

HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2010—January 2011

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IMPORTANT DATES

8th December end of term
ride/break up Watson
Creek – email Cath Giles
10th December HDARC
Xmas break up at Bridges
– email Lisa Embling
13th February 2011 Hurst-
bridge Show (tentatively)
20th March 2011 Hurst-
bridge Show Jumping day
(tentatively)

President's Report

Firstly an introduction to members who may not know me. My name is Jo McIlroy-Smith and I ride on Wednesdays on a big grey warmblood called Shannon. I have been a member of H&DARC since 1996. In that time I have played various roles from secretary to running events. When I started we rode in Ferguson Paddock in an area called 'The Dustbowl'. We ran dressage and Sj days and a small group of us worked very hard to get the grounds we now occupy. I have had the pleasure of watching many Presidents do great things for the club. From getting the grounds up and going to improving the grounds with new arenas and xcountry fences. This was all done with the help and generosity of the HPC who we have an outstanding rapport with. Without such tireless workers we all would not be able to enjoy the beautiful grounds we have.

During these years I have had 3 children that have taken up a lot of my time but as my youngest is now 4yrs old it is about time to step back into a position of responsibility. I feel it an honour to follow in the footsteps of some outstanding leaders and represent such a fantastic club with many members who are now lifelong friends. Firstly I would like to thank Lisa Embling for all of her hard work last year as well as Lisa Ronalds, Marc Harper, the committee and all sub committees. If Lisa R and Marc had not stayed on as secretary and treasurer then my decision to take on this role would have been a whole lot harder. I have seen how well these people work together and are so willing of their time. Thanks guys, I really appreciate it. We have new members who have put their hands up to join committee and this is fabulous. It is a great way to get to know members and also improve your general knowledge of horses as we have some very knowledgeable members! Also we have some extremely wonderful people who can easily become friends outside of club.

Now down to some nitty gritty!

It was brought to my attention that not everyone knows certain rules about our club. Before you let anyone ride at our club on a rally day who is not a member, please read the constitution or contact a committee member. We have an 18yo age limit and restrictions on other club members riding at our grounds. It is every members responsibility to know the rules of our club.

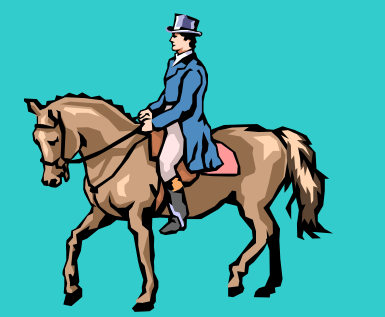
We need some new faces on sub committees :) The H&DARC show day could do with some help so if you like showing and would like to learn some more about running a day then please contact me. Peta Brennan is in charge and she is one of our very friendly and extremely knowledgeable members :)



XMAS BREAK UP
Friday 10th Dec
At Bridges
- see inside for
more info



Horseland
HORSELAND EPPING &
GREENSBOROUGH—
SADDLE FITTING SERVICE
AVAILABLE





Could all members please be aware of entering our grounds at 10kms or under. We are planning to have a sign made up as we have witnessed ARC and PC members coming down our driveway at an unacceptable speed. Just be aware that we have kids and maybe loose animals in the area. Thank you.

A few members received notices of failing to finish their requirements for membership this year. They were allowed to rejoin for 2011 as this was our first year implementing these requirements. Please note that next year these notices will not be sent out and membership will not be granted for members who have not helped out. It is a hard line to take but responsibility lies with each member to contribute or in exceptional circumstances to contact a committee member.

I would like to send out GET WELL wishes to a few members who are battling illness or have suffered broken bones due to falls. Lisa Utting who is battling breast cancer, you have worked so tirelessly for this club for many years and we all send our greatest get well wishes to you and look forward to our TTT comeback in 2011 !! Val Walsh, who many Wednesday riders would know. She suffered a nasty accident whilst trying to mount her new horse. To my knowledge her horse was fantastic with Val lying on the ground and him wondering what happened? She has suffered some broken bones and other injuries but is on her way to recovery. We all wish you a speedy recovery. And to another member, also a tireless worker who has a family member battling illness. We wish him a speedy recovery and your worries to be over. Xxxx



Lisa R has compiled a very comprehensive 'Thank you' list in her report and I 'Ditto' all she has said. Lisa is more than a 'Right hand woman' and basically runs all day to day operations to keep the club healthy. Thanks Lisa. As we now enter into another year.. (!!) I would like to take this time to welcome all new members and thank all the old (but not mature!!) members who make this club so enjoyable. May your Christmas be joyous your New Year be Happy and may you return to us all safely in 2011.

Take care everyone
Jo & Shannon

Secretary's Report

A few reflections on the year

There have been many changes in our club over last 12 months because of the many people resigning from long-held positions - but also the increased growth in membership from mid 80's to 120 this year and from many new and enthusiastic members on committee and sub-committees with new ideas of their own:

- We are large enough to be able to offer a variety of excellent instructors this year; all of whom have their own teaching styles to suit different horse/rider combinations and different riding disciplines

-We now have a formal duty roster which has worked well and consequently the arenas are regularly harrowed and our grounds mostly poo- free and well-cared for

-This year for the first time we have made it a requirement for members to contribute to the running of the club; it is a privilege to be part of this club and with that comes some responsibility. We have had 50 plus keen helpers at all our major events lightening the burden a little on all the "regular" helpers. A huge amount of effort has gone in to getting all members involved – helping out does give you a small sense of "ownership" of our lovely grounds

-There have been many riders representing our club at local events including both new and old members and especially at Top Teams Events



-The club has a good feel about it of late– despite some grumblings earlier about how we have got too big/the club has lost its cosy feel/ the car-park is always full!-I believe generally members have adapted to the change - it's hard to walk 5 metres without stopping to have a chat/ admire a new horse/float/gear/jodphurs etc - all this despite the worst (or is it the best???) winter in living memory

-We have been able to offer Micro-chipping (thanks Leanne); an on-site horse dentist (thanks Lisa Linton); handy Pooper-Scoopers and a very cute suggestion box (thanks Di Wilson)

- At a committee level we have discussed, revised and started documenting our many policies; This has been quite a job initially but will make running the club easier for future committees

- At our Recent AGM our amended constitution was voted 15 in favour/ 2 against so we now await final approval by the department of consumer affairs

A big thankyou to the many long-standing members who continue to contribute year after year: Melissa for running Wednesday rallies and achieving the impossible – “keeping everyone happy”- Rachel for our informative and pictorial newsletter; Cath Giles for continuing to represent us at council level; campaigning for all riders for continued access to local trails; helping on the social side and running our canteen on dressage day even though officially retired from the position; Peta for hosting the annual trail-ride from her home in Arthurs Creek; Val Walsh and Jenny Webb for opening the club all year; Marc for being treasurer for years/ cooking BBQ's; setting up dressage arenas and generally being a very handy man about the place and especially our subcommittees for their enormous efforts at running our comps.

Thankyou also to retiring members of committee: Susie Walker, Lisa Linton and Robyn Sholly for all your contributions in your time on committee and Robyn especially for running Saturday Rallies so well for 2 years; and Heather Wilson, Lisa Utting and Lisa Embling from our sub-committees

Welcome to our new general committee members Trish Kruse, Sarah Ross (Mock) and Kirsten Beard-Adams; and our new sub-committee members Sarina McDermott, Di Wilson, Kayleen-Chatfield-Jones and Jo Dobson Thanks to Sarah Walsh for taking on uniforms and a huge thankyou to Andrea who has done it for years! Denise Elphinstone has kindly offered to take-on Saturday Rallies

Without all these good people volunteering and giving others a rest our club could not move forward

At our AGM Jo McIlroy-Smith a young lady with many years of horse/ riding club and riding experience was voted in unanimously as our new president. Thankyou for putting your hand up Jo when your club really needed you to.

And the immediate past president:

Lisa Embling came along to last years AGM to resign from the Show-Jumping Subcommittee and walked away as the new President! - What a year it has been! - lots of laughs/ maybe a few tears and occasional thoughts “what have I got myself into?”

Her open door approach to all members/ diplomacy/ humour/ equine knowledge and sheer hard physical work have been a huge asset to this club. As president, a role in which she had every right to delegate, she has been the first to put her hand up for so many things - its people like her who form the backbone of this club and make it strong and I personally am very sad that she is not going on next year but do wish her a well-earned rest and more time to enjoy her riding.

We do face challenges ahead –We are advised by HRCVA that we have to put a “Risk Management Policy” in place – this is a big job and will take time and input from many people

We also need to continue to satisfy member needs and we need to work at getting ALL members to contribute at our events and working bees



Looking forward to working with our new committee next year and for our great club to continue to prosper and improve.

Wishing all our members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas

Happy Riding

Lisa Ronalds

Please note that Lisa is away from 27th nov till 19th dec

Don't forget the Mounting Block raffle - \$5 a ticket you can purchase as many tickets as you like to win a portable mounting block the same as the ones at club. We are hoping to cover the costs of the AR mounting blocks as a fundraiser through this raffle so dig deep.

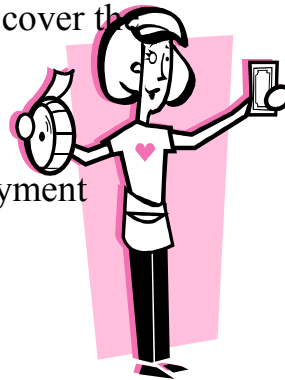
You can see them at www.onyourhorse.com.au

Easy to enter, either put \$5+ in an envelope at club labelled your name and raffle.

Email Marc Harper – marcharper@bigpond.com with your intention to buy and a payment method.

Mail or see any of your committee members to get tickets.

The raffle will be drawn at the HDARC Xmas Party 10th of December.



OUT & ABOUT

Lancefeild Twilight dressage Jackpot

Jo McIroy Smith & Shannon 6th & 8th Overall 7th....

Di Wilson & T.Rex 2nd & 3rd Reserve Jackpot Champion....

Don't forgot the **HDARC End of year Xmas Party is at Bridges on the 10th of December 6.30ish onward.**

The Club will put on some refreshments, buy your drinks over the bar. More details to come.

On the night our Julie Garrett winner will be announced.

Big thank yous to all our instructors, plus great company.

Email, see, text Lisa Embling fleaembo@hotmail.com or Melissa Dawson

Melissa@ech.com.au if you are coming.

More details to come soon.



Horseland

HORSELAND EPPING & GREENSBOROUGH

UPDATE ON THE DRAFT PANTON HILL BUSHLAND RESERVE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

This plan will determine the use of the trails within the reserve system by horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers. There has been a heavy push to date to completely exclude horses from the reserves altogether, on the basis that this use conflicts with conservation objectives.

Myself and a handful of other horse owners who are committed to seeing horse riding continue within the reserves, have lobbied and made submissions to council on this basis. We have had some success with 3 trails being recommended to remain accessible to horses, however we still feel the current proposal is inadequate.

Last Tuesday 23rd November at the Ordinary meeting of Council, a vote was taken to approve public consultation process for this document.

The Officer Recommendation was:

That Council:

- 1/ Endorse the Draft Panton Hill Bushland Reserve System Management Plan for public consultation
- 2/ Endorse the Draft Recreational Trails Policy Position and associated Draft Recreational Trail Maps for public consultation.

This recommendation was passed, and the public consultation process will officially commence in December and run until mid February 2011. There will be a Public Notice in the Diamond Valley Leader and copies of the Draft Management Plan & Recreational Trails Policy will be available in December on the council's website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

My previous submission on behalf of the HDARC has asked that 5 of the 9 trails we have historically ridden throughout the reserves remain open to horse riders. At present the council's draft recommendation would permit horses on only 3 of the 9 trails.

Please look out for an article in the Diamond Valley Leader this Wednesday 1st December on this issue.

Once the consultation process is advertised, it will be up to anyone who is interested to read the council reports, write a brief submission and urge others to do so as well. We will also need to lobby our local councilors to make them sit up and take notice.

I am happy to assist anyone with details for their submission (the issues and points to argue) and can be contacted at cathygiles@bigpond.com or on 9718 2779 or 0417 307 843.

Cathy Giles



WEDNESDAY END OF TERM RIDE AND CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP LUNCH



Wednesday 8th December, 2010

At the delightful **Watsons Creek Antiques Café**, 765
Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd, Kangaroo Ground.

Come and celebrate the end of another great year of riding with friends.

The café will be providing a delicious, set price, **2 course lunch** for \$28.00.
This will include a combination of either entree, main meal (with choices) or dessert,
plus coffee, tea or soft drink.
Alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

There will be the option of a trail ride to and from the café for those who are interested. This will possibly be departing from the Kangaroo Ground Pony Club Grounds (to be confirmed). As usual, the horses will be tied to trees in the paddock at the back of the café, where water and some hay will be provided. Don't forget your headstall and rope! Please indicate on the return slip if you are choosing to ride or not, so that I know who to contact with further details.

For those wishing to ride and who also need to pick up kids from school, making alternative arrangements for their pick-up (or after school care), ensures a less stressful departure after lunch.

Bookings must be received with payment by Wed 1st Dec to confirm the numbers with the café.

All enquiries and bookings to Cath Giles (H) 9718 2779 (M) 0417 307 843 or cathygiles@bigpond.com

Please post the return slip with payment to: Cath Giles 265 Flat Rock Road, Hurstbridge 3099

Payment in full can be made either with cash, cheque made out to Watsons Creek Antiques Café, or by credit card directly with Jo at the café (call her on 9719 7518)

Name/s: _____ **Mob Phone:** _____

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I wish to book _____ person/people at \$28.00pp for the break-up lunch = \$ _____

I enclose payment for this amount, paying by: CASH CHEQUE CREDIT CARD (direct with café)

YES I will/ NO I will not be joining the trail ride: Number of riders _____

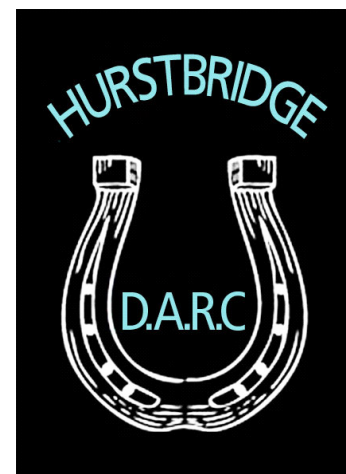


HURSTBRIDGE ARC UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Black cap with logo	\$12.00
Black polar fleece Jacket with logo	\$38.00
Black polar fleece vest with logo	\$28.00
Polo t-shirt with logo	\$30.00
Black knitted vest with logo	\$40.00
Black knitted jumper with logo	\$50.00
Black waterproof jacket with logo	\$60.00

Saddle Blanket see Debbie Smith from Yarrambat Horsewear (shop in Hurstbridge 942 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd 97181988)

All uniform queries see Andrea Barton 97197706



*HURSTBRIDGE
SADDLERY-
OPENING SALE*

Items as advertised in "Winter Wish List
Catalogue

PLUS:

*YARRAMBAT HORSEWEAR QUALITY
RUGS AND REPAIRS

*Pooch Parkas for your best mate

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All manufactured & repaired on site

We also stock a large range of :

*Wormers and Veterinary supplies at discount
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942 Main Street Hurstbridge

Phone Debbie 9718-1988

LESSON AND ARENA ETIQUETTE

Safety of horses, riders and spectators is of paramount importance: with this in mind:

- Always approach, enter and leave the arena at a walk
- If arriving late to a lesson, enter the arena without interrupting any other horses/riders that are already working. Apologise to the instructor and ask their permission to join the group (this may not be possible if it is a jumping lesson and your horse is not warmed up).
- Always introduce yourself to a new instructor and advise them of both you and your horse's experience/level.
- While working in a group, try to be aware of where everyone else is on the arena, so that you can avoid cutting them off or running into other horses. Acquaint yourself with the horses that need you to keep your distance (most commonly mares) and do your best to do so. If your horse is not happy about others coming too close, please advise the instructor and the other riders, so that they equally can keep their distance from you. As a guide, you should leave a distance of at least two horse lengths between yourself and the horse in front.
- When passing another horse front-on, wherever possible, pass left shoulder to left shoulder.
- Do not allow your horse to run up the rear of the horse in front of you. Always turn away and either do a small circle or move to another part of the arena where there is more space.
- Should you need to stop for any reason or need to take a brief break, always make your way to the middle of where your group is working on the arena, out of the way of the other riders.
- If you are on a horse that is really playing up and disturbing others in the lesson, it is common courtesy to either move away from the group, or actually leave the arena once you have advised the instructor of your intention to do so. You can possibly rejoin the group and continue with the lesson, once your horse settles down.
- Always excuse yourself from a lesson should you wish/need to leave early.
- If using a full length dressage whip in a lesson, make sure that when passing other horses that you don't inadvertently touch or flick them with your whip.
- Should you find yourself sharing a lesson or warm-up area at a competition with more advanced riders who are doing two-track work, they have right-of-way at all times.
- Feel free to ask questions and clarify instructions with your instructor throughout a lesson if you are unsure about what is being asked of you, or if you haven't heard the instruction.
- Thank your instructor for their time and do not hesitate to query them about what you have worked on in the lesson, and what would be useful to continue with in your own training.
- Please leave the arena at a walk once your lesson is finished, and when returning to the float/yards area or generally moving around the grounds, do so at a walk so as not to spook other horses.
- If there is equipment to be set up for your lesson, please offer assistance before mounting. Equally, if there is equipment to be packed away, please make yourself available to help after the lesson, as this job often falls on the same few people left at the end of the day.
- Please be mindful of the fact that there are often other classes being held in adjacent areas of the arenas including the bottom show-jumping arena; the club will endeavour to separate these designated work spaces by the use of ground-poles or witches hats
- In general regarding fair use of our available work-space; group lessons booked via our rally coordinators always take priority over privately booked lessons and private schooling
- Please ensure that all manure is removed from the arena if your horse has made a deposit during the lesson. And while you are there cleaning up, consider picking up any other droppings left behind too. A small gesture of goodwill goes a long way to creating an atmosphere of care for not only club property, but your fellow riders as well.

HDARC Rostered Duties

Wednesday Rallies

PRIOR TO RALLY:

Harrow top and bottom arenas and around the show jumps.

If possible harrow on the Tuesday pm or before the first lesson. The club gates are unlocked at 9am (4WD is not required) The harrow is on the ground in front of the large equipment shed. Don't harrow if the arenas are waterlogged

Open the Clubhouse:

Enter through the back door which will be unlocked for you

Open all the security shutters

Open the front doors and the servery window

Turn on the lights

Turn on the fridge

Fill and turn on the urn

Get out the tea/coffee and sugar

Put the hose outside

Put the manure wheelbarrow and arena rake near the mounting block for easy access to top arenas and carpark

Put out equipment if required for a lesson; information re equipment which may be required will be on your emailed riding list a copy of which is in "the Book" at the club; Some equipment is locked in the equipment shed; a committee member will need to open this for you

Please Bring

3 Litres of Milk and 2 cakes +/- or packets of biscuits between the 2 rostered people for morning tea

Place a receipt in the rally payment letterbox if you would like a refund

During the Rally

Provide hot drinks for the instructors throughout the morning or water if required

Deb: White Coffee, no sugar: **Susie:**

Francis: White Tea, no sugar **Dale:** coffee, white, 2 sugars

Guest Instructors as required

END OF DAY:

Ensure that grounds are clear of manure

Put the hose and wheelbarrow/rake inside

Replace equipment in the shed

Wash and dry dishes and wipe benches;

Sweep clubhouse floor

Ensure toilets are clean and tidy; replace dirty handtowels/teatowels

Empty the kitchen bin into the wheelie bin and replace the bin liner

Ensure the fridge is off and the door is ajar.

Ensure the urn and all lights, heaters and fans are off.

Close the shutters and lock the clubhouse; the front door nearest the servery needs to be held closed from the outside whilst the shutter is being closed

Ensure the gate to the grounds is locked if you are the last to leave



Thank you for your help.

NOTICEBOARD

HAY FOR SALE!

RIVER FLATS HAY GOING HALF PRICE!

EXCELLENT CONDITION HAY, BEEN UNDER COVER,
NEED TO GET RID OF.

\$5.00 BALE

PLEASE RING LUCINDA OR JOHN ,0409429949 0418564851, OR 57802569

OR ENQUIRE AT ADULT-RIDING.

Having a tack room cleanout!!

Black ladies size 12 Riding jacket, tailor made in NZ, lovely quality fabric, in excellent condition.
\$75 ono.

Leather XC boots for large horse, front and rear, in very good condition, \$60/set.

Leather/ rubber lined bell boots, adjustable strap fastening, \$30

Open fronted S/J boots, Hampa, size Medium, as new, \$50.

Open fronted S/J boots, Weatherbeeta, size Medium, \$30.

Stainless Steel Myler bit, 4.5", cost \$100; sell for \$70, as new.

Mal Byrne brown leather/ elastic side clip breastplate, brass fittings, as new, cost \$250, sell for \$100.

Black leather long riding boots, quality Petrie brand, size 8.5(ladies), \$180 (includes trees and bootbag). A real bargain!!

Enquiries Heather 0408 300 804

Short term agistment available

Heaps of grass

Diamond Creek area

Arena available

\$25 per week

Contact Kathy 9438 3465 or 0419 314 820

If anyone needs to get rid of their empty feed bags, I would really appreciate it if they could let me have them!

Either drop them at club on wednesday or outside my gate 155 Cherrytree Road, Hurstbridge.

Or just call me on 0409094868 and I can collect them. Thanks Sherri

A friend, having said the last good bye to her horse, has a number of rugs that she has no use for. They are 5'9" rugs for all seasons. If anyone is interested can they please call Margaret Sprenger on 9714 8649.

The Veterinary Surgery, North Warrandyte and Yarrambat
Ph: 9844 0781 or 9436 1699



FOR SALE

HILLSWOOD LLEYLANDI BAY

9 year old Welsh Pony of Cob Type Gelding 12.3hh, registered WPCSOA.

Butch has been a much loved member of our family for 6 years. In that time he has done 5 years pony club, including numerous camps and clinics, trail riding, dressage & CT days, PC shows and open show hunter classes. Rarely unplaced.

Great to float, never had shoes, good to clip, worm etc.

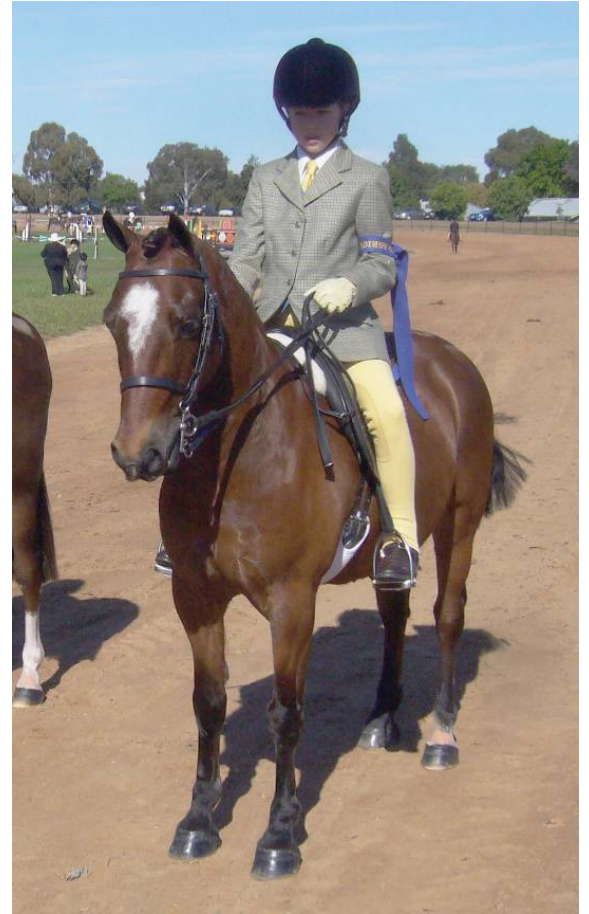
Is the sort of pony you can pull out of the paddock and jump on.

Butch is very quiet but strong willed so does need a confident child and experienced home.

Sold with bridle and all his rugs. \$6000 neg to right home

Phone Rachael 9719 7825 0418 593 971

Available After 5th December



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PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS DETAILS....

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