



PARK RIDGE ACTIVE RIDING GROUP

December Newsletter 2025

Message from the President

Welcome to a new year. I thank the departing members off management and dressage committees and welcome Kaz Roe and Heather McCullough respectively. There is still a vacancy on the management committee and as per the constitution this will be elsewhere in the newsletter.

- Indoor roof update – As you will see from the FB posts the structure looks amazing but delays with weather and completion of tanks, internal fencing and restoration of machinery tracks are hindering the handover by the contractors and LCC to PRARG. The club is constantly on their case so a final hand over of grounds will be prior to Christmas. Whilst the grounds will be open (weather pending) the indoor still has to have it new arena surrounds erected. For those asking, the judges at C will be at the tank end of the indoor.
- Saddlery Market – everything was against this market although we tried hard to have it on 6th December. Anzac Day 2026 will be the next market.
- Member survey – Nearly 100 members participated which was pleasing with some interesting results. From that survey the highest % was a financial penalty for those who do not do their allocated job. To this end the membership structure for 2026 will include a \$50 workers levy which is refundable if you do your job throughout the year. Once again regarding booking time slots to use the indoor was overwhelming. There will be a booking system for the indoor once this is open. Use of the indoor at night will happen but not immediately.

Membership Rebate: Due to the protracted indoor built, members who had full membership from 1/2/26 will receive a \$15 rebate. This is the same rebate given to members who joined half year and then the grounds closed in August.

- Sign on Day – 18th January. This was to have been the official opening but this is now being held on the first ribbon day of the year on 22nd March. Sign on day will include a working bee so those who are willing to mowing and similar work this can come off your workers levy, the club opening of the indoor with some fun and frivolity at 9am along with a free sausage sizzle. The sign on flyer is elsewhere in the newsletter.

- The calendar for 2026 is on the front page and has a lot there for every level of riders.

Merry Christmas and safe travels for those travelling.

Kay

2026 Calendar Dates

Internal Dates:

Protocol Day 6.30 to 9.30am 1st March
Ribbon Day 22nd March (with hacks)
Winter series including freestyles
7th June and 5th July
Interclub Teams Dressage (hacks) - 26th July
Ribbon Day 6th September (hacks)
Fun Day 18th October (with hacks)

Open Dates:

19th April – Preliminary to Elementary * champs
31st May – Participation/Club dressage
28th June – AOR Preliminary to Advanced
19th July – Medium to GP * champs and Pony spectacular
30th August – Official Preliminary to Advanced
13th September – Participation/Club dressage

DQRS EVENTS:

30/31 st January – DQRS
13/14 th March – DQRS
28/29 th March DQRS/IQ
22/23 May DQRS & YH champs
3/4 th July DQRS
10/11 August DQRS

Clinics:

Sunday 26th April afternoon in indoor Free-style clinic with Kay Paulsen & demo riders plus Equine Welfare/Equitation workshop with Anjanette McClean Smith.
Pole Clinic – Saturday 2nd May with Lisa Koppmann
Sunday/Monday 5th and 6th April – two day Easter clinic

For full details on the above events closer to the date, (programs, draws and links to the entry page on Nominate), visit our website
www.prarg.com/calendar.html

2026 Committee

President:

Miss Kay Paulsen - 0419 741 273 prarginc81@bigpond.com

Vice Presidents: Naomi O'Farrell, Anne Mabardi

Secretary:

Maria Gould m Gould@bne.catholic.edu.au

Treasurer: Amanda Wright

Membership Secretary: prarg.membership@gmail.com

Committee Members:

Linda Van Rensberg, Kate Thompson, Kaz Roe

Publicity: Kate Thompson, Lorraine Edwards

Grounds: Anna Flohr - 0407 622 666

Dressage - Kay Paulsen, Linda Van Rensberg, Kylie Munn,
Jess Merlo, Emma Flegman, Heather McCullough



The Members' Handbook is available to view/download from the PRARG website. Please take a bit of time to read this document so you are familiar with club information, rules and by-laws.



Whats New...

2025 EQ & DQ AWARD WINNERS

EQ Awards Night

SERVICE TO SPORT - Congratulations Kay!
Proudly Sponsored by #EquestrianQueensland
At the 2025 Equestrian Queensland Annual Awards
Congratulations! This honour recognises your long-term
commitment and exceptional contribution to equestrian sport in
Queensland.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR - Congratulations Emma!
Proudly Sponsored by #MarshInsuranceBrokers
At the 2025 Equestrian Queensland Annual Awards
Congratulations! Your professionalism, integrity, and contribution
is outstanding!



DQ Awards Night

Congratulations to all our winning PRARG Members at the
Dressage QLD Awards night.





Whats New...



2025 CHRISTMAS PARTY & AGM

Our 2025 Christmas Party & AGM was another great night of Christmas cheer and celebrations. Lots of lucky door prizes were won and plenty of raffle ticket prizes from our amazing sponsors were on offer! Congratulations and well done to all our trophy and high point recipients, we hope you all had a great night!



Trophy recipients for 2025 - Congratulations to all!

Open Official Dressage Trophy:

- 1 Jacqui Huppert & Cognac Diamond
- 2 Linda Van Rensburg & Stonefox Zara
- 3 Glenn Pearce & Classic Diamond

Associate Dressage Trophy:

- 1 Mardi Stevenson & Fools Rush In
- 2 Mardi Stevenson & Bombarding
- 3 Fiona Grayfoner & Waltzing Deja vu

Pam Merrin AOR Trophy:

- 1 Linda Van Rensburg & Stonefox Zara
- 2 Yvette Vlies & Montango Lodge Acrobat
- 3 Kate Thompson & Willowcroft Fascination

Ball Family Open Pony Trophy:

- 1 Glenn Pearce & Classic Diamond
- 2 Kate Thompson & Willowcroft Fascination
- 3 Kate O'Sullivan & Maeve Keava Welshman

Balbriggan Dressage Trophy:

Jacqui Huppert & Cognac Diamond

Open Hack Trophy:

Jess Merlo & Zurbi

Freestyle Award:

Jacqui Huppert & Cognac Diamond

Shirley Hendren Memorial Foam Knicker Award

Lyn McGann

Fiona Lane Memorial Trophy

Linda Van Rensburg

Club Stirrer Award (no perpetual)

Tracey Goss

Mr P Memorial Trophy Service to the Club:

Leanne Smith

President's trophy:

Amanda Wright & Naomi



2026 Sign On Day

SIGN ON DAY



Vacancy on management committee – As per the constitution 13 (1) – The management committee shall have the power at any time to appoint any member of the Association to fill a casual vacancy on the management committee until the next Annual General Meeting. If any members are interested in filling the 1 (one) vacancy, please email to prargsecretary@gmail.com your name and best contact details.



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Sunday 18th January 2026

PRARG INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

- WORKING BEE 6.30am to 10am
- SIGN ON for membership/shirts etc 8 to 10am
- At 9am join your fellow members and Committee in celebrating the indoor arena (official opening 22nd March).
- EQ will have a representative there to help with any queries and membership.
 - Helmet tagging
 - FREE sausage sizzle

Club caters for riders interested in dressage & hacking
Beginner to Grand Prix – training, competition and friendship.
Club polo shirts/ washbay tap keys available

Enquiries:

Membership enquiries Lorraine – prarg.membership@gmail.com
General enquiries Kay prarginc81@bigpond.com or 0419 741 273

Club grounds – Olson & Teviot Rds, North Maclean



*Important Rules
to Follow*

IMPORTANT RULES TO FOLLOW AT PRARG GROUNDS

The expectation from our Management Committee, Insurance Provider, Logan Council and Equestrian Australia is to ensure that only financial members of PRARG and registered competitors are permitted to ride on the grounds. To maintain our excellent reputation as a compliant and diligent club this warning reminder is stated:

***Do not allow your friends or other persons to ride your horse while on the grounds.
A coach may but must have either EA insurance or their own a certificate of currency.***

There are no exceptions from this ruling and a serious penalty process will apply to anyone who jeopardises the rule. The rules we apply are to protect, one and all, so we expect that you will understand and respect this warning.

GROUNDS: Anna Flohr - 0407 622 666

INSURANCE

As a rider at PRARG, unless you are a **FINANCIAL** member of **Equestrian Australia (via EQ)**, you are **NOT** covered for personal injury should you have a fall at the grounds. You are covered **24/7** for personal injury as an EA member when you ride. This benefit alone should be reason enough to join, either as a supporter, recreational, participant or competitor. Details on how to join can be found here www.qld.equestrian.org.au/membership-categories

DOGS ON THE GROUNDS

As per the club handbook: Dogs on grounds: Dogs are not allowed on the grounds at any time whilst horses are present. Having dogs on the grounds is a risk to the safety of riders and horses. Your assistance in complying is sought – see By Law No 14. This is different when at the Saddlery Market as under LCC lease, the day is a fundraiser and dogs are allowed on a leash. If members have an exemption for their dog i.e. assistance dog please email this paperwork to: prarginc81@bigpond.com.

REDEEMING VOUCHERS

As members know vouchers are handed out to those who work and in return you use them towards entries to events/functions/merchandise etc. However many members are not submitting their vouchers in for event entries. Ideally please attach to your HHD or at a minimum give us the voucher number. We have a limited ability within the Nominate entry to record the above. These vouchers are paper money and the treasurer needs to keep track of them. To all the members who have lots of vouchers to use—thank you as you a great volunteer.

KEEPING THE ARENAS CLEAN

Members, if your horse does a manure in the arena, please clean up as it leaves a mess for the next person riding and for when members are harrowing the arenas for competitions. Over the years we have had rakes but they have gone walking. Normally you carry a shovel/rake in your float. A rake will be provided by the club again and will be positioned in the undercover area.