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

CALENDER OF EVENTS

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| DECEMBER 7TH – 8TH | CHRISTMAS PARTY /RIDE (KORWEINGUBOORA)
(Ride & Party) Nominations now closed |
| JANUARY 24TH – 27TH
(Australia Day) | ANGLESEA – WHINBURY HILL
(Ride notice – Attached) Nominations by 20 Jan 2014 |
| FEBRUARY 16TH | BULLENGAROOK TO MACEDON RAILWAY HOTEL
(Ride notice – October newsletter)
Nominations for pub No's Feb 10th |

Hi everyone,

Our Christmas party ride is going to be a boomer! Hope your all coming to have a wonderful time.

**Please note that a special committee meeting has been booked for
Feb 5th 7.30pm at the Railway Hotel - Macedon**

This meeting will be open to all members and gives you all an opportunity to participate in a committee meeting. This would be a great time to offer up any suggestions or ideas you may have regarding what direction you want the club to aim for. Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Membership renewals for 2014 are now due and we ask you to renew promptly. Lloyd will be emailing the membership forms separately so you can print/complete & return easily.

See you on the trail Brenda ☺

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

"Melbourne Cup Weekend at BARMAN"

WOW, what a GR8 weekend was had by all those that attended, GR8 weather, GR8 riding & most of all a GR8 bunch of people to spend the long weekend with.

I would like to the THANK Chris Haber & Robbie for all the assistance in running this weekend, without their hard work this weekend would not have happened, I would also like to THANK all the attendees who made it one of the BEST camps the club has had.

(Below one of the many Brumby mobs we came across during the weekend.)



(Julie Madin's Ride report attached)

Mt Disappointment Ride.

20 enthusiastic members braved the weather for Paul's ride last Sunday and after a slightly wet start the weather cleared and Paul led us on a really nice ride, we welcomed 3 new members along and I'm sure everybody enjoyed themselves.

(Brenda's ride report attached)

ATHRA "Forest Ride"

Quite a few **RCTHRC** members attended this ride and I must admit the Ladies from the "Forest Horse Riding Club" did a **FANTASTIC** job in running this weekend, the riding was something else and the spread they put on Saturday night was exceptional, it was noted that our club had the highest attendee numbers and that was born out on Saturday night as our members seemed to dominate the dance floor.

(below some of RCTHRC members that attended)





2013 RCTHRC Xmas Party/Ride

We have had a huge response and over 120 nominations and all looks good for a RIPPER weekend,
The committee is still looking for donations for our annual Xmas Raffle, it doesn't need to be horsey, we would be grateful no matter what it is.

ANGLESEA RIDE
24, 25, 26, 27th January 2014

Our popular camp/ride at Gill Beaurpaire's "WHINBURY HILL" is on again on the Australia Day long W/End in January 2014.

Nominations are required and are due by the 20th of January 2014.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Robert Anderson, Alan Schulz, Kirsten & David Kerry, Kylie Lewis, James Ahern & Wayne (Crash) Schuhkraft.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 186 Financial Members.

Membership Renewal

While on the subject of membership, it is now time to renew for 2014,

Please be aware that if you plane on attending some of the rides being held over the Xmas/New Year period you **must** renew prior to the end of 2013.

If you have a junior to renew there is 1 additional form that must be filled out for all juniors.

(Renewal forms attached.)

Trivia

I was asked the other day by one of the members, did I know how many Females as compared to Males were in the club, I wasn't able to answer him at that point as I had never really thought about it, well I have now checked and the result is,

106 Females & 80 Males.

"There are many wonderful places in the world, but one of my favourite places is on the back of my horse."

We ask all members were possible to support our FANTASTIC club sponsors listed in this newsletter.

Barmah National Park Ride Report 31/10/13 – 5/11/2013

The park is located on the Murray River near the town of Barmah, approximately 220 kilometres north of Melbourne. The 28,500 hectare park consists of River Red Gum forest and wetlands. Barmah-Millewa Forest is the largest River Red Gum forest in the world.

Well some guys arrived Thursday, most by Friday and some Saturday. Camped at the muster yards within close proximity of each other, our horses and toilets were great.

Some people rode most days and most rode Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the official rides.

Saturday was a relaxing ride for 44 riders from camp to _Goose Swamp & beyond Lakes, stopping for a pack lunch along the way. The landscape was dry and yet spectacular with no sightings of brumbies. As Barmah National Park was originally used by Indigenous Australians to find food, shelter and materials it seemed like Allan Schulz had made a great discovery of aboriginal boomerangs, but this is highly unlikely as they were stamped 'Made in China'.

Sunday morning and the wind was howling when 43 riders took off from camp to Hut Lake. The landscape had changed it was becoming greener and we had some water crossings too. Another packed lunch in amongst tall gums by the water side. We were treated to brumbies at last. A big chestnut stallion and his small herd were so close, and when they started running off our horses whinnied and the brumbies stopped and turned toward us. Closer than they were before, maybe 50 metres away and just stood and looked. What a beautiful animal that stallion was. Some of the riders said they experienced goose bumps at the sight of them so close. And then in a flash they slipped away into their camouflaged surroundings.

Monday saw 39 riders off from camp head towards the Brumby Station for a look back in time at the old cabin that has deteriorated slowly over the years. The story goes that the last resident there near chopped his leg off and lay there waiting for 6 days until the next delivery of supplies was bought into him.

They then carted him off to hospital for treatment where he stayed, never to return to his beautiful cabin in the Aussie bush. He really did have it tough.

We had heard talk of a big mob of brumbies being out there and sure enough we had the pleasure of watching probably 80 of them go hurtling through the Red Gums and wetlands right in front of us.

Monday night saw most arrive at Leanne and Pete's camp for drinks and chats when Cindy bought out some of her wigs for some laughs when tried by certain people. Gotta wonder, some of these boys put them on like it wasn't their first time?

Each day was topped off with music, a big campfire, company, drinks and nibbles, and a good time was had by all.

I think each and every one of us are grateful for the commitment and dedication that it took for Lloyd, Chris and others involved to get us into such a beautiful area.

Thank you for all that you do guys.

Julie Madin.







Ride Report – Mt Disappointment Sunday 24th November 2013

Well it was disappointing to wake to a dizzily, wet day with showers pending and temp around 18 degrees, but in the true spirit of horsemanship the 4 of us organised ourselves and headed off to Mt Disappointment No 1 camp with our trusty steeds in tow. When we arrived (which was really amazing in it's self as we got lost from Kilmore!) there were already eager riders getting ready for the 10am departure.

We had the usual horseless muster and Paul promised we wouldn't get too wet as he'd specially planned to stay out of the dense bush and he'd bring us home if it got worse than a severe downpour! 20 of us headed into the pale grey yonder all happy with the plan. Don't know if anyone else noticed that the first stretch of the ride went through dense bush!

I don't remember what the weather was like after we left because I was too busy talking and chatting to all the members who I hadn't seen for awhile and enjoying the ride with my wonderful man George. I don't think I was alone as I heard the laughter and conversation filtering through the line as we made our way around the tracks leading higher up the mountain. The riding was easy going and the tracks were kind on our horse's feet and after climbing for awhile we were exposed to some beautiful views of the hillsides and forest below. The laughter and joking went on through the morning and we eventually stopped for a lunch break in a small clearing.

After the break it was time to go down the mountain and yet more good views were up for grabs and the descent didn't seem steep at all. There were a few places for a canter and trot and everyone was happy just loping along at their own pace. Jai was showing everyone how his pony has been practising for the rodeo, Corbin was doing an expert job on drag and even found his voice on the radio when he had to report a delay with the troops. Before we knew it we were back at camp and looking forward to a hot cuppa and cake from Robbie.

Thanks everyone for a great day out, I know I enjoy myself immensely and by the look of everyone else, I think they did too.

Brenda ☺





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ANGLESEA RIDE
24,25,26,27th January 2014

Anglesea has been a popular riding area for horse riders for quite a few years now and with such a great private venue available, RCTHRC can take advantage of this great spot. We are fortunate to be able to offer some lovely costal/bush riding which will be led by the property host, Gill Beurpaire.

We will have the use of a large shed with a new concrete undercover BBQ area. The shed also has a kitchen (no fridge) and dining area & also flushing toilets and showers, although water usage needs to be kept to a minimum (*solar power is now hooked up, however hairdryers are not allowed*). You will need to bring everything for both you & your horse(water for horses & campers is supplied). There are 8 single beds available (first in best dressed) and plenty of room for camping. There are several large yards (*Manure to be removed from these yards*) to available as well as ample space to put up electric yards & plenty of trees for night-lining. There will also be a large communal paddock. You can arrive Friday afternoon if you wish.

A table is usually booked at the pub for tea on the Saturday night for those interested, so please let us know if you intend to join us.

The riding terrain is undulating & sandy with some minimal road work to get to the areas of the bush we will be riding in.

Saturday ride out 10.00am, BYO saddle-bag lunch
Sunday ride out 10.00am, BYO saddle-bag lunch

Riders Must Not Pass the Ride Leader Without His/Her Permission
Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.
STALLIONS NOT ALLOWED.

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.

Costs: To stay at the property - \$25.00 per Night. (per rider & horse)
\$20.00 per Night for non-riders

Ride fees: \$2.00 for club & ATHRA members and \$25.00 for non-members per day.

Location: Gill's property - "WHINBURY HILL" 485 Forest Rd. Paraparap Vic 3240
Ph: 5266 1414 / Gill: 0418 553 050

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEW DIRECTIONS FROM OUR HOST

Stay on Geelong Ring Rd right to the end: do not turn off at Waurn Ponds, it turns into Anglesea Rd (very convenient) Follow thru Freshwater Creek & turn RIGHT into HENDY MAIN RD. (look for RCTHRC sign) Follow about 6km when Rd splits Stay left into GRAYS RD (look for RCTHRC sign) & follow to end. At T intersection turn left into FOREST RD (look for RCTHRC sign) & go about 1.5 KMS look for HORSE CAMP SIGN on left.

Please close the gate after you enter.

Call Gill if you are confused!! 0418 553 050 or 5266 1414

Cheers Gill

Whinbury Hill Equestrian Centre

Phone: 5266 1414

NOMINATIONS close on the 20th of January 2014

ENQUIRIES TO –

Lloyd Fletcher, 3 Kevin Court, Melton South,3338

Mob 0400 668 020, or rcthrc1@hotmail.com

I/We will be attending the Anglesea ride on the January 24th / 27th

Name/s.....

How many nights.....Cost..\$.....

Ride fees:Cost..\$.....

Amt enclosed..\$.....

I will attend dinner @ Angelsea pub on Saturday night NO YES

Number attending ...

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HOURS

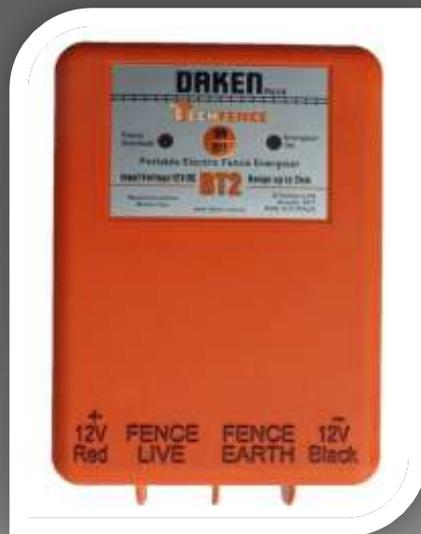
MON - FRID : 9AM-5.30PM

SATURDAY : 9AM-1PM

SUNDAY : **CLOSED**

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