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June 2018 NEWSLETTER

Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, this month there has been a lot going on in the Victoria ATHRA world with the State Government commissioning an investigation into the use of State Parks that has caused concern that horse riders, prospectors, motorbike riders and other park users will be locked out for good. Alan Salter from Ballarat Social Trail Horse Riders Club has been championing efforts to advocate for horse riders in Central and Central Western Victoria to make sure our voices are heard in these conversations as responsible and regular users of these parks. He has been circulating a petition via email and Facebook which needs to be printed, signed and posted to Louise Staley MP, 177 High Street, Maryborough, 3465 by the 19th July. I will be bringing printed copies of this petition for dissemination to Alison's Taradale ride at the end of the month. KDTRC has envelopes and stamps available for those that are keen to take a petition and gather signatures. Unfortunately this has to be done via paper and post. Look forward to seeing you at the end of June! Yours on trails, Amy.

Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our June ride at Alison's place at 3pm post ride.

KDTRC 2018 MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships are now processed online through ATHRA. Go to their website 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 KDTRC are:
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 th January	AMY G 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 th February	JULIE SAMSON 5424 8545 - 0427 859586	SPRING HILL	Bush tracks, walk and trot. TBC lunch
10 th , 11 th , 12 th March <i>Labour Day Long Weekend</i>	LEANNE ROMASZKO 0415 760 058	HIGH COUNTRY - 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 th & 25 th March	DEAN MIGHELL 0418 354 362	TRENTHAM – THE PATH OF THE HORSE	Afternoon ride Sat, AGM FREE BBQ then Sunday ride at The Path of the Horse.
29 th April	AMY G & SALLY BENN 0408 342 990	AIREYS INLET	Bush and Beach riding!
27 th MAY	GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433	GREENDALE	Hilly bush tracks, beautiful gullies and saddle bag lunch at old mine. Intermediate Ride.
24 th JUNE	ALISON STONE 0427 169 791	TARADALE	Bush tracks and single trail. Hills, gullies, saddle bag lunch.
29 th JULY	AMY G 0408 342 990	HEPBURN SPRINGS – PUB RIDE	New ride from Daylesford to the Old Hepburn Hotel for pub lunch! Mostly bush single trail, hills.
26 th AUGUST	GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433	MT EDGETON/BALLAN	TBC
29 th & 30 th SEPTEMBER	ARNOLD VAN ORSOUW 0425 885 201	ENFIELD	Two day camp at Enfield. Bush riding both days.
28 th OCTOBER	DI SYMONDS 0407 486 121	KORWEINGUBOORA	Bush tracks, saddle bag lunch.
25 th & 26 th NOVEMBER	GARRY FISCHER & JULIE SAMSON 0400 640 433	NEWBURY	Two day camp and rides. BBQ celebrations, lots of fun.

NEXT RIDE: KDTRC Taradale Ride led by Alison Stone

Where – 217 Old Drummond Road, Taradale

When – 9.45 horseless muster for 10am ride out.

Come and sign in with AMY

Directions – From the Calder Hwy (not the Calder Freeway), going into the Taradale township, you will find the Old Drummond Rd intersects with the Calder Hwy just near the centre of town. Take this route to Alison's place at 217 Old Drummond Road.

Ride – The ride will be approximately 20-25km of meandering through the local forest, there will be some kangaroo tracks, motorbike tracks, bush bashing, and minimal four wheel drive tracks. Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of ride.

Conditions – Breastplates, cruppers, boots or shoes should be considered as at times it will be hilly and rocky. The pace will be slow (mainly walking) but your horse will need a reasonable level of fitness. The ride is suited to most people who can sit in a saddle for 4-5 hours.

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

Nominations/RSVP – Alison via Facebook or text message to 0427 169 791; if you want to discuss the ride please leave a message and I will get back to you. (I can't have my phone at work). Any non-ATHRA members must do the on-line Day Membership before they turn up to the ride.... see the ATHRA website for details.

Picture of the month?...or year maybe?! Hahaha



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.

DATE	LEADER/PHONE	WHERE	TYPE OF RIDE
14 th January	AMY G 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 th March	AMY G	DAYLESFORD	Leaving from Ajax Rd, Daylesford. Riding bush tracks and single trail loop back to floats.
13 th May	AMY	BULLARTO	Meeting at Bullarto Hall, ride out 10am, 10kms.
10 th 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 th August	AMY G	GLENLYON	Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, riding up a back road for 1.5kms, then bush tracks. Up to 10kms
14 th October	TBA	TBA	TBA

KDTRC Ride report Greendale Ride – May Ride

Prepared by Amy Gross

With memories of last year's icy Greendale ride in our minds, a large group of KDTRC members mustered in a paddock at the base of the forest in multiple layers of jackets and vests. As we discussed the ride ahead, the sun shot out of the clouds and we peeled off Drizabones and mounted up excited about the ride ahead.

Garry led us on his noble steed – Beau up through the bush along a lovely single trail, crossing creeks and gullies and scaling steep inclines until we reached the Trentham Greendale Road, crossing it and heading back into the bush. Native flowers of pink and white were seen again this year, an unusual sight in Autumn but a welcome one.

As we steadily rode down a 4X4 trail that has seen better days to our lunch spot, Rob Featonby wasted no time in testing out the bravery and trust of his new(ish) horse Eddie, in seeing if he would carefully back into the mine as many of Rob's horses have done over his years with the club. Eddie did not disappoint, demonstrating the value of good horsemanship and a trusting bond that Rob seems to gain with all his horse friends.

We chatted and laughed and discussed horse gear (as usual!) as our horses had a rest before scaling up another hill into the bush again for our ride home. As we were getting closer to the floats, we popped out of the bush onto Long Gully Rd for our usual hill canter. The Beau's led the way with an enthusiastic leap into action, Garry in front, with Amy close behind. As Garry's horse slowed (he's an old boy now), Amy's Beau followed suit, coming to an abrupt walk on the left hand side of the road. With a big group of cantering horses behind. Rob's horse Eddie rounded the corner and found himself coming to an abrupt stop right behind the big 17.1 hh Warmblood. With Beau getting a fright, he did a huge double barrelled buck in the air, clipping Eddie in the neck. With very little grace, Amy did a forward flip in the air and landed on her arse on the road with reins still in her left hand. After a few laughs about the fall, or should I say – fail...we were on our way again, through the bush and back to the floats.

As we arrived back in the float paddock, we were greeted by a lovely herd of cattle that had taken it upon themselves to eat the 'left over scraps of hay' around our floats. A few steers even made their way into Julie's float via the side door and were 'cleaning out' Rosie's spilt hay on the floor.

After a quick meeting, many of us made our way to the Greendale Pub for a quick drink and pizza, which went down a treat! What a fantastic day that was had by all, made up of beautiful trails, brave horses, and stellar company.

Thank you to Garry for leading the ride, Matt for being First Aider (not needed), and Julie for being drag.

Amy Gross
KDTRC

Scroll below for two pages of photos of our Greendale ride!....

Photos of our Greendale Ride



