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The Secretary's Note

Being Secretary of the AHAA-WA this year, made it very difficult for me to exhibit my horses at the past 2014 State Championship Show. Someone has to be on the ground making sure the wheels go round! So, as my two horses where not at the show, I thought I would have a bit of a brag and do a little showing in this newsletter!

The Andalusian Horse is such a magnificent creature! So easy to admire, love, respect and yet so, so easy to spoil! I have to admit, my two boys are very spoilt but they are the diamond of eyes, my best friends, the most beautiful horses and I am the luckiest girl on earth to be able to share time, love and care for my two boys! Enough of the tripe!

My first Andie, is 'Simanda Park Black Pagen', aka 'Token'. Registered 4thX Australian Andalusian. I purchased him as a stallion in paddock condition. As I worked on his fitness and dressage training he started to go lame. After three vet consultations and three sets of X-rays, it was determined that he had sustained substantial injury to the ligaments and tendons of both front fetlocks. After a year of him being sound, then not sound and as a stallion (because they feel no pain) I decided to have him gelded and give him a better chance at recovery. After time, Token settled into a short but successful career, showing in working hunter, show jumping, cross country, dressage, handy pony, you name it – he did it! After awhile it became apparent that he was not going to last competing. Reluctantly, I retired him. Today, he is sound, fat and very happy. He gets out on a trail ride two to three times a week and provides everyone with entertainment with his antics and cheeky personality.



I then found a young unnamed partbred, now called 'Blue Blood El Cid' aka 'Cid'. He is half brother to 'Blue Blood Brio'. Cid had all the makings of a Spanish Sport Horse, though he did look a bit like an ugly duckling when I first laid eyes on him. He was almost 3yo when I got him home. Cid will be six in November and is still growing. Presently just a smidge under 16hh. With his keen willingness to please, drop dead gorgeous nature and athletic ability, Cid is the best mount a girl could ever ask for!

Both Cid and I are training in dressage and jumping. We go to Gngarra Adult Riding Club and participate in the ARCA Challenges. We have done all sorts of mixed work to boost our relationship and build his confidence. I aim to start competing soon. We will start with preliminary dressage, all going well. Then move onto more challenging things, like jumping. When we are ready -- we are ready! In the mean time I am enjoying the journey and think Cid is too.



Member Profiles

Erin and Rocky

My name is Erin and I am in yr 10 at St Marks Anglican Community School. I have loved horses from a very young age. My Aunty introduced me to horses before I could walk and I have always wanted to be a part of the equestrian community.

I began taking riding lessons 6 years ago. Before this, I rode infrequently at my Aunties property in Bunbury. Since 2011, I have been attending clinics during the school holidays at Marji Armstrong's property near Cranbrook.

When I finally convinced my parents to start looking for a horse, we did some research into the different breeds. I already knew I wanted a classical breed because of their beautiful temperament and appearance and my dad decided that an Andalusian was the one he liked. We researched Andalusian Studs and Yardah Stud caught our attention. Marji Armstrong had a gelding up for sale named Tosco. We drove down to Cranbrook to have a look.

Marji needed to know my riding capability and so I rode one of her beautiful stallions named Domingo. The ride was not very successful, I was still a very uneducated rider and struggled to even complete a circle. Marji suggested I attend clinics under her tuition, so she could match me up with an appropriate horse for my riding skill level.

The next holidays, I went to the clinics. Never before had I learnt so much, or ridden as well. The first horse Marji thought would be appropriate for me was Yardah Roco (A.K.A. Rocky). When I first brought Rocky in from the paddock, he was a little dirty. I spent a good hour combing out his mane and tail and brushing him down and getting to know him. We clicked from that moment on. Rocky was a beautiful grey, with black knee's and hocks with very light brow dapples on his bum and brown flecks on his face. Never before had I felt so close to a horse.

The second year of riding with Marji, we bought Rocky ... my first horse! It was the happiest day of my life! I get to keep him forever. Before we took him home, he had to go to the vet for collection and to be gelded. I could not compete a stallion until I was 18, although I would have loved to have kept him as a stallion. Once home, our relationship started to grow. We started jumping, for the first time, Rocky loved it! I began to realise my dream of competing in Dressage would come true. One day I dream of competing in the Olympics!



Rocky and I have competed in 4 events so far. At our 3rd event, I placed 6th. As a new comer, I was very happy. During the last school holidays, we again attended a clinic at Marji Armstrong's property. I made an enormous leap into the next stage in my equestrian journey. I began to learn passage, flying changes and canter pirouettes, on Tosco. Riding a more educated horse, I started to understand how to get Rocky to use his back and I learned to ride with a double bridle. Rocky has achieved a huge leap and so have I.

I have always loved the Andalusian Horse and I always will. I hope to own many more Andalusian horses in the future.

Erin Furlonger – *Connolly, WA*

Kara Leahy

I have a little brown 9yr old 14:3hh Andalusian x riding pony mare, Torridon Limited Edition. She is my first Andalusian, and I have owned her since she was 2 months old :)

She is an amazingly versatile little creature, with her forte being show jumping! Living up here in the Carnarvon red dirt, she has turned her hand at every event possible from ODEs to games, team penning to hacking and she is a superstar at horse soccer!

I have taken the year off, so she is currently pony clubbing, hacking and eventing with a 9yr old girl in Perth for the season, they love her!!

Chloe and Tia

Chloe and Torridon Limited Edition, 'Tia' have been partners since April this year. Chloe came from riding a 12.1h cheeky grey pony so stepping up to Tia was a big challenge. Chloe has competed at 3 show jumping days jumping up to 70cm and loving the excitement of it. They have also competed in show horse and working hunter events recently and have done very well plus they had a great weekend at the PCAWA State Dressage Championships recently placing 18th in a large field after Chloe made an error of course and then 10th the following day Freestyle test which they dressed up as RedFoo and rode to Let's get Ridiculous.

Eventing is one of the disciplines which Chloe and Tia really excel in. They have competed in 4 so far this year and have improved at every event. The first time they went cross counter they clocked up 60 odd time faults which Chloe was not too happy about. They have improved their time at each event and have managed to come in almost under time with no jumping penalties. Although Chloe loves competing on Tia she really loves the fun stuff including the bareback riding, vaulting and the tricks Chloe has been teaching to Tia including shaking hands.

The pair are preparing to go to the Perth Royal Show this year in the Part Bred Andalusian classes and Chloe's dream event the costume class. Chloe is quite nervous as there is so much atmosphere and Tia has not seen anything like that before. I will be stressing in the stands but cheering them both on. Chloe is so excited to wear the Spanish costume. We have never done anything like this before. I just want Chloe to have fun really. I know the Show stewards will look after her out there and will help her if it gets too much. But I don't think I will be at ease until she comes safely up the ramp at the end of it.

We are lucky to be blessed with this fabulous horse on lease from Kara Leahy. Hopefully the royal show will be a great day as it is the same day Kara gets married so she won't be able to be there to watch but I have promised to send through updates for her. This is the first time we have had anything to do with the Andalusian breed and we are so impressed. It isn't often you see a ten year old riding a 15hh horse out in competition. Chloe and Tia recently competed against some of the states loveliest Show/Working Hunter horses in the working hunter event held at Serpentine Show Horse Day. Chloe and Tia competed against some very experienced combinations and it was an 80cm course- the biggest Chloe had done. They placed 7th out of more than 20 horses which was a fabulous achievement. Tia jumped beautifully and was a testament to the Andalusian breed.



Alison and Chloe Gee – *Parklands WA*

Andies Out and About!

Gosnells Winter Showcase

Rachael Emmott – El Manteca Sonodoro – Supreme Andalusian Exhibit



Emilie Turner – Simanda Park Shibarna – Champion Andalusian Mare



El Bailador Caramella - Reserve Champion Mare

Clare Johnson – Liepold Flavia – Overall Champion Partbred Andalusian

Supreme Partbred Andalusian

Belinda Moreton - Blue Blood Ash – Champion Partbred Gelding



Baldivis SJ & XC Training Day



Lisa Reeson

This is the first Andalusian I have owned, Simanda Park Black Magic. We placed 1st in the 70cm class at Baldivis.

Gidgegannup ODE 2/3 August 2014

Cheryl Wise – Sundance Kid

2nd in the EVA80 Eventing Class



Orange Grove Winter ARCA Hacking Competition 24th August 2014

Adult riding clubs in WA host competitions, usually four per year, focusing on different disciplines. Members from each group compete individually but for their club, aiming, together to win the Trophy! These challenges are loads of fun and a great way to get you and your horse out in a friendly atmosphere. There is rivalry but it is all in good humour. This challenge was no different and it was a beautiful clear sunny day.

There were four AHAA-WA Members that attended and each member enjoyed the day.



Cheryl Wise riding Sundance Kid, representing Gidgegannup. (GARC)



Leah Price riding Inca Atento, also representing Gidgegannup. (GARC)



Christine Hale riding Assure Tiah representing Wanneroo. (WARC)



Frana Jones riding Danny representing Horsemans (HARC)

As this was a team event, individual places have not been listed, but I did see some blue, red and white on the Andies! Well done!

1st - Horsemans Adult Riding Club took home the trophy!

2nd - Orange Grove Adult Riding Club

3rd - Gnangarra Adult Equestrian Club

Below is the response from Debra Best after contacting her regarding the horse parade plans.

World Record Attempt in Perth - Longest Parade of Horses

Hi Karen, thank you for your interest.

Currently we are still in negotiating with the possible venue which will also set the date.

However please stay in touch and for updates you can like the facebook page

“ lets talk about suicide tour 2014”

Kind Regards

Debra Best

Its that time again for the Perth Royal Show!

Many have spent months and many hours getting ready for this day. The Andalusian Classes are on Saturday 4th October 2014

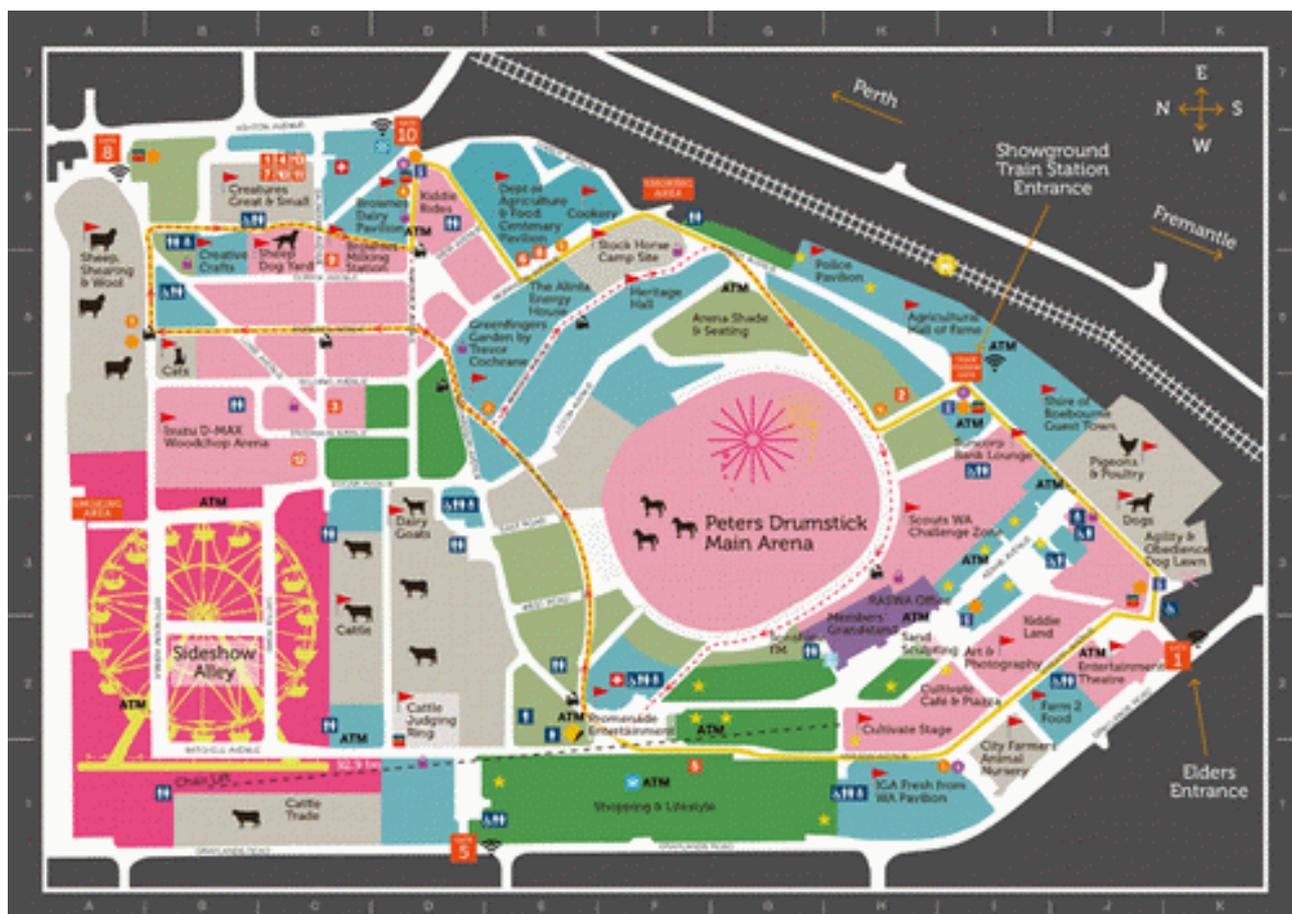
9:00am: Purebred Andalusian

9:45am Partbred Andalusian

So if you are looking at spending a day at the show come on down and support some of WA's top quality Pure and Partbred Andalusians, bring a friend, bring the kids, come and support the Andalusian Breed.

You can plan your day on the Perth Royal Show website

<http://www.perthroyalshow.com.au/your-day-at-the-show/plan-my-day.aspx>



Members that have notified us about attending the Perth Royal Agricultural Show!

Pauline Guinness – Simanda Park Jarlee

Rachael Emmott – El Manteca Sonodoro

Tracy Canterbury Walker - Flamenca Del Diablo

Chloe & Alison Gee – Torridon Limited Edition

Kandice Heal & Natalie Bosman – Zzara & GPS Hustlin' Shades of Grey

Leah Price – Inca Atento

Stephanie Ivatts – Blue Blood Fandango

Barbara Whyte with Ashlee Archibald & Lauren Walker – El Bailador Isabella & El Bailador Vito