must stay inside the clubhouse fence unless accompanied by a responsible older person.

If you wish to leave your group for any reason, you must talk to your instructor FIRST. When leaving a group WALK, do not trot or canter.

Riders must not get on their horse unless wearing their helmets.

If you are late to muster, please wait until you have been gear-checked before you join the group.

Please know that all members are able to use the arena at any time. However, we must ask that everyone sign the Arena Usage Book which is kept in the box on the wall up on the verandah. Please note that if you are using the arena, you must follow PCAQ rules as far as equipment goes e.g. helmet, boots, no western saddles etc. This is necessary because of our insurance. If you are not sure of the equipment rules, please ask.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th June. Please come along to have your say.
That is it for this month. ONCE AGAIN – SAFE AND HAPPY RIDING

