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### ***A note from the Editor***

Hello ATDDEA members! Well its a little quiet for the past couple of weeks with some weekends at home. All that is about to change and hopefully all are now preparing for the Championships and shows which all seem to suddenly come upon us in a rush.

We've had to cancel clinics from both Ron Paterson and Kim Weston– partly because of relatively low numbers expressing interest. Cost will always be an issue of course for any non-local trainer; we have to pay for airfares, food and accommodation (this is also a cost for visiting judges at comps) and this is on top of the trainer and venue fees. The club applies for (and has often received in the past) grants to help to mitigate some of those costs.

Your committee is now in the planning stages of next year's dates – competitions, clinics, championships and meetings - so if you have any (helpful!) suggestions or comments we would be very pleased to hear them. Remember it's your club and we need to help as many people as possible share the learning experiences of top trainers.

### ***Photo Call***

So who was that smiling young lady riding bareback in the last issue ? – our very own Esther Brooks of course.

If you have a photo or would like to contribute to the Newsletter please contact Angela Sausman – [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net) or call 4094 2071

## ***The Launch of the ATDDEA website***

<http://atddea.webs.com>

The website fairy has appeared and granted us our wish!

Well actually our President, Michael has spent some time constructing a basic website for the club.

Apparently it is fairly easy to manage and maintain so the intention is to keep you all informed via the website.

Michael will be uploading the following:-

- Newsletters
- Competition Results
- Photos
- Event Calendar
- Competition Programs
- Booking forms
- ATDDEA forms
- Articles for sale

If you are unable to access the website and would rather receive an emailed version of the newsletter can you please email me [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net)

In future the newsletter will only be emailed to those who have requested it.

## ***June Official and Associate Competition Roundup***

Thank you all once again for chipping in and helping out at the June competition. Netta stringer was our 'wonder woman' of the month, managing to coordinate and judge for the whole weekend. We are all very grateful Netta.

Our visiting judge Clem Kelly was very encouraging to us all and again we pass our thanks to Clem for her enthusiasm.

The results from the weekend are on our new website

<http://atddea.webs.com>

***June Clinic with Ron Paterson- Mareeba Pony Club Grounds  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
(Friday, Saturday & Sunday)***

Ron Paterson held another successful 3 day clinic, this time at the Pony Club grounds on Chewko Road.

The venue was a great success with ample room for all the riders to really get the horses forward.

Our next Ron Paterson clinic is scheduled for September and will be held at Kerribee Park.

***Kerribee Park – ATDDEA Home Grounds***

Finally after years of pleading and negotiation our club now has home grounds.

Jim our friendly caretaker at Kerribee Park has created 2 new 60m x 20m arenas just for the ATDDEA.

We are hoping that they will be ready around the time of the Championships but we will keep you posted.

This is a huge step forward for the club. Although there is a charge payable to K. Park It will mean that we can offer more cost effective clinics and hold competitions and club days more frequently at dates to suit the club.

It is hoped that for the club members we can have a booking system in place for training purposes, which should keep many more horses in work over the wet season.

The details are still being worked out with regards to insurance and fees payable but we will let you all know as soon as the arenas are available for use.

## ***Housekeeping Changes at Kerribee Park***

So after reading the previous piece of good news are you thinking there must be a catch!

Well here it is.

After each event we hold at Kerribee Park the club is now responsible for the collection and disposal of poo (only the horses – Jim will still clean the toilet block!).

This will be done at the end of each day of the event and basically involves placing the poo bags into the trailer and driving them up to the designated pile for tipping.

In view of this please be POO SMART and please do not fill the bags too full. If you can't lift it onto the trailer it is TOO POO HEAVY.

Obviously we would love some volunteers for the POO A THON each day (gloves supplied).

Finding that hard to swallow (sorry!)

Our attention has also been drawn to new ruling for arena, canteen and presentation areas.

For insurance reasons we must now refrain from smoking and drinking alcohol in these areas. There will be new signage in place to remind us in August.

Thank you all for your cooperation on this. If we keep Jim happy the club will continue to have a permanent and happy home 😊

## ***For Sale Board***

At the last committee meeting it was decided to offer a For Sale board on the new website.

The committee is happy to promote your items for sale with the following conditions.

- Club members only will be able to advertise
- A donation of \$10 will be payable
- An advert of no more than 3 lines

The board will be updated once a month.

## ***Getting Ready for the ATDDEA Championships***

### ***Gear Checking***

Just a reminder.

We as a club do not have a huge amount of space around the two competition arenas to erect a 'holding area' for competitors after their gear check.

Please bear in mind the EFA ruling whereby you should proceed to the judge directly after gear checking has taken place and not return to the warm-up area.

As a direct transition from gear check to arena may not always be possible. We would ask all competitors to remain in eyesight of the gear check steward at all times after being passed at gear check.

### ***New 2010 Grading System on Hold***

The new grading system will now not come into affect until December. Please see the EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au> for details.



The Editor