

# R&M Horse Trail Riders Club

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## 2010 CALANDER UPDATE:

Date	Location
29 May	Cadell
26 June	Waikerie
31 July	Cooltong
28 August	Mystery
24 September	Burra
22 October	Kuitpo Forrest
26 November	Spec's lakes
10 December	Lake Bonney

(AGM)

## NEXT TRAIL RIDE:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Cadell

Ride Organiser – Peter Hopewell [hopewell@riverland.net.au](mailto:hopewell@riverland.net.au)

Trail ride will begin at the Hopewell residence, we will ride across the Cadell Ferry to Morgan have lunch at the pub and return home via the Morgan Ferry. (approx. 4-5 hour ride)

BYO: money and halter and lead for lunch stop.

Further details will be emailed out closer to the ride.

RSVP: BEFORE Tuesday 24th May.

## HORSEMANSHIP PRACTISE DAY:

Due to life getting in the way of life we haven't held a Practise day in a few months, if you have a suggested venue and date for the next one please email

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## DE REPORT - Bonneyview Farm 16th April

ven riders rode out to Bonneyview Farm, across the wheat stubble and to the next gate we w a mob of about 50 feral goats. JD and Archie went to take a closer look and to the relief Cara who was riding youngster Roo he did not bring them all back over the hill to us. through the paddocks some riders popping over the logs ( yes Cara Jamie & Gill). Around the am and out to the heritage. Some difficulties opening the gate but the challenge was on. JD wore no gate would stop him if he wanted to get in, and he was right. The sun was shining and it was very pleasant meandering through the scrub. The track is to your right says Gill who was leading from the back. What b....dy track. Again we pick our way through the scrub. Back through the troublesome gate and we moved along a bit quicker along the farm tracks over the undulating sand hills. Keeping up with Harry is a tough ask. Found a couple more goats and had a half hearted muster attempt. Harry went off to practice campdrafting a big Billy. Through the gate into the stubble again and way in the distance is another big mob of er hoons JD Harry & Peter. They had them contained. Now what we say. Long way to the yards. Jamie wants a baby one, Mum will let me she says. As she cuts one out of the mob Boon takes exception to it and barrels it connecting with the poor little thing. She jumps off and picks it up. Of course no one is going to carry it home so she sadly lets it go. As we ride away we hear mournful bleating and look around to see two Wedge Tailed eagles swooping the little thing. Jamie to the rescue, she heads back to chase them off and herd the little goat to the safety of the trees and the other goats. Enough excitement for the day a leisurely ride back to camp.



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## RIDE REPORT - Burra March 26th & 27th

What can I say but WOW! Thank you so much Graham for putting on a Spectacular weekend in March....though I think next time there maybe a GPS or two stuffed in saddlebags Just to make sure we are on the right mountain

The quick run down:

Saturday 36<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am we load up the troops and head for Burra, we had already had a couple of phone calls from some of the crew to say they were too eager to wait for us. We cruise to Morgan, stop for morning tea and then head on out towards Burra. About 10km out of Burra we spot our first R&M sign "Turn Right" And this is where the fun begins!!!! We head on down quite a dry dirt road, fairly flat but we could see the hills in the distance. By this time Graham had already gotten 473 phone calls from one of our members - who will remain nameless (Renata) "I'M LOST", Grahams reply "Your not just keep driving"

We finally get to the bottom of the hills, held our breath and put the Colorado into four wheel drive and headed up....and headed up....and headed up....and just when you thought you couldn't head up any more, guess what...you headed up! We finally saw some trees in the distance and about an hour and a bit later arrived at our camp to find what seemed like 473 people all eager for the weekends adventures.

We had about 20 riders which is one of our biggest trail rides to date for our little club, though as usually by the time we were 5 minutes down the first trail it seemed like we had known everyone forever!

I have to say coming from the flat country of the Riverland, Burra was just spectacular! And I definitely thought some of us could have given Tom Burlinson and Sigrid Thornton a run for their money. The scenery from the top of each and every mountain was incredible and so was the climb. I was blown away how well our flat country horses kept up.

With the next Burra ride scheduled for September I recommend everyone locking it in their diaries now!

**JUNE TRAIL RIDE DETAILS**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - Benson Park  
Waikerie  
Ride Organiser – Ken Nitschke  
[bensonpk@riverland.net.au](mailto:bensonpk@riverland.net.au)  
Bush Ride—approx. 6 hours  
Ready to ride at 9:30am  
Lunch will be provided BYO drinks  
RSVP: BEFORE Wednesday 22nd June.  
Members are welcome to arrive on Saturday afternoon and camp.

## A WORD FROM ATHRA NATIONAL:

2011 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever before. The first election for the Board of Directors is taking place on Sunday the 1st May. The election is taking place at 0900 at the Camden Valley Inn Conference Room, all members are welcome to attend.

The restructure is now complete, Regional Managers have been appointed and will no doubt be in contact with Clubs shortly. As with any new administration, there are some teething problems, we seek your patience whilst we refine and improve on the issues. As a reminder to all ATHRA clubs, those wishing to update their constitution and be in alignment with the new ATHRA constitution, clubs can take advantage of the ATHRA offer to supply a template and pay for the registration of such, this offer is available until the end of 2011. ATHRA's new constitution is also now available from the website.

We have a fantastic array of partners for 2011, our partners provide ATHRA members with wonderful discounts, members are encouraged to utilize these fantastic offers. Cavallo ([www.cavallo-inc.com](http://www.cavallo-inc.com)) who provide members with significant and varying discounts on their merchandise. They are also ATHRA's major sponsor. Nash Saddles ([www.nashcustomsaddles.com.au](http://www.nashcustomsaddles.com.au)) a fantastic saddle is up for auction to ATHRA members only. The value of the saddle is well in excess of \$3500, Dixon-Smith, (<http://dixonsmith.com.au/>) They will provide 10% discount to ATHRA members, advise your ATHRA membership when you make the purchase. Ozzy Horse Ropes, ([www.ozzyhorseropes.com](http://www.ozzyhorseropes.com)) They provide 10% discount to ATHRA members, advise your ATHRA membership when you make the purchase. Swish Horse ([www.swishhorse.com](http://www.swishhorse.com)) Offers 10% discount on Cashel product range & 5% discounts on Swish Horse product range, advise your ATHRA membership when you make the purchase. Affinity Insurance ([www.affinityib.com.au](http://www.affinityib.com.au)) offer wonderful discounts to ATHRA members on all of their insurance needs be they horse or float, Public Liability or Personal accident.

On June 4th ATHRA, in conjunction with ACTHA (American Competitive Trail Horse Association) are hoping to break the world record for holding the largest Trail Ride in History. Paul Moulden has been appointed the ATHRA National Coordinator for this event. Paul is currently briefing all of our Regional Managers. All clubs and members are encouraged to support this event with all of the Australian proceeds going towards the plight of the Brumbies.

I look forward to advising you of many other new events planned for 2011, so until then wishing you many wonderful and safe hours in the saddle.

Tony Hart—ATHRA Transition Director on behalf of the Transition Board



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