

Annual General Meeting

The Orange Trail Horse Riders and Drivers Association Annual General Meeting was held on 20 November 2022. There were 19 people in attendance. All executive positions were declared vacant. The new nominations accepted and seconded were:

President - Ron Moss, nominated by Lesley Staniforth and seconded by Rob Matthews.

Vice President - Cathy Hancock, nominated by Ron Moss and seconded by Lesley Staniforth.

Secretary - Penny Richards, nominated by Lesley Staniforth and seconded by Ron Matthews.

Treasurer - Averil Keen, nominated by Averil Keen and seconded by Lesley Staniforth.

First Aid Officers - Lesley Staniforth and Kerri Gardner.

Action: Locate OTHRADA ride signs. Do you know where they are???



Pre AGM Ride at Neville

2022 OTHRADA RIDE CALENDAR

Orange Trail Horse Riders and Drivers Association



2022 ride nominations

Christmas Ride Neville

Neville Siding Christmas Party



Seven riders participated in the Christmas ride at Neville. They departed from the Neville showground in drizzly rain and rode through town and along country roads that followed the perimeter of Neville Forest.

The ride lasted for approximately 3 hours and was enjoyed by all those who participated.

The riders later joined the other participants for the AGM and Christmas party which was lots of fun.

The Club farewelled Michelle Gander who had been a fundamental participant and office bearer for the club for many years. She will be sadly missed, and the club wishes her all the very best in her new business venture in Queensland.



Renewing Memberships

The new pricing structure provided by ATHRA for insurance is as follows:

Social Membership \$30 effective 1 October 2021

Day Membership \$20 effective 1 October 2021

Junior Membership: 5 - 18 years \$35 effective 1 October 2021

Child Membership: under 5 years \$25 effective 1 October 2021

Adult Membership: 18 - 79 years \$120 effective 1 January 2022, (\$100 if paid before 31 December 2021)

Senior Membership: 79 years + \$65 effective 1 January 2022, (\$60 if paid before 31 December 2021)

Remember that there is also a club component of \$21 to be added on. Renewing ATHRA membership has changed this year and you are all classed as new participants. To access the site follow this [link](#) to the Gameday site.

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Merry Christmas

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OTHRADA CLUB Newsletter

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Are you interested in becoming an accredited Trail Boss, Ride Coordinator or Ride Steward? Ride Coordinators and Trail Bosses must have a thorough knowledge of the Code of Conduct and the ability and willingness to follow the rules and guidelines and to ensure compliance by all participants. We have many good ride leaders who have proven themselves to be effective on club rides who should have little difficulty gaining accreditation. The next ATHRA Accreditation course will be held on Saturday 12 March and Sunday 13 March at [Eden Pony Club Grounds, Weber Park, Eden](#). Alternatively, we could arrange to hold our own Accreditation weekend. We would need a minimum of ten participants to conduct a course locally which would be convenient for members but some work as per the information below.

Participation in an ATHRA accreditation course is open only to current registered ATHRA members, aged 18 years or over. A member is "registered" once the member has registered on-line or member's club has submitted to ATHRA a Club Member Registration form in the member's name and paid the appropriate registration fee, and the member's name has been recorded in ATHRA's Members' Database.

In order to obtain the Trail Boss certificate, the following practical exercises must be undertaken and passed -

- Ride and control a horse at a walk, trot and canter,
- Open and close a gate either mounted or dismounted,
- Mount and dismount a horse unassisted,
- Lead a horse whilst mounted,
- Lead a horse from the ground,
- Correct and functional fit of tack and or equipment, and
- Actively participate mounted in a simulated Trail Ride.

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOSTING AN ACCREDITATION COURSE

- There is a \$50 fee for each participant, payable either by the individual or the individual's club.

Clubs are not permitted to charge participants more than this amount for participation in the course and provision of morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Additional charges are permitted for the provision of additional meals and services over and above participation, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Once an Accreditation Course Participant Application has been submitted and the fee has been paid, the fee is non-refundable should the individual elect not to attend the course.

However, the ATHRA board may, in its absolute discretion and upon written submission from the individual or their club, decide to refund all or part of the fee where the circumstances of the non-attendance are entirely outside the control of the individual (such as the death of a family member).

- The host club collects this fee from each participant prior to the course, and forwards \$20 to ATHRA together with the participants' application forms.
- The club will keep \$30 for each participant towards the cost of venue hire and catering. As mentioned above, ATHRA further subsidises the cost of the course over and above the retained \$20.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION COURSE VENUE

Accreditation courses are conducted over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) and could include participants who do not live locally and therefore will want to camp overnight. The host club must source a venue that satisfies the following minimum requirements:

The venue must have a suitable "classroom" environment to comfortably accommodate all participants, plus the ATHRA trainer(s) - undercover seating for participants and trainer, whiteboard and marker pens, a surface on which participants can write, no excessive ambient noise.

- The venue must have toilet and camping facilities, and it is recommended that showers are also available.
- The venue must also have an area where participants' horses can safely be accommodated during the day and overnight.
- The venue must have a suitable area, equipment and infrastructure to conduct the practical assessments
 - Large flat area - A minimum of 50 metres by 50 metres in size, clear of obstacles and pot holes,
 - Secure tying up points - These can be by way of solid wooden or steel fencing, solid wooden or steel yards, solid tying up hitching rails, or failing the above the use of horse trailers,
 - Swinging gate - A swinging gate into a paddock or driveway, clear of obstacles and which can be opened or closed either mounted or unmounted, -
 - A Queensland or "cocky's" gate - This is one of those gates roughly constructed with either star pickets or wood connected with wire which are secured by tie wire to existing fencing,
 - Marker cones - Ideally 10 marker cones which can be used to mark out the area for the practical exercises.
- The venue must be convenient to a location where a "simulated trail ride" can be conducted, with its start point at the venue.
- The Host Club is to assist in mapping out a suitable simulated trail ride lasting up to one hour with as many hazards as possible being encountered. It is suggested that the Trainer be consulted on the proposed simulated trail ride route during the course planning phase. In any case, the Trainer will discuss and inspect the selected route with the club upon arrival at the venue.

If you are interested in participating in an accreditation course, providing a venue, providing equipment, or helping for part or all of a weekend, please get in touch with the Club Secretary, Penny Richards on MB 0408 038 606



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