

# FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH:

## HVHRC Newsletter

### January 2007

#### Ride Reports

##### Lochinvar – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2006

A total of 16 riders saddled up for the Lochinvar Ride after a one week postponement and a flurry of phone calls, - sorry to anyone who missed out due to the change of date, but some circumstances are out of HVHRC's control. Brian Chisholm was our guide, a local who had previously taken pony club rides through the area. He was accompanied by his daughter Kristy, son Reece and son-in law, Luke.

The ride was ready to go at 9.30, but then the Morpeth Riders - who numbered a good third of the riders on the day - decided to demonstrate to everyone the potential pitfalls of borrowed horses. Paul was the 'lecturer' of the day, with his borrowed chestnut first indicating the pull back and run technique and then 15 minutes later (after being caught by Luke) demonstrated the jerk away from bridle and run (again kindly caught by Luke).

The ride started on the cricket pitch at the former 'migrants' camp at the back of Greta and wound its way down through some of the ruins and overgrown remnants of gardens to the western end of the property. The occasional kerb and guttering kept everyone on their toes. We continued towards the railway tracks across open

country and Luke provided some more entertainment as his horse he decided it was tired and needed to lie down. He then demonstrated the one foot mounting style (and no milk crate in sight!) and then showed how much he and his other horse had learnt during some work in the bronco ring by catching the suddenly 'untired' horse.

Continuing on again, without Luke and Reece, the ride wound south through trees and over open country adjacent to the railway track, giving some horses their first sight of trains. The ride then crossed out of the army camp, through the RTA paddock (part of the proposed link road from the Freeway to Branxton) and across camp road into private property. Although a bit early we stopped for lunch under the trees and near a dam.

Upon completing lunch, Judy (Morpeth) must have decided that we hadn't had sufficient entertainment for the day and introduced her horse to the concept of dam drinking.

Unfortunately her horse didn't anticipate the depth of mud found in dams and floundered, so Judy went for a little swim.

Pam - such a caring soul - came up to take a photo of the event, and requested that Judy do it again so she could get a photo of her in the water. Judy declined, borrowed Hans'



DrizaBone and the ride continued (in the sun at Judy's request) across open country, round some vineyards and up to a lookout. From here we were able to see the sandhills of Stockton so we lingered for a little while before backtracking to Camp Road and back into the RTA paddock. We snaked our way back on the opposite side of the migrant's camp land and were back at the floats by about 2pm.

All in all it was a leisurely, if entertaining, ride that was enjoyed by all.

Fiona

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### Upcoming HVHRC Rides



26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Eaglehawk  
Clarence Town

25<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – Nine Mile Creek

25<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – Medowie

6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Campout – TBA

27<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – TBA

24<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – TBA

29<sup>th</sup> July 2007 – TBA

26<sup>th</sup> August 2007 – TBA

29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct ATHRA Camp

28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 – TBA

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – TBA

8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - TBA

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### HVHRC Meetings

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm for those members wishing to have dinner prior to the meeting 6.30pm

Meals average cost around \$15 table is booked under HVHRC and will have a sign on it ( just remember these are not Chinese meals and may take a little longer to prepare so please leave yourself enough time.)

Meetings now being held at the Hunter River Hotel East Maitland

### Upcoming HVHRC Club Meetings

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007

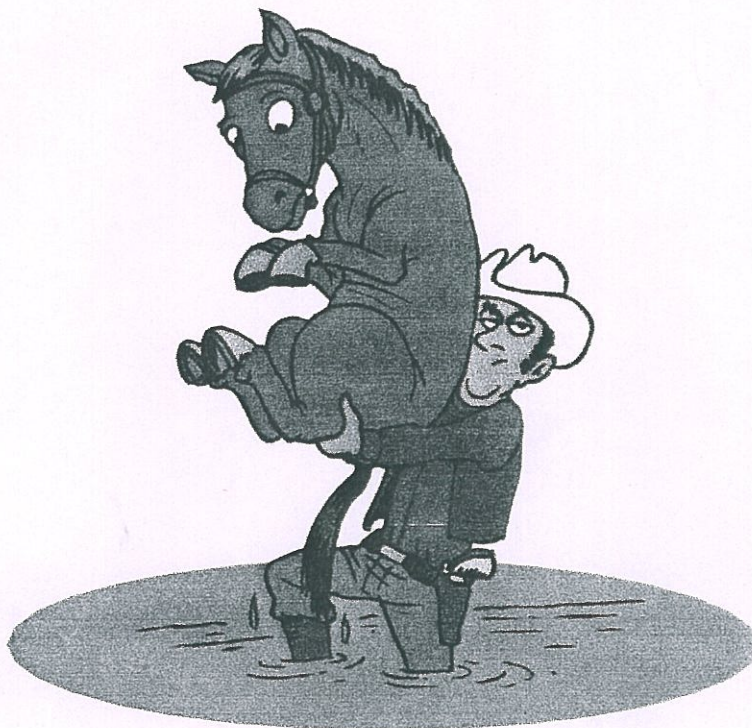
Till next time





# **Snowy Mountains Bush Users Group Inc**

**Invites your Expression of Interest to**



## **Carry on to Corryong**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**Enjoy 5 days of bush trails as you ride from Tumut to Corryong in time for the Man From Snowy River Festival. Riders assemble at the picturesque Tumut showground March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 and arrive Corryong March 28<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

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## SNOWY MOUNTAINS BUSH USERS GROUP INC

### CARRY ON TO CORRYONG RIDE 2007

A five day ride is being organised by the ride committee to promote the Bush Users Group and any profit from this ride will be used to further the aims of SMBUG in protecting our mountain heritage.

The ride committee is progressing well, with many inquiries being dealt with. Promotional information has been completed and is in the process of being distributed.

Each days ride has been selected to provide a challenge to the serious horse rider. And rewards them with panoramic mountain scenery, you will travel seldom used areas off the beaten track, through Weraboldera Conservation Area and the western side of Blowering Dam progressing into forest areas to Buddong Falls then up into mountain country behind Talbingo, through brumby country to McPhersons Plains.

The next days ride is through private land along Tooma River Gorge into a private deer farm and then onto open country to the Tooma Valley.

The wonderful scenery of the Upper Murray, preceeds crossing the Murray River into Victoria at Tintaldra. From there over Mount Mittamatite from which affords commanding views in the direction of Mount Kosciuszko and the main range, then on to Corryong and those that wish can stay on and enjoy the annual Man From Snowy River Festival

The ride starts with a muster day on Friday 23 March at the Tumut Showground. The first days ride is on Saturday from the Tumut Showground to Yellowin Forestry Camp approximately 36 Km

Day 2 ( Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> ) is from Yellowin to McPhersons Plains approximately 43 Km

Day 3 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> ) Mc Phersons Plains to Tooma 36 Km

Day 4 ( Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> ) Tooma to Tintaldra 18.4 Km

Day 5 ( Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> ) Tintaldra to Corryong 27 Km ( end of ride )

Day 6 ( Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> ) Lay Day at Corryong

Day 7 ( Friday 30<sup>th</sup> ) Start of Man From Snowy River Festival

This ride is supported with back up vehicles and full catering for the 5 days, consisting of hot breakfast, packed lunch, a hot meal at night supplied by Pack Saddle Kitchen from Gundagai.

At the start of each day after breakfast, vehicles and gear will be moved to the next camp site, a shuttle bus service will be provided to return riders to their horses to commence the days ride.

Entertainment is being organised each night, consisting of Country and Western, Bush Dance, Poet, and Yarn Teller and Musicians.

A farrier will be travelling with the ride and his service will be available if required.

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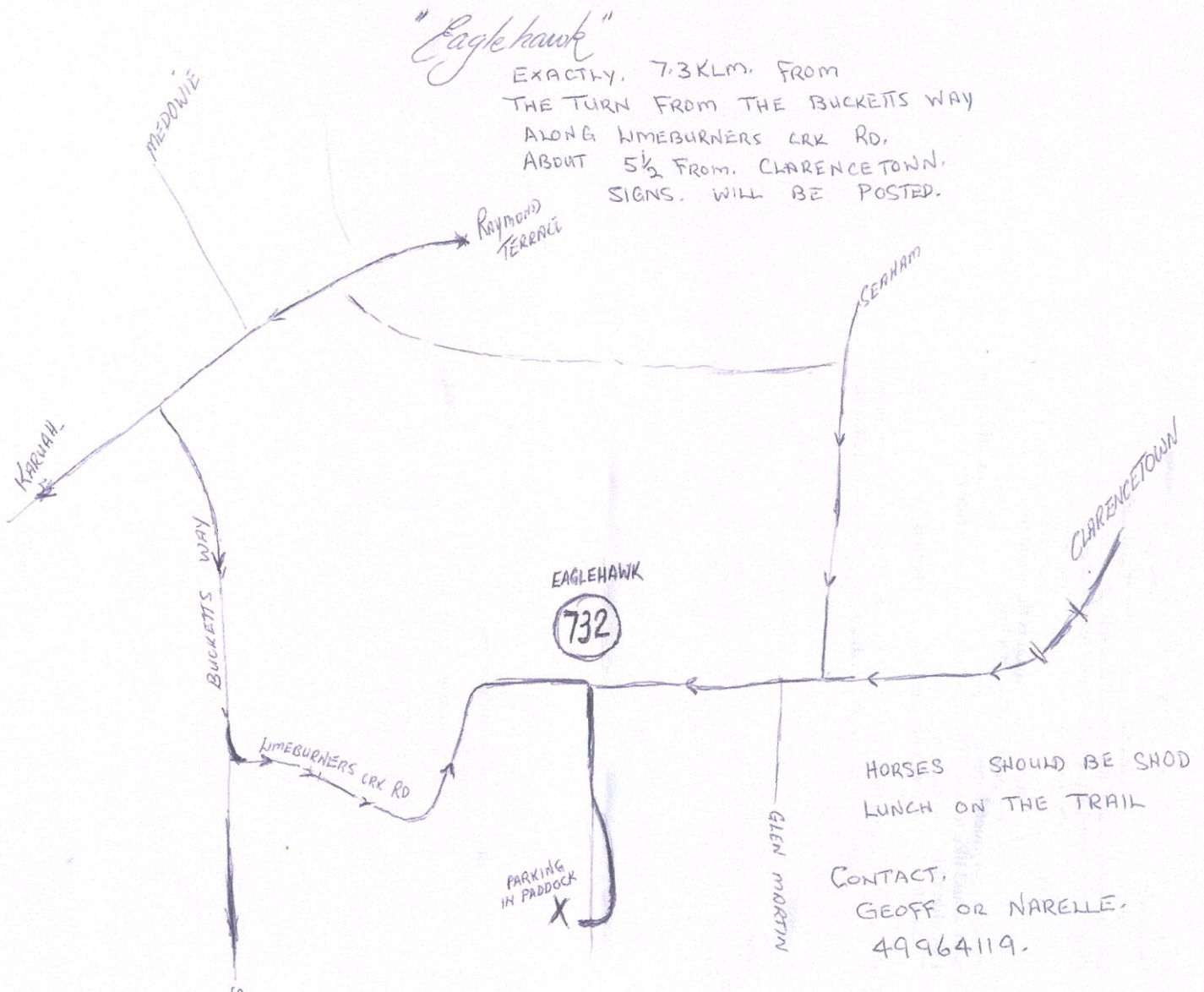
Date :- 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Ride :- Eaglehawk Clarence Town

Time :- Weekend campout Ride 3.00pm Saturday 9.30am Sunday

Convenors :- Geoff Parkes & Narelle Merritt Ph 49 964119 Mobile 0400304456

Details :- Camping available from Friday communal paddock for horses or bring your own electric yards. Otherwise bring your own everything. Hamburger meal provided on Saturday night cost of weekend is \$10 per person this includes bbq Saturday night ride fees for both days and raffle tickets bbq available for cooking at all other times



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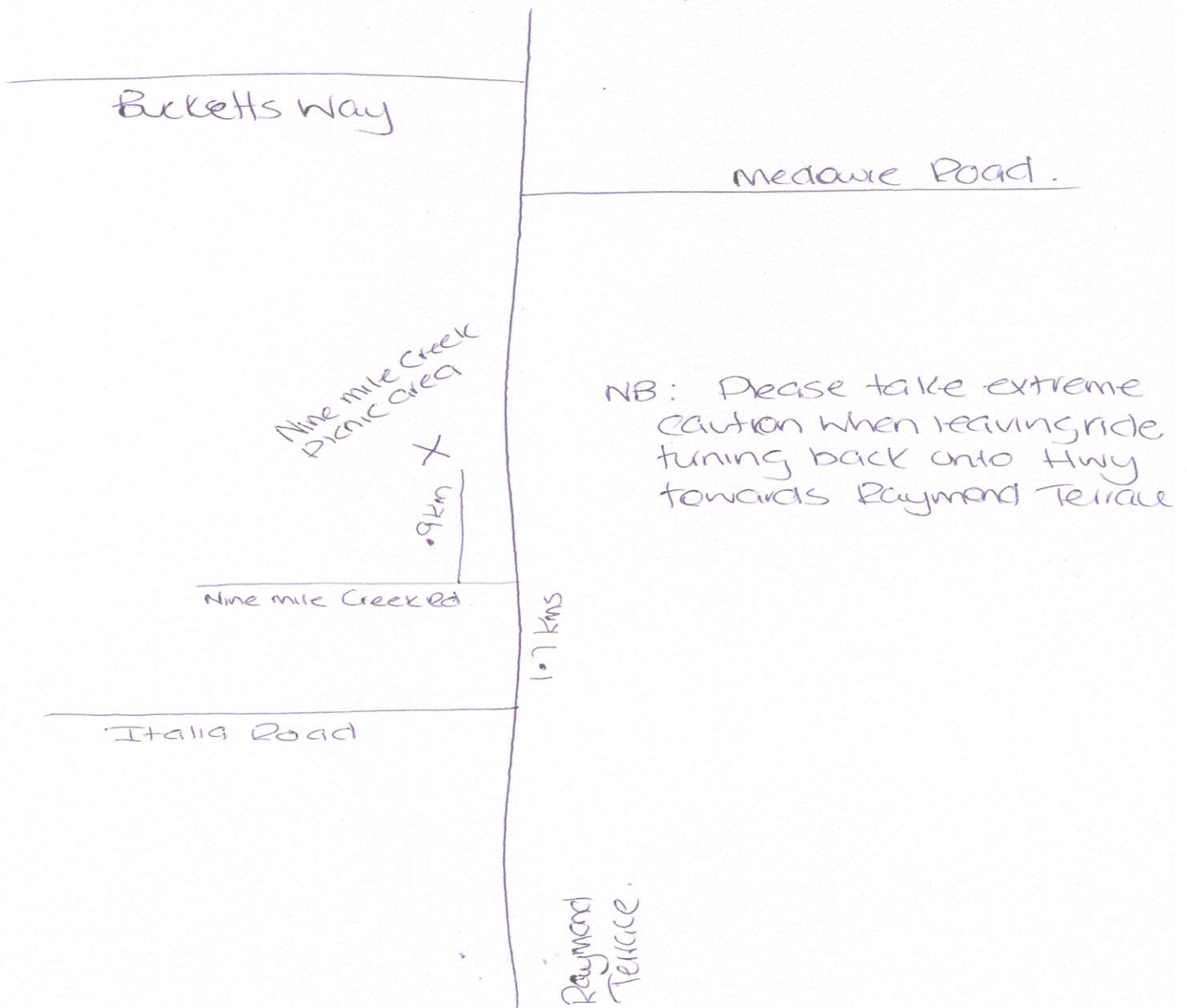
Date :- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Ride :- Nine Mile Creek

Time :- 9.30 am

Convenors :- Joe & Vanda Engel Ph 49886203

Details :- Ride predominately in the bush lunch and morning tea on the trail .  
Horses must be shod. BBQ lunch back at the floats bring own water for horses





# Hunter Valley Horse Riders Club Inc

Date :- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Ride :- Medowie

Time :- 9.30am

Convenors :- Ian Smith Ph 49828920

Details :- 4 hour ride with morning tea on the trail, bbq lunch back at the floats

