



**MARYBOROUGH PONY CLUB Inc**  
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**Quote from Dwain's President Report AGM 12/12/09 – “Well what a year !”** *Those words certainly sum this year up completely, however the hard work and dedication of the 2009 Committee has well been worth the results. Some of our achievements this year are:*

- \* Negotiating with Council regarding the move to Maryborough Park
- \* Sorting out and packing up year's worth of gear.
- \* Designing and building a jump trailer.
- \* Setting up the sporting trailer
- \* Purchasing a storage container
- \* Moving all of the Clubs gear to Maryborough Park
- \* Organising the sale of our excess possessions that were no longer required by the Club
- \* Purchasing our 28ft caravan to be renovated as our Club house for next year.
- \* Attending each and every Zone meeting this year.
- \* Attending FCRC user group meetings for Maryborough Park
- \* Attending numerous Cross country meetings with Council, course delegates and visiting other clubs cross country courses out of our zone.
- \* Attending funding seminars
- \* Attending Training Workshops
- \* Fundraising for sponsorship of our Gymkhana
- \* Organising sponsorship for our Cross Country course.
- \* Demolition of parts of the old Cross Country Course
- \* A mammoth effort to re build the Cross Country Course
- \* Ode (One Day Event) – The organising of this event and the running of such an impressive day, put Maryborough Pony Club back on the map.

**Quote: Dwain's President Report 2009:** *“The future looks very bright for MPC, with our magnificent facilities we are in the box office seat to do almost anything we choose. Some schools have already been booked for next year, with many more in the pipeline. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you committee for their support throughout the year. It has been trying at times as we all have to juggle our families and work commitments but I am confident that we hand over the affairs of the Club in excellent condition to the incoming committee”.*

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It has been a pleasure to work with such a friendly team this year, Dwain has done an excellent job for our club as President and his Committee thank him for his leadership. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Secretary, Bronwyn Cooper, what an amazing job she has done this year, the paperwork, emails, trophies etc are all thanks to Bron, it has been a pleasure working with and learning so much from her this year. Thanks Bron.

We would like to introduce your 2010 Committee:

**President:** Dwain Hose  
**Vice President:** Barry Shepherd  
**Junior Vice President:** Debbie Gibbs  
**Secretary:** Bronwyn Cooper  
**Treasurer:** Position Vacant at this stage

**Committee Members:**

**Chief Instructor:** Barry Trott  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Tara Crosby  
**Canteen Co-ordinator:** Helena Holman  
**Sunscreen Officer:** Sue Walker  
**Horse Welfare Officer:** Helen Woods  
**Assistant Secretary** Ros Kelton  
**Publicity Officer &  
Web Page Manager** Justine Brown  
**Members:** Tracy Lakshman  
Vicki Sharp

**Paddock Manager:** Barry Shephard  
Tracy Lakshman

**Zone Delegates:** Dwain Hose  
Bronwyn Cooper  
Barry Shepherd

**FCRC Representatives:** Ros Kelton  
**User Group Meetings** Barry Shephard.

Quote from Barry Trotts' AGM Report 12/12/09: *"I have enjoyed teaching you and I am sure there has been a great improvement in all of you. This improvement has only happened because of your dedication and willingness to listen to all of your Instructors. Our aim at Pony club is to help you improve your riding ability so that you can enjoy riding at whatever level you wish to achieve."*

Thankyou Barry, our riders, parents, committee & Members appreciate you giving up your time to help make our Club what it is today. We are the lucky ones!

**Quote from Dwain: "Most importantly, Kids have FUN, we do all this all for you."**

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**2010 Information:**

Membership Fees:

Due to an increase in PCAQ membership fees, unfortunately, we have had to raise our fees to cover their costs.

Riding Member:	\$80.00
Riding Member 2 <sup>nd</sup> rider in family	\$70.00
Social Member	\$20.00

I have attached next years membership forms so that you can fill them in and bring them along to sign on. Also if anyone intends to attend Hervey Bays school in January you must be a paid up member for 2010 so your forms will have to be in before then.

Working Bee Levy

It was decided at our last Committee Meeting that a Working Bee Levy will be introduced to our members next year. This amount is to be decided by the members of our Club at our first meeting in 2010, this will be an **open meeting for ALL 2010 financial Pony club members** to attend. The 2009 Committee worked many long days and weeks this year with not enough support from the members, thank you to those who did help; your support will always be appreciated. Next year, if your hours nominated are filled, your bond will be refunded.

Paddock Fees

It has been decided that the paddock fees will be increased from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

Riding Members ONLY will have the use of the paddocks.

The rent of the paddocks will increase to \$10.00 per week for members and \$15.00 per week for non members of Pony Club.

Rally Day Fees:

We had a trial period this year of dropping the rally day fees back to \$5.00 (enough to cover Maryborough Park riding fee) and asked for food donations to sell in the canteen. Once again, many thanks to those wonderful few who donated food, we do appreciate it, however, we have found that this method not to be as successful as we had hoped, therefore, unfortunately the rally day fees will be increased to \$8.00 per rider, this equals \$5.00 to FCRC and \$3.00 to Pony Club.

Event Roster:

We hope to put together a roster for each rally day, Gymkhana, ODE, schools and events throughout the year. We are looking at teams of members to set up for rally days and pack up at the end of the day and this will work on a roster system throughout the year. It will be up to the members in their team to contact each other to organise the team for their weekend "on", a designated committee member will be with your team to help guide you in the right direction. This will "**share**" the workload through the whole Club.

Meetings:

We would like to have your input in the running of your club. Please come along to the Committee meetings next year, we are opening several meetings next year for you to attend. We will send out details through emails, text or mail for your information. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Reminder:

To those riders leaving our Club at the end of this year, thank you for representing MPC this year. Please ensure that all outstanding fees, nominations, paddock rent etc are paid up to date prior to lodging your transfer form, this will avoid confrontation and will speed up the process. We wish you all the best.

Brett Cantle School

We have booked Brett Cantle and Sandra Trott for our 2<sup>nd</sup> rally day of 2010. The cost for this school is yet to be worked out.

Also Brett is booked for the following rally day as well.

At the end of the newsletter the calendar for next year is attached.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for 2009. Thank You for supporting Maryborough Pony Club.

We wish you all a Merry and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all next year at Pony Club.

MERRY CHRISTMAS