

MARION RIDING CLUB

◆ Fun, relaxed environment, welcoming all ages & abilities

◆ Working Equitation: obstacles, dressage, pole/grid work, training, competitions

◆ Experienced trainers, free help & advice

◆ 100 acres of beautiful natural trails, escorted rides

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Shepherds Hill Recreation Park Ayliffes Road St Marys SA 5042 since 1970

President: Leanne Keeley Secretary: Kristie Tilbrook Treasurer: Kate Merritt

2022 in retrospect

2021 and 2022 have been great for the Club. The place has had a face lift, has new members & new life. We have a great committee, a friendly social group where everyone does a job. We would welcome new faces, why not join us?

Our 2022 achievements:

- Promoting a new sport

We are the first Club in SA to offer Working Equitation competitions. Why Working Equitation?

It encompasses all of the basic skills of good horsemanship:

- ✚ The balance & suppleness of dressage, the thrill of speed events, the skill set of a working Stock Horse
- ✚ Training happens naturally, with purpose & variety
- ✚ It's suitable for any type of horse – judged on relaxation & harmony
- ✚ The obstacles prepare horses for calmer & safer ride outs
- ✚ It creates confidence & partnership
- ✚ It's fun!

It offers everything that Pony Club & Riding Club offer, with a fresh slant. It can be done by complete beginners (in a led class) and there is a pathway for the more serious riders to go national, even international.

- Welcoming new members

People have come from as far south as Encounter Bay, as far north as Lewiston, and from the hills (Lobethal & beyond)

- We installed a new environmentally friendly boundary fence & 6 fantastic safe yards



- We ran several very well attended working bees to clean out our club rooms and sort (& sell) old gear
- We made new equipment & new obstacles
- We ran Come’N’Try days, Pole Clinics, Training Days, Trail rides, Dressage competition, 2 & 3 Phase Working Equitation competitions (generously supported by our major sponsor HORSELAND Adelaide)
- We had several well attended informal Discussion/Training nights at the pub
- 2 of our Committee took our equipment to Kadina to run & judge a Working Equitation Section at the Pony Club SA State Gymkhana
- One member of our Committee judged at an official ANWE 4 Phase competition in Victoria
- 1 Pony Club came to our grounds for a Working Eq Training Day
- Thanks to the support of MITCHAM COUNCIL, the most successful of all was our Morning Tea for Past members. This was well attended with a lot of enthusiasm to take it further and record past memories
- We granted a new LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Congratulations to Ruth Flaherty.



Not bad for a small club.

2023 - Our aims:

- To build our membership
- To encourage more people to try Working Equitation
- To raise *significant* funds to resurface the existing (currently unusable) dressage arena
- To complete our History project of recording memories, the history of the club, the many fascinating individuals involved & their successes & the history of the Park in relation to horses. Did you know 4 South Australian Olympic riders have ridden/trained at the grounds?

How can you help

- Be part of our Club - come along to our days (calendar on website & Facebook or we can post you one), bake a cake, sit at the desk, help put out equipment...
- Be part of our History Project (contact Helen M: 0414881606)
- Spread the word – encourage your friends to support the club & come along
- Become a **Supporter Member** if you don't ride (or encourage your friends to)
- Donate to our Arena Fund!

SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP

A great way to be part of the Club if you don't want to ride
Your contribution helps us provide better facilities

\$20 one-off payment increases our membership (that helps us get grants)
keeps you up to date, attend our days
(maybe help out – we would love it if you could volunteer an hour or 2)



CLUB PATRON: Ms Di Bartlett

Di has had a lifetime with horses. She has judged dressage, hacks, breeds, turnout, hunters, & harness. She was involved with Pony Club, RDA & EA, bred Warmbloods & used to prepare Police Greys for parade. Known for her desire to help young riders, with a keen interest in improving horsemanship, Di felt that Working Equitation fitted with her philosophy of teaching riders to have more educated control of their horses, and as such has been a major contributor to the Club, for which we are extremely grateful.



We welcome new members. Those who may just like to give it a try can choose Day Membership. Inexperienced riders and young horses are given utmost consideration.

We welcome your feedback & comments



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