



June-July-August Newsletter

From your committee

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RIDE 2025



To register your official PWAS Awareness Ride
contact Passwideandslownz@gmail.com

PWAS WORLDWIDE RIDE 218

To register for our ride please use this jotform registration
<https://form.jotform.com/241648661294868>



From the Chair

This newsletter sees part of the old year, June and our AGM and sees in the new membership year, July and August.

At this point we particularly welcome the new members and all those who have renewed. New members include: Catherine Frost, Danielle Davidson, Dawn Morris, Diane Lintott, Francesca Crotty, Gus Benzie, Jacquie Saunders, Jenny-Lee Jorgenson, Karin Newport, Lisa Graham, Lisa Towey, Nicola Wilson, Robyn List, Sarah Hazelwood, Tina Knight, Traci Ellis, Sue King and Wendy Britton. [As at 24th August our membership stands at 85](#). Most exciting is the range of horse disciplines represented by these new members and the variety of places they come from.

Rallies continue to maintain good attendance from a range of members. **June** was led by Belinda Miller for Showjumping at Mt Grey. **July was our annual startup rally** led by Sophie Hargraeves with her saddle stand and myself who did a last minute stand-in for Coral Huggins on First Aid.



Hacknix have continued to develop in terms of numbers and drawing in new members to new venues. Our beach ride in June to Waikuku was rained off, Hororata in July had good attendance and our final one in this period, is a co-led on with Selwyn-Rakaia Riding Club. See reports on website.

Our AGM and Awards evening substituted for June speaker dinner and even if I say so myself a lovely evening. Details of awards further on. July was a standout with Jennifer Howard providing a star turn and model for longevity associated with riding. We are so grateful for this talk. Finally, in August Pam Poole is supporting horse life balance.

I have popped our Pass Wide and Slow event on our front page to remind you about one of our most important and educational rides of the year. We have two base rides. One from Mandeville (park at the Christchurch Western Riding Association grounds) and one with Kirsten Regos in Loburn.

Huge thanks to those who helped do the fence judging for Springston Pony Club. Inspiring. Funds from this will support the two day camp going forward into the next year.



The Mane Events 2025

September

Pass Wide and Slow NZ. Saturday

13th September. Two venues
<https://form.jotform.com/241648661294868>.

Rally - VDS Poles. Saturday 20th September

Mt Grey Downs Equestrian.
\$20 and pop Sept Rally in the bank reference please. .

October

11th October. Team Dressage Quest.

12th October. Freestyle Musicals. Level 0-3. Just added - Musical TEST of Choice for others.

See entries on Evo events

Big fundraiser for club so either help by entering or help out on day.
BBQ on Saturday night with product sponsorship from Harris Meats

Save the date for Events.

Saturday 13th December - Christmas Ribbon Day Kaiapoi Pony Club.
Entries out after South Island Teams event.

Treking - **Castleridge Station**. Thursday 8th January to Sunday 11th Jan.
20 only. Event on member only page.

October

South Island Teams Event. (SITE)

OUR TEAM

Congratulations to the following on their selection.

Kirsten Regos	Robyn Wakelin-Lewis
Belinda Thomas	Jenny Rouse
Tracey Bayer	Gwen Gilmore

- Saturday evening dinner \$40 - message Jenny if coming. Please pay WRC account by 20th September. REF SITE dinner

South Island Teams event

2025

Programme. Times and sessions may vary depending on circumstances.

Friday arrival	Drinks and nibbles with BBQ and salads supplied by Waimakariri Riding Club (WRC) BYO drinks			
Saturday 8.30 am to 10.00 25th October.		Organising club Waimakariri Riding Club/Good Britches RC		Organising club Aoraki Western Riding Club/ Strathallan Riding Club(s)
Break Dressage 10.20 to 1.00 tests		Dressage (Teams 1-7)		Riding Club Mount 6 teams (8, 9, 10 11, 12 & 13)
10-10.20				
		Dressage (8-13)		7 teams 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
Lunch	1 – 2.30pm			
2.30-4	Showcross /Christine Starting from 13 Christian Showcross 6 riders eligible	All teams in reverse order. backwards.....	2-4pm	Showjumping (6 riders) Roydvale/ North Otago -combined
Catered dinner at the Kaiapoi Pony Club room. Must be prepaid with entry. \$40 pp				
Sunday 26th October	Grey Valley Riding Club/ Tasman – Nelson RC			Equestrian Advocacy/Enter at A, X Menopause
8.30 to 10	Games (6 riders)	Teams 1-7	8.30 - 10	Trail ride (all riders – in pairs)
Break 10-10.30				Teams 8-13
10.30 -				
12am 12- 1.30		Teams 8-13		Teams 1-7
Shared lunch				
1.30pm prizegiving				

A brief guide to South Island Teams Event.

- Jenny Rouse and Robyn Wakelin Lewis are our team captains
- Sponsored by the NZ Riding Clubs and WRC are the host club
- Teams of riders, 6 in a team, navigate a dressage test, Riding Club mount, Showcross, Showjumping, Games and a Trail Ride (with a word find).
- Individual and overall prizes.
- A trophy, not awarded since 2018, will be presented to the winning team
- NZ Riding Club teams from Nelson, Greymouth, North Otago, South Canterbury and around Canterbury will participate
- We will need helpers for a) Friday set up (we are doing the dressage so arena set up) and are hosting a BBQ (will need some people on BBQ & salads). b) Sat BBQ lunch
- Saturday lunch BBQ and helper required please. Details closer to the time.



2025. 1st Annual Camp



Inaugural WRC Club Camp

November 14th - 16th 2025
Selwyn Equestrian Centre
126 Kivers Road, Burnham



A range of coaches, educational talks
and fun social events!
Numbers capped at 30 horses, one horse per person.
Registrations in September.



WRC CAMP
4pm 14 November - 4pm 16 November 2025
@ Selwyn Equestrian Centre

We are so excited to be organizing our first Waimak Riding Club camp. Planning is coming together nicely, so what should you expect? In keeping with our club ethos, it will be a weekend of learning, building friendships, and a good dose of fun.

Friday you will arrive from 4pm, settle your horse into its yard or stable or small paddock, share a potluck dinner, and spend the evening getting you and your horse familiar with the setting, ridden or inhand. Saturday and Sunday you can start the day with an invigorating fitness session tailored for the equestrian. Then the day is filled with a lesson each (similar to club rallies), and opportunities to learn from demonstrations. Topics like massaging your horse, working your horse inhand, float maintenance, and watching other people's lessons. Lunch and dinner are provided.

Saturday evening we also invite other club members or spouses along (\$30 each) for a bbq dinner, music entertainment and line dancing.

Camp will finish at 4pm Sunday, by which time you will be inspired and equipped to continue developing your riding further, and have deepened some friendships.

Camp spaces are limited to 30 riders with one horse each, and will cost \$200. If you don't currently have a horse to bring but want to come along to watch during the day we can work something out. let's talk.

CAMP REGISTRATIONS will be via a jotform that will be emailed on the 14th of September. Get excited!

Foundation Rider Magazine article

We've kept this under wraps but Foundation Rider have published an article on you and our lovely little club. Get your copy from wherever you can!

<https://www.thefoundationrider.co.nz/>



AGM Awards....

Norton Equestrian Most Improved Rider. Sponsored by Pam Norton Winner – Deb Woodrow

You were nominated by Andrea Marsden. Andrea noted the following. I would like to nominate Deb for the trophy for Individual Achievement. For a rider of just 3 years, she has gained an enormous amount of knowledge by attending all of our rallies, asking for advice and being open to any help anyone has given her. In that time she has gone on to lead Hacknix rides and be a reliable safe chaperone for the nervous riders and horses. I have to commend her for her commitment to becoming a better rider

Bombardier Trophy for Individual Achievement. Sponsored by Leanne Walker Winner – Kirsten Regos

Kirsten you were nominated by the committee for achievement. You have only been with us for six months and have joined in the club activities with gusto and enthusiasm. Your particular achievement was having the top dressage score at Pegasus.

Best Attendance Trophy . Sponsored by the Whyte Family Winner – Helen Bowler

Helen your attendance at rallies this year has been exemplary. You attended 11 rallies this year. Not only have you contributed in this way to our WRC you supported the club in other ways with your team dressage Quest, ribbon day and Pegasus Harris cup work.

Marsden Trophy for Sportsmanship Winner – Carla Moore

Carla your contribution to the spirit and purpose of the WRC shine through your engagement with our club. You have modelled and demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship as an excellent WRC member through quality of your engagement with people. You are always there when you can.

Best Turned Out Trophy Winner – Becky Speed

Becky you are always immaculate. Sky's tail and general turnout is an inspiration. Presentation isn't just about the horse. Becky is matchy-matchy to the core. Your attention to detail is much admired throughout the club

Chairperson's Choice Winner – Jenny Rouse

Jenny you are a fountain of knowledge, skills and kindness in our equine world. Your speaker-dinner talk about Endurance and CTR inspired several to take up the sport. You have always been available when you can for the speedy hacknix. Your posts are thoughtful and respectful. Thanks Jenny.



Members Enclosure Club Merchandise Orders

Kirsten Regos is your new club merchandise person. Order by emailing us your sizes etc, If you're not sure what size come to a rally or speaker-dinner and try or check our sizes. Elly is doing an easy to order and pay form so watch this space. Back printing logo add \$11



\$78



\$23



\$88



\$58



\$148



Fundraising

Meat raffles have finished so we need some other forms of fundraising. Given the budget and membership we think we will need to raise about another \$1000 give or take. Depends on entries to events, membership numbers and a few other things. We have a few ideas but they rely on members helping out.

Raffle. A large horse first aid kit. To be run over the **Team Dressage Quest, Freestyle Musical and SITE events**. We need someone to collate the kit please. If this person could also help put together Horse First Aid kits that would be fabulous. Email waimakridingclub@gmail.com if you could undertake this task please?

BBQ etc at SITE. We have acquired some excellent value sausages thanks to Robyn Wakelin-Lewis. We need some people to man the BBQ on Friday night (24th Oct) and Saturday (25th) lunchtime please. If you can help these days let us know by email please.

Members who cannot physically help at events will be asked to provide some home baking to sell

Car Boot Horse Gear Sale at SITE on Sunday 26th. People prepay \$10 to sell second hand horse gear from a preallocated area of the Kaiapoi Pony Club grounds (not being used)

Finances

Here's a summary of what's been achieved so far:

- **Xero:** Subscription upgraded successfully and added to the budget. I have also removed the 20+ something users who had access. Sue still has read only access in case I need to call on her!
- **Reregistration:** This is now complete! Woohoo we are compliant.
- **Tax:** I am working through the processes. I have applied to become Income Tax Exempt. I will then apply for a RWT Tax exemption and if possible, see if we can apply to be refunded previous RWT payments through BNZ.
- **Budgets:** A work in progress! But I have attached what I have managed so far.
- **Events & Structure:** Gwen and I have been working together to help me understand how things operate and are structured including the financial side of the club which is in turn helping me to understand better how the budgets are working and what everyone's roles are.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATUS

1. The opening balance for the Club on 18th July 2025 is \$5981.61 + \$509.55+ \$7931.85 = **\$14423.01 2** = BNZ accounts 00, 01 and 02.
2. Total income for the year so far is \$9,600.85+ \$1,176.28 = **\$10,777.13** (i.e. Trading Income + Other Income).
3. Total expenditure for the year so far is \$5,800.91 + \$ 2,239.60 = **\$8040.51** (i.e. Cost of Sales + Operating Expenses).



Committee Matters

Committee matters

The last of the meat raffles was won by Becky Speed. Wohoo. Most grateful to those who also contributed by taking your chances! That is the last of the meat raffles so we need another idea to raise about \$800 to \$1000. ***One suggestion is a large horse first aid kit for your float? Let us know if you think this is a good idea or you have other ideas please.***

Well done Elly Thomson on sorting out the final bit of paperwork to get ourselves incorporated under the new rules. This is worth celebrating and we are most appreciative of the time and thinking that goes into finalising these kind of applications.

Certificate of Incorporation

WAIMAKARIRI RIDING CLUB INCORPORATED

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NZBN: 9429051540319

This is to certify that WAIMAKARIRI RIDING CLUB INCORPORATED was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on the 16th day of August 2023 and was reregistered to become a society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 on 14th day of August 2025

A few changes in Committee roles

Our membership secretary Kym Murdoch has done a terrific job and seen the busiest time of year for membership (July and August) but her business is calling her time more and she is standing down from this role. Phillipa Gill is standing to one side in her role with uniforms and Kirsten Regos is taking over that role.

Karin Newport Karin is the club's new Membership Secretary. She moved from Queenstown to Rangiora at the end of last year and now keeps two horses at home: George, her 9-year-old Thoroughbred and main riding horse and dressage partner, and Vinnie, a 5-year-old St James horse who is semi-retired. Outside of horses, Karin has a background in software development and business, and she looks forward to using those skills to support the club and its members.

Other August meeting information

Subcommittee to be formed for Christmas Ribbon Day - 13th Dec

Super attendance at HARRS ROAD day despite inclement weather

Helper lists for various events to come out mid September when people know what they are doing and we have a better idea of entries

Thanks everyone for work and enthusiasm.