



## Seymour Dressage & Showjumping Club

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### Members Information 2022-23

Welcome to Seymour Dressage & Showjumping Club

#### HRCAV Membership

This is a brief introduction to HRCAV membership. If you have any queries about the information below please ask a fellow member or contact any of the Committee and we will be only too happy to answer your questions. Alternatively there is information available on the HRCAV website: <https://hrcav.com.au/>

There are rules that apply to all members of the HRCAV that will be enforced when you are competing in an official HRCAV competition or attending club rallies. Each club may have club specific guidelines which will also need to be adhered to. These are available from the club Secretary.

In order to compete, attend rallies or utilise the club grounds, all riders must be current financial members of the HRCAV. When mounted members must wear an ASA approved helmet and riding boots.

#### Membership cards and Performance cards

Membership and performance cards are supplied at the time of becoming a member. Membership cards must be stamped and signed by the club Secretary for the current financial year. The Membership card is specific to the member. All Performance cards are specific to horse/member combination.

Performance cards indicate the horse/rider grading and have competition points earned recorded on them. Any additional performance cards for multiple mounts will need to be purchased from the [HRCAV](#) on the "order-form" @ \$7.00 each. Both Membership card and Performance cards are required to be presented to the Event Secretary when attending a competition as proof of membership and grading.

#### Level Assessment

HRCAV Level Assessors will assess the horse/rider combination in the relevant disciplines ie; dressage, showing, showjumping, horse trials, combined training, navigation. This assessment is recorded on the Performance card and will remain the level at which you must compete until you either 'point up' or are reassessed to a higher level. Level Assessing can be arranged privately or, when the demand is sufficient, an Assessor may be arranged on Rally day and members notified via our Facebook group.

Any further member information can be obtained from the President or Secretary of the club or directly from the HRCAV – [www.hrcav.com.au](http://www.hrcav.com.au)

## About Seymour Dressage & Showjumping Club

Rally dates are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. Occasionally the committee may change the date due to event conflict or instructor availability. If this happens details will be advised when seeking nominations for the impacted rally. Please note also that in the event of extreme weather being forecast the committee may cancel or postpone a rally in line with the SDSJC extreme weather policy.

Committee meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday or Wednesday of the month unless notified in on our Facebook group.

Please note that membership is not pro-rata. Our New Year starts on 01 November. All members must pay membership for the 01 Nov-31 Oct year prior to this date. If you are encouraging a friend to join it is advisable to let them know.

### Committee

While SDSJC has Office Bearers, the Club has an open committee meaning that all members are welcome to attend the committee meetings. Please consider coming along and becoming more involved.

Committee Contact Details for the financial year 01 Nov 2022 – 31 Oct 2023

Club President: Lisa Veitch 0409 219 928	Treasurer: Cheryl Stephens 0421 442 929
Secretary: Sonia Gulec 0488 788 841	Membership/Uniform Officer: Sue Flavin 0411 643 533
Rally Organiser: Anne Kern 0412 126 897	Risk Management/Covid Officer: Lisa Veitch

### Conditions of membership

Seymour Dressage and Show Jumping club follows the membership age restrictions suggested in the HRC AV guidelines.

**A requirement of membership is that you participate in a support capacity for our fundraising activities and general running of the club. Failure to contribute could see your membership declined in the future.**

This means you must fill a roster position/ attend two (2) of the following:

1. Show day Competition / Working bee
2. Dressage Competition/ Working bee
3. Rally Organisation. 1 rally per year

Members will also be required to assist in our other fundraising activities.

Our fundraising activities are run to provide and maintain our club grounds. Monies raised from these activities contribute to payments towards rates, property insurance, administration expenses and repairs and maintenance of our grounds including slashing.

The alternative is to charge a membership fee that will cover these expenses as some other clubs do.

## Booking in for Club Rallies

Our rally is held on the third weekend of the month at the costs detailed below. Rally details are advertised on the SDSJ closed Facebook group. Members are expected to book into the rally a minimum of ten days prior to the rally date via comment to Facebook post. Facebook message, text message, phone or email. Rally booking will not be secured until payment into the club bank account is received. Please ensure that you include your name when transferring payment.

Lessons range from 45- 60 minutes at the SDSJC club grounds. If there is any change to standard rally arrangements it will be advised in the rally details Facebook post, i.e. Increased cost for specialist instructors, facility fees for indoor school, maximum of two riders per lesson, change of day due to event conflict/instructor availability, etc. Please note also that in the event of extreme weather being forecast the committee may cancel or postpone a rally in line with the SDSJC extreme weather policy.

When booking please specify lesson type flat or jumping.

Options are as follows:

**Private Lesson** \$80 unless otherwise notified.

**Share Lesson** (two riders). \$40 per rider unless otherwise notified. Riders may nominate with a partner. If riders do not nominate with a partner the availability of a shared lesson will be dependent on a second member nominating for a shared lesson. Where possible riders will be grouped by level.

**Group Lesson** (three riders). \$30 per rider unless otherwise notified. Riders may nominate with a group of three riders. If riders do not nominate as a group the availability of a shared lesson will be dependent on a three members nominating for a shared lesson. Where possible riders will be grouped by level.

The rally organiser will try to publish your riding time/s on the Thursday three days before the rally on the SDSJC-private Facebook account.

Rally Organiser is Anne Kern 0412 126 897

## Procedure for running a Rally

All members are expected to run a rally. The rally running schedule is developed biannually in our committee meetings and published on our Facebook page. We have put together a 'Rally Pack' containing instructions, forms, keys etc to help facilitate a smooth day. If you are unsure of anything or require help just give a committee member a call and they will be only too happy to give you assistance. Rally Organiser, Anne Kern will remind you when you are scheduled to run a rally, and provide you with a rally folder and instructions. She will also provide you with details like groups start times, lunchtime etc.

Responsibilities include:

Setting up the arena including dragging the arena (harrows are behind shed), putting up corners and basic markers, watering arena in summer if required (sprinklers and hoses in equipment shed).

Opening the front gate in preparation for the next day. If you are unable to attend from when the first lesson starts then leave the canteen and grey steel cupboard open for access so riders can make own tea and coffee.

Organising lunch for instructor and riders at the rally. How much food you require will depend on number of riders. Tea and coffee are provided at no cost to members and members are encouraged to bring something to share for morning tea.

Ensure that the instructor is provided drinks during the day ie morning and afternoon tea at break times. Rally organiser will advise if they have any special dietary requirements. Make sure lunch is ready for them at the appropriate time.

## **Use of the Grounds outside of Rally Days –**

### **Key to the grounds**

You will be issued with a key to the grounds. The key is the property of the club and must be returned when you are no longer a member.

### **Google Calendar Booking System**

In an effort to make the system easier and more visible for all, we have created a shared calendar in Google. You will receive an email with an invitation to the calendar.

All SDSJC club members and SPC club members will have access to this calendar, so that everyone knows who is at the grounds and when. HRC AV insurance requires riders notify the club committee when they are using the grounds.

Don't worry, the calendar is ONLY visible to members of SDSJC and SPC.

Booking your ride is a simple two-step process. At least 24 hours before your plan to ride on the grounds, please:

1. Log an entry in the SDSJC & SPC grounds booking calendar as per the guideline below
2. Post your booked time in the SDSJC private group on Facebook so that it can be approved by a committee member

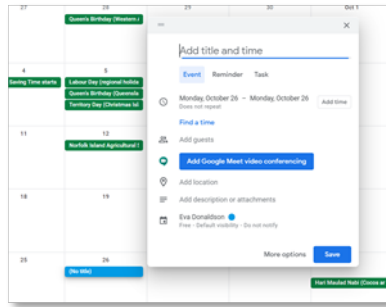
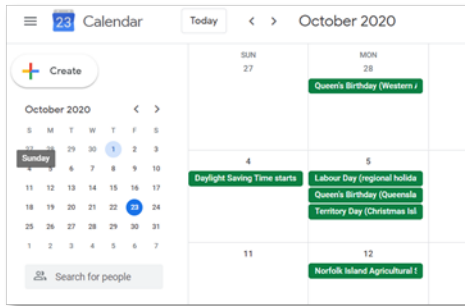
Please remember: Requests should be submitted at least 24 hours before your booking, and it must be approved by a committee member before you ride. This is not us being fussy, a requirement of our HRC AV insurance states that all riders must have approval from the committee to ride on the grounds outside of rally times. Submitting your booking with less than 24 hours-notice runs the risk of not being seen or approved by a committee member, which means you don't get to ride.

If you have any issues please feel free to get in contact with Sue Flavin for help. The Google calendar work best on a computer, you may experience problems on an iphone.

Clicking the link will open a new calendar tab in your browser. Click 'add'

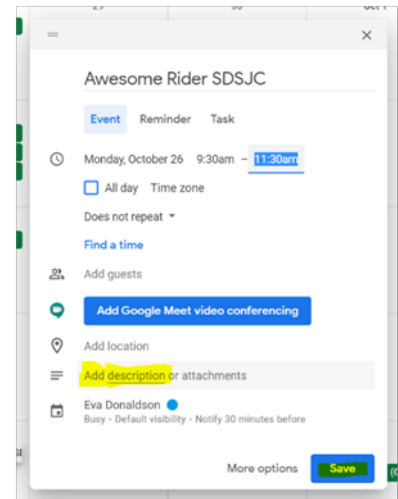
### **Booking the grounds on the Calendar**

To make a booking, click the Create button in the top left of your screen, or select the day you want to book.



A pop-up will appear. Please enter:

- Event name: Your name and club. (e.g. Awesome Rider SDSJC)
- Time and duration (e.g. 9.30am to 11.30am)
- Add description to include:
  - Your phone number (required as part of Covid return to play)
  - The name of your emergency contact (the person who is responsible for your safety while on the grounds)
- Click save and you are done!



## App on your phone

If you don't already, go to the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play to download the Google Calendar app – it is free! In the settings you can allocate a special colour for SDSJC event to help them stand out.

## Uniforms

Uniforms are not required to be worn at rallies, however, must be worn at any competitions. Our club colours are aqua, black and white. Any combination of these can be worn.

It is generally accepted that we have a black vest with our club emblem embroidered on it. Jodphurs can be banana, cream, beige, black or white. Shirt can be white, or aqua. Ties/stocks are required to be in variations of club colours.

Windcheaters and polo shirts in club colours with screen print are also available for purchase. Club polo shirts may be worn in competition but it is generally considered that the shirt/tie/vest or shirt/stock/vest option more appropriate for showing/dressage. Saddle cloths are not compulsory part of the uniform so you may use any colour/style you wish. If you prefer Club saddle cloths please contact our Uniform Officer.

Our club name must be displayed in accordance with the HRC AV requirements. Rules on what is required for each discipline vary slightly and are available on the HRC AV website. It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with these rules prior to competition.

Our Uniform Officer, Sue Flavin 0411 643 533 can assist with any further information regarding uniforms.

## **Keys**

The Rally Organiser will open the gates on rally days. All members are entitled to hold a key to the grounds which remains the property of SDSJC. Shed keys are restricted for the use of the executive committee. It is expected that all members who hold a grounds key will do so in a responsible manner. Non-members are not to use the key to gain access to the grounds. Be aware that our gate locks are changed every SDSJC financial year and the return of the previous year's key is expected whether the member re-joins or otherwise.

Please liaise with our Membership Officer Sue Flavin 0411 643 533 if you wish to obtain a key.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact anyone from the club.  
We hope to see you at a rally very soon.

Thank you for joining our Club

Sue Flavin on behalf of all Club members.  
Membership Secretary