

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH:

HVHRC Newsletter

March 2007

Ride Reports

EagleHawk Ride Report

Australia Day Long Weekend

27th January

A small contingent of riders readied themselves for what looked like scorching conditions for the first afternoon ride, only to have a southerly blow in and turn conditions near perfect for horse riding.

The ride commenced at *Eaglehawk* a little early due to the small numbers of riders and started immediately into new tracks 'discovered' by Geoff in his ramblings through the forest. These little tracks soon lead to the more utilised vehicle tracks that criss-cross the area and allowed for some stimulating trots and cantering stretches.

The riders arrived back at *Eaglehawk* and, thanks to Geoff and Narelle and Dani, enjoyed a lovely evening BBQ.

28th January

The rider contingent almost doubled from the day before, and commenced on time out into the forest once again from *Eaglehawk*. Again there were small trails, although only a couple repeating from the day before, that took the group through the major areas of the forest up towards Limeburners Creek.

Riders encountered a couple of other forest users, including motorbikes and there was a great propaganda photograph opportunity missed as Caroline galloped away from two quad bikes (of which she wasn't even aware of) with hat between her teeth. The quad bikes attempted to show off in their own

'velodrome' to the amusement of all and lunch was held within earshot but in a protected gully with what would have been a lovely stream in wetter conditions.

The ride continued on the larger paths up towards the top of the hill where para-gliders frequent, though there was none there on the day. Geoff then led everyone down through the tracks following his trusty pink marks and, with only a few very minor deviations, led the riders back to *Eaglehawk*.

Other members of the HVHRC, who had been unable to make it on the ride, met the riders and thanks to Joe and Vanda for the supply and cooking of a lovely rissole and salad burger.

Thanks to Geoff and Narelle for leading a lovely ride, especially considering the back up work that was undertaken beforehand in 'discovering' the new trails used.

Fiona

Photo's attached

Upcoming HVHRC Rides



6th -9th April 2007 Easter
Camp Cobark – Gloucester Foothills

27th May 2007 – Stroud

9th-11th June 2007 – Lostock Dam

24th June 2007 – Lavis Lane

29th July 2007 – Abermain – Nulkaba
Sporting Club

26th August 2007 – Buttai Barn

23rd September 2007 – Woerdens Road

29th Sept – 1st Oct TBA

28th October 2007 – TBA

11th November 2007 – TBA

8th 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 10th April 2007

Tuesday 8th May 2007

Tuesday 12th June 2007

Tuesday 10th July 2007

Tuesday 14th August 2007

Tuesday 11th September 2007

Till next time





The 'rear end' of Danni, Geoff and Narelle heading along the track



The front end of Caroline, Linda and Paul



View of tracks utilised during ride



Paul availing himself of some open space for a canter



Danni, Caroline and Geoff progressing at a more sedate pace

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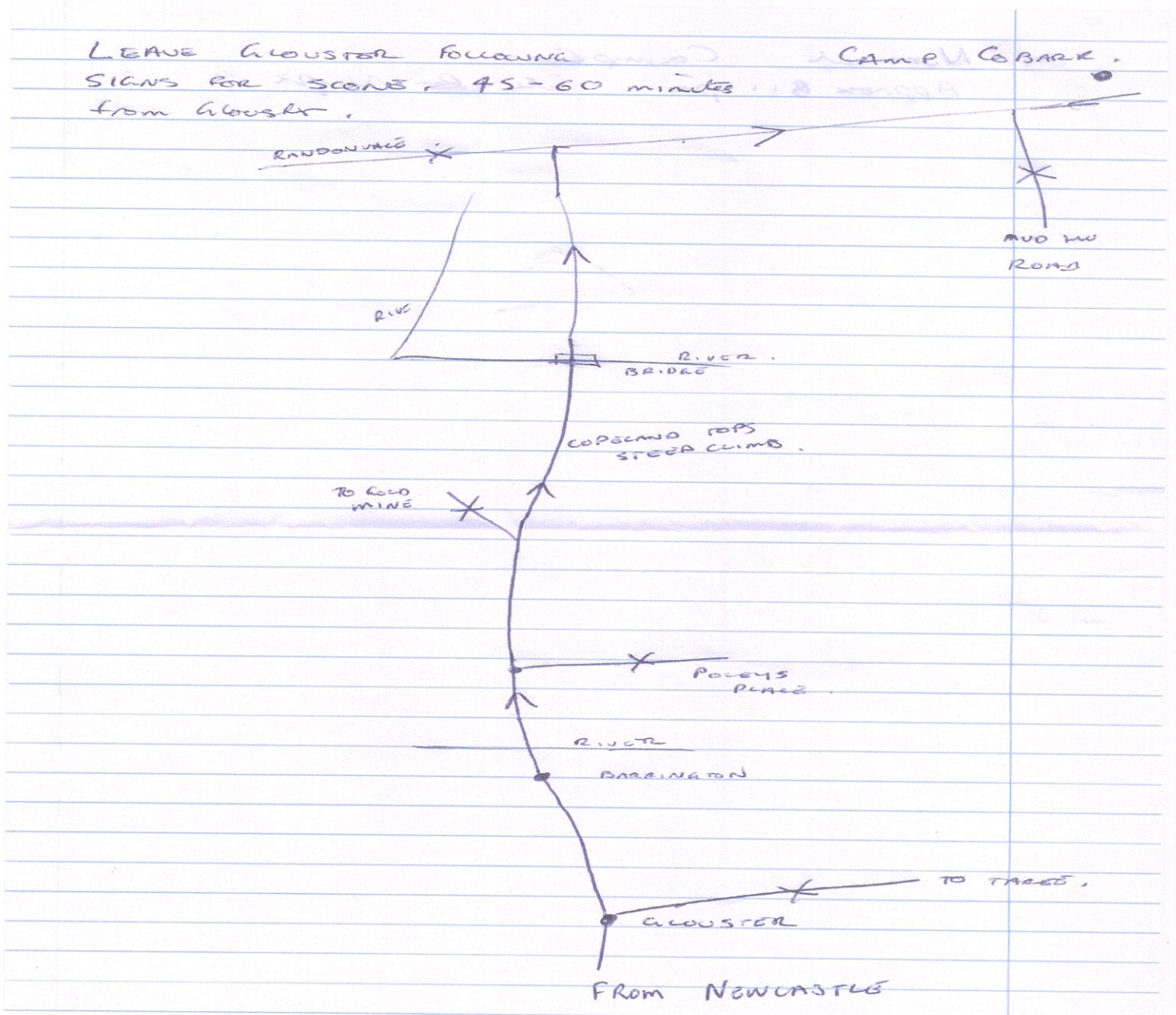
Date :- 6th - 9th April 2007 Easter Camp

Ride :- Camp Cobark Gloucester Foothills

Convenors :- Danielle White Ph 0407 451772

Details :- Campout 4 days, cost \$25 per night per person (ie for the whole weekend) \$75 per person. Toilets and showers available. You need to be totally self sufficient ie own camping gear, food and electric fencing for horses, water available for horses.

Booking essential please advise Dani if attending no later than Monday 2nd April 2007. Guided horse rides -3 rides available per day approximately 2½ hours in duration each.



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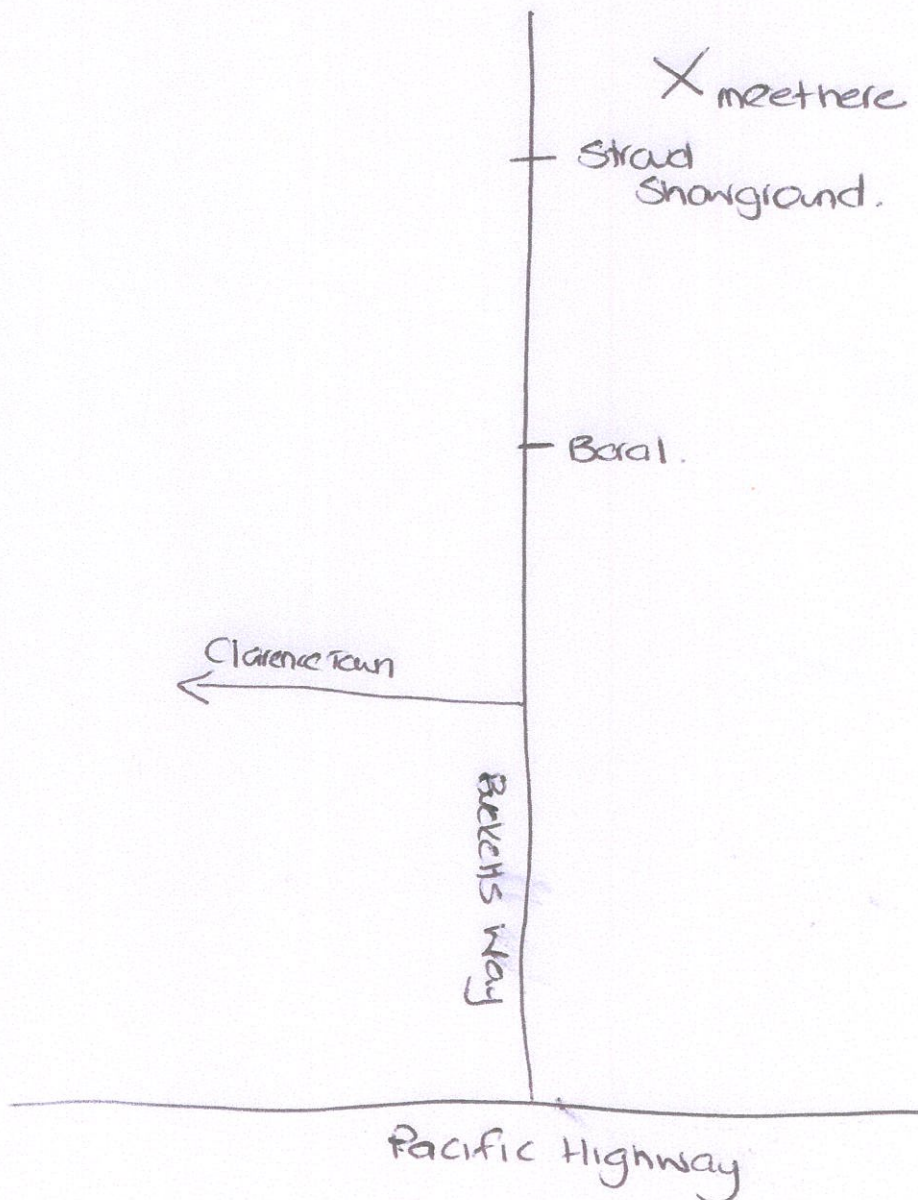
Date :- 27th May 2007

Ride :- Stroud

Time :- Ride departs 9.30 am

Convenor :- Caroline Lawrence Ph 0448 348034

Details :- Camping available at the showground Saturday night if required, toilets and shower amenities, stables if required or bring your own electric fencing etc cost of \$15.00 per person per night. Please let Carolyn know prior for numbers to confirm.
Lunch & morning tea on the trail.
This ride is predominately a forest ride with a slow steep climbing hill, very rocky in sections so horses must be shod. Several creek crossings.



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Date :- 9th, 10th, 11th June 2007 Campout

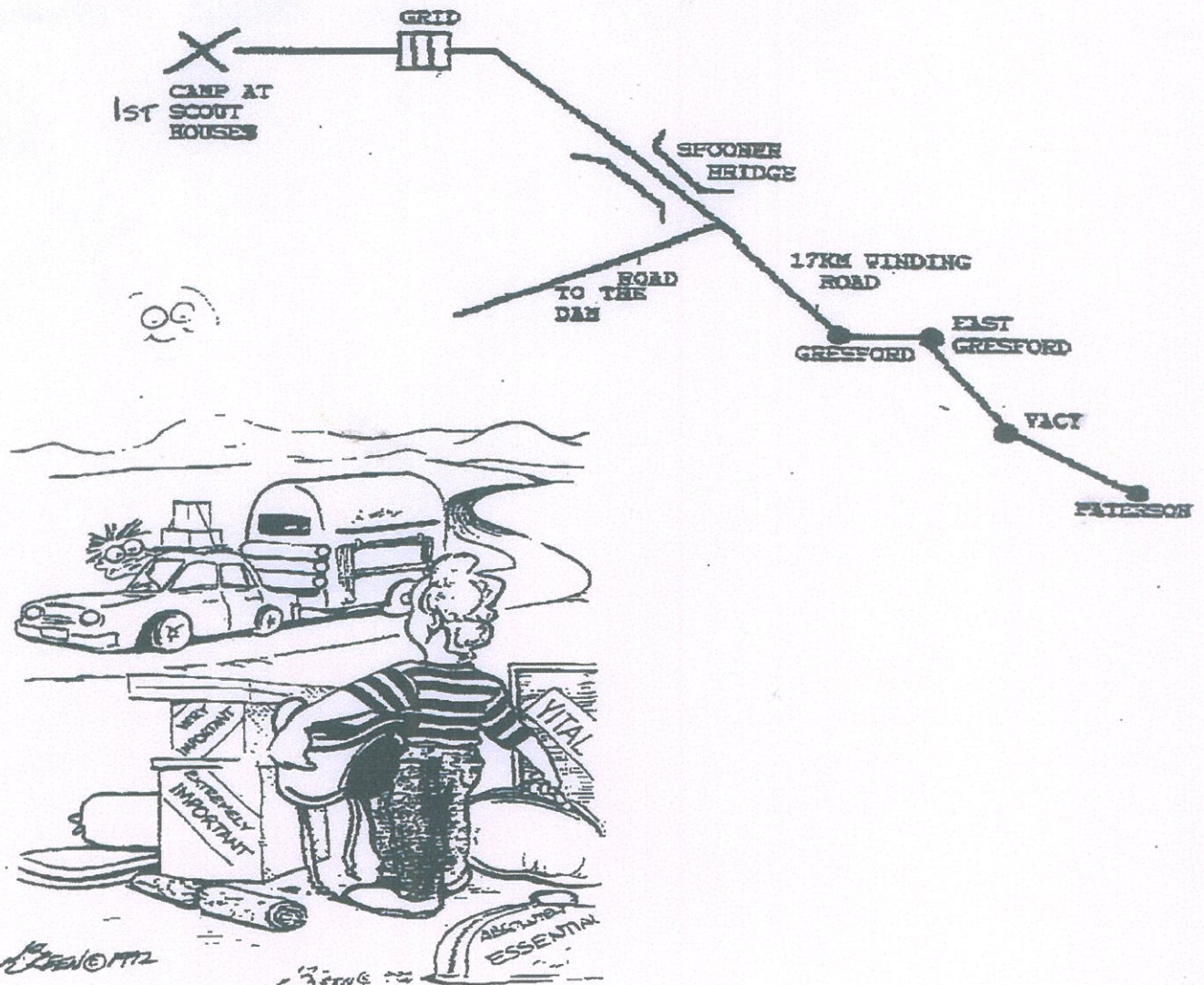
Ride :- Lostock Dam

Convenors :- Joe & Vanda Engel Ph 49 886203 m 0403305496

Details :- Sleeping in the Scout houses, otherwise you need to bring your own everything, including electric yards for horses. Camping and club costs for the weekend will be advised closer to the date.

Directions :

Go Through Patterson, Vacy to East Gresford and turn left to Gresford , at Gresford turn right to Lostock. Follow the winding road for about 17km. At Lostock do not turn into the dam go straight ahead over Spooner Bridge. Follow the dirt road for about 4km until you reach the camp



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Date :- 24th June 2007

Ride :- Lavis Lane

Time :- Ride departs 9.30 am

Convenor :- Joe & Vanda Engel Ph 49886203

Details :- Lunch & morning tea on the trail, bring own water for horses.
Access OK for non 4WD vehicles, 2WD please take note of the gravel hill before the car park can be a little slippery at times. This ride is not a beach ride will be on the tracks behind in the bush.

Raymond
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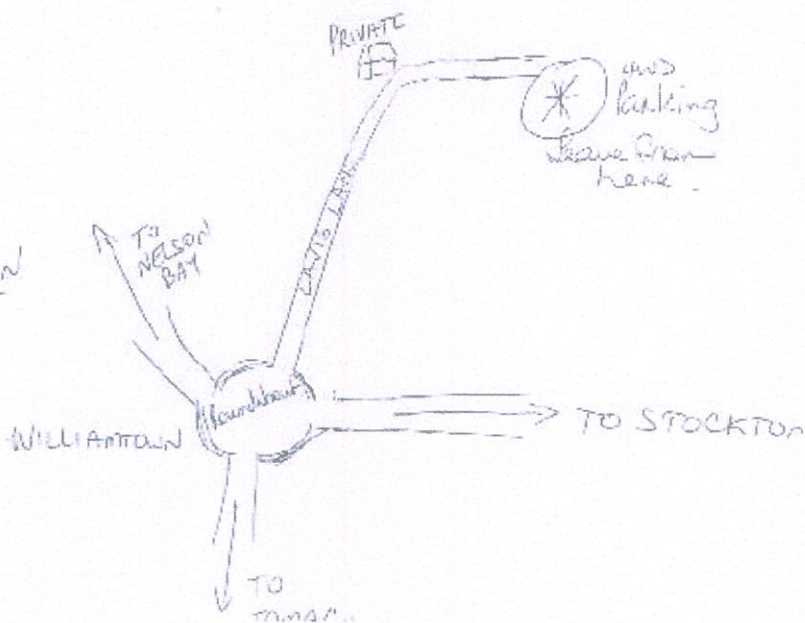
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Hunter Valley Horse Riders Club Inc

Date :- 29th July 2007

Ride :- Abermain to Nulkaba Sporting Club

Time :- Ride departs 9.00 am (please note earlier start time)

Convenor :- Joyce Bristow

Details :- Will leave from Joyce's and ride to Nulkaba sporting club for a fun day of Sporting activities with your horse. Food and drinks available at the sporting club. Activities include bending, drafting, flags, barrel races come along and have some fun !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

