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## April 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, it was so great to see so many bright and cheery faces at our AGM at The Path of the Horse last month! What a great turn out and a fantastic night of eating and chatting about all things horsey. It was great to welcome some new members onto our committee. Thanks to all the office bearers from putting their hands up for another year of volunteering. This month, we have a beach ride organised for you down on the Great Ocean Road in Airey's Inlet. Why don't we do this ride in the middle of summer you may ask...?...cause there's too many bloody people there then! Haha. Trust me, this very special stretch of beach is beautiful all year round, so make the trip down there, you won't regret it. Yours on trails, Amy.

### Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our May ride in Greendale on 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm post ride.

## KDTRC 2018 MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships are now processed online through ATHRA. Go to their website [www.athra.com.au](http://www.athra.com.au) then click on Memberships. It will give you three options, click the most appropriate for you and follow the prompts. Once you get to the end, it will tell you that you can pay the **ATHRA amount \$100 online**, but the **KDTRC \$25 is to be paid directly to us**. Complete the ATHRA online process, and then either do a bank transfer into our account for the \$25 with your online banking (log on through your banks internet banking website), or just give us the \$25 on your first ride with us. So membership is:ATHRA \$100.00, KDTRC \$25.00 = TOTAL \$125.00

To ride with us if you are NOT a KDTRC member, fees are;**ATHRA members** are **\$5** and non-ATHRA **Day Members pay \$35**. If you are already an ATHRA member with another club but think you might end up riding with us frequently also, you may want to join our club as well for just \$25.

### **Bank details for KDTRCare:**

**Kyneton District Trail Riders**

**WESTPAC BANK**

**BSB: 033234**

**ACCOUNT NO: 561506**

Make sure you put your name and 'membership' in the details section e.g. 'AmyGMship'.

## KDTRC Ride Calendar for 2018

*Ride calendar is subject to change. Please look for updates in the newsletter.*

| DATE  | LEADER/PHONE                                    | WHERE                               | TYPE OF RIDE  |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January  | AMY G<br>0408 342 990                           | BULLARTO                            | Let's cruise into the new year riding through the cool Bullarto area of Wombat Forest. You may even see a wombat! Hills, bush tracks, single trail, saddle bag lunch. |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February   | JULIE SAMSON<br>5424 8545 - 0427 859586         | SPRING HILL                         | Bush tracks, walk and trot. TBC lunch   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup><br>March<br><i>Labour Day Long Weekend</i> | LEANNE ROMASZKO<br>0415 760 058                 | HIGH COUNTRY -<br>TOLMIE            | High Country Riding! Your horse will need to be FIT and conditioned ready to ride two to three days in a row. Camping and fun funfun.                                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | DEAN MIGHELL<br>0418 354 362                    | TRENTHAM – THE<br>PATH OF THE HORSE | Afternoon ride Sat, AGM FREE BBQ then Sunday ride at The Path of the Horse.   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April  | AMY G & SALLY BENN<br>0408 342 990              | AIREYS INLET                        | Bush and Beach riding!  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> MAY  | GARRY FISCHER<br>0400 640 433                   | GREENDALE                           | Hilly bush tracks, beautiful gullies and saddle bag lunch at old mine. Intermediate Ride.   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> JUNE   | ALISON STONE<br>0427 169 791                    | TARADALE                            | Bush tracks and single trail. Hills, gullies, saddle bag lunch.   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> JULY   | AMY G<br>0408 342 990                           | HEPBURN SPRINGS –<br>PUB RIDE       | New ride from Daylesford to the Old Hepburn Hotel for pub lunch! Mostly bush single trail, hills.   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST   | GARRY FISCHER<br>0400 640 433                   | MT EDGETON/BALLAN                   | TBC   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup><br>SEPTEMBER  | ARNOLD VAN<br>ORSOUW<br>0425 885 201            | ENFIELD                             | Two day camp at Enfield. Bush riding both days.   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  | DI SYMONDS<br>0407 486 121                      | KORWEINGUBOORA                      | Bush tracks, saddle bag lunch.  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup><br>NOVEMBER   | GARRY FISCHER &<br>JULIE SAMSON<br>0400 640 433 | NEWBURY                             | Two day camp and rides. BBQ celebrations, lots of fun.  |

## **NEXT RIDE: KDTRC Airey's Inlet Beach Ride hosted by Amy G & Sally Benn**

**Where** – Moggs Creek Picnic Area, 45A Boyd Ave, Moggs Creek VIC 3231. From the Great Ocean Rd, turn right into Old Coach Rd after driving through Airey's Inlet. Then take the first left into Old Neuk Rd and drive around and it turns into Boyd Rd, then take the first left, a dirt road into the bush away from the houses. Drive down this road until you get to the Picnic Area.

**When** – 9.45 horseless muster for 10am ride out.

### **Come and sign in with AMY**

**Ride** – the parking area is a little tight so please make sure you RSVP/nominate for this ride, and park as neatly as you can. We will head up a quiet back road before heading into the National Park, riding up some hills and along some ridges on smooth 4WD tracks. There's points on this ride where you get a sneak peak at the ocean through the trees, before descending down the mountain, to the Great Ocean Road, where we cross the road and head straight onto the beach. We will then ride along the beach on the sand, and in the water if your horse will take you there, and then cross the road again and head back to the floats down a back street.

**Conditions** – Bush 4WD tracks, lots of hills, but fairly smooth underfoot, there may be a couple of stony sections at this time of the year. Two road crossings but good visibility. We walk our horses along a wooden boardwalk for a very small section, but you can get off and lead for this if you want. There are other people that use the beach so make sure you pass pedestrians at a walk and keep your distance (this is one of the only beaches in Victoria that is still allowing horse riding, so make sure we do our bit to keep it so). You are not allowed to take your horse on the sand dunes as its native habitat, so stay on the main part of the beach.

**Bring** – Saddle bag lunch, drink bottle, halter and lead.

**Nominations/RSVP** – Amy via text message on 0408 342 990 or click that you are attending the event on Facebook. Any non-ATHRA members must do the on-line Day Membership before they turn up to the ride.... see the ATHRA website for details.

## KDTRC extra 'Green Beans & Nervous Nellies' Ride Calendar for 2018

Okay gang! Here's the rules/guidelines for these extra 'Green Beans & Nervous Nellies' rides.

There are limited numbers on these rides of around 6 riders not including the ride leader. Riders must be KDTRC members or prospective members. Priority will go first to those that are not yet able to go on our regular rides due to confidence issues, horse green etc. Then it will be those that go to our regular rides, but have a new or green horse that they are working that they have not bought on our regular KDTRC rides yet. Then it will go to those that have been on our regular rides, with this particular horse, but they have been having trouble. This will only be an issue if more than 6 people nominate to ride, and I will have to prioritise based on the above.

What the ride leader says – goes. Be prepared to be told to stop, slow down, get back behind the ride leader, give another horse some distance etc. I'm not being bossy, this is a learning experience for people and it needs to be respected.

Be prepared to be patient with other riders. We will ride to the ability of the most inexperienced horse/rider. We may have to stop, we may have to wait, and we may have to change our plans.

Think of these rides as a 'schooling' exercise for your horse. We may be changing locations amongst the group, doing a creek crossing, trying out taking horses past an obstacle like a scary bin, or a burnt out tree stump. We might spend some time at these things.

We may try different passes such as trot and canter in short controlled distances. We will only do this if everyone agrees to it and there will be no 'peer pressure'.

Expect that other people's horses may not behave, especially the Green Beans. You are all in the same boat be patient and forgiving, everyone will be doing their best.

| <b>DATE</b>              | <b>LEADER/PHONE</b>   | <b>WHERE</b> | <b>TYPE OF RIDE</b>  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January | AMY G<br>0408 342 990 | GLENLYON     | Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, riding up a back road for 1.5kms, then bush tracks. Up to 10kms. |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March    | AMY G                 | DAYLESFORD   | Leaving from Ajax Rd, Daylesford. Riding bush tracks and single trail loop back to floats.                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May     | DI SYMONS OR AMY      | TRENTHAM     | TBA details  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June    | AMY G                 | GLENLYON     | Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, riding up a back road for 1.5kms, then bush tracks. Up to 10kms. |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> August  | TBA                   | BULLARTO     | TBA  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October | TBA                   | TBA          | TBA  |

## KDTRC Ride report Trentham Rides – March Rides

*Prepared by Wendy Steeper & Amy Gross*

**Saturday** 24th March was a very wet morning for the first day of our weekend meet at The Path Of The Horse. Di Symonds and I had pre-ridden the ride for Saturday and I was really looking forward to getting out there and showing our enthusiastic club members the great tracks between Lyonville and Newbury.

Unfortunately the rain had set in and Di Symonds was too sick to ride, so I left my horse Jack at home and headed up to Deans, thinking that all would be cancelled. Well the rain subsided and the ride was going ahead. Thankfully Dean came up with the great idea for me to ride his lovely horse George rather than collect Jack from home. So a very keen Julie Sampson, Matt and I set out at very lazy pace, finding our way from the back of Deans onto Millers track.

The weather was gorgeous and the forest smelt fresh from all the rain. The tracks were a little slippery but overall it was a beautiful ride covering about 10kms. We had some great canters and chats along the way, making our way back to Deans a bit after 4.

Thank you Julie and Matt for making my first lead ride a memorable one..and we didn't get lost!

Thank you to Dean Mighell too for the pleasure of riding George and your hospitality at The Path Of The Horse.

Wendy Steeper  
KDTRC

About a dozen of us dusted ourselves off on **Sunday** morning after having a fantastic time at our AGM & BBQ the night before in Dean's beautiful facility at The Path of the Horse in Trentham. With a few people cancelling with the fear of rain, I received a few messages "is the ride still on?", to which I gave the usual KDTRC response, "we don't cancel rides for any weather, the ride always goes on rain, hail or shine". It is part of the legacy and spirit of our club to not be 'fair weather riders', and thank god we are because there was not a drop of rain in the forest and we were treated to a beautiful sunny day yet again in Central Victoria.

We headed out of The Path of the Horse with bellies full of hot cross buns and coffee and travelled up Domino Rd, and then rode towards Newbury through bush tracks, we did a massive figure 8 in the bush, going for some trots and letting the keen beans go for a long canter along the side of old railway line that follows the Domino Trail. We had a break for lunch near where the bush meets Lyonville, and ran into fellow KDTRC member Thea who was out with a friend (we look forward to riding with you soon Thea!).

After lunch we bush bashed through ferns and found a great single trail that wove its way through a creek bed and then up and down some lovely undulating bush, taking us slowly back to Domino Rd, and to our venue for the weekend.

Thank you so much to Dean Mighell for hosting this lovely weekend, and to Julie, Julian, Garry and all the members for chipping in to help with the BBQ and making it a great event for all.

The club is only as good as its membership, and we have a damn fine membership in 2018!

Look forward to the rest of the year of rides ahead.

Amy Gross  
KDTRC

Photos of our AGM and weekend at The Path of the Horse



[More pics!](#)

