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Western Port Equestrian Assoc. Membership Information

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Thank you for your membership enquiry.

Our club provides a friendly environment where a diverse group of riders and horses benefit from quality instruction and enjoy our grounds and social events. Our members are passionate about horses and participate in a wide range of equestrian pursuits.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced adult rider, we welcome you to join our community. Children aged 10 & up are also welcome to join (children must be competent riders, and under the supervision of an adult member guardian).

Membership

Our membership year runs from 1st November to 31st October, and provides members with the following benefits:

- Ride at our rallies (with first option to sign up)
- Compete for the club in our colours
- Access our grounds for casual riding (when not in use)

All members are expected to support the club through volunteering at workings bees and competitions that we run (we typically hold 2 working bees per year, with the expectation that members attend at least one of these).

We have both Full and Associate Membership options available. Associate Membership is for those joining us as a second club (where HRCAV levy & insurance has already been paid with another club). Both types of membership receive full benefits and have the same volunteer duty expectations as outlined above.

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	Full Member	Associate Member
Club Fee	\$55 New Member \$50 Renewing Member	\$55 New Member \$50 Renewing Member
Facility Fee	\$30	\$30
HRCAV Levy	\$67	N/A
HRCAV Insurance	\$103	N/A

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Rallies

Rallies are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month and instruction typically includes flat, poles and showjumping/cross country lessons in small groups of no more than 4 riders, at a cost of \$35 for the first lesson and \$25 for the second (if choosing to do two). We also hold clinics, such as 3 Phase Equitation, from time to time based on member preferences. Everyone is welcome, and all riding levels accommodated. Our grounds and instructors provide a great environment for everyone from competition focused riders, to riders wanting to get exposure for young horses, or those just looking for a social ride in a friendly atmosphere!

Our upcoming rally schedule (including instructors) is available under featured posts on our [Facebook](#) page. Rally bookings are handled through [Event Secretary](#) and will be made available to non-members if not fully subscribed. Prospective members are welcome to attend any rally (unmounted) to view the grounds, meet our members and see a rally in action.

All riders are expected to assist with set up and pack up of equipment on a rally day; the Rally Duty Officer will provide instructions on the day.

During winter, if the grounds are especially wet, we may hold one or two of our rallies at a local indoor facility.

Facilities

Our home grounds are the Woolleys Road Equestrian Reserve, located in Crib Point on the Mornington Peninsula (entrance via Mills Ave). Our extensive equestrian facilities are set within 25 acres of flat land with native grass and bushes, and include:

- Full Cross Country Course (6 grades – level 6 pony club & up)
- Fully fenced 60m x 30m sand arena
- Riding trails through the bush (Cross Country Course)
- Open grassed fields for riding, competition rings and showjumping
- Yards, wash bays, toilets & club room
- Plenty of parking, including shady areas

Our grounds are very well maintained through the support of our members, and in partnership with the other equestrian user groups we share our fabulous grounds with.

WPEA Members are permitted to access the grounds for casual riding when not in use (instructions on booking/access will be provided to new members). All manure is to be taken home and dogs must be under control and not a nuisance to others.

Uniform

Our registered colours are Mint Green and Black. In line with HRC AV rules, when competing in official events club colours must be worn on your upper body with the Club name or logo displayed on your upper body garment and/or saddle blanked (rules can be found under Event Rules in the [HRC AV Manual](#)).

We have a small selection of uniform items available for purchase (short & long sleeve polos, softshell jackets & vests, hoodies, caps and saddle cloth badges). These can be worn at rallies and in official competitions, however many members also choose to have a fancier competition outfit made in styles and finishes that suit them, and their preferred discipline. Please contact our Uniform Officer for more information and to order.

Members are encouraged to wear their WPEA uniform at rallies, but the only rally requirement is that heeled boots and approved helmets are worn while riding.