

**GNANGARA ADULT EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

2019 Membership Information Pack



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### INTRODUCTION

The Club was formed in 1983 with the aim of providing adult riders with a means of improving their knowledge of equitation in a friendly and encouraging club atmosphere.

### VENUE

Rallies for 2019 will be held at **Bella View - Lot 27 West Swan Road, Belhus**

The facilities are first class and include a 70m x 22m outdoor arena, and a covered/ indoor dressage arena, clubhouse facilities.

There are limited yards, however there is plenty of float parking and you may either tie to the float or bring float yards. More yards are being built at the venue in 2019.



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## **Riding Membership: \$250 (including rally Bond)**

Full riding membership: \$215 per year plus \$35 rally bond. Lessons are \$35 for the first lesson, and \$25 for the second lesson on the same horse (where 2<sup>nd</sup> lessons are available). Membership fees cover Public Liability Insurance at rallies, Club Liability Insurance, Ground Hire and Ground Service Fee.

### **Full riding membership includes;**

- Attend rallies according to the GAEC rally season calendar. These are generally on the first Thursday and third Sunday of each month of the GAEC Riding season – see 2019 calendar included. Attendance can be either ridden by booking a lesson/s, or unmounted as a spectator.
- Lessons are with skill specific and NCAS L1 / L2 qualified coaches or skills specific, insured coaches
- Attend any ARCA challenges as a riding member of GAEC, covered by GAEC day insurance
- Attend any Clinics/Training days organised by the Club (costs may be incurred)
- Receive the Club Monthly mail-outs via email
- Access to the GAEC Facebook private page

## **Associate Membership: \$80**

### **Associate membership includes:**

- Attend 3 rallies a year ridden. Lesson cost \$55 per lesson
- Attend any rally unmounted
- Receive the Club Monthly Mail-outs via email
- Access to the GAEC Facebook page
- Attend any GAEC clinics/ seminars and compete as GAEC at any ARCA competitions/challenges. *\*\* Additional day insurance fees may apply for ARCA Challenges.*

## **BOOKING LESSONS**

Members intending to ride at a rally must book in with the Rally Coordinator before rally day with your preferred lesson time. In the event of cancellations we require 72 hours notice prior to the rally day or lesson charges will apply. The only exception will be a Vet Certificate supplied to the Committee.

This practice has been adopted to cover instructors' fees, thereby enabling us to keep the cost to members down as much as possible.

## **EMAIL BLASTS/ COMMUNICATIONS**

The club produces 2 Email Blasts each month - the "Monthly Muster" and the Mid-week "Whip". Each contain information on the forthcoming rally and other items of interest. Club correspondence is distributed via email and **it is your responsibility to inform the club if there are any changes to your email address.**

Email Blasts will contain all information about the upcoming rally, including lesson times and how to book your lesson. Booking your attendance as early as possible will give you a greater chance of securing a place in the lesson of your preference.

Members are also welcome to contribute their show results, adverts for sale/at stud etc (no charge) and any articles that will interest other members via email to [gnangaraaec@hotmail.com](mailto:gnangaraaec@hotmail.com)

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## INSURANCE

The Club is affiliated with Equestrian Australia (EA) and, through this affiliation, has Public Liability insurance. Members are also encouraged to join EA (Equestrian Australia) to obtain personal accident coverage for their riding activities.

## INSTRUCTORS

We are pleased to be able to provide our riders with a variety of qualified, respected instructors who are all genuinely keen to see improvement in riders as the year progresses. Instructor profiles are included in the newsletters.

## RALLY FORMAT IN 2019

Rallies for 2019 will be held from March to November on Sunday and Thursday (see attached dates). Although we will try to keep to our original timetable, we reserve the right to alter any date. Any alterations will be prominently displayed in the newsletters and FaceBook with at least one month's notice.

**Sunday Rally format 2019:** Members will be offered a choice of lessons, up, each of one-hour duration. Classes will have a **MAXIMUM of three riders** unless there are exceptional circumstances. Members will be able to select their class from a variety of options including groundwork, green horse, green rider, green/inter, intermediate, inter/advanced, advanced, gymnastic flatwork (beginner & confident), beginner jumping and jumping. Instructors will then be asked to provide constructive feedback about a horse/rider combination's suitability for this level. This will ensure riders are selecting the most appropriate class and assist the rally co-ordinator in scheduling the right number of classes in each level and selecting appropriate coaches.

**Thursday Rally format 2019.** Thursday rallies are currently morning only. Members will be offered a choice of lesson, each of one-hour duration. Classes will have a **MAXIMUM of three riders** unless there are exceptional circumstances. Members will be able to select their class from a variety of options including green horse, green rider, green/inter, intermediate, inter/advanced, and advanced. Gymnastic classes are not generally offered due to the difficulty in getting volunteers for set up. Instructors will be asked to provide constructive feedback about a horse/rider combination's suitability for the level ridden. This will ensure riders are selecting the most appropriate class and assist the rally co-ordinator in scheduling the right number of classes in each level and selecting appropriate coaches.

Rally start times may vary slightly depending on the season, however as a rule the morning lessons will be 8am, 9am, 10am and 11am. The lunch break is 12pm to 1pm. Afternoon lessons will start at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm (provided there are enough riders to fill the classes).

You must contact the Rally Coordinator and book into your class prior to each rally. If you have booked in and are unable to attend the rally, you **MUST** notify the club within 72 hours of rally day, otherwise your rally bond will be forfeited (in other words, you have to pay for the lesson).

Lessons are to be paid for before riding: payment options include EFT, or cheque. (Note: NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED). On arrival, and **before** you ride, please sign the attendance book (even if you are unmounted please sign this book).

Riders are encouraged to warm up 15 minutes before the start of their class and are welcome to use a space away from the current lesson group in their arena. Please be punctual to your class. If you are running late, please warm up away from the groups and present yourself to your instructor with your apologies.



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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

These are the lessons the club offers. When selecting your class please consider carefully which class you and your horse are suited to. Instructors will be regularly asked to provide feedback if they think a horse/rider should move to a different level.

- **GROUNDWORK TO RIDDEN:** for horses/ riders that start the lesson on the ground and progress to ridden during the lesson
- **GREEN RIDER:** for the rider who has not had a lot of experience in riding flatwork or has lost confidence.
- **GREEN HORSE:** for the horse that is just starting a career with basic schooling. Great for nurturing a young or inexperienced horse along with its training.
- **GREEN / INTERMEDIATE:** for the horse that is settling in company and beginning to work in a relaxed manner.
- **INTERMEDIATE:** for the horse that can walk, trot and canter in an orderly manner. May be starting lateral work or ready to learn more.
- **INTER / ADVANCED:** for the horse that can walk, trot and canter in a group situation, understands basic lateral work. Working to an even contact and developing sitting trot.
- **ADVANCED:** for the horse that can work accepting the bridle consistently in all gaits, has basic lateral work under control and is ready to move on to higher skilled movements. For the rider who is aiming to maintain an independent position. Working towards collection.
- **GYMNASTIC FLAT (BEGINNER):** for riders who want to use trot poles to improve their flatwork. Most pole work likely to be at trot, depending on riders' capabilities.
- **GYMNASTIC FLAT (CONFIDNET):** for riders who want to use trot poles (on ground or raised) to improve their flatwork. A more advanced class that is likely to involve some canter poles.
- **BEGINNER JUMP:** introduction to jumping using trot poles. This class also uses small grids to improve the horse's jumping technique, balance, rhythm, straightness and the rider's position. Learn to ride and keep a good line over jumps.
- **JUMPING:** for those horse and rider combinations ready to tackle small courses, including related fences. Ideal for those who are already out there competing and wanting to perfect their skills.

## HIGH POINT SYSTEM

At each rally instructors are asked to award 3, 2 & 1 points to riders in their individual classes. These points are tallied up at the end of the year to determine our class high point winners and runners up. Only points earned in that specific class level are counted for the high point trophies, and only those earned in the rider's preferred class for the day. If a member chooses to ride in a second lesson, points earned in this class are NOT counted towards the high point trophies.

GAEC also awards the Mister Bar High Point and Runner Up trophies at the end of the year. The winners of these are determined by adding together the highest number of class points earned per rally (in any class level) plus any points earned by representing the club at interclub challenges (you get 3 points per challenge for competing and 2 points per challenge as an unmounted supporter).

## COMPETITIONS

GAEC holds a closed gymkhana at the end of the year in which our members compete against each other in a combination of disciplines (eg. dressage, games, show jumping) for a High Point Trophy. Our closed gymkhana is mainly a fun/training day for all to learn and enjoy. We encourage all members to attend. Each year there are usually three "Invitational" interclub challenges hosted by either GAEC or other Adult Riding Clubs, which GAEC members are encouraged to attend and represent their club.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The club caters for all standards of riders. Any type of gear is acceptable as long as the gear is safe and comfortable for the horse. This includes stock/ western saddles and bitless bridles. The ARCA handbook outlines acceptable tack at club competitions.

## RIDER

**Safety gear:** An EA approved helmet and safe riding boots are compulsory. Members will not be permitted to ride unless they have a helmet conforming to current standards. No velvet hunt/hacking caps will be accepted. Helmets will be checked at the first rally attended by each member.

**Club Uniform:** The club uniform of black jodhpurs and club polo shirt is optional at rallies. The uniform must be worn, however, when attending interclub competitions.

## HORSE

The Club (or Club's instructors) reserves the right to refuse admission or ask a member to leave the lesson on the grounds of fitness, soundness or safety. The horses are expected to work for up to one hour. Please ensure that your horse has had steady work over the previous month and has achieved a sufficient level of fitness. You may excuse yourself early from the class, should you feel that your horse is becoming too tired.

Horses must be over 3 years old for flatwork classes and at least 4 years of age for jumping. Stallions will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee upon application by the member. Bring gear that fits correctly. If in doubt, talk to your instructor at the rally.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held once a month, usually the Thursday following the Sunday rally. All members are welcome to attend. The venue is advertised in the newsletter, and on rally day.

***GAEC is about helping you improve your Equitation in a safe and fun environment. If you have any questions or are concerned about anything – please let us know. You can contact us through the [gnangaraaec@hotmail.com](mailto:gnangaraaec@hotmail.com) email, or via FaceBook or talk to a Committee member on rally day. Our phone numbers are also published in the Newsletter. We also welcome members to Committee meetings.***

***Happy Riding!***

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## GNANGARA CALENDAR 2019

MONTH / DATE	RALLY/EVENT	Proposed TIME
<b>JANUARY</b>		
TBC	AGM	6pm – 8pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
TBC	Grounds Familiarisation Day	9am - 12pm
<b>MARCH</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>APRIL</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>MAY</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>JUNE</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>JULY</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Midweek Rally	9am - 12noon
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Rally	8am - 5pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	In-House Comp	
TBA	End of Year Function (non-ridden)	