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RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB **APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

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| APRIL 21ST | NEWBURY RIDE
(Ride notice – March newsletter) |
| MAY 19TH | COBAWS (BENLOCH END)
PORT & PIKELET RIDE
(Ride notice – March newsletter) |
| JUNE 8TH – 10TH | ELDORADO CAMP
(Ride notice – March newsletter) Limited spaces avail. |
| JULY 21ST | BULLENGAROOK - WOMBAT FOREST
(Ride notice – Attached) |
| AUGUST 7TH | AGM
More details next month |

Hi Everyone,

Newsletter time!! We have all the pics and stories from Glenlyon, what a great weekend it was thanks to everyone that turned up.

Note the AGM date in your diary please.

Enjoy



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Bullengarook – Wombat Forest. Sun 21st July 2013

This ride will start from the Bullengarook Rec Reserve and ride into 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.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *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.

BYO saddle bag lunch and drink.

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

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SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

Another "Easter at Glenlyon" has come and gone, I'm sure all that attended had an absolute ball, GR8 riding, GR8 fun and most of all a GR8 bunch of people to spend Easter with.

I would like to **THANK** everybody that assisted Rob and me with the running of this FANTASTIC camp weekend, and to all the members that enjoyed themselves over the weekend.

Allison's ride report attached.

2013 RCTHRC AGM

August 7th

Yes, it's nearly that time of the year again when you, the members need to decide who you would like holding the club reins for the following year, hopefully unlike last year, this year we will get a good number of members attending, after all it is YOUR club.

Please mark it on your calendar so you don't forget.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members, we would like to welcome,

Annielese Guier, Carly McAinsh, Ashley Bult, Tanya Lay, Rosemary & Chris Downing, Yvonne McNeal, Lisa Pike, Carmel Perrott, Jessica Burgess, Regina Laskowski & Michael Thompson,

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 138 Financial Members.

Membership Renewal

Club renewals are now well overdue, so if you haven't yet renewed for 2013 you need to do so prior to your next ride.

Please contact me if you require Club renewal forms sent out.

This will be the last newsletter sent out to all un-financial members.

The Eldorado camp on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June is fast filling up, if you were planning on attending and haven't yet nominated, you will need to **ASAP**, as we only have

room for a limited number of members and at time of printing this newsletter there are only a few spots left.

These are our NEW Club roadside signs, double sided free standing A boards, the committee sincerely hopes that all members will appreciate them and that they will make it a lot easier to see by the roadside on future rides.

We would like to Thank Pete Smith (RCTHRC Member) for making them for us.



"Look for me on the side of the road near the next club ride"

Expression of Interest needed

The committee with the help of Mark Chircop are looking at running a 2 day camp ride at the "**Boomerang Ranch**" in Daylesford on the weekend of August 10th & 11th, this will be the first time the club has run a ride from this location, although many of our members attended a ride there last year run by John Littler (RCTHRC Member) and from all reports had an absolute ball, all were very complimentary about the Ranch accommodation, facility's and the riding in the area.

The Boomerang Ranch is fully self-contained holiday ranch and has full amenities, so rather than sleeping in your float you can enjoy the Ranch accommodation at no extra charge,

there is a full functional kitchen, bathroom, dinning room and so much more, here is their web site www.boomerangranch.com.au I suggest you take the time and have a look for yourself, the cost will be \$25 per person per night and half price for kids under 15, at this stage we plan on a Saturday ride to the local Pub for lunch and a shorter ride on the Sunday.

In order for the club to book the Boomerang Ranch we need to know how many members would be genuinely interested in attending as they have a limit of 40 horses, so I need to know no later than the **5th of May** if you would like to be put on the list.

PLEASE only those that are defiantly interested in attending should nominate due to the 40 horse limit, for those that aren't riders the Ranch also offers many other attractions nearby.

“A lovely horse is always an experience.... It is an emotional experience of the kind that is spoiled by words.”

Ride Report – Easter @ Glenlyon 2013 – By Allison Seeley

I arrived at the Glenlyon rec. reserve Thursday arvo to find that a few die-hards had already arrived ahead of me. As usual, Robbie was there and had everything under control, along with our super-efficient Secretary Lloyd (who nearly didn't make it due to a faulty Chevy alternator).

Once the horses were settled and camps made, we gathered around the camp fire for a catch-up over a few social drinks and much to our delight, the hired duke box which was quickly set up at Lloyds' truck so that we could hear it at the campfire (& it ended up staying there all weekend – but more about that later!)

Friday dawned and it was a fairly relaxing morning with ride-out scheduled for 12.30pm. After our horseless muster we headed out the gate with around 20 or so riders. It seemed Robbie had done a lot of pre-riding for Easter this year with stacks of new tracks to ride on (even though I have trouble remembering the old ones!) We had a great ride and were back in camp around 3.30pm from memory. Once the horses were settled, we gathered around the fire again for another night of entertainment.

Saturday morning arrived and everyone was up early in preparation of the full day ride over to Springhill. Another muster and we headed out that gate at 10.00am with 30 plus riders in tow. We had a great day finding our way to the bus-stop on some more new tracks – which I must say, proved just a bit tricky at a couple of stages along the way, but with the help of some of the 'old-hands', we all arrived back safely at camp just before 4.00pm.

Saturday night was shower night – yay! It's always good to get a shower in if you can when you're camping – many thanks to Lloyd and Gary for sharing (or maybe we smelled a bit too much for their liking?) Anyway, we all appreciated it. Saturday night also saw the arrival of our catered dinner in the hall which was yummy (& no dishes, which was even better), then we all headed back over to the campfire for some more fun. Unfortunately a couple of showers of rain later that night made for a good excuse for quite a few weary riders to turn in a bit earlier than usual (me included). I must say that rain and camping don't normally go well together in my experience, but it was nice lying in bed listening to the rain on the roof of the float.

Sunday was to be a half-day ride from 12.30pm again, which enabled the morning Easter egg hunt for the littlies and the drawing of the raffle. Thanks must be made at this point to the committee for all their organising and also to everyone that donated a prize, a job well done. Then 20 or so people saddled up & headed out for the afternoon ride, while a lot of the others headed into Daylesford to check out the market and do a bit of sight-seeing or have a pub lunch. Some even had the pleasure of an old train ride to Musk & back.

The trail riders & the sight-see'rs returned to camp after a few hours and we spent the later part of the afternoon kicking back and chatting while enjoying the sunshine. Apparently those that went to Daylesford missed out on Jenny's tricky mounting technique whilst out on the trail that arvo, but we were lucky enough to see some photos thanks to Tanya.

Now did someone mention karaoke? The 'well lubricated' afternoon then led to us experiencing the magical vocal talents of Pam & Sue (thanks Terry!) on the jukebox microphone later that evening. Seems funny doesn't it – the more you drink, the better singer you become!?? Needless to say, everyone had a good time dancing, singing and laughing that night, and as usual, Robbie burned up the dance floor.

Monday morning finally arrived and for most of us, it was time to pack up and head home, although an intrepid 10 or so saddled up & headed out the gate for another half-day trail ride with Robbie.

I think the attendance numbers for this year were up around 50 or 60 which would have been pleasing for the club after all the effort they put in organising the weekend. Glenlyon is such a great place with excellent riding (be it on horse or motorbike, as some chose to enjoy it this year) and plenty to do for the non-riders too, with Daylesford just up the road. So why not pencil it in on next year's calendar now – I'm sure you won't be sorry ☺



*Robbie, you're a gem – thank you!

***“Make new friends,
but keep the old.
One is silver,
the other is gold”.***



Jenny demonstrates the classic position for Dressage!!



I thought Robbie said the hills were small???



What a lovely day for a stroll in the bush...ahhh



Who's that riding Jimmy !!?? I think it's Donna



What's for Lunch.... Thanks to the back up team



And the winner is ????



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