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Welcome everyone to the first newsletter since our AGM. Our newly elected committee members are:-

Kerri McFarlane.....President

Shirley Smith.....Vice President

Annette Aldridge.....Secretary

Liz GhellerTreasurer

Sharlene Dowthwaite...Newsletter editor

Many thanks goes to outgoing committee members Mick Irving (Vice President) and Raelene Bennett (Secretary). We wish Raelene and her family all the very best with their new life in Queensland.

FROM OUR SECRETARY...

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Please complete membership forms attached and hand to Kerri or Annette with payment at the next couple of rides or post to Kerri McFarlane P.O Box 345 Leongatha 3953 with a cheque or money order made out to Kerri please.

Club fee \$20 plus ATHRA fees (listed on Application form)

CLUB UNIFORM

Would anyone be interested in purchasing and polo top or shirt with our club logo on it??? Price would be around \$40 for the polo and \$60 for the long sleeve shirt just putting it out there as there is a fee of \$90 for the club to have the emblem converted to enable it to be embroidered onto the shirts??



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RIDE CALENDAR

November – Sunday, 29th

Our November ride at Hallston the date will be Sunday the 29th and ride out will be at 10.00 am from 70 Forresters Road Hallston the property first on the right our ride leader is Jenny enquiries 0409 953 838. Shoe's or boot on all horses and horses to be fit as the ride is flat to hilly in places. The tracks are gravel and rocky roads and sandy tracks amongst the beautiful gum trees and pines. Back at the floats we will have a BBQ lunch and drinks, BYO snacks and a drink while out riding This ride will also be a poker ride so come long and enjoy. Ride fee for the day will be \$10.00 to cover lunch.

Xmas breakup – 13th December

And then our xmas breakup is on Sunday the 13th of December at the Bass Hotel. Ride out at 10.00am with a 3 hour ride and then lunch and raffles at the hotel. It will be a fun family day out for everyone so all family members welcome. If all members could bring an Item for our raffle (bag of feed, soap, cd, horse wormer, ornament) anything you like to go on the raffle table that would be great.

2016 Rides

January	5 mile at Tarwin Lower
Feb	Koonwarra - Gwyther Siding rail trail
March	Hookers Road Nyora
April	Fish Creek to Foster rail trail
May	Allambee

*Contact Kerri about rides if concerned about terrain whether horses should be shod or have boots etc....



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SEPTEMBER RIDE REPORT – KERNOT – Liz Gheller

Happy to be out just as we were...

Having driven through the Kernot Woodleigh area many times previously, I appreciated it much more on horseback as it is such a picturesque part of Gippsland. The only hiccup on the road was the sudden appearance of a few motorbikes which caused a bit of a stir for Shirley and Eli and Nev and his mount but they got through it ok.

By that stage we weren't far from the Grantville Bush which Kerry wanted to show Mick and Nev as they hadn't been there before but they decided to stay behind and have a relax while the rest of us enjoyed a quick navigation ride along the beautiful sandy tracks. After joining the fellas again we were soon heading back along Dunbabbin Rd again when a few of us decided to take the opportunity to enjoy a canter up to the corner before we were back on bitumen.

We then separated ourselves for a short distance from those who preferred to stay behind and enjoyed a Trot/Canter to the top of the hill. Unfortunately Kelly's horse didn't appreciate being left behind and caused a bit of anxiety for her and so she decided to walk back which as Parelli would tell us "Is perfectly ok".

We then set off again on a nice meandering ride back down to the Kernot store where by this time I was seriously looking forward to a bite to eat, so after attending to our horses on our arrival back at our destination it was good to greet Jenny and Nessie who had joined us then sit back, enjoy a wine and a delicious lunch with good company and reflect on a near perfect day.

Looking forward to our October ride.



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OCTOBER RIDE REPORT – ROKEBY – Annette Lamers

On Sunday 11th October we had our ride at Rokeby. On our way there it as so foggy coming up through the hills, but on arrival it was a nice clear morning. In all there were 8 riders lead by David, the weather was beautiful warm and sunny, by arvo was quiet hot. We left around 10.30, went on some lovely bush tracks, along rail trail, up and down lots of hills, down in the gullies were lots of beautiful tree ferns.

We done a small creek crossing where some of the horses had a play and splash

in the water.

We had two new horses with us, Cheroke who belongs to Nikki a new member, and Willow Danielle's mare, they done a really good job and were well behaved, all our horses were good, and company excellent. We turned back home after the creek crossing.



David took Liz and Jenny a longer way home while the rest of us went straight back. A few of us decided to walk our horses the last 3kms back.

On arrival Kerri had the BBQ on, and David had an esky with some nice chilled drinks. We attended our horses and sat down for lunch, and Kerri's now famous Vanilla Slice.

We all had a great time, and looking forward to our next ride. Annette & Smokey