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August 2018 NEWSLETTER

Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, I tell you what, we sure know how to keep our reputation for not being 'fair weather riders' intact! The July ride had a forecast of 7 degrees as a top, rain, hail and storms. I had many visiting ATHRA riders and newbies contact me in the days leading up to the ride to ask "Is the ride still on with this weather??" I which I gave the response that I believe has been a long hold legacy "We don't cancel rides, we ride rain, hail, or shine". And the July ride was a great example of why we continue to go by this policy. The weather turned out to be lovely, with many moments of sunshine even! Yes, there was about 3 minutes of crazy rain and sideways hail...but we had a ball! Now, see details below for our August Ride. The ride is going to be an adventure, says Garry! Are you game? Look forward to seeing you there ;) Yours on trails, Amy.

Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our August 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. You must complete your Day Membership online via the same details above PRIOR to the day of the ride you're attending.** 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 EGERTON/BALLAN	Bush adventure! Saddle bag lunch
30 th SEPTEMBER	JO GARNER 0413 935 402	MACEDON PUB	Bush tracks and back roads from Woodend to the Macedon Pub for lunch.
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 Mt Egerton Ride hosted by Garry Fischer

Where – This ride is being lead by Garry (0400 640 433), riding out from

When – 9.45 horseless muster for 10am ride out.

Come and sign in with AMY

Directions – From the Western Freeway take the Ballan Geelong Road (Ballan Turnoff from the freeway) heading south. Travel for approx. 4 km to the Ballan Egerton Road (turn right). Travel down the Ballan Egerton Road for approx. 4 km until you reach the Moorabool River East Branch. You will go over a bridge . Turn right onto a dirt track which is located directly over the bridge. The mustering point is in a clearing visible on your right, once you have gone through a small creek crossing.

Signs will be out. This is the Google Maps link

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/-37.6239418,144.2105612/-37.5886869,144.202592/-37.6289685,144.161397/@-37.629519,144.1006187,13z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e0>

Ride – This ride is a reconnaissance mission. Must bring saddle bag lunch, breast plate and cropper. This ride will be made up as we go. I have been in here before but it has been a long time.

Conditions – Bush tracks, bush bashing, some of the unknown! Be prepared for it all.

Bring – Saddle bag lunch, halter and lead for tie up.

Nominations/RSVP – **Garry via call or text message on 0400 640 433 or via the Facebook event.** 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.

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	AMY	BULLARTO	Meeting at Bullarto Hall, ride out 10am, 10kms of bush tracks.

KDTRC Ride report Old Hepburn Pub Ride – July Ride

Prepared by Amy Gross

With a forecast of a top of 7 degrees and a schedule of rain, hail and storms, I drove to our ride out spot wondering if I'd be doing the ride on my own!

But within minutes of arriving I was doing traffic control for around 15 cars & floats, unloading 25 horses & riders with the pub in their minds eye.

After a quick muster we headed down the hill to Tipperary Springs Reserve, crossing the creek and heading up the hill, before turning in to the bush weaving our way up and up to Bald Hill Road. At the top we traveled north along the ridge, with a moment where we could see a beautiful view across to Daylesford and the Wombat Hill Gardens, one of the Seven Sisters Volcanos in the area.

We headed down to Excelsior Track, taking this left and following it along, taking tracks down to Chinaman's Crossing - an old gold rush era Chinese camp and creek crossing. Here, the horses had a drink and the team, led by 'Barnacle the Water Horse' assisted Janie's Standie overcome his fear of the creek monster and took a leap of faith forward through the crossing with the rest of us.

We then rode up to the Blow Hole Track and rode through the back blocks of Hepburn, rounding the corner at the Hepburn Recreation Reserve and riding 50 metres up the road to the Old Hepburn Hotel for lunch. As luck would have it, the pub had another booking from a car club on the same day for 70 people, however they ended up bringing 90! With our modest group of 29 (being joined by non-riders, James, Meredith, Arnold, & John), we ordered and settled in.

After having a meal and a few drinks, we headed out to saddle up and the skies opened and all of the days forecast of stormy craziness rained down upon us for about 3 minutes. Just as quick as it started, it was over again, and then the sun shone through and we headed off - albeit, a little moist.

We headed down Eighteenth St, to the bottom of Bald Hill Rd, riding around to Bryce's Flat. Before the ford, we turned left and worked our way through single trails, up and down hills and along the creek, having been formed by the long standing Boomarang Ranch Horse Riding School that has been operating out of Daylesford for many decades.

Thank you to everyone for coming along and making this ride great! Thanks for not being put off by the weather forecast, as it turned out to be lovely,... minus the 3 minutes during saddle up after lunch.

Thanks to James & Meredith for setting up our tie up points at the pub and for bringing the horse rugs. You guys need an award!

And finally, thanks to Matt for being First Aider (not needed)

Amy Gross
KDTRC

Photos of our Hepburn Pub Ride



KDTRC Ride Report: August Green Beans & Nervous Nellies Ride in Glenlyon

Last Sunday, 7 riders mustered their horses at the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, with brave faces and determination. Some were on young green horses, some were working back their confidence, and some just came along for the ride.

We headed out of the Reserve and headed down the road into the forest and road a combination of tracks and single trail, taking our time and being careful as the tracks had endured many millimetres of rain throughout the last few weeks.

After 2 hours of meandering, all riders strolled into the Recreation Reserve that little bit more confident, having had a win. Not a win, meaning all their horses were perfect, but a win because they turned up, were brave and got on!

If you've ever lost your nerve riding, had a green horse, or came back from a fall - you know how hard it is to get back in the saddle. You have felt the frustration in yourself after weeks and months having gone by and you haven't made it out.

So always remember to count your wins! - I rode today, and the next ride will be that much easier.

