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## **RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB** **JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER**

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**PIG & WHISTLE PUB**

(Ride notice – Attached)

**Please notify if attending**

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**BULLENGAROOK – WATERLOO FLAT ROAD**

(Ride notice – Attached)

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
(Easter Event)

**GLENLYON EASTER CAMP**

(Ride notice - Attached)

**Please notify if attending**

**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**NEWBURY RIDE**

(Ride notice – Attached)

Hi Everyone,

This newsletter has all the info on the coming events including the Easter Camp at Glenlyon which is usually well attended, heaps of fun and the weather is usually brilliant – so don't miss out – plan ahead!! Please take note of the nominated rides and let Lloyd know by email or phone if your attending as soon as you can.

If anyone needs copies of ride notices previously published or need them in a different format please let me know – happy to resend.



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## **Pig & Whistle Pub Ride Sun 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

### **Nominations are a MUST for this ride.**

This will be a ride from Firth Park through the Wombat Forest to the Pig & Whistle at Trentham East for lunch. We will be riding on tracks and some gravel roads with the last kilometre or so to the Pub on a bitumen road with grass verges. Terrain is flat to undulating.

**Horses will need to be tied up at the Pub as there are no yards, so come prepared.** Parking is at Firth Park which is on Firth Road between Bullengarook and Trentham East.

Anticipated return to floats is around 3.00pm.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
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- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.*
- *Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the float parking area must be on a lead at all times.*
- *All riders must adhere to the RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.*

**Ride out time 10:00am.**

**Ride Leader: Rob Stephens**

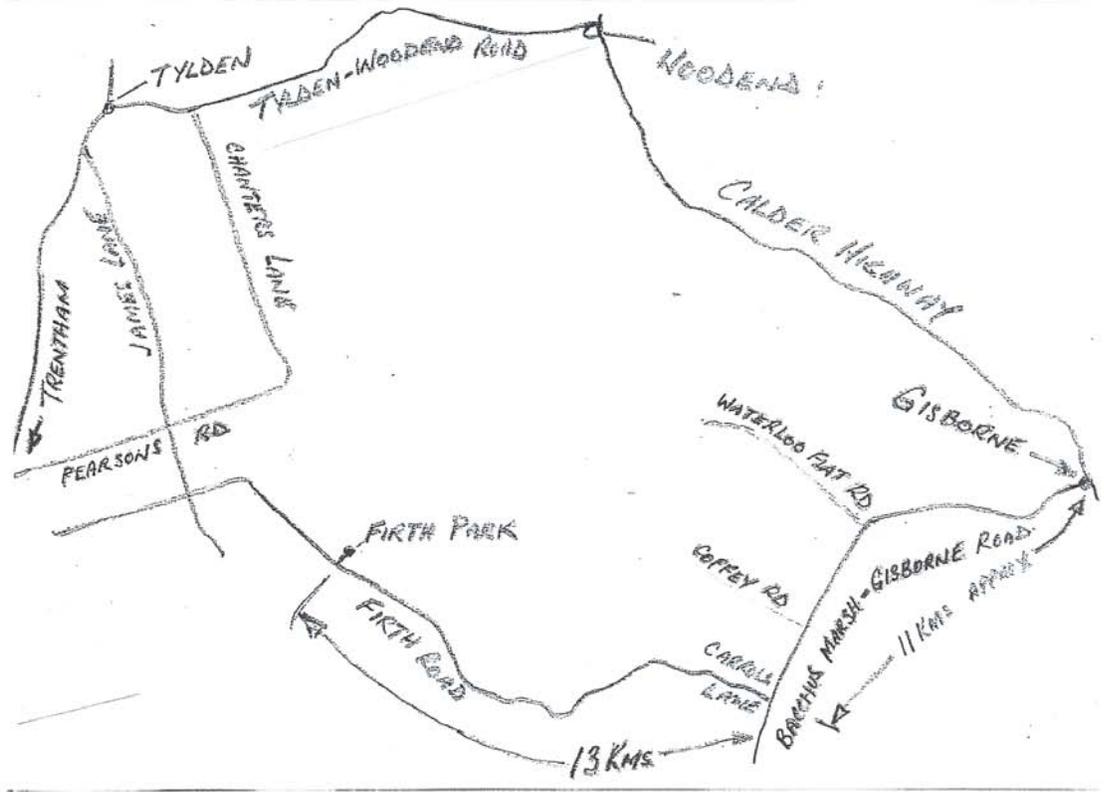
**Cost:** \$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance

**Nominations:** to Lloyd Fletcher email [rcthrc1@hotmail.com](mailto:rcthrc1@hotmail.com) or call 0400668020 by **Wed February 13<sup>th</sup>** so we can advise final numbers to the Pub.

# FIRTH PARK





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## **Bullengarook – Waterloo Flat Road Sun 10th March 2013**

This ride will start from Waterloo Flat road Bullengarook and ride in the Wombat Forest. Riding will be on sandy/gravel, roads and tracks with terrain being flat to undulating and there will be some hilly sections but not daunting. Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30pm where tea and coffee will be available.

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Enquiries: Rob Stephens (03)54282626



**2013 EASTER CAMP – GLENLYON**  
**BY INVITATION OF RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB INC.**

- **WHERE:** GLENLYON PONY CLUB GROUNDS – GLENLYON

**WHEN:** EASTER – March 28th – 1st April 2013

(You are welcome to arrive on Thursday afternoon if you wish.)

**RIDE OUT TIMES:**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>HALF DAY RIDE</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FULL DAY RIDE</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>HALF DAY RIDE</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HALF DAY RIDE</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

**COST:** R.C.T.H.R.C. MEMBERS \$50.00 PER PERSON,

Non Riding visitors /ATHRA Members \$60 & all Juniors 12 and under \$25 for the weekend, includes, camping, Saturday Night Catered Dinner & all rides.

Saturday Night only, catered dinner & camping/ride \$25.

If you only want to ride/stay 1 night other than Saturday night cost is \$10

**As we are having a catered dinner on the Saturday Night, Nominations are a MUST no later than the 15th of MARCH 2013**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON PER DAY FOR NON ATHRA MEMBERS**

( Non ATHRA riders may only ride twice with ATHRA clubs before becoming members)

***This applies whether camping/camping & riding or riding for a day only.***

- There is plenty of room at the Pony club grounds for camping. There are toilets, water taps and mineral springs. A well sheltered, secure 40 acre paddock is available for the horses, or you can use your portable yards.
- There are only limited trees for night-lining.
- You will need to bring your usual camping gear, for you and your horse including food.

**COME ALONG AND HAVE AN EASTER AFFAIR WITH US**

This has been a very popular camp over the last 20 years with lots of riders coming from other clubs. It's a great opportunity to meet new and old faces, swap yarns, have a drink, sit around the fire or dance the night away with the Juke Box, yahoo and anything else you can think of , so come along and help us CELEBRATE EASTER at GLENLYON.....

**Hope to SEE YOU THERE.**

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Information and Nominations to, [Lloyd Fletcher 0400668020/9743 5582](tel:0400668020) or [rcthrc1@hotmail.com](mailto:rcthrc1@hotmail.com)

Refer page 2 for Nomination form and map.

Please return the following section with your cheque made payable to

**RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB. (Mail to 3 Kevin Court, Melton South 3338)**

or Email, [rcthrc1@hotmail.com](mailto:rcthrc1@hotmail.com)

**Direct Deposit, Acc Name. Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club.**

**BSB No. 083 657**

**Acc No. 035 963 456**

**Due to Catering requirements NOMINATIONS required no later than the 21st of March 2013,**

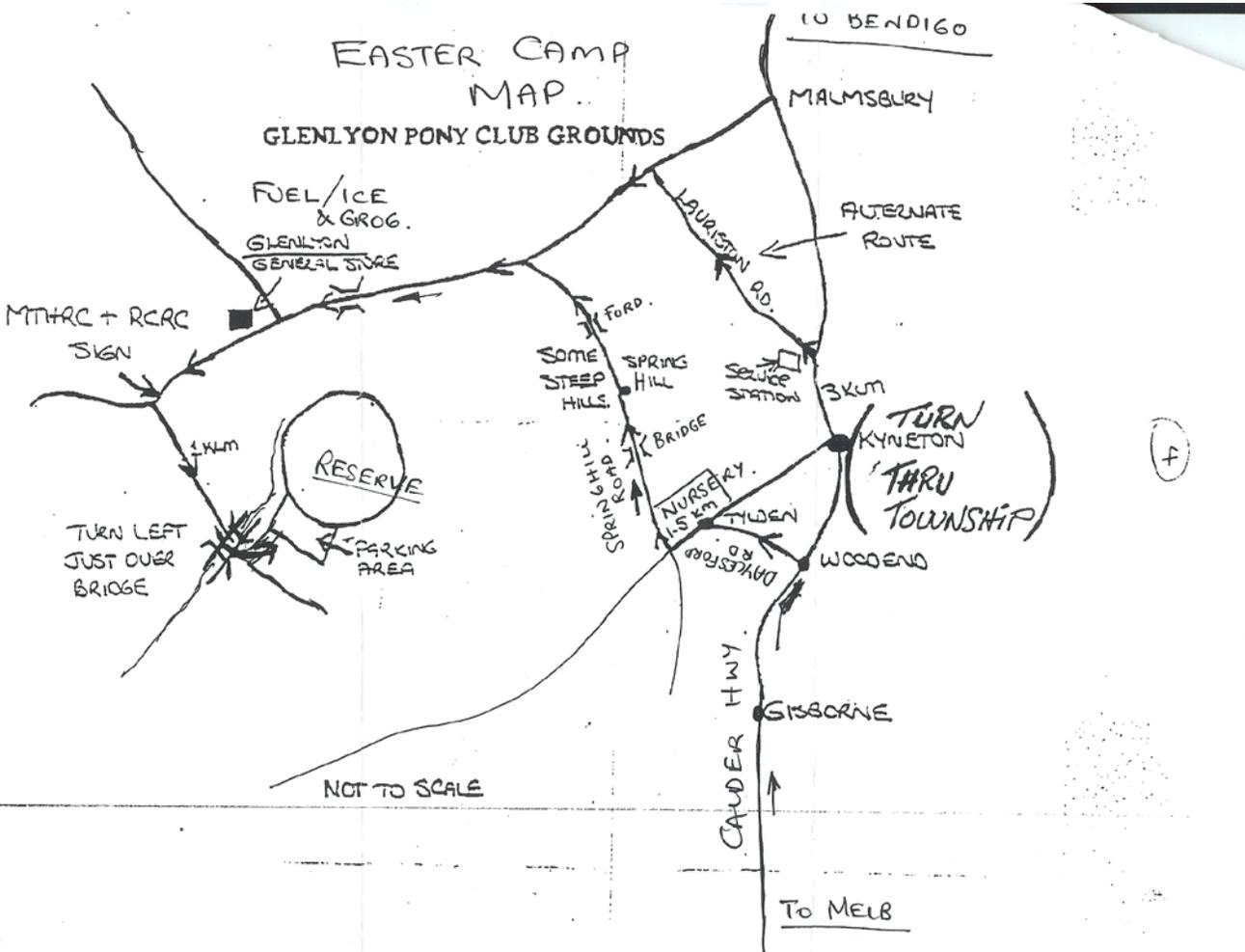
I/We will be attending Glenlyon for the 2013 EASTER Weekend.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount payable \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT CAMP\*\***





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## **Newbury Ride - Sunday 21st April 2013**

This ride will start from Old Blackwood road Newbury in the Wombat Forest, with riding in the Newbury / Trentham area. Terrain will be mainly undulating with some hilly sections. Tracks and roads will be sandy with some gravel sections and there will be a need to cross bitumen roads a couple of times . Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30pm where tea and coffee will be available.

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Enquiries: Rob Stephens 54282626 or 0437226266

## SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

I sincerely hope you all had a GR8 Xmas and didn't indulge too much welcoming in the New Year.

The Club Xmas party/ride was a GR8 success and I'm sure everybody had a GR8 time.

(Ride notice attached)

The club finished 2012 with 175 financial members, which when you consider where we were at 3 years ago is a GR8 improvement and is a testament to the dedication of ALL of our members.

Anglesea 2013 has come and gone, I'm sure those that attended had a most enjoyable time and we must thank Gill & Garry for their hospitality.

(2 ride notice's attached)

**Due to my slackness this newsletter is Very late, for this I apologise,** you will notice the "Pig & Whistle" ride notice in this newsletter, I really do need to know the numbers for the Pub, so Nominations are a **MUST**, by phone or email.

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## NEW MEMBERS

More new members, we would like to welcome,

Kim Sinclair, Shanai Watts, Jessica Palmateer, Cecilia Myers, Lee Towell, Tanya Prior, Peter Marsh, Ashley Bult.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 101 Financial Members.

## Membership Renewal

Club renewals are now overdue, so if you haven't yet renewed for 2013 you need to do so prior to your next ride, membership forms attached to this newsletter,

PLEASE try and get your renewals in before your next ride as trying to get them done on the morning of a ride is a bit of a pain.

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**It's a lot like nuts and bolts - if the rider's nuts, the horse bolts!**

# ANGLESEA Camp, Australia Day W/end.

## 2013

After loading "Woopi" I set off to Anglesea for what I was hoping was going to be another GR8 weekend at "Whinbury Hill", Gary, Trina and myself arrived about noon and began setting up our camp, various members started arriving during the afternoon and by dinner time we had quite a group including some new members, who were also looking forward to the weekend ahead, Gill rode down on her trusty ATV and informed us that Mario had called her and was desperately needing a farrier as his was not responding to his calls, this meant we would have to delay the morning ride out time by about 30 Mins, with that taken care of everybody started cooking their dinners and catching up after the Xmas break.

After dinner everybody reassembled at the shed and the socializing began, as it got later the night air became quite cool so I had to lend 2 of my warm jackets to Donna & Karen who were sitting there shivering, once warm the both of them got into the party mood with the rest of the gang and partied on, I'm led to believe it ended at approximately 2.30 the next morning, I guess there was a lot of catching up being done.

Saturday morning more members had arrived and after getting Tyler to warm up Woopi for me, I waited with the rest of the crew who were all saddled up also waiting for Mario to return from the farrier up at Gill's and as he came into sight some of us noticed that he had a very pale look on his face, he was heard to say that he didn't request " Gold plated All Terrain Competition shoes with Platinum nails" but unfortunately that is what his mare had fitted with at an unbelievable cost that had Mario feeling quite ill, once we had revived him Gill started the ride, well we hadn't got too far from the starting point when Sharlene & Cathy's horse's started showing moves that weren't expected and at one stage Sharlene's gorgeous palomino had reared that high I thought she was taking flying lessons, once they both got to the front they both quietened down and we continued.

Gill had a new track for us and it was really enjoyed by one and all, at the lunch break we discovered it was Alex Cooper's birthday, so we all sang the song and informed her that we expected cake on our return, after lunch we continued back to camp, it was really noticeable that Mario was looking for all the soft ground to ride on as he didn't want to wear out those expensive shoes and was heard saying that they better bloody well last 12 months, on our return and after looking after the horses, Donna surprised us all, including Alex with a chocolate Birthday cake she had made for her, needless to say it was devoured quite quickly, it was getting time for ever one to clean up as we were off to dinner at the Moriac Pub, Gill was not able to get us into the Anglesea pub so the Moriac pub was chosen, this unfortunately brought back horrible memories for Chris Haber as a few of us had dined there several years ago and Chris & Paul had received a meal that was not fit for human consumption, although Gill had tried to explain to Chris that there were new owners he was having nothing to do with it, so I offered to shout him dinner because it

wouldn't have been the same without him, when we got there I started to sweat bullets when he started looking at all the High Cost meals on the menu, thank god he eventually decided on a normal meal.

After dinner, which I might add was absolutely delicious, we all headed back to camp, (some even missing the turn off) and the real party started, on our return a few were worried the weather was getting a bit chilly, so Brenda set about getting the camp fire going and had it roaring in a matter of minutes, Well Done Brenda, it was noticeable that Kim, Karen, Allison, Cindy & Rob were all up on the dance floor with Rob doing his usual, "I'll dance with you all trick", the girls tried in vain to get Gill up for a dance and even gave Brenda a bit of flack, luckily Brenda had the "still getting over the broken leg" card to play, I even heard Bernie, Al & Jason talking about their fishing expeditions while we were all out riding, and as with all these fishing guy's and their fishing stories, no fish were to be seen, Tyler as usual was hanging out with all his uncles & auntie's although this camp he had honed in on Shanai and wouldn't leave her lap, the rest were all having a good time drinking, chatting and generally having a good time, I sneaked off about mid night and found out in the morning that they partied till the wee early hours, about 4-30 I'm told.

Sunday morning we all assembled and I was discussing with Gill that we were trail riders and wanted to ride on some of her trails, not the dirt roads, at this stage Gill gave me the "look" and agreed, what she delivered was simply a Fantastic bush bash through the bush with Ronnie Lee's "little" clydie doing his bulldozer impersonation and clearing the way for us all, we were all so impressed with Gill's trail ride, you could actually hear everybody behind chatting away saying this is what it's all about, after clearing the bush she led us onto a nice sandy track and it was time for all that wanted to have a canter to do so, after the slower group caught up to the faster group we all stopped for a breather and headed back to camp.

Kim was being her usual mischievous little self and had conned Chris to duck into Anglesea and buy some more birthday cake as it was Karen & Les's birthdays on Monday, so after dinner and before stage 3 of the party was to begin we sang the song again, this time to Karen & Les, due to the privacy act I'm not able to divulge their ages, I guess you had to be there. After all the Birthday hugs and so on were done the Final chapter of the "Whinbury Hill Party 2013" began and kept going way past my bedtime, I'm sure everybody was having a ball, not sure what time it ended, somewhere around 2 I believe.

Monday morning the riders were thinning out, Gill & Rob took out about half a dozen or so for a short morning ride while the remaining members packed up a bid fair well to Whinbury Hill for another year.

At this stage on behalf of the Committee & members of the RCTHRC I would like to Thank Gill & Garry for another FANTASTIC action filled weekend.

Lloyd.

## Riddells Creek Jan ride 2013

It was a pleasure to have the Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riders Club back at Whinbury Hill again. The January Camp organised by Lloyd Fletcher was a great success, 28 riders on Sat & Sun, 8 riders on Mon with perfect riding weather.

We set out on Saturday with Gill Beaurepaire as ride leader. We left at 10.30 due to Mario needing gold plated horse shoes fitted prior to riding!! We went on a new track where we rode single file down through the bracken & ferns with lovely views up & down the tall treed gullies. We rode up a long hill where riders could go ahead & canter along if they wished. I will post some photos on my website.

After a stop for lunch near a convenient log we returned to camp via some bush tracks, a section of country road then bush again coming into camp from a different direction. There was some horse & rider swimming in the dam in the afternoon. We then went for dinner at the Moriac pub, though it took some convincing to get 1 member there, Lloyd nearly had to sell Whoopi to pay for his dinner!!

Sunday we set out at 10 am with Gill as ride leader again. We started down the same lovely track, then turned left along a gully & bush bashed along an old creek bed, lots of different types of plants, birds calling & good scenery, you could hear the group laughing & enjoying themselves. Ronnie lee held the group with her very LARGE horse as Gill found a way across the creek bed & out onto a familiar track. We then headed along the favourite Harrison track. This has always been a popular track with the riders due to its long sandy stretches where riders can go at their own pace. We did not stop for lunch but re-grouped at the top of the hill where Paul Peddie has provided us with a pack horse lunch in the past. (We missed you Paul!!) We then crossed Forest Rd, & wound around through the Forest Rd Flora Reserve back to camp. Some poor riders had to leave to go to work!!

Sunday night was again a party nite with joint Birthdays for Karen & Les. A cake arrived with the usual singing, dancing & joking. A good fun night. Monday morning a few sore heads!! A small group of us set out with Gill again. Some that hadn't ridden on Saturday so we went down the lovely hill track again then turned a different way to come up the hill & the shorter route back to camp again. All very much enjoyed this ride.

Thanks to Robbie, Kate, Trina, Lisa & all the stewards, also to those who helped & took photos on the rides.

Hope to see you all again here soon at Whinbury Hill & please bring all your friends!!

*Cheers Gill B.*



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