

A scenic view of a beach at low tide, with the ocean water reflecting the sky and clouds. In the foreground, the back of a white horse's head with a black halter is visible, looking out over the beach. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Waitemata Riding Club

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2023/2024 Season

HOOFBEATS

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MESSAGE

from Our

PRESIDENT

Hey everyone, my name is Jenny Meikle (I also go by Jenny de Bazin - long story :)). I have had the privilege to know/have/own many horses and they've definitely all taught me something different, some horses it was/has been multiple lessons. I've also met many wonderful people (my job at Saddlery Warehouse Kumeu also enables that too) and I enjoy hearing people's journeys with their horses, it's certainly never a straight line from the beginning to achieve goals. My focus and love is Eventing but I also like to go to the forest and beach too.

I'm a mum of an 11-yo tween Hayley who I picture as the next Pixar animator - my biased opinion thinks so anyway.

My goal for this season is to get to some of our events, do a bit more Dressage and work on consistency and my fitness. I have had a year off from playing Badminton due to a surgery and having a dicky tennis elbow. I've been playing Badminton for 30+ years now and I still really like it - It's fitness that doesn't really seem like fitness. Last year my regional team went to Napier, Rotorua and Hamilton (plus Auckland) for games.

So this season I plan to join more of you out and about with your steeds, enjoying and learning as we go.

Happy horsing
Jenny Meikle



Meet



The WRC Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Amber Mildon



About Amber

AMBER IS A WAITOKI LOCAL HORSE LOVER WHO HAS 2 RETIRED HORSES, HER RIDDEN GELDING RUMTUM AND A LOVELY DOG NAMED SALLY. AMBER JOINED WRC TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND GET OUT AND ABOUT. HER FAVOURITE EVENT IS THE DRESSAGE SERIES DUE TO IT BEING VERY SUPPORTIVE WITH A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. HER PROUDEST HORSEY ACHIEVEMENT IS WINNING BOTH DRESSAGE TESTS ON THE SAME DAY. AMBERS GOALS FOR THIS SEASON ARE TO STEP UP A LEVEL AND PLACE CONSISTENTLY.



Quick Fire Q's

FAVOURITE PLACE TO RIDE?
WOODHILL FOREST

EARLIEST HORSEY MEMORY? SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS AT BLACKBRIDGE RIDING
SCHOOL

BREECHES OR TIGHTS? BREECHES

MATCHY-MATCHY OR JOSEPH-DON'T-
CARE? MATCHY MATCHY FOREVER

YOU CAN HAVE ANY HORSE IN THE WORLD
(DEAD OR ALIVE) FOR ONE HOUR. WHO IS
IT AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO? ARGENTO,
WHO WAS COMPETED BY SAM MCINTOSH.
THIS HORSE WILL FOREVER HAVE A SPECIAL
PLACE IN MY HEART.

HAVE YOU EVER TASTED YOUR HORSES
FEED? GUILTY

BLACK OR BROWN TACK? BOTH....I HAVE A
ADDICTION TO BUYING HORSE GEAR

SOMETHING THAT IS ALWAYS IN YOUR TACK
BOX ? SHOWSHEEN!

IF YOUR HORSE WAS A CELEBRITY WHO
WOULD THEY BE AND WHY? SETH ROGAN..
HE'S CHUBBY BUT CHILL

Any words for your fellow WRC members

GIVE EVERYTHING A TRY. EVEN IF IT'S
SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.
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COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Angela Ireland



About Ange

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THE DRESSAGE SERIES IS ANGELAS FAVOURITE WRC EVENT " I'M NOT A DRESSAGE " QUEEN " & ALWAYS FIND DRSSAGE A BIT INTIMIDATING & THESE ARE THE BEST WAY TO GET ME OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE ". HER PROUDEST HORSEY MOMENT TO DATE IS PLACING IN THE DRESSAGE SERIES AND HAS GOALS OF DOING MORE DRESSAGE THIS SEASON!

Any words for your fellow WRC members?

GET TO AS MANY EVENTS AS YOU CAN TO ENJOY THE FUN & THE SUPPORT THAT IS OFFERED . ALWAYS ALWAYS HAVE FUN

Quick Fire Q's

WHY ARE YOU A WRC MEMBER?
FOR THE FUN LOW KEY EVENTS, THE SOCIAL ASPECT & MOST DEFINITELY THE SUPPORT

FAVOURITE PLACE TO RIDE? MURIWAI BEACH

BLACK OR BROWN TACK? I HAVE BOTH 😂😂
BLACK FOR HACKING & THE TEENY JUMPS I DO & BROWN FOR SHOWING

BREECHES OR TIGHTS? BREECHES - SUCKS IT ALL IN BETTER 😂

RIDING CLOTHES AT THE SUPERMARKET OR GET CHANGED? FULLY AT THE SUPERMARKET 😂

MOST HATED HORSE CHORE? MUCKING OUT

MATCHY-MATCHY OR JOSEPH-DON'T-CARE?
GOTTA BE MATCHY MATCHY ALL THE WAY

SOMETHING THAT IS ALWAYS IN YOUR TACK BOX? SHOW SHEEN & HOT OIL!

IF YOU ARENT WITH YOUR HORSE YOU ARE....?
TRAVELLING THE COUNTRY FOR WORK

HOW WOULD YOUR HORSE DESCRIBE YOU?
OVER THE TOP & OCD 😂



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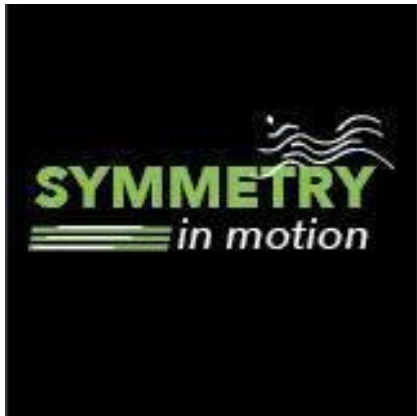
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COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Quick Fire Q's

EARLIEST HORSEY MEMORY? I'VE BEEN THAT CRAZY HORSEY KID MY WHOLE LIFE...GALLOPING AROUND THE LAWN, TURNING ANYTHING I COULD FIND INTO A HORSE!...I DON'T COME FROM A HORSEY FAMILY SO I DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET ONE!

BREECHES OR TIGHTS? BREECHES

FAVOURITE PLACE TO RIDE? I DO LOVE THE FOREST!!

YOUR HORSES FAVOURITE THING? ME!
HAHA! I'M ACTUALLY SERIOUS...SHE'S OBSESSED WITH ME!...OH AND FOOD!

MATCHY-MATCHY OR JOSEPH-DON'T-CARE? HAS TO BE MATCHY-MATCHY!

BLACK OR BROWN TACK? BLACK

IF YOUR HORSE WAS A CELEBRITY WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHY? KIM KARDASHIAN! DRAMATIC, SASSY, BOSSY!...BUT GOOD LOOKING! HAHHAH!!!

RIDING CLOTHES AT THE SUPERMARKET OR GET CHANGED? LOL....YES MOST DEFINITELY ROCK IT AT THE SUPERMARKET!

CANT LIVE WITHOUT PRODUCT?
DYNAYTE!...IM A BIG FAN!

Any words for your fellow WRC members

ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS AND HAVE FUN!

Karine Dunn



About Karine

KARINE IS A BUSY MUM OF 4 CHILDREN, SOON TO BE 6 HORSES AND 3 DOGS. SHE HAS BEEN ON THE COMMITTEE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, 3 OF THOSE AS VICE-PRESIDENT. HER FAMILY ALSO SUPPORT THE CLUB THROUGH THEIR BUSINESS DUNN CONTRACTING. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR FLOAT & TRUCK SERVICING, REPAIRS, COFS & WOFS. THEY ALSO HAVE A GREAT REPUTATION FOR ARENA BUILDS AND LAND CONTRACTING.

KARINES GOALS FOR THIS SEASON ARE TO GET OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN. SHE SAYS "I WANT TO JUMP, BUT I'M SUPER CHICKEN! I JUST DO WHAT I CAN! FITTING A RIDE IN IS A WIN FOR ME".

KARINE LOVES THAT WRC IS LOW KEY, FUN AND SO SUPPORTIVE & ENCOURAGING WITH HER FAVOURITE EVENT BEING ANYTHING BUT DRESSAGE!

HER PROUDEST HORSEY ACHIEVEMENT IS BREEDING HER MARE, SHE'S PRETTY SPECIAL!

2022-2023 AGM & PRIZE- GIVING



HELD AT THE KUMEU
CRICKET CLUB UPON
COMPLETION OF LAST
SEASON CELEBRATING
MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

AGM & Prizegiving



DRESSAGE SERIES WINNERS



LEVEL 0 - JUDY BEAVEN
MAUI WOW E

LEVEL 1 - DANY YEATS
BODIE



LEVEL 2 - MICHELLE REIDY
LM GISELLE

L3 - JILL BENZIE
MAVERICK



LEVEL 4 - SIMONE ABBOT
MASTER REDDINGTON



AGM & Prizegiving - High Points



LOW JUMPER - CHRISTINE ANDREWS
GLENTRUIN TRISTAN

HIGH JUMPER - CELIA PICKENS
COCO CHANEL

FLAT ONLY - JUDY BEAVEN
MAUI WOW E



OVERALL - CHRISTINE ANDREWS
GLENTRUIN TRISTAN



AGM & Prozeving - High Points



NEWCOMER:
ROBENANNE LUCAS

YOUNG HORSE:
BRITTANNIA
(SARAH VERNON)



OLD HORSE:
BONFIRE
(JULITA WHEELER)



MOVING ON UP:
JILL BENZIE



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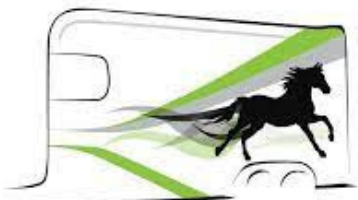
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SURVEY FEEDBACK



01 Overall, members were very happy with the WRC. Many expressing gratitude and recognition for the work of the committee.

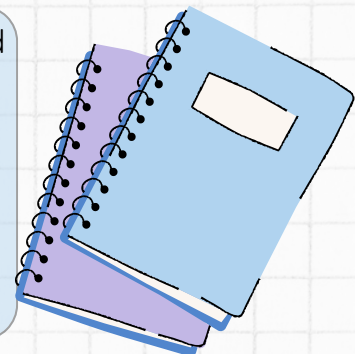
Members enjoyed: - Competition and social engagement

-Diversity of events

-The relaxed, low-key events without the pressure of a competitive setting

-A fun safe environment

-Support and friendship



02 Barriers to attending WRC events included 1) Finance (WHS entry fee being the main issue) 2) Lack of confidence, 3) Weather and 4) Time constraints.

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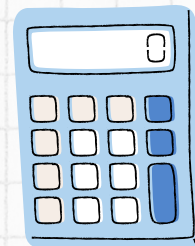
WRC Committee met and discussed these issues.

1) Finding a way to 'give back' to members and make events financially friendly for members to attend.

2) Look at clinic style events as well as competition to build confidence.

3) Weather is beyond our control, look into cancellation procedures.

4) Planning the season further in advance so members can plan.



04

1) WRC will use sponsorship money to subsidize events - namely ground fees. We will also have a system for any WRC Dressage and Jumping entered on EVOEVENTS to receive a \$20 credit on your EvoEvents account redeemable on your next WRC entry for that series. This excludes Ribbon days and clinics (We will be endeavoring to hold these on Pony club grounds and subsidizing ground fees)

2) Aiming for 2-3 Clinics this season - dressage clinic already taken place.

3) Cancellation procedures are event/grounds dependent.

4) The 2023/2024 season plan has now been penciled in. - just awaiting grounds to be confirmed.



WRC Committee Thanks our members for your feedback



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Kath Long qualified as a NZ registered physiotherapist in 1984, and has completed her Advanced Diploma in Physiotherapy, and joined the Register for Physiotherapy Acupuncturists. In 2008 she completed her Diploma in Equine Acupuncture and has been treating horses for musculoskeletal issues, pain, poor performance and/or general well-being since.

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The yellow helmet tag was introduced, to take effect from 1 August 2023. As technology and manufacturing standards continue to improve, new standards are added on to our existing list of approved helmet standards. As they are being added (and not removed), this doesn't require a change of helmet tag or system. Therefore, there are no plans to update the helmet tagging procedure in the foreseeable future.

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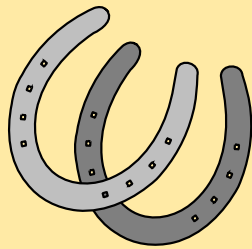
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DRESSAGE CLINIC WRAP UP



ORGANISERS NOTES

Michelle Reidy



A great day (without rain!) was had by those who attended the WRC dressage clinic. Thanks to Jennifer Camplin for the use of your amazing facilities (you can book this lovely arena on their website brookfieldestate.co.nz)

Thanks to Melissa for giving up her Sunday! Melissa teaches at various arenas throughout the district and can be contacted by email tmstead@outlook.com

Thank-you Emma for this lovely feedback on Melissas Clinic

Melissa Steeds clinic at Brookfield equestrian was great. I've been a little out of the loop in the dressage arena for awhile due to the terrible previous season we have had. Melissa really concentrated on getting my horse up in front and not being quite so long and low which is just what he tends to do. What a difference it is, making him being lighter in the hand. It is ongoing but we are getting so much better and stronger though the hind quarters. I love the way Melissa has a simple explanation which then gives great results. We also enjoyed the fabulous facility so thank-you to Jen for allowing us to use your arena.



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CLOSED RIBBON DAY OCTOBER 2023



Our first competition of the season was well attended at Woodhill Sands in true WRC Supportive fashion

Oct 2023 Closed Ribbon Day

GREEN HORSE



Champion: Joanna Simmons & Dananique.

Reserve: Ingrid Allsop & Super Strike RF

Judge: Celia Pickens



CAUTIOUS RIDER



Champion: Robenanne Lucas & Nikau

Reserve: Sami Thompson & Arwen

Judge: Holly Stewart

Oct 2023 Closed Ribbon Day



NOVICE

Champion: Bridget Hewson & Moonlight Jazz
Reserve: Lee-Ann van Heerdan & She's a Diva.
Judge: Tiffany Hopkins



CONFIDENT

Champion: Debbie McClurg & Highland Flame
Reserve: Tracey Barton & Black Silhouette
Judge: Greg Smith



Oct 2023 Closed Ribpon Day



SUPREME CHAMPION



Bridget Hewson & Moonlight Jazz
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Oct 2023 Closed Ribbon Day

POLES-50CM



Champion: Abby Paterson & Dexstar

Reserve :Carolyn Wall & Mellow

Judge: Holly Stewart



Oct 2023 Closed Ribbon Day



50CM-65CM

Champion: Lee-Ann van Heerden & She's a Diva

Reserve: Anna Lowe & Grail

Judge: Celia Pickens



Oct 2023 Closed Ribbon Day

70CM

Champion: Freya Scollay & Symmetry Z

Reserve Champion: Sue Pennington & Mahuta Gold

Judge: Celia Pickens



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WRC Member Spotlight

Sami Thompson



Fun Quick Fire Q's

Earliest horsey memory? Attending a riding camp at Westgate Riding Academy on a little coloured pony called Rags.

Favourite place to ride? Woodhill Forest

Your horses favourite thing? Arwens favourite things are me and big red treats.

Breeches or tights? Tights



Sami is a 29 year old primary school teacher from West Auckland who has two horses, Tex who is retired and her mare Arwen who you will see out and about. Sami is a WRC member because she loves having a relaxed, encouraging and supportive environment to ride in. Her favourite event last season was the have-a-go dressage day where she really enjoyed being able to do a test, gain some feedback and then redo the test to implement some of the feedback.

Samis Proudest horsey moment was receiving the Kris Hamilton Memorial Award at prize-giving. "After Arwen fractured her splint bone and had to have surgery to remove it, we weren't sure what her outcome would be. She has been a bit of a tricky ride and we had been working so hard before her injury, when that happened I didn't know if we would come back to a good place again. It was an honour to be recognised for the hard work I put into her care and recovery. The first ride back was just fantastic, knowing that I did all I could to get her better. She is now smashing our goals and a super star in lessons, she is performing even better than before her injury!"

Samis goal for this season is to participate in the dressage series CALMLY.. I am also keen to start to include canter in our tests. Good Luck Sami, we think you'll smash it!

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WRC Member Q & A

Lee-Ann van Heerden



Why are you a WRC member? It's a very positive environment and lovely group of people that do not tolerate negativity. I have found it a wonderful, supportive group (almost family) to be part of.

What is your favourite event and why?

I love the annual WRC Ribbon Day - supportive, fun, encouraging and a great self-esteem booster! which is what I need after losing my confidence. I am trying to navigate my way back into the competition scene after many years off.

What are your goals for this season?

It is a big goal! I entered the 2 day clinic with Lucinda Green end of this year and right now not halfway prepared for the clinic as my mare needs way more work on transitions and aids. But...I have admired Lucinda since I was a little girl watching VHS videos of her going around cross-country courses.

Where is your favourite place to ride?

Tough one - probably Uretiti Beach up in Northland.

What is your Proudest horsey achievement?

Getting my first ribbon in NZ and riding at Woodhill Sands. I used to drive past WS and dream about riding/competing there one day and now I am (although very low level).

Have you ever tasted your horses feed?

Yes including many medications (apart from dormosedan gel of course!)

Matchy-matchy or Joseph-don't-care?

Joseph-don't-care. I am a bit of a rebel so reckon why should I?

You can have any horse in the world (dead or alive) for one hour. Who is it and what would you do?

Sweet Souvenir - my gorgeous Boerperd gelding that took me through the showjumping and eventing grades then taught my younger brothers to ride. One more hour to love him, groom him, feed him special treats.

Any words for your fellow WRC members?

Yes! A lot is achievable with a bit of effort and hard work and never be too scared to ask for help, or an opinion. Do not be put off by the odd nasty comment.

I have found that after 20+ years away from the competition scene - so much has changed and I have forgotten so much. It has been a struggle to get back out there and there have been a few problems along the way but having a supportive group like the WRC members has made the world of a difference. I rely on the group A LOT for help / guidance, as well as individual members. A huge thank you to the committee members of WRC because you make it all happen.



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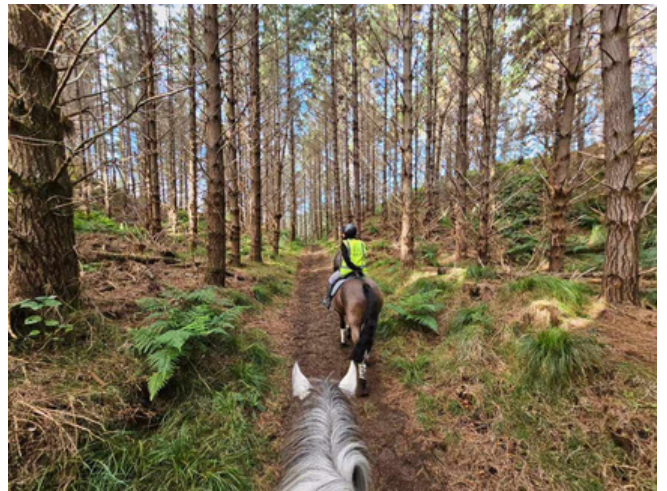
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- Horses only (and the odd deer or pig)



Muriwai Beach is a public highway open for all users. You may come across cars, motorbikes, fisherman, kite surfers and more at any time

- Great parking
- Riders must turn right once on the beach
- Forest access is for forest members only
- Beach is open for everyone
- Check the tides before you ride

Muriwai Beach

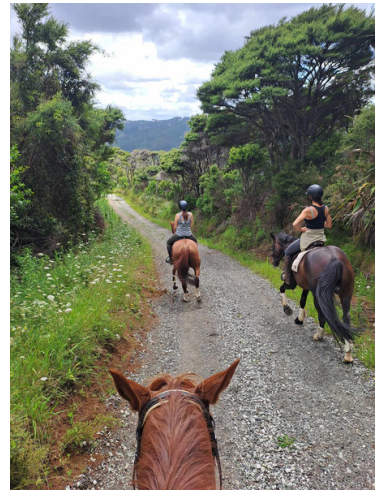


Pai O Te Rangi & other Auckland Parks

Riding pass required - available online.

- Please read the terms and conditions to ensure you can ride your horse at the park you are thinking about, they are quite particular about having careful, respectful people that observe the rules. They have a system that allows you to apply and you get the access codes to the horse riding entrances, this comes though normally within a few days.

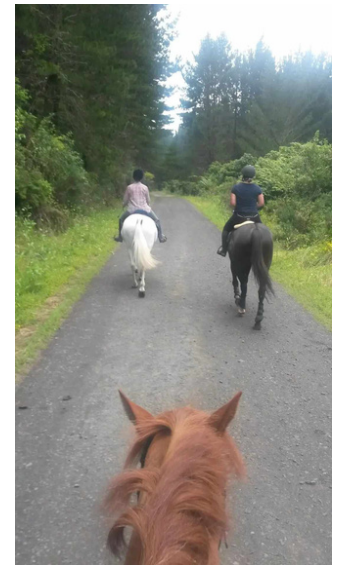
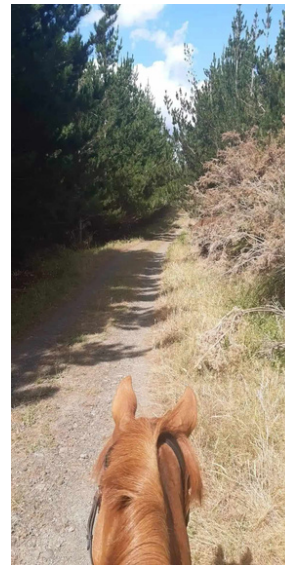
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Riverhead Forest

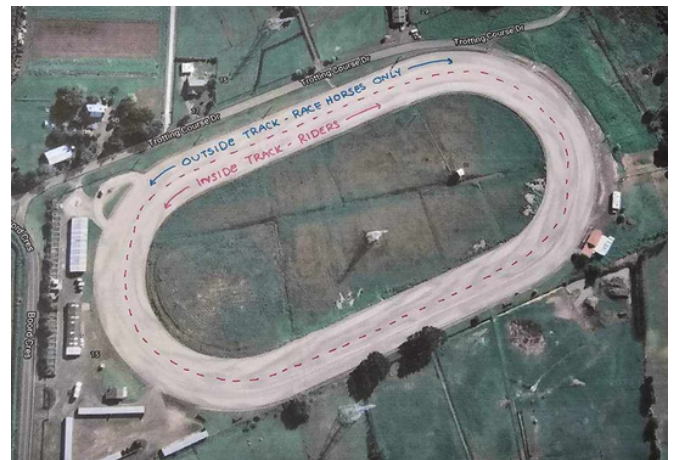
Annual fee for a gate key. Multiple gates on all ends of the forest. More information on www.horseridingnewzealand.com

- Forestry roads plus side trails.
- Shared area with Mountain Bikers, Dog walkers and runners.
- No motorbikes allowed
- Some barefoot horses may find footing a bit hard



Kumeu Trotting track

- Available to riders after 1pm daily
- \$10 per horse
- Riders to remain on the inner track
- Outer track for harness work only



Other Beaches

Some beaches have quite strict horse riding rules regarding access and tides (especially popular beaches used by people and bird nesting sites), hours and dung disposal - please adhere to them.

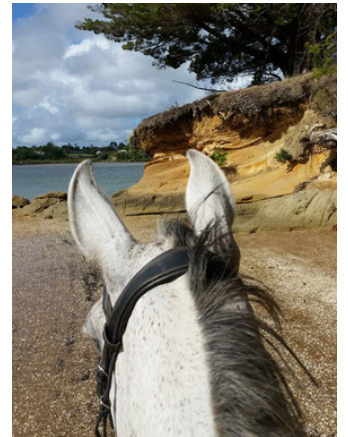
Orewa, Okura, Muriwai, Bethells, Karekare, Piha, Awhitu, Waiuku plus more.



Sanders Reserve

One side of the park is reserved specifically for riders. The rest is a shared zone with bikers, runners and dog walkers. Great marked trails and float parking spaces.

- No mounting block
- Stick to tracks as the grass has holes



Arenas

Bolted Equestrian, Waimauku
Brookfield Estate, Waimauku.
Limbury Park, Riverhead
Muriwai Stables, Muriwai
Rimmer Road Equestrian, Helensville
Roseflats Equestrian, Kaukapakapa
Sandstone Equestrian, Waimauku.
Te Awa Equestrian, Kumeu.
Whitehills Arena, Dairy Flat

Public Arena - with conditions
Woodhill Sands, Helensville.

Some have online booking systems, others are via a contact person. Prices vary between facilities. Most can be found on social media.



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Sat 25th Nov 2023 @ Woodhill Sands
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Sat 10th Feb 2024 2023 @ Woodhill Sands
Entries Close: Mon 5th February

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Levels 0-4 --- Tests B & C

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DATE TBC @ Wodhill Sands
Entries Close: TBC

Levels 0-4 ---Tests A,C & D Options

- Entries and conditions available on on Evo Events
- Each rider that competed earns a \$20 toward the next day in the dressage series. Ts&Cs apply.

DRESSAGE FAQ'S



What is a test? A test is the list of movements in a specific order to be carried out and scored by the judge. ESNZ dressage tests available for free on the ESNZ website.



When do I ride? A few days before the show, a Draw is released. This will have a specific time you are due to be in the arena. Be on time. Keep an eye on the arena, and be ready to start riding around the outside of your arena when the previous person has completed their final halt and salute. Ensure you stop or walk in front of all judge's cars on your arena, so the writer can check your number and make sure they are filling out the test paper for the right person.

What does the Bell or Horn mean? Two things: **Before you start...** Once the judge rings the bell (or car horn) you have 45 sec's to enter your arena. While you have 45 second to start, it is expected that you take the shortest route back to A, so if you are heading back towards C when they ring the bell, you are expected to turn around and head back to A to start. You can enter from either the left or right rein



Mid Test - The judge needs to stop you for a reason - it may be a course error or there may be a loose horse. Walk to the judge who will instruct you where to go next.

Can I carry a whip? Whips – Can be used in all tests from Intro to GP, except for FEI classes at HOY and Nationals. Maximum length is 120cm including flapper for hacks and 100cm including flapper for ponies. It does not have to be a dressage whip.



I can't remember my test - What can I do? You are allowed a caller! When having your test called, the caller is only allowed to say what is written in the test, they are not allowed to add comments or you could be given course errors or eliminated.



**BLAH
BLAH!!
BLAH**

Can I talk to my horse?
Talking/clicking tongue – While chatting to your princess is encouraged at home, while in the arena it should be radio silence.



What if my horse goes out of the arena? All four feet must leave the arena to be eliminated, so if you're quick enough to catch the horse with 3 legs out and 1 in and you can get all feet back in, you aren't eliminated.