

MORE SUCCESSES: Maxyne and her horse, Puzzle, have been selected to play in the NSW under 16 junior girls team to compete at the Australian National Polocrosse Championships to be held at Ballarat, Victoria from 30th March to 5th April 2020. Maxyne and Puzzle's 2020 representative campaign will include nominating for inclusion in the NSW junior girls team to compete at the Barastoc competition at Warwick, Queensland in May and participation in the Landmark Junior Challenge at Narrabri, NSW in July.

HELP APPRECIATED: Sponsorship, donations and any assistance for Maxyne in her 2020 Polocrosse Junior Representative Campaign to assist her to achieve her dream will be appreciated. There will be a Monster Garage Sale and Monster Raffle held in February 2020 with details to be advised. Donations of goods for either/both of these events will be gratefully accepted. Financial or in-kind sponsorship for Maxyne and Puzzle can be acknowledged by business advertising displayed on her transport.

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Family \$20.00. Pensioner \$5.00. Individual \$10.00. Corporate \$100.00 includes GST.

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VALE NEALE LAVIS.

Neale Lavis OAM, one of Australia's greatest horsemen, departed this life on 6 October 2019. Described as Lavis the legend, a humble and generous man, but most of all a true friend to many of us, as well as member and great supporter of Access for All.



Jill, Neale and Velma at the unveiling of the memorial plaque—a tribute to Neale's equestrian achievements, Bodalla, September 2017.

AFA extends our sympathy to the family, wife Velma and children Jill, Sandra, Ross and Robyn. Neale will be sadly missed by all of us.



Neale and Peter Smith at the Braidwood & District Historical Society's Annual Dinner on 24 August.

Neale attended the dinner in Braidwood along with about 30 AFA members to hear BDHS President's talk on Braidwood's Almost Forgotten Tracks. As we all know he had an advent full and eventful life but is best known for winning gold and silver medals in the 1960 Rome Olympic Games. He also bred some famous race horses, including Strawberry Road (1982-3 race horse of the year) and Just a Dash who went on to win the 1981 Melbourne Cup. In 1999, Neale was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the equestrian sports as a competitor, coach, and administrator, and to the community. Most of all he was passionate about horses and loved the bush.

A quote from Neale, "The thing is all about the riding I have done, and I always put it back to the fact that I rode in the bush and became fearless in the bush, that really stuck with me."

THE RUNNING OF THE TRACKS.

Scott Page, Gold Coast ultra-marathon runner, speaking at BDHS Annual Dinner.

Scott was talking about his 200 kilometre charity run from Braidwood to Cobargo utilising the WD Tarlinton Track pioneered by his forebears, the great pioneers William Tarlinton and "Super" Sutherland. Scott said, "Traditionally, local horse-riding groups maintained it by way of use, but with restrictions now on this land the last 20 years has seen a degradation of the track. Motivated by this, we, the descendants of these great pioneers and legends have decided to run/trek/swim from Braidwood to Cobargo following the original pathways. In doing so we will bring awareness to the track from a slightly different perspective. Our goal is to showcase multi-



use options (horse-riding, trekking, running) for the future so that these tracks remain with us forever". AFA members Mackenzie and Clayton O'Brien ran all the way with Scott from 21 – 25 September.

MAXYNE PROTHERO MAKES HER MARK



AFA member, Maxyne in action on the polocrosse field.

Fifteen year old, seventh generation local Braidwood equestrienne, Maxyne Prothero has been playing polocrosse for 12 years, making her way through the ranks of sub-junior, junior, mixed and open competitions. She has successfully represented her club at carnivals within the Southern Highlands, South West Slopes and Hunter Valley zones, NSW state club championships and her Southern Highlands zone at the NSW state zone championships in sub-junior and junior competitions. Her hard work and dedication is paying off. She says she has now fulfilled half of her polocrosse dreams for 2020. Firstly she has been selected as the female recipient of the NSW/NZ Junior Exchange Programme in January 2020 where she will travel to New Zealand to stay with a host family (TBA). They will supply a horse and transport for up to 4 weekend polocrosse carnivals where Maxyne will play in her host family's club colours, a 3-day polocrosse coaching clinic with the NZ junior and intermediates and compete in the New Zealand junior and intermediate competition.