

AUGUST 2017



# Albany Natural Trailriders



Hi Everyone,

Well it's August already and spring is now just around the corner!

July was awesome for ANTs. We started the month with a very relaxed and productive committee meeting. Then a small group braved the cold weather for a fun play day at Anita's place.

Despite a forecast for rain, nine of us still rallied together for an amazing trail ride from Hay River via the Heritage Trail to the Denmark River. Even though it was such a big group, all of our horses behaved beautifully. This was largely thanks to Melanie Price (our Trail Boss Superstar!) who did a brilliant job of keeping the whole group connected, safe and happy.

Finally, to finish off the month, we had another very inspiring PPPP play day up at Tammy's. So in all, it was a terrific month.

August promises to be another fabulous month. Our club prezzie Melissa Weir is hosting a (horse-free) human bonding play day at her place. And Melanie Price will be leading us on yet another very popular trail ride in Denmark, this time to Styx River. But more on all of these events inside... We look forward to seeing you there!

*Brenda Chapman*

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## Save the Date!

### Play Days

Usually held on the first Saturday of the month starting at 10AM

### Trail Rides

Normally held on the third Saturday of the month meeting at 9:30AM



## July Ride reports ...

### Play Day at Anita's

After a full week of rain, only Jill and I were brave enough to chance the weather for Anita's play day. But we were lucky to be able to enjoy a lovely rain-free morning. I have to admit that most of our time was spend talking, drinking coffee and eating yummy nibbles – followed by Anita's super soup! However, I was so pleased to have an outing for Minxie. Robbie was a lovely, calm role model for her. Like a true lady, Minx enjoyed the parasols ... but she thought the squeaky chicken was so un-cool.

*Marie Bennett*



## Event Calendar 2017

Event	Date	Where	Coordinator
Play Day	August 12	637 Marbelup Road North, Marbelup	Melissa Wier
Trail Ride	August 26	Styx River Denmark	Melanie Price
DVD/meeting	September	Venue to be decided	TBC
Play Day	September 9	Mt Barker	Lise Holst
Trail Ride	September 23	Porongorups	Lise Holst
Play Day	October 15	Join with PPP at Wittigo Estate Mt Barker	Eva Bett & Tammy Wiehl
Trail Ride	October 28	McLeod Road to Kent River Winery, Walpole	Jill Compton & Brenda Berry
DVD/meeting	November	Venue to be decided	TBC
Play Day	November 11	Albany Horse Central	Melanie Price
Trail Ride	Weekender November 25 & 26	TBC - Walpole at Brenda Berry's B&B (cost associated with this)	To be decided
Xmas lunch	Early December	To be decided	To be decided





*Our Hay River Riders, From Left: Melissa, Marie, Melanie, Brenda, Michelle, Lise, Cassie, Jill & Sharon*

## Hay River Heritage Trail Ride

We had a great turn out with nine riders sharing one of my favorite rides along the beautiful heritage rail trail from Hay River to Denmark. The weather was kind, the ground was soft, and the view of the inlet was just stunning. All horses and riders were on their very best behavior as we rode as one herd.

Brenda and (super model) Rhett joined us for their first ANTs trail ride and they both loved it. My new boy of only one week, Trona, did a really great job. The rain held off until we arrived at the Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park for lunch.

While the majority took up the shuttle back to the floats, our three diehards Melanie, Jill and Sharon headed off for a faster paced ride back to the car park. Thank you to my lovely man Stuart for the highly anticipated coffee run, as well as a shuttle service back to the floats.

*Michelle Lott*





## MELISSA'S HORSE-FREE PLAY DAY

### 10 AM SATURDAY AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>

Hi Melissa Here,

I thought I would do something completely different this month, as it's winter and nobody likes being cold and wet (well I don't)! So I thought why not have a social catch up and group bonding morning with a few games, a quiz, sharing stories and some general horsey chatter. (\*hint brush up on your logo knowledge as there will be a prize!)

The fire will be lit and I'll create a pot of Thai Pumpkin soup that should cater to everyone's dietary requirements (unless you don't eat pumpkin?) along with some bread rolls. If you'd like to bring along something small to share that would be great too!

I'm at 637 Marbelup Road North, Marbelup. The gate will be open and parking will be at the top of the driveway near the power pole (as its easier for getting away).

**RSVP to Melissa Weir - MOB: 0429 984 532**



## July PPPP Day at Tammy's

It was a fun play day at Tammy's in July, where we got to meet her new red Ferrari, Kai, pictured on the left. The day was a blend of teaming rain and clear blue skies. The humans and horses all had a fabulous time eating and hanging out together as well as trying some new challenges.

*Brenda Chapman*



# Styx River Trail Ride

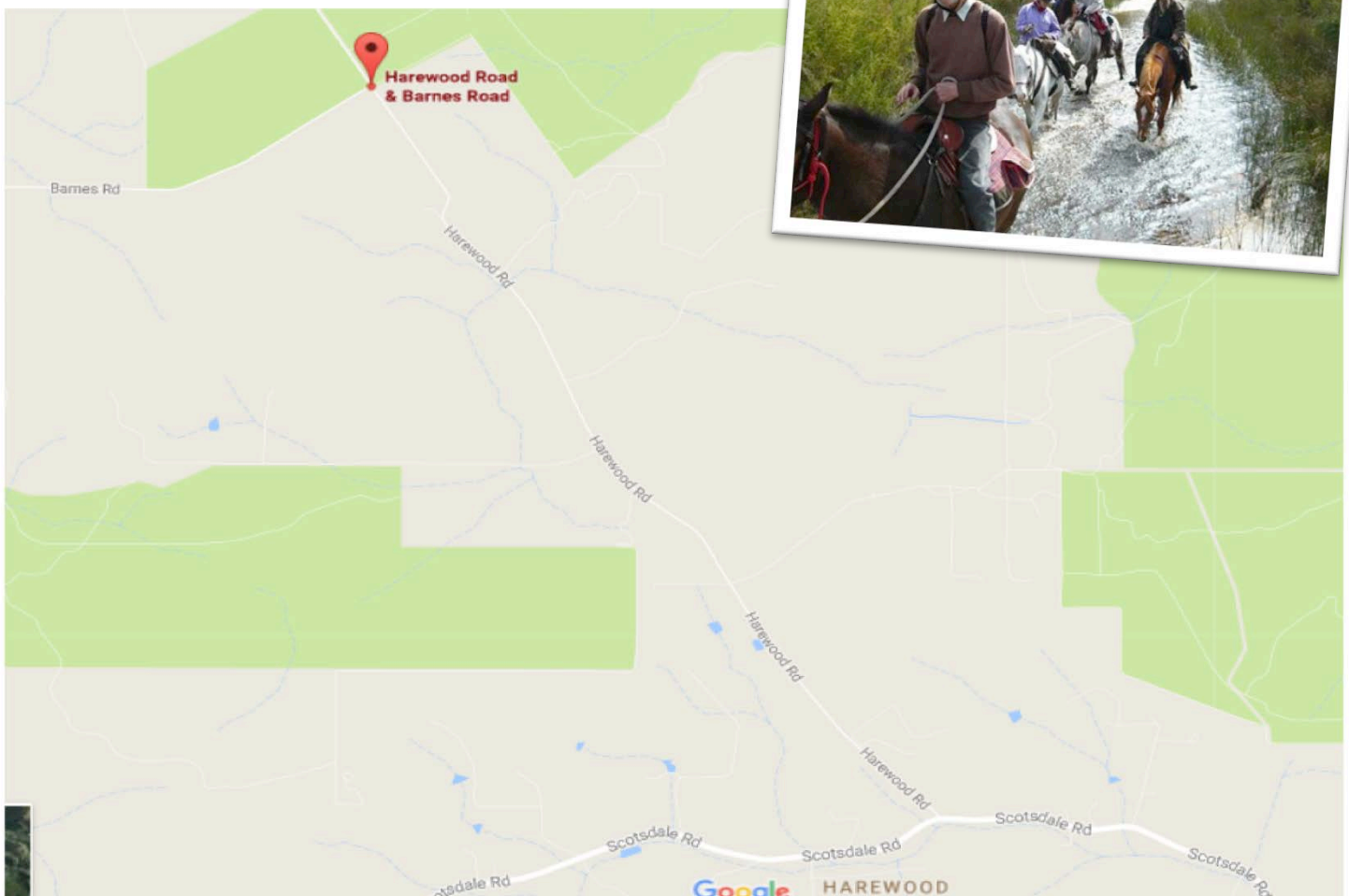
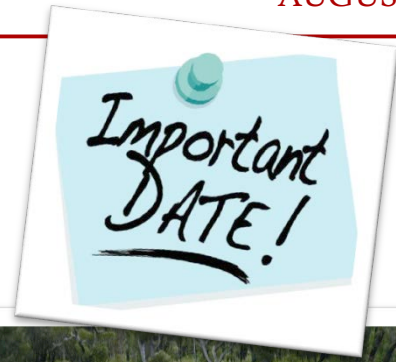
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:30 am

This ride is an old favorite. It's a 20km loop which follows fire-breaks through some picturesque state forest in the Scotsdale valley, just North West of Denmark.

The tracks are mostly sand, with a couple of stretches of gravel road, so boots or shoes are recommended for more sensitive horses. We'll stop for lunch at the Styx River waterfall, which is a magical spot. BYO picnic lunch as there is no shorter option for this ride.

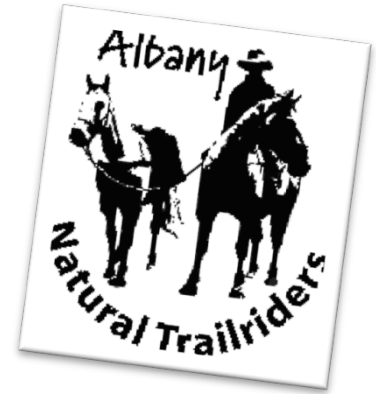
We will meet at 9:30am at the corner of Barnes Road and Harewood Road. For those coming from Albany - go through Denmark, take Scotsdale Road and turn right into Harewood. For further details and to RSVP please contact Melanie Price.

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## JULY ANTS COMMITTEE MEETING



### Albany Natural Trailriders

Committee Meeting Agenda & Notes 7/7/17

**Attending:** Melanie Price, Julie Robins, Brenda Chapman, Lise Holst, Marie Bennett

**Apologies:** Jill Compton

### 1 Albany Equestrian Centre

ANTs to propose the idea of a trail horse agility area with gate, pedestal and bridge. Perhaps on the hill near the water jump. Marie already has some quotes: Bridge \$1,250 & Gate \$660.

The project will be led and partly funded by ANTs and other AEC clubs, depending on costs?

Action: Brenda and Jill to take quote to AEC meeting and propose that ANTs lead with some cost sharing. They will determine with AEC the exact location.

### 2 ATHRA

a ANTs on ATHRA Website:

Photos wanted for website. Action: Julie to put some on MP's puter for MP to give to a Eva. Is there a members section of ATHRA website?

### 3 Facebook

a Want to kill the old Facebook page. Action: Marie to investigate with Donna White.

b Action: Melanie to add Julie to Group Facebook page as admin

c Action: Melissa to insert newsletter information into Facebook.

### 4 Upcoming Trail Rides and Play Days

a July 8 - play day at Anita's is on Facebook – all organised.

b July 22 – Hay River ride is on Facebook – all organised

c August playday: Action: Melissa to provided details to Brenda.

d August ride: Melanie at Styx. Action: Brenda to get info from previous newsletter.

e September DVD & Committee Meeting: Sleepover at Lise's place

f September playday – At Lise's place. Action: Lise to provide info to Brenda

g October playday: 15 October at Wittigo with PPPP. Action: Melanie to email Eva to ask for details.

h October Trailride: Kent River Winery Ride. Action: Use details from last year's newsletter.

i November ride from Brenda Berry's place – Pay for accommodation

j Action: Jules and Lise to check out Lake Perericup

k Action: Jill and Melissa want to check out Redmond forest options

### 5 Pure Plantagenet Parelli Playgroup (PPPP)

a Melanie to get schedule from Eva. Action: Melanie to email Eva

### Other Items

Meeting Closed



## ATHRA NEWS

**The board believes it is necessary to provide further clarification and detail regarding ATHRA's private member 24/7 Public Liability cover.**

### *Private Member Individual 24/7 Public Liability Cover*

The limit of indemnity is \$20 million. This cover applies to private trail riding related activities by financial ATHRA members, and only applies to the member's own horse/s, or horses clearly under the member's control. A \$2,500 excess is payable by the claiming member.

*Private trail rides may be organised via "social media" and are defined as riding alone or with friends.*

#### THIS POLICY DOES NOT COVER:

- Non-equine related activities;
- Income earning activities, where remuneration is involved, (such as horse training/breaking, rider instruction, horse sales;
  - Property owner's liability, including horses escaping from their paddock;
- Non-trail riding events or activities or events sanctioned or run by associations or other entities.

NOTE: Public Facebook groups fall within the definition of "other entities", and therefore members participating in trail rides or events organised through, or by public Facebook groups or similar social media, are *not covered under this policy*. Members are encouraged to consider their liability exposure whenever participating in events (open to the public), which are advertised via Facebook and other social media.

It is important that members and clubs take the time to consider the value of the benefits and insurance protection provided to financial ATHRA members. For less than 28 cents per day your insurance cover includes:

- Personal accident & public liability insurance at sanctioned events
  - \$20 million 24/7 Public Liability private cover

ATHRA maintains the insurance protection available to members is equal to the best available, and can rightly be claimed as "the best value for money" available. When one considers the other benefits of membership, this represents excellent value.

The following paragraph is an extract from an article in the September 2016 edition of Trail Tales. Food for thought and perhaps worth reading the entire article.

*"We all know that horse related activities are dangerous; the potential for a sudden and unexpected tragic accident ever present. As a member of ATHRA you have peace of mind knowing that if you are involved in an accident whilst riding, and are the subject of legal action which could potentially result in the loss of your family home and assets; you have the protection of ATHRA's public liability policies, (the private member 24/7 for private riding & the ATHRA sanctioned event cover)."*

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