



Hello everyone,

I hope you are all out riding and enjoying our lovely autumn weather?
(Ok it might be a little bit chilly!)

I would like to let everyone know that the Zone Games Flat and Musical Ride competition we hosted at Bacchus Marsh went off without a hitch. I would like to thank all the families who gave up their time to help this day run successfully. We even made a profit in the canteen. Thank you to Gina and her helpers. Just a little warning to people who use their sat nav to get to Bacchus Marsh Pony Club.... **Don't** unless you want to end up driving around the countryside. Poor Gina and Osman found this out the hard way. I think they ended up near Elcho Park as there is a glitch in the system. Caroline Shirra told me last years State competitors ended up at a little reserve in the middle of nowhere....

For those of you who don't know, all our teams placed on the day. Musical Ride came third, Ballan Games came fourth and our Composite Games team came sixth. I am so very proud of all our riders, they all did a wonderful job! We also learned that Phil Josephs has a future ahead of him in costume design. He now has his own Spotlight card and he loves glitter!!!! Go Phil.

I also wish to remind everyone that our Show Jumping day is fast approaching. It is going to be held on Sunday 31st of May. Monique is busy working on the program and it looks to be a fun day. For those of you who can help with this event please come and see either Monique or myself. We have plenty of the usual jobs that need doing including canteen, set up, and gear check.

I would also like to remind everyone that it is membership time again. I attended the Barwon Zone meeting on Wednesday; they would like us to have our strength returns in by May 15th this year. For those of you who do not know, a strength return is a list of financial members of our Club. It was noted at the meeting that those riders who are competing and need to have their new cards by 1st July, should fill in their membership forms and pay their PCAV part of the membership at our May rally. For those riders who don't need their cards back by 1st July, you have until the June rally to do your membership renewal. Please remember that both the PCAV fees and the Ballan Pony Club fees must be paid at the June rally. We will have membership forms at the May rally to fill in during the day.

The 2015 PCAV fees are listed below

PONY CLUB VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP FEES		
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	2015-2016 EARLY BIRD on or before 30 JUN 2015	2015-2016 NORMAL 1 JUL 2015 - 31 DEC 2016
JUNIOR RIDER	\$125	\$130
SENIOR RIDER (Associate/Adult)	\$145	\$150
VOLUNTEER/SUPPORTER All volunteers must be registered with PCAV State Office	FREE	FREE
LIFE MEMBERS All volunteers must be registered with PCAV State Office	FREE	FREE

Our Club fees will be determined by the Committee before the May rally. I don't foresee a big fee jump (if any) from last year's fees.

Ballan Pony Club Fees

Joining Fee: (subject to amendment annually at AGM)

1 rider \$ 150.00

2 riders per family \$ 140.00

3 riders per family \$ 130.00

I look forward to seeing you all at the May rally. **Please remember if you aren't coming let me know.**

Katrina