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RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

CALENDER OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 12TH SILVER BRUMBY RUN – LAURISTON

Ride Notice - Attached

OCT 31ST – NOV 4TH BARMAH

Cup weekend Ride notice – Attached

NOVEMBER 16TH Mt DISAPPOINTMENT

Ride Notice - Attached

DECEMBER 6TH – 7TH XMAS PARTY - KORWEINGUBOORA

Ride Notice & Xmas Party Nominations by 22nd Nov

July newsletter

JANUARY 24TH – 26TH WHINBURY HILL – ANGLESEA

Australia Day weekend Ride Notice - TBA

FOR FURTHER DATES & EVENTS CHECK YOUR RIDE CALANDER

Hi Everyone,.

You'll notice that we have skipped a month and omitted a newsletter for July – you haven't missed anything and this newsletter has all the updates and past events within it.

Ride 4 Madi Charity Ride will be on Labour Day weekend in March 2015, notice is attached so if your interested in attending contact them directly as per the nomination form (Not Lloyd) – Although this is not a RCTHRC event we support the efforts of GDTR (don't forget it clashes with our Enfield ride).

Please don't forget to do your nomination forms for the Xmas party, time is slipping away and we would like to know the numbers well ahead of time – please don't leave it to the last minute.

Enjoy the newsletter J See you on the Trail

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

"Boomerang Ranch Weekend"

Another GR8 camp weekend at the Boomerang Ranch, we were very lucky to have such nice weather and many thanks to Lane & Mat for leading us on 2 GR8 rides, Mark for being an understanding "Parking Officer", Ronnie & Kathy for the Sunday BBQ and all the members that were there to make it the GR8 weekend it was.

Bryan McKimme has made a 30 Min (approx.) video of the weekend and is very generously offered it to any member that was at Boomerang for \$5 (to cover postage and the disc) please see below for details,

- 1. Email me bryanmckimmie@gmail.com with name and postal address.
- 2. I will return email with bank details.
- 3. When \$5.00 paid, I will despatch.
- **4.** Full guarantee if disc will not play for members, I will reimburse if it is sent back.

It may not play on iPhone or other Apple devices - if anyone wants to see the sample on those, let me know and I will send in different format.

Kim's ride report attached.

Heritage Horse Parade Echuca

The "Brumby Awareness Ride" @ Echuca was held with over 100 Riders and several horse drawn carts riding/driving thru the main streets of Echuca and I'm sure the message was heard by all the by standers, it was FANTASTIC to see so many RCTHRC members participating in this worthy cause.

Allison's ride report attached

September Day Ride.

We will be doing our day ride for September from Firth Park, Bullengarook some of you may also like to camp on the Saturday Night, if you decide to take the camp option it will be up to you to supply everything for yourself.

"Melb Cup Weekend" at BARMAH.

The ride notice for this Fantastic weekend has been updated and is attached, if you haven't been to our past camps at Barmah you have missed some GR8 rides & times, this is a fully self-sufficient camp, yards & water are available for your horses, you will need to bring everything else for yourself, we plan on having dinner at the Barmah Pub on the Saturday night for those interested.

2014 RCTHRC Christmas Party/Ride

Once again the committee are happy to announce the **2014** "RCTHRC Christmas Party/Ride" will be FREE to all financial RCTHRC members (you must be financial prior to the 31st of September 2014), *Please don't leave it to the last minute to nominate.*

"Hoof over Hills" 2015 Reunion

Alan & Deb Schulz have graciously invited the members of the RCTHRC to attend the reunion of the infamous "Hoof over Hills" ride in 2015, this event will be held on the 11th & 12th of April 2015. For those members that aren't aware of the past Hoof over Hills rides, this fantastic event was a must do event on the yearly calendar for 9 years and we are very thankful to Alan & Deb for the kind invitation.

Full information regarding this event will be advised in the coming months.

So mark the date in your calendar for this not to be missed event.

RCTHRC Ride Calendar

Allison has updated our ride calendar up to April 2015, so please have a look at the dates and mark the rides you are interested in doing.

Club Ride Photo's

If any member has taken photos whilst on one of our rides and would like to have the club use them for our ride reports can you please see me on the day so we can download them into the club laptop, that way we will have them on file and won't need you to email them to me which can be a timely exercise, I would like to thank Tanya, Jason Trina and Kim, who usually supply photos for our ride reports.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Brea Sinclair.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 186 Financial Members.

"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.

RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB

RIDE REPORT

NEWBURY 10 AUGUST 2014

The date of this ride was changed from 17 August back to 10 August. From the lack of numbers - it appears many members had made other arrangements for 10 August!

Terry and Bryan had an unusually good start to the day with horses eager to jump into the float, so after large cappuccinos at Woodend Bakery they arrived at Newbury about 8.15am, driving right past Old Blackwood Road, going on nearly all the way to Blackwood. After a call to Lloyd to get directions they turned back and arrived at the right place as Robbie (our newly elected President and Chief Trail Leader) was putting out the signs.

By 9.30am no one else had turned up, so we rugged up, down jackets under dri-azabones, very bulky like fat suits, but needed. We were about to mount when Gary Manly and his handsome paint arrived, so we four gutsy, determined, and totally committed riders set out in a cold drizzle. Terry said "Are we mad, what are we doing here?", but after about 15 minutes the sky cleared and we got a bit hot, as can be seen from the first photo halfway up Blue Mountain. Along the way we went past many gold mine diggings, arriving at the old "Blue Mountain " cemetery, Robbie explaining graves dated back to gold rush days when there were 4,000 shacks along the road from Trentham to Newbury, mainly timber cutters providing materials for the mines.

We continued to the top of Blue Mountain, needing a couple of rests as it is a steep climb. Terry's 16 year old hairy Rory was taking very short steps as we proceeded upwards while his sister 4 year old Tacka lathered up a little

It is 871m above sea level where there is a major Telstra mobile tower with a generator running, backed up by a decent sized batch of solar panels, with nice views over the farmlands and forest to "Kattaminga" where the TV series "The Man from Snowy River" was filmed. In the 1980's through early 1990's Kattaminga was a similar camp to Boomerang with weekend rides, and school camps, after which the film set was built there for the series. Robbie took us along the fenceline, and from the bush we could see the two story hotel, and a 3 story building with balconies, along with other sheds and buildings to give the impression of a village from that era. It now functions as a bed and breakfast with no horses available

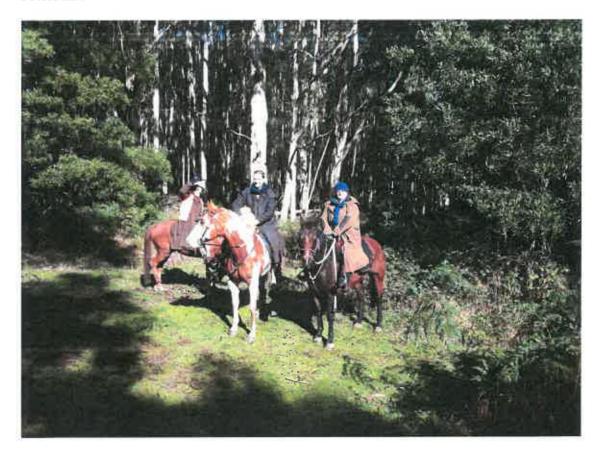
We crossed the bitumen of the Newbury to Blackwood Road, and rode into the nice forest of tall mountain ash heading towards Lyonville, at which time we had a brief hail shower – undaunted we four brave riders pressed on, thinking it may be too cold to stop for lunch, but after a while as we crossed the old Carlsruhe to Daylesford railway line – now a walking/riding trail - we had blue skies and stopped in a sunny spot for lunch

However the weather changed on us, and after some hail, it snowed. The other photo is of the sturdy stalwarts enjoying their lunch irrespective of the weather. It was not too cold, and in fact Robbie became so overheated after viewing some images on an iPhone, he took off his chappettes to cool down. As the weather cleared we mounted and rode off, but after 20 minutes or so Robbie realised he did not have a chappette on his left leg, so he cantered back, away into the distance while the others followed at a leisurely pace.

Robbie returned fully kitted out, and we had a pleasurable ride through the forest back to the bitumen, and across to a wide grassy verge followed back to our floats at about 2.45pm. Coffee and even Port set us up nicely for the trip home, and once again the horses entered the float calmly, travelled and unloaded with no fuss.

We know, Trentham Forest can be cold – it is in "Cool Country" but we had a great day, and felt sorry for those poor members huddled around their fires at home – 185 members, about 165 riding members, and only 3 riders and the President turned up!

Once again Robbie's pre planning and map work made the day – thanks again – El Presidento





Heritage Horse Brumby Rally, Echuca - 16th August 2014.

Knowing the buzz you get every time you manage to sight an elusive brumby in the wild, and thinking about the distinct possibility of 'Parks 'authorising the removal of these beautiful horses from the Barmah Forest, I got organised and signed up to attend the Echuca street parade being held in protest. In fact I was quite looking forward to it – something really different, a weekend away camping with my horse and my great riding club friends, and a cause well worth the support.

I arrived at the Rotary Steam Park in suburban Echuca in the afternoon on Friday and was surprised to see so many people already there. It looked like our club had secured a nice little corner down the back with several hot tape yards already up (thanks fellas – it was great to pull Smudge out of the float and chuck him straight in!) Float after float rolled up in the beautiful Echuca sunshine and we spent the arvo setting up, having a few drinks and catching up with friends.

Later on, a few car-loads of us ventured over the boarder for dinner to the Moama Pub, which proved to be a great night full of laughter (& drinks) before we returned to the park to socialise around the campfire.

Saturday morning arrived and we got saddled up and attended the horseless muster before having some spare time to ride a few laps of the park, getting our horses used to all the activity and the teams of harness horses leading the parade.

I think 5 horse drawn wagons and over 100 horses then headed out the gate under Police escort at 11.00am. Club members Michelle & Paul Moulden played a massive part in the organising of this rally, and it was arranged that 3 experienced Riddell members in Alan Schulz, Paul Peddie & Lloyd Fletcher would lead the riding contingent. It was an absolutely amazing experience to be a part of......roads were blocked by Police and traffic management, with traffic banking way-back so that we could have right-of-way. People were waving in support on our rally up the Northern Highway, along the main street and through the Port of Echuca. There were photographers, men, women & children and friends of friends on every corner taking photos and waving – in fact it was quite emotional. People on the ride were calling out all along the way "save the brumbies", "they need your support" and "don't let the brumbies be removed from Barmah", etc. etc.

The whole parade took about an hour & a half, and it worked just like a well-oiled-machine. There were no incidents and I think every horse knew they were there with a job to do.

After we arrived back at the park and settled the horses, there were some guest speakers to listen to and a display by a local horse breaker and his renowned brumby stallion in the afternoon, followed by some musical entertainment later into the evening. So much planning had gone into this event, it was just amazing.

Having had such a wonderful time the night before, another big group of us decided to jump on the pub courtesy bus and head back to Moama for a meal. This was again followed by some more laughs around the campfire of course!

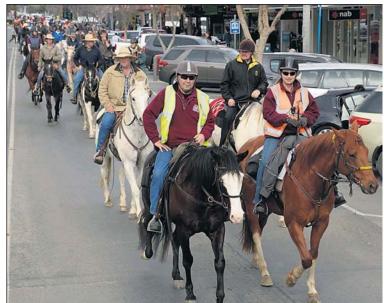
All-in-all, it was a fantastic weekend supporting a cause that needs our voices. Hopefully we were successful in gaining attention to the plight of the Barmah Brumbies – but time will tell of course, so please put your hand up and pitch in, if & when future opportunities arise.

A MASSIVE thank you to the Moulden's for their focus and support offered to the organisers, and for bringing us lot in on this important issue. And to everyone else who helped out by wearing a vest (and bought me drinks and made me laugh – you're the best!) Unfortunately Paul Moulden suffered a little mishap Saturday arvo which took the shine off just a tiny bit, but we hope the knee gets better soon Paul!

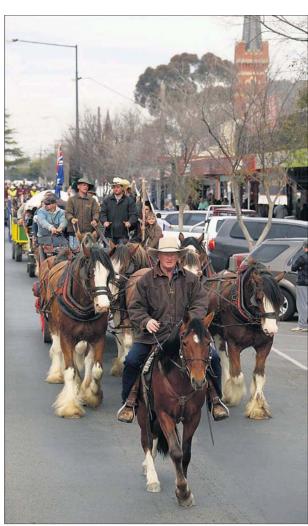
Thinking about it, I just can't imagine riding the Barmah Forest if there were to be no Brumbies to spy through the trees.....so keep your fingers crossed everyone.

From the bitumen trail this time, regards Allison Seeley.

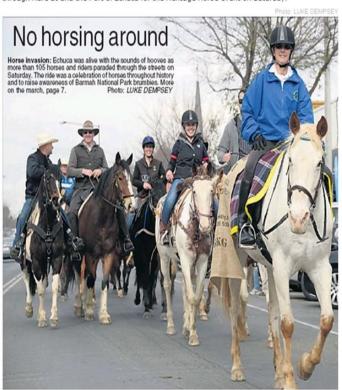




BRUMBY AWARENESS PARADE ECHUCA 2014



It was an emotional experience for riders and watchers as more than 100 horses trotted through Hare St and the Port of Echuca for the Heritage Horse event on Saturday.



"It was absolutely brilliant," event organiser Lynette Sutton said.

"A lot of people enjoyed seeing the horses come through the port."

Boasting riders from NSW, South Australia and across Victoria, the 107 horses and carriages started and finished at Rotary Park.

The event celebrated horses throughout history and raised awareness of Barmah National Park brumbies.

Ms Sutton said the event went perfectly to plan, with the horses, riders and crowd members all safe thanks to the efforts of Campaspe Shire council, the police and traffic controllers.

"Everyone worked so well together," she said.

"It made the event such a pleasure to do and such a success.

"There haven't been any negative comments so far."

The reaction of having so many horses go through town was quite emotional, Ms Sutton said.

"A lot of people, even the riders . . . got quite teary," she said.

"The significance of a past long gone and the knowledge that if we don't do things and change the way we manage things, that past will be gone forever.









"It was very nostalgic, very emotional and we'll be back there next year bigger and better."

BOOMERANG WEEKEND

Boomerang was a limited amount of places weekend, but yippee we got in, it was a beautiful day Friday, so a lot of members made the most of it and arrived early, some even went out for a ride,

What a fantastic place to stay, everyone settled in and got in the party mode and a catch up Friday night in front of an open fire place. It turned out to be a long night with every one being excited to catch up with one another, but really it was all happening in the girls room when we all finally got to bed. No sleep till after 3am with all the talking and giggling like school girls on camp **J**

Saturday was a beautiful day, sun was shinning, it was saddle up time and we rode out at around 10 am with 46 riders, lead out by Lane (LB) and Mat. What a great ride it was, 1 of the best rides I've been on. Had a bit of everything hills, river Xing's and a pub at the lunch point with a great meal. What more could you ask for. We had a couple of mishaps along the way but all turned out well and all had a great day.

Saturday night was party night and the club got some cakes to celebrate a few of us lady's birthdays and sung us happy birthday which was funny, all trying to say the 3 names **J**. There was some very competitive table tennis going on, which was good for a laugh with all the sooky losers, that are waiting for a rematch next year **J**..... to be continued. It was good entertainment along with the funny conversations that were going on, we all had a great night.

Sunday morning we crawled out of bed or fell outit was time to get ready for another ride, felt like a slow start after Saturday night. We had a few riders not feeling up to the ride, seems they needed some retail therapy at the Daylesford Market, but the rest of us saddled up and went out for another great ride. Thanks to Lane & Mat, think we all kicked back and really relaxed on the ride, then we headed back to Boomerang to a BBQ lunch and more chats. All in all I think everyone had a great weekend, then it was the sad time to start packing up and heading home.

We have such a great time because of all the great members.

Bring it on next year, Kim & Karen xxxx



BOOMERANG RANCH RIDE

August 2014















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"Silver Brumby Run" day ride, Sunday 12th October 2014

This ride will leave from "Shepherds Hill Farm" (see attached directions)

Riding in the Wombat State Forest, roads and tracks in the area are mainly granitic sand type with terrain being bushy in places. 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.

Horseless Muster 9:30am.

Ride out time 10:00am.

BYO saddle bag lunch and drink.

Ride Leader: Janice Lewin

Cost: \$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance

Enquiries: Lloyd Fletcher 0400 668 020 Or rethrc1@hotmail.com.au

Directions attached

SILVER BRUMBY RUN

Shepherds Hill Farm 419 Shepherds Hill Rd, Lauriston.

From Carlsruhe on Calder Hwy. Travel north towards Bendigo.

Take 3rd Kyneton exit and head back towards Kyneton.

At fuel stop turn right towards Lauriston, fuel stop will then be on your left once turned.

500mtrs to railway line.

4.5kms to Lauriston.

Turn left into Shepherds Hill Rd.

Travel 4.2kms to 419 Shepherds Hill Rd

Travel another 1km up hill to 2nd driveway on right.

RCTHRC sign will be on left opposite driveway.

Go through burgundy gates. All distances are approximate



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CREEK TRAIL HORSE

Incorporation No A0002157C.

Barmah Forest/ Muster Yards October 31st – November 05th 2014.

Ride Leader: Chris Haber ph: 0437 852 869 Enquires: Lloyd Fletcher ph.: 0400 668 020 Email: rcthrc1@hotmail.com

Sorry, this ride is ONLY open to current ATHRA members

You can arrive from Thursday onwards if you wish. We'll be camping at the muster yards, so please be self-sufficient for a full weekend of camping for both you & your horse, including your drinking water. Horse water and long drop toilets are available, but no showers. Showers are available at the local Caravan Park, app 5 min drive if needed. Parks Victoria set out the conditions of camping at the yards, so please familiarise yourselves with the attached rules before arriving & setting up your camp.

Friday - Free to set up camp and relax.

Saturday - Horseless muster @ 12.00noon, ride out **12.30pm**.

Sunday
 Horseless muster @ 9.30am, ride out 10.00am. BYO saddle-bag lunch
 Horseless muster @ 9.30am ride out 10.00am. Lunch at Barmah Pub.

Tuesday - Free to do what you want or head home.

Wednesday - Pack up and head for home.

Pub meals for Monday ride.

Children: Nuggets & chips or Fish & chips. Cost - \$8.00

- * Horses that are known to kick **MUST** wear a red ribbon in their tail.
- * Horses must be reasonably fit and well-shod or have suitably conditioned hooves.
 - * **DO NOT** pass the ride leader or fall behind the drag rider without his/her ok.
 - * Always leave one horse length in between each horse.
 - * Always ensure to keep the horse in front of you in sight.
- * Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult and wear an approved riding helmet.
- * It is the rider's responsibility to inform the ride leader/organizer of any medical conditions that he/she may have.
 - * RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.

* No Stallions on this ride *

* Dogs are permitted within the the muster yards area only and must be kept on a lead & under control at all times.

Nominations close 25th October 2014

Cost: \$5.00 per person per day. Rider or Camper.

Please bring the correct money with you as giving change is sometimes difficult.

Directions: Melways Map 621 G5

Get yourself to the town of Barmah (not Barham), turn north at the pub/general store into Moira-Lakes Road, follow this all the way straight through & over the bridge and into the park where it becomes Sand Ridge track – continue on until you come to the cattle/muster yards on the right. Entry gate will be sign posted.

There is no camping between the shed and the gate/fence.

HIRE OF BARMAH MUSTER YARDS SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1. No signage to be attached to trees or other park facilities. Free standing signage can be used for the event. Any signs displayed for the event must be removed within 24 hours of the use of that area.
- 2. Vegetation (either living or dead) must not be cut, cleared, removed or damaged in any way.
- 3. Barmah State Park and Barmah State Forest is a 'carry in carry out' area for rubbish. All rubbish is to be removed from the park to an approved transfer station & must not be buried.
- 4. No facilities are to be moved or damaged without the permission of the Ranger in Charge, or his nominee.
- The Ranger in Charge reserves the right to direct alternative access for vehicles should floodwaters, or other emergencies, make any designated areas unusable.
- 6. Vehicles are to remain on tracks at all times.
- 7. No locks or structures are to be cut or removed at any sites. Access will only be provided to sites that are open to the general public.
- All fires must comply with the Forest (Fire Protection) Regulations 2004 No: 77.
 - a. Fires must be in a properly constructed fireplace 30cm deep.
 - b. All flammable material within 3 metres must be removed.
 - c. The fire is not larger than 1 metre square in size.
 - d. Fire must not be left unattended and extinguished with water before leaving.
- 9. Dogs, Cats and Firearms are prohibited from Barmah National Park.
- Event organisers must supply to Parks Victoria, prior to the event, a map showing the locations of staging / marshalling points and courses for these events.
- All camps (tents, vans, etc) are to be located south of the bunkhouse. (PLEASE NOTE: use of the bunkhouse will not be permitted under any circumstances.)
- 12. The facilities (yards & kitchen) are to be maintained and kept clean at all times.
- 13. No fires to be lit in, or near the cast iron stove in the kitchen area.
- 14. Any major breakages or damages are to be reported to Parks Victoria Staff.
- 15. Horse feed is to be weed free & contained within the Muster Yards enclosure (especially hay).
- 16. Generators may be used as long as the noise level is kept low and turned off at a reasonable hour...
- 17. Parks Victoria may cancel this permit not less than forty-eight hours prior to the event should environmental conditions make the area unsafe for the event.
- 18. Parks Victoria is to be notified within four hours on 13 19 63 of any emergency on Parks Victoria managed land associated with the event that requires the services of Police or Emergency Services.
- 19. At least fourteen days prior to the event, organisers must supply to Parks Victoria a copy of the Event Emergency Management Plan.
- 20. Parks Victoria must be supplied with a copy of the event organisers current Public Liability Insurance Cover for at least \$10,000,000.





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MT DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST RIDE SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2014

This ride will commence from No1Camp. This will be a leisurely ride through the Mt Disappointment State Forest. Riding will be on dirt/gravel tracks and roads with terrain being flat to undulating. Anticipated return to floats will be around 2-30pm.

Take the Clonbinane exit of the Hume Fwy, turn right back over the Fwy, then first left in to Spur Rd, till you come to a dirt road, you are now on Main Mountain road, take the fourth turn on your left into Flowerdale road for 1:5 km to No1 camp, horse camp is just past Allison road on your left.

Ride Location; No1 Camp Flowerdale Rd Clonbinane (see attach. map)

Ride Leader: Paul Peddie - 0407 519 671

Ride out time 10:00am.

B.Y.O. Saddle bag lunch & drink.

B.Y.O. Water for your horses

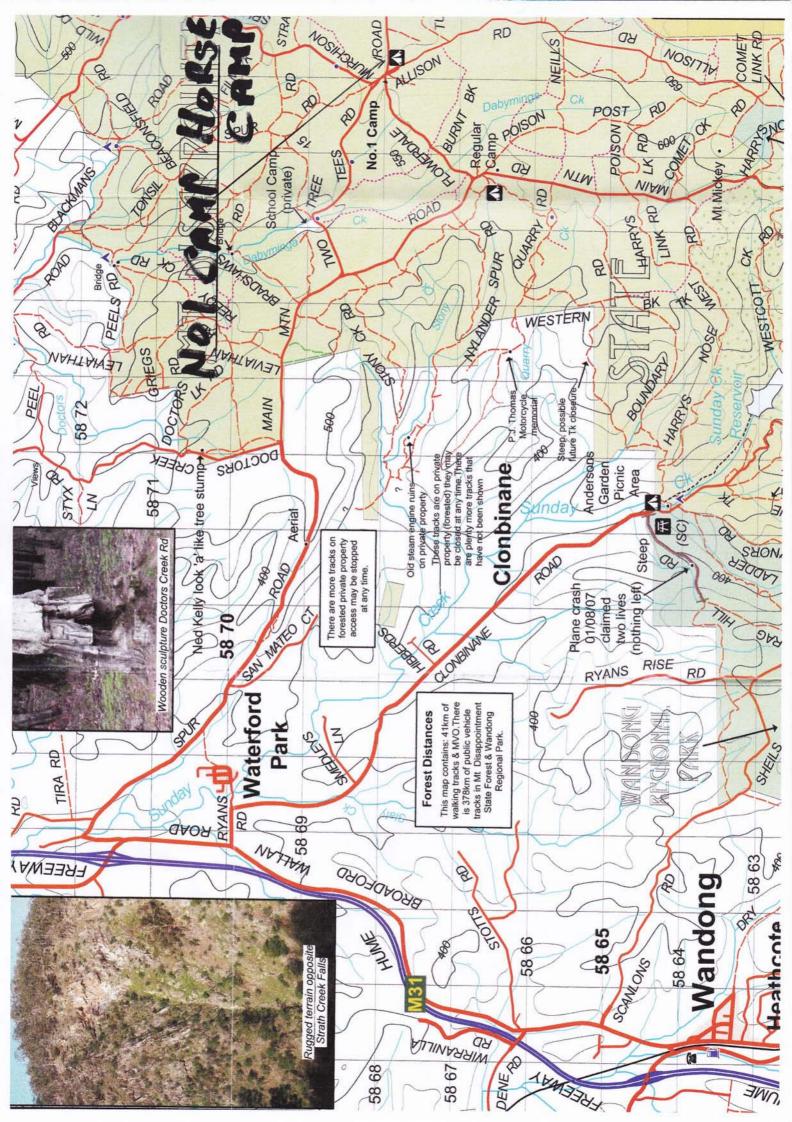
- Riders Must Not Pass the Ride Leader Without His/Her Permission
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Cost: \$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

\$25.00 Ride fee for non members without ATHRA Insurance

Enquiries: Paul Peddie - 0407 519 671



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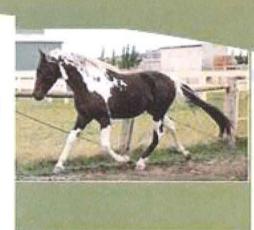
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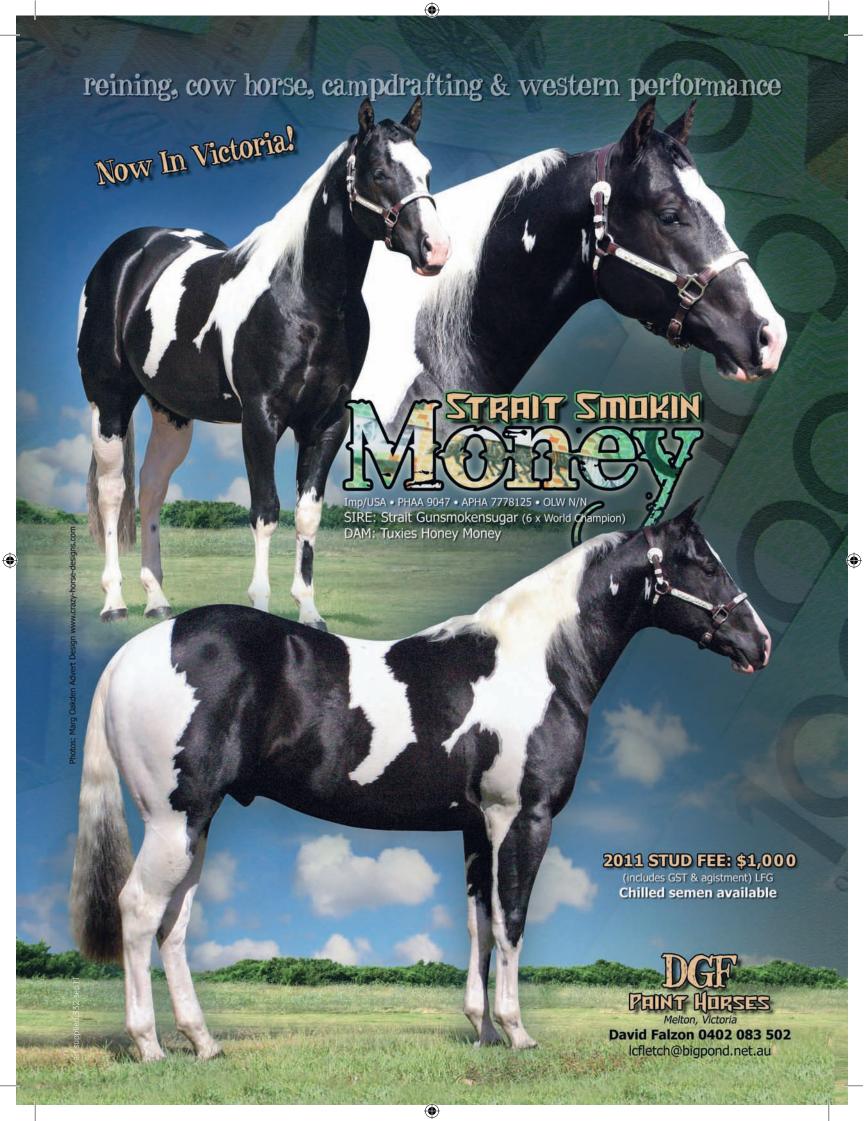
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