



Rally and General Information

Welcome to Gidgegannup Equestrian Association

General Information

Gidgegannup Equestrian Association (GEA) caters to all levels of adult riders and disciplines. We offer a safe and supportive environment with like minded people to further your equine pursuits whether for pleasure or competition, holding regular rallies with qualified instructors. Our rallies are held at the Gidgegannup Show Grounds. Entrance to the grounds is off Old Coach Road.

Membership structure and fees are listed in the attached documentation.

Associate membership is for people that think they may not get to attend many rallies (eg 5 or less) during the year. Although the membership fee is less the rally fee and clinic fees are \$10 more. If it ends up that the associate member can attend more than 5 rallies they can either continue as an associate member or choose at any time to upgrade to a full membership by paying the additional \$50 fee.

Payment for membership and rallies can be done in several different methods, EFT is preferred, however cash, cheque and money orders are also acceptable.

Payment details are provided on the membership form and rally forms

Rallies are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in February and finishing in November. Friday Rallies are also offered on the 2nd Friday of the month (with some variations throughout the year due to other scheduled events). We will also hold clinics and social days on the occasional 1st Saturday of the month.

Training days and clinics may be offered on an additional Sunday depending on availability of the grounds. The format of clinics are tailored to what the committee feels is wanted by members. We are always open to suggestions. The clinics we normally hold include Show Jumping Training Day's, Cross Country and Jump X Training Days & Dressage Training Days. We will also be offering other

disciplines of riding such as Working Equitation throughout the year. You will receive notification of these events via email, newsletter and our members' Facebook page. It is anticipated that members will assist at these events.

Competitions both in house and inter-club are run by GEA and other clubs affiliated with [ARCA](#) (Adult Riding Club Association). ARCA 'challenges' are a great way to introduce you and your horse to friendly competition while supporting and representing your club. There is a high point and handicap trophy for each challenge up for grabs.

Uniforms

Uniforms can be ordered via our uniforms officer (committee member) and will also be available to order on-line from our website. Our club colours are black and gold and we have shirts, jackets, riding tights, caps, vests and saddle blankets for sale. Uniforms do not have to be worn at rallies but are essential for inter-club challenges with black or club johdpurs/riding tights (a limited number of club shirts are available to borrow for these events if you do not have your own club shirt). Orders are taken twice a year (beginning and mid-year).

[Uniform Order Form](#)

Publications / forums

Newsletters are emailed out to members monthly to keep everyone up to date with what's happening in the club and other areas of interest. There is also the option for you to advertise any horse gear you have for sale.

We have a website (<http://gidgearc.webs.com/>) which contains a calendar of upcoming events, news and photos.

There is also a closed Facebook group for members (you can request to become a member/

join the group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/424365217621707/>

Correspondence will be delivered on FB and we also send official club information via email such as upcoming rally and clinic information.

Committee meetings

Committee meetings are held monthly usually the week after each Sunday Rally. All members are welcome to attend. Committee positions are elected during the AGM (Annual General Meeting) at the end of the year, all committee members must be financial members of the club.

Rally Information

An email & FB message is sent out to all members about 3 weeks before a rally which has information such as instructors, lesson formats and closing date. Rally bookings will be via an online form on the website. Rally forms and places are accepted on a first in best dressed basis and must be accompanied by full payment. Once rallies are full an email will be sent out to let other members know. You can book in for either one lesson (AM or PM) or two lessons (one AM & one PM).

Once you have booked into a rally we will email out lesson times, rally jobs, stable allocation (if requested) and any other relevant information on the Wednesday or Thursday before the rally.

Cancellation Policy for Rallies:

If a member books into a rally and withdraws prior to closing date – a refund will be given. If a member books into a rally and withdraws after the closing date, a refund will be given only if a vet or doctor's certificate can be presented. If withdrawing on the Friday/Saturday prior to rally or on the morning of the rally please contact the Rally Coordinator's mobile as listed on the rally form (please refrain from emailing or posting on Facebook as it is unlikely to be read after hours leading up to rally).

Cancelled Bookings: Monies owing from cancelled events will be credited to the member's account. Money will not be held over to transfer to another event.

Refunds will only be available for 7 days after the rally date so all paperwork and bank details need to be emailed to us to enable this to happen

Attending a Rally:

Lessons normally start at 9am, with the last lesson of the day finishing at 4pm.

Lessons are 1 hour in duration and there is a 1 hour lunch break from 12pm to 1pm.

Jobs to help set up and pack away the equipment as well as other duties are allocated to all riders attending the rally. An explanation of what each job entails will be included in the email sent out

prior to the rally. Jobs will be allocated around your lesson times.

Helper Duty Rules:

All members who ride will be assigned a helper duty. If a member has booked into a rally, has been assigned a job and withdraws from the rally by notifying the rally co-ordinator, it is expected that you still complete your helper duty unless you have a valid reason. Not having enough helpers on the day because riders decide not to show up can have an impact on how the day flows, resulting in delays with start time and also means other members are having to pick up extra duties, so if unable to ride, members are encouraged to come and assist with their assigned duty or make arrangements for another member to help in their absence.

Use of Stables:

Free use of stables for members. If you request a stable on your rally booking form you will be allocated a specific stable. Please only use the stable you have been allocated and ensure it is left in a clean and tidy state.

All hay and manure **must** be picked up from the stable area and the car park and deposited on the manure pile near stable block 2.

Canteen:

We have canteen facilities available and you can order your lunch in the morning before you ride. We are always open to donations of yummy food to sell during the rally. All proceeds go directly back into the club.

Lessons

NB: Not all lesson types will be offered at every rally, please refer to the relevant rally booking form.

For all lessons we endeavour to allocate you into groups of similar levels. This can be a tricky task at the best of times so please be patient for the first couple of rallies. Feedback will help us get it right next time!

Your instructor will usually have a chat to you at the beginning of the lesson to see where you are at with

your riding and ask if you are having any issues and 'maybe' what you would like to work on.

If you do not understand anything in your lesson or are apprehensive with a task please ask for clarification or to sit out of that task, we have all been there!

You must stick to your allocated groups/times. If on the day you feel there is a valid reason to change your lesson groups and/or times please see the Rally Coordinator as we must ensure rider numbers and levels in each lesson are suitable.

Groundwork Lesson:

Is basically a way of establishing communication with your horse before you start riding. You will be shown some handling/ground work exercises that you can then work on at home.

This is a great way to introduce young or inexperienced horses to the club and start to desensitise them to being 'out & about' without the pressure of riding. Or you may just want to brush up on your handling skills!

Please bring (if you have them): rope halter, long lead (preferably not a lunge line), dressage type whip and gloves. Please also wear your helmet.

Flatwork Lesson:

The level of flatwork will vary between groups. From walk, trot work to advanced dressage. It's a good idea to familiarise yourself with some of the basic school figure as 'most' instructors will use these when instructing. A great web site is: <http://www.dressage.net.au/dnlinks3.html#movements60>

Pole Lessons:

Riding over poles in various formations at different paces depending on the level of rider and horse. A great gymnastic work-out for your horse.

Jumping Lesson:

The level of jumping will vary between groups from very low levels (<50cm) for those of you who have been doing pole work and want to advance to the next level to more advanced jumping.

Desensitisation/Games/Equitation/Trail:

No special gear is required for the desensitisation or games. The level of experience with games will vary between groups and if horses are nervous instructor may suggest that the games/obstacles be introduced in-hand (unmounted) at first.

Working Equitation

This year we are going to trial Working Equitation

Comprised of 4 Phases

Working Equitation Dressage Phase

The dressage test highlights the skills and harmony horse & rider are required within working equitation. The dressage phase will give you the skills required to ride and navigate obstacles with style and elegance to suit all levels.

Managability Ease of Handling EOH (Obstacles) Phase

Ride obstacles with style & elegance. Can be ridden at walk, trot or canter depending on you and your horse's level of skill.

Speed Phase

Riding obstacles at speed to test the speed, agility, athleticism, and submission of the horse and the balance, aids and seat of the rider.

Cattle Phase

Due to logistics this phase will not be offered.

The above information is to help you decide if the club is suitable to you and your horse and give you an insight as to how the club is run and what we offer. We are always open to suggestions and comments. If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact us by return [email](#).

2020 Fee Structure

Membership

- FULL:** \$170 per year
(\$85 mid year membership from 1st July)
- ASSOCIATE:** \$120 per year (caters for those that may not be able attend many rallies (ie 5 or less) during the year. **Rally and clinic fees are \$10 more.** You may at any time upgrade to a full membership by paying the additional \$50 fee.). Not available with mid year membership.
- FAMILY:** \$310 (Two immediate family members living at the same address, e.g husband & wife; mother & daughter)
\$150 (per additional immediate family member)
NOTE: For the purposes of membership status family members are considered to be full members.
- SOCIAL:** \$20 (A non-riding membership that entitles you to attend club functions and fence sit at clinics and still feel part of our club although you may not have a horse ready to come to rallies yet. You may upgrade this membership at any time.) You will also have access to our closed Face Book forum, email correspondence and newsletters.
- RALLY FEES** (Payable when booking into a rally)

Rally Fees

- FULL MEMBERS:** \$35 for one lesson or \$60 for two lessons.
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** \$45 for one lesson or \$70 for two lessons.

Rules & Regulations

Please refer to the [GEA Risk Management Policy](#) for additional detail.

1. All club activities follow the general rules of Equestrian Australia (EA) which are available on the website (<http://www.equestrian.org.au/rules>). This includes the wearing of an approved safety helmet (as below) and riding boots (smooth soled and heeled) at all times whilst mounted.

Current Australian Standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) with SAI Global mark
New Australian Standard ARB HS 2012 with SAI Global mark
Current American Standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards with SEI Mark or SNELL E2001
Current British Standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) with BSI Kitemark
Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12)
2. Only those persons who are financial members of the Club (Gidgegannup Equestrian Association Inc) may ride at club events. Non-members are not permitted to ride a horse on the club grounds during a designated club event.
3. Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement forms (as per the EA) must be signed prior to riding in any Club event (completing one form will cover normal club activities for the year)
4. GEA is an EWA-affiliated club with Public Liability Insurance through EA (Gow Gates). This insurance covers the club (committee members, ordinary members, officials, volunteers) for causing bodily injury or property damage to a THIRD PARTY whilst attending/ conducting club activities. HOWEVER, it is important to note that any liability claim whilst attending a designated Club activity results in a \$2,500 excess. This excess is payable by the person held liable for the damage.

During a club event we have exclusive use of the main showground arena, small enclosed arena, stables, club rooms, canteen and car parking area. All other areas (e.g. cross-country course, bmx track) are out of the jurisdiction of the club.
5. It is highly recommended that members take out separate EWA membership for personal accident and personal liability cover 24/7 for horse related activities. The form can be filled in online on the [EWA website](#)
6. **PARKING:** Horse floats MUST NOT be parked close to the club-room/canteen area for safety reasons. Spectators are permitted to park behind this building. Horse floats must be parked a sufficient distance from other floats to enable a horse to be tethered to each float and to move around without coming so close to another horse as to permit one horse to kick the other or to damage vehicles. Parking should be organised in a way that does not block the exit for others and allows access for emergency service vehicles.
7. Spectators attend at their own risk. To manage this risk, spectator and horse traffic should be kept separate wherever possible. Persons riding or handling a horse must be alert for the presence of members of the general public (including in particular children).
8. Dogs must be under control at all times. Children must be supervised at all times and are not allowed in the canteen due to health regulations. No child is allowed on a horse during a club event.
9. Horses must be tethered in accordance with good practice (quick-release knot or quick-release clip) or placed in secure yards/stables. Ensure horses are tied up safely and securely. Never tie a horse to a float that is not attached to a car. Horses must have an adequate water supply at all times.
10. Horses under the age of 4 must be assessed by an instructor employed by the club and are not permitted to jump in any club activities. They may do pole classes at the Instructors discretion.
11. All gear must be in safe condition, fit the horse and be suitable for the planned activity.
12. All members should be aware of and show consideration towards other members who may not be confident and/or have inexperienced horses. Members are to respect and keep a safe distance from other horses during warm-up and in group lessons. If a horse is unsettled or erratic to the extent that it is affecting the safety of other riders, the member responsible for the horse is expected to remove it from the situation.
13. **STALLIONS** may only attend upon prior application and at the discretion of the Club Committee. If in attendance, stallions must

be kept in float, horse truck, stable or steel yard when not being ridden to ensure safety for all horses. They may only be handled by an experienced horse person 18 years of age or over. For stallions to participate in club activities [Equestrian Australia's stallion safe practices guidelines](#) must be followed.

14. STABLES & PARKING AREA:

- a. Hay is only permitted in the stables at the discretion of the committee. All hay MUST be removed from stables and breezeways.
- b. Please pickup your horses manure. There is a manure pile near the wash area at the back of the stables.
- c. If your horse is unsociable in a stall please inform the committee when you request a stable so stable allocations will allow for empty stalls next to your horse.
- d. All manure and hay must be picked up from around horse floats and removed or taken to the manure pile at the stable block.

15. ARENAS:

- a. Please do not lunge your horse in the main arena while lessons are in progress, the round yard can be used for this purpose.
- b. You may warm-up in the main arena but please be considerate of those having a lesson. Do not ride directly around the lesson areas. Always be aware of how other horses are reacting to your presence (both in lessons and while warming up) and keep a safe distance from other horses.
- c. Please close the gates to the main arena as you enter or leave.
- d. Please do not enter or exit the grounds with your float around the main arena while lessons are in progress (i.e. DO NOT use the Toodyay Rd gate). Only the gate on Old Coach Rd should be used during rally times.

Thank You For You Co-Operation

2020 MEMBERSHIP ENROLMENT FORM

Name:			
Address:			
			Postcode:
Contact Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
email:		Facebook Name:	
EWA Member No: <i>(if applicable)</i>		Type of EWA Membership:	
		Basic	ARCA
		Competitor	Participant
Please select Membership Type <i>(Please tick)</i>			
Full	\$170	I hereby apply to become a member of the Gidgegannup Equestrian Association and confirm that I have read and understand the terms and conditions as outlined in the GEA information pack. I declare that I am 18 years of age or over. I have signed that EWA waiver form.	
Full Mid Year	\$85		
Associate	\$120		
Family	\$310 (2 members) \$150 (per additional person)		
Social	\$20		
Amount Paid			
Date of Transfer:		Signature of Member: X Date:	
EFT Receipt number:			
<i>Please insert your MshipSurname as the payment reference when transacting your payment.</i>			

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION (Strictly Confidential)

Emergency Contact 1			
Name:		Phone:	
Emergency Contact 2			
Name:		Phone:	
Riders Medical Condition(s) & Regular Medications:			
Allergies: (please specify)			
Date of Birth:		Medicare No:	
Private Ambulance Insurance?	Yes	No	

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Payment Details:
 Membership forms and Payment can be returned to:
 Email: gidgearc@yahoo.com.au or
 Postal: Gidgegannup Equestrian Association Inc
 PO Box 77, Gidgegannup, WA 6083 or

EFT details:
 BSB: 633-000
 Account No: 150137297
 Account Name: GIDGEGANNUP EQUESTRIAN ASSOC INC
 Cheques/money orders payable to Gidgegannup Equestrian Assoc

Office Use			
Full \$			
Family \$	Other Member/s		
Associate \$			
Social \$			
Total Fees Paid	EFT	Cash	Cheque
Date:			
Received By:			

2020 RIDER/HORSE INFORMATION FORM

Rider's Name:

Rider's Experience (tick as many boxes as applicable):

Green/ Inexperienced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot/Canter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pony Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	ARC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games/Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Horsemanship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other							
Dressage Level: <i>(If applicable)</i>		Preparatory	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary & Above	<input type="checkbox"/>
Show jumping: <i>(If applicable)</i> :		Beginner (under 50cm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-60cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-75cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	80+cm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Horse's Name 1:

Age:

Horse's Experience (tick as many boxes as applicable):

Green/ Inexperienced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot/Canter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pony Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	ARC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games/Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Horsemanship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other							
Dressage Level: <i>(If applicable)</i>		Preparatory (or Nil)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary & Above	<input type="checkbox"/>
Show jumping: <i>(If applicable)</i> :		Beginner (under 50cm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-60cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-75cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	80+cm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other information you consider relevant to place horse and rider in the appropriate groups: (e.g. Horse has never cantered in a group)

Horse's Name 2:

Age:

Horse's Experience (tick as many boxes as applicable):

Green/ Inexperienced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk/Trot/Canter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pony Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	ARC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games/Agility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Horsemanship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other							
Dressage Level: <i>(If applicable)</i>		Preparatory (or Nil)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Novice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary & Above	<input type="checkbox"/>
Show jumping: <i>(If applicable)</i> :		Beginner (under 50cm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-60cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-75cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	80+cm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other information you consider relevant to place horse and rider in the appropriate groups: (e.g. Horse has never cantered in a group)

Please complete the Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement form
and send it in with your Membership Application



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Member Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement

Full Name of participant (and of guardian if under 18 years).....

Address.....

State Post Code..... Date of Birth

Name of Club/Organisation.....

Membership No.

Address of Event / Activity

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities, I, the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that:

Horse sports are a dangerous activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is a significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs and agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during any horse sports activities.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **CANCELLATION** of my participation in the activities and my immediate removal from my horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur.

I agree to wear an approved helmet at all times whilst participating in the sport where this is required under the relevant EA and FEI rules and regulations.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement and fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily.

Dated: ___/___/___

Signature of rider _____

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand and accept ALL OF THE ABOVE and consent and agree to my minor child's involvement or participation in horse sport activities.

Dated: ___/___/___

Signature of guardian _____

