

## Diary dates in brief

### March

- **15th** Groundwork and riding rally
- **27th** (Friday) Beach ride

### April

- **1st**, Meeting
- **12th** Rally

### May

- **17th** CLOSED RIBBON DAY!!!

# Kapiti Riding Club



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## Hi Ho...A HOY we go!

It won't be long now before everyone is shopped out at HOY. Facebook is full of excitement and chatter around the event, and I am sure most horsey households are compiling shopping lists of 'must buy' items! Never mind the 'can't resist' bargains that will be there to tempt us all!

Hopefully Cyclone Pam will have fizzled out and there won't be too many soggy bottoms from sitting around in the rain...either way, the event will go on and it will still provide everyone with a complete immersion into everything horsey.

We have some fabulous members competing too;

Robyn Murphy, Nicola Robinson, Erin Tandy. Sam Seibre, Julie Wylie Parkinson

Karen Trotter and Sharon Dixon.

Good luck to you all and I can't wait to write up results in the next newsletter.

Finally I thought you might need these shopping tips I picked up horsey article;

Horse rugs. Why do we always need another one? What does this one do that the other 76 don't do?

A bucket that costs 99c at Bunnings will cost \$10 at a horsey shop.

Wheelbarrows. I can now tell the difference between a good one & a bad one. A good one has a low centre of gravity. A bad one falls over as soon as a horse so much as farts near it.

Enjoy and happy reading

Sam,

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## **KRC Events**

### **March**

15th Sunday March

Waikanae arenas , in-hand work with Ken Alexander instructing us. You will need halter or bridle, and a dressage whip

Also Jane Lenaghan will be demonstrating lunging, so bring your lunging gear and have ago.

Bring a bite to eat and we will paint some poles if people available after rally.

If anyone has old paint at home, bring it along, and a paint brush :)

27th Friday March

Beach ride. Leaving from ' Peka Peka gap'

Meeting there at 6:30pm, we will be ridding to Waimea Cafe.

Have a cider or refreshment of your choice, relax and chat, then ride home with the aid of the moon light:)

We did this ride last year, and everyone had a fab time.

If you can't make 6:30pm, it won't matter if you ride to catch up a tad later :)

Bring your own shopping bag Incase your horse does a poop at cafe, we need to pick up, but I'm sure we will find a loving tree on our return ride that could do with a little feeding:)

### **April**

1st Wednesday April, Meeting at Gail McMyler's House (Arcus Road, Te Horo)

Would be great to see more new and old members at the meeting, we are hungry for new ideas....help support your club, we have amazing member numbers, so we must have loads of fresh ideas out there!

See you at the meeting girls and guys:)

12th Sunday April

Rally at Waikanae arenas instructors yet to be confirmed

### **May**

17th Sunday May

CLOSED RIBBON DAY!!!

It's going to be exciting, team work involved... Perhaps... Challengers....always....fun.... Definatly!!!

## 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...**

**Battle Hill Eventing's dates for the 2014-15 season have been confirmed. For your diaries:**

**Spring ODE - Sunday 23 November 2014**

- **Training Day - Sunday 30 November**
- **Training Day - Saturday 27 December**
- **Training Day - Sunday 11 January 2015**
- **Training Day - Sunday 22 February**

**Autumn ODE - Sunday 29 March**

### **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.

### **Report on talk presented by Stuart Kilminster from KCDC.**

Last Weds Stuart spoke to KRC about bridleways in the Kapiti area. We learnt about some new tracks available eg Skyline Track east of Paraparaumu. Trail maps will become available on KCDC website when it can be organised. Stuart supports access to riding areas where possible. We are so lucky to have the trails and beach available to us and the possibility of more in the future. We thank Stuart for an interesting evening.

Ruth Haliday is the person to address any concerns to and she will also update us on developments very soon. She is the equestrian rep on the KCDC Advisory Group.

**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.

At the rallies can ALL members take part in helping put out and put away. We understand that some people have genuine reasons for not being able to help and members understand, but it would be nice to have other members help out at other times.

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.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**For Sale**

Zilco Enforcer winter cover 4ft 9ins

very little use \$100

Centeur GP saddle Black, fully mounted \$250

Cover rack holds 6 covers \$80

Shires long rubber riding boots, size 39 \$20

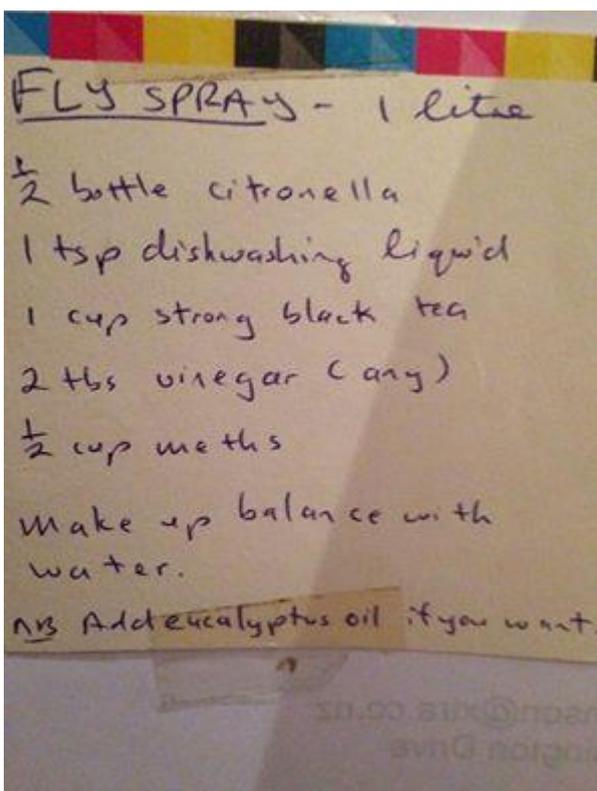
Gold horses head stock pin \$10

Shires black girth 52in new \$20

Black leather Bridle Cob size imported UK \$60

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A very warm welcome to

**Suzanne Kenny**

**Alison Law**

our latest KRC members

The following was recently published in New Zealand Horse Network;

### **Kapiti, and Wellington Regional Parks**

And now for some great news. Kapiti, is already setting itself up as one of the top horse-friendly regions. The active horse community in Wellington, and Kapiti have been working with Council, and with other agencies to influence Councils for better horse riding.

Ruth Halliday is the Bridleways' Rep on a Kapiti District Council Cycling, Walking and Bridleways Advisory Group (CWB Advisory). She produced a survey, which has been presented to Council, along with a number of recommendations for future actions.

You can see this document here ;

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzZNmfHdIovRcHdEZFBCc2c0TINPY3IjZEIHS28IaUZCNzFR/view?pli=1>

You may also like to read this ;

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzZNmfHdIovRRk80bnktTUFsV3lhOU5FTG9zb0IhemEwaTdB/view?pli=1>

There is also another keen rider, researcher and advocate called Beth Reille, working on opening up historic bridleways and stock routes in and around the Belmont area. I've now introduced these two fantastic people to one another, and look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Perhaps we'll all have to move to Kapiti!

### **Apologies;**

HUGE apologies for missing results from the first newsletter of 2015

Well done to Robyn Murphy and Lorraine Patmore who competed in December at the Levin Sports Day

Lorraine Patmore riding Zephyr was placed at 'Champton'

Robyn Murphy riding The Spoken Word was placed as 'Reserve Champion and most points'