



September 2014 Man Cold Month

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A huge big hello to every single one of you, our Members and Friends, who make our Club
'The Best Club To Be With'!!!

I am thrilled with the wonderful people, horses, rides, contributions, help, comments, pictures, videos, feedback and commitment we have and receive constantly within our Club. So therefore I want to extend a huge big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you for making this Club and my role such a wonderful one!

As I hope you are all aware, our Club is transitioning the Sunday rides from the 4th weekend to the 2nd weekend of each month. In order for this to happen as smoothly as possible we have organised the following rides and events:

2 nd w/e	14 Sept	Bunyip State Forest, Jindivick Hosted by Warragul Club for South Gippsland
4 th w/e	28 Sept	Strzelecki State Forest, Mirboo North Hosted by South Gippsland Club for Warragul
2 nd w/e	10-12 Oct	Camp over or days rides, Calajero
2 nd w/e	9 Nov	Link Road, State Forest, Tynong
2 nd w/e	14 Dec	Apex Park, Boolarra, Christmas ride and gathering

The main reason for altering our ride days to the second weekend in the month is this- many other clubs in the surrounding area have their rides on the fourth or the last weekend of the month, by altering our days it means we can choose to join other clubs on their rides if we would like to, thereby giving us all far more flexibility for exploring and enjoying so much more of what we all love to do.... Ride!!!!

We are doing something a little bit different in September where we are co-hosting the Jindivick and Mirboo North rides with Warragul. I am really looking forward to these two rides as I hope you will be too! Let me know if you are going to attend either of them so we have a good indication of numbers attending. Both rides will be BYO saddle bag lunch.

Our ride last month at Nyora was a huge success with many new riders joining us for the day. Alan Dixon wonderfully led the ride and it was chatter and smiles all day long. Our youngest rider, Jess got a little tired but her smile at the end of the day was priceless!!! (Don't worry Jess, I was very tired too)!!!

Also, the ride at Hedley was fantastic!!! Thanks to Sue and Kevin Thorburn for leading us through some amazing and lovely countryside. If you missed this ride make sure you come along next time Sue and Kevin take a ride for us.

We had our last Club meeting on Friday 1 August, and for those that attended I thank you from the bottom of my heart! It was the night the weather was so terribly horrible (I almost cancelled), hail, sleet and in some spots snow everywhere, not a night to be out on the roads. I trust you have all received your copy of the minutes. Please take a moment to read them and feel free to make comment or suggestions at any time. This is your Club, your feedback is invaluable!!!!

Spring is delightfully on its way... YAY!!!!!! (I'm smiling from my toes to beyond myself ☺) This does however mean that the snakes are starting to move about. Many have already been spotted so please be careful and aware, don't be scared, stay diligent and mindful, give them a wide berth and enjoy the coming wonderful weather!!!!

I look forward to seeing you all at our ride on 14 September at Jindivick. See our Facebook page for more info.

Happy and safe riding and don't forget to send us in your items for our newsletter and face book page.

Regards

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President / Secretary

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PS: I hope you all enjoyed my last 'Presidents Note', being a very smart '**C sharp**'!!!! (Thanks David Peck for the inspiration)!!

Important Dates

Dates, dates and more dates.

Double Ride Month

Sunday 14th
September

Jindivik ride with
Warragul Trail Riders.

Sunday 28th
September

Mirboo North Ride.

October 10,11 and
12th

Calajero

Not to be missed !

February 6th

My Mum's Birthday

Call Carol for details
on all except for my
Mum's birthday.



Which side of a horse
has more hair?

"CALAJERO"

Ron & Anne Rees
RMB 3235 Dargo Road
Glenaladale VIC 3864

Our October camp over and riding is being hosted at Calajero in Glenaladale over the weekend of 10, 11 & 12 of October.

There is room for only 30 riding participants and places are filling up very quickly. Non riding guests welcome.

The facilities are complete from the showers, toilets and fully equipped kitchen and rooms that sleep approx. 5 or 6.

Arrival is anytime after 2pm on Friday 10th

A full day ride is organised for Saturday

A smaller ride is organised for Sunday prior to lunch and pack up.

BYO:

Sleeping gear food drinks saddlebag lunch

Horse food electric fencing water containers

Shod horses or boots highly recommended

Contact Carol on 0429 682 254 to register your name for the weekend.



August Loch/Nyora

20 riders were ready to go from Alan Dixon's place. A marvellous place, very horse friendly indeed. The route Alan had chosen for us took us up some gentle country lanes for some time before coming up to the South Gippsland Hwy. Our Trail Boss for the day John managed to bunch us all up before the quite busy road and when everything was set his stewards calmly walked out and stopped the traffic allowing us to cross extremely safely. After the road we headed into the Nyora sandy tracks with everyone chatting and giggling. Our youngest rider was Jess being led by mother Clara, Jess handled things very well. We had a short break at on track intersection and that's when the strong gravity of the area took hold of my horse as he suddenly fell to the ground, not for one moment thinking about me, and proceeded to roll in the fine sand. Some of the group classed it as an "off" but I protested extenuating circumstances to no avail. Kelli was also gravity stricken but came up smiling. Us two again hmmm.

After encountering some groups of riders with nods and hello's we just simply enjoyed the scenery and the company. Later in the ride we had a short break for number 1's etc.... One of the wonderful things about Sth Gippy is our ability to adapt. We had one group who wanted to "cut loose" a little and after duplicating our Trail Boss and stewards they took the long way around at pace.

We have some recently accredited members who took on the roles with zeal and it was a delight to be able to accommodate both groups.

Our group got back to the water hole ahead of the speedy's so we squandered some time there with horses splashing around. As we were leaving Jenny decided to get into a little canter and my bloke followed suit after her. He saw the downed limb of a tree before I did and just after Jenny had jumped it. He launched and I swore and swore. He could have told me he was going to do that too !

Our Trail team got us back across the highway again and we walked towards the floats still some way off. We had a nervous/returning rider and Cynthia grabbed the lead rope and they just walked and chatted happily with others passing and chatting from time to time. I love the way it just happened. Maybe I missed the Trail Boss nod and ask for her to be accompanied but either way it was seamless.

Well we got back to the floats and the fire was going and the cuppa's were soon brewed and the yakkitchat started. We had six new members and after the ride you would have thought they had been with us forever :) One of the many many reasons that I love this club.

Our thanks must go to Alan Dixon for putting on a great ride and allowing us to use his awesome facilities. To our Trail Boss and stewards, thank you, that highway was scary.

Champion of the day was young Jess who completed the ride and now wants more.....hahahaha

Bring on Jindivik !!

How to Beat a Man-Cold.

Firstly fellas, go to bed, plenty of fluids and warmth. Additions to the fluids can be small amounts of alcohol repeated frequently. The remote control also has to be beside you and not stolen away. Your wife/partner will of course bring this to you as she will also bring the fluids, alcohol the odd snack, in fact anything your heart desires, back rubs are good too, knowing that your speedy recovery is the ultimate for blissful harmony.

Recovery will be slow as man colds are the worst. I know, your other half will say "pah! " but you see you have to be forgiving as they just don't understand. I thought about a bell rather than constantly yelling out "DARLIHING" but thought that may be a little ostentatious and well as potentially suicidal.

This is a simple cure, the quickest and easiest by far. But remember the main thing is that your partner is a female and doesn't know what a man cold is really like. Um....if your partner is not female (not that there's anything wrong with that) then.....er ?

I expect to be harangued for this but I will be forgiving :P

Ride 2 for September

Strzelecki State Forest - Mirboo North

Sunday 28 September – 10am ride out

Mirboo North Recreation Reserve, Strzelecki Hwy, Mirboo North

Our Club is hosting this event for the Warragul Trail Riders Club. Come along and enjoy the day with a ride covering some beautiful forest. Would be preferable for your horse to have shoes or boots unless they are hardy enough to handle some gravel road, plenty of bush tracks and approximately four hours of fun! Where the safe opportunity arises to have a trot or canter those that wish to can enjoy a quick spurt here and there, other than that we will take a leisurely walk pace.

BYO Saddle bag lunch and water of course. Back at the floats between 2 – 2.30pm

Contact Carol on 0429 682 254 for more information.

