

Breakaway Horse Riders Club Inc.

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Minutes From the Meeting

- New radios to be purchased for the club
- New ride calendar has been sent out
- Expression of interest for Trail Boss accreditation

Australian Endurance Riders Association Rule Book

This months snip it: **A11 Ride Committee Responsibilities**

11.3 At all affiliated events the ride committee must:

- a) provide a riding course that is fair, safe and equal to all competitors
- b) Plan for and provide a ride base and riding course(s) that are appropriate and safe to the needs of officials, riders, horses, helpers and the public;
- c) Provide ample water, toilets and parking at the ride base and at all on-course veterinary check points
- d) Ensure the vetting areas are of sufficient size to facilitate the vetting of horses, well lit if vetting at night, have smooth, level and firm surfaces that are free from influences that could unsettle horses.

ATHRA Rule Book

This months snip it: **11 ATHRA Accreditation Training Program (continued)**

11.7 Delivery and Assessment

The course has both theory and practical elements. The theory is covered in seminars and discussions, drawing on the extensive abilities and experience of participating ATHRA members. Much of the assessment will depend on the process of "Recognised Prior Learning", whereby existing knowledge is recognized and confirmed. This assessment will be carried out through observation of individual participation during group discussions, written components, 'what if' questions and practical responses to simulations of trail ride situations. A sound knowledge of the ATHRA Code of Conduct is expected from participants. Moderate language and literary skills will be required for the role of Ride Coordinator as this role involves administrative functions and a 'paper trail' (keeping records of important information).



2015 Committee

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Calendar of Events

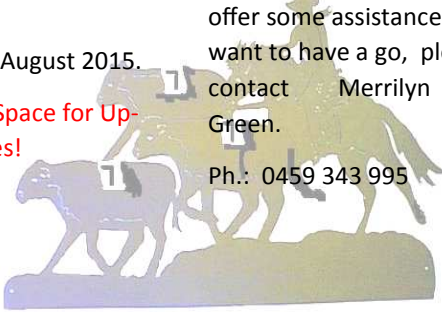
- **Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 7th July 2015, Harrup Park Country Club**
- 13th –14th June—Trail Boss Accreditation
- 26th July—Ben Mohr Trail Ride

Notice Board

Team Penning

1st and 2nd August 2015.

Watch This Space for Up-coming Dates!



If anyone has any questions about Team Penning, can offer some assistance or want to have a go, please contact Merrilyn Green.
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Harrup Park Country Club

• AFFILIATED CLUB •

Members of Breakaway can view all upcoming events happening at Harrup Park via their website. Just click on the tab below for all the details

[“What’s On”](#)

www.harruppark.com.au

Welcome New Members

Breakaway would like to welcome some new members to our club. We hope you have some fun times with us and we hope to see you all out and about with us soon.

- Robyn Blackburn
- Karen Donaldson
- Danielle Coyne

2015 Men of Breakaway Profiles

Mr June!

Name: Eddie Gauci

Job: Retired Truck Driver

My Favourite Band/Artist: Creedence Clearwater Revival/Waylon Jennings

A Song that means a lot to me: House of the Rising Sun

My Ultimate Holiday is: Travelling Canada

The best advice I’ve ever received: If you are going to do a job, do it properly

Three people (dead or alive) I’d like to have dinner with: Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley

My pet peeve: Somebody who thinks they are better than everyone else

I love people who: Happy and honest

My ultimate meal is: Lobster and Crab

Weirdest thing ever eaten: Pattee’



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Standard—25th July 2015

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What a great day, the skies were blue and the riders wore blue....

All 71 one of them, including one unicorn.

This year we did a one way ride from Otterburns Road to Dows Creek Hall. Thank you to Melissa Longhurst, Connie Evers and Elizabeth (from Hall Committee) for helping with registration. After our pre ride and informative straight to the point talk from Kath on the importance of men's health checks we crossed the road and mounted our trustee steeds for the day ahead. We meandered through some lovely farm roads which settled down horse and rider before heading into Mirani. This year we rode straight past the entrance gates to Nanyima Aged Care Home. Staff had organised residents to be outside to see us ride past. The smiles on their faces was priceless and it was such a wonderful start to our ride.

Our permits for the ride stated all crossings of Mackay Eungella Road be unmounted so 71 riders walked their horses into Mirani for morning smoko. The Hall Committee, Terri & volunteers from the cancer council had tea, coffee and cordial ready for us as well as an amazing table of food donated by the members of Breakaway. Thank you to all those who donated morning tea, it was lovely to see lots of blue cakes and biscuits!

After morning tea we walked across the Mirani Bridge unmounted and were followed closely by some very important helpers poop scooping. Thank you to Viv Tuewsen, Cindy Sims, Jamie Stewart and Bruce Evers for volunteering!

The ride to our lunch stop was an interesting one. We got to go up and down hills, around headlands, down gullies, across causeways, more gullies and lovely creek crossings. The smell of the "BBQ in the Bush" kept us going in the right direction and we arrived at a beautifully cleared lunch spot for a well earned break. All riders must be commended for their sensible and safe behaviour during the ride. It was great to see riders being considerate of others and not rushing up and down hills and gullies, therefore ensuring that any nervous riders felt safe and in control of their horse at all times. Our Stewards as usual were wonderful. We couldn't run this ride without you - thanks again, you guys are always there for our club.

A huge thank you must go to the Dows Creek Hall Committee. After Rotary pulled out, they only had 6 weeks to plan and organise this event with us. Not only was lunch great, and really appreciated by all, but the work they did to ensure the Bush Carnival went ahead is a real credit to Janelle, Ted and team.

At lunch, Vicki Adams (who travelled from Townsville with her husband) was brave enough to stand up in front of us all to share the story of her husband's recent diagnosis with throat cancer and his current treatment. I made it very real for us all, and confirmed why we make the effort each year to host this ride, and raise money for cancer and heart research. Vicki said something which I think the Cancer Council should take on as their new saying - "BLOKES, GET YOUR LUMPS CHECKED!"

After lunch we had a short ride into the fair and true to form, the Johnson Family and Friends brought out the big guns! Well ok, little water pistols then! Complete with Adam's Surround Sound Saddle and Lee Kernaghan as 'background' music they did their best to cool us off.

The warm welcome riders get riding into the Bush Carnival makes a long day in the saddle worthwhile. What a great sight..... A sea of blue on horseback! So many riders went to so much effort to dress themselves and horse up for the day. We had Wee Willy Winky, a Blue A\$\$ Fly, 3 Cookie Monsters, Fifty Shades of Blue, a Blue and White Unicorn and many more horses and riders with Bling, Ribbons, Paint, Feathers and more. There is a lot of planning and preparation that goes into making this ride happen. Mike Tuewsen for many years has been Trail Boss for this ride and deserves endless thank you's for his time, effort and planning to make this ride happen each year. It is a huge responsibility to ensure everyone's safety and Mike handles this each year with his common sense, calm and professional approach. THANK YOU MIKE!

Enormous thanks must also go to Gary Hamelink for the amazing job he did slashing and preparing the track and co-ordinating with property owners to ensure we had a fun and interesting ride.

As we were back on the Mackay Eungella Road we needed the help of local policeman Fred Bagely to stop traffic for us. Thank you Fred for your help with our permits and for your assistance on the day ensuring the safety of all concerned. Trans North Bus & Coach deserve a big thank you for taking riders back to the starting point to collect vehicles. What a generous service from a local business. They have already offered to do the same for us again next year. Thank You.

Noel Cowan was once again there for us with the back-up vehicle and float. Each year we have come to rely on Noel to liaise with Mike and Ride Stewards to help the ride move along smoothly and to ensure all road and bridge crossings go as planned. Thank you Noel.

What ride can be complete without a truck towing a dunny following us! Thank you to Lewis Trueman for organising and donating the toilet. Hopefully this saved a lot of ladies from 'scrub itch'. (Yes, if you went in the bush and you are "itchy" you may have scrub itch!) Thanks Noel Cowan for my lesson on scrub itch symptoms!

Thank you also to Koumala locals Geoff and Shirley Pullar for coming up to the Bush Carnival to make delicious damper for us all to enjoy. We all really appreciated the fantastic photos taken along the ride by Deb & Warren Clarke. These are on our facebook page, take a look. They are the best ride pics we have ever had.

I have co-ordinated this ride for many years now, and although it's hectic and busy on the day, it's a wonderful and rewarding ride to be a part of. This year, my job was made so so much easier by the help of my very close friend and our Club Secretary, Roxanne Aprile. Thank you so much Rox!

Finally, thank you to the Breakaway Ride Stewards, Riders and their friends and family for coming along and supporting this annual event. Without you showing up and making the effort to support the charity ride and bush carnival it would not be the success it has been this year. So spread the word to your horsey friends and get RED-ee for next year as we are riding in red to show our support for Heart Research.

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Ever Heard of a Waler?

Reference

Waler Horse Society of Australia Inc.
www.walerhorse.com

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waler_horse

Many people associate the horse breed Waler with war. Unfortunately, for many of us, this is all we know about them. Hopefully this article will change that.

A Waler is an Australian breed of horse, developed in Australian colonies in the 19th century. With early breeding origins in New South Wales, they were originally called New South Walers. This breed is made up of a few breeds you may recognize, Thoroughbred, Arab, Cape Horse (from Cape of Good Hope), Timor Pony, and a little Clydesdale and Percheron.

They were originally considered just a type of horse, but bred under extreme climates and hard working conditions, the Waler developed into a dependable, hardy horse with great endurance, even under stress and limited water and food. These horses were popular with bushrangers, troopers, stockmen and, of course, the cavalry. They were also the preferred breed for exploratory missions that travelled throughout Australia.

For the cavalry, the preferred height was around 15 to 16hh. The colour of the horse also determined whether they were used for this purpose. Any horses that were grey or spotted (to easily visible), unbroken and over 16hh were rejected. Although those taller than 16hh were rejected for the cavalry, they were sent to the South Australian Bushmen Corps. The horses that did get through had to be able to carry 16 or 17 stone each day, which in today's measurements is around 102 to 108 kg.

When you realize what the horses had to carry, its not hard to see just how quickly the amount of weight adds up. Every day they were expected to carry their rider, saddle, saddle cloth, bridle, head collar, lead rope, horseshoe case that contained 1 front and hind shoe, nails, rations for horse and rider, bedroll, change of clothing, rifle and approx. 90 rounds of .303 rifle ammunition. As you can see, that would be a great deal of weight, but obviously in those circumstances, very necessary. The Waler also had the most ideal gait for the cavalry. They can maintain a fast walk and could proceed into a steady, level canter, avoiding a noisy trot that could also dislodge any of the gear they are carrying. Behavioural characteristics were also looked at when determining whether they are accepted into the cavalry. They were required to be docile, have courage, speed and athletic ability.

The First World War saw 136,000 Walers sent overseas for the Australian Imperial Force. Unfortunately, only one horse made it back to Australia. This was a horse called Sandy, he belonged to Major General Sir William Bridges. Unfortunately Sir William Bridges was killed at Gallipoli. Sandy was one of 6100 horses who were used in this region. Fortunately for those horses, very few were put ashore as it was decided there was not enough room or requirement for them by Lieutenant General Sir William Birdwood. May the 5th saw Birdwood seek approval to have the horses sent back to Alexandria. From the 1st of August, Sandy was in the care of Captain Leslie Whitfield, an officer in Egypt. Here he stayed with Whitfield until being transferred with him to France in March 1916. In October 1917, the minister of defence Senator George Pearce, called for Sandy to return to Australia. In May 1918, Sandy was sent from the Australian Veterinary Hospital at Calais to the Remount Depot in Swaythling in England. After 3 months of veterinary observation, Sandy was declared free of disease, which led to him boarding the freighter Booral, heading back to Melbourne in September 1918. He was turned out at the Remount Depot in Maribyrnong, which he spent the rest of his days. In May 1923, with his blindness and debility, the decision was made to put him down.



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