

Pony club's big event

BEVERIDGE and District Pony Club is cantering towards one of its most important annual events.

Proudly sponsored by the 'Mandalay at Beveridge' residential development, the club's Open Horse Show is to be held on Sunday, February 14.

A fun-filled event for the whole family to enjoy, it will showcase the equestrian jumps skills and competitions throughout the day, before leading into the Mandalay Supreme Champion Pony Combination.

Spectators are welcome with the horse show offering an ideal opportunity to see first-hand the benefits of joining a pony club and learning horsemanship, or simply saddle up and enjoy the show.

Mandalay has a three-year sponsorship arrangement with the pony club, and has already provided funding for a much needed storage shed for the jumps equipment which had been previously stored in the ground's team clubhouse.

Mandalay will also be helping the club in its drive to build a pump to supply water for the jumps.

Pony club president, Rose Nott, said the horse show would be a rare opportunity for the club's young members to showcase their skills and perform for the local community.

"The annual horse show is one of our main events for the year and helps promote our club to the surrounding region.

"The show caters for riders of all age groups and riding abilities, with jumps and other obstacles to suit beginner riders of six to seven years old, all the way up to 16 years.

"We'd love to see new faces in the crowd this year — this event is a wonderful way to see what eventing and the training offered through pony clubs such as ours is all about," Ms Nott said.

She also praised Mandalay for its continued support, and for a commitment to funding local community events and activities.

"Mandalay's sponsorship has already proved indispensable this year, from funding the jumps shed to supporting the annual horse show. We are incredibly grateful for their help and we look forward to a continued relationship in the future," Ms Nott said.

Mandalay sales and marketing manager, Crystall Mousios, said it is important to support the local community groups as the housing estate develops and brings new residents and opportunities to the region.

"Over the coming decade, Mandalay's master planned community will bring approximately 6000 new residents to Beveridge.

"So as well as providing vital pro-

posed facilities such as a primary school, commercial district and indoor and outdoor sporting infrastructure, it is equally as important to support the surrounding region by funding sporting and community groups as well as local schools.

"Mandalay will endeavour to strengthen its bonds with the community as we look towards the future in 2010 and beyond, ensuring the community groups receive the support they need to welcome the growing population," Ms Mousios said.