

# HUNTINGFIELD HOOFBEATS



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## July 2011



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## Calendar

### July

Sun 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rally  
Adult Riders Rally

### August

Fri 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

Huntingfield Pony Club AGM  
RDA Gymkhana Huntingfield  
Rally  
Adult Riders Rally



### September

Sun 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup>  
SUN 25<sup>TH</sup>

Monmouth ODE  
Rally  
Adult Riders Rally  
BRIGHTON ODE PONTVILLE

### WEBSITES

For up to date information on events and pony club in Tasmania go to...  
[www.pcat.org.au](http://www.pcat.org.au) and for Huntingfield [www.huntingfield.pcat.org.au/](http://www.huntingfield.pcat.org.au/)

Check the National Championship site [www.ponyclubnationals.org.au/](http://www.ponyclubnationals.org.au/)

Others to try are [www.tashorse.com.au](http://www.tashorse.com.au), [www.tasmanianhorse.com.au](http://www.tasmanianhorse.com.au) and [www.horsedirectory.com.au](http://www.horsedirectory.com.au) (the last one has LOTS of links)

**Cover Photo:** The Australian Inter-Pacific Exchange team, with Tasmanian Jessica Pyke, in New Zealand where they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nations Cup.

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## DC Report

Hi Everyone – or should I say Bye Everyone, as this is my last DC's report!!

With the new PC year just around the corner and a lot of our committee finding it time to move over and welcome some new people in we still have some seats to fill on the committee, not just DC and President, but also secretary, web manager, newsletter editor. In one of my previous reports I talked about really thinking what it is **you** want from **your** PC experience and the reasons why **you** want to be part of a club. I think that it is time that we all took another look at those reasons and decide whether or not we are prepared to actually be involved and active within **our** club or whether **you** are happy to just rock up, pay the money and go home. I personally was never really happy to not know where my money was going or what my kids were expected to be doing and I felt as if I was a real outsider and would probably have tried to give it up if it hadn't have been for the commitment and passion shown by my kids. I never really seemed to understand what was going on and it wasn't until I got involved that I finally realised what it means to be part of this club and it was then I also started to get much more satisfaction out of it and enjoyed coming to PC and catching up with the friends I was making, other Mums and Dads who could understand what it means to give up nearly every weekend to go to horsey events! I have, since joining in, made some really terrific friends and realised it doesn't just have to be about the kids having fun, but that I could too. Having said all that becoming DC was a huge learning curve for me and I thank everyone for your support, encouragement and patience. There have been some really wonderful and memorable times as DC and times that I have been so incredibly proud of our club and riders, but now it's someone else's turn.....

Enough of that now and I would like to start by thanking Tori and the rest of the junior committee for another very successful sleepover, and it was great to see that a few kids from other clubs were able to make it. From all accounts there were some very tired kids the next day but I guess that's what sleepovers are all about! It's fantastic to see the junior committee getting involved and coming up with lots of fun ideas, keep up the great job.

July so far has started off pretty quiet with the Southern Zone meeting cancelled due to the inclement weather and re-scheduled for this Wed, but looking out the window at all the snow falling it could well be postponed again, so at this stage I really have no news to report but will let you all know via the www should anything come up.

The Jump Club held another successful competition at the grounds on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, it's great that Huntingfield is able to share its facilities and thanks to those

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who helped with the tidy up at the end to leave the grounds as they found them.

Finally I would just like to invite all our Huntingfield Families to the AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. The AGM part is only a few minutes of formalities then we have the award presentations and who knows you might be in the running for one, and supper so it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. The AGM was another one of those events that in the beginning I thought was just for the other people until I finally went along and realised that I was one of those people because I was a member of the club!

Thanks for everything.

**Steph**

## **From the President**

### **Rural Youth Exchanges**

Congratulations to Nicole Elliott who has been selected by Rural Youth to represent Tasmania on a rural youth exchange to Western Australia for 2 weeks next year. Whilst in WA she will be hosted by various Rural Youth families and may hopefully get the opportunity to attend the WA equivalent of Agfest! Also Danielle Whatley from Deloraine Pony Club has been selected by Rural Youth to attend a Jillaroo School also in WA for a week. Well done to both our Pony Clubbers!

### **HPRC AGM and Prize Night.**

Just a reminder this is on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> August at The Kingston Scout Hall, Kingston View Drive at 8pm. Formal notices of meeting and nomination forms for the election of office bearers will be sent out separately. Can all of last year's Trophy winners please return their trophies to the next Rally?

### **Renewal of Memberships**

Just a reminder that these are all now due! All members should have received from the Treasurer their renewal notice and medical consent forms for filling out and payment etc. All riders must be financial before they can ride at any future Pony Club events or rallies. **Payment can be made at next Rally.** If any members are having problems with being able to pay your fees, please do not hesitate to talk to the Treasurer, Amanda Robson in confidence to work out how your needs can be accommodated.

### **Wanted – Digital Projector**

The Club needs a digital projector complete preferably with an operator for the AGM. It would be even better still if the operator can put the slide show together of the year's events along with the Trophy winners. If you're able to assist, please contact Lex ASAP

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## **Inter-Pacific Exchange 2011 – Report**

On Saturday 30th April I set off to Melbourne to begin my journey – Inter Pacific exchange 2011, held in New Zealand. I met fellow Tasmanian Merindah Hobson (team coach) at the Launceston airport. We then travelled to Melbourne, where we met the other team members and stayed the night. The team consisted of Harriet (NSW), Amanda (VIC), Hannah (VIC), Tammy (QLD), Carol (team manager, QLD) and myself. We spent the afternoon trying on uniforms and generally getting to know each other, followed by a team meal that night.

The next morning we were at the airport by before 5.30am. We had a bit of a browse around the duty free shops and had some breakfast before boarding the plane bound for Christchurch. One of the highlights of the flight was the onboard safety video and entertainment system! On our arrival we found out that the Americans were also not far behind us, so we waited and had lunch together, before boarding another flight, this time to Wellington.

Upon arriving at Wellington we were warmly greeted by the chairperson of the 2011 exchange, Heather Truman and our travel guide David Gibbons. It was a 90 minute bus ride to the Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre, in Levin, which was to be our home for the next week. It was a very windy, stormy night and shortly after arriving we were told that the power had gone out, so it was an interesting experience navigating our way around the centre and meeting the other teams in near darkness!

Day 4 (Tuesday)- We took part in some team building exercises at the centre, including; rock climbing, abseiling, flying fox and low ropes, which were all great fun.

Day 5 (Wednesday) – We set off on an epic, 6 ½ bushwalk in nearby bushland! There was a few falls and very hard work, but it was satisfying to complete. That night we had dinner and watched a movie before bed.

Day 6 (Thursday) – Firstly we headed into Palmerston North to do some shopping, we then travelled to Massey University, to see their impressive veterinary teaching hospital and equine facilities. We had a tour of the area and then were shown a horse on a treadmill, which they use to gain information on heart rate etc. We finished the day with a hotly contested match of Pictionary with members of the American team.

Day 7 (Friday)- We had a guided tour of the Ohakea Airforce Base, we then headed to Nga Tawa, which is a private girls school, with equine facilities. Many of the girls keep their own horses on site and they were kind enough to allow us a short ride. They had various outdoor arenas, stables and gallop track.

Day 8 (Saturday) – In the morning we stayed at the centre and did some activities with camp leader ‘Sally’ regarding personality types. In the afternoon we headed to a nearby town called ‘Shannon’ here we experienced

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some local hospitality with a rugby match. It was raining heavily but the men still played on!

Day 9 (Sunday) – Today was supposed to be our gymkhana day, but due to bad weather and wet ground conditions it was sadly cancelled. Instead we travelled back to Wellington for sightseeing and shopping. Wellington certainly lived up to its name as the ‘windy’ capital; we nearly got blown over just walking down the street! We visited a historic church, rode in cable car and some went on to the famous museum Te Papa. We also tried a well known NZ fruit called ‘Feijeo’ from a local market.

Day 10 (Monday) – We left Makahika and travelled all day by bus to Cambridge, where we were staying at the Lake Karapiro rowing cabins. The bus travelled through the middle of the North Island through the desert and past the snow capped Volcanoes. We stopped at Lake Taupo for lunch, which is a very scenic little town, where they hold one of the major three day events. It was a long trip, but the time soon past while playing many card games and eating plenty of sugary/salty snacks!

Day 11 (Tuesday) – Because the gymkhana was cancelled the kangaroo cup (mixed teams event) had not been contended, instead we took part in a range of activities in our teams.

- 1.) Buy or create a ‘crazy’ hat for under \$10 and wear it while shopping in Hamilton
- 2.) Complete a questionnaire
- 3.) Put a bridle together blindfolded
- 4.) Iron man competition (involving a range of activities with food)
- 5.) Individual scores from the Nations Cup.

In the afternoon we visited Windsor Park Horse Stud. The stud has produced many well known gallopers, such as ‘So You Think’. The property is worth several million dollars. On the way back to Lake Karapiro we stopped at a Kiwi house. Here we saw the local Kiwi birds at feeding time.

Day 12 (Wednesday) – We had an awesome experience ‘Black Water Rafting’ at the Waitomo Caves. This included wading and floating in water on a tube, through the underground caves and jumping over 2m waterfalls backwards. Numerous times we turned off our head lamps and floated along, looking up at the glow worms lighting up the cave top. After lunch we travelled in to Rotorua, well known for smelling like ‘rotten eggs’ because of the nearby hot mud springs. We spent some time shopping before meeting our billets for the night. Harriet and I stayed the night with Bryan, who is a regular instructor and part of the NZ pony club movement. We spent a lot of the night talking about Bryan’s riding history and the horses that he owned and competed.

Day 13 (Thursday) – We all met back up on the bus and travelled to the Western Heights High School, for an authentic, Maori cultural experience.

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The students were very passionate and confident performers. Next we went to Skyline, which consisted of a Gondola ride up a hill, producing spectacular views of Rotorua. When at the top we rode the Luge down the hill. There was 3 different tracks; beginner, intermediate and advanced and we were allowed 5 rides each. Both Tammy and Min managed to crash off their luge, probably due to getting up too much speed! We visited some natural mud springs on the return to Lake Karapiro. After dinner the horses were drawn for the Nations Cup.

Day 14 (Friday) – A short bus ride to Kihikihi where the Nations Cup was held. We were able to walk our show jumping course a couple of times. After lunch we were introduced with the pool of 7 horses Australia had drawn, from that 7 we had to choose 5. A couple of the horses were unfortunately showing signs of lameness, but we had 30-45 minutes to ride our chosen horse, mine was Sir Romwell (aka Willow), a 16yr old grey riding school gelding. Next we walked the 4\* cross country course next door, which was designed by John Nicholson – brother of Olympian Andrew Nicholson. At dinner that evening we had some important guests with us, including Greg Bailey – President of Pony Club Australia and Hugh Foletta from South Australia – a member of the first Australian team that travelled to Pebble Beach California.

Day 15 (Saturday) – The day of the Nations Cup, we couldn't have asked for better weather. The day started with the owners competition, which allowed the owners to ride their own horses around a show jumping course. We broke for a short lunch break before the official part of the day began. We had an opening ceremony on foot, where we paraded with our team name and country flags, also some special guests spoke and the New Zealand National anthem was sung. This was the first time it really sunk it that we were representing our country – the whole of Australia, it was quite surreal. I was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian rider to compete, one rider from each country went after each other, so the coaches only had one rider to warm-up at a time. After the first round Canada was in first place, followed by Australia, New Zealand, USA and Hong Kong. In the second round Australia had a few more unlucky rails putting us into 3<sup>rd</sup> position (after a count back with USA). The final result was:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Canada
- 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Australia
- 4<sup>th</sup> USA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong



We were all very grateful to the owners that lent their horses and all in all we had a great day and all tried our best. That evening was the official dinner,

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which was held in the impressive rowing shed, only a short walk from the cabins. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in their official team uniforms. At the dinner, Australian team manager Carol had the opportunity to invite teams to compete in the 2013 exchange, to be held in Australia. As this year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (25 exchanges) of the Inter Pacific exchange, PCA president Greg Bailey presented New Zealand with an engraved leather saddlebag. After dinner the teams let their hair down and had a celebration, the crazy hats made yet another appearance! Unfortunately USA had to leave at 2.00am to catch their flight home.

Day 16 (Sunday) – We left the rowing cabins at 10.00am, on our way to Auckland. All of the other teams were leaving today, except the Aussies, we didn't fly back until early Monday morning. We spent the Sunday mainly relaxing in the hotel room and went into Auckland later in the evening for some sightseeing.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone involved in the exchange. We didn't have much luck with the weather, but the organisers did a fantastic job planning other activities to keep us busy. Also Carol and Min who were our support crew throughout the whole trip. We couldn't have asked for a better Australian team, we all got along so well, we were constantly praised for our good sportsmanship.

Finally thank you to the clubs that sponsored my trip to New Zealand, including TPRC and many other generous clubs throughout the State. I would highly recommend this exchange to any rider, I will certainly have lifelong memories of the experiences and amazing people I met.

**Jessica Pyke**

## *Birthday Wishes for July*

*Emma Cornelius, Isabella Grover, Karly Jeffery, Casey Price, Tamika Shea,  
Sam Smith,*



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## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Please contact Joanna with your requirements so she knows what uniform items she needs to bring to rally.

Ties \$15.00

Woollen jumpers \$55.00

Rugby jumpers Kids \$56.00, Adults \$62.00

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## Junior Committee Sleep Over

It seems that when you combine 22 girls and 1 boy (You're a trooper George!☺ ) with DVD's, games, pizza and enough lollies to sink a battle ship you get one incredibly fun evening!

The Inter-Pony Club Sleepover, run by Huntingfield Junior Committee, was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Kingston Scout Hall. Clubs from the southern zones were invited to share in a fun night. The turn-out was fantastic!

Everyone arrived at around 7pm on the Friday evening, and the socialising began! There were members from Huntingfield, H & D, and Monmouth.

Everyone began by setting up their beds, which when finished took up over half the Kingston Scout Hall! Lex kindly helped us by providing a huge projector screen which we were able to watch movies such as Spirit and Step Up on. So a big thank you to Lex!

With 16 pizzas ordered, lots of soft drink, and plenty of snacks, there wasn't a hungry stomach to be seen!

Thank you to all the members for attending, and for the lovely parents who dropped off and picked up their tired children!

A big thank you goes to Bec McIndoe, Meg Kluver-Jones, Esther Dales, Anna Clark, Georgia McCarthy, Tamika Shea and Amanda Jessup for their help on the evening!

Hopefully we'll see you all at something similar in the near future!

***Tory Percival***

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## Arena Harrowing Roster

July	Bishop
August	Cornelius
September	Dales



## Canteen Roster

Please remember to bring a **cake or slice** for instructors morning teas. Don't forget you need to be there at **9am** to start preparing food. **NOTE** – If you are listed for canteen roster and are unable to attend rally please contact a family listed for the next month to arrange a swap.



July	Edge & Fox
August	Fyfe & Harvey
September	Hazell & Jeffery



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