



New Zealand Riding for the Disabled  
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MARLBOROUGH  
Group

## HORSING AROUND NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2009

Greeting and welcome to new and existing riders to RDA for 2009 .

We are looking forward to a busy year and hope that everyone is ready to enjoy the programme.

Our new arena is nearing finishing and is looking great. We are very lucky to have this facility.

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

We are hosting the RDA National Conference here in Blenheim at the new Conference Centre in town. And at our facilities up at RDA. The Committee will be working towards this and are hoping to get our grounds up to scratch for this.

R Wilkes NMZM  
Head Coach

### Golf funds go out to grass

Marlborough's Riding for the Disabled has received a \$4500 boost to its coffers from the Renwick Lions Club.

The club holds an annual fundraising golf tournament at Weirau Valley Golf Club and this year RDA was the successful applicant for the funds. The money will go towards sowing new grass in some of the RDA paddocks and eradicating weeds.

Marlborough RDA has 60 clients aged from two to 55, 17 horses and 32 volunteers.



Marlborough RDA head coach Rosalee Wilkes shows joint Renwick Lions Club president Neil Paterson (left) and Kevin Aggs the horses and facilities. Photo courtesy of Marlborough Express.

### MARLBOROUGH RDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18 March 2009

This will be coming up soon and we will require new committee members and would really appreciate it if you could consider coming on the Committee. We will be looking for a new President . This role requires the attendance and facilitation of committee and/ or sub meetings, management of the AGM, ensure the planning and budgeting for the future is carried out in accordance with the wishes of the members. Also ideally someone who can communicate effectively, well informed of all organizational activities, constructive in future directions and plans of members, has a good working knowledge of the constitution, rules and the duties of all office holders and subcommittees and a supportive leader.



### PRIVATE TUITION

Private tuition is available for any one. If you would like tuition you can contact Amanda Bashford at RDA 578 3051  
Cost will be \$25 GST incl a ride.

### Riding Places

We have spaces available for Special Needs riders. Ring us on 578 3051 if you know of any one.

There is just as much horse sense as ever, but the horses have most of it.

Author Unknown

### AFTER SCHOOL RIDING

The After School Riding is full and progressing well Lessons are on three day of the week.

### HORSE NEWS

We have two new horses Phoenix and Abby. Both horses have settled in well and are fast becoming favourites with our riders. All the other horses are back in work and are in good health.



Phoenix



Abby with Allsorts



We welcome Jessie and Courtney who are with us from America for two moths. Also we farewell Sarah who have been with u s tin September. She will be looking forward to going home to Germany .

Jessie on the left and Sarah on the right



Marlborough Riding for the Disabled would like to acknowledge the following organisations who have supported us through providing funding for different projects over the past six months:  
Canterbury Community Trust - Arena extension and new administration block  
COGs – Wages Rehabilitation Welfare Trust - volunteer expenses  
Eureka Trust - lawn mower Blue Door - MYOB software and training  
Pub Charity - Arena extension Redwood Trust - Wages  
Marlborough District Council - purchase of surcingle  
Pelorus Trust - resurfacing of indoor arena NZCT - hay  
The support of the above organisations is truly appreciated

