



Information for Henty Riding Club Inc. Members - 2024

The President and Committee trust that members will enjoy their membership of the Henty Riding Club Inc. (Henty) at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre (DEC) and provide the following information for the 2024 club year.

Office Bearers

President:	Lucinda McAlpine
Vice President:	Liz Anderson
Secretary:	Colleen Smythe
Treasurer:	Acacia Chen
Committee Members:	Bernie Westwood, Jacky Ynema, Darline Morgan, Connor Morgan, Cathy Hanley, Naomi Mead, Racheal Mead, Rebecca Dauti, Diane Posthuma, Barrie Donohoe

Membership Fees

Full Membership	\$80.00
Family Membership	\$110.00 (Adult children 18 years and over must have full membership)
Event Membership	\$35.00
Social Membership	\$35.00 (Non-riding)

At Henty club days, events, training days, lessons or clinics, all riders must be members unless otherwise specified.

Membership applications are managed via Nominate and a link to sign up or renew a membership can be found on the Henty website - https://hentyridingclub.au/membership/#join_renew

Where to find updates and information for members

Henty Website	https://hentyridingclub.au/
Facebook	Henty has a Facebook page where most updates/events/ club news will be posted. (The Henty Facebook page does not advertise used goods or horses/ponies for sale as these are items are well catered for on other sites. The volume of these posts also makes it hard to see the club activities)
Email	Updates and information on events may be sent via email through Nominate
Enquiries	hentyridingclub@gmail.com

Casual Riding at the Dardanup Equestrian Centre

Bookings

Bookings are made online through the DEC website:

<https://www.dardanup.club/>

Please see website for general information about the use of grounds by Henty members under the 'Info' and FAQ' tabs. The ground fee is \$5.40 per horse/per day whether the horse is ridden or not.

Please note for safety and insurance requirements, riding alone at the grounds is not permitted.

Wednesday and Thursday Club Days

The DEC grounds are usually open on Wednesday and Thursday morning for casual riding for club members.

Members are able to ride and have morning tea and socialise afterwards.

Please check with a committee member or on the Henty Facebook page if you are unsure if others will be riding as attendance varies week to week and you will not be able to ride without another adult present.

Club Events

Information on upcoming club events can be found on the DEC Calendar and Henty Facebook page.

Nominations for events are typically via Nominate -

<https://nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx>

Member Run Clinics

If there is a clinic, instructor or guest speaker you would like to bring to Henty for the benefit of other members, please contact the committee members and forward the information to the secretary at hentyridingclub@gmail.com

All members are welcome to be involved in running events, however, all events and clinics must receive Committee approval at a General Meeting prior to the event being advertised.

Riding during Club Events and Clinics

Members may be able to ride at the grounds when other club events and clinics are being run.

Please contact the event organiser for permission (their details can be found using the DEC calendar.)

Take care to avoid disturbing or riding in the area of the clinic or lessons.

Public Liability Insurance

Henty Riding Club Inc. is affiliated with Equestrian Australia and carries Public Liability Insurance through the Equestrian Australia insurers.

Personal Accident Insurance for Riders

Personal Accident Insurance for Riders is not covered by the Henty Riding Club Inc.

Please arrange Personal Accident Insurance with an insurance company of your own choice.

Equestrian Australia (EA) does offer policies to EA members. More information can be found on the Equestrian Western Australia website - www.equestrianwa.org.au

Riding Equipment and Rules

Henty Riding Club is an EA Affiliated Club, all rider and horse gear are as per the EA Rule book of the discipline that you are participating in.

Helmets must be worn at all times.

Use of Grounds by Instructors for Private Lessons

Any instructor giving private lessons at the grounds must have committee approval first and provide a copy of their Public Liability Insurance.

Instructors are responsible for their own lessons times and arranging access to the grounds.

Riders must ensure their ground fee is paid via the DEC website.

Gates to the Dardanup Equestrian Centre

Please keep the entry gates closed at all times to prevent horses or other stock leaving the grounds.

The gates must be securely locked upon departure.

The combination for the front gate is 6236 for access for casual riding/lessons. You must be booked with the DEC to do this.

Cross Country Course

The cross-country course is managed by the Dardanup Horse and Pony Club (DHPC).

The jumps are out of bounds to casual riders on the grounds.

Club Rooms Maintenance

Henty Riding Club Inc. is one of four clubs that use the Dardanup Equestrian Centre.

All members are responsible for helping with cleaning the clubrooms.

Please help keep the club house area and toilets clean and tidy.

The kitchen must be cleaned and swept, and all garbage put out on club days and at events.

First Aid Kits

There are First Aid kits in the kitchen, the office and on the wall of the large shed.

A First Aid kit for horses is available from the office.

There is a Heart Start defibrillator attached to the exterior of the club rooms.

Cleaning of Yards

There are three manure pits for the convenience of ground users.

Please clean your yard, the wash bay, and the area around your float of manure and hay before leaving.

Wheelbarrows and scoops are provided.

Please do not put manure around the trees.

Use of Round Yards

There are two round yards available.

Please exercise caution with a fractious horse using the round yard attached to the arena when others are riding nearby.

Horses are not to be left in the round yards or fed in the round yards.

The round yard attached to the Main Arena is NOT to be used during events.

Dragging the Arena

There is someone organised to drag the arena for club days and water for club days and events.

Event organisers should arrange for the arena to be dragged after the event.

There is a proper arena rake to assist with this task that is easy to pull.

There are also arena drags that can usually be found near the equipment sheds.

It is a matter of looping the chain over the tow bar of your vehicle and taking care to avoid damage to the posts surrounding the arena.

Please ask committee members for assistance if required.

Dogs on the Grounds

Dogs are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** on the DEC grounds at any time.

You will be asked to remove the dog from the grounds if one is inadvertently brought to an event.

Stallions on the Grounds

Please inform the event organisers or a committee member if you are bringing a stallion.

A stallion may not be left tied to a float.

See the Equestrian Australia website in regard to stallion management for all requirements.

If you cannot control your stallion, you will be asked to remove him from the grounds for the safety of all.

Horse Abuse

Any person found to be abusing a horse will be asked to leave the grounds and will be banned from returning.

Dangerous Horses

Any horse acting in a manner which endangers people or other horses must be brought under control and may need to be removed from general riding area.

Meetings

Committee meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Dardanup Tavern. To confirm the date/time/location please contact the club secretary.

Agenda items are to be forwarded to the secretary one week prior to the meeting.

Henty Club Merchandise

Henty has polo shirts with short and long sleeves in club colours of navy blue and white, embroidered with the club logo in a cool fabric with a high sun protection factor.

We encourage members to wear club shirts for training days and similar events.

Please contact the committee if interested.

Volunteering

Henty runs entirely on the work of volunteers.

All contributions no matter how small will make a difference.

Please give back to our club by:

- Volunteering to be part of our committee
- Running/Organising events
- Helping at Busy Bees
 - Busy bees are held periodically at the grounds
 - Members should make every effort to attend at least one busy bee a year.
 - This is the only way to keep the costs down at the Equestrian Centre.
 - Lack of participation in busy bees can lead to increase membership costs to assist to pay for maintenance of the grounds
- Cleaning up after yourself and your horse
- Tidying up the club house, with all dishes washed and put away

Thank you from the Henty Riding Club Inc. Committee, please enjoy your participation in our club.

A copy of the waiver, agreed to during the Henty Riding Club Inc. membership process, on the Nominate Website, is outlined below:

Henty Riding Club Inc. - WAIVER

- 1) I/We hereby agree to all rules and the conditions stated in relation to the Henty Riding Club (Inc)
- 2) I/We have read and agree to abide by the Policies and Documents to be found on Equestrian Australia & FEI website [http:// www.equestrian.org.au/home](http://www.equestrian.org.au/home)
- 3) I/We acknowledge and understand that Henty Riding Club Inc.'s Public Liability Insurance states that all riders must wear a current approved hard hat or helmet and smooth soled riding boots.
- 4) I/We acknowledge and understand that neither the owners of venues used for activities, the Henty Riding Club (Inc), its organising committee, members or any other person acting on behalf of the Henty Riding Club (Inc.) accept liability for any loss, death, accident or injury to horse, participants, spectators or any person or property whatsoever.
- 5) I/We hereby agree that in the event of storm, rain, wind or other adverse weather conditions, the organisers of the event have the right to modify or cancel the event. Their decision will be final.
- 6) I/We acknowledge that I/we have sole responsibility for my/our personal possessions and equipment during the event and related activities.
- 7) I/We hereby attest and verify that I/we am/are physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this event/competition.
- 8) I/We hereby consent to receive medical or veterinary treatment for myself/ourselves and/or horse/s, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the event.
- 9) I/We am/are aware and agree to abide by the Dardanup Equestrian Centre Policy of: -

Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities, I, the person completing this form, understand, acknowledge, and accept that: Horse sports are a dangerous activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt. There is a significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering drugs and agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during any horse sports activities.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **CANCELLATION** of my participation in the activities and my immediate removal from my horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur.

I agree to wear an approved helmet at all times whilst participating in the sport where this is required under the relevant EA and FEI rules and regulations.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement and fully understand its terms and accept it freely and voluntarily.

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand, and accept ALL OF THE ABOVE and consent and agree to my minor child's involvement or participation in horse sport activities. I also agree to abide by the Parents Code of Conduct as it relates to Equestrian Sports. I understand that should I breach this Code of Conduct in any way I may be penalised for such a breach as determined by Equestrian Western Australia.

End of Waiver