

Papatoetoe Pony Club

# The Pony Express

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Eden Annabell photographed by Julia Murch

## Wet weather doesn't dampen HT turnout

The weather tried its best to dampen the spirits of the Power Farming Brookby Horse Trial, but riders turn out in big numbers for another fantastic and well-supported event.

With entries having sold out in just seven hours, over 280 combinations competed over two days in challenging conditions.

It was great to see so many of our own PPC members take part and

would like to congratulate those who took part and in particular our top six place getters.

CCN80-SA  
1st - Eden Annabell

CCN80-S Under 14  
2nd - Eva Brunt  
4th - Amani Shaw

CCN95 Under 16  
3rd - Delta Forsyth  
5th - Kate McKeen

CCN2\* and CCN3\*  
2nd - Scout Lodder



Scout Lodder photographed by Julia Murch

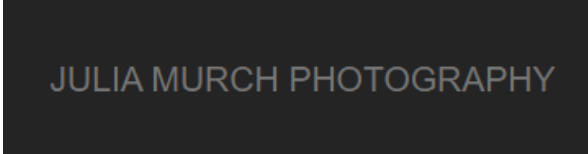


# What's in the news?



*Eva Brunt photographed by Julia Murch*

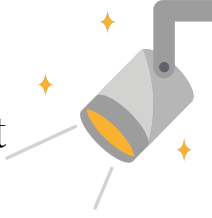
A huge amount of effort goes into bringing this event to fruition and steering the ship is the fantastic Kate Ormond. Thank you to Kate and all of our wonderful volunteers, judges, course designer, technical delegates, competitors and last, but by no means least, our very generous sponsors, for another successful event.



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## Coach spotlight



Each month, The Pony Express will be placing one of PPCs fantastic coaches under the spotlight as we get to know a little bit more about them. This month we get to know coach Kate Ormond. Not only is Kate a coach at PPC but she also organises both Brookby Horse Trial and Brookby Show Jumping.



*At what age did you start to ride and how did it come about?*

I started riding my uncle's cows into the milking shed at two years of age. Then when we moved to NZ with mum and dad, who are not horsey, brought me a 9hh Welsh pony called 'Casper'. I taught myself to ride with the help of my brother.

*Do you still ride and what is your favoured discipline?*

I still have a love for Eventing.

*What do you like about coaching?*

I love it when the penny drops and your student understands what you're telling them :)

*What is your favourite holiday destination?*

Bali is definitely my fav place in the world.

*Favourite flavour of ice cream?*

Goodie gumdrops.

*What song is guaranteed to get you on the dance floor?*

Thinking Out Loud by Ed Sheeran.

*If you had to leave home in a hurry, what three things could you not leave without?*

Lip balm, my pillow and chewing gum.

*What is on your Bucket List?*

To go to Croatia.

*What would your perfect day look like?*

Wake up to the sun, have a coffee load the truck and head to the beach with the horses.

*Which fictional character would you most like to be friends with?*

Minions, then I could get more done!

*Who is your hero?*

Wonder Woman.



## Mounted Games Fun

Thank you to Head Coach Kate Bull who in partnership with the Waikato Mounted Games Association organised a fantastic fun mounted games rally.



There was weaving, cups, stacking, flags and much more fun on horseback. It was great to see so many riders of all ages and abilities giving it a go.

Keep an eye our on our Facebook page for details of future mounted games activities.



## First Aid Update



Thank you and congratulations to Belinda McPhillips and Lee Ogilvie who recently completed a first aid course, adding to the list of our invaluable first aiders that are required at rallies, open days and events.



## Out & About

Congratulations to those PPC riders who have been our out and about competing over the past month. We love to see and hear about your travels so please send news and photos via our PPC Facebook Messenger.

Congratulations to the following riders for placing at their respective events.

Poppy Illston - Northland Show Hunter Canter for Cancer GP Show.

Scout Lodder - Shots Photography Mini ODE at Woodhill.

Sophia Fitzpatrick - Tuakau PC Express Event

Georgia McPherson - Tuakau PC Express Event

Harriette Giltrap - BOP Show Hunter Spring Championship

Savanna Styles - BOP Show Hunter Spring Championship

Allegra Francis & Harriette Giltrap - Alltech NZ GP Show Jumping @ Woodhill

Sienna Pallin-Simmonds - Mangere Pony Club Show Cross

Rebecca Dickens & Jessica Sutherland - Dressage Waitemata

Harriette Giltrap - St Peter's Inter-Schools Show Jumping

Savanna Styles - Waikato Show Hunter Spring Show

Savanna Styles - Waitemata Showhunter Summer Series

Rebecca Dickens & Jessica Sutherland - AMDG Dunstan Spring Series

## Spooktacular turnout



There were some great games and boo-tiful costumes on display at the spooktacular Halloween Rally. A big thank you goes to PPC member Kate McKeen for organising the evening's events and also taking some lovely photos.



## RIDIR offer - just in time for Christmas!

The lovely people at RIDIR Equestrian Apparel have been very generous in offering our PPC members 15% discount when making a purchase on their website.



RIDIR provide all of our PPC uniform so it would be great to show them some more support.

Check out their range online at [www.ridir.co.nz](http://www.ridir.co.nz) and enter the code **RIDIRfriends** at checkout.



## Working Bee

Please do not forget to email your completed working bee hours to [workingbees@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz](mailto:workingbees@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz)

We value your contribution and many of our events could not go ahead without your help.

A reminder that if you sign up, then please show up. We had a number of people sign up for jobs at our recent horse trial and then sadly did not show up. If you are unsure of what is required of a particular role then please ask. For example, if you are assigned to XC jump judge, then be prepared. If it's fine, bring a chair, a sunhat, sunblock and water. If it's raining, you are more than welcome to drive your vehicle onto the course to sit and keep dry, or be prepared in wet weather gear.

Please be mindful that it is not easy to fill roles at short notice. If your situation changes and you are no longer able to commit, then please let us know at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.



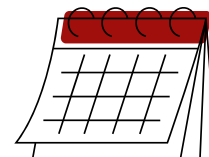
## Ho Ho Hope you can join in the festive fun!

The holiday season is nearly upon us and it's time for our Christmas rally which this year takes place on 2 December. Please don't forget to sign up via Enrolmy.

It's a time for dressing up, playing games, having fun and enjoying some festive kai - please don't forget to bring a plate of food to share!



## What's on



Keep your eye on your email inbox and the PPC Facebook pages for lots of action and activities happening at the Club.

Here's a look ahead to what's coming up in the next few weeks out and about.

### November

- 23rd - Dressage By The Lake @ Takapoto Estate
- 24th - Twilight SJ Practice @ Whitford PC
- 24/25th - Reyna Equestrian HT @ Taupo
- 26th-29th - Let's Jump @ NEC, Taupo
- 25th - PPC Rally - Cross Country Rally**

### December

- 2nd - PPC Rally - Christmas with Shared Lunch**
- 2nd/3rd - Burmester GP Show Jumping @ Woodhill
- 3rd - K3 Legal Showcross Eventing @ Whitford
- 7-10th - Archibald & Shorter International 3DE @ Puhinui Reserve
- 8-10th - Auckland Secondary Schools Regional ODE @ Puhinui Reserve
- 9th - Canter for Cancer Premier League Waitemata Dressage Championships @ Woodhill
- 9/10th - Auckland Show Hunter @ Pukekohe A&P
- 10th - Beachlands Maraetai PC Showjumping
- 10th - Coatesville Pony Club Showjumping
- 13th - PPC Rally - Show Jumping**
- 13-17th - Christmas Classic @ Taupo NEC
- 16/17th - Dunstan Horsefeeds Christmas Jump Jam @ Showfields
- 17th - Massey Pony Club Show Jumping
- 17th - Christmas Grassroots Show Jumping & Dressage @ Woodhill



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**Make sure your unicorns are happy**

**Give newcomers a leg up**

**Rein in rubbish behaviour**

**Be a good person**

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And remember none of us can do this sport  
without our amazing volunteers and officials so  
give them a great big smile and thank them!

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