

NCAS Preliminary Coaching Report

PCA NCAS Preliminary Coaching Assessments commenced in 2009 and to date several Nth Metro Zone clubs have participated in a practical assessment day.

Yarrambat had 7 coaches, St Andrews had 6 coaches and Nunawading had 5 coaches assessed in July

North Eastern had 4 coaches assessed in August.

Practical assessments are pending for Seville, Wyena, Eltham and Lilydale for 2009.

Of the 22 coaches assessed so far 13 have completed all facets of the course and are now accredited Preliminary Coaches, the other coaches are still completing the workbook component of the assessment and once their books have been signed off they too will be accredited.

Thankyou to those clubs who have embraced this new coaching initiative. The State Assessors have been well received and looked after on their visits. We are finding clubs keen to be involved and willing to make alterations to groups and rallies where necessary to accommodate the assessment process.

Other clubs in our Zone are being allocated assessment days in 2010 and 2011 at present and information will be coming out to clubs in the not too distant future on how to get themselves registered and involved. This accreditation is not compulsory at this point in time but it is a way of trying to implement a standard of coaching at the junior levels in Pony Clubs to ensure all riders are being educated using our syllabus of instruction.

It is extremely important to communicate with your coaches to ensure they understand this process as we are keen to get as many coaches involved as possible, while we have a grant available. Ideally if we could be seeing 6 coaches at each club it would be great. It is also important to make sure your nominated coaches will be available on the assessment day as there is a 2 year time frame on completing the assessment.

Once this initial roll out is completed assessments may well become Zone based or done through the State Workshops. For the time being we are coming directly to clubs.

Any questions relating to NCAS Preliminary Coaching can be directed to the State Office on 8685 8925 or ncas@ponyclubvic.org.au.