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Dear Committee Members

At the request of a couple of clubs and to assist with your workforce planning for 2013, the zone executive has put together a schedule of zone events.

As you can see the beginning of the year is going to be particularly busy for the Northern Metro Zone, especially as we are hosting the State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships at Yarrambat Pony Club on the weekend of 23/24 February.

To enable us to accommodate 6 dressage and 3 show jumping arenas, the format for this event will be slightly different from previous years. All the dressage and one of the show jumping competitions will be conducted on the Saturday. The other 2 show jumping competitions will be run on the Sunday. As a result assistance will be required on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with both set up and pack up of the various rings to ensure the event runs to schedule. Clubs who will be generously providing equipment for the event will automatically be allocated set up duties, however other clubs will also be asked to assist to enable rings to start on time. Each club will be asked to provide names and contact details so that the co-ordinators can contact the individuals prior to the event.

I have included in this package a duties schedule for the various events in 2013. I have indicated at which zone meeting we will be allocating duties for which competition. Zone reps are asked to come prepared to nominate their club for a duty which best suits their available parents.

The zone executive is very mindful that some of the smaller clubs have difficulty in fielding sufficient 'volunteers' to help and we do try to accommodate you where we can. Some clubs have members who are stronger in one discipline than another and likewise this is taken into account. However the larger clubs who often field 3 to 4 teams or 10 or so riders need to be prepared to assist at all of the events.

The process we trialled for the Yeringberg working bees last year whereby each club was asked to assist according to the teams they entered in the previous year worked really well and I would like to thank all the clubs for making this system a success. Of course the added benefit of being able to run a Grade 1-3 clinic following the EV event was terrific and we are hopeful we can do the same again in 2013.

I hope the attached is useful, particularly for new committees being elected at the beginning of the year. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me on 0414 680 554 or at tracyh@australianballet.com.au.

I look forward to working with your club to ensure our 2013 zone events are a huge success and that your riders have the opportunity to ride at some terrific competitions throughout the year.

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