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Papatoetoe Pony Club

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# The Pony Express

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## Brookby Show Jumping Returns

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break, that you feel relaxed and ready to take on the second half of what will be a very busy 2024.

This weekend sees the returning of the Brookby Show Jumping over 20th and 21st January.

Kate Ormond and the team put on

a fantastic show so whether your competing or not, your support of this show is much appreciated - even better if you can tick off some of those working bee hours! If you're available to help, please email [kirstenworker@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenworker@gmail.com)

They'll be action in both arenas with ponies jumping from 60cm upto Mini Prix whilst the horse ring will start at 80cm and reach the dizzy height of 1.35cm.

There is a special 1m horse class on Sunday which is open to Pony Club riders 12 years old and over.

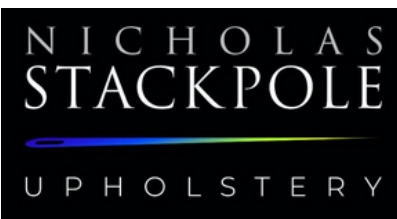


# What's in the news?

A huge thank you goes to all of the fantastic sponsors of the event with a special mention of title sponsor Power Farming, who offer a wide range of farm machinery.



*Shelley Bridgeman*



## Have you booked in for Rally?

It's going to be a jam-packed second half of the season with lots of rallies, team events, special outings, inhouse competitions and camp.

Our next get-together takes place on Wednesday 24 January where you will have an exciting opportunity on offer at our Have A Go Polo evening hosted by Ryburn Park in Clevedon.

This was a great event last year where you will be given first hand knowledge of how to correctly hold and swing a polo mallet, learn about polo ponies before hopping in the saddle.

Sign up for this rally and all future dates at [www.enrolmy.com](http://www.enrolmy.com)



## The Stirling Collection

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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 Amy Barrack.



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

I started riding when I was 5. My mum was horsey so I was lucky that she found a pony for me to learn to ride on.

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

I do still ride and I like both dressage and show jumping.

*What do you like about coaching?*

I love helping horse/rider combinations unlock their potential and work together more harmoniously.



*What is your favourite holiday destination?*

Hahei in the Coromandel

*Favourite flavour of ice cream?*

Chocolate!

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

My Phone, wallet and a snack

*What is on your bucket list?*

To teach my horse how to do a canter pirouette

*What would your perfect day look like?*

Probably going for a hack somewhere like Duders or Waitawa with the horses and then enjoying a meal with friends and family.

## NZPCA Champs Week

Hot on the heels of Brookby Show Jumping is the North Island New Zealand Pony Club Championship Week which is taking place at Clevedon Pony Club grounds 22-25 January.

PPC riders have been selected to represent Auckland Area. We wish all the very best of luck to dressage riders Jessica Sutherland, Sophia Fitzpatrick, Kate McKeen, and Geneva McLean. Charlotte Owen will form part of the Show Jumping team.

Timetable:-

23 January

Dressage Practice (AM)

Dressage Champs and Mounted Games (PM)

24 January

Mounted Games and Dressage Champs (AM)

Individual Show Jumping and Mounted Games (PM)

25 January

Mounted Games and Show Jumping Champs (AM)

Mounted Games Final (PM)

## PPC Teams Representation



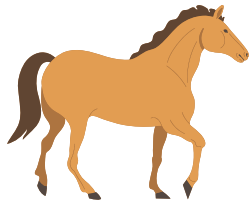
PPC representative teams will be out and about in February, with the first event being the 38th North Island Pony Club Show Jumping Champs being hosted by Waikato Area PC. The event takes place at Waipa Equestrian Park, Kihikihi on 3rd & 4th February.

The following weekend is the mighty Timberlands North Island Teams Event. A two-day event with a challenging cross-country track across Boyce's Farm in Tokoroa.

We wish our PPC representative riders well and look forward to hearing all about it in next month's newsletter.

We have future opportunities coming up if you are interested in representing PPC with Manukau Teams eventing in March and show jumping in April. Please email Kate Bull to register your interest at [headcoach@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz](mailto:headcoach@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz)

Any riders who become part of the PPC representative team must take part in fundraising initiatives.



## Out & About

Congratulations to those PPC riders who have been 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.

Hariette Giltrap and Savanna Styles - GJ Gardiner Homes New Year GP Show Jumping - Woodhill Sands

Sophie Fitzpatrick and Geneva McLean - WCEG Dressage Two Day Summer Bonanza

Harriette Giltrap, Poppy Illston & Savanna Styles-BOPSH Summer Show @ Rotorua A&P Showgrounds

Lauren Keith - Massey Pony Club Show Jumping Series Day 3

Charlotte Owen - SJ Waitemata Archibald & Shorter North Shore World Cup Festival - Woodhill Sands



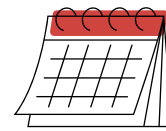
Poppy Illston

## Carry on camping!

We are excited to confirm that the new date for the PPC annual camp is 13th-15th April. Further details to be shared soon. If you would like to attend this awesome get together then please confirm your interest via [www.enrolmy.com](http://www.enrolmy.com)



## 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.

January 2024

19th-21st - AMDG Kiwi Arena Rakes Premier League Championships @ Clevedon Showgrounds

### **20th/21st Brookby Show Jumping @ PPC**

20th - Northland Show Hunter Canter For Cancer @ Barge

20th - Derby & Show Hunter Practice Open Day @ Woodhill

20th/21st - 2-day Summer Dressage Bonanza @ Waikato Equestrian Centre

### **20-25th - NZPCA Champs Week @ Clevedon PC**

21st - Coatesville Pony Club Mini ODE

21st - Show Jumping Derby & Grassroots Show Hunter @ Woodhill

### **24th - Give it a Go Polo Rally @ Ryburn Park**

26/27th - NZ Youth Dressage Festival @ NEC Taupo

27/28th - Practice Showjumping @ Sunvalley Showfields

### **27th - Show Jumping Rally @ PPC**

27th - Practice XC @ Woodhill

28th - Mini ODE @ Woodhill

29th - Grassroots Show Jumping @ Woodhill

February

### **3rd/4th - 38th North Island Pony Club Show Jumping Champs @ Kihikihi Domain**

3rd/4th - 2DE @ Massey Pony Club

3rd/4th - Dressage Rotorua @NEC Taupo

3rd/4th - Summer Grand Prix & Show Hunter Show @ Woodhill

### **7th - Dressage Rally @ PPC**

10/11th - Waikato Show Hunter Summer Show @ NEC, Taupo

### **10/11th - Brookby Horse Trial @ PPC**

11th - Dressage Waitemata @ Woodhill Sands

### **14th - Cross Country Rally @ PPC**

15-18th - Takapoto Show Jumping

16th-18th - Dressage Waikato Festival Champs @ NEC, Taupo

### **17/18th - Timberlands North Island Teams Event**

17/18th - Waitemata Showhunter @ Woodhill Sands

17/18th - Auckland Jumping Show Pukekohe A&P

### **21st - Dressage Rally @ PPC**

22-25th - Takapoto Show Jumping

24/25th - Woodhill Sands Summer Grand Prix Show

### **24/25th - Carriage Driving Champs @ PPC**

25th - Auckland Manukau Autumn Dressage Series @ Clevedon

### **28th - Ryder Cup Dressage Competition @ PPC**

## Situation vacant - can you help?

The Club is looking for one or two people to assist with financial administration and support the PPC Committee.

Ideally, you will be a numbers person with some accounting knowledge whereby you can pretty much hit the ground running and assist with day-to-day accounting tasks - accounts payable, accounts receivable, data entry, financial recording, and reconciliation. Hands-on experience of Xero is desirable although training will be provided. You will be part of a small but supportive team.

If you have a few hours a week to support the Club and its financial future then please email [secretary@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz](mailto:secretary@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz)

# HELP NEEDED

Auckland Area is hosting Championship Week at Clevedon Pony Club 22-25 January. This North Island event will see Areas compete in Dressage, Showjumping, and Mounted Games.

Papatoetoe Pony Club has been tasked with managing the Showjumping and is responsible for Individual/Non-Champs ring on Wednesday and the Championship Ring the following day. We need gear checkers, pole pickers, writers, pack down crew...

As a Club we are looking for volunteers to assist at the following times:-

Monday 22nd January - flexible

Wednesday 24th January - 11.45am to 3.30pm or packdown from 3.30pm onwards

Thursday 25th January - 8.30am to 12.30pm or packdown from 12.00pm or 3.00pm

Any time you volunteer can be counted as PPC membership working bee hours.

Due to H&S volunteers must be over 16yrs. And please...is you SIGN UP...SHOW UP!

Please email [secretary@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz](mailto:secretary@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz)



## CHANGE the REIN

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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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