



You are all cordially invited
and encouraged to attend
this annual event which will
determine the direction our
riding club takes in 2018.

Baringhup Trail Riders Annual General Meeting

*Wednesday, 17th January. 2018 At 6.30pm.
Five Flags Hotel. Main Road,
Campbells Creek. Meeting to follow dinner.
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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

January Ride - January 21st. Campbell's Creek ride. Sally

Pre-nominations are required for all BTR rides.

Please see the ride description for the details of who to contact with your nomination. This is necessary for the ride leader to ascertain how many people are attending a ride, and whether the necessary trail bosses will be available for ATHRA certification of the ride. Rides may be cancelled if there are insufficient pre-nominations, so please do not assume you can just show up on the day without prior notice. If your situation changes and you wish to attend a ride on short notice, please contact the ride leader first, to make sure the ride is still going forward.

The ride leader is also the person to contact if you need more information about ride conditions before you decide whether to attend.

Where: 134 Blanket Gully Road, Campbell's Creek

When: Sunday, January 21st

Directions: TBA

Parking: TBA

Sign in: COME & SEE; Sally

Ride Description:

The ride will be medium paced and approximately 3 hours in length. The ride will also be tailored to weather conditions. More details provided later.

Conditions: TBA

Bring: TBA

Nominations/Queries to:

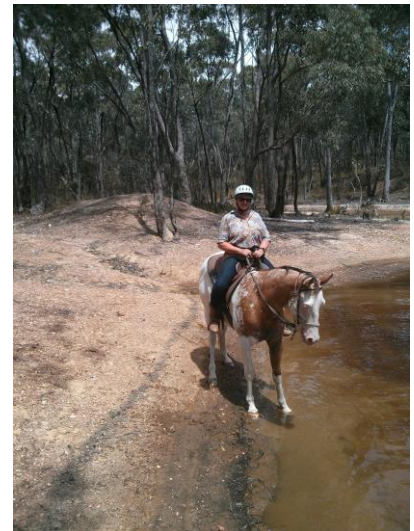
NOTE: Day Members must register online prior to the ride at www.athra.com.au , (pay the \$35 ATHRA fee during the online process and \$5-00 club fee on the day). Day Members should contact the club prior to the ride and bring proof of Day Membership on the day.

- 1 Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod / or booted
- 2 All riders must carry a lead rope and halter.
- 3 No Stallions.
- 4 Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.
- 5 Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.
- 6 Riders under 18 years must wear an approved riding helmet.
- 7 Riders under 16 must be accompanied & supervised by their parent, guardian, or adult member nominated in writing by their parent or guardian.
- 8 BTR recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.
- 9 Dogs are not permitted on the ride.
- 10 All riders must adhere to the BTR rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.
- 11 All riders must advise the Trail Boss of any pre-existing medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.
- 12 Riders may not leave the ride without approval of the Trail Boss.
- 13 Day Members must remain with their member sponsor at all times during the ride.

Mandurang Ride and Christmas Break Up. December 17th 2017

An early getaway to beat the heat saw 6 riders head into the Greater Bendigo National Park at Mandurang for the final club ride of 2017. Glenn as lead, Debbie S as drag on the suitable attired Chicory and David as trail boss were accompanied by Alison, Debbie A and Leighaire. The shaded trails and bush help alleviate the rising temperature and it was surprisingly comfortable allowing us some extended trots and canters. Several dams and a water race crossing gave the horses plenty of opportunity for a drink and play. It was great to see Leighaire on her new horse Vegas for his first club ride and he took everything in his stride like a seasoned trail horse.

After the two and a half hour ride, we were joined by Sally, Justine, Jen W and Rod for a swim and chat and a magnificent barbecue lunch followed. Justine showed her culinary skills on the barbecue and with the array of meats, salads and desserts, everyone was left fully satisfied.





Globetrotters New Zealand: Glenorchy Backcountry Ride, 4th - 8th December: [By David](#)

It was about 12 months ago that I suggested to my friends that a Globetrotters ride in Glenorchy NZ might be a fun holiday to have. And so, it came to be that Debby Sharbaugh, Carmel Perrott and I booked the holiday, only to be followed a short time later by Glenn & Leighaire Casboul. So, it was that the 5 of us paid our deposits, booked airfares, arranged holidays and waited.

We waited for what seemed like years and then suddenly, we were in November and departure date for me was December 3rd! Panic.... what to take? What's the weather going to be like? Have I got the right equipment ready to go? Do I REALLY need all that?? This spawned a flurry of phone calls between each other and the host establishment, High Country Horses of Glenorchy. In the end it came down to that age old saying "if you haven't got it, you won't miss it!"

Unless you had participated on this ride it's almost impossible to find the words to convey to you just how wonderful this trip really was. From start to finish we were all gob-smacked by the beautiful scenery, our amazing hosts and guides, and the calibre of their wonderful horses, and just how good they had been to match each of us to our mount for the next 5 days. Talk about a hard act to follow.

Monday at 9am we were collected from our accommodation houses in Queenstown, and ferried the hour or so up to Glenorchy. This trip took us along the shores of Lake Wakatipu up to Glenorchy, which is on the lake shore where the Dart River and the Rees River flow into the lake. This area is where a lot of the location filming for Lord of the Rings, Wolverine, and Mission Impossible 6 were filmed.

When we arrived at the stables, we repacked our riding clothes etc into duffel bags, stowed our valuables in the "safe" and went and met our horses. And then once all mounted and happy it was off on our adventure. Down the Dart River we went, with numerous river crossings, cantering, and lupin-extravaganza photo opportunities, before we cantered along the lake shore to the delight of the Japanese tourists. We lunched under the old pine trees, watched over by a flock of NZ Natives (sheep!!) at the Pony Club, then back through Glenorchy and on up the Rees River before arriving at our overnight shearer's quarters at about 7.30pm. A long day that certainly had us all feeling somewhat stiff and sore. An al fresco dinner outside with the horses grazing contentedly nearby, a few beers to quench our thirsts and then to bed. Ahhh; the serenity!

Day two saw us leave early and meander up the Rees further. The day was filled with river crossings, water play, beech forests, chatter, lupins (of course!). The mountains towered above us and still had snow on the peaks. The day was warm, the river water cold. Our horses all were perfect. Our guides continued to expand our knowledge on NZ and its beauty. And we each took a thousand photos!! Every day!!

That afternoon we arrived at our camp site for the next 2 nights. Purpose built tent platforms, camp stretchers, and midges. All beside a glacial fed stream which provided a great cooling off point for us. All our food and supplies were brought in fresh each day by the support crew. All wonderful fresh local produce.

Day three was very similar as we pushed further up the Rees River valley towards Mt Aspiring NP. At this point we were on a privately owned sheep station, and would continue to be for the next day or so. These sheep stations are huge, and the terrain is extremely rugged and harsh. The only souls we saw were quite a few trekkers as the trail crosses over the mountains to the west and delivers the walkers to Milford Sound. Not a trek I want to tackle on foot.

Day three also saw us negotiate a sphagnum moss bog which was a bit tricky, but no mishaps, and then we got to swim our horses bareback in a glacial stream. Amazing fun. But soooo cold! My legs were numb within seconds. But a great fun way to cool off. Then back to Tent City for more socializing and eating of good food (and more attacks from the blasted midges!).

Next day saw us leave for Paradise Valley Homestead, travelling down the opposite bank of the Rees. Lots of amazing scenery to take in. As we left the Rees we travelled below Lover's Leap and its recent rather large landslip before a leisurely ride through a forest of towering Red Beech trees. More water fun as we walked along the shoreline of Paradise Lake, the product of a long-gone glacier. By now we were all excited to see the Paradise Valley Homestead and the delights it held within.....a soft bed and a warm shower! This homestead has been restored and bequeathed to the Glenorchy community, and is a sanctuary for flora and fauna, and a beautiful place to stay and enjoy. Surrounded by towering mountains it was indeed Paradise. That night we had a beautiful roast dinner with all the trimmings, served in the old Glenorchy School House, removed and restored here and the site of many weddings & functions.

It was a muted mob the next day as we embarked on our last day's ride. Back past the lake and the towering Beech forest, before one last good canter to the base of Mt Alfred. Then it was climb, climb, climb as our horses willingly took us to 900 feet above the valley floor. Still another 600 to go to the summit, but what a view. Spectacular. From here we could see exactly where we had been for the 4 days previous, all in one breathe-taking vista. Lunch on the side of a mountain can have some issues.... staying upright and not sliding down for one! After lunch it was a final descent down and across the river again, back to the stables. Here we lingered, ate scones and savoured nice coffee, no one wanting to end the magic that had been created amongst all 13 of us (10 guests and 3 guides) over the 5 days. We all swapped contacts, hugged like crazy, and the tears flowed before we could eventually bring ourselves to get on the bus for our return trip to Queenstown.

And so, it was over. But it will never be forgotten. The sights, the sounds, the experience: magical. Once back in Queenstown we all converged on the waterfront to have a few beverages and to say our final goodbyes to each other. What an adventure. Thrilling. Life affirming. Sensational. Do you get the picture??? All I can say is that if you ever get the opportunity to do one of these adventures, do it. You will never regret it. Where to next? That's the big question!

Our unbelievable guides – Max, Bijman and Katy





Member's Profile

Name:	Justine Image
Where are you from?	Originally from Christchurch, New Zealand, but I speak Australian now for the most part
Years in BTR	Nearly a year
How old were you when you started riding?	I did a little bit of trail riding at University, but only got my first horse at 39 (off the track thoroughbred - awesome choice!). Unfortunately I am not blessed with that beautiful muscle memory that people who rode as children have.
First Horse:	Henry was a really nice thoroughbred, but a little green. He needed a more confident rider and unfortunately our relationship ended badly, but we did find him a lovely home where he has done well. He taught me a valuable lesson about your responsibility to the horse to train them well and make sure that they leave you in a better state than you got them.
Favourite Horse:	Nutmeg has to be my favourite horse, although it has taken four years to get this point of trust and acceptance on both sides. She is sensitive, opinionated and sometimes over reactive, but very affectionate and smart, and mostly very responsive. She doesn't like anyone else to ride her (with the exception of my youngest daughter who took her to pony club for two years), but will give pretty much everything a go for me. She also gave us the beautiful George, who I will hopefully start riding next year if he doesn't get too big for me.
What you do when not on a horse	I have three children, run my own consulting business and try to finish jobs around the property. Holidays are a bit of a thing of the past, but really love to travel.
Best Ride:	I'm not sure there's an absolute winner, but there's nothing like the feeling of jumping a round of jumps totally in sync with the horse, where they lock onto the jumps and are completely responsive to your aids, and it feels like flying.
Any other interesting bits to add.	I think horses are good for your soul (probably preaching to the converted here). Inevitably you have to learn lessons that benefit you in other areas of your life, and they get you outside on days that you might otherwise prefer to stay in bed.

Nutmeg and her foal George



George nearly grown up



Having a jump

BTR Ride Calendar 2018

(Third Sunday of each month.)

January 21st. Campbell's Creek ride. Sally

February 18th. Winery Twilight Dinner ride. Guildford. David

March 10th-12th. Barmah Forest camp. David. Labour Day w/end.

March 30th-April 2nd. **Easter holidays.**

April 15th.

April 29th. **Mirrabel SA 10-day ride.**

May 20th.

June 17th.

July 15th. Newstead (including stop at the pub for a drink). Debby S.

August 19th. Avoca Day ride. Jennifer Williams.

Sept 16th. Taradale Ride. Justine Image.

Oct 21st. Mt Cole Ride. Possible camp. Cecilia & Vanessa.

Nov 18th.

Dec 16th. BTR Xmas Ride. **To be confirmed.**

A guy is walking through the country when he spots a sign that reads, "Talking Horse for Sale." Intrigued, he walks up to the stable to check it out.

"So, what have you done with your life?" he asks the horse.

"I've led a full life," the horse answers miraculously. "I was born in The Andes where I herded for an entire village. Years later, I joined the mounted police force in New York and helped keep the city clean. And now, I spend my days giving free rides to underprivileged kids here in the country."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the horse's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of such an incredible animal?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

