

**February 2019**

# NARC NEWS

NORTHERN ADULT RIDING CLUB

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**ALL BOOKINGS  
VIA THE WEBSITE**

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### **FEBRUARY, 2019**

**February 23-24** 2 day Camp at Harveydale - See page 5 below

### **MARCH, 2019**

**March 14** Agility Practice Day – Nan Catmur - See page 6 below

**March 16** Agility Practice Day – Nan Catmur- See page 6 below

**March 17** Agility Practice Day – Nan Catmur- See page 6 below

**March 28** Agility Practice Day – Nan Catmur- See page 6 below

**March 31** Rally – Edinburgh Park – See page 5-6 below

### **APRIL, 2019**

**April 28** Combined Training Day – See page 5-6 below

### **MAY, 2019**

**May 26** Rally at Westbury

### **JUNE, 2019**

**June 9** Navigation Ride – “Harveydale”, Birralee

**June 30** Rally

### **BOOKING PROCEDURE**

Bookings must be made via the website  
<http://www.northernadultridingclub.org.au>

You will receive an email acknowledgement of your booking.

Rally bookings close on the Tuesday before for rally. Other events close 4 days prior.

Fees are non-refundable after bookings close.

Membership must be current at time of booking or an Event Membership of \$15 is payable. Please have your membership number handy when you go to book.

## RALLY REPORT

January Rally

Aleysha Chapman

The January NARC rally was our first solo outing, and getting to this point hadn't been without set backs! A scary 'incident' on the highway in my new/pre loved float only a few weeks earlier, our 4wd breaking down a few days prior forced me to hire a ute, and this being my first time towing alone had made wondering if this whole 'owning a float' was worth the trouble! We managed to load up after a few attempts and arrived safely (with the help of my husband driving behind to re assure me that Irish was traveling calmly) Phew!

To provide some background, Irish John is my second OTT horse, (my first being a TB mare that I owned for a few years as a teen) and unlike riding a bike I very much feel I've had to re-learn how to be a horse owner all over again! Initially this big 17hh black 7 year old gelding would have me shaking with fear some mornings just saddling him up. He wouldn't let me ride away from other horses, some days he wouldn't stand still, he wouldn't let me load him in a float - he knew I was nervous and he called my bluff every time! Fast forward a few months and we attended our first adult riders in October. We were perfect candidates for Nan's settling in class and I felt we really overcame some huge challenges that day. He settled down after some ground work and we even had a little ride. Or maybe it was just me who needed settling down? Haha!

So for January's rally I had one very clear goal to achieve - to ride in the flat class and stop anticipating what could go wrong.

And we did it! I pushed that anxiety out of my mind and jumped straight on. As expected, Irish initially had a really good look around and 'gravitated' towards the closest horse he could find.

Our group got to work on bending, straightness, circles and figure 8's, and soon I forgot I used to be scared of his little antics. He suddenly stopped looking at everything and stopped gravitating to his nearest 4 legged companion. (I think I see a pattern developing here where if I chill out my horse chills out - who would have thought?!)

With this in mind we moved onto our second class (jumping) and we tackled a great straightness exercise. The exercise consisted of three raised trot poles, staggered and placed approx 6 meters apart, with the aim to jump them on the straightest line possible. This advanced to jumping two of the poles on a sharp diagonal, and finally cantering through the pattern. We also placed a big focus on our positions over the poles making sure we didn't lean too far forward. At the end of our lessons I felt 10x more confident even though I couldn't 100% nail the exercise. It's given us so many things to work on at home.

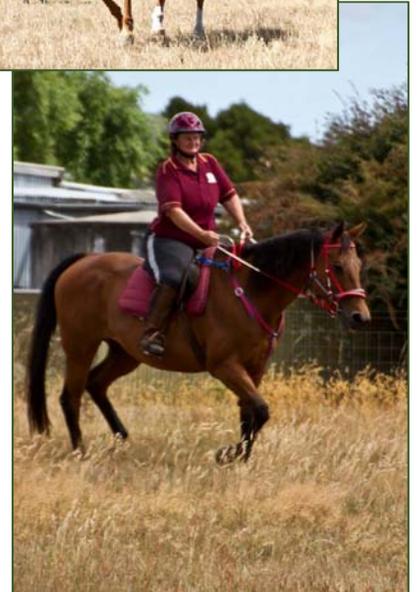
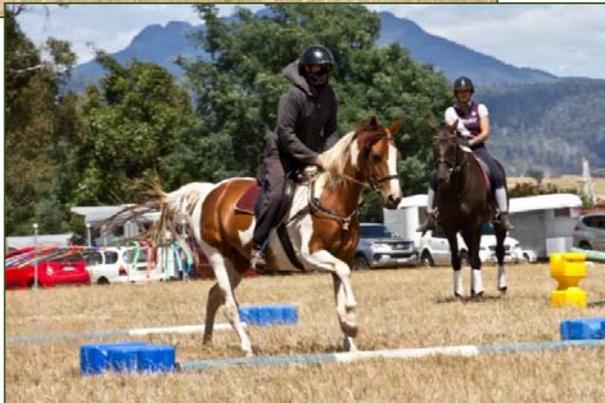
It was time to wrap the classes up and by this point I felt like I'd switched horses. My horse was chilled out, he was not fussed by the strong winds and we even snuck into the afternoon flat class to work on picking up correct canter leads. I couldn't wipe the smile off my face!

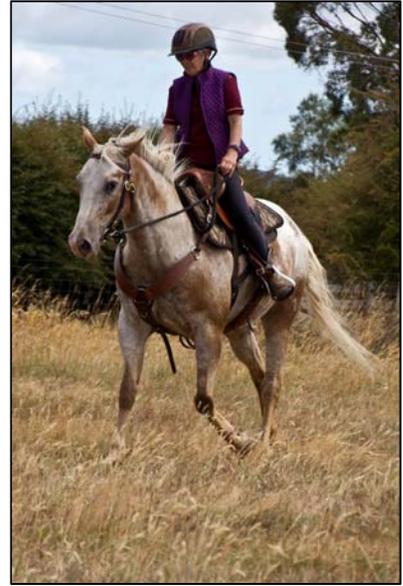
The best part about this day though was everyone's support and encouragement, no good jump went without a resounding applause or 'woooo!' from a fellow rider.

I'm relieved to say we loaded on the float first try and arrived home safely (apart from discovering a flat tyre). Not only am I thrilled with how well behaved Irish was but I'm certain he's just as happy with how much his owner learnt from the day too.

*FootNote: Thank you for sharing your experiences with us Aleysha and we look forward to continuing to present an environment at NARC where you and Irish can continue to grow and improve your confidence.*







## UPCOMING RALLIES

February 23 and 24

Camp at Harveydale

**MEMBERS ONLY**

*2 Day rally including Overnight Camp*

A range of activities both fun and educational are on offer at our February camp.

- Respected stock horse breeder and camp draft competitor Iain Hyde will be conducting Stock Horse Training techniques in ridden groups along with a mounted skills demonstration later.
- Flat riding lessons with Shantel Radford
- Agility training with Tayah Scott
- India Woods will look after the Settling in group
- Follow the alphabetical trail on our wonderful Mud Map Tour and complete the tasks at your own pace (a series of ridden patterns/tasks following a numbered trail).
- Surprise fun hour for you and your horse.
- Fun activities including obstacles and tasks to test the obedience and training of your horse .

9.00am start Saturday Morning

Detailed notes relating to the weekend will be available once your booking is confirmed. In the meantime, please contact Terri Kewish 0417 362 414 for enquiries.

Bookings should be made via the website <http://www.northernadultridingclub.org.au>

Non-riding visitors, family and friends welcome – no charge

Fee \$80 for the weekend (includes “Harveydale” charge for Saturday night camping).

Gates open at 4.00 on Friday. NO riding is permitted on Friday

Definitely NO DOGS (as per Harveydale conditions of hire)



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### March Rally

**Edinburgh Park, Gravelly Beach**

- Flat – Kristin Pitt
- Cross-Country Jumping – Carol Hobson
- Agility – Raylene Garwood
- Settling In – Di Colebrook

Afternoon Session

- Non-Ridden – David Bartley (farrier) speaking on hoof care and effects of laminitis
- Ridden class depending on numbers

Morning Session will consist of 2 lessons with a choice from 3 options.

- Flat
- Jumping
- Agility

Indicate your preferred options through the booking process. Every effort will be made to accommodate to your selection however depending on numbers this may not always be possible.

### Settling In Class

Our regular settling-in class will be conducted separately to the morning session and participants are welcome to join in either of the afternoon classes as well.

### Afternoon Session

A non-ridden class will be offered in the afternoon.

In addition there will be a ridden class option.

As with the morning session, please indicate your preferences when booking.

If you require more information on our Settling In class or how the format will work, please contact Norma Cormican Ph: 0412 845 375

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## **April Rally Westbury**

### **Combined Training Competition**

A Members Only Combined Training Competition consisting of 2 dressage tests in the morning and 2 jumping rounds in the afternoon.

There will be no Settling In Class at this rally.

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## **NAN CATMUR CLINICS**

Agility clinics to be hosted by Nan Catmur at her Longford property.

NARC Members \$35 per day.

Non-Members \$50 per day (limit of twice before membership is payable).

### **All enquiries to Jenny Harvey 0407 514 611**

Bookings MUST be made via the website [www.northernadultridingclub.org.au](http://www.northernadultridingclub.org.au) including payment.

Booking close on the Tuesday prior to the event. There will be a wait list if a date is fully booked.

### **Starter Group.** Maximum 6 people

Suitable for confidence builders, those new to agility, beginners, lead rein and groundwork as well as ridden.

Thursday 14 March – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Saturday 16 March – 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

### **Intermediate Group.** Maximum 6 people

Suitable for those riders with agility experience.

Sunday 17 March – 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Thursday 28 March – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

# INAUGURAL "FUN WITH OBSTACLES" MINI-COMPETITION

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th January 2019

Nan Catmur

What a wonderful weekend of fun, laughter and great improvements.

Saturday was the "Starter" Group.

Two classes, a Led and Ridden. We had 8 enthusiastic competitors who did a remarkable job at negotiating an "unseen" course! The riders "walked the course" without horses, to look, check, discuss and ask questions about what was being looked for at each obstacle. Then, class 1 was the "Led Class" with 10 obstacles.

Results: 1st: Deanne Evans; 2nd: Danya Stevens; 3rd: Kat Bryant  
Class 2 was the same course but now ridden. I was so proud that they all attempted the ridden class too. Quite a daunting task....

Results: 1st: Deanne Evans; 2nd: Deb Dewhurst; 3rd: Tegan Barnett.

A special thank you to Geoff King who gave up his Saturday to be our wonderful Collecting Ring Steward.

Sunday was the "Intermediate" Group.

Another group of enthusiastic riders, 5 this time. Each rider completed 2 classes, over a more difficult unseen course of 10 obstacles. They, too, walked the course without their horses and asked questions about what we were looking for in scoring. They all did a wonderful job.

Class 1: Results: 1st: Geoff King; 2nd: Berris Atkins; 3rd: Terri Kewish

Class 2: 1st: Geoff King; 2nd: Louella Raines

Class 3: 1st: Berris Atkins; 2nd: Peta Dolan; 3rd: Terri Kewish

Jenny and I learned heaps about scoring such an event and I would like to thank her for her constant help and wonderful support.

Look out for another competition in the future!!

Happy Riding, "Over Obstacles", Always, Nan Catmur.

