

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HORSE TREKKERS CLUB INC.



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## COMING EVENTS

7<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of May

Annual Trek- Bremer Bay,  
Albany and Manjimup

3-5<sup>th</sup> June

Lewanna WA Day Long  
Weekend

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Perth Metro Day Ride

15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> July

Accreditation Training  
Weekend. Pickering Brook

## Trekkers Tribune April 2017

### **OUR CLUB**

Hi Trekkers,

Welcome to new and old trekkers.

Its only days now until the Annual Trek commences. Hope all horses and riders go well and a fabulous time is had by all. Just a few of details about this ride.

A new member to the club Karren Gow has a property at Bremer Bay. She has local knowledge and knows local people. Karren was able to gain permission from Julie Leenhouders to camp on her farm and to ride out from there. A local farmer Ellen Bartlett is also helping on the rides. Many thanks goes to Karren, Julie and Ellen for making this section of the trek possible.

At Albany we are staying at Karriview Cottage which is owned by Anita Davis. Anita is a member of the ATHRA Albany Natural Trailriders Club. Anita will show use the trails around Albany such as the Stidwell trail. Thanks to Anita for your hospitality and helping us with the rides at Albany.

Irene Taaffe is the host and ride coordinator at Manjimup. She is a long time member of the club and has vast experience with organizing and riding in treks. She has been busy tracking fabulous rides at Manjimup. Many thanks for all you have done for the club Irene.

When meeting Karren, Julie, Ellen, Anita and Irene please show your appreciation. Without these volunteers we would not have had this opportunity to have this unique experience with our horses.

The club had an enjoyable four day Easter ride. Many Thanks to Anna for organizing the rides and hosting the campers at her property, with her husband Alan. We are very lucky to stay at your beautiful place Peaceful Meadows. A report and photos later in the newsletter.

The Day Ride on the calendar for April 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed for later in the year.

The next ride after the Annual trek is the WA Day Long weekend at **Lewana**. Ride notes will be sent with this newsletter. The club hires a cottage and the horses yards are made in front of the cottages. For this reason the number of entries is limited and the cost is higher than the usual ride fee. Many thanks Margaret Rose and Irene Taaffe for being the ride coordinators. They are have been tracking and planning rides in this unbelievably scenic area of the state between Nannup and Balingup. The cottage will be booked for the Saturday and Sunday nights. For those wishing to arrive on Friday, there will be an extra payment and the amount will be divided by the number staying. The Cottages have just changed ownership and we are very grateful the owners are happy to have us and our horses. Ride entries will close the **26<sup>th</sup> of May, if not before depending on the number of entries.** <http://www.lewanacottages.com>

## **Please read below and take note of important changes in the club.**

### **Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

1. Committee has chosen to trial the online booking system Nominate.
  - The first ride will be the July Day ride
  - Margaret Rose is going to start the setup using the current ride form.
  - PIC number will not be compulsory on the Nominate entry form.
  - Day riders must obtain a Day membership number from the online ATHRA membership prior to entering with Nominate. There will be a section included in the Nominate form to name their ATHRA member sponsor.
2. Ride fees to increase to \$10 to absorb the cost of Nominate. There has been no increase in ride fees since the club was founded.
3. The once off club \$20 joining fee will cease due to the online ATHRA membership not being able to process this fee.
4. Annual trek hosts/support crew will not be charged a ride fee for their portion of the trek.
5. Day members now require an ATHRA member sponsor. If a Day member does not know any club members, committee and ride officials may be asked to be a sponsor, excluding the Trail Boss. The sponsor will be responsible for the day rider for the duration of the day ensuring they follow the ATHRA code of Conduct and standard ride etiquette.
6. Committee discussed that when on a trail, riders stay within sight of the ride groups as per ATHRA Code of Conduct. This should be included in every ride brief as well as the rule of staying behind the Lead rider and in front of the Drag rider.
7. The club provides First aid Training for two members per year. This year the members gaining a First Aide Certificate are Anna Sheehan and Debbie Pollard.

### **NOMINATE**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April the club committee decided to trial the event booking online program Nominate. The plan is to start using it for the July 8<sup>th</sup> day ride. If you have not used nominate before, you must first create an account. This will be the new way of entering rides and treks. Please use this link <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Rider/register.aspx>

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships for 2017 are due now. The fees are unchanged from 2016

Adults – \$110.00,  
Juniors – \$50.00,  
Social – \$30.00,  
Over 80's – \$60.00

Membership includes ATHRA insurance \$100, members can ride with all ATHRA Clubs in Western Australia and only pay the ride fee

**Please Note:** When completing your membership make sure you send a new waiver (witnessed correctly) with your membership form and payment. Both of these forms must be done.

<http://watrekkers.info/forms/membership-ride-waiver-form-2016/>

<http://watrekkers.info/forms/ims-f-006-risk-warning-and-waiver-v20130510/>

For each and every ride you wish to attend a Membership-Ride Waiver Form must be done.

Bank details are on the top of the Membership-Ride Waiver form or the Treasurer's address is your wish to post a cheque.

The ATHRA online payment system has been delayed until April 2017. Please pay direct to the club via direct deposit or cheque.

## ATHRA

Please read the below statement relating to the use of photography. This clause has been added to ATHRA's privacy policy and can be found on the website at the bottom of the home page.

### Use of Photography

By joining or renewing your membership with The Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (ATHRA) you are giving permission to use or publish photographs or your image either in a group or on your own.

These photographs will only be used for the purpose of marketing or promoting the activity of horse trail riding and ATHRA. If you do not agree to this condition of membership please advise your club accordingly.

No photographs of any person or persons under the age of 18 years can be published on the ATHRA website or any ATHRA social media site without written consent being given by either a parent or guardian.

### Changes to Code of Conduct Rule 9 Prospective Members

The ATHRA Board wishes to advise that it has approved changes to rules regarding Ride Visitors (Prospective Members) in Rule 9 of the Code of Conduct. These changes have been introduced after a review of the rules and how they have influenced or affected the activities of affiliated clubs.

The revised rules will be uploaded to the ATHRA website @ [www.athra.com.au](http://www.athra.com.au) in the very near future and **will be effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**. Clubs will be advised when the upload occurs.

A preview summary of the changes is detailed below to provide opportunity for clubs to plan their activities and ride calendars for 2017 in advance.

The important points to note are:

- *The rule refers to **Day Membership***
- *Non ATHRA members may apply for **Day Membership***
- ***Past ATHRA members** may apply for Day Memberships*
- *Day Members must be accompanied by an **ATHRA member sponsor***
- *Day Members may only attend **two (2) individual rides per year***
- *If a Day Member becomes a full member within 7 days their ATHRA membership fee will be reduced by the Day member fee paid*
- *Day Memberships are **only available online at** [www.athra.com.au](http://www.athra.com.au)*
- *Clubs may charge an additional fee to the Day Member fee*

### ATHRA 2017 Accreditation

The club applied to have an accreditation weekend and we were successful in getting a booking on the accreditation calendar. The date is the 15<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. The venue has been booked, **thanks to Margaret Thomas** for hosting the accreditation weekend at Legends Lodge at Pickering Brook. This venue will be perfect for the theory and the ridden sessions of Accreditation.

The price of doing accreditation is \$50, this will include a camping fee, morning & afternoon teas and lunches both days. As a little fund raiser for the club, members will be asked to provide items for the catering. A list of items needed will be circulated at rides in the months leading up to the Accreditation weekend.

The club needs as many members to attend as possible to:

- help cover the costs involved,
- get more trained accredited riders and support crew
- help spread the workload at rides
- ensure the safe running of rides for riders and horses
- keep the club functioning well with a positive future

Participants in the course will not just learn a great deal but will find it a most enjoyable weekend experience. Thank you to all that have expressed an interest to attend. If you are interested, please email so we know how numbers are going. Forms to attend are on the ATHRA website <http://athra.com.au/forms/accreditation-forms/185-ims-f-021-accreditation-course-participant-application-v20131123-1/file.html> , <http://athra.com.au/forms/accreditation-forms/419-ims-gu-041-accreditation-course-outline-v20160101/file.html>

An information sheet is sent with this newsletter. **A minimum of 10 participants is required.**

## Member Profiles

### Nerelle Couthard

Home town: Serpentine WA.

Past: Safety Bay WA

Occupation: Supervisor at City Framers Baldivis

Interests anything outdoors, books and good movies

Horses: To Many Ha Ha

19 year old Arab Aranita Legacys Ultimate Son (Sonny)

9 year old Arab Artherious Devil's Advocate (Bradley)

No idea why myself a nervous rider has ended up with Arabs.

Only started riding due to my daughter learning and me not wanting to walk along side.

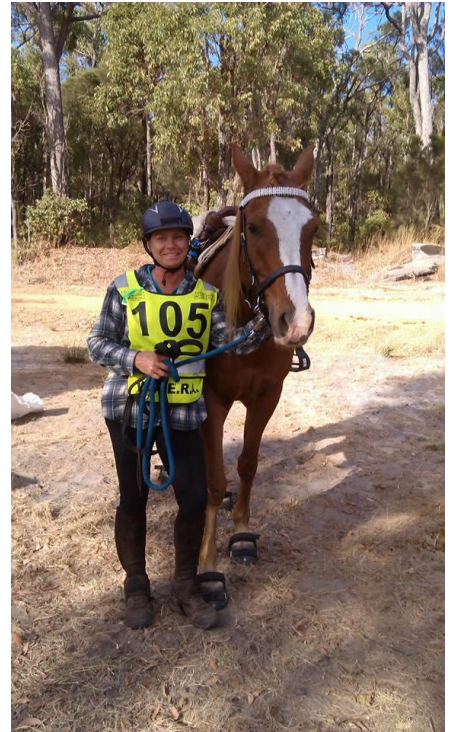
3 more as well

Standy, Tb and a WB cross. Think we are collecting them

Been with the club on and off but seriously since the end of last year

Loving the support

Had a ball at Donnybrook, gave me so much more confidence and trust with my Pony.



## Merchandise

We have a small amount of Trekkers merchandise jumpers and vest. If anyone is interested in purchasing some, have a look in the blue case at the rides. If you can't see your size, let us know and we can do an order.

We also have Trekking the West books for purchase. Please take an ATHRA float sticker for free too.



## Easter Rides at Jarrahdale and Serpentine

The Easter ride had varying numbers each day ranging from 18-8. This was handy for many to have family time as well as horse trekking time. Anna and Alan had 8 campers from country areas including Kalgoorlie and Merredin. Many did the glamping with the offer of using a bedroom taken up. We all had the use of the shed ablutions, barbecue, deck and fire at night. The camping and the nights together can be one of the best parts of trekking, we all enjoyed the company and think the day riders missed out.

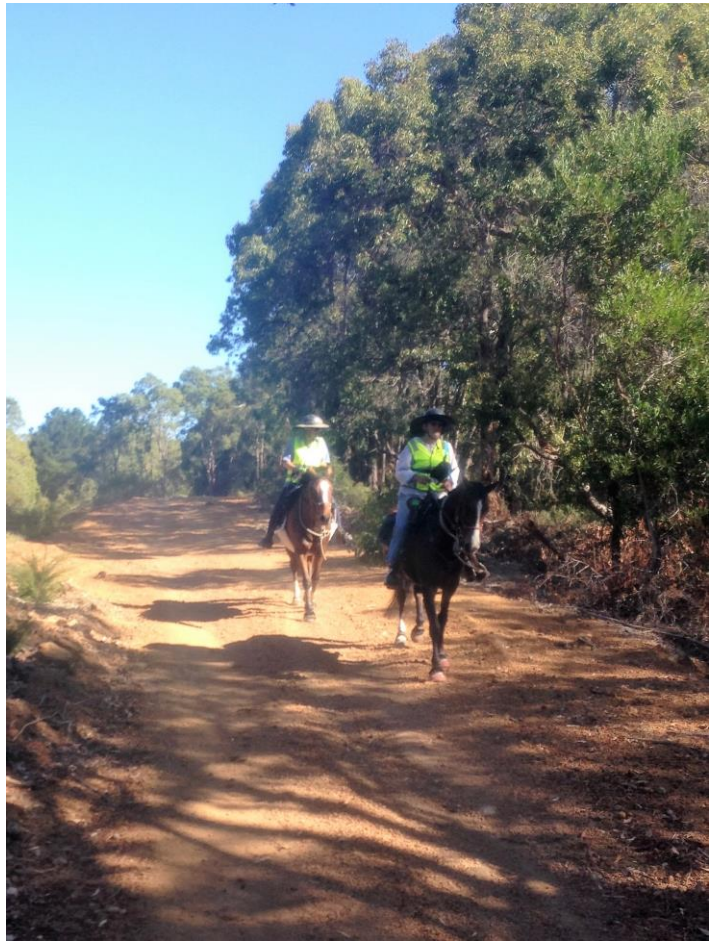


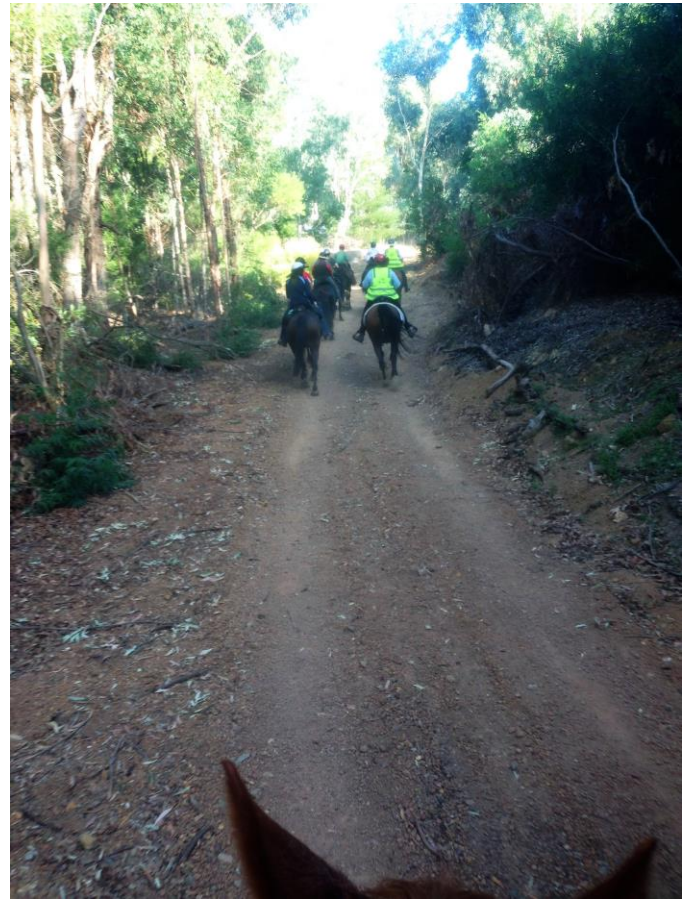
Good Friday we all met at Jarrahdale Oval and rode out for an 18km half day ride. This might sound short but Jarrahdale is a testing trail with hills and loose rocky tracks. Saturday was a full day ride, the support crew actually spoilt many with a cappuccino from the Jarrahdale café for morning tea. The ride continued on to a lovely lunch spot near a watering hole. Buckets on ropes supplied our thirsty horses with a drink. Support crew delivered our nose bags for horses and riders. Sunday morning some went to the local church and others had a short drive to the Serpentine Falls. It was a lovely experience, we have all driven past the sign many times but never had the chance to stop. Our horses enjoyed the morning off before we rode out from Anna's. We ride through the town and along the railway line but not too close. The line is frequently used so it was a good experience for most of these horses that don't usually have these huge noisy monsters passing them. We continued to the Bridle trails of Serpentine, perfect laneways between properties, a lot of inspecting and admiring was done by all. Monday the weekend finished off with a half day ride from Jarrahdale oval.



Thanks to Anna Sheehan for hosting and being the ride-coordinator and Trail boss. Richard Threnoworth for being Trail boss on Saturday while Anna was support crew. Robyn Lonsdale for being lead on Saturday. Debbie Pollard for being Drag and Julie Baker on Sunday. We appreciate all your efforts providing this enjoyable and safe ride for us.







## *For Sale*

Cart for sale belonging to a founding member  
Griselda Hitchcock  
Strongly made with brakes and adjustable seat.  
Suit horse 13-15hh  
View near Mandurah  
Ring or Text Griselda 0409743735



# Events

## *Ride Calender 2017*

JANUARY	Australia Day is not a long weekend this year, so no event	
FEBRUARY	Sat 11th – Sun 12th February	Trail Ride Training and Trail Challenge Two Days held in Darling Downs.
MARCH	Labour Day Weekend – Sat 4th March to Monday 6th March	Donnybrook
	Friday 17th March	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro
APRIL	Saturday 1st April	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro
	Fri 14th – Mon 17th April	Easter in Serpentine and Jarrahdale
	Friday 28th April	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro Postponed
MAY	Sun 7th May – Sat 20th	Annual Trek – Clover Leaf
		Bremer Bay/Albany/Manjimup
JUNE	WA Day Weekend – Sat 3rd June - Mon 5th June	Lewana near Balingup
JULY	Saturday 8th July	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro
	Accreditation Weekend Sat 15th – Sun 16th July	Pickering Brook
AUGUST	Sat 18th – Fri 20th August	Myalup
SEPTEMBER	Friday 8th September	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro
	Sat 23rd – Mon 25th September	Bowellling
OCTOBER	Saturday 7th October	Day Ride – TBA Outer Metro
	Sat 21 – Sun 22 October	Chittering
NOVEMBER	Sat 11th – Sun 12th November	Capel
	Saturday 25th November	AGM TBA
DECEMBER	No Ride	No Ride

Complete details of treks will be posted on website and distributed to members by email.

**Trek dates and venues may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check current details and newsletters for up and coming rides**



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