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August 2017 NEWSLETTER

Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, it's the last month of winter! Yee haa! We were very lucky with the weather for the Beach Ride in July, with the sun streaming through the trees in the National Park and catching the sea spray on the beach! You never know what you're going to get in this wonderful country of ours. I hope that your horses have all been well and are as wooly as ever. This month, we look forward to a winery ride led by the lovely Rayven Burke in Kyneton! It's the first ride we've actually had in Kyneton in years, and considering it's the name of our club, it's great that we'll be leaving some hoof prints around the homeland. Make sure you RSVP/nominate for this ride so that Rayven can book for lunch. Yours on trails, Amy.

Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our Kyneton Ride on Sunday 27th August.

<u>Pre-nominations are required for all KDTRC rides</u> either by calling, texting the ride leader. This is to ensure that ride leaders are aware of the number of riders attending their ride and if these rides are catered for, then how much food is needed to be purchased.

In addition, if you are unsure of any of the KDTRC rides that you want to attend then you also need to contact the ride leader to discuss this with them so that you are certain you and your horse will manage the ride on the day.

KDTRC Ride Calendar for 2017

| DATE | LEADER/PHONE | WHERE | TYPE OF RIDE |
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| 29 th January | JULIE SAMSON 5424 8545 | SPRING HILL | Bushy tracks some road trails. BBQ lunch mid ride. |
| 25 th & 26 th February | AMY G 0408342990 | CRAIG'S HUT – HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND | Hills hills and more hills! |
| 25 th 26 th March | ARNOLD VAN ORSOUW 0425 885 201 | ENFIELD | Two days of riding and camp over if you would like. AGM will be also held at 5pm on the Sat. |
| 30 th April | DI SYMONDS 0407 486 121 | KORWINGEBOORA | Beautiful lush forests, saddle bag lunch. |
| 28 th MAY | GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433 | GREENDALE | Hilly bush tracks, beautiful gullies and saddle bag lunch at old mine. Intermediate Ride. |
| 25 th JUNE | AMY G 0408 342 990 | HEPBURN SPRINGS | Hilly bush ride with tracks, trails and bush bashing. BBQ and Hot Chocolates mid ride in Hepburn Springs. |
| 29 th JULY | ROB FEATONBY 0413 529 696 | BEACH RIDE AT MOGGS CREEK, NEAR AIREYS INLET! | Hilly bush climbs before descending onto the beach! Yee haa! Can't wait! |
| 27 th AUGUST | RAYVEN BURKE 0473 437 592 | KYNETON WINERY | Back roads to the Kyneton Winery for lunch |
| 24 th SEPTEMBER | ERIN 0407 401 406 | ELPHINGSTONE PUB RIDE | Bush ride with lunch at the end of the ride in Elphingstone |
| 29 th OCTOBER | RAYVEN BURKE 0473 437 592 | ROMSEY | |
| 25 th & 26 th NOVEMBER | TBA | NEWBURY | 2 day ride bushy tracks & lovely trails creek crossings, hills & gullies. bbq tea & breaky. |

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A RIDE??? We would love to hear from you!!! We will be discussing the ride calendar at our next meeting but you can also text one of us or send a messenger owl!

ATHRA has moved to online memberships – and it's not as scary as you think!

Okay, so now that we've had someone join via the new online memberships page, we have realised it's not as scary as we thought!

All you have to do is follow the prompts, pay your ATHRA insurance online, and then bring your KDTRC membership of \$25 to the ride! You can also do a bank transfer/deposit of the \$25 if you like. Just get our bank details off this newsletter down below.

If it gets scary or you can't figure it out, you can always give Amy a call or a text and she'll get back to you!

We also have the old paper system still until 2018 to be used as a back up!

The importance of informing us of changes to you phone number and email

Lately there have been a few incorrect numbers on the ride notices and ride calendar. I'd like to apologise to you all for that.

So that I could understand why this has kept happening (and so I didn't feel so stupid), I investigated the issue and found that due to our old paper system, many people have filled out forms in a rush and number have been very difficult to read. It seems that it's mostly '9', '6', & '0' that get mixed up. So if you can please been careful when documenting your phone number, emergency number, and email address when filling out forms, either paper or electronic, it would be greatly appreciated.

Further to that, please let me know if you change your email address or phone number as soon as possible.

Thanks all!

NEXT RIDE: KDTRC Kyneton Winery Ride, led by Rayven Burke

Where – Murphys Rd, Kyneton. Park on the nature strip between Norththumbland Rd and Williatts Lane.

When – 9.45 horseless muster for 10am ride out.

Come and sign in with RAYVEN

Ride - T This ride is about 22km with a winery stop at the Kyneton Ridge Estate for lunch. This ride is mostly dirt roads and is very peaceful and has a nice view of the east side of Kyneton over Mt Alexander with the great boulders of granite hills. There is a small section where we ride along the wide nature strip to avoid a bitumen road with a few cars. But traffic is always fantastic and will slow down.

Conditions – This ride is along a smooth sandy gravel dirt roads. Horses will need to be very fit and I would recommend shoes or boots for this ride as many of the roads are dirt gravel like. There are some nice long hills for some really good canters.

Bring – Bring drink bottle and saddle bag or money for our winery lunch.

Nominations/RSVP —. Rayven via text message at least one week prior to ride on 0473 437 592. Any non-ATHRA members must do the on-line Prospective Member book-in before they turn up to the ride.... see the ATHRA website for details.

KDTRC 2017 MEMBERSHIPS

If you haven't already completed a KDTRC 2017 Membership Form and new waiver Forms to become a member please, contact me & I will forward these forms to you ASAP. Please note that memberships will soon be only processed online through the ATHRA website.

ATHRA \$100.00 KDTRC \$25.00 **TOTAL \$125.00**

To ride out on a club ride if you are NOT a KDTRC member, fees are:-

ATHRA members pay \$5 and non-ATHRA prospective members pay \$35.

If you are a member of another ATHRA club (e.g. Riddells Creek or Baringhup) and ride with us a lot as well, you may want to join our club too for just the \$25 membership.

Contact Julie or Amy via phone details on the first page of this newsletter for membership queries. Membership forms and waivers are on the KDTRC facebook page for printing or grab a copy off Amy or Julie on the next ride. Completed forms and payment can be mailed or handed to KDTRC Treasurer Julie Samson 525 Springhill Rd Springhill 3444 or simply pay directly into KDTRC account: WESTPAC - BSB 033234, ACCT NO: 561506 & then let Julie know either by writing what amounts have been paid on the forms posted to her or by emailing her at juliesamson@westnet.com.au

KDTRC Ride report – Aireys Inlet Beach Ride

Prepared by Amy Gross

On a magic winter's day with some ominous yet beautiful blue clouds on the horizon, a group of us strapped in, and headed south down the coast to the infamous Great Ocean Road.

Driving through green fields, past Geelong, anxiously looking through the windscreen with hope and anticipation, the sun came out as the first sight of the ocean appeared as we drove through Anglesea. In no time we were excitedly saddling up in the back blocks of Moggs Creek and heading up through Natural Park with views to the South of the ocean, and views of misty hills to the North.

Up and down the sandy trails, with the first sights of wild flowers, we had a brief lunch on the track side, before excitedly riding down into Fairhaven. The horses then pricked their ears as they heard the rumbling indistinguishable sound. Although the mob were clearly convinced the ocean was a monster that will be swallowing them up, they took forth valiantly, with bravery and trust in their mounted friends and they snorted their way through the sand.

Some horses took to the strange salty water quicker than others, but as I looked around the group, all I could see was huge beaming smile on everyone's faces. I don't know about the rest of them, but riding my horse on the beach has been on my Bucket List for YEARS, and there we were, doing it in the most beautiful of areas with an almost secluded beach on a beautiful sunny winters day.

Life is good! We were all very thankful to Rob Featonby for scouting out this ride, over numerous trips and for making such a wonderful experience for us to share.

Thank you to Rob from all of us for the beautiful memories via the photos that he took on the day. For those that missed out, you can view some of them below.

Amy KDTRC

Beach Ride!











Club uniforms FOR SALE

Are you interested in a KDTRC polar fleece jumper or vest?

On a pre-ride recently there was discussion of doing another run of vests and or polar fleece jumpers. People were also discussing the possibility of doing vests that were in a brighter colour so to be seen on roads better when riding. If you are interested in this, please have a look on JBs Work Wear website or Biz Collection website at the different styles and colours and let me know your thoughts. If we have 6 members interested, I will put in an order.

Also for sale....are our <u>KDTRC club water resistant vests!</u> These vests are reversible, very warm and super practical for riding autumn through to spring. I currently have sizes M, L available however can order XS, S, M, L & XL if needed. We make orders in lots of 6 to keep the price down, and I already have requests from 2 people for smaller sizes (I am 6ft and fit in a S so the sizes run pretty large).

At a special members only price of \$40...they are a bargain!





We have bargain basement prices on our lovely <u>KDTRC jumpers</u> for only **\$5 each!** We have size M and L available. Have I convinced you yet? These can be purchased at any of our rides or ordered through Amy G. We also have available, **blue KDTRC 'trucker' style caps for \$5!**





