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January 2019 NEWSLETTER

Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Boy did we have fun in 2018! To start off the year we have a winery ride led by the lovely Paula Garner at the end of January, followed by the High Country Camp on the second weekend of February. As usual, please make sure you read the ride notices before you RSVP/Nominate. We have recently **changed our club bank account** and will be closing our old Westpac account on January 14th. Please make sure you deposit any membership money or uniform money into the new account and delete the old details off your internet banking favorites. While we're talking about memberships...have you paid yours? It only take a minute on the ATHRA website to pay your insurance, and then please follow the below details to pay the **KDTRC \$25** to complete the process. I can wait to see you all and catch up on what you all did over the Xmas break. Yours on trails, Amy, Secretary.

Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our January ride.

KDTRC 2019 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 \$15. You must complete your Day Membership online via the same details above PRIOR to the day of the ride you're attending. You cannot do this on the day of the ride, or paper based anymore. If you're having trouble with it, please TEXT message or PHONE Amy G** and she will talk you through it. 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

BENDIGO BANK

BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT NO: 164 619 264

(this is our new account, please delete the old account from your internet banking favorites).

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

KDTRC Ride Calendar for 2019

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

DATE	LEADER/PHONE	WHERE	TYPE OF RIDE
27 th January	PAULA GARNER 0407 868 705	SPRINGHILL – Wombat Forest Winery Ride	Bush riding through the Wombat to winery. Club lunch \$5 and wine etc if you purchase.
9 th , 10 th , 11 th February	AMY G 0408 342 990	MT STIRLING	High Country long weekend camp, Mt Stirling, Craig's Hut, River Spur Trail and more.
24 th February	AMY G 0408 342 990	BULLARTO	Riding out from Bullarto Hall. Bush ride to Lyonville Spring for lunch, back via Bullarto Reservoir.
31 st March	SALLY BENN 0409 808 161	TRENTHAM	TBA
28 th April	ROB FEATONBY (or other, TBC) 0402 980 675 GARRY FISCHER	AIREY'S INLET BEACH RIDE BLACKWOOD PUB	Bush ride and beach! Saddlebag lunch. Same day for those not keen on sand
26 th MAY	GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433	GREENDALE	The infamous 'Garry's Ride'. Single trails of hills, gullies, and old mines.
30 th JUNE	ALISON STONE 0427 169 791	TARADALE	Bush bashing, single trails, hills hills hills. Saddlebag lunch.
28 th JULY	DEBBY SHARBAUGH 0428 250 056	MT TARRENGOWER	Saddlebag lunch.
25 th AUGUST	ERIN DOWNIE 0407 401 406	ELPHINGSTON PUB RIDE	Bush ride and pub!
29 th SEPTEMBER	AMY G 0408 342 990	HEPBURN SPRINGS	Bush ride and pub lunch.
27 th OCTOBER	DI SYMONDS 0407 486 121	KOOWEIGUBOORA	Bush ride and saddlebag lunch.
23 rd & 24 th NOVEMBER	JULIE & GARRY 0427 859 586	NEWBURY	Two rides, overnight camp, obstacle challenge and more!

High Country 2019 – 3 days, 3 rides, and heaps of climbing!

This year's High Country ride will be taking us back up to Mt Stirling, staying at Razorback Hut for 3 days, with 3 days of rides available for those keen riders and hill fit horses! It is going to be a weekend to remember which has taken many hours of planning and many trips to Mt Stirling to find tracks. Thank you to Alison Stone and Rob Featonby for helping me put these rides together.

The rides

We will be riding for approximately 6 ½ hours on the Saturday Ride, 5 hours on the Sunday Ride, and 2 hours on the Monday Morning Ride. All of these rides will be true High Country style, which is hills, hills, hills. Your horses will need to be **HILL FIT**, so that means you'll need to get out there and do some long hill rides (at least 4 hours of hills each ride, both up and down) between now and the **9th of February**. Please don't come on this camp, ill prepared and then you only ride one day, or injury your horse. It's not fair to the others that will miss out, and it's not fair on your horse (sorry for being so hardcore on this but it's important).

Nominations

Due to the **limited camping space at Razorback Hut** (where we need to camp in order to access this year's rides), there will be limited numbers and a nomination process for this camp. **You will need to TEXT or CALL Amy on 0408 342 990 before the 20th January to nominate for the weekend after you have READ the ride notice** to make sure you and your horse are suited for these rides. There will be a **limit to 14 riders** on this camp. You are very welcome to **bring your partners and families** along which will not be limited. We wish we didn't have to limit riders but we cannot guarantee having somewhere to set up camp and put our horses as you cannot book Razorback Hut and the camp area is first in, best dressed.

I will **confirm your place** on the ride on **Sunday 20th January** after nominations close, but I should be able to give people a fair idea of how numbers are going in the next few days as many have already expressed their interest in the high country rides. We may not have an issue with having too many people interested and not enough places, but I'm setting this up just in case and to make it fair to those that may not have access to their email or facebook regularly. It next sentence is the test sentence to make sure you've read the ride notice, quote 'got ya' to Amy when you nominate.

All riders on the high country camp **MUST be fully paid up KDTRC members**, either primary members or associate members. First priority will go to members that ride with us often, and whose capacity as a rider and their horses' fitness is known. We want everyone to have a great and successful weekend. If for some reason less than 14 riders nominate, we will open nominations up to riders that just want to come to one day of riding.

Camping

Please make sure you bring a chair, cooking equipment and all your camping gear needed for camping in the high country (e.g. warm clothing, insect repellent, warm bedding, water proof jackets, lots of layers). There are bunk beds in the hut but you cannot guarantee that they will be available as you cannot book.

Horses

You will need to bring your **portable yards** as there is no yards available at Razorback Hut. If you don't own yards, perhaps put the word out and see if someone else who's coming can fit you in theirs by bringing some extra posts and hot tape. You must either bring your **own water** via your horse float tank, or just bring a **jerry can** so you can fill it up at the creek down the road. There is a small dam at Razorback Hut but the quality and quantity of water cannot be guaranteed. You must **bring a rug** for your horse. Even if it says it will be 40 degrees at home that weekend, it gets cold on the mountain. Also, you may want to **bring a spare saddle blanket** for the Sunday ride as your gear will get sweaty and dirty on the Saturday unless you have a top quality, thick woollen.

Food

This year's High Country ride will be **self catered (BYO food)**, however we will be having a **simple BBQ for lunch on the Saturday ride**, down at Mirimbah by the river (just a sausages and bread type thing, vego available). We will try to all park together and spend each night getting together around the fire and share nibbles. Please bring some energy bars to put in your saddlebag as we will be doing long days and you'll need it.

Saturday Ride – Up & Down the Mountain

Where – Starting Razorback Hut, Mt Stirling – Alpine National Park.

When – 8.30am horseless muster for 9am SHARP ride out. Ride will take approx. **6 ½ hours plus breaks.**

Come and sign in with AMY

Ride – We will be riding out of camp through the bush to Circuit Road, following this to Telephone Box Junction (TBJ), then going east up Circuit Road to Bluff Spur Trail. We will ride to Bluff Hut and have a short break here for toilet, snack, photos (15 minutes max). Then we will continue up the mountain before descending onto River Spur Trail, climbing up a bit, but mostly down, down, down the mountain to the Deletite River Trail following the river, doing around 10 river crossings to the Mirimbah Picnic Area where we will stop for lunch and break our horses for at least 1 hour. We should reach this lunch spot at 1-1.30pm so if your family wants to meet us there, they are more than welcome. The morning part of this ride will take 4 hours. After lunch we will ride up the river, doing river crossings, then we will turn up a single trail track that will climb up the mountain, bringing us back to the Mt Stirling Road approximately 2 kms from TBJ, riding along this road, before turning up Hut Loop and then up to Razorback Hut. The afternoon ride will take 2 hours.

Conditions – Alpine bush riding on large trails and some overgrown single trails through the bush. Be prepared for ducking branches, stepping over logs, and negotiating at least two quite technical river crossings after lunch. **Horses MUST be shod on ALL four hooves, or BOOTED on ALL four hooves** otherwise your horse will pull up sore (I have learnt this the hard way). We will literally be going up and down the whole mountain all day so you must bring a breast plate and a crupper if you have one.

Bring – Bring drink bottle, halter and lead to tie up, snacks for yourself and your horse (carrots etc).

Sunday Ride – Craig's Hut

Where – Starting Razorback Hut, Mt Stirling – Alpine National Park.

When – 8.30am horseless muster for 9am ride out. Ride will take approx. **5 hours plus breaks.**

Come and sign in with AMY

Ride – on the Sunday we will head out of Razorback Hut towards King Saddle Shelter, and then head up towards Mt Stirling via the three huts Cricket Pitch Hut, King Hut, and CCG Hut with spectacular views North towards Mt Cobbler and Mt Buffalo in the distance. If all the horses are doing well, we will then continue along a single trail through the bush to Craig's Hut, stopping there for lunch and to give the horses a good break (at least 1 hour). We will be heading back the same way to camp at Razorback in the afternoon, perhaps visiting the Mt Stirling summit if the horses are up to it.

Conditions – Alpine bush riding on mainly well maintained single trails. Combination of hard track and stony track so again, horses must be shod on all four hooves, or booted on all four hooves. This ride has some elevations so your horse must not be sore. The key for having a great weekend is to put the time in over the next month to train.

Bring – Bring drink bottle, halter and lead to tie up, saddle bag lunch and a snack for your horse.

Monday Morning Ride – Mt Winstanley Bridle Trail

Where – Starting Razorback Hut, Mt Stirling – Alpine National Park.

When – 9.45am horseless muster for 10am ride out. Ride will take approx. **2 hours**.

Come and sign in with AMY

Ride – for this ride we will be heading west out of Razorback Hut along the Razorback Trail towards the Mansfield State Forest cattle gate, here we will turn back towards the east and head straight up a single trail bridle trail, up over Mt Winstanley, and then down into the Razorback Hut camp site. This is an incredible trail.

Conditions – Alpine bush riding, mostly single trail, elevations, not particularly technical but steep in a couple of spots. Horses must be shod on all four hooves, or booted on all four hooves.

Bring – Bring drink bottle.

This will be an awesome weekend. The key is to just put in the training now! It's daylight savings so make the most of the long days and get out there after work and train those hills!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Green Beans & Nervous Nellies 2019 Calendar

Limited numbers of 6 riders not including the ride leader. You need to RSVP to the ride leader mentioned below the week before the ride. We always ride out at 10am so be there at 9am to tack up and relax your horse.

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.

Please no 'peer pressure', be supportive, we're not in a rush.

Expect that other people's horses may not behave, especially the Green Beans.

DATE	LEADER/PHONE	WHERE	TYPE OF RIDE
13 th January	AMY G 0408 342 990	BULLARTO	Leaving from the Bullarto Hall. Bush riding mostly. 10kms. Call Amy for more details.
10 th March	AMY G 0408 342 990	GLENLYON	Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve. Bush riding mostly. 10kms. Call Amy for more details.
12 th May	AMY G 0408 342 990	DAYLESFORD	Leaving from Tipperary Springs car park. Bush riding. 10kms.
9 th June	TBA	TBA	TBA
11 th August	TBA	TBA	TBA
13 th October	TBA	TBA	TBA

KDTRC Wombat Forest Winery Ride – January Ride hosted by Paula Garner

Where – 50 Trentham Springhill Rd, Springhill. Farm gate entrance just past the driveway with a bus shelter next to the gate. Park in the large paddock at the front.

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

Come and sign in with AMY

Ride – The ride will be approximately 18kms, leaving at 10am and arriving at the winery around 12.30pm. We will be suppling lunch of chicken, ham, and salad rolls and something sweet. Wine tasting is available from the lovely owners of Wombat Forest Winery. There is a beautiful deck to sit and enjoy lunch overlooking a gully in the Wombat Forest. You can also bring some money if you wish to purchase a glass (or glasses) of wine at about \$8 a glass. Tea, coffee, or cheese platters are also available to purchase as well as beer.

Conditions – We will be riding on country lanes, lots of lovely bush tracks and some bush bashing. There will be hills and gullies and a couple of creek crossings. There is one or two road crossings. They are mostly shaded trails through the lovely Springhill section of our Wombat Forest.

Bring – Bring drink bottle, halter and lead to tie up, \$5 for lunch.

Nominations/RSVP –. To Paula text message or call on 0407 868 705.

Any non-ATHRA members must do the on-line Day Membership book-in before they turn up to the ride.... see the ATHRA website for details.



WOMBAT FOREST WINES



KDTRC Ride Report Xmas Break Up at Newbury – November Rides

Prepared by Julie Samson

We had the best ever break-up weekend at Newbury, blessed by fine weather (cool and windy on Saturday and still and hot on Sunday), plenty of yards for the horses and good company both old and new. Numbers were up and Amy's horsemanship challenge on Saturday after the ride was very popular (she'll tell you the results)... so popular that riders kept going back to it on Sunday to train their horses... well done Amy.

On Saturday Julie lead the afternoon ride through the bush west of the Garlicks Lead Schoolhouse following fence-lines, three very pretty bush tracks, Lyonville Track and along the Rail-Trail to the Radio Springs Hotel, where we were joined by some non-riders and all had a refreshing drink and snacks on the verandah. Two of our riders had pulled out near the beginning of the ride (playing up too much for the riders' comfort) so thanks Karen for accompanying them safely back to camp. Thanks Di and Deb for being drag-riders, and Di for (unneeded) first-aid.

The ride back along the track parallel to the rail-trail and south down Millers Track was uneventful.. except for the amazing luck of Rob Featonby who found one of his Ezi-boots hanging on a gate three years after he lost it in the Newbury area.

The snacks and drinks after the games were great and the BBQ excellent as always..thanks James and Julian for cooking; despite the fire in the brazier (thanks Mark for chain-sawing) we all decided a fire in the school-house was a much better proposition. Amy's Kris Kringle left every one very satisfied, thank you. And desserts were wonderful.

Sunday... there were 17 riders, we covered 17 km on the other side of the road, heading towards Blackwood; Grace was drag, Di and Matt (un-needed)s first-aider. Beautiful 4WD tracks and some interesting stories about the mines; then a single-file challenging track that crossed a creek. Some elves had left out treats for the horses (carrots and dunking-apples); they turned out to be James and Meredith who then treated us to a drink, delicious quiche/muffins (thanks Amy), Meredith's irresistible slices and othe concoctions!!! Yum-Yum. We got back for our BBQ by 2...not feeling very hungry.

The Newbury Reserve School-house had been revamped by Trentham Adult Riders with a new stove, benches and solar-lights. So it was really much easier to do the dishes, and use the inside rather than be vulnerable to the elements outside. Packing up at the end of Sunday's ride, BBQ (thanks Erin and Alison) and meeting also went smoothly. Everyone had picked up their horses' poo and bagged it.

Thanks to all those people who hopped in and did what needed to be done very quickly and efficiently.

The biggest thank you to Amy who planned and organised all the extra enjoyable activities.

Julie

Photos from the 2018 Xmas Break Up at Newbury



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Get yourself a KDTRC Shirt or Vest at our Xmas Break Up

Do you wanna be one of the cool kids in KDTRC? Do you wanna represent your club when riding with other ATHRA affiliated clubs?

Get yourself a club shirt or vest by accessing what we have in stock on display at the Xmas Break up or put in an order with Amy for one in the size and colour that you would like.

