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Albany Natural Trailriders



Special Christmas Edition

Hi Everyone,

Another fabulous riding year draws to a close with our very last newsletter of 2017.

November was an action packed month for ANTs as we had four major events which included a lovely dinner and meeting at Due South, a relaxed play day at Nanarup Beach, and a weekend away in Walpole, as well the PPPP Games Camp.

There was also the Christmas picnic early in December with a small group attending and really enjoying the day.

In January we will be holding our AGM at Mel Price's Albany Horse Central. So mark the date in your calendar and come along to give your input to our club activities.

On behalf of the ANTs committee, I'd like to wish all our wonderful members and your trusty steeds a very safe, relaxed and fun Christmas. We look forward to seeing all of your happy faces again at the AGM in the new year!

Season Greetings, *Brenda*



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ANTS AGM & BBQ

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GREAT STUFF!

ANTS Play Day

Usually held on the second Saturday of the month - starting at 10AM

ANTS Trailride

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

PPPP Play Day

Varies, but often held on the third Sunday of the month - at 10am



Due South Sundowner

Our very last committee meeting for the year was a blast, with eight of our members enjoying some wonderful food, wine and company as we talked horses and watched the sun set over the harbour from Due South.



It was a lovely morning for our ANTs play day at Nanarup Beach, with Marie, Lise, Melanie, Jenne and myself.

It was Rhett's very first experience of those scary big waves that rush up to eat horses legs!

He was pretty calm but completely mesmerised by the surf and didn't take his eyes off it for a second! All the other horses were so calm and confident. Lise nearly even hopped on Piccolo bareback!

We then finished off with a relaxed picnic under the trees. Thanks for a really fun morning everyone.

Cheers, Brenda

Nanarup Beach Play Day



PPPP Games Camp At Wittigo Estate

Thanks to Tammy for organising the 2 day Parelli Games weekend at Wittigo Estate early November. Twenty people attended with their horses.

We could pick a combination of games from the tournament tasks listed and we needed one game from each of the 7 Parelli savvys. I had taken my young horse, Pico, and he managed to get through it, earning 100%.

Everyone did incredibly well despite the heat. Tammy had made a huge effort setting up the games areas and providing for all of us. After lunch we went out again to continue. Unfortunately, it was incredibly hot and windy and sadly, I suffered heat exhaustion and had to pack up and go home.

There were prizes for everyone who attended. But Lyn Mathwin and her talented Reine were the winners and ANTs' very own Rebecca Dell and Kola took out 2nd Prize. Congratulations to everyone for your fabulous work.

Cheers, Lise

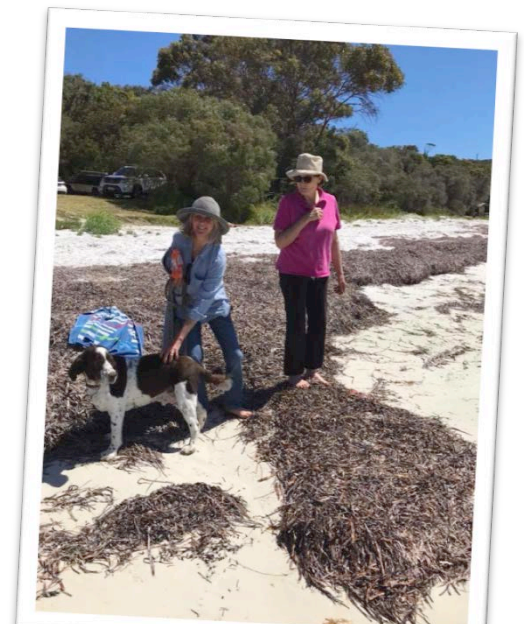


Christmas Picnic at Frenchman's Bay



Melanie Price organised a Christmas Picnic at Frenchman's Bay early in December.

A small but select group attended and they all had great fun.



Walpole Weekend

The ANTs weekend at Crooked Creek in The Valley of the Giants was hosted by the wonderful Brenda Berry. Those attending were Anita (Robbie), Jill (Mia), Angela (Rosa), Marie (Chance) and me (Riley)

We arrived on Friday afternoon and set up camp in Brenda's party house, with Anita opting to christen the sleeping bunks in her Explorer float (looked comfy!).

The horses had a good hoon around the paddock when they all met up, with distinct herd preferences which merged as the weekend went on...

Night 1 was spent wining, dining, reminiscing and scheming new adventures...

On Saturday we rode to the Nornalup Bakehouse and had a great lunch, so felt quite rested to ride the 12km back again. The forest was so gorgeous, like a mysterious tunnel....Our horses had a great lunch break in a grassy paddock... Kudos to Angela's young horse, Rosa on her first trail ride in a group!

Saturday night was quite magical, as Brenda had secured tickets for WA Opera in the Valley of the Giants. It was so beautiful seeing the karri and tingle forest all lit up, with the night filled with heavenly music.

On Sunday morning we had a 5 km trail ride 'around the block' with a successful bog and creek crossing and visit to the neighboring olive and wine farm. Brenda ventured out on foot with her black beauty, Tinker, who we all fell in love with...

We all brought along enough food and wine to sink a ship, so there was no starvation or thirst! For me it was the best weekend ever, thanks so much Brenda! And the team!

Cheers, Melanie



ANTs 2018 AGM at Albany Horse Central

ANTs AGM is planned for Saturday 20th of January 2018

Come along to help choose rides for 2018.

Where: Albany Horse Central, 142 Frenchman Bay Road, Robinson.

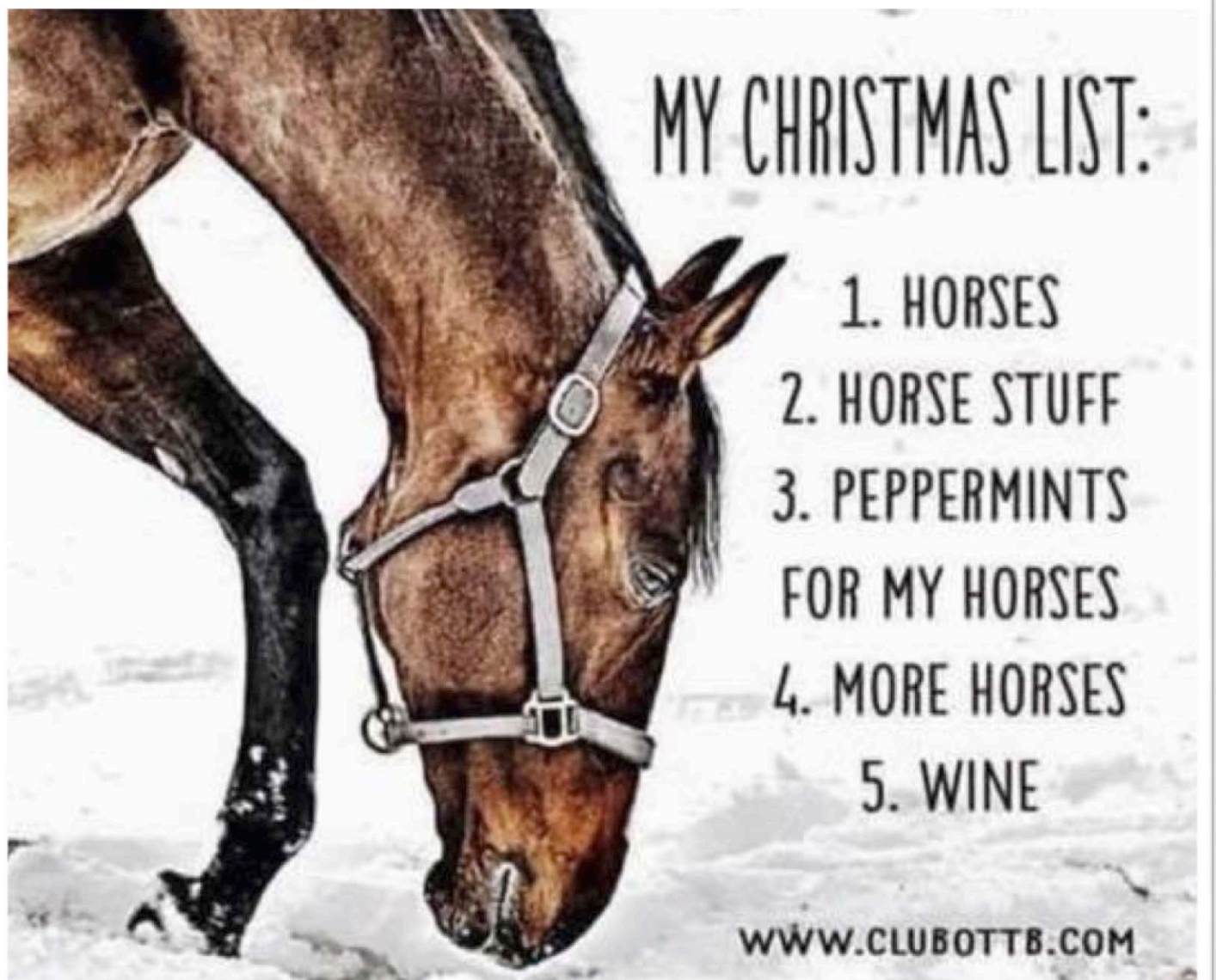
When: 10am for play if you want to bring your horse.

12pm for sausage sizzle. Sausage and sizzle provided.

Bring a salad, nibbles or dessert and what ever you like to drink.

AGM commences at 1.30pm. Consider nominating to help run ANTs!

Please RSVP to Melanie on 0447 446 343 or
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Merry Christmas from ANTS!

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