

Breakaway Horse Riders Club Inc.

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Minutes From the Meeting

- 2016 Ride calendar being drafted.
- New plans for meeting dates discussed—Meetings to be held on first Monday of the month at 7pm.
- Guest speaker presented talk on Equine Land Management, aiming at improving pasture and management of land that has horses on it.

Australian Endurance Riders Association Rule Book

This months snip it: **7. Optional Elevation Legs**

7.1 Any ride may include 1 or more optional elevation legs to be ridden pursuant to the minimum and maximum number of legs as required by table 6 or table 9, dependent on the ride control to be used.

7.2 All horses and rider entering a ride with 1 or more elevation legs are subject to all rider rules (chapter 5) and all horse rules (chapter 6) applicable to the maximum elevated distance available for the ride.

7.3 All riders entering a ride with 1 or more elevation legs, shall enter and pay the entry fee for the maximum elevated distance available.

ATHRA Rule Book

This months snip it: **6. Horse Health and Welfare**

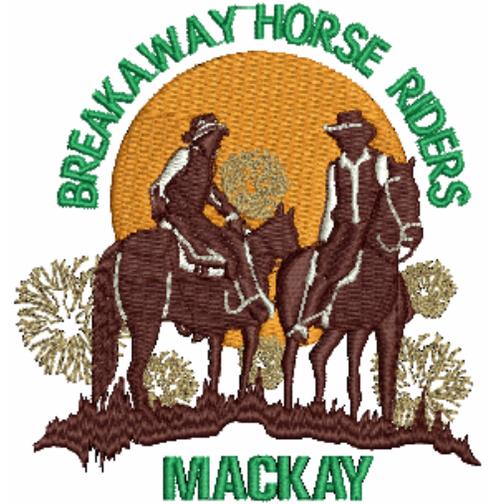
6.4 Participants of ATHRA trail rides or events must ensure that their horse's feet are adequately conditioned and/or shod for the intended activity to ensure the horse's soundness and safety.

6.5 Participants of ATHRA trail rides and events must ensure that all saddles, harness and other gear is regularly checked, well maintained, safe, and is a good fit for the horse.

6.6 ATHRA recommends the publications to be found on the Australian Government's Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) website at:

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/animal-industries/horses>

There are numerous downloadable publications on horse well-being, training and nutrition.



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Calendar of Events

- **Next Meeting: January Meeting Cancelled**
- 24th Jan—Venue TBA
- 20th-21st Feb—Koumala ride/trail challenge
- 12th-13th March—Trail Ride Camp at Mia Mia

Notice Board

Team Penning

For upcoming dates:

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"](#)

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2015 Men of Breakaway Profiles Mr December!

Name: Garry Cain

Job: Semi-Retired

My Favourite Band/Artist: Anything that's not head-banging

Favourite Song: Cats in the Cradle

My Ultimate Holiday is: Cruise around Australia

The best advice I've ever received: Take your time and do the job right the first time.

Three people (dead or alive) I'd like to have dinner with: Muma and dad as I miss them, and aiming high, Jesus, so I can ask him 'why'?

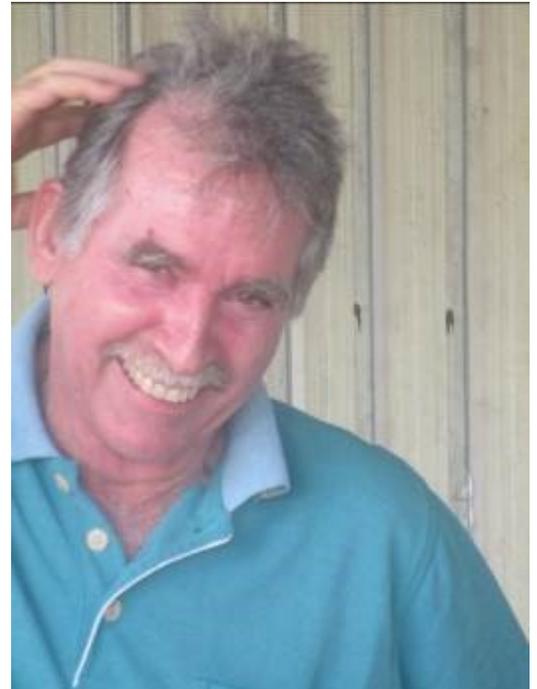
If I were a cartoon character, who would I be: Bugs Bunny

Pet Peeve: Tailgaters

I love people who: Just get on with it.

My ultimate meal is: My wife's cooking (because she's going to read this)

What is 1 activity/hobby you have always wanted to try: Pilot a helicopter



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Breakaway Horse Riders Club Congratulates

Kath Ryan

on being awarded an

Honorary Life Membership

***Your dedication and support of Breakaway Horse Riders Club
& endurance riding over many years is truly appreciated***

Kath's accolades include:

Being a long standing, active & respected member of Breakaway; many years serving as Club President & active involvement with endurance riding which includes being Chief Steward, participation in Shahzada and the attainment of 3 Quilty buckles. Kath also completed a horse ride from Longreach to Brisbane.

Testimonies:

"I just wanted to send my congratulations to Kath, upon her lifetime membership award. Congratulations to a dear friend, to a committed and tireless worker, and a very long time member of Breakaway. I couldn't think of more deserving recipient. Breakaway's success has arisen from the efforts of a large number of people over the years and Kath, your support has greatly contributed to this. I have many cherished memories of working alongside you and hours spent in the saddle with you and your gorgeous Nimi. Congratulations Kath xo" ***Juanita Bosel past Breakaway Member & endurance rider***

"A huge congratulations to Kath Ryan on being awarded Life Membership with the Breakaway Horse Riders Club. I am fortunate and honoured to have known Kath, along with her family for approx the past 20 years. Together we have some wonderful memories of riding locally at places such as Oakdale, Wandoo, Finch Hatton, Koumala and also Denison Creek. During 2006 together with husband Steve, Juanita (Bosel) along with Kath took a road trip together to the infamous Shahzada 400km endurance test. This was a fantastic week, with both Kath and I successful in the 400km marathon. Kath has a long history with both endurance and trail riding in the Mackay district and has always been very approachable by any rider or strapper for advice and has worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure the longevity and successfulness of the Breakaway club. Congratulations Kath. From Melissa and Steve Longhurst.



*... more about our
Kath Ryan
... a bit of history*



The Breakaway Trail Horse Riding Club has its origins in the Kuttabul district and was formed in 1986.

To start with the trail riders were a part of the Kuttabul Sports Club. While the Kuttabul Sports Club was running out of energy the trail riders were just warming up.

At a meeting in early 1987 the Kuttabul Sports Club was dissolved and the Trail Riding Club formed a committee in their own right.

The club consisted of about a dozen families or so met on a monthly basis for horse rides. Children ranged from nappy years to teen years. The friendship was infectious. And to this day the clubs friendliness and companionship still exists. Adults shared child-minding duties of those children who could not ride or supervision and support to those children who could or who were learning.

The Ryan family first appeared on the scene in 1988 (I think). They were, John, Kathy and the three beautiful girls and it didn't take long for them to become part of the Breakaway family.

Some lighter moments...



Viv Teuwsen recalls:

Kathy's sporting spirit - when on one endurance ride there was herself Kathy, Rose Cameron and husband John riding together. At one point in the ride Kathy was at the tail of the group and asked if everyone could slow down. So of course being considerate people everyone slowed down, and at that moment Kathy took off like a flash of lightning and left the group for dead. John was heard to comment - "that woman talks with forked tongue".



Ross Dodt recalls:

The Ryan family turning up for a weekend trail ride with truck loaded up with horses and camping equipment. Once the horses were unloaded it was noticed that the lid had blown off the esky containing the weekend's food. On further inspection it seemed as though one of the horses had somehow managed to position its tail over the open esky and delivered a few horse dumpling into it!

Gail Dodt recalls:

Kath impersonated Marilyn Monroe late at night at an endurance ride at Wandoo. (encore later please Kath!)

Kath Ryan and Breakaway:

- 1990 - Treasurer
- 1991 - President.
 - Qld State C'ship 160klm Endurance Ride
 - and husband John collects the Boozer's Trophy.
- 1992 - President
 - Club becomes incorporated
- 1994 - Junior Vice President
- 1996 - Club Secretary

Kath has 3 Quilty Buckles, has complete Shahzadah, ridden from Longreach to Brisbane to finish at the Ekka. She is a well-respected Chief Steward in the Qld endurance community.



Kath we all love your wonderful energy and your fun loving personality....don't ever change

Breakaway Christmas Breakup

By Roxanne Aprile

Our breakup this year was a trail ride challenge at Koumala. 11 Riders spent the hot morning navigating obstacles, bending, going over bridges, jumping and dragging stuff around, all made possible by the tireless work of Mez, Jeff and Pene Duff who were our instructors for the day. Your guys are amazing and have always had the interest of the club at heart and for this we cannot thank you enough...again!

Thanks also to Kath Ryan our ride co-ordinator and Chanelle Steggles and Nicole Grosse who organised the soft-drinks for the event. This year we decided to go to the Koumala Pub for tea in an effort to give back to the community who have supported us throughout the years. We had the use of the pub' courtesy bus and invited many property owners for a meal. These are the people who bend over backwards for our club, especially for our endurance events and cannot do enough for us, allowing us to ride through their properties year after year. Thanks must then go to the Johnson Family, who generously allow us to use their yards year in and year out. The Linthwaite family came along, as did Nipper and Shirley who have volunteered a lot of their time for Breakaway in track marking and also cooked damper for us on our charity ride this year. We must also thank the many other property owners who have allowed us access to their properties on rides this year. They stretch from Koumala in the south to Urani, Ben Mohr, Teemburra Dam, Mia Mia, Glenden to Eungella, Cape Hillsborough and Calen. Thank you so much ...

Our club trophies in 2015 were presented to **Mike Teuwsen: Club Person of the Year**. Mike you always put so much back into this club in every way. **Thank you so much Mike. Jan Simpson was awarded the Piss Pot trophy for her efforts that are still memorable from last year's Xmas party at Mia Mia. Our Junior Encouragement Awards this year went to Justin Essam and Atari Brand.** These two outstanding juniors perpetually raise large amounts for our charity ride. **This year Justin raised over \$700 and is fast becoming one of the best riders in the club.** He drew in first place with Gary Cain on the Trail Challenge this year with a time of 1 minute 44 secs. **Not too shabby mate! Well done.** We have also seen Justin at teampenning and at many other rides throughout the year. We are looking forward to seeing you again on the tracks in 2016 Justin. **Atari Brand raised over \$1000 dollars for the club's charity ride this year.** Atari has really come on as a rider this year and at the end of the day was going through the gate on the trail challenge like she has been doing it all her life. **Well done Atari, hope to see you out with us again next year.**

Of course, our President Kath Ryan was awarded a club honorary Life Membership at the presentations. Members will have read about Kath's wonderful dedication to our club. Congratulations Kath!

A very big thankyou must also go to our ATHRA Central & North Queensland Manager, who will not be continuing this position next year. Mez you have been nothing short of totally dedicated to arranging events for our club. Your work with teampenning has quickly seen this become one of the most popular events in the club of recent years. Numbers for this fill so quickly and the days are full of fun, laughter and learning. **We must here thank Jan Simpson for allowing us to use your family property at Calen for these events and thanks also to our cattle donors, the Lairds and the Higgins families.** Mez you have also arranged the very popular Barb Colby education weekend under a very short timeline as well as your past work which resulted in Breakaway's memberships increasing more than most clubs in Qld. She was a big organiser of our Regional Ride last year and also travelled to other clubs to ride with them in Bouldy and Townsville as part of her role. **Thanks so much Mez, we hope you have a relaxing 2016 and enjoy your riding.**

There are also many others to thank for their work throughout the year. Without you all, this little club would not be as successful as it is. Thankyou to everyone who has worked for the club in making this a successful year.

Next year is the 30th anniversary of our club's first ride at Mia Mia, when the horses broke away – hence the name of the club. We do plan to celebrate this and to thank those founding members who really had a vision for the club and who have given us a legacy that has been able to continue for 30 years.



Ohhh the Piss Pot!....

Well in the morning after the Xmas party, my little Butane stove burst into flames as we were having our traditional bacon & egg brekky (yes, if you do have one of these, get rid of it because they really do catch fire). Noel jumped to the rescue while the rest of us starred at the flames in trances. He leapt up, grabbed someone else's towel, wet it and threw it onto the flames. This wasn't enough though because the flames kept licking into the air and we were a bit concerned the canister would explode.

AND Sooooo our recently crowned life Member ran to the ute, grabbed the Piss Pot Trophy, filled it with water and doused the flames....Thank God for that Pisspot!

My goodness....not only is she a Life Member....she also knows how to handle a Pisspot. ONYA Kath!



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