

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION (NSW) RAYMOND TERRACE & LOWER HUNTER CENTRE

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Important Dates:

- Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday 19 March at 7pm
- Centre Planning Day Sunday March
- Annual General Meeting Monday 23 April 7pm

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Invitation to Attend Monthly Meetings from the Management Committee

To All our Volunteers, Riders, Parents and Carers:-

Our next Monthly Meeting of the Centre is on Monday 19 March commencing at 7.00pm, and we would like to invite you to come and be a part of the organisation and running of our (and your) RDA Centre.

For many years, we have had a very small band of volunteers coming to our Monthly Meetings, and we really would like to see more people becoming involved in making decisions as to what happens in the day to day running of the Centre. We are sure that each and every one of our



volunteers has something to contribute and we, as the governing body of RT&LH Centre, would like to access that expertise for the benefit of our amazing riders and drivers.

Monthly Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and commences promptly at 7.00pm and finishes on the dot of 9.30pm or earlier. If a meeting day falls in the school holidays, an alternative date (either before or after the school holidays) will be chosen and a notice of this change given in the prior month's Centre Newsletter where possible.

A reminder will be sent to those on the newsletter email list prior to each meeting, as we are aware of how easy it is to miss dates.

Please give some thought to this invitation and whilst it may not be possible for you to attend each Monthly Meeting, we would welcome your attendance regularly throughout the year.

If you wish to receive regular updates and the Centre Newsletter by email, please let Jack Henry at myjac@bigpond.com. Alternatively, if you are not sure if you are on the list, wish to be removed from our emailing list or have changed your email address, please let Jack know.

RDANSW Carriage Driving Competition Results

The 2011 RDANSW Carriage Driving Competition results have just been announced, and drivers from the RT&LH Centre received some wonderful results.

Four Centres took part in the competition which included Tall Timbers, Upper Hunter (for the first time), Wagga Wagga and our own drivers. The driving entry is filmed or a still photograph taken and a cd is presented for entry into the competition.

This year Zane was the driving pony driven by all RT&LH competitors, and George Sinclair was kept busy as Whip.

Congratulations to all of our drivers, who will be presented with coloured ribbons for their efforts.

Photos were not available at time of newsletter publication, but we hope to bring some to you next month.

Class 1 Concours D'Elegance

Emma Batty	3rd Place
Dianne Southwell	4th Place
Terry Smith	Highly Commended
Gavin Buckmaster	Highly Commended
Matthew McColl	Highly Commended
Ruth Davies	Highly Commended

Class 2 Preliminary Bending

Terry Smith	1st Place
Ruth Davies	Equal 4th Place
Emma Batty	Equal 4th Place
Dianne Southwell	Equal 4th Place

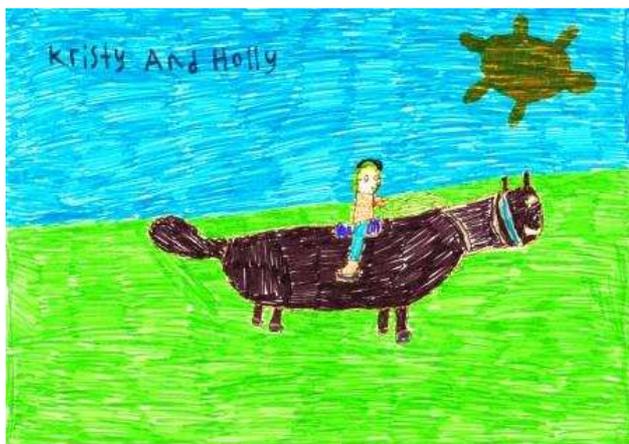
Class 3 Open Bending

Gavin Buckmaster	1st Place
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Class 4 Preliminary Cones

Veronica Croucher	1st Place
Terry Smith	2nd Place

RDANSW Colouring Competition



RDANSW is again hosting a Colouring Competition for 2012. The theme for this year is Celebrating 40 Years of RDA.

The Conditions of Entry are:

- Draw a picture (colouring in a pre-printed picture is not encouraged)
- Create a picture on a computer

There are three age categories: 4-8 years, 9-14 years and 15-20 years. The winner of each age group and section will receive a prize and everyone who enters will receive a certificate.

Please forward entries to Drawing Competition, Riding for the Disabled Association NSW, PO Box 710, Sydney Markets NSW 2129 by the Closing Date of Monday 9 April 2012.

To ensure the return of entries, please write on the back of each entry the name, the age of the artist and the RDA Centre where they ride or drive.

Subway Donation Boxes

Michael Murphy continues to support RDA by having a fundraising donation box on the counters of his two Subway stores at Heatherbrae and Raymond Terrace.

In February, money from the donation boxes were collected from both stores. The donation boxes contained a total of \$307.90, and all money is donated to RDA.



We would like to thank Michael and his staff for their ongoing support. In 2011, the Subway donation boxes raised \$1,168.75 for our Centre. What an amazing amount!

Don't forget, if you would like to 'Eat Fresh', why not pop in to see Michael at Subway Heatherbrae, Shop 1, 1A Hank Street, Heatherbrae, (02) 4983 2448 or Trish at Subway Raymond Terrace, Kiosk 2, Raymond Terrace Market Place, William Street, Raymond Terrace, (02) 4987 5767. Why not call and pre-order your meal so you can be on your way in a flash!

Calendar of Events

The below information is subject to change, and is accurate (as provided) at time of publication.

Event	Date	Captain
Stroud Driving Pony 'Tinker' Assessment	21 February	Rosemary Laing
Tuesday Riding Training Days	21 & 28 February	Carol Brown
Friday ASH Riding Program 1 Commences	2 March	Veronica Caban
Saturday Riding Program Commences	3 March	Michelle Bullen
Monday Carriage Driving Program Commences	5 March	Helen Huckerby
Monday Dressage Program & Training Day	5 March	Wendy Murray
Tuesday Riding Program Commences	6 March	Carol Brown
Tuesday Carriage Driving Program Commences	6 March	George Sinclair
Stroud Driving Program to Commence (if Tinker Passes Assessment)	6 March	Rosemary Laing
Management Committee Meeting	6 March	Roly Taylor
Wednesday Dressage Program & Training Day	7 March	Isabel Taylor & Judy Edwards
Friday ASH Riding Program 1 Commences	9 March	Veronica Caban
Newsletter Contribution Closing Date	15 March	Jude Oliver
Monthly Meeting	19 March	Carol Brown
Thursday Riding Program Training Day	5 April (TBC)	Jan Sharp
Thursday Riding Program Commences	26 April	Jan Sharp

Annual General Meeting - Monday 23 April



The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 23 April 2011 in Murphy's Room at the Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter Centre.

The purpose of the Annual general meeting is to consider any outstanding matters from the 2011 Annual General Meeting and to undertake elections of our Office Bearers for 2012 only.

All interested parties are welcome to attend, but only paid members are able to vote. The meeting will start promptly at 7.00 pm, and will be followed at 7.30 pm by the April Monthly Meeting. All additional issues will be considered as part of the normal monthly meeting.

Please note: The Meetings have been moved to the fourth Monday of the month, because the third Monday falls in the April school holidays.

Office Bearers for 2012

We welcome and encourage new members and ideas. If you would like to nominate for a position for 2012, then please have your nominations to Vicki in the office fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. If you would like more information about a potential position, then please contact the office or ask any Committee member. An official nomination form, for those interested, can be obtained from the office or can be downloaded from our website at www.rdaraymondterrace.org.au when the forms become available during March.

Please keep in mind that all positions are active throughout the whole of 2012. We understand that this is a large commitment, but we know that we have a talented volunteer team that can meet this challenge.

The following positions are available for nomination, and we also encourage support from those who would like to act as a team member to support the chosen person in their role:

- President
- Vice President (x 2)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Finance Officer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Horse Manager
- Coaching Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Dressage Coordinator
- Driving Coordinator
- Health & Safety Officer
- Special Event/Competition Coordinator
- Publicity Officer
- Share A Horse Coordinator
- Building Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Minutes Secretary
- Catering Coordinator
- Hippotherapy Coordinator
- Riders' Representative
- Parents'/Carers' Rep

Please Keep Your Contact Information Up To Date

Please support RDA Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter Centre by keeping your contact details up to date.

If you are an experienced volunteer, rider or parent/carer, who has moved or changed their details, please inform Vicki in the office when you are next at RDA, by email at raymondterrace@rdansw.org.au or give her a call on (02) 4987 1402.

If you change your details throughout the year, please remember to let us know.



Pre-Order Your Entertainment Book Now



The new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Books are arriving in March for Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter, so pre-order a copy today and receive extra value!

The new Book is only \$60, and you'll receive \$15,000 worth of valuable offers, valid until 1 June 2013. The good news is that \$12 of your Book purchase goes towards our Centre's fund-raising!

Check out what's in the new Entertainment™ Book!

You can browse the book online by visiting www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/newcastle.

Pre-order now and receive extra value...

Pay for your new Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter Entertainment™ Book late March 2012 (date to be confirmed) and you'll receive additional offers, valued at over \$175, which you can use immediately!

This offer is limited, as we are only assigned a small amount. So act now, as this is strictly on a first in, first served basis.

Contact us today to pre-order your copy!

Order your copy of the new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Book by contacting Jude Oliver by email at judeoliver@iprimus.com.au.

Updated and New Emails Needed to Receive Newsletter and Centre Updates

If you wish to receive regular newsletters and updates by email please let Jack Henry know by email at myjac@bigpond.com. Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from our emailing list or have changed your email address, please send Jack an email.

Jack Henry kindly sends out our newsletters, and group emails regarding our Centre, on behalf of RDA. Please support him by keeping your information up to date.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser by Michelle Bullen

On Australia Day, the 26th of January, we held a Bunnings BBQ at the Salamander Bay store to raise money for the Centre.

The day had slow bursts of people come by and buy sausage sandwiches or just a drink. It was a very quiet day compared to our recent fundraising days at the store. Bunnings had advertised that RDA Raymond Terrace were going to be the beneficiaries of the bbq for the day, a week or two ahead of time, and this helped to get the word out on our behalf.

We would like to thank all who helped on short notice and helped us raise \$402.76: Janet Elphick, Jenny and Richard Nicholls, and Kerry, Liam and Narelle Woolfe.

Photo Kindly Provided by Michelle & Trevor Bullen



Jenny & Richard Nicholls at the bbq

Membership Fees Due for 2012

All existing Members of Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter Centre, and those interested in becoming Members, are advised that Membership is now due for 2012.

We invite all volunteers, riders, drivers, parents/carers, who are 18 years and over, to become a Member of the. This is an exciting opportunity, as it allows you to vote on important issues at meetings and will ensure that your voice is heard when decisions are made in relation to the Centre.

Full Membership is \$10.00. This entitles you to vote at Monthly Meetings and receive the meeting minutes by email.

Social Membership is \$5.00. This entitles you to receive the meeting minutes by email.

Please note the following:

- If you want to be able to vote, put forward or second any motion, Full Membership is required.
- Though membership is voluntary, Coaches, are strongly recommended to become Full Members.
- Centre Position holders must hold Full Membership.
- New Members only, must be minuted and accepted at a Monthly Meeting and one month, after that date, must elapse before they are eligible to vote at any meeting.

We would like to encourage all volunteers, riders, drivers, parents/carers to become involved. Everyone is welcome to attend the Monthly Meetings, which are held on the third Monday of each month, in Murphy's Room, RDA Raymond Terrace, 3219 Pacific Highway, Raymond Terrace at 7pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday 19 March, and the Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 23 April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Request for Newsletter Articles



We invite you to become involved in the RTLH Newsletter. If you wish to include any item/article in our Monthly Newsletter, please hand it in for inclusion by the 15th of each month so we can have the Newsletter dispatched to all by the end of the month.

All submissions are welcome and will be included. This is your newsletter, so if you would like to see something in it, please give the information. It would also be greatly appreciated if captains of events can provide information before and after an event.

Without information, an article can not be included.

Submissions can be forwarded by:

- **Email** - send your article in Word format only to judeoliver@primus.com.au. Please include a photo no larger than 500kb in size. Please do not include the photo in the body of your email nor in the word document, but as an attachment only (preferably a jpeg file).
- Leaving the item clearly marked in the Thursday Pigeon Hole for collection **from the beginning of Second Term Programs only**. Please keep in mind that items can only be collected on Thursday, so some may not be collected until after the 15th and will be included in the following Newsletter.



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