



# **Victorian Arabian Youth Group Newsletter**



Photo: Tracey Patterson

## **James Blundell at Australian Arabian Championships 2009**

## Kate's News

I must begin this page by firstly thanking and secondly congratulating Jess Kirkpatrick (and her Mum) for producing this newsletter. Jess very kindly agreed to help me collect news for it and then went one step further and compiled it ready for printing. I can't thank you enough Jess, because as you all know my computer skills are almost non-existent and it is quite an effort! I am sure you will agree Jess has done a fantastic job and with the help of those people who have contributed news, we now have a great newsletter.

So kids, it is up to you to send in your news and any photos that you may have for the next one. It doesn't have to be at Youth Group. Let us know what you are doing.

It was good to see so many of you at the Championships and well done to you all. Jess has included a list of results so I won't make mention of them here, but the Youth Group had a terrific show. Thankyou also to Jess Krog and Bridie White who helped us at the show. It was very kind of you to offer and the Arabian Horse Society really appreciated all the help the Youth Group gave towards the show. Because it was in Victoria this year it was really important that Victoria got behind the show and made it special. The general feeling seems to be that it was a really good show and there will be some special memories taken away that will make it stand out from other Australian Championships, which is important for Victoria. I am sure one of those memories will be James Blundell's performance. That hasn't been done at a Championships before and we have never had 360 people for our dinner, so thanks again kids for making it possible and for your help selling all that chocolate so that we could raise the sponsorship. I hope you all enjoyed it - I know James did.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new members of the Youth Group - Kristen Nicholls, Beth Homan, Briony Grieve, Shenae and Shelby Thompson, and Kody and Jessica Dertell. We hope you can join us for our next weekend at Bendigo on the 6th & 7th June (the long weekend). Could all the Mums please give me a call about a week before hand so that we can organize the catering? (03 5599 5334). Can each child please bring a spare brow band so that you can make a ribbon brow band? You can choose your own colors of ribbon, but you will need 3 colors. Each color needs to be 3m long and 6mm wide. You will find the ribbon in the craft section at Spotlight.

I have included a membership form for those people who have not renewed their membership as yet. Membership must be paid to be able to participate at our June weekend. This will also be the last newsletter for people who don't renew. You have had two reminders that membership falls due at the 31st December each year.

If anyone would like a new Youth Group rugby jumper or polo shirt I will have some at the June weekend. If we need more I will put in an order straight after, so please contact me if you can't be there that weekend and would like one. I hope to see as many of you as possible in June.

Kate Luckock

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## Under 14 Victorian Youth of the Year



I don't have all of the photos from the Aussies yet, but I thought I would send this photo instead of me and TC having fun after all the shows!

The best part about the shows for me was winning the Youth of the Year Award and having fun with all of my friends and my horse. I loved cheering for all of the youth group kids too.

From Syenna Vasilopoulos

LEFT TO RIGHT: 2ND ASHLEE GRIEVE,  
WITH KATE LUCKOCK, PRESIDENT AHSA  
1ST SYENNA VASILOPOULOS

## 14 & under 18yrs Victorian Youth of the Year



1ST ELOUISE LANDO, WITH KATE LUCKOCK, 2ND CATRIONA MC CALLUM

These awards were won by accumulating points at the A Class Arabian Shows in Victoria,

between October 2008 and March 2009.

Both first and second place winners received a \$250 prize to help cover some of the costs

associated with competing at the Australian Championships.

WELL DONE GIRLS— IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU OUT AND ABOUT COLLECTING POINTS AT THE ARABIAN A CLASS SHOWS!

## Jess Krog - Wins AHSA Youth Exchange to N.Z.



It gives me great pleasure to report to the Youth Group that our Chairman, Jess Krog, is the inaugural winner of the Arabian Horse Society's Youth Exchange to New Zealand. This is a new award that was released by the AHSA last December. The aim of the Youth Exchange is to award a ten day trip to NZ to a person 18-25 years of age, in recognition of their service and contribution to the Arabian breed in Australia. The NZ Arabian Horse Breeders Society are reciprocating and offering the same opportunity. The AHSA and NZAHBS shall organize host families throughout the duration of the trip to accommodate the exchange students and avail them opportunities of attending Arabian events, offering instruction and experience as well as some recreational time.

Over the past few years Jess has made a great contribution by giving back to the breed some of the enjoyment and assistance that she herself experienced whilst growing up. As Chairman of our Youth Group, she has proven to be a good leader and has given a great deal of time to helping organize Youth Group activities. She has also instructed in Pony Club, marshaled and stewarded for Affiliate shows, acted as the Judge's hostess for the Victorian Classic and volunteered five days help at the Australian Championships.

The quality of applicants for the Youth Exchange was extremely high and the AHSA Directors felt Jess was a very worthy winner. It is anticipated that Jess' trip will take place later in the year when the shows commence in NZ. We wish Jess an enjoyable trip and hope she will provide incentive to other applicants of the Youth exchange.

Kate Luckock

### AHSA Dinner & James Blundell Performance



On the Friday evening of the Australian Championships the AHSA held their dinner and award presentation. In addition to that, James Blundell performed live in front of 360 people. The Directors were thrilled to have so many people in attendance for what proved to be a very successful and enjoyable evening.

Coralie Gordon, the AHSA's Senior Vice Chairman, began proceedings for the evening by announcing the Vink Challenge Award placegetters. This is a versatility award held over the Championships among three age groups of children. Special congratulations must go to our own Lizzie Krog who was winner of the 12-15 year age group. From memory I think this is the second occasion Lizzie has won this award for her respective age group. Lizzie previously won the award with Cumqual (Ashlee Grieve's current pony) in Toowoomba. Jess Krog was presented with a certificate certifying her as the winner of the AHSA Youth Exchange, which again was a well deserved achievement. The Victorian Youth of the Year winners were announced with the winner of the under 14 section going to Syenna Vasilopoulos and second place to Ashlee Grieve. The under 18 section was won by Elouise Lando with second place going to Catriona McCallum. Congratulations to all four girls for having such a successful season. You presented your horses beautifully and we were proud to have you representing the Youth Group at the Championships. All four girls won \$250 each to help with expenses incurred with competing at the Championships. Once again our thanks go to all the participating affiliates for donating the prizemoney and to Katherine McMahon for donating the beautiful rosettes.

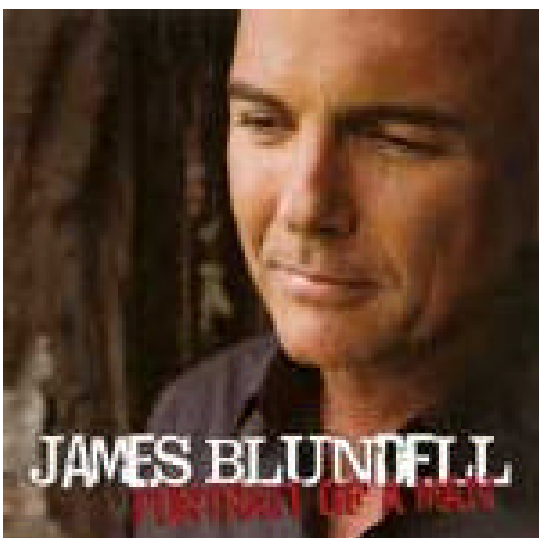
Katherine McMahon was the next Victorian to receive an award and she was an extremely popular and most deserving recipient. Katherine was presented with a Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of the outstanding and tireless contribution she has made to the breed in Victoria. Katherine is an incredibly generous person who devotes an enormous amount of time and energy to promoting the Arabian. She runs three shows a year, is Secretary of the Arabian Horse Promotion Association Victoria and compiles a very good newsletter. She has been heavily involved with each Equitana run in Victoria and gave a full week to help the AHSA run a stand last year, assisted us at the Championships and is always one of the first people to offer help, whenever it is needed.

James then played during dinner. He was interested to discover people from every state from his interaction with the audience and enjoyed performing before them. The audience can make such a difference. I have been with him at gigs before in front of a dead audience and it is really hard work for him. Our audience obviously appreciated him as they kept his voice well lubricated by buying him drinks!

We then conducted our auction to raise money for our Bushfire Appeal. Doyle Dertell once again did the auctioneering for us. As always, Doyle is never short of a word and has a great sense of humour and he managed to extract \$7000 from our audience, which was a fantastic effort. Owing to lack of time and the incredible number of donations we received for the auction, the rest of the articles not offered were put in a silent auction, which closed at the commencement of the last class on Sunday. The generosity of the people donating articles and the spirit in which they were purchased made for a very successful contribution to a most worthy cause. Thank you all so much.

James livened his songs up a little after the auction which led to some dancing. I neglected to announce on the evening that James had CD's available for sale. He actually forgot to bring them with him that night, however gave them to me the next day and I still have three left. I don't have any of his latest album, "Portrait of a man", which was released in February, but if anyone is interested I could get some from him and get him to sign them. As a fitting end to an enjoyable night I persuaded James' girlfriend, Jesse Curran, to sing the final song with him. Jesse also has an amazing voice and some of you may have recognized her as an entrant on Australian Idol. She is currently working as a physiotherapist and is not pursuing her singing career for the time being, but who knows what the future may hold. James is offering plenty of encouragement.

Kate Luckock



# Australian Arabian Championships 2009

## Emma Collins

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE BRIDLE PATH HACK 14.2hh RIDDEN BY AN AMATEUR OWNER 18 YEARS & OVER- Champion

ARABIAN PONY MARE OR GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER & SHOWN BY AN AMATEUR OWNER- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING BRIDLE PATH HACK N.E. 14.2hh- Top 10

ARABIAN GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER SHOWN BY AN AMATEUR OWNER- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN GELDING 5 YEARS & OVER- Top 10

## Kody Dertell

RIDDEN ARABIAN PONY GELDING- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER EXHIBITED BY A - Top 10

LEADING REIN RIDER—Champion

## Ashlee Grieve

YOUTH RIDER UNDER 12 YEARS- Champion

ARABIAN PONY GELDING 5 YEARS & OVER- Top 10

RIDDEN ARABIAN PONY GELDING- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER EXHIBITED BY A YOUTH- Top 10

YOUTH DRESSAGE NOVICE TEST 2.2- Top 10

## Briony Grieve

LEADING REIN RIDER—Reserve Champion

## Elizabeth Krog

YOUTH HANDLER 12 YEARS & UNDER 15 YEARS- Champion

YOUTH RIDER 12 YEARS & UNDER 15 YEARS- Champion

RIDDEN ARABIAN RIDING PONY MARE- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE MARE OR GELDING OVER 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Champion

Winner of the Vink Publishing Award for Versatility 12 – 15 yrs

## Elouise Lando

YOUTH HANDLER 15 YEARS & UNDER 18 YEARS- Reserve Champion

YOUTH RIDER 15 YEARS & UNDER 18 YEARS- Top 10

HORSE TO BE RIDDEN SIDE-SADDLE- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN MARE OR GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER EXHIBITED BY A YOUTH-Reserve Champion

SHOW HUNTER OVER 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Top 10

ARABIAN/ARABIAN DERIVATIVE WESTERN PLEASURE- Top 10

ARABIAN GELDING BRIDLE PATH HACK- Top 10

ARABIAN GELDING RIDDEN- Top 10

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### **Catriona McCallum**

YOUTH DRESSAGE NOVICE TEST 2.2– Champion

### **Syenna Vasilopoulos**

YOUTH HANDLER UNDER 12 YEARS- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN PONY GELDING 5 YEARS & OVER- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER EXHIBITED BY A YOUTH- Top 10

YOUTH BRIDLE PATH HACK N.E. 14hh- Top 10

SHOW HUNTER N.E. 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING BRIDLE PATH HACK N.E. 14.2hh- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE MARE OR GELDING N.E. 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Top 10

YOUTH DRESSAGE NOVICE TEST 2.2- Reserve Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE SHOW HUNTER PONY N.E. 14hh- Top 10

### **Annika White**

RIDDEN ARABIAN RIDING PONY GELDING-Top 10

ARABIAN PONY GELDING 5YEARS AND OVER- Reserve Champion

YOUTH BRIDLE PATH HACK N.E. 14hh- Champion

SHOW HUNTER N.E. 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING BRIDLE PATH HACK N.E. 14.2hh- Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE MARE OR GELDING N.E. 14hh RIDDEN BY A YOUTH- Champion

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE SHOW HUNTER PONY N.E. 14hh- Champion

### **Rachel Wilson**

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE GELDING BRIDLE PATH HACK OVER 14.2hh- Top 10

ARABIAN DERIVATIVE ELEMENTARY TEST 3.4- Top 10

*It is great to see a lot of the Youth Groups members competing at the Australian Arabian Championships. They seem like a very competitive bunch of kids!*

*We want to hear any competition news whether it is Pony Club, EFA, Showing, Novelties and Rodeo News- we want to know all about!*



Elizabeth Krog and Millawarrah Mandalay at the Australian Championships

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Kody Dertell, Champion Leading Rein Rider  
Australian Championships, with Kate Dertell.



Jessica Dertell - mastering the trot.



Annika White, with Ensenada Prince Harry, after winning hunter Arabian riding pony under 14hh at the Australian Arabian Championships.

I brought my large pony (Ensenada Prince Harry) over to compete at the Arabian Classic and the Australian Arabian championships. When we first arrived we had a few dramas with our caravan but thanks to Bob Krog, we fixed them.

At the Arabian Classic I won the open riding champion and at the Australian Arabian championship Ensenada Prince Harry and I won 4 Australian champions (see results in the newsletter).

I would like to thank the judges for judging at these two wonderful shows, the committee for organising the shows, Kate Luckock for all her hard work and last but not least my mother for being there and also being nervous all the time, ha ha.

Annika White,  
Tasmania.



# Arabian Spectacular 2008

The Arabian Spectacular Show run by the Western District Arabian Riders and Breeders (W.D.A.R.A.B.) returned to the picturesque Kingston Showgrounds, just north of Ballarat on 14th December 2008. This is an ideal venue for a show as it provides a large, arena, good shade and plenty of area to warm up horses.

Features of this year's program included more classes, particularly for amateur owners and some great rewards for competitors. All supremes received embroidered rugs, all champions received floral garlands and bronzes and reserve champions were also awarded bronzes. All first place winners received a trophy glass or mug. Seven exquisite perpetual trophies were also won.

Entries were up on the previous show, although some horses did not compete due to the inclement weather in the morning, by afternoon you needed a hat and sunscreen.

Victorian Arabian Youth Group member, Eloïse Lando, had a successful day with her horse Show No Mercy ( Swiftwood Shatir x Dowling Tema) who won the champion led purebred gelding, champion ridden purebred and champion ridden show hunter. This was capped off with the Fable perpetual trophy for Supreme Ridden exhibit, with a rug sponsored by Petstock.

It was great to see that 100% of the pre-entered youth, weren't deterred by the weather, and all arrived to compete. Champion youth handler was won by Sophie Carr, Melton, with reserve being awarded to Emma Crocker, Woodend. The champion rider was Emma Crocker, with the reserve champion Eloïse Lando, Glenburn.

Emma Crocker continued her winning way with Warrawee Highlight in the led Arabian warmblood mare, ridden derivative mare, Youth's Horse or Pony and the Bridle Path hack. Well done.

Ashleigh Meagher, Ballarat, won the junior judging. Ashleigh was riding Bimbadeen Yarraglen, a four year old Arabian pony in his first show season. The pair won the led Arabian pony class, and their youth handler and youth rider classes.

Syenna Vasilopoulos, had a big riding program. After winning the duel registered exhibit, she went onto win the best educated, the show hunter under 14.2hh and youth rider 11 – 14 years.

Emma Collins rode Tonka Tuff, an Arabian Pony, to win the ridden derivative gelding and place second in the bridle path hack and amateur owner ridden gelding.

Jessica Kirkpatrick won reserve champion led Partbred with her four year appaloosa Arabian mare Diane's Delight. This pair also went on to win pleasure horse or pony, sidesaddle and costume classes and place second in western pleasure.

The aggregate awards for the junior riders:

1<sup>st</sup> Eloïse Lando ( on a countback)

2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Crocker

3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Carr

The other lovely thing to watch was that in between classes and warming up, the youth had time to chat to each other.

Mark this show on your calendar for next year – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Eloïse Lando**

**Ashleigh Meagher?**



## Cosmic Sparkling Starlight & Catriona McCallum



Sparki and I have been a partnership for nearly two years now and his talent is improving all the time. He is teaching me so much about riding and horsemanship. This last showing season was our first season of showing in the Arabian world. We had a great time culminating in winning the Youth Dressage at the recent Aussie Championships. This win was important to us as Dressage is my main discipline. 2009 is off to a great start as we - Sparki and I have recently qualified to become part of the Victorian Young Dressage Rider Squad. This has been an aim of mine for some time now - to qualify you had to have at least three official scores over a certain percentage and a letter of recommendation from your instructor.

After Easter we headed to Werribee for our first Squad Day followed by the Young Rider Dressage Festival. Squad day was great getting to know all the other people in the squad and helping to set up for the Festival which started on the Tuesday. Tuesday morning I was up early getting Sparki ready when disaster struck!!!! Somehow he managed to catch his eye on something in his yard and tear his eyelid quite badly. In fact he nearly ripped it right off!!! We had to load him in the float and take him to the Equine Hospital at the Uni of Melbourne Vet school where he underwent 2 hours of surgery to re-attach his eyelid. He spent the next few days at the hospital until the swelling went down and he had recovered enough to travel the four hours home!!! Mum and I spent the days volunteering at the Dressage competition and watching some great dressage! It was disappointing to not compete, but I am grateful that Sparki will make a full recovery and didn't actually damage the eye, just the lid. There will be lots more competitions for us to enter when he is fully recovered. Meanwhile he is enjoying all the pampering he deserves after a big year of competing.



Hi my name is Jaimi, I am in the Arabian Youth Group. For the past few years I have been showing my horse named Crystal ( Tarcel Forget Me Not ) She has been the best pony to compete with at the Aussies, youth group and pony club.

I am now selling Crystal as now I am moving on to a new galloway. She is a purebred Arabian dapple grey. I hoped to take her to the next youth group rally.

My highlight of the Aussies was seeing and meeting James Blundell, It was very exciting meeting James Blundell, considering we had been waiting for about 12 months. All of the youth group had a lot of fun dancing to James Blundell, especially when he sang American Pie.

? Jaimi Cartledge and Crystal

# Youth Group Weekend August 2008—Bendigo Showgrounds



Shannon Cartledge doing Polocrosse



Shannon Cartledge was also riding Shamenah, whilst under instruction from Kate

Cracking the Stock Whip in Kate's Stock Horse Lesson—Jaimi Cartledge, running



Ashlee Grieve and Llanfairbryn Cumquat out and about.

Syenna Vasilopoulos



Best Friends

Hi there,

My daughter is a member of the Vic. Youth Group, we are from S.A. Sounds strange I know, but I am good friends with Melissa Grieve and we have attended the June weekend for the past two years, good opportunity for a catch up really!

Anyway, my daughter Samantha rides a palouse pony (which we purchased from Melissa a few years ago) and I also have an Arabian pony who attended last year. I have leased him to a friend, Nicole Hawkins who is also a member of the Vic Group.

Sam's palouse pony has done very well over the past show season, coming home with many champion ribbons from the palouse ring, we also went to the Palouse National Show in April (in NSW) where she also did very well. Her favourite events in the palouse ring (which is a western show) are the hunter under saddle, trail and barrel racing.



The Arabian pony has also been a multi champion our S.A. Main Event show in February and has won many champions over this show season as well. He didn't come over to the Nationals as we were heading to the palouse show at a similar time. I am sure he would have done well had we made the trip though.

We are looking forward and planning on making the trip over the Victoria again in June, just waiting to see where we will be heading and hoping it fits in with what is happening over here at the same time!

Regards, Melinda Coleshill

## **NEXT NEWLETTER DEADLINE**

**AUGUST 31ST 2009**

I love to get your photos and news by email is easiest or mail it to me and I can scan and return your photos to you.

## **VICTORIAN ARABIAN YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND CLINICS**

June 6th & 7th

Bendigo

Show grounds

Second Clinic *TBC*

**Jessica Kirkpatrick and "Diane's Delight" - Arabian Derivative**

Diane's Delight (Delta), whose sire was Kharine Rasim (Musical Gully Arabians) is now a 4 year old. She has been on many outings in the last 12 months. Delta has competed in halter events, pony club events, novelties, dressage, combined training, show jumping, side saddle and western pleasure.

The focus for the coming 12 months will be show jumping as the mare has great potential and is gaining more confidence. In the last 12 show jumping rounds, Delta has only accumulated four penalties.



Showjumping,  
Colac  
Summer Show



Jumping at  
Home ?



? Sophie Gough & Ennerdale Andy

Sophie and Andy competed at the Emu Creek Pony Club O.D.E. in March. It was the first O.D.E. for both of them and they managed to win the Dressage & overall.



? Shannon Cartlegde on Elissah at Pony Club during Cross Country



?Syenna Vasilopoulos