



MAY 2014

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 10th JUNE (venue to be advised) at 6.30pm start at
Please bring a small plate to share with tea and coffee.**

QUOTE: "Most horse problems are not caused by horses!"

Jarrold O'Loughlin—Master horseman, set builder, champion whip cracker and current body double for The Man From Snowy River.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st April and the results of voting for committee members and other positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Konrad Beer

VICE PRESIDENT: Aaron Brown

TREASURER: Greg Zirbel

SECRETARY: Mandy Beer

Club Caterer: Jane Thomas

Media & Marketing: Trevor Fowke and Tara Romer

Club Trailer: Robyn Brown & Catrina Grams

ATHRA Delegates: Greg Zirbel & Aaron Brown

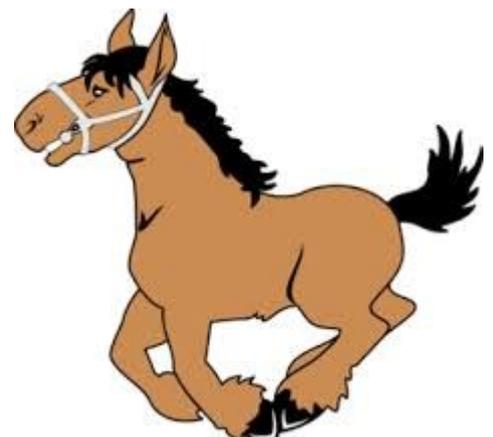
Outback Riders Co-ordinator: Mark Abra, Deputies Bruce Gilbert & Aaron Brown

First Aiders: Aaron Brown, Tara Romer, Catrina Grams

Trail Ride Committee: Greg Zirbel, Joan Willshire, Bob McNeven & Tara Romer.



Left: I thought you would enjoy this spot of humour from a photo from Equestrian Society.



**OUR CLUB'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WALTZING MATILDA
ARENA SPECTACULAR AT 2014 TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW**



TRAIL RIDE AT WESTBROOK, SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

by Joan Willshire

Eleven riders saddled up on a beautiful clear morning at Hill View Gallery, Westbrook. The group rode out at 9.45am after a pre-ride talk from trail boss myself and lead rider Bob McNeven, fellow officials were Jane Thomas first aid officer, Aaron Brown steward and tail boss Mark Bowman.

Robyn's horse became foot sore early into the ride and returned to base.

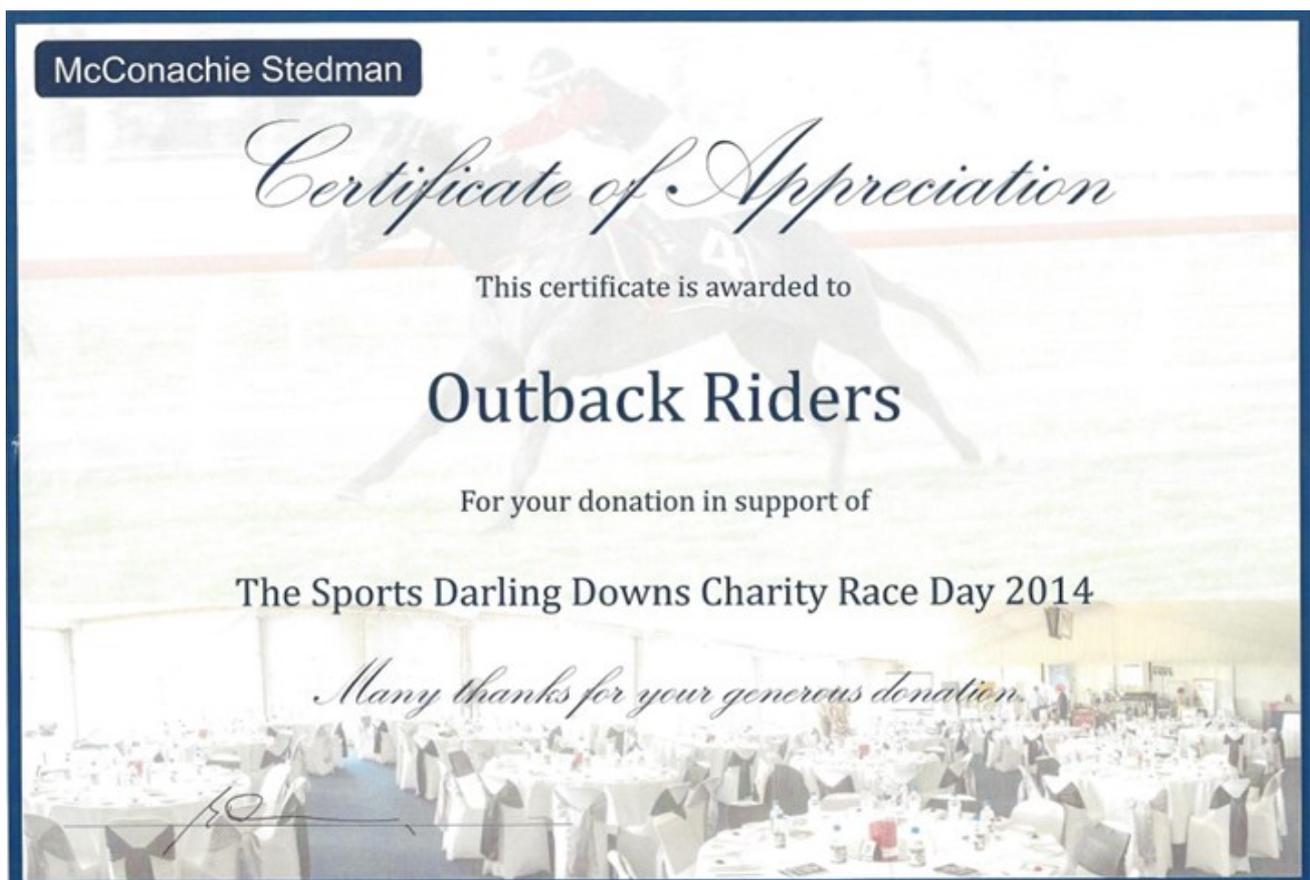
A big thank you to Bob for pre-riding the route and also to Katrina for looking after the sign on book and collecting the lunch money.

Thanks to the club for subsidising each member \$10 for lunch which was \$25 per head.

Many thanks also to Harry and Lyn Sorensen for having us on their lovely property and Lyn for the nice lunch, it was lovely Lyn.

A big welcome to a new member, Ashleigh Gough.

A great ride of 3 hours was enjoyed by all!



Above is a certificate from McConachie Stedman for our donation to their charity race day.

KILCOY SHOW REPORT

Our Outback Riders were on the road again on Saturday 10th May bound for Kilcoy where our team was booked to perform Outback Riders and The Man From Snowy River. The Outback Riders show went well despite Jarrod's horse losing it's footing and landing them both in the dirt. Thankfully both the horse and rider were okay apart from a minor injury to Jarrod's wrist.

According to one of our crew sitting in the audience we were all over Facebook by the end of our performance with people frantically messaging their friends to come and see the evening performance of The Man From Snowy River.

After a well deserved rest for both horses and riders we kitted up for our performance of "The Man From Snowy River". After waiting ages for the wood chopping which was running over time to finish there was a signal to the fire-works man and we finally heard the explosion which starts our show. 15 minutes of fame and glory and it was all over but the crowd loved it and our fast boys' horses were stretched out and flat as they passed the crowd for the last curtain call whip cracking all the way!

A huge thank you to Jarrod O'Loughlin who built the hut— or rather—Mr Harrison's homestead—complete with veranda and curtains—what a great effort!

Also thank you to the Clifton Dabblers group who painted the huge scenery which was hung from a truck parked on the set. It was lit up by lights provided by Trevor

Fowke and looked fantastic. Pamela, one of the ladies who had helped paint the scenery was present and commented on how effective it looked all lit up.



OLDEST HORSE ON RECORD: Old Billy was the longest lived horse on record. Old Billy was verified to be 62 years old at his death.

Old Billy was born in 1760 in Woolston, Lancashire and worked as a barge horse, dragging barges in the canals from the shore for Mersey and Irwell Navigation. (This was a common job for horses prior to the arrival of boat engines.)

Old Billy was said to look like a big cob/shire horse. He was brown with a white blaze. On 27th November 1822 Billy died. His lithograph was published, showing Old Billy, with Henry Harrison, who had known the animal for 59 years.

Old Billy was depicted in a lithograph from 1820, rather late into his twilight years, showing him near the Lancashire town of Warrington and the canal where he worked with Squire Henry Harrison who is said to have "known the horse for 59 years," whatever that means. He was also painted by an artist named W. Taylor, a portrait that shows him again posed against the canal with the spires of Manchester Cathedral in the background, a work that's now held by the Warrington Museum & Art Gallery.

Billy's skull now resides in Manchester Museum. His taxidermied head is on display in Bedford Museum.



AGE IS JUST A NUMBER... UPCOMING EVENTS:



COWBOY UP!

May—25th—Preston Ride from Konrad & Mandy's.

June—15th Trail ride from Tracey Heslin's near Allora.

28th OBR Mudgeeraba Show
-proposed fun day (date TBA)

July—19th OBR Gatton Show

August—30th & 31st OBR Jondaryan Woolshed

September—6th OBR Beaudesert Show
20th—Carnival of Flowers Parade

October—15th (Wed) Commonwealth Agricultural Conference performance.
Stanthorpe ride.

THE EQUINE HEART—an excerpt taken from “Heart Sounds: Rate, Rhythm & Recovery” by Dr Jennifer Stewart in Hoofbeats magazine p18, Vol 35 No 1, June July 2013 published by Hoofbeat Publications 90 Leslie Rd, Wandi, 6167.

“The equine heart is unequalled—at rest pumping up to 45 litres of blood every minute and, at maximum speed, up to 500 litres per minute. The superiority of the equine cardiovascular system rests in a proportionately larger heart mass than other large mammals. The Thoroughbred's heart weighs just over 1% of its body weight, an Arabian's about 0.76% and a draft horse's about 0.6% of its body weight.

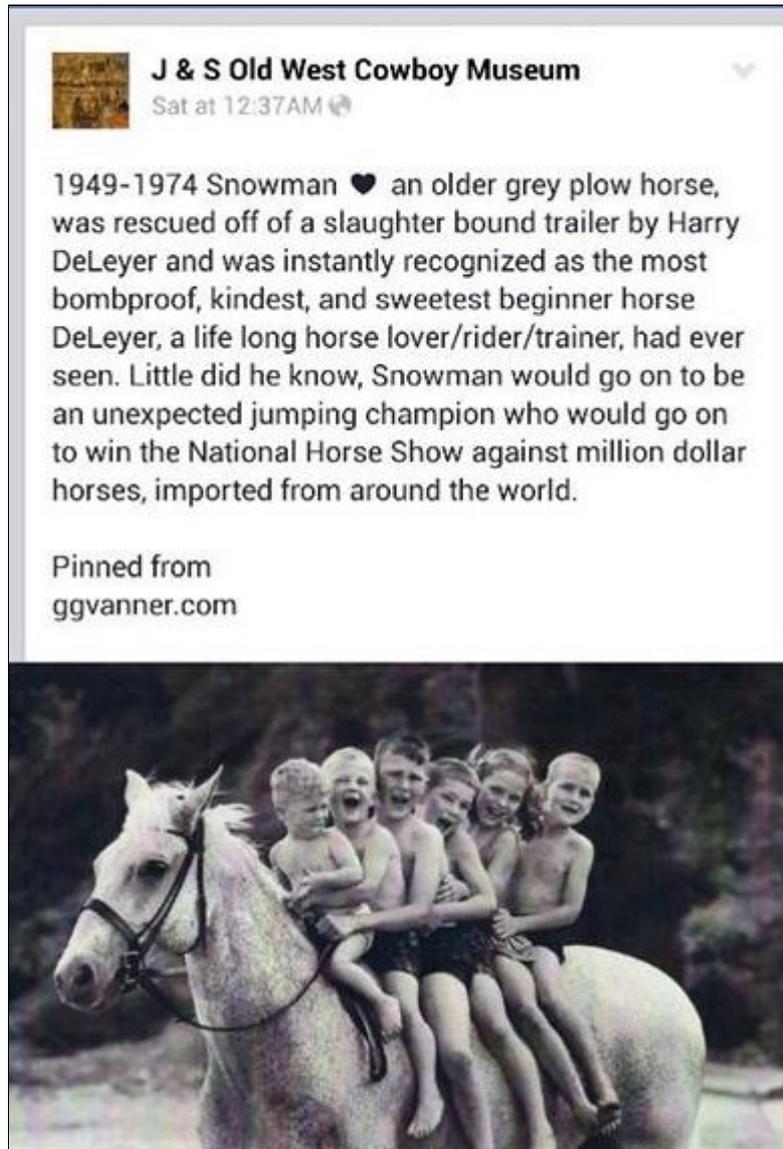
The hearts of Thoroughbred racehorses Eclipse— unbeaten in 26 races, and Phar Lap winner of 57 races—weighed **over 6kg**, 20% larger than that of an average Thoroughbred.

US Triple Crown winner, Secretariat, had a heart that weighed **over 10kg.**”

Right: Phar Lap & Secretariat



FOR SALE: Sultan is an approximately 5 year old grey Stockhorse/Arabian cross gelding about 14hh with some feed-lot experience. In paddock condition, not ridden much in the last 12 months. Easy keeper who will thrive in the right hands. Contact Konrad on 0408 495 762 for more details.



QUOTE: “There are riders who make it happen, riders who watch it happen and riders who wonder what happened.” Jim Wofford

[PRESTON RIDE SUNDAY 25TH MAY](#) by Mandy Beer

This ride started from Konrad's and my property "Hollywood" at Preston. We couldn't have ordered better weather—as the morning dawned it was warm with a clear sky and no wind—perfect for a leisurely trail ride. We welcomed new member Chloe Geiger on her first ride with our club and then started out a little later than planned with 10 riders looking forward to a great day. We rode along the roadside through some pretty countryside. On one road a grazer asked if we would like to muster his cattle that had been grazing the roadside grass, back through the gate to his property. We were happy to oblige and that provided a little diversion from trail riding. At about midday we came to the place planned as our lunch stop and we all dismounted for lunch. After lunch we mounted up and continued on our ride doing a full circle to come back to our starting point at Hollywood where horses were unsaddled and hosed down before going home. Here are some pictures from the ride:





A big thank you to Treg Smith of Treg Smith's Autos for donating 2 new tyres for our club trailer.

For all things mechanical see the friendly team at Treg Smith's Autos, 17 Dent Street, Toowoomba, phone: 07 4632 2444.





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