

MARCH NEWSLETTER
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WARRINGAH DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

- **Keep an eye out for entry for April comp on Website NOW.**
- **Interested in helping? Mum's and Dad's welcome—no experience necessary!**
- New gear check area to stay for next competition.
- **PONY Official** classes introduced for April.
- **BRIDLE** numbers are here to stay.
- Join by 30 June to be eligible for Members Championships in September.
- Join NOW for point score at next comp.
- Thanks to all our Judges—JAlice Hofler, Louise Neill, Emma Cartland, Anne Lucas, Sue Birch, Kira Maguire, BJ Stuert, Karen Barker.

Welcome to our March newsletter!

Thank you to all our willing helpers for our February competition. We were very lucky with the weather making for a relaxed smooth day for competitors. We are always looking for extra helpers on the day. Please consider volunteering, even if only for 1 hour.

Special thanks must go to Andrew Gunn who stepped forward to help Jenny Mortimer with the scoring, staying all day! Thanks also to Louise Neill whose fast fingers kept everything on track.

Please keep an eye out for any DPI changes. At time of writing we are now listed as green zone. Check for next comp what is required by logging onto their website.

On another note, our membership needs a little boosting—with the advent of EI our numbers are lower than normal. Please encourage all your riding buddies to join! Don't forget to be eligible for point score you must be member and help out at our competitions. Don't forget to sign the helpers book at the clubhouse! **You must be a financial member by the day of the competition to accrue points for that competition...**

BRIDLE numbers have now been introduced for Official classes. This is a requirement from the EFA— Kindly ensure that you have your bridle number attached to either your bridle or saddlecloth. Remember you do not need to present to the judge if you have a bridle number but make sure that the number is clearly visible. Remember to ride IN FRONT of the judges car prior to your test! It is recommended but not compulsory that for associate classes, bridle numbers be worn.

The new gear check area won acclaim from some and not so from others! We are currently trialing new ideas, if you feel strongly about something we are doing well or not so well, there will be a note book at the clubhouse to vent your spleen or heap praise upon! Our committee work hard behind the scenes to ensure a successful day so please be polite!

We had a few unfortunate incidents that were observed in the warm up area. *Cruelty to horses will not be tolerated under any circumstances.* Deliberate harsh pulling hands is cruel and does not make for a soft round horse as is telling a junior rider whose pony is out of control 'to sort it out' endangers other riders and spectators. Safety first! As a result of these observations WDA have decided to have a ground marshal to ensure such acts do not occur again.

Interested in sponsoring or know of a business who might be? Please see Robyn Gleeson or Rebecca Zumbo—we would love to increase our list of sponsors.

April competition will see the return of the coffee van man—Hugh, he will stay a little longer next time, so make sure you keep ordering coffee, tea, hot chocolate etc.

Thanks to Killara Scouts for the BBQ. April comp will see Bec's hubby—Dom and pals do a wicked BBQ with a few extras— Support for the BBQ is helping support your club!

Congratulations to our place getters—see the results on website. The point score is also being published on website.

Good luck to all our competitors for next comp. Hope to see you there and happy riding!