



September 2019 Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING (1st Thursday of the month) **8pm Thursday 5th September 2019**

All welcome Southern Hotel (next to Cafe Nova)
Come early for tea – 7pm

August Meeting

- Ride Calendar.
- Bri-Glen Near Whyte Yarcowie – Richard Grimson is looking into as a possible ride venue.
- Come and Try days - ongoing.
- SA Water – submission lodged by Di Schaefer – ongoing.
- Emergency Details Booklet – ongoing.
- Discussion - Christmas Dinner Details.

CLUB COOLERS

***** NEW *****

Club Drink Coolers are now available for Purchase by members \$5 each. They will be available with the sign in book – take your cooler from the bag & place your money in the cooler money bag.



Coming Events

September Ride : Clare Valley Camp –Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept 2019

Host – Sandy Jones come for both sdays or either day:
Trail Boss – Sandy Jones.
Saturday 14th ride out 2pm, pre ride meet 1.45pm (Arrive after 12 noon).
Sunday 15th ride out 10am, pre ride meet 9.45 (Arrive after 9am).
RSVP by 11th September to: gawler.thrc@gmail.com

For those that want to I will host a ride Saturday & Sunday in the Claire Valley with a camp over & bonfire on the Saturday night at my place & then to Mintaro on Sunday after breakfast.
BBQ sausages for tea but own breakfast needed.
I have plenty of room for swags on the floor.
Electric fencing will be needed to make smaller yards for overnight horses & floats in a secure small paddock.

Saturday: Leasingham - 2pm ride out (Pre-ride talk 1.45pm no horses) ~ 2hr.
Ride will be along dirt roads. Suitable for both riding and harness.

Sunday: Mintaro - 10am ride out (Pre-ride talk 9.45am no horses) ~25k & 3-5hr depending on the weather.
Riding through the outskirts of the town and along mainly dirt roads with a short section of bitumen. Suitable for being ridden or driven. Saddlebag lunch to be taken.

Ride Grade Sat & Sun: Walk/trot. Barefoot suitable. No known obstacles. Hazards = stock.

Directions: Directions will be emailed to you after the 11th September 2019

Cost: ATHRA member \$2 Ride fee. Only limited Non ATHRA member riding visitors: fee \$25/day (please be advised that if you are not a member of ATHRA you will need to be sponsored by an ATHRA member to ride & pre-register as

a day member 3 days prior with ATHRA online - \$15 direct to ATHRA & \$10 to club on the day). Please bring the correct change & place in tin at sign on book.

September Ride – CAMP –27th & Sun 29th September 2019

TBA - Details to be finalised & will be advised to members via email and Facebook

October Ride : OWEN CAMP & OBSTACLE DAY & TRAIL RIDE Saturday 19 & Sunday 20th Oct 2019

Host – Julie Jackson.

Trail Boss – Julie Jackson.

Friday (18th) - arrive any time after 3pm if you wish to come a day earlier to set up.

Saturday – Obstacle day ride – arrive any time.

Sunday – Ride out for trail 10am (pre ride meet 9.45am no horse).

RSVP by 16th October to: gawler.thrc@gmail.com

It is optional what time and which days you attend. You can even come on Friday any time after 3pm and set up camp. If you cannot come until Saturday any time is fine.

At Owen there is a large oval, plenty of space, plenty of shade, 10 large secure horse yards and the extreme obstacle course which is great with interesting challenges. It includes getting your horse through, over and around obstacles that you don't see every day.

There are toilets but no showers; plenty of water for humans and horses. There is a shed if the weather is unpleasant with electricity, kettle, sink & fridge. A lovely pub just across the road if you wish to join us for evening meals or if not, a BBQ is available to cook your own meal.

You will need to bring all food for yourself and your horse.

Camping is free but we will be charged for the use of the facilities. A fee of \$10 per rider is to be paid to cover expenses. If you have your own portable yards please bring them as there are only 10 permanent yards.

More details will be supplied to those who RSVP.

November Christmas Dinner Saturday 23rd 2019 – Sandy Creek Hotel



This year the Christmas Dinner will be held at the Sandy Creek Hotel Beer Garden. If the weather is inclement, there is a marquee so we will be protected. We have the option to arrive at 3pm onwards for 'Happy Hour' and to bring our own nibbles. The menu will be the choice of Turkey or Pork Roast and a delicious dessert. Meals can be served by 6.30pm at a cost of \$ /person.

We will again have a Kris Kringle present to the value of \$10. (optional) The Club would like numbers attending by 7th November and a \$20 deposit by this date also.

Payment can be made direct to the Club :

*Gawler Trail Horse Riders Club Inc. - Beyond Bank BSB 325-185
Account 03224848*

More details will be provided closer to the date.

RIDE CALENDAR FOR 2019

Rides are usually held on the 3rd weekend (Sunday calculated) & 5th Sunday of the month (if there is one).
Camps held ~1st or 5th weekend of the month (negotiable) Meeting dates are held on the 1st Thursday of the month

The following is a work in progress – dates, location & hosts to be continually confirmed

Please nominate a date if you have nominated to host rides

<i>Ride Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Club Meeting Dates for 2019</i>
Sept 14 & 15	Clare Ride - Leasingham	Sandy Jones	5 Sept
Sept 27-30	Camp – Southern Flinders? TBA	Kath McCullagh	
Oct 19 & 20	Owen Camp & Obstacle day & Trail Ride	Julie Jackson	3 Oct
Nov 9	Rosedale	Lisa Crinion	7 Nov
Nov 23 rd (Sat)	Christmas Dinner (Sandy Creek Hotel)	Di Schaefer	5 December
Dec 14 & 15	Mt Crawford Ride	Laine R	

Past Events

August Ride – TRURO GORGE Day ride/ Camp – Sat 17th & Sun 18th August 2019

Summary from Julie Jackson:

The camp at Truro on the 17th and 18th of August was magnificent from my point of view.



I left home at 8am to get there at 9 and checked out where to park and put Flash in 1 of the sheep yards. It took William and me a while to make up our minds where to have our camp fire for later on but we finally settled on an ideal place. William came up in the other car with all the wood and my new fire drum.

About 9.30 Peter from the Riverland group arrived, this weekend took about 2 years to finalise. We had to get a venue where we could camp and a common date to suit Natalie a club member who lives in Truro and also the Riverland group. I watched intently as Peter set

up his night line for his horse; might be an idea next time when I camp but you do need a couple of trees. The rest of the other riders slowly began to arrive. Renata and her daughter Sophie also from the Riverland, who again night lined her horses, Teri and Lisa J/W and Tamara. I think the weather forecast turned a few people off as we did have a few cancelations.



Every one settled their horses, set up camp and had a bite to eat and we were off at 1.30pm for a 2 hour ride on the gentle slopes of the property. We followed the fence every time we came to an open gate we explored that kept going around in a big right hand circle until we camp. We did split into 2 groups as there were a horses and both groups had a few trots. It was a bit Saturday's ride but later in the afternoon and evening down which was a blessing and this enabled us to round the camp fire.



lines around and paddock and just ended back, at couple of anxious breezy on the wind died right have a beautiful sit

Later in the afternoon the farmer's wife Tik, her 3 children and

mother in law very kindly brought us all down a cooked meal for dinner. Purple rice, stir-fry and chicken on skewers. It was fantastic and we were so spoilt. We did have 1 vegetarian in camp who cooked her own meal later in the evening. Darren, William, Chris and Maria sporting her arm in a sling after her operation also joined us, there was enough for all and seconds for some too.

The only problem with eating so early the night seemed to drag on for ever we kept checking the time and it appeared to only move forward in fractions of a second. People did start to trickle off to bed as the time passed. Teri kindly supplied us with marsh mellows to toast on the fire with her telescopic fork which went down a treat for us young at heart.

The wind came up during the night with 3 spots of rain. The 3 Riverland riders decided to leave us and go home on Sunday morning because of the suspect weather which was just bearable or was it. They did



not know what they missed. After Kathy and Nat came and we all had breakfast and rugged up to go out riding as the wind was extremely strong to put it mildly but the rain was only minute. The wind was so strong that the rain got blown away and did not fall on us or the ground. Fantastic country was before us including some entertainment. We saw an eagle chasing and dive bombing a Euro (a small roo) we don't know who won as they both headed to the other side of

the ridge and out of sight. The challenge was about to begin, the hills or what I call mountains were fast approaching and our aim was to get to the 2nd and bigger Truro gorge mouth. Because the weather was so foul we did not quite make it; we got a bit bushed. The horses were a bit reluctant at times too to go forward freely and we probably ended up going where they led us and we got snookered.



After a bit of exploring on foot, discussion, weather and checking the time we decided to head back to camp the way we came. We did not get to the gorge literally but did see part of it in the distance. It was at this stage that Flash realised we were heading for home and he said yippee and led the way down the cutting and onto the flat ground and follow the creek home. The 4 hour ride was enjoyed by all and we were so glad that we braved the conditions.



We sincerely thank Mike and his wife Tik for letting us camp and ride on their treasure of land. We hope we can go back another time when maybe the weather is kinder. Also thanks to Nat for organising this experience of a life time - for at me at least.

Summary from Natalie Bennison:



I got up nice and early and dragged poor old Muggles out of the paddock. The weather was cool and just a bit breezy with a threat of rain. I loaded up and drove out to join the campers which was only 5 mins away from where I live. I didn't get to meet the people from the Riverland club as they left due to the weather forecast. The 6 of us who remained saddled up with Kath holding my saddle blankets for me to stop them blowing off. We headed off with raincoats and warm clothes, did I mention the wind! - With Kath opening the bush gates to let us all through into the open paddocks. From here we followed the creek bed and had a wet crossing and headed to the mouth of the gorge. We had disturbed a few kangaroos on the way and were entertained by a wedge tail eagle which harassed one of them. Unfortunately they were too far away for pictures.



It is truly stunning landscape as the photos show. We then headed up the hill; Muggles had a moment! He actually led the way up the track. His eyesight and courage normally make him a follower not a leader. The wind intensified the higher we climbed until at the top I was holding my hat even though it was strapped on. It tried to rain but the wind blew it away before we could get wet. A very rocky landscape and inclement weather, (did I mention the wind!) had us seeking lower ground but we could not find the way through to the bottom of the gorge. We were all off and walking by now. We decided that the weather was slowly getting worse and it would be better to head back, but we all agreed that we must do this ride again. Hopefully the weather will be better and we can explore this amazing country.

It was an amazing ride with well-behaved horses and riders. A huge thanks to the property owners who let a bunch of strangers enjoy their backyard and even supplied some dinner for the campers. Hope to see more of you next time and hopefully the weather comes to the party too. Did I tell you how windy it was?



STILL LOOKING TO BUY – from Sallyanne Burton

Hello everyone

I am still looking to buy another horse.

I would ideally like to find a coloured horse (painted - piebald, skewbald, palomino, appaloosa, buckskin, dun etc), age to be between 5 & 8 years old and 14.3 to 15.5hh. The horse has to have a good temperament and it needs to float well.

I am seeking a good trail riding horse and one that can do some show jumping as well.

I can pay up to \$2000 for the right horse. If anyone knows of a horse available could you please contact me.

With thanks.....Sallyanne (phone on 04289 158 52).

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for any items that members want printed in the **October 2019** newsletter will be **Monday 23 Sept**, so please ensure that your emails reach Maria Pearce gawler.THRC@gmail.com before that date to avoid disappointment.

Horse Health – extract from evidencebasedworming.com.au

A Best Practice in Environmental Strongyle Worm Management

Seasonal Guide for Horse Managers

Relevant for healthy, adult horses from the age of 3 years

Gear up for SPRING

With an increase in temperature and good moisture, pasture grass will grow quickly. These are the best conditions for Strongyles to begin laying eggs. So, about a month into Spring...

- undertake a faecal egg count (FEC) for each horse and record these measurements for your future reference
 - **LOW (0 – 100 EPG)** – No treatment necessary.
 - **MODERATE (> 100 <200 EPG)** – No treatment, FEC monitor in 4-6 weeks or after warm, moist weather.
 - **MODERATE-HIGH (>200 <500 EPG)** – treatment advisable, monitor with additional FEC at end of efficacy period (according to manufacturer's statement).
 - **HIGH (>500 EPG)** – High-egg shedder. Treatment necessary. Continue to monitor these horses.
- **always treat HIGH egg-shedding horses with a targeted treatment (read the label) and monitor with FECs.**

Become a **Worm Weather Tragic**:

- When the grass is growing, the worms will be laying eggs so, after warm, moist conditions (yes, these can even occur in winter) be FEC-vigilant!

AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY: always integrate FECs with good pasture hygiene/horse husbandry strategies.

Policies

A reminder to all members that our club has some policies that we endorse. These include a **NON SMOKING, SAFETY & HOT WEATHER** policy. These can all be viewed on the ATHRA web site, via the state page - www.athra.com.au.

Previous Newsletters, photos & club information can also be viewed at any time on the ATHRA web site.

WEATHER

The ride host/leader for the day will have the final say regarding weather (including inclement weather).

The hot weather policy states, if the weather forecast in **ELIZABETH** for the next day is to be **over 32 deg** (as per the news the night before) the club rally/ride will be cancelled (unless the ride is scheduled to commence prior to 9am or after 6pm). This is for the safety of all riders and horses. Also, any club rides in **FOREST** areas on **TOTAL FIRE BAN** days will be cancelled.

Please check with the Trail Boss if in any doubt. They have the final word!

CLUB UNIFORM

Our club uniform currently comprises of a lime yellow high-vis shirt (long or short sleeve), **club badges available for \$12. Gawler Club Members & their visitors are required to wear Safety Helmets whilst mounted - helmet must be no more than five years old from Date of Manufacture.**

RIDE FEE & DAY MEMBERS

ATHRA members - a ride fee of \$2 per ride is applicable.

Non ATHRA Members (Day Members) – a ride fee of \$25/person/day is applicable (\$10 to club on the day & \$15 to ATHRA with pre-registration) (*Non-refundable fee, maximum 2 days as a day member*).

The important things to note: 1. Day Members must be sponsored and accompanied at all times by an ATHRA member during the ride or event.

2. The Sponsoring member must make the Day Member aware of ATHRA rules and requirements of the Code of Conduct.

3. They may only sponsor 1 Day Member per ride.

4. By participating as a sponsor, the sponsoring member acknowledges responsibility for the conduct and behaviour of the Day Member

5. Day Members must contact the trail boss to discuss attendance & then pre-register with ATHRA Online at least 3 days prior to ride.

RIDE HOST CHECKLIST

A ride host's checklist is in the green bag, in which is kept the sign in book, ride fee tin, saddle bags, first aid kits, safety vests, etc. Trail Bosses are to check the list to make sure all is in order prior to your ride. It is also the Hosts responsibility to ensure a ride report is arranged to be submitted to Newsletter Editor prior to next publication date.

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