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Breakaway Horse Riders Club Inc.

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Minutes From the Meeting

- There was no January Meeting
- Annual General Meeting being held on the 3rd February 2015.

Australian Endurance Riders Association Rule Book

This months snip it: A19 General Rules

19.10 Riders and horses who successfully complete legs totaling 80 kilometers or more, but who chose not to elevate to the next or maximum available distance will be given recognition only for the distance successfully covered.

19.11 All national point score competition points are available to the riders and horses who complete the maximum available distance.

19.12 Competitors who elect to 'retire' from the elevated ride after successful completion of vetting at ta designated elevation distance - and before completion of the maximum available distance - will have their Logbooks as 'Retired'. These competitors are entitled to awards for the distance successfully completed.

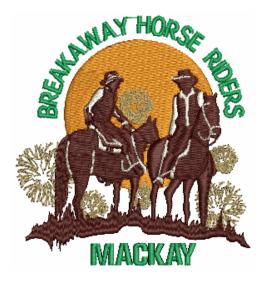
ATHRA Rule Book

This months snip it: 11 ATHRA Accreditation Training Program (continued)

11.3 Qualification **"Trail Boss"** is based on active participation during the training program and demonstration of the participants' ability to conduct and manage an ATHRA Trail Ride. Previous experience and knowledge of the role will also be taken into account to receive this qualification and accreditation certificate.

Participants must demonstrate the attributes required by ATHRA and have passed his/hers practical sessions in order to obtain this qualification. The participants' must display leadership qualities during the training program by actively participating in all sessions and take a lead role in one or more of the exercises. They must also demonstrate correct and safe handling of a horse from the ground (catch/secure/tie up/saddle and bridle, and ride a horse in a walk, trot and canter. Other observations taken into account include:

- Correct fitting of saddle and bridle including stirrup length
- Manage a road crossing safely as well as other obstacles
- Lead a horse whilst mounted and assist another rider
- Ride across a creek/river



2015 Committee

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Calendar of Events

- Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 3rd February 2014, Harrup Park Country Club
- 18th January—Educational Weekend
- 14th-15th February—Greenhill Trail Ride

January 2015 Newsletter

Notice Board

<u>Team Penning</u>

Next team penning event is being held in 2015.

Watch This Space for Upcoming Dates! If anyone has any questions about Team Penning, can offer some assistance or want to have a go, please contact Merrilyn Green. Ph.: 0459 343 995



Members of Breakaway can view all upcoming events happening at Harrup Park via their website. Just click on the tab below for all the details

"What's On"

www.harruppark.com.au

Breakaway AGM

For all those who would like to attend, Breakaway will be holding their annual AGM at Harrup Park Country Club at 7.30pm on the 3rd of February.

If you would like to nominate for a committee position please come along. Hope to see you all there.

2015 Men of Breakaway Profiles Mr January!

Name: Jeffrey Duff

Job: Dragline Operator

My Favourite Band/Artist: Slim Dusty

My Ultimate Holiday is: Canada - to see the Calgary Stampede and the Glaciers

My Favourite Movie: Gone Fishing (Comedy)

A song that means a lot to me is: Cattlemen of the High Country— Slim Dusty.

The best advice I've ever received: Take people how you find them, judge for yourself.

Three people (dead or alive) I'd like to have dinner with: Slim Dusty,

If I was a cartoon character, I would be: Elmer Fudd

My pet peeve: Tailgaters

I love people who: helpful and considerate, and can have a good yarn. My ultimate meal is: Murray Rass and chips.



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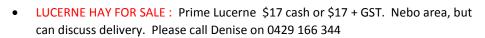


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Storm Safety for You and Your Equines

Reference

Article by Kara Duff.

http://manentailequine.com/ expert-blog-news/equine-stormsafety/ Heading into the Storm/Cyclone season, it is important that we become familiar with some safety tips. We all want to stay safe during this time, which includes your family, horses and other livestock or pets. Lets start by saying, keep your essentials close by is important. For e.g. Torch, mobile phone (I know doesn't sound like an essential but can be handy to keep in contact with neighbours and if you need to call for help), battery powered AM/FM Radio, extra batteries, some camping gear like gas stove etc. Also keep identifications, medications and important phone numbers handy.

Next, I know we hear it all the time, but please don't drive through flooded roads/creeks or out into storms. Not only are you putting you and your family in danger, but if you're towing a float, you're putting your horse/s and pets in danger as well.

When it comes to your horses, I know it can sometimes be hard to leave them in a paddock during the storm no matter how severe. Keeping your horse in a stable or stall will only make him/her feel trapped. It is better off you let them out, they have amazing instincts to help keep them safe. Keeping them locked up will only increase stress and anxiety. To make sure that if your horse does get out, braid a tag into the mane with the horses name as well as yours and your number. You can also take a photo and make sure you put in the distinguishing features. It might also be a good idea to check the paddocks for anything that will cause injury or damage to your horses.

If you do need to evacuate, please make sure, well before the storm hits, that your car and float are sound with tyres pumped up and your car is topped up with fuel. Also, make sure you have a first aid kit for humans and your equine friends. Have your bags (family and horse/ pets), buckets, feed and human food and water packed for an immediate departure should you need to.

I know there are different things we can do that would also be great to suggest, but the best advise is to follow your gut. If you think a storm is brewing, it doesn't hurt to just check your horses, shelters and fences to make sure there is nothing that could injury your horse/s. Take a walk around your house yard and make sure there is nothing that could damage your house. Keep your family indoors and safe.

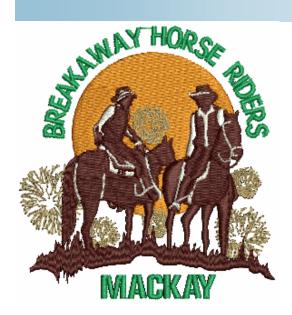
For more information on plans for emergencies such as Floods, Cyclones, Storms and Bushfires please look at the following websites:

http://www.australianhorserescue.com/news/recourses/emergency/

www.horsesafetyaustralia.com.au

www.horsecouncil.org.au

Please keep safe this Storm/Cyclone season. Looking forward to seeing you all for a wonderful 2015.



For more information on trail riding, code of conduct, events or have questions about the sport, please feel free to call us or visit the ATHRA website:

www.athra.com.au





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