



Midwest Horse Trekkers Club

Newsletter

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Glengarry Station 2014

2014 AGM

MHTC held our AGM recently followed by luncheon at Leone's home. At this meeting new office bearers were elected, the Patience trophy for the most kilometres trekked in 2014 awarded and a draft ride schedule for 2015 drawn up.

I would like to thank those people who took the initiative to establish and run our club for the first 3 years. Bethny, Leone, Debbie and Janella have done an outstanding job and we have all enjoyed some terrific treks as a result. As per our club constitution, these members must stand down from their positions and hand the baton to other members and as you can see below there has been a changing of the guard.



*Bethny MHTC foundation
President 2012 -2014*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome everyone and a huge thank you to all the helpers and trekkers in 2014. Our 3rd year of trekking has passed and I am now stepping down from Presidents Job. It has been a great pleasure doing this position and I am looking forward to helping whoever takes on the position for 2015.

We have had a fantastic year of treks, 9 in total Sadly the Challa ride had to be postponed due to rain. We also had 5 of our members join the WA trekkers for their annual 10 day ride and have been told they all had a fantastic time.

I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to organise a ride this year, some new trekkers braved the challenge and really did a great job. Tony, you have again done a fantastic job in helping organise the rides, we would all be lost without your drive for trekking.

I am sure everyone who has ridden on any of our rides will agree that they have been most enjoyable, great scenery, fantastic company from every one, and the weather was kind to us.

The camp food this year has been chef material, kindly prepared and cooked by Letiesha who has mastered the open fire cooking to a tee. We all truly appreciated your great effort and menus. Thankyou from all of us. Thank you Leone, Janella and Deb for all your wonderful help with the duties this year, you have all done a fantastic job.



Janella and Lockie

It has been a great year of riding and thank you to all for making 2014 trekking a memory for all of us to treasure. Do not forget to give your best friend an extra carrot for all the hard work, we could not do this without them. See you all in 2015 and have a very safe and prosperous festive season.

Bethny Armstrong President 2014

The new office bearers are:

President	Tony Gray
V President	Bethny Armstrong
Secretary	Leone Marsh
Treasurer	Linda Thomas
Newsletter Editors	Suellen Kelly, Letiesha Gray
Committee Members	Dayle Wynne, Karin Christie, Janella Patience

Leone has informed us she will be taking a holiday in February and March and Bethny has agreed to stand in as secretary for this period.

Patience Trophy

The Patience trophy is donated by the Patience family and awarded to the MHTC member who covers the most kms each year. This year the winner was Linda Thomas who rode 397 kms, followed closely by Suellen and Leone. Linda receives a trophy to place in her trophy cabinet and bragging rights for the next 12 months.

Linda Thomas	397 km
Suellen Kelly	375 km
Leone Marsh	364 km

Many thanks to Patience family for donating the trophy.



Linda and Suellen and their trophies



Letiesha receiving her VERY own swag!!

Camp Cook

Everyone who camped out on a trek this year enjoyed some high quality camp food prepared by Letiesha, with the help of some members who know how to operate camp ovens. In appreciation for preparing these meals, Letiesha was given a new swag.



2015 Fees

Most of you will be aware our affiliation fee with ATHRA has increased primarily due to increase in the cost of liability insurance. As a result MHTC membership will also increase. Our fees for 2015 was discussed at the AGM and is set out below.

✧ Membership	\$100
✧ Junior Membership	\$70
✧ Social members	\$30
✧ Day riders fee	\$30
✧ Member ride fee per day	\$5
✧ Associate Member Fee	\$10
✧ Joining Fee (for new members)	\$20

Please remember membership fees are due on January 1st and can be paid into MHTC bank account. Attached to this newsletter is a nomination and waiver form that all members are required to fill in and sign each year when membership is renewed. Please deposit membership fee into bank account (details on membership form), and enter your *surname 2015* in details for payment. Completed waiver and membership forms need to be forwarded to secretary as per details on form.

2015 Ride Schedule

The ride schedule set out below is a draft and there are still a few gaps for members have ideas for a trek. We have decided to start off with some day rides in February and March which will probably be twilight rides as the days can still be quite warm at this time of year. Greg Steemson of WA Trekkers Club has started planning a 14 day trek at Tangadee and Mt Vernon Stations (north of Meekatharra), to be held in May 2015. He has recently completed a recce in and details are available for trekkers interested in participating in this trek. If you require further information please give me a call as we need to know numbers by February 1st 2015.



Midwest trekkers out riding

Other rides were discussed and ride schedule was draw up which is shown below. You will notice there are a few months where we don't have a ride planned so please come forward if you have an idea for a ride.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ride Info</u>	<u>Ride Co-ordinator</u>
Feb	Evening beach ride from Equinas.	Tony Gray
March	Afternoon ride at Libby Bain's property	Suellen Kelly and Linda Thomas
March	Walkaway twilight ride	Suellen Kelly and Linda Thomas
April	Ride from Murchison House Station	Bethny Armstrong
May 11 th – 25 th	Tangadee 14 day Trek with WA Horse Trekkers	
June	To Be Announced	
July	To Be Announced	
Aug	Geraldton– Chapman Valley Loop	Leonie Marsh and Dayle Wynne
Sep	To Be Announced	
Oct 3 rd – 8 th	5 day ride at Wagin following the 2014 Tom Quilty endurance trail	Suellen Kelly and Linda Thomas



Next Meeting

I would like to hold a meeting before we start our trekking season and to set up our trailer so can we pencil in Saturday, February 21? Details to follow.

Festive season

As Christmas and summer is upon us Lummee, Letiesha and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2015 with lots of laughter on the trails with you and your steeds.

Tony Gray

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Merry
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