

# New inspiration for pony club

CLINCHING an important three-year sponsorship deal has given Beveridge Pony Club inspiration to look forward with a fresh outlook.

Club president Rose Nott emphasised this when confirming the 'Mandalay at Beveridge' housing development is right behind the club.

"Mandalay has provided us with renewed energy to tackle our long term goals for the pony club.

"We hope to generate new memberships and develop the inter-club championships as well as build on our performances in district competitions," the president said.

"We have a great bunch of kids at the club who ant to put in and work hard at achieving fantastic

results so we are ecstatic that Mandalay has given us a welcome boost of provide the best facilities to help them achieve these goals."

Club secretary Linda McCarthy said the club is currently talking to Mandalay about creating a 'High point of the show' award for the club's annual show (open to all comers) next February.

"We did not hold the show this year because of the Black Saturday fires."

Funds provided by Mandalay will be used to rebuild the club's ageing facilities and help upgrade infrastructure including pony jumps and signage.

Part of the funding will go towards a much-needed storage shed for jumps equipment (currently stored in the clubrooms) and the installation of a pump to provide water for the jumps.

The club has been operating for 35 years, and hopes to gain new members from families who building on the Mandalay estate.

Mandalay is dedicated to supporting all facets of the Beveridge community, and has established an art award for the Beveridge Primary School, as well as finalising additional support for various sporting and social clubs in the local and surrounding area.

Mandalay's project manager, Rod Binedell, said community support was a pivotal aspect of integrating Mandalay into the close knit Beveridge community.

"We are not only building a development here, we are integrating a whole new community.

"Therefore it is imperative to support the existing local community to help to maintain and grow facilities that will play a major role in the lives of people that will eventually call Mandalay home," Mr Binedell said.

Anyone interested in joining Beveridge Pony Club, which has 23 members at present, can contact Linda McCarthy on 9745 2151.



**Very pleased:** driving forces behind Beveridge Pony Club are (from left) secretary Linda McCarthy, long-serving committee member Mandy Chatley, and president Rose Nott.