



Dec/Jan/Feb Newsletter

From your new committee

Gwen Gilmore	Chairperson
Hess Vertogen	Head Coach and Deputy chair
Sue Ruston	Treasurer
Ceciel Hughes	Minute secretary
Deb Woodrow	Rider Rep
Lynn Hodgson	Rider Rep
Phillipa Gill	Uniforms and club kit
Kym Murdoch	Membership secretary
Sharon Stewart	Funding and grants

To contact any committee member please use club email waimakriding@gmail.com with your query ref in the subject line.





From the Chair

We've had a delightful few rallies, hacknix and one dinner in the last three months. In addition we have gained some lovely new members so please welcome them. As at 16th Feb our membership stands at 73. Welcome Sonya McGill, Karen Krause, Anna Vaughan, Hannah Foor, Joanna Norswothy, Mandy Shuker, Sharon Templeton, Julie Upham, Lindsey Thoughgood, Adrienne Saunders and Mia Schiphorst. Most exciting is the range of horse disciplines represented by these new members and the variety of places they come from. The six month membership appears to have drawn in quite some additional membership for which we are very appreciative.

Straight after the very successful Team Dressage Quest and Freestyle Musical we had our annual ribbon day. Results further on. Suffice to say we had about 50 horses and ponies in the morning and afternoon and received great feedback from most on the running of the day, the way people interacted and managed to get to where they were supposed to! Fabulous sponsorship in each ring has meant not only was the cost of ribbons covered, competitors also received vouchers and goods for many classes. For further photos and details check out [page.....](#)

We had a lovely and lively Christmas Dinner at the super Mexican restaurant, Cantina, owned by Hess and Rob Vertogen (and others). Thanks for hosting us.

Rallies continue to maintain good attendance from a range of members. VDS poles, back although this time Mt Grey again, saw 24 people attend! Prospective new members rolled up so that was lovely. Good call on venue as the weather was somewhat variable. Games, despite the somewhat scary title, proved a surprise for some especially Deb Woodrow and Barney who found their thing!

We have become somewhat unlucky with Hacknix at Baynons and this year proved no different with a postponement again. Look at events to find out when we are trying again. However, the Grange proved a fab venue with all new members trying that out in January and February Hacknix is coming up.

No speaker dinners until end of February so will report on Emily Barton in the next newsletter.



The Mane Events

March 2025

Rally. Saturday 8th March at HARRIS Road. Dressage and prep for Pegasus-Harris Cup in April. Groups from 9.30. For everybody especially those wanting to represent the club at Rangiora on April 6th. \$20 per person

Hacknix. Friday 21st March. White Rock Loburn. 10.30 feet in stirrups.

Speaker - Dinner. Wednesday 26th March. 5.30. Sarah Elcomb 'How I became a horse Nerd'.

April 2025

Pegasus- Harris Cup at Rangiora Show Grounds.

Rally. Saturday 13th April. Working Equitation at Debbie Nelson's place on 622 Poyntz Road. Coach Vic Nelson. Cost \$20

Hacknix Either Waikuku or Woodend depending on tides.

Speaker-Dinner. Wednesday April 23rd. Speaker tbc

May 2025

Rally. Saturday 10th May. Bennington Park, 330 Bennetts Road, Cust.

Hacknix. Saturday 24th May. Either Woodend or Waikuku Beach ride. See Event for final decision

Speaker-Dinner. Wednesday May 28th. Marieke van den Enden

Save the date for Events later in the year. By this we mean pop in calendar for competing or volunteering at the event or helping on the committee. These are our major fundraisers for enabling the coaching to be realistic and affordable. Depending on budgets we may need to do more or other forms of fundraising. The **Meat Raffle** will support a two day club camp later in the year

Team Dressage Quest and Freestyle Musical 20th and 21st September. Not yet sure about two days but just in case.

South Island Teams Event. SITE. This event has not been run for some time and Gwen is the chair of the South Island wide event to be held at Kaiapoi pony club. Christine Christian has offered to be a club rep. Teams from Nelson, (2 teams), Blenheim, Grey Valley, Canterbury and Dunstan to date. Teams of six compete in 6 events comprising possibly; teams dressage, games, jumping, horse rider test and ? treasure hunt and CTR ride. Watch this space.



The Mane Events

Christmas Ribbon Day Results.

A year wouldn't be complete without a Christmas Ribbon Day for Waimakariri Riding Club! This year no exception. 50 horses and riders entered either the led classes in the morning and/or the afternoon ridden classes.

This year we had some exceptional ring sponsorship particularly from TS Architects and Saunders, Robinson and Brown who not only sponsored a Ring each they also sponsored the Championship and Reserve ribbons and beautiful halter sashes. North Canterbury EarthMoving also sponsored a beautiful garland you can see below with Tracey and Richie. Within each ring we also had wonderful vouchers for goods and services, bags of chaff from Greenacres StockFeed, bags of barley from Summerhill feeds. Each competitor also received a FMG hoof pick and gift pack when they registered! Finally, our Supreme Champion received a fabulous cup donated by our very own Helen Bowler who won the supreme last year.

Morning Led Classes. Pictured Supreme champion led Anna Hynes



Further results and details see the Waimakariri Riding Club [website](#)



Supreme Champion - Tracey Bayer and Richie



Various other winners



Members Enclosure Club Merchandise Orders



2025 Club Uniforms Puffers



\$105 **\$125**

SIZING TABLE

Womens Sizes:	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Mens Sizes:	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	5XL
1/2 chest (cm):	50.5	53	58	60.5	63	65.5	68	70.5	75.5

Sizes XXS - XS slightly tapered fit for women

Orders to waimakridingclub@gmail.com with subject line "Jackets"

Orders complete when we have 10 jackets
Payment to WRC account
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2025 Club Uniforms Soft Shells



\$75 **\$85**

Size	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
1/2 Chest	48	50.5	53	55.5	58	60.5	63	65.5	69.5	73.5

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Phillipa Gill is your club merchandise order person. Email club as per instructions and the secretary forward your order to her. Thanks Phillipa



2025 Club Uniforms Eclipse Hybrid



\$145

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

J132M MENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
GARMENT 1/2 CHEST (CM)	59.5	61.5	63.5	65.5	67.5	72	81
J132L WOMENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL		
GARMENT 1/2 CHEST (CM)	51.5	55	58.5	62	65.5		

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2024 Club Uniforms Rival Polo



\$55

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

P705MS MENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL			
GARMENT 1/2 CHEST (CM)	52	54.5	57	59.5	63	70	77			
P705LS WOMENS MODERN FIT	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
GARMENT 1/2 CHEST (CM)	43	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58	61	64	67

Orders to waimakridingclub@gmail.com with subject line "Club Shirts"
Order deadline 1st November
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Members Matters

Pegasus- Harris Cup

Sunday 6th April at Rangiora Showgrounds.

WRC's teams for the Harris Pegasus Trophy are:

‘Double D’s’ – Harris Trophy (i.e. dressage only)

- Christine Christian – Level 1
- Kym Murdoch – Level 2
- Helen Bowler – Level 3
- Tracey Jacqueline – Prix Caprilli

**‘Fifty Shades of Neigh – Harris Pegasus Trophy
(i.e. dressage + obstacles/jumps)**

Jill Newman – Level 1
Kirsten Regos – Level 2
Sue Ruston – Level 3
Becky Speed – Prix Caprilli
Reserve – Sandy Houston.

Come along and support your teams! The Harris cup team compete in two dressage tests. The Harris-Pegasus Trophy riders compete in two dressage tests and obstacles/jumps...

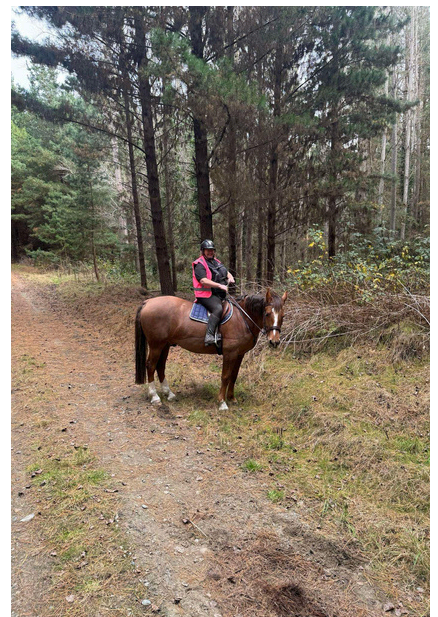


Member Advertising Wanted and for sale

I am looking for a lease horse! Happy, safe and sound is a big ask, but I have a beautiful and loving place in my home paddock for a suitable boy or girl. Happy, low key rider that doodles around at Baynons, and attends local rallies looking for what you might have hiding in your back paddock. Sadly I have had to semi retire my horse. He will still be about in hand, but I need to still get my leg over preferably weekly! I am 47 and have been involved with horses since the age of 5. I have the necessary skills, and references to guarantee. I am a slow and steady kinda woman, and looking for a similar type for horse for lease. Sensible is the most important attribute. Something semi retired for riding and pampering would be great, but open to anything at the quieter end of the market. I can offer a five star home with large paddocks, shelter, grass - or very little depending, wash area, tie ups, shade and support. I grow my own hay and my horses regularly see their lovely horse professionals for teeth, feet, willy, body and whatever else needs attention. Live on site too. Must be 15 hh plus and chonky or bigger and finer is fine. I am taller and curvy. No preferences on breed for the right steed. Anyway contact me on 0211087015 or moorecarla30@gmail.com or of course via the riding club.



Carla also has
some lovely
grazing
available so
contact her if
interested.





Committee information

Or who are they?

Sue Ruston - Treasurer

In January 2025 I became WRC's trusty Treasurer, with awesome support from Sharon Stewart. In short, my role is to ensure that the club's finances are well-organized, transparent, and in good standing. I joined WRC in 2024. The club's vision ("to support the ongoing development of riding skills in the community") really resonated for me and I have been super impressed with the activities and support provided by the club.

I ride a lovely cross-bred, called Haken. We have a go at most disciplines. I particularly love learning dressage and working equitation skills. He has taught me a lot, we have a great time together, and we share a passion for a good take-out coffee (see photo). My other horse is Albi. Albi is the boss in the paddock and shows off for visitors.



Ceciel Hughes - Minute secretary



Isn't this a lovely club. I've been thinking about clubs I have belonged to in my brief 54 years of life so far. Pony Club as a teenager was fabulous. Pony Club as a parent was more challenging to navigate. Then there's been other sports clubs and years of involvement in various Christian churches. Not that they are clubs as such but still a way of connecting with other like-minded people. And that's what WRC is all about for me; connecting with people. These days the horses are a bonus but people are where it's at for me. My horse, while just a bonus, brings me much joy. He is a 9yo 16.2hh Blue Roan from Gisborne. Predictably called Blue, he possesses a very special mustache. Have a look when you meet him. Happy sports clubbing.



Committee Matters

Your new committee

Our next meeting is 19th March so if you have an item you want discussed approach your rider rep (Deb or Lynn) or myself please? At the moment we are considering our animal/horse welfare policy, updating our health and safety policy (thanks to Sue Ruston), schedule of overall events and doing some budgeting and annual planning!

We are conscious most of our fund raising atm is via events with some contributions in the form of membership fees. I have initiated **the meat raffle**. 60 tickets per draw and hopefully our **first draw by end of Feb**. We should make between 200 and 250 per meat pack. Please sell to your friends and relatives if you can! We have eight to sell!



Waimakariri Riding Club

\$100 worth of Meat. Including range of steak cuts, sausages and mince.

\$5.00 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Only 60 tickets per draw
Draw independent of club once all tickets sold.

Want to participate? Just email waimakridingclub@gmail.com with your first and last name and the number of tickets you want. We will email you the bank account name and number. Once paid we will send you the random numbers you have been allocated!

There will be eight draws

Funds go towards a two day club camp later in 2025.

www.waimakariridingclub.com

Save the Date - AGM - Wednesday June 25th at the Rangiora Spitfire starting 6.30 with our Annual awards. **If you received a cup or trophy last year please get it back to the current committee for processing for the AGM and awards evening!**