



# MELBOURNE TRAIL HORSE RIDERS CLUB INC.

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## TRAIL TALK

November 2014

In this edition: Ride reviews from Mt Macedon,  
Tonimbuk  
and Molesworth Pub.

Plus: Photos, classifieds and horsey fun!!!! 😊



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Robyn Laughlin & family.

Please make our new members feel welcome and hope to see them on the trail soon.



### Rides coming up:

Erica Christmas Ride	27th - 31st December	Mitch Kemp
Buxton weekend	14th & 15th February	Olga Szymiczek
AGM Ringwood	17th February from 6pm	Venue tba
Woodside beach/ bush ride	7th - 9th March	Katie Kemp

**We will be discussing the 2015 ride calendar at the AGM, it would be great if you all could have an input in this. Where would you like to ride, do you have or know of a great place to hold a ride? Have a think and we'd love to hear from you.**

## Mt Macedon Pub Ride 6th September.



**Diane ready to head out**



**Heading up the mountain**



**Lunch at the Mt Macedon Pub was fantastic.**



**Group shot, with pretty blue skies.**

Well what a fantastic day we all had, the weather was fantastic (considering it was Macedon we were very excited to see blue skies.)

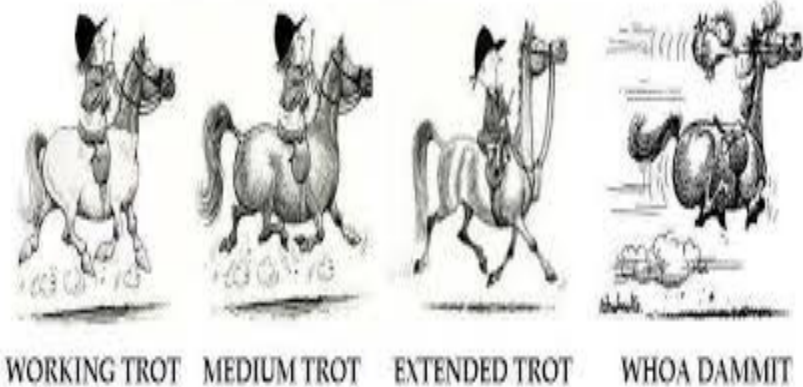
18 riders left Woodend for the leisurely ride through pine forrests and up Mt Macedon. It was great to see some new and old faces come along for this ride, this ride is always popular.

After a couple of hours we reached our destination of Mt Macedon pub, where we were met by Michelle and Paul Moulden (crutches and all) Bob, Sharon, Carol and Kids and Mitch and Kid. With the lovely sunshine we all sat outside and had our yummy pub grub.

After lunch we headed back down the mountain a different way to the way we came up, more bush tracks and pine forrests.

We arrived back at our floats about 3pm.

Thank you to Bruce for organising another wonderful Macedon Pub ride and it was great to see so many faces.



**WORKING TROT**

**MEDIUM TROT**

**EXTENDED TROT**

**WHOA DAMMIT**

## Tonimbuk combined ride 18th & 19th October

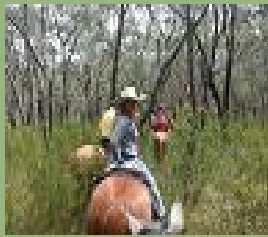
By Katie and Beauty



Riding along the aquaduct



Cath leading the way



Lisa and Moony on one of the great single tracks.



Group shot before ride out.

I had been really looking forward to this weekend, Tonimbuk and the Bunyip area is a fantastic area to ride in, and it had been 15 years since my dad and I rode here last and I was not disappointed.

We arrived just before dark at Tony and Julie's property Friday night, what a beautiful property and house.

We set up camp and wondered over to the specially made fire pit for the rest of the night.

Saturday morning the rest of the troupes turned up ready for the longer 35km ride or the shorter 23km ride.

The group doing the longer ride headed out first, along the aquaduct and into the pretty Tonimbuk forrest, we had some lovely canters and meandered up some resonably large hills, as well as my favorite, single tracks.

After a few hours riding we had lunch on top of a ridge, then the group on the shorter ride caught up to us, after a brief mingle we headed out for the second half of the ride.

We returned back to camp about 4pm and after sorting our horses out and having a shower, set up by the TRV guys, we all settled down to the fantastic cooked dinner around the fire.

Sunday was a shorter ride, with some more people arriving for the day.

Julie led us through more forresty tracks, up and down hills, with a few little canters thrown into the mix.

We arrived back at camp about 2pm and munched on left overs from dinner the night before, and th marvolous Susan Helliwell pulled out another cake she had hidden.

I must say this weekend was fab, it was great to see two clubs coming together for a fantastic weekend of riding, we met some new faces and reconised some old ones, it was great to see kids too.

Hope we can do it again.

## Molesworth pub ride 9th November

By Robyn

The eagerly awaited Molesworth pub ride went great, what a nice ride on the Great Victorian Rail Trail from Yea to Molesworth and back again.

Starting at 10am winding through a scenery of beautiful gums and established farmland, scattered with smells of fresh round bales of hay.

The temperature around 25C, with a light breeze, made for perfect riding weather!

There were a few 'first times' for some horses, including bridges, and the Cheviot tunnel, plus Katie, Mitch and Riley were establishing fitness on their bikes!

Once we reached Molesworth, some people put their horses into the purpose built yards, and some tied their horses up behind the pub.

The publicans were very friendly and welcoming and served up a yummy meal that seemed to be enjoyed by all.

A small group headed back to Yea quick, whilst the less quick trotted and walked behind, discussing past rides and places to go.

Looking forward to the next ride with such a friendly group.

Happy riding Robyn



Coming up to the first bridge



Just about to cross the hwy



Yummy pub grub

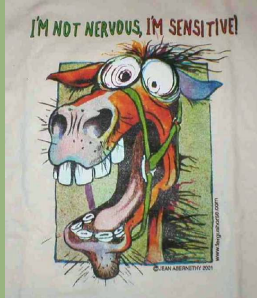


Group shot coming through the Cheviot tunnel

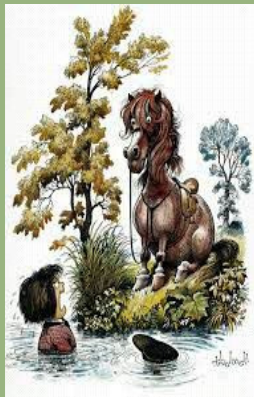




# Classifieds



No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle. ~Winston Churchill



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~Josephine Demott  
Robinson

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"She loves that pony - she's never out of the saddle!"

Hope you enjoyed this edition of our Trail Talk. See you out and about on the trails.

Katie Kemp