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

CALENDER OF EVENTS

JANUARY 24TH – 27TH
(Australia Day)

ANGLESEA – WHINBURY HILL
(Ride notice – Attached) **Nominations by 20 Jan 2014**

FEBRUARY 5TH

SPECIAL OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
7.30pm at the Railway Hotel Macedon – ALL WELCOME

FEBRUARY 16TH

BULLENGAROOK TO MACEDON RAILWAY HOTEL
(Ride notice – Attached)
Nominations for pub No's Feb 10th

MARCH 8TH – 10TH
(Labour Day)

ENFIELD – JOHN BRADY'S
(Ride notice – TBA)

Hi everyone,

Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas party weekend, I know I did. Can't believe it's time to close another year! But at least there are good times on the horizon of 2014 already.

Membership renewals for 2014 – Please do so if you have not done so already ☺

Merry Christmas & a safe and Happy New Year everyone...**Brenda** ☺



SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

Well, here we are at the end of another FANTASTIC year of trail riding, we have been to a huge array of places in 2013 and I'm sure everybody has had a GR8 time riding with the club, I would like to THANK all the members who constantly put up their hands to assist on our rides and sincerely hope a few more members will put their hands up in 2014.

The 2013 RCTHRC Xmas Party/Ride was a HUGE success and again I'm sure all the 123 that attended had a ball, GR8 food, GR8 entertainment & GR8 people, it was really rewarding watching the face's on all the kids when Santa arrived, after all that's what it's all about, a HUGE THANK YOU to all the backup crew that helped me clean the hall and to Back up Bernie, Mick and helpers for getting the Sunday BBQ ready for all on their return.



Dakenag

On behalf of the Committee & members of the RCTHRC I would like to sincerely thank **Clark Equipment**, **Campbellfield** for all their support thru out 2013, without their constant donations of **Dakenag** products our club raffles & Auctions would not have been so successful, we are so lucky to have such a GR8 club sponsor, the amount of product they

donated for our Xmas Party/Ride Auction was unbelievable and so much appreciated, and to Adele Armet (club member) we say THANKS MATE!



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We would also like to **THANK YOU** to Simone, proprietor of **FEED PLUS STOCKFEEDS**, for her ongoing generous support of the club, don't forget members get a discount on certain products within Simone's store.

We end 2013 with 190 members, my how we have grown over the last few years, it appears we must be doing something right.

If you have any idea's you would like to put to the club committee we will be having a special committee meeting on **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.

ANGLESEA RIDE

24, 25, 26, 27th January 2014

Our popular camp/ride at Gill Beurpaire'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.

BULLENGAROOK TO MACEDON RAILWAY HOTEL

FEBRUARY 16TH

This will be an easy ride to the Macedon Railway Hotel for lovely lunch and a couple of cold beverages, non-riding family and friends are more than welcome to join us for lunch, you will need to nominate so we can give the Hotel numbers to expect for lunch.

Please have nominations in by the Wednesday the 12th.

Labour Day Long Weekend 2014

We will be holding a Camp Ride at John Brady's property at Enfield near Ballarat, John's property is fully equipped for Horse Camps, showers, toilets, BBQ area & camp fire hut. We will be led by John and riding in the Enfield State Forest, this is a new location for the club and promises to be a GR8 weekend.

Mark it down on your calendar.

Full Details early in the New Year.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Kerrie Woodward, Maxine Wilkinson, Chris Van Der Schaaf & Carole Tipping.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 190 Financial Members.

Membership Renewal

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

Please be aware that if you plan 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 juniors.

Please contact me if you require additional forms emailed to you.

"To ride a horse is to ride the sky"

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

Riddells Creek Christmas Ride

2013

We arrived on Friday to find so many floats, horses and campers scattered around the outside of the footy oval, the hall was beautifully decorated by the girls and the Christmas tree looked wonderful full of tinsel, balls and ornaments. It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Friday night was just great with the band we had at Toolleen kickin' off the tunes, they had the dance floor packed with movers and groovers. So much fun as our club dancers sure know how to kick up their heels and laugh.

By Saturday night gifts for the raffle were accumulating fast, donations from our club members displayed a huge range gifts. We sold more tickets than books, so there was the huge task for Brenda and Petra to become ticket makers.

Dakenag donated an amazing range of electric fencing equipment which had our members bidding up a storm, young Tyla managed to win the bid for the harrows so Trina and Siobhan were real happy. That sand arena will be sorted out real quick...

Lloyd was horse by the end of it all, calling numbers and yelling out bids, after all, 123 people were all in great "spirits" and enjoying their club social night.

Our meals were served by our usual catering company; the meals were awesome with plenty of choice and low calorie desserts of cheesecake and mudcake.

(Dave told me it was low calorie so he said I could have 2 pieces...lol)

Saturday morning the sun was out, all riders headed for the horseless muster and introduced our new members, a quick rundown of rules and regulations and 61 riders keen as mustard all headed out into the bush for a pleasant ride that had our ride leader Robbie and his trusty steed Shane taking out an excited bunch.

We all mingled chatting, laughing and enjoying yet another great day out with our ride leader Robbie. We all arrived back in time for a relax before tea. Young Kylie was knocked over by her horse and required first aid and a quick trip to hospital for a few stitches to her head, but she was back in a flash looking brand new, again socialising with her new club friends.

Saturday night was enjoyed by many as our own Santa and his Mrs arrived with gifts and lolly bags, the kids were organised by Santa's helper Leanne who had them sitting patiently waiting. Some little guy thought he knew Mrs Clause by her boots, chasing her around lifting her dress to identify her...oops...thanks Jan for saving Mrs Clause !!

After all that it was time to pump up the juke box and get the dance shoes on, some of us were just too tired to dance and retired to bed for an early night to be bright for Sunday mornings ride.

Sunday morning we saddled up and 32 of us were away again, out bush with Robbie leading the way, young Corbin as steward, keeping the gang together and Jai ensuring he kept everyone in good spirits, bloody great kids... (Our future trail bosses). We arrived back to a great crew who had worked hard to clean up the hall and prepare a bbq lunch for us riders. It was another great weekend and we're sure our new members will be back on the next ride.

Reflecting throughout the 2013 year as special people need a pat on the back and huge thanks for their help. (Sorry if in forget anyone)

Special thanks to the committee who work so hard throughout the year to keep us all happy on horseback, it is a lot of hard work and organisation to ensure it all goes smoothly.

Thankyou Robbie, we are so fortunate to have a great ride leader who knows the area like the back of his hand and takes us on a new adventure every ride. Then we come riding back to the floats for his warm welcome, billy tea and his own original recipe of homemade cake n bickies... (Aldi style)

Lloyd, the guy everyone rings, hassles and loves for the effort he puts in to ensure this club is the best, it's a massive job that takes hours of time and dedication, the updates, emails and endless phone calls it sure is the biggest and best club. Thankyou for all you do!!

Petra and Brenda, you guys are amazing with all the work you put in for club helping with the bookwork and preparing foods and much more, thanks girls.

Mark Chircop thanks for organising the weekend at Daylesford, it was a huge success, and still raved about till this day.

It's been an amazing year with Chris Haber and Alison Seeley organising the Ricky Bannister Charity ride, it was a huge effort to organise and what a great success. I'm sure it was a lovely surprise for the Bannister family to receive a donation from our club at such a difficult time. Just goes to show what beautiful caring members we have in our club. Thankyou for all your hard work Chris and Al.

Gary Schwarze for your input and help throughout the year. It's another year of you bringing joy to all, being the jolly old red fella with the red suit and white beard. The kids love it, there's nothing better than seeing a room full of excited people when Santa walks in, some just can't wait to get on his knee!!

Paul Peddie for all your help organising our events and out on the trails, anything from leading the rides to drag, he's always there to help.

Thanks to all that help out our fantastic club, you know who you are...next year is sure to another perfect year.

Please remember as Robbie has always said..."This is your club", so don't be shy, come along to our meetings and have an input, become part of our team and enjoy. Merry Christmas to everyone...

Cheers Treen





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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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Bullengarook to the Macedon Railway Hotel Sun 16th February 2014

This ride will start from Waterloo Flat road Bullengarook and ride to the Macedon Railway Hotel head via the Wombat Forest. Riding will be on sandy / gravel, roads and tracks with terrain being flat to undulating and there may be the odd hill. We will have to ride along and cross some bitumen roads to get to the Hotel. Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30/3:00pm 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.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*

Ride out time 10:00am.

Ride Leader: Rob Stephens 0437 226 266

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 0400 668 020 or rcthrc1@hotmail.com by Monday 10th February so that we can advise numbers to the Hotel.

Don't forget, you will need to bring money for lunch and refreshments at the Pub.

Dakenag

Dakenag Electric Fencing is now offering all Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club Members a **10% Discount** on any purchase of our products. All you have to do is come to our branch at 852 Cooper Street, Campbellfield and show your membership card and we will happily help you with all your Electric Fencing needs.



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