



Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club Inc.
PO Box 115 Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Reg No A0002157C

PRESIDENT:	ROBERT STEPHENS	5428 2626
SECRETARY:	BRENDA KING	0416 210717
TREASURER:	PETRA EGRY	5428 7901
NEWSLETTER:	HEATHER BUZZA	0422 436020

RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB **DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 23RD – 26TH
Australia Day

ANGELSEA – WHINBURY HILL
Ride Notice – Attached

FEBRUARY 21ST

MACEDON PUB RIDE
Ride Notice – Attached

MARCH 25TH – 28TH
Easter

GLENLYON – EASTER RIDE
Ride Notice - Attached

Hi Everyone,

As the new Secretary I would like to ensure that all members are aware that our long standing Secretary Lloyd Fletcher stepped down from the committee in November, due the mounting commitment of his ATHRA workload. I would like to thank Lloyd sincerely for the dedicated service and positive contributions he has provided over the years. Our club is the largest (which means it's the most popular) in Australia and lot of that is Lloyd's legacy, an achievement he should be very proud of. We are thankful that Lloyd is a Life Member of RCTHRC and will now be able to enjoy his riding a little more without all of us pestering him. Please make sure when signing in for rides etc. you come to the register table which will be marked with the club sign and will usually be next to my float from now on.

Other changes to the committee – we welcome Heather Buzza as Assistant Sec & Newsletter Editor. I am sure Heather will be a lot better at the job than I was ! Maybe even get the Newsletter out on time. If you have any news worthy stories, pictures from the rides or anything that would be of interest and suit our newsletter please contact Heather via the rcthrcl@hotmail.com .

Well, 2015 was a great year and as it draws to an end we can reflect on the great rides and funny times we have all shared throughout the year. 2016 promises to be even better!! Stay tuned....



Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year

Enjoy the newsletter J See you on the Trail

X-SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

WOW, the end of another year and what a fantastic year we have had, so many GR8 rides and lots of fun on the way, we even ventured to South Australia for our "10 Pubs in 10 Days" ride and we must give a huge **THANK YOU** to Michelle & Paul Moulden for all the incredible work they put into making it so successful, Chris & Allison once again for putting in a big effort for our annual "Xmas in JULY" at Toolleen, John Brady for making us feel part of the place at Enfield and a big Thanks must also go to Alan & Deb Schulz for allowing us to use their wonderful property at Flowerdale for this year's Christmas Party, we also need to thank all the members that have put their hands up to assist with the many duties associated with running so many GR8 rides throughout the past year without their help & assistance the rides would not have been as successful as they have been, we have had quite a few new members join the club and have said goodbye to some that have moved on, we end the 2015 with 186 members, slightly down on last year, however still the largest (and BEST, IMHO) ATHRA club in Australia and that is a testament to all of our wonderful members.

As you are all aware I have stepped down from the Secretary position and would like to thank the committee and members for all your support throughout my time in the roll, I an 100% positive Brenda will carry on and keep the club on the right track and I ask all members to give whatever assistance you can to her as the position requires a huge amount of input of time and effort and after all it is your club.

Catch ya on a club ride in 2016

"Silver Brumby Run" day ride, Sunday October 25th

We had a small group on the day and although the ride was a bit shorter than normal I'm sure everybody had a good day, unless of course if you are Tanya & Jason as they arrived with on 3 tyres on their float and were making quite a racket as they drove up the driveway.

"Melbourne Cup Weekend" at John Brady's Enfield

What more can you say about John's place at Enfield that hasn't already been said, what a GR8 place to have a camp weekend and we must thank John & Eddie for taking us on some fantastic rides, we had lots of members, food & most of all FUN, we congratulate **Eddie Dewar & Michael Thompson** for picking up \$60 each for their winning horse's in the 2 Melb Cup Sweeps and **Annetta Newman & Jason Underwood** for getting their money back as the last place getters.

Ride Reports attached

2015 Club Xmas Party December 5th & 6th.

2015 saw us at '*KINLOCHIEL FARM STAY*' Flowerdale for our annual Xmas Party ride, and what a time was had by all, Joe Schembri had his pet Bull there and was so busy with many members trying to tame the beast, the Kids were actually much better at riding the Bull than the Adults, we must also Thank Kim for the Fantastic array of prizes she had gathered for the Raffle and for all her efforts restoring the Rocking Horse, Schulzy had been appointed the auctioneer for the 3 items up for raffle, a handmade leather Halter & Western Breastplate both made and donated by Bill Thompson and as mentioned the Rocking Horse fully restored by Kim Sinclair, Dave Falzon was the final high bidder on both the leather items and after a fair bit of furious bidding John Littler ended up with the Rocking Horse for his First Grandson, Alan led us on a GR8 ride up and down and over the 3 Sisters to finish of the year.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Emily Bradford, Eddie Dewar, Tara Eastwood, Bruce & Evanne Gleeson, Bryce Halls, Jane Joyce, Rachelle & Olivia King, Sandi & Simone Robson, Mario Spiteri, Victoria Stanley, Melissa Stock, Kay Sunborn, Madi Buzza, Bethany Christopher-Smyth & Daniel Kerle.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We end 2015 with 186 Financial Members.

“It is difficult to explain ones love for horses, it cannot be explained, it is simply felt!”

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



ENFIELD - Cup Weekend - by Julie Madin

Some arrived and set up camp Friday, others arrived Saturday morning making a start on another great weekend at Enfield.

Saturday saw 1 group ride in the morning, and another in the afternoon for the latecomers.

In the afternoon we were visited by our camp kiddies dressed up to the hilt for Halloween. 'Trick or treat'. They had heaps in their baskets.

Kim treated us to home-made potato salad, green salad and beetroot to go with the meats barbecued by the guys in the rotunda pavilion. That evening the juke box was cranked up and the stresses of the working week gave way to partying.

Sunday we all rode off through the bush to Enfield Pub for lunch and drinks. The return trip back to camp was a nice 4kls, easy peasy with full tummies. Night time fell upon us, with more home-made grub. Lloyd needed some nursing when he traded his horse for a chair and it decided to buck him off, straight into a wood pole, leaving him very stunned and sore. Some said they heard the crack of his noggin back at their camps. Soon after some retired early to bed and others kicked on with the jukebox and conversation.

On Monday morning we woke up to light drizzle to ride out in. Lloyd was suffering and didn't ride for the day. He did however lend a hand along with the rest of the ground crew giving Backup Bernie a great chance to use his culinary skills in the bush. They served up Hot Dogs and a cuppa to the days riders, next to a warm fire under the shelter of large pine trees. It was a huge success. John Brady decided to try and singe his whiskers off when the gas bottle he was opening became a flame shooter. The story goes 'that the girls ran for their lives' and some of the guys weren't far behind them too, not naming anybody of course. On our return trip Eddie took us through bush and then out into a place with rows of 2metre pine trees for as far as the eye could see. It was a beautiful sight through the light drizzle and a really relaxing ride. On our return to camp people sat around the fire chatting in the rotunda. It was perfect timing for all to get involved in a 'laugh workshop', and that's what we did, laugh, laugh, and laugh. Dinner for all was fried hot dogs, sausages, meat and salad. After dinner we relaxed to play a game of charades. Something that I personally have not played for a long time. It was very funny also.

Tuesday had come around way too soon and it was time to say goodbye to each other and our hosts. Well Eddie was around but John had taken off to try his luck at the 'Melbourne Cup Race' at Flemington. We did conduct 2 Cup Sweeps for all present and I am sad to say it was not my year. Good luck to the winner, whoever you are and many thanks to John, Eddie, Lloyd, Backup Bernie, Kim, Brenda and Petra and the backup crew for another fantastic weekend of riding and comradery.

Julie M

ENFIELD – CUP WEEKEND...by Gill B

I arrived with my friend Elaine (who is a new member of the club) for the Melbourne Cup weekend ride at John Brady's Enfield property. It was quite a warm night and after catching up with friends I hadn't seen for awhile I retired to the float. At 2am I think the whole camp awoke with the most almighty crack of thunder!!! Heavy rain storms and thunder continued for most of the night and early morning.

There was a lot of non-riding talk at breakfast however at the muster it was time to put your hand up if riding! 11 of us set out behind Eddy for approx.. 16 km with a return to camp for lunch. It was a lovely open track through the pine forest although some horses including mine were still suffering from POST STORM TRAUMA and found it difficult to settle!!

We continued through the bush then towards home along the back roads where my horse "Ollie" finally walked (yay!)

It was great to catch up with club members new & old and thanks to John Brady for once again being a wonderful host.

Gill



Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club Inc.
Incorporation No A0002157C.

ANGLESEA RIDE - 23rd /24th /25th /26th January 2016

For some this weekend spans across 4 days, some only have the weekend and a day off Tuesday. The club has booked Whinbury Hill for the 4 days so those with the extra time can stay and enjoy themselves until the Tuesday if they wish.

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 Bearpaire.

We will have the use of a large shed with 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*) 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.

The club will be providing a BBQ dinner on the Saturday night.

On Sunday night we will book the local pub for those who would like to have dinner there (own cost).

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 10am, BYO saddle-bag lunch

Sunday ride out 10am, BYO saddle-bag lunch

Monday ride out 10am – back to camp around lunchtime

Riders must not pass the Ride Leader without their 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.

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 ride

Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the camping area must be on a lead at all times.

Cost 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
\$32.00 for non-members per day.
(Non ATHRA riders may only ride twice with ATHRA clubs before becoming members)

Location: "WHINBURY HILL" 485 Forest Rd. Paraparap Vic 3240
Ph.: 5266 1414 / Gill: 0418 553 050

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING 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

Although there is no restriction on numbers at this camp we would like to have nominations so we know for catering purposes Sat night.

NOMINATIONS close on 19th of January 2016

Contact – Brenda King

Ring / text / email on 0416 210717 or 5428 7901 or rcthrc1@hotmail.com

Please make sure the following info is provided –

Name

Attending BBQ Yes / No

Staying how many nights ?

Cost

Payment method EFT / Cash / CHQ



Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club Inc.
Incorporation No A0002157C.

Bullengarook to the Macedon Railway Hotel Sun 21st February 2016

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
\$32.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance

Nominations to Brenda King, Mob 0416 210 717, or rcthrc1@hotmail.com by Monday 15th 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.



2016 EASTER CAMP – GLENLYON

BY INVITATION OF RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB INC.

WHERE: GLENLYON PONY CLUB GROUNDS – GLENLYON
WHEN: EASTER – Friday March 25th to Monday March 28th

COME ALONG AND HAVE AN EASTER AFFAIR WITH US

This has been a traditional and popular camp for over 20+ years now and with the invitation out to all ATHRA clubs we hope you will join us again this year. It's a great opportunity to meet new and old faces, swap yarns, have a drink, sit around the fire, listen to the music or dance the night away, yahoo and anything else you can think of. So come along and help us **CELEBRATE EASTER** at GLENLYON.

COSTS: Weekend includes camping, Saturday night catered dinner & all rides.
(You are welcome to arrive on Thursday afternoon if you wish.)

- R.C.T.H.R.C. members & family all weekend \$50.00 per person
- Non riding visitors with current ATHRA membership \$60
- Juniors 5 – 12 years \$25 each & kid's under 5 free
- Saturday night only with catered dinner & 1 night camping/ride \$25
- If you only want to ride/stay 1 night other than Saturday night cost is \$10
- Non ATHRA members cost for stay is \$30 per person per day
This applies whether camping/camping & riding or riding for a day only
Non ATHRA riders may only ride twice with ATHRA clubs before becoming members

As we are having a catered dinner on the Saturday Night so nominations are a MUST please get your nominations in by Wednesday 16th MARCH 2016

Horses:

There is plenty of room at the Pony club grounds for camping. There are toilets, water taps and mineral springs. A well sheltered, secure 40 acre paddock is available for the horses, or you can use your portable yards. There are only limited trees for night-lining.

You will need to bring your usual camping gear, for you and your horse including food.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *No Stallions.*
- *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 camping 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.*

RIDE OUT TIMES:

FRIDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	12:30PM
SATURDAY	FULL DAY RIDE	10:00AM
SUNDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	12:30PM
MONDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	10:00AM

Information and Nominations please contact –
Brenda King 0416 210717 or 5428 7901 or rcthrc1@hotmail.com
You can nominate by return email / text / phone

Please provide the following info when doing so –

Name (very important!)

Rider Yes / No

How many nights

Saturday Dinner Yes / No

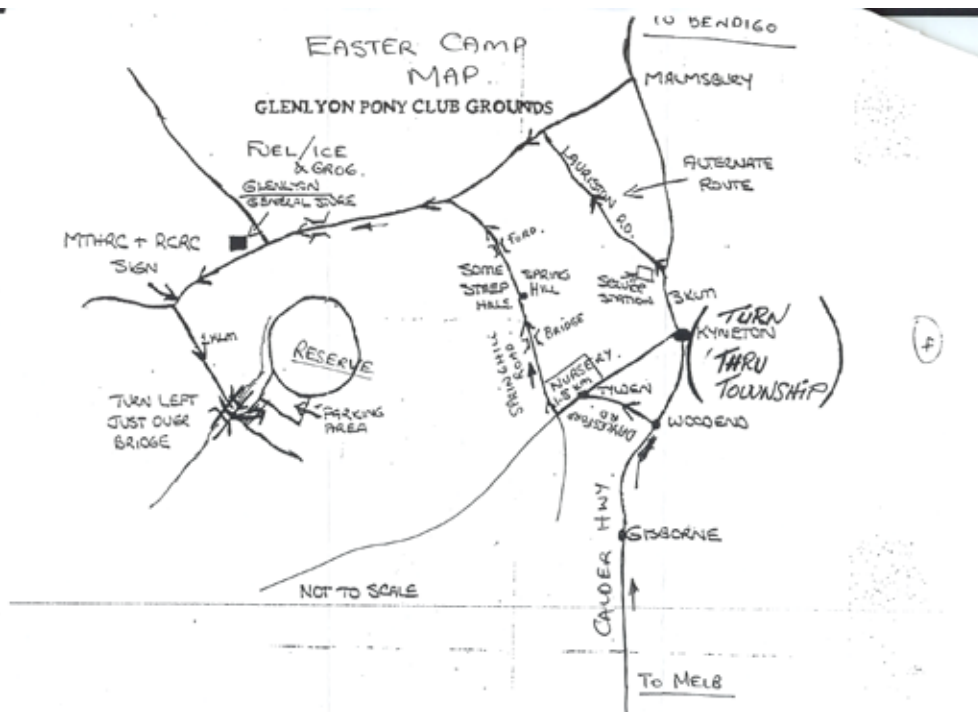
Cost \$

Payment via EFT or CASH or CHQ

RCTHRC

BSB: 063-840

Account No: 1028 9173



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

PETSTOCK MELTON

Catering for all your pets & livestock

We have monthly promos running

and a catalogue on until the 16th of February,

these specials can be found on the Petstock website

www.petstock.com.au



77 High Street, Melton, Vic, 3337

Ph: 9746 6777

melton@petstock.com.au

MELTON SADDLERY

We stock thousands of different products and obviously these are too numerous to list.

We have added links to some of our supplier's websites on our own website for you to have a look at. We already have most of these products in store but if we don't,

we can normally have it in store within a few days.

If you would like to order anything, you can call us on 03 9747 0038 or email us at

meltonsaddlery@hotmail.com. We are the mail order specialists and we despatch

almost every order on the same day we receive it.

79 Unitt Street Melton 3337

Tel 03 9747 0038

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and exclusive offers.

meltonsaddlery@hotmail.com

www.meltonsaddlery.com.au



Please present your RCTHRC Membership card for discount

Horse Rug Repairs

All repairs welcome

Rachelle King

3919 Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road
Parwan, VIC 3340

0421474226

rlolpeking@yahoo.com.au



STANLEY PARK

Coloured Standardbreds & Partbreds

Julie Stanley

'A Flash of Colour'
Homozygous Tobiano Stallion

Ph: 9740 7046

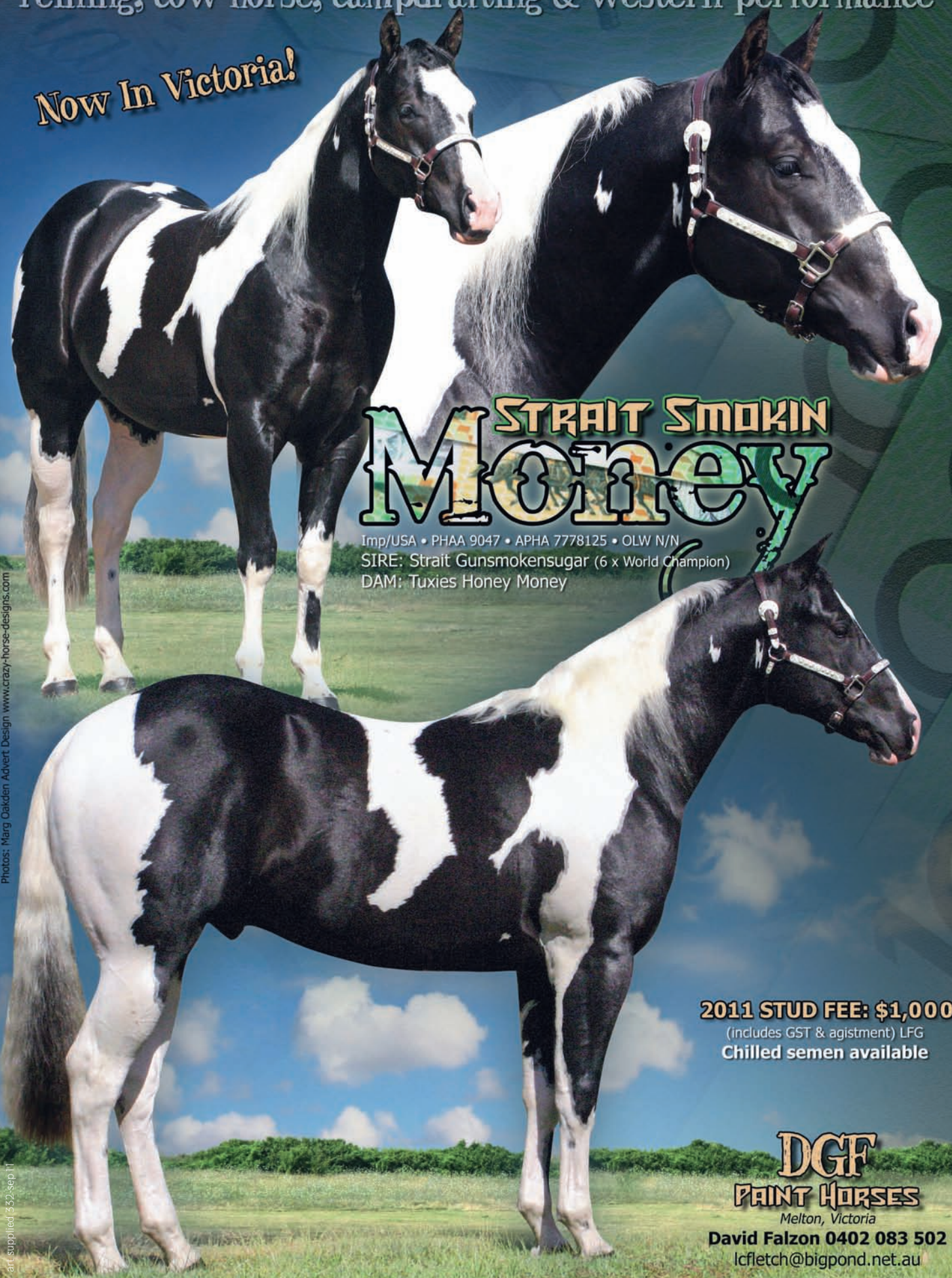
Mob: 0409 200 027

Email: giddy_up34@hotmail.com



reining, cow horse, campdrafting & western performance

Now In Victoria!



STRAIT SMOKIN Money

Imp/USA • PHAA 9047 • APHA 7778125 • OLW N/N
SIRE: Strait Gunsmokensugar (6 x World Champion)
DAM: Tuxies Honey Money

Photos: Marg Oakden Advert Design www.crazy-horse-designs.com

art supplied 3/32-sep 11

2011 STUD FEE: \$1,000
(Includes GST & agistment) LFG
Chilled semen available

DGF
PAINT HORSES
Melton, Victoria
David Falzon 0402 083 502
lcfletch@bigpond.net.au