



Maryborough Active Riders Club Inc.

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Newsletter

February 2024

Monthly meetings usually held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at the Carrier's Arms Hotel, in the Coach House Function Room, upstairs.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday March 12th, 6:30pm for a 7pm start

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2024 MARC - Proposed Event Calendar

Please note this is a preliminary calendar and the club has the right to change at any time

** notes changes or additions to the calendar

Date	Event	Location
February Sunday 25 th	Dressage Training Competition	Covered Arena
March Sunday 10 th	Dressage Practice Rally	Eastern Arena
March Sunday 24 th	Official Dressage Competition	Covered and Eastern Arenas
April Monday 1 st	Obstacle Rally (Working Eq theme)	Covered Arena
April Sat-Sun 13-14 th	Working Equitation Clinic With Linda Shore	Eastern Arena (TBC)
April Saturday 20 th	Dressage Practice Rally**	Covered Arena
April Sunday 21 st	Dressage Training Competition**	Covered Arena
May Saturday 11 th	Body Dynamics for Riding with Mel Macaulay	Eastern Arena
June Sun 2 nd	Official Dressage Competition	Covered and Eastern Arenas
June Monday 3 rd	Dressage Protocol Day	Covered Arena
June Sunday 16 th	Practice WE Tests in 20x40 Arena	Eastern Arena
June Sunday 23 rd	Poles Clinic with Dezi Roos	Eastern Arena
June Sunday 30 th	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Eastern Arena
July Sat-Sun 13 th -14 th	Working Equitation Competition (TBC)	Covered Arena
July Saturday 27 th	Poles Clinic with Dezi Roos	Eastern Arena (TBC)
July Sunday 28 th	Dressage Training Competition	Eastern Arena
August Fri-Sun 9 th -11 th	Star Dressage Championships	All Arenas
September Sunday 15 th	Dressage Training Competition	Eastern Arena
September Sat-Sun 21 st -22 nd	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Covered Arena
October Sat-Sun 12 th -13 th	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Southern Arena
October Sat-Sun 26 th -27 th	MARC Club Dressage Championships	Covered Arena and Centre Ring
November Sunday 24 th	Fun Rally – Break up	Covered Arena



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Letter from the Editor

Hi all

I am taking over the reins from Liz who has done an amazing job as Editor and I wish to thank her for her valuable contribution to the Club. Over the past few years, I have been involved again after a very long break as a member back in the nineties. I am really looking forward to this opportunity and I welcome any contributions from our members to the newsletter each month. This can be photos, hints which may help others, or announcements. After all this is your newsletter and let's face it we all love to see photos and read anything horsey.

We are off to a good start this year, our first event a successful Dressage Training Day, which was fully booked where riders were able to gain valuable instruction at the end of the test from an accredited judge. It was a much cooler day after the rain which was a welcome relief from this ongoing humidity. Our next event is a Dressage Practice Day with a difference on the 10th March where riders will have 20 minutes to practice riding test or test movements under the guidance of an EA Accredited Judge or an experienced MARC rider. There will also be a group chat at morning tea to discuss common problems and hints to improve your tests and gain a better understanding of the judge's comments. This day will be very valuable as a lead up to MARC's Official Dressage Competition which will be held on the 24th of March. (Flyers attached)
Looking forward to another great year!

Cathy Evans
2024 Newsletter Editor

President's Report for 2023

It was heartening that, for the first time in some years, MARC did not have to cancel any events in 2023 due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances. Let's hope that 2024 is the same.

The Dressage Committee organised Competitive events in March and June and the Championships in August, and several dressage training competitions were well attended. Numbers were down somewhat at the Championships and Dressage Queensland has some ideas on how to encourage more competitors so we will need to see what can be achieved. QRIC is no longer providing sponsorship for competitions or clinics so any suggestions on how to make up that shortfall in 2024 and future years will be gratefully received. Unfortunately, we did not have a Show Committee in 2023. However, our stalwart Vice-President Pam Thurlow took on the challenge to organise one show and so we had the Spring Show in September, with Thoroughbred classes featured and sponsored by a generous QRIC grant for prizemoney. Pam deserves special thanks for all her hard work to

make our one show for the year such a great success. Her commitment was very evident when she volunteered to demonstrate the utility course to competitors, and trotted and cantered the course, without a horse, including showing off a very creditable jumping style. Thank you Pam!

Thanks to Liz Condon's commitment, MARC had a very successful Working Equitation instruction weekend with Linda Shore in October and we have set aside some dates in the new calendar to make this a new activity for the club. We are in the process of getting together the equipment needed to run some WE training days and competitions. Early this year we hope to progress to getting the club affiliated with the WE official group. This activity will appeal to young and old alike, and will give our horses a chance to have fun whilst also continuing and improving their dressage training.

Congratulations to the Club Member of the Year, Linda Muldoon, who has been such an enthusiastic member of the club generally, but the Dressage Committee in particular. As usual, I thank Pam and Lynne for their generous assistance to me and wise counsel throughout the year, everyone on the MARC Committee, and all those wonderful members, friends and family who come along and help at our events. It is hard to name them all, but they are the glue that help keep everything going so again, thank you.

I am sure we are all looking forward to another great year of club activities in 2024 and I hope to see all members, old and new, at our events this year.

Ros Barker
MARC President

Rally Co-ordinator 2023 Report

2023 yielded some successful rallies and clinic style activities. We started with a Working Eq themed rally with over 15 riders taking place, and a keen interest in the sport.

Later in the year, we booked Linda Shore to come give us a proper introduction to Working Equitation, where we had 2 days filled with riders giving the sport a go under experienced eye. This led to even more interest in the sport, and Linda was very encouraging for the club to take it further.

We finished the year with a fun filled games day, with riders of all sorts coming to have some fun. Then wound down in the shade in the Horse Play area, while brave horses marched over the bold obstacles.

We are still being encouraging to continue with Working Eq, with the support of Linda Shore, and I hope that is something we are able to pursue in 2024.

Thanks to the very handy people always helping with the stuff on the day and/or with the pre-work for these activities, your work never goes unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

Happy riding,
Liz Condon
2023 Rally Co-ordinator

Dressage Report

2023 was a certainly a busy year with competitions and training days well supported and enjoyed by record numbers of competitors. And we didn't have one event cancelled due to weather or pandemics – bonus!!!

Two official days were held in March and June, with the Star Championships once again being very successful. We ran our first club Championship in October and though low numbers it really was a lot of fun for all involved and the plan is to continue this year again. At each of these events all tests were well supported with some very good scores, which I think is a testament to not only the exceptional facilities that we are able to use for these events but also because so many of the club members assist in making the days run smoothly and professionally. This has been especially rewarding when I hear about the struggles of many rural clubs in attracting competitors and finding enough helpers. A variety of sponsorship was collected for the Championships and this has been able to be carried over to the 2024 event.

The main success of the year was the increased number of people competing at the training days. It is great to see so many more people having a go at dressage and the confidence of horses and riders improving over these times. I think the opportunity to participate on these days has both encouraged people who might not normally to have a go and has also improved the quality of tests which are now being ridden. The relaxed and encouraging atmosphere of these days has also provided the chance to give each other some tips, and to socialize and catch up with each other. The number of nominations at the last couple has reflected the popularity of the days.

A big thank you must be included to all who have assisted in the organization and running of the events. Thanks to

- my wonderful assistants Roslyn, Pam and Linda who helped with nominations, the draws, difficult questions and keeping me on track with what I was supposed to be doing.
- Roslyn, Linda and Cathy for the scoring and points collating
- Everyone else who gear checked, pencilled, judged, collected the coffee or just smiled at the visiting competitor to make them feel welcome, this is truly a team effort and I firmly believe that we can be mightily proud of the professional and cooperative way in which dressage is presented.

Best wishes for 2024. May our transitions be balanced and our paces be free and active!
Lynne Larkin

Note: Please see the Sponsorship Invite Letter attached to this newsletter. Each year our club organises the very successful **Fraser Coast Dressage Championships**, and this year it will be held over the weekend of **9th-11th August 2024**. This is a very important event for Dressage and the Fraser Coast Community. We value and welcome any sponsorship (financial or prizes) that can be given to support this wonderful local event

New Dressage Rule Changes

There are some changes to the Dressage Rules effective from 1st January 2024. Most are minor “tweaking” of existing Rules, **however there is one significant change which affects all competitors i.e.**

A **Gear Check** by an EA-Accredited Steward is **compulsory immediately after every** test and failure to have a gear check will entail **elimination**. (Previously, the gear check needed to be done before competing.)

To assist riders, a visual gear check may be done by the Steward *before* the test to prevent a rider going into the test with any forbidden equipment. (It still remains the rider’s responsibility not to compete with any forbidden equipment, so it is a good idea to know the rules and/or seek advice from a Steward before competing.

NOTE: Even if riders present to the Steward for a visual gear check *before* entering a test, it is **still compulsory** for them **to present again** to the Steward for gear check **immediately after every** test or they will be eliminated!

A few other Rule Reminders:

- *Don’t talk to or ‘tongue click’* your horse during the test – any judge who hears it will deduct 2 marks for every movement that they hear it!
- Riders must wear *gloves*
- *Pony riders* - check the size of your whip and/or spurs which are smaller than for horses.

****It is also a requirement that there must have an accredited person with a First Aid Certificate at each event. MARC will refund 50% of the cost of training for MARC members who complete a First Aid Certificate. Members who have current accreditation include:**

- Liz Condon
- Mel Macaulay
- Monique Bonus
- Dianne and Ron Clements
- Pam Thurlow



If anyone else has current accreditation and is able to assist, please advise the Risk Manager, Mel Macaulay 0401940862.

Riders and helpers accepting ribbons at the Dressage Training Day Sunday 25th February

(Photos kindly sent through by a Club member)



L-R Rachell (Gabrielle Ollett's Mum, Allison Wooley, Leah van Tonder, Bronwyn Bulmer, Dianne Clements, Rob Clements, Andrea Raynel, Petrea Bates, Julie Lee, Grace Weiss, Ella Stiefler, Cheneya Terelst-Mallinson, Linda Muldoon (absent Lynne Larkin & Cathy Evans who were putting away the equipment trailer)



Luzette Leighton with her new youngster on his first outing placed first in Preparatory Test 1

More photos to come in the next newsletter donated by Cherish My Pix Photography. A special mention to Eric who always takes an array of photos on the day. The photos should be posted on Thursday, so please take a look on their website and purchase some if you can. It is always special to have a professional photo or 2 of you and your horse as a memento of the day.



Dressage Practice Day!

Sunday 10th March



Eastern Arena - Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park

Get ready for upcoming events at this Dressage Practice Day

Riders will get a **timed draw** with **20 minutes** to practice riding tests or test movements under the guidance of an EA Accredited Judge or experienced MARC riders.

Tell the judge/helper which test/s or movements you want to practice, or you can choose to practice in the arena without advice if you prefer.

Also, come along to a Group Chat over the morning tea break under the shady trees

- discuss common problems and hints to improve your tests
- understanding scores and Judge's comments

Judges don't have time to comment on all the good/bad aspects of each movement, so comments meant to provide constructive hints can appear as criticism. Sometimes riders are unsure what the Judges' comments mean, so bring some examples if you don't understand them.

(All are welcome to join the morning tea discussion whether riding or not.)

Cost \$20 (includes facility fee)

Nominations close at midnight Wednesday 6th March 2024

Nominate by text / email **Pam** (0427122965 or cullow5451@telstra.com) & attach receipt

Please pay by Direct Deposit to: Maryborough Active Riders Club

BSB: 06 4421 Account No: 00906677

MARC Members only - join/renew through www.nominate.com.au

Book your stables through www.nominate.com.au

Please remember your **Horse Health Declarations** (www.maryboroughactiveriders.org.au)

BYO Food & Drinks – shared morning tea under the trees. No canteen with this event, but there is likely to be a canteen near the Covered Arena with the State Xtreme Cowboy Racing Championships and Antiques Fair.



AN IDEAL CHANCE TO PRACTICE BEFORE YOUR NEXT COMPETITION.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND POSITIONS ARE LIKELY TO FILL FAST SO GET IN QUICK!

MARYBOROUGH ACTIVE RIDERS CLUB INC.



Competitive/Participant Dressage Competition

24th March 2024

EQ Participant Leaderboard Classes



Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park(PIC # QBMB0072)
(Classes in Covered Arena and Eastern Sand Arenas)



CLASSES

EA Competitive Classes (must be EA members Competitive)

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---|-----|
| 1. | Preliminary | - | 1.1 |
| 2. | Preliminary | - | 1.3 |
| 3. | Novice | - | 2.1 |
| 4. | Novice | - | 2.3 |
| 5. | Elementary | - | 3.2 |
| 6. | Elementary | - | 3.3 |
| 7. | Medium | - | 4.1 |
| 8. | Medium | - | 4.2 |
| 9. | Advanced | - | 5.2 |
| 10. | Prix St George | | |
| 11. | Intermediate 1 | | |

PARTICIPANT & CLUB Classes - must be a MARC or EA member for classes

14-19- must be a member of MARC for class 20-22.

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|-----|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 14. | Preparatory | - | 1 |
| 15. | Preparatory | - | 2 |
| 16. | Preliminary | - | 1.1 (EQ Leader Board Class) |
| 17. | Preliminary | - | 1.2 |
| 18. | Novice | - | 2.1(EQ Leader Board Class) |
| 19. | Novice | - | 2.2 |
| 20. | Club Elementary | - | 3.1 |
| 21. | Club Elementary | - | 3.2 |
| 22. | Club Medium | - | 4.1 |

Special Conditions

Please do not complete an entry unless your horse has a bridle number. If your horse does not have an EA bridle number, please contact Roslyn Barker on email roslyn.barker@gmail.com and she will allocate one to your horse. Bridle numbers are essential for electronic scoring.



- **Full Membership \$60 or Limited Membership \$30 – membership by www.nominate.com.au**
Full membership enables participation at all MARC events while Limited Membership enables participation at 3 days at MARC events for the year.
- **Horse health declaration form must be brought to the event and handed to secretary office before competing.**
- **As the Event is run under current EA rules, the onus is on the on the rider to understand these rules before they compete. Gear check has now become compulsory (immediately) AFTER the test!!**
- **Max of 2 classes per horse over 2 consecutive levels and max 3 horses per person.**

ENTRY Fees:

MARC Member Discount	\$5.00 per class
Official Competitive	\$45.00 per class
<i>Participant</i>	<i>\$35.00 per class</i>

All riders competing must pay an administration fee of \$25.00.

- **Facility fees,\$10 per day per horse & stabling \$15.00 per day per horse & camping to be paid through www.nominate.com.au**
(Stables vary in size so please check the maps when booking)

NOMINATIONS:

- will be accepted on www.nominate.com.au
- **CLOSE: Monday 11th March 2024 (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED)**

DRAW:

- Will be posted on www.maryboroughactiveriders.org.au and www.nominate.com.au

PRIZES:

- Prize money and ribbons will be offered for Official Competitive classes.
- Ribbons to 6th place for Participant/Club classes

ENQUIRIES: Lynne Larkin- **Ph: 0447 249912 or Email: larkin26@bigpond.com**
Roslyn Barker Ph: 0422427630 or Email roslyn.barker@gmail.com

CANTEEN run by **Grumpies Food Van** will be available during competition hours.(Please support them)

Neither the organising committee of any competition to which these rules apply, nor Equestrian Australia accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.

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Secretary – Monique Bonus
Dressage Coordinator - Lynne Larkin

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to introduce you to Maryborough Active Riders Club Inc.

We are a not-for-profit Equestrian Club which caters extensively for Dressage and Show enthusiasts. Our club is run solely by volunteers, and has approximately 150 members, including riders & non-riders ranging from toddlers through to seniors in their 60's and 70's! Our events are held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park.

Each year our club organises the very successful **Fraser Coast Dressage Championships**, and this year it will be held over the weekend of **9th-11th August 2024**. This is a very important event for Dressage, and Competitors and Judges travel from across the State (and even interstate) to participate in this major competition. Each year our entry no's have been increasing due to the success of the event.

We would very much appreciate any support (financial or prizes) that you can give towards the success of this wonderful local event. **Your business's details and support would be widely acknowledged through social media, on the program and during the event, (as banners and announcing) and on our website. (We are always open to other ideas and suggestions on promoting your business)**

We offer any of the following sponsorship packages for your consideration:

1. Naming rights on a particular event with money donation of \$250.00 +
2. Donation of items for either raffles/ event prizes
3. Money donation of any particular amount/ we require a major sponsor.
4. Trade stand for the entire weekend for \$100.00

We appreciate your time and look forward to your support in showcasing this important Equestrian Event for our local community, which can also be **an opportunity to promote your business**.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0447249912 or email larkin26@bigpond.com for further details.

Yours faithfully



*Lynne
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Dressage Co-Ordinator

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