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

CALENDER OF EVENTS

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| JULY 21ST | BULLENGAROOK - WOMBAT FOREST
(Ride notice – April newsletter & attached) | |
| AUGUST 7TH | AGM
Macedon Railway Hotel 7.30pm
33 Smith Street Macedon | |
| AUGUST 10TH – 11TH | BOOMERANG RANCH
(Ride notice – May newsletter) | FULL |
| SEPTEMBER 21ST – 22ND | RICKY BANNISTER CHARITY RIDE (Toolleen)
(Ride notice – Separate flyer) | Limited No's |
| OCTOBER 20TH | TARADALE RIDE
(Ride notice – attached) | |
| NOV 1ST – NOV 5TH
(Cup Weekend) | BARMAH FOREST /MUSTER YARDS RIDE
(Ride notice – May newsletter & will re issue closer to dates) | |
| NOVEMBER 17TH | MT DISAPPOINTMENT FOREST RIDE
(Ride notice – May newsletter & will re issue closer to dates) | |

Hi everyone,

Half way through the year already!! Hard to believe hey. Winter Solstice will be Friday 21st so it's only going to get better from now on.

Enjoy the newsletter and if anyone has anything interesting to share please let me know and we'll be happy to publish it.

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

It appears Winter has hit with a vengeance, luckily so far this year none of our club rides have been hit with rain, having said that I would suggest bringing your rain coat/jacket to the next couple of rides, better to have it than not.

Our "Ricky Bannister Charity Ride" is gaining huge interest, both in nominations and donations, so if you haven't yet nominated and plan on being part of this GR8 event you will need to get your nomination in quickly, as for donations, some of our members have been very diligent in getting donations and ALL will be acknowledge at a later date, however we still need as many donations as possible to assist in raising some serious money for Ricky & his family. (I have left the event notice in this newsletter, just in case you need a reminder what it's all about.

The Eldorado camp ride on the Queen's Birthday weekend was an absolutely Fantastic weekend, GR8 weather, GR8 rides and most of all a GR8 bunch of people.
(Ride report attached)

Boomerang Ranch Weekend Ride, Sat 10th & Sun 11th August 2013

For the lucky **40** that have successfully nominated for this camp ride, you need to have your payment to me by the end of June to have your nomination **confirmed**; I have many on the reserve list. So if you have changed your mind and **DON'T** intend on coming **PLEASE** let me know **ASAP**, if you are coming and haven't yet sent your payment **PLEASE** do so before the end of this month, otherwise your nomination will go to somebody on the reserve list.

2013 RCTHRC AGM

Wednesday 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.

All positions on the committee will become vacant.

Macedon Railway Hotel,
33 Smith St, Macedon.
7-30pm

6-00pm for those of you that wish to join us for a meal.

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

NEW MEMBERS

More new members, we would like to welcome,

Karen De'Ath, Joshua & Billy Parnis, John & Melanie Lloyd

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 150 Financial Members.

New Club Sponsor.

Dakenag

Most of you will have received my email regarding our new club sponsor, for those of you that aren't on our email list their ad is listed in this newsletter.

As I have said in the past, **PLEASE** remember our club sponsor's when you are in need of their products, as they are so **GENEROUSLY** assisting **YOUR** club.

R.C.T.H.R.C

"Ricky Bannister Charity Ride"

Many of you will not know Ricky or his situation; in short Ricky had a fall from his horse and is now facing the rest of his life as a Quadriplegic, if that isn't enough to deal with, he and his wife are expecting their first son in September and hopefully, God willing, Ricky might be out of hospital by then, with this in mind Chris Haber has asked the club to run a charity ride to help raise some much needed funds for Ricky and his family, the committee has unanimously agreed to Chris's request to assist Ricky and his family.

The ride will be held at Toolleen on **September 21st & 22nd**, and will include a 2 course meal, Band and a huge Fun Auction, all to be held at the "**Toolleen Pub**".

We need as many donations for the "Fun Auction" as possible, no matter what it is; we need it to ensure the auction is a success in raising money for Ricky, remember this could have been any one of us.

Please contact myself (Lloyd 0400 668 020, rcthrc1@hotmail.com) or Chris (0437 852 869, chaber1@bigpond.com) or Paul (0407 519 671 ppeddie1@bigpond.com) with your donations.

(Ride notice & Nomination form available on request)

“All I pay my psychiatrist is the cost of feed and hay, and he'll listen to me any day.”



“Gemma & Tyler above & Tyler & Trina below out for an afternoon ride at Eldorado.”



"ELDORADO"

June 2013

It was about 5am Friday morning, raining cats & dogs when I headed off for what was shaping up to be another GR8 Queens Birthday weekend at Eldorado, everything was going to plan except for the rain, I had checked the weather on the internet that morning and it said the rain would disappear late in the arvo and fine up for the weekend so I was quite content driving up the Hume hoping it was right, pulled into the roadside servo at Avenel to fill up and get a bit of brekkie, all was good until I went to leave, the Chevy refused to start, after a bit of mucking around the bloody thing fired into life, off I went, next stop Eldorado or so I thought, 35 K's up the Highway and BANG the right hand front tyre had blown out, I eventually got it pulled up on the side of the road, heart still pumping at an unacceptable level and the rain still pelting down, nothing I could do except get out in the pouring rain and change the tyre, simple I thought until I discovered my new jack wouldn't lift the truck high enough to get the fully inflated spare on, at this stage I was soaked to the skin and thinking what the hell am I going to do, so I started ringing members that I thought might be on the road heading to the same place as me, Paul Peddie had just got onto the Hume so he was a bit too far away, Luckily Chris Haber wasn't that far away, so I waited for him to arrive and use his jack in conjunction with mine, at this stage I have to tell you that the 25 or so Semi Trailer drivers that passed me didn't bother moving over into the other lane when passing me and so I got showered every time 1 of the pricks passed. Chris finally arrived and it only took a couple of minutes to fix, an hour and forty minutes later and I was driving up the Hume again thinking what else could go wrong to stuff up what was going to be a good weekend, I'm happy to say the rest of the weekend was simply awesome.

After arriving at Eldorado and setting up camp and getting dry it was time to meet & greet all the members as they arrived, that night a few of us gathered a trailer load of wood for the fire and got the fire roaring thanks to Steve the fire expert, I had invited John Kasch, Alan & Deb Shultz (ATHRA accreditation trainers) along to see how our club run our camp rides and for them to give any comments if required, John had arrived early on Friday and as we sat around the fire having a chat and enjoying the odd beverage he was chatting to our ride leader Chris Haber about his knowledge of the area and they decided to add some of John's tracks into the ride. It was close to mid night when the last of us headed off to bed looking forward to the Saturday ride.

Saturday morning we started selling tickets to the Electric fence unit that had been so generously donated by our new club sponsor **Dakenag** and it was pleasing to see how many members were wanting to win this GR8 little unit, with the muster over it was time to ride out and 34 of us followed Chris & John on what turned out to be a brilliant days ride, John had taken us to a very high lookout point and the view was simply amazing, so was the ride getting there, we could see the whole township of Eldorado, I was pleasantly surprised how many cameras appeared to record the views, it's worth mentioning that Kim had stocked up on spare battery's and was seen happily snapping away with her fully charged camera. On our return and once the horses were attended to most of us gathered for a chat about the day's ride and to enjoy a drink or 3, again it was off to the pub for dinner for a few of us while the rest stayed back at the caravan park and enjoyed their own cooking, I heard that Mark Chircop was cooking up a storm for his family, on our return from the pub all gathered again around the fire and enjoyed the rest of the evening and discussing how we could get a really good strapper like Tania Lay had, yes Reagan was the centre of the ribbing and he took it like the good bloke he is, vowing that next time he'll have his own horse with him, although I still think he'll be strapping for the lovely Tania.

Sunday morning everybody was looking forward to another GR8 day in the saddle and at the muster we were joined by 2 seniorita's, namely Kim & Julie, looking very Mexican and I'm sure a bit of a carry on from our visitor at the Port & Pikelets ride, well done girls, you defiantly stood out.

Again the ride was something else as Chris, Kaschy & Allan led 37 of us on the most scenic ride thru the local area, we also had 2 "L" plater stewards on the ride equipped with vest's & radios, and the girls (Denaye & Gemma) did a really

good job assisting Allison (Trail Boss), never mind Jai you will get your chance to assist in the future, back at the park and everyone was attending to their horses when out of the blue Pete Horton's horse Maggie decided to revert back to her bloodlines and started pulling the float backwards at a great rate, apparently she had got her head collar caught up on the float, well the pursuing abuse handed out by Leanne was a bit too blue to be printed in this report and mention of a divorce was heard by several members, however it was all mended by the end of the evening, Thank God.

After a few drinks and watching Denaye, Gemma & Jai flogging around on their ponies all afternoon we all headed of the pub for our traditional "Sunday Dinner at the Pub" as I arrived Robbie was up to his usual tricks and dancing with every female he could get his hands on, at 1 stage I'm sure I saw him even dancing with a couple of the guy's, where does he get the energy, after a really nice meal we all slowly returned to camp and the trusty fire, at this stage the **Dakenag** electric fence unit raffle was drawn and much to Mark's disgust it was won by Kim Gooch, who was over the moon as she really needed it, later in the evening young Hayley Horton returned from the pub somewhat inebriated and proceeded to keep us entertained for hours, believe me she filled us in on many aspects of her family, friends and Antonio (you had to be there) and life in general, I laughed that much that my checks were still aching when I eventually went to bed.

Monday morning and it was time to start packing up, although Allan, Deb & John were off for a short morning ride, while the rest of us slowly began leaving for the trip home, while I was driving home I kept thinking what a simply Fantastic weekend we had just had.

I would like to Sincerely thank Chris for all the research he had put in for the rides, Allison for doing a wonderful job of Trail Boss, John & Al for assisting Chris with the rides, Stevo for the grouse fires, Denaye & Gemma for their stewarding, Trina for being our Medico and most of all the RCTHRC members that had attended and made it one of the most memorable weekends we have ever had.

Roll-on 2014

Lloyd & Woopi.

Footnote

I received a call from Doug (caravan park owner) he wanted me to pass on his most SINCERE THANKS to all our members for the wonderful condition you all left the horse area in, he actually said that our club was the most professional club he has had at the park.





Port and Pikelet Ride – 19th May 2013

What an awesome time we all had !!

Arrived around 8.30am at the beautiful Cobaw Forest where some riders had already arrived, of course that would be Robbie & Lloyd, campfire just started and ready for action. After getting all the necessities ready, like pikelets, jam, cream and the all important port, there was a line ready to start the feast. It was all yummy and everyone was happy munching away around the fire yakking about their weekend so far – what a nice way to start the day! We also had the famous Mario the Mexican riding as a guest with his handmade gear and in built stereo blasting out music from the saddle bags...very entertaining!

After a little organising our trustee steeds were ready for departure and away we went into the forest. The tracks were soft under foot with Robbie leading the way, the weather was extremely kind and the riders were alive with chatter after a belly full of port. Riding the Cobaw's is always nice and this day proved to be no different.

Lunch break at the dam was enjoyed by all as we were serenaded by Mario's duke box in a bag. A few photos and then we were off again for a leisurely ride back to the floats. No incidents and no dramas, lots of fun and laughterwhat everyone likes to hear.

Back at camp Robbie lit the fire and put the kettle on – some of us had another nip of the old port and a few more pikelets – after all no point keeping them hey!

Thanks to Petra and the lovely assistant Jennifer Williams for helping prepare the pikelets (shame about the lumps!) on the Saturday night at our place.

Brenda & Handsome George







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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

Enquiries: Rob Stephens 0437226266 or (03)54282626



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Taradale Ride Sunday 20th October 2013

This ride will leave from the Flora / Fauna reserve in Deardons Track, riding in the Fryers Ranges State Forest. Roads and tracks in the area are mainly granitic sand type with terrain being hilly in places.

Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30pm where tea and coffee will be available.

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Horseless Muster 9:30am.

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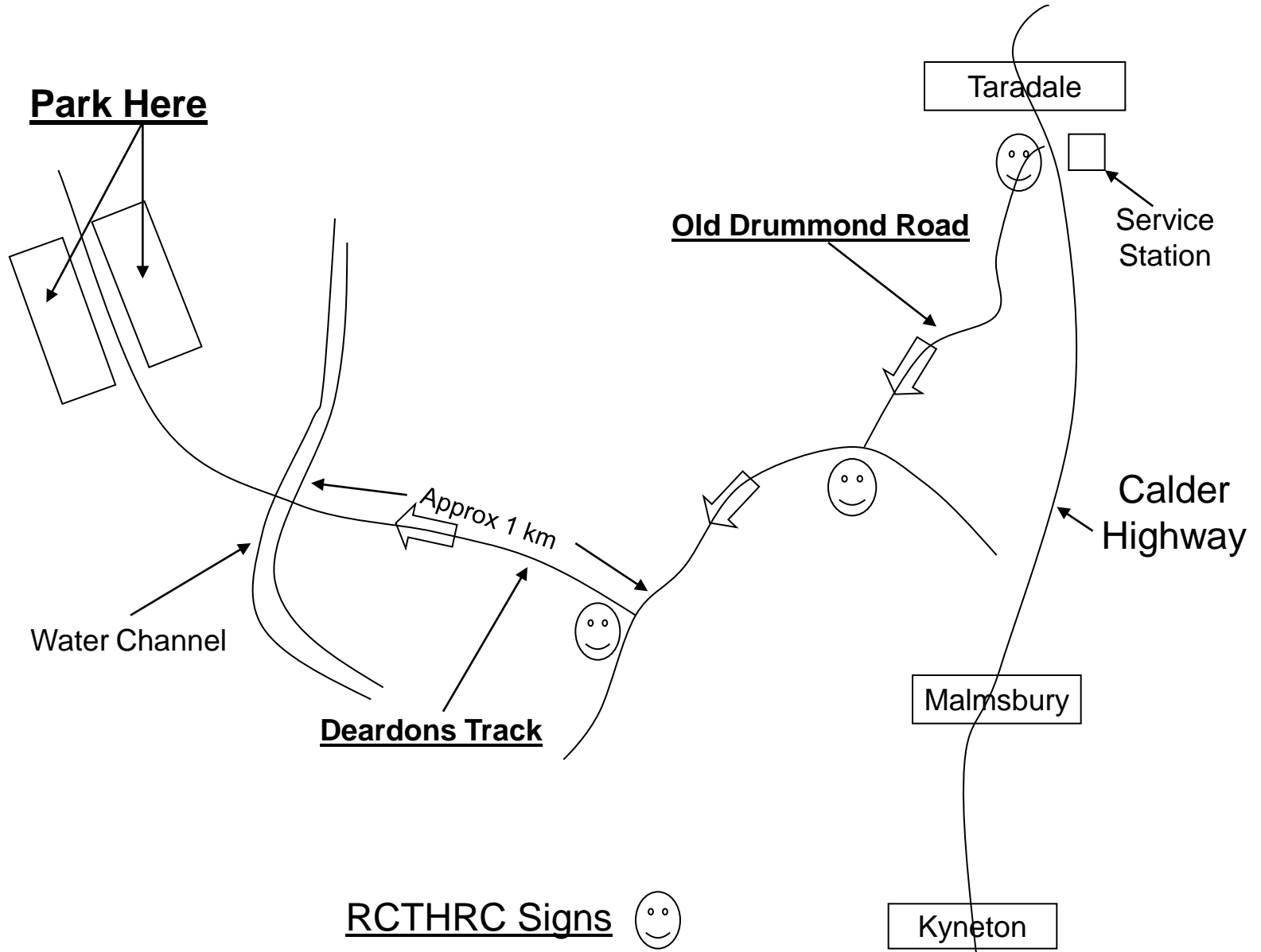
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Taradale Ride - Sun 15th July 2007



Dakenag

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