

## **Wainui Pony Club AGM**

### **Presidents Report 2016**

Firstly I would like to acknowledge Richard and Mary Lloyd for remaining the most loyal Wainui Pony Club supporters and assisting the club in so many ways, not just by allowing us the use of their beautiful farm. The advice and guidance provided to Stephen and I has been invaluable and has really helped shape a very happy season for all of our members. Thank you Richard and Mary and I also acknowledge Vanessa and Mike for their assistance and support throughout the season also.

It was with sadness that I had to pass on the news that Selwyn Lloyd passed away on 1 October 2015. Our deepest sympathy to Richard and Mary Lloyd and the extended family. Selwyn had a fantastic funeral and the Pony Club were very happy to be able to contribute to the running of that special event for Selwyn. The marquee out on the field was a very impressive sight.

We are so very fortunate to have a club made up of only lovely children and gorgeous ponies!! It has been wonderful to see everyone's progress throughout the season and over several seasons, for our members who have been with us long term. We all enjoy the Wainui Winners segment at the beginning of each rally, with the beaming faces of riders who have had success with their four legged friends, and are happy to share the news with their Wainui Pony Club whanau.

- 35 Riding members, 5 instructors, 11 adult ride members and 27 parent members
- 12 rallies prior to Christmas and 9 Rallies between Feb and March 2016.
- I think only one rally was cancelled due to the weather so we had a great season in that regard.

Our Club is in very good heart and we have as usual achieved well in District, Area and National competitions this year. Success with pony club certificates has also been very high and the details of all of that success are in the prize giving to follow this AGM.

A massive part of our rider success is due to the quality instructors Wainui are lucky enough to attract and maintain. It makes me very proud to hear that our instructors love Wainui Pony Club and it is this passion and enthusiasm from them that has contributed to our club being strong and happy. We were cautious with our funds this year which meant the group sizes were bigger than previous years, however with everyone working in together and maintaining flexibility this has been a very successful formula for our riders and finances! Thank you Chris for your work as our Head Coach and in delivering us a quality team of instructors and for your instruction and guidance of our members. Thank you Hazel, Ginny,

Christine and Tash – we really value your expertise and input, and the care you show towards our children and horses.

We have a very cool bunch of parents involved with Wainui and thank you so much everyone for stepping up and making contributions big and small on a weekly basis to keep our club running smoothly. It was particularly pleasing to see how each family took responsibility for the work that is required to keep our cross country course in top condition. There have been some stand out contributions this year and once again we will acknowledge those in the prize giving.

We have kept meetings to a bare minimum this year and I don't believe anyone has missed the lack of meetings! A gigantic thank you to Stephen, Kim, Marina and Karen who have kept our club humming – doing all the stuff that the rest of you don't even know goes on but definitely enjoy the benefit of! These people have been wonderful to work with and always keep the riders best interests at the heart of everything that is achieved. A big thanks to you all – everything you have done is much appreciated and we really have been a tight team!

Kim has managed us expertly through tough financial times to turn our books around! Congratulations and thank you for your consistent and firm guidance Kim! It is brilliant to have our books looking so good again.

We are also so very fortunate to have Judith Finch as the Waitemata District Commissioner and a stalwart of Wainui Pony Club. Thank you Tara for your continued love of riding as Wainui Pony Club would not be the same without the Finch Family involved! Judith is very helpful in keeping Wainui Pony Club up to speed with NZPCA, Area and District happenings and we always have great Wainui representation due to Judith's encouragement of our riders to participate. Thanks to Mike Finch also who somehow manages to fit in many hours of labour contribution to the club around his 80 hours of farrier work each week during the season!

Thank you to Maree Drury in running our canteen and introducing nachos to the Tuesday menu! Maree has always put her hand up to contribute to the running of the club and once again the canteen has been profitable this season. Michelle Hatton has scored the club a second hand kitchen including a new stove and dishwasher!! This is going to really improve our clubhouse further, so who knows what will be on the Tuesday menu in the new season! Thank you Michelle – this will be an awesome asset to our club.

I would also like to mention the consistent contributions of Mike Miles, Raewyn and Glenn Simpson, Jenny Adlam, Jenny Savannah, Gina and Craig Moss, the Ranby family, Katrina Scopas, Stacey Campbell and the Pitout and Wallace-Pram families - it is wonderful to see how everyone is willing to chip in for rallies and events utilising their strengths to contribute

to the running of our club. It has been particularly obvious this season and I do hope that continues. Our club can only be the result of the effort put in by all of our members.

Here are some of the fabulous things we have all achieved this year!

- GJ Gardner sponsorship – thank you so much GJ Gardner for your continued support
- Purchase of a container to store our precious equipment – thanks Mike Miles!
- Close liaison with Jim Hall and the Hibiscus Coast Radio Flyers – they have been very helpful to us this season
- Getting our books back in the black!
- Fantastic Events including a have a go ODE day, several cross country practice evenings. A fabulous ODE that everyone enjoyed, a resurrection of our Ribbon Day and we successfully hosted the Mercer Cup in trying weather conditions!
- Scored a new kitchen!
- The adult ride has had a lot of fun this season!

We have so much more to achieve in the coming season and I do hope we can get people to contribute over the winter months to get our facilities in order. We need to kit out and paint the container, get the gear packed away in it, install the kitchen, fix the slow filling loos and before next season starts again, get everything dusted off from winter.

There is still the opportunity for another firewood fund raiser that I am working on and this will provide us with the potential for a lot of money to hopefully purchase new show jumps. I hope you can all feel as enthusiastic about these improvements as I do and we can get together to make these things happen.

I do hope that the riders and parents have felt fully informed again this season at the branch, District and Area level. The online resources available for pony club now are fantastic and I encourage you to be self-starters and be educated about how the NZPCA runs and how you and your child can fully participate in **ALL** that is on offer for riders. There really is no excuse for missing out!

I look forward to the coming season and have put myself forward for President for one more season. I do hope we can keep this fantastic team approach going at Wainui Pony Club.

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