

## Diary dates in brief

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- 26 Painting evening with Melda
- 30th AGM

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- 10 Rally, Waikanae Park

### September

- 14 Dressage and Showjumping competition

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# Kapiti Riding Club



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## Pain and Pleasure

I have to admit that this month I didn't attend the Riding Club meeting. I was moping. Another day, another lame horse and another occasion when I wasn't able to ride. I was feeling sorry for myself and asking why couldn't it be me that had a sound horse.

But that got me thinking. Why do we ride?

I know so many people who like me are experiencing the pain of horse ownership. Lot of expense, heartache and very little pleasure. Lame horses, broken horses, escaping horses, those who have suffered colic and those that have back problems. I am sure if we took a straw poll, every member has had some experience of one ailment or another. Then I know of many who have broken themselves, fallen off, bucked off, reared off, shied off, bolted with their horse or plain dumped. Broken bones, bruises the size of African continents and tales to tell.

Science would tell you that serotonin or endorphins are responsible for giving us pleasure when we ride. But I want to believe it's something else. It's working with a partner who could leave. It's the feeling of being 'free'..not being a mother, wife, housekeeper or employee. It's about losing all your anxiety the moment you are greeted with a whiny, nudge or snort. It's about feedback, that feeling you get when it's all going well. The excitement of taking part, no matter the result. Whatever it is for you...enjoy.

"Food feeds my body, but my horse feeds my soul."

"Sometimes good things fall apart, so that better things can fall together."

Happy reading.....Sam,

## KRC Events

### July

26th - Back by popular demand - Water colour painting night with Melda Gibson.

7pm at Nicky Robinson's, 55 Kensington Drive, Peka Peka.

You can have a go at painting an A4 size water colour picture of your horse's head (or dog or whatever).

You need to bring an A4 size copy (photocopy) of a picture that you wish to paint and a pencil and rubber. Everything else will be supplied. Cost is \$10 with the club subsidising \$5.

BYO refreshments.

### 30th KRC AGM

Waikanae pony club meeting rooms. 7:30pm

BYO Plate and something to drink.

### August

10th – Rally at Waikanae Park 10am instructors are Melda and Natalie

### September

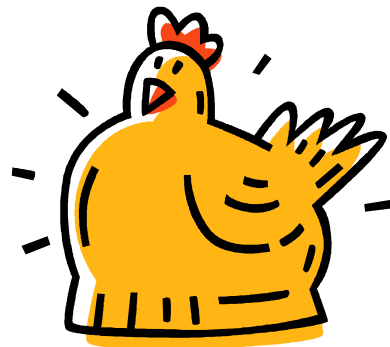
14th – KRC Dressage and Showjumping Competition

Please ensure that all trophies are returned at the AGM or prior

### Silly chook award

We are looking for nominees for the silly chook award.

If you have a good story to share then please get in touch with Sandra or Val.



## Events

### **New routine!**

Recent rallies have brought great numbers of club members along, which is fantastic to see. An increase in numbers also provides the need for more structure, to ensure that everyone gets the most from the day.

Firstly the club is responding to the increase in participation and ensuring that future rallies will have an increase in the number of instructors available.

9:30am Rally set up. New faces are desperately needed to help support the events.

Let the Rally organiser you are there for the event. They will be wearing a hi-vis vest. See if you are needed to help out before tacking up!

Listen out for the bell which will indicate the start of the event. This will happen promptly at 10am

The end time for the rally will be 12 noon.

## **What's on...**

### **JULY**

**20 Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day**

**26 Wanganui Show Hunter Series**

**27 Wanganui Winter Series**

**Sunday 27th July (close 23 July) Tielcy Park, Show Hunter Series, Winter 2014**

### **AUGUST**

**17th - Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day**

**17th (close 13 August) Tielcy Park, Show Hunter Series, Winter 2014**

**24 Moutoa PC Spring Show**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**21 Waikanae PC Spring Show**

**21 (close 18 September) Tielcy Park, Show Hunter Series, Winter 2014**

### Reminders.

Don't forget to phone **0223 104788** if you are worried that an event will be cancelled due to weather conditions. The latest there will be a message is 8.30am on the day.

Please clean up all horse poo, hay and rubbish from around your float/truck and pathways as well as from all weather arena and surrounding area. Please take it home with you until a better solution is sorted out  
We welcome members bringing new people along. They can come to 3 rallies but then they must decide if they want to join.

### Using Waikanae Cross Country course

KRC members can use Waikanae Cross Country course for schooling their **own** horses. It cannot be used to school other people's horses, or to take non-members over the course.

If you would like to use the course, please phone Heather McCaffrey on 022 152 1775 and let her know your preferred time and day.

### CLASSIFIEDS

Vehicle for sale:

Was a company car so has been mechanically well looked after. Super reliable. Ford Fairmont with Limited Slip dif, rear wheel drive. Never gets stuck and great for towing. 1996, High kms but had a rebuilt motor in tidy condition. Comes with 6 months W.O.F. and Rego. \$2,500.

Selling on behalf.

Please call owner on 021 02354118 -Tim Hunt

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### Thoroughbred Horse Float for Sale

Good condition. Has brakes, central partition with stallion guard, hardwood floor covered with Milford Resinform (a rubber seal layer), solid back bars with option of a single full width back bar if wanting to travel 1 horse with more space. It has been kept in a shed when not in use. Tows well. Has current registration & WOF.

The main structure & sides were re built about 14 years ago and the coupling replaced about 5 years ago. New brakes (discs, pads & master cylinder) were installed in Oct 2013( I have receipts for this work). Though this float has its first registration as 1983 it is effectively a lot newer than this as most of it has been rebuilt or parts replaced.

**Price now reduced to \$5900**

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