



## TASMANIAN HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS

### THCRA February NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year and Welcome back

As most of you will already know we have had a great start to the new year with the holding of our AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, with all positions being filled with not too many changes. Welcoming Michael Hall to the Vice President position and also Kris O'toole as Public Officer.

PRESIDENT	PHILLIP STOTT
VICE PRESIDENT	MICHAEL HALL
SECRETARY	REX LEE
TREASURER	PHILIP EELES
PUBLIC OFFICER	KRIS O'TOOLE
RIDE DIRECTOR	LOUELLA RAINES
PROPERTY OFFICER	LINDY LEE
NEWSLETTER	NYREE LODER
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR	DONALD STUART MCLEOD

Reports from the President and Treasurer are included in this Newsletter

We have also held our first ride of the year with Louella organising a ride through the Cluan tiers and we had sunshine which was very nice for a change.

Our upcoming ride dates:

- 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY :    KIMBERLY
- 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH :        STORYS CREEK
- 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH :      MOLE CREEK

Please notify Louella on Ph: 63622251 if you are planning on attending

Dates of upcoming rides are also advertised in the Examiner and the Advocate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month

- **JUST A REMINDER:** Membership fees are now due

### **A word from your President**

All members are reminded that a \$3.00 capping fee must be paid at all club rides, this fee must be paid prior to going on the ride. It would be appreciated if the correct change could be handed in on the day of the ride.

Our first ride for the year at Cluan was a great success with a few new members joining the club as did a lot of previous members. There were 28 riders on the ride and I believe the ride went well with no Incident or Accidents occurring along the way. Thanks to all that attended and made the ride a success. Thanks also to Louella for organising the ride. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this year and we will be able to enjoy more great rides with our friends.

Our next meeting will be held at the Blue Berry Barn Café, included in this newsletter is a copy of the menu that will be available for those people who would like to have a meal and a few drinks. The next meeting date is the 25th March 2010 and will commence at 7.30pm.

### **RIDE REPORT:**

Trail ride: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 Cluan Tiers.

The day started hot and damp but improved. We started with 26 riders but one retired very early.

Bob took the lead and as usual I directed from back in the group. Thanks to Stan and Broady every one made it across the creek safely. Anne had a malfunction with her bridle soon after which Stan easily fixed.

The lunch stop was at the end of a lovely track with Myrtle trees and ferns as a back drop. We had to return the same way back to the main road. Somehow Stan got way behind and he didn't know which way to go but thanks to the radios I soon had him back on track.

Every one except the youngest three decided to call it a day when we got back to the floats. As Ellie was eager and Michael's horse was not going to let her go without him, (he got loose from the float and came and hid behind her) there were five of us on the last loop. Near the end Polly had had enough and put the brakes on. The only way to get her to move was to lead her. Everything was alright, she was just tired.

A good time was had by all, I think with no incidents to report.

Louella



## Tasmanian High Country Riders (Inc.)

### Presidents Report, Year 2009.

First of all I would like to thank all Office Bearers for their support of the club and myself throughout the year.

We have had some great rides during the year but unfortunately the weather was not all that kind to us and a few rides had to be cancelled or postponed due to rain.


Our finances remained at a reasonable level during the year but obviously the lack of rides and therefore lack of income has resulted in the club not breaking even or making a small profit for the year, I am sure the Treasurer will elaborate on this in his report.

As most members would be aware we are still affiliated with the Australian Trail Horse Riders Association (A.T.H.R.A) even though the Tasmanian Branch has ceased operating due to lack of clubs within Tasmania. Tasmania is now administered by Victoria and they communicate with us on a regular basis, as do ATHRA National. If we were to generate more clubs in Tasmania then we could start up our own branch again and Victoria would transfer the monies back to a Tasmanian account for us to operate.

We are required to do the Ride Boss training again by the end of 2011 and we are currently negotiating a date for this training, we will let members know when this has been finalised. It would be great to see as many members as possible do this training.

The club should organise some First Aid Training in the near future as well, unfortunately my attempts with my contact has failed so if anyone has any suggestions please come forward. I feel this training is extremely important as we never know when riders or horses may get injured during rides and it would be an advantage to have some qualified First Aiders amongst us on all of our rides.

### **Achievements for the year**

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- The club constitution was amended and has now been finalised and is registered with Consumer Affairs, the constitution is now stored electronically which will facilitate easy possible future amendments, a copy of the Constitution is available on the ATHRA website.
  - A positive outcome was reached with the issue of a junior member wanting to join the club without a Parent or Guardian to ride with that person; this resulted in club members passing a resolution that all prospective members would need to meet the criterion of the Code of Conduct and be approved by the Committee before being able to join the club.
  - During the past twelve months we have changed meeting venues in an endeavor to meet the needs of our club. These needs are yet to be satisfied by current arrangements.
  - The clubs First Aid kits were reviewed and restocked.
  - Australia Day 2010 saw the club have a presence at Henley on the Mersey at Latrobe. There were four horses, floats, tack and various other items on display with a campsite theme for the day, this day was to promote trail riding, our club and hopefully gain a few new members and also to promote ATHRA.

A special thanks to all those people that put a mighty effort into the promotion day, maybe we will do it again.

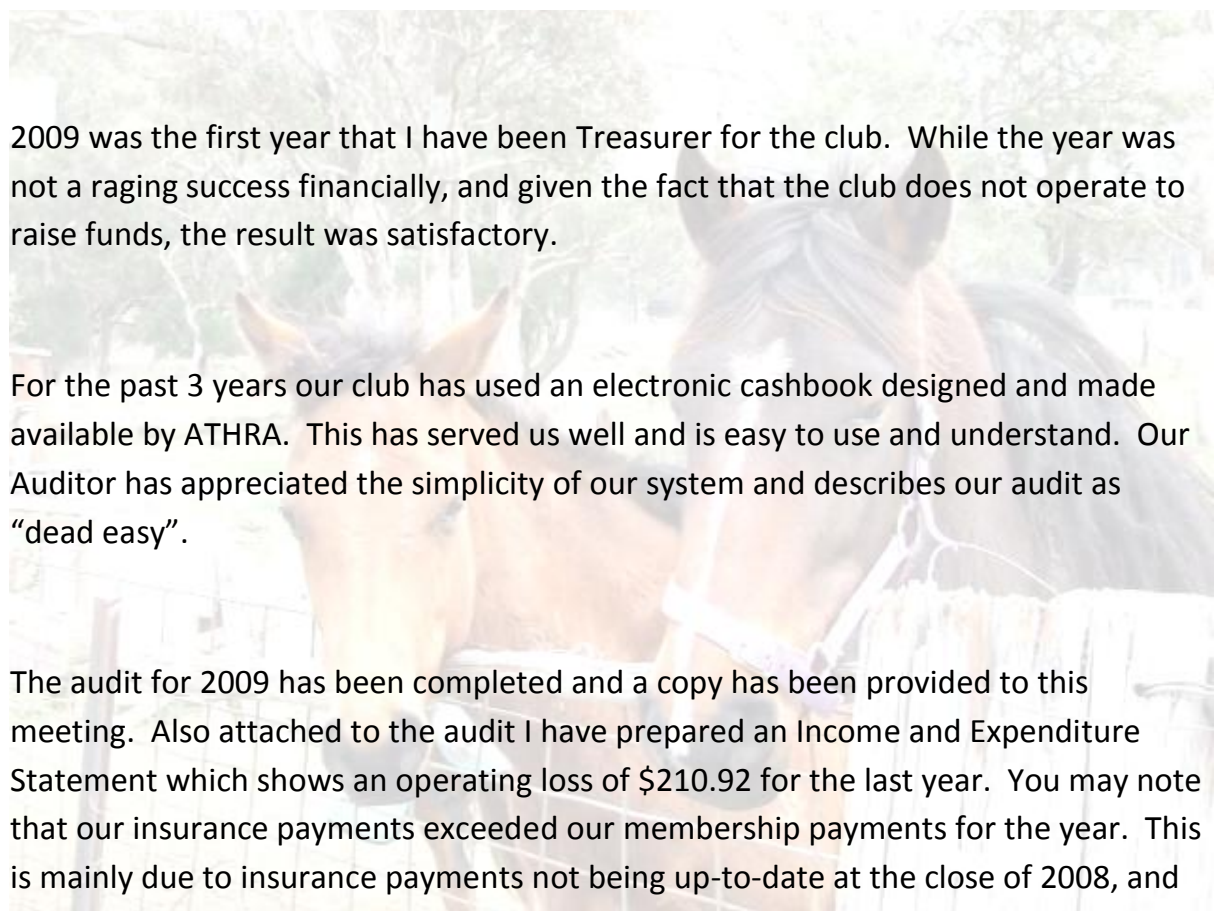
In closing I would like to thank our members and Committee for their support during the year and say that I would be happy to stand for the Presidency for the year ahead.

Regards

Phillip Stott.

## Tasmanian High Country Riders Association (Inc.)

### Treasurer's Report, Year 2009.



2009 was the first year that I have been Treasurer for the club. While the year was not a raging success financially, and given the fact that the club does not operate to raise funds, the result was satisfactory.

For the past 3 years our club has used an electronic cashbook designed and made available by ATHRA. This has served us well and is easy to use and understand. Our Auditor has appreciated the simplicity of our system and describes our audit as "dead easy".

The audit for 2009 has been completed and a copy has been provided to this meeting. Also attached to the audit I have prepared an Income and Expenditure Statement which shows an operating loss of \$210.92 for the last year. You may note that our insurance payments exceeded our membership payments for the year. This is mainly due to insurance payments not being up-to-date at the close of 2008, and needed to be paid from the 2009 year. All invoices for 2009 have been paid.

As has been mentioned, 2009 experienced a wet winter with only 9 rides being conducted during the year, with the number of participants being 220. This is a reduction in numbers and has resulted in a decline of our income for the year. Our bank balance at the start of the year was \$3,157.98 and at the end of the year was \$2,947.06, a drop of \$210.92.

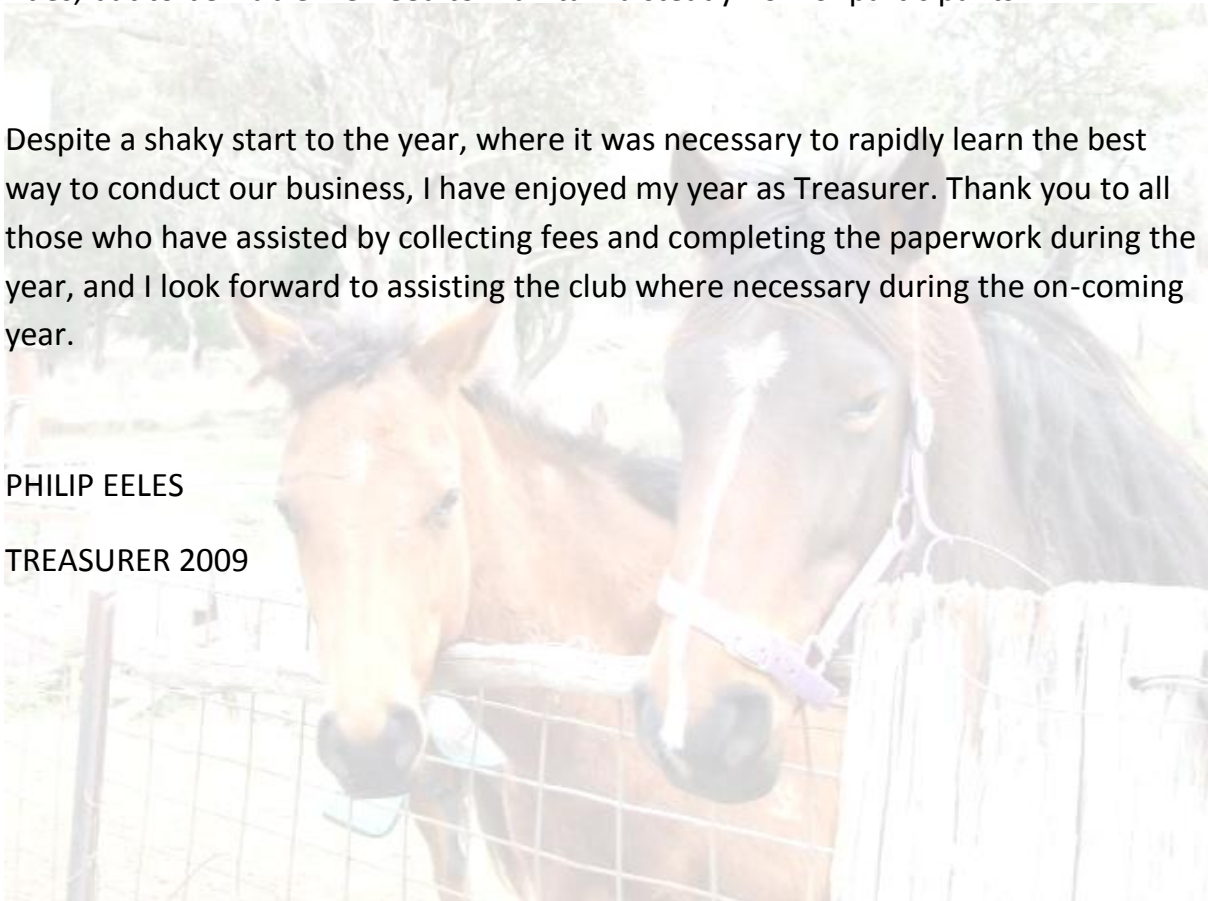
An analysis of our basic operating expenditure in 2009 – i.e. advertising, postage & phone, and excluding administrative costs which are covered by membership fess, it cost \$909 to provide the trail rides for the year. If we provide 12 rides per year this equates to an individual cost of \$76 per ride. To cover this cost we need to attract about 25 members each ride, or rely on some additional visitor's payments to cover costs.

In saying this I am not advocating increasing the number of riders we attract to our rides, but to be viable we need to maintain a steady flow of participants.

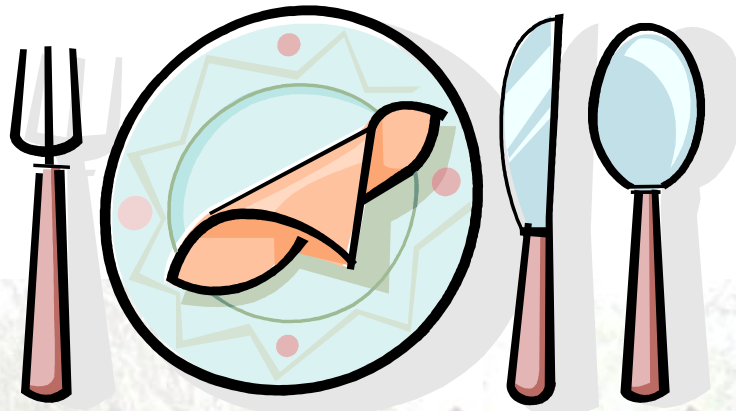
Despite a shaky start to the year, where it was necessary to rapidly learn the best way to conduct our business, I have enjoyed my year as Treasurer. Thank you to all those who have assisted by collecting fees and completing the paperwork during the year, and I look forward to assisting the club where necessary during the on-coming year.

PHILIP EELES

TREASURER 2009



# Blue Berry Barn Café Menu



## Main courses

Lasagna & salad

Quiche & salad

Salmon Vol au Vents & salad

Nachos

Butter Chicken & Rice

Baru Burger (Meat or Lentil)

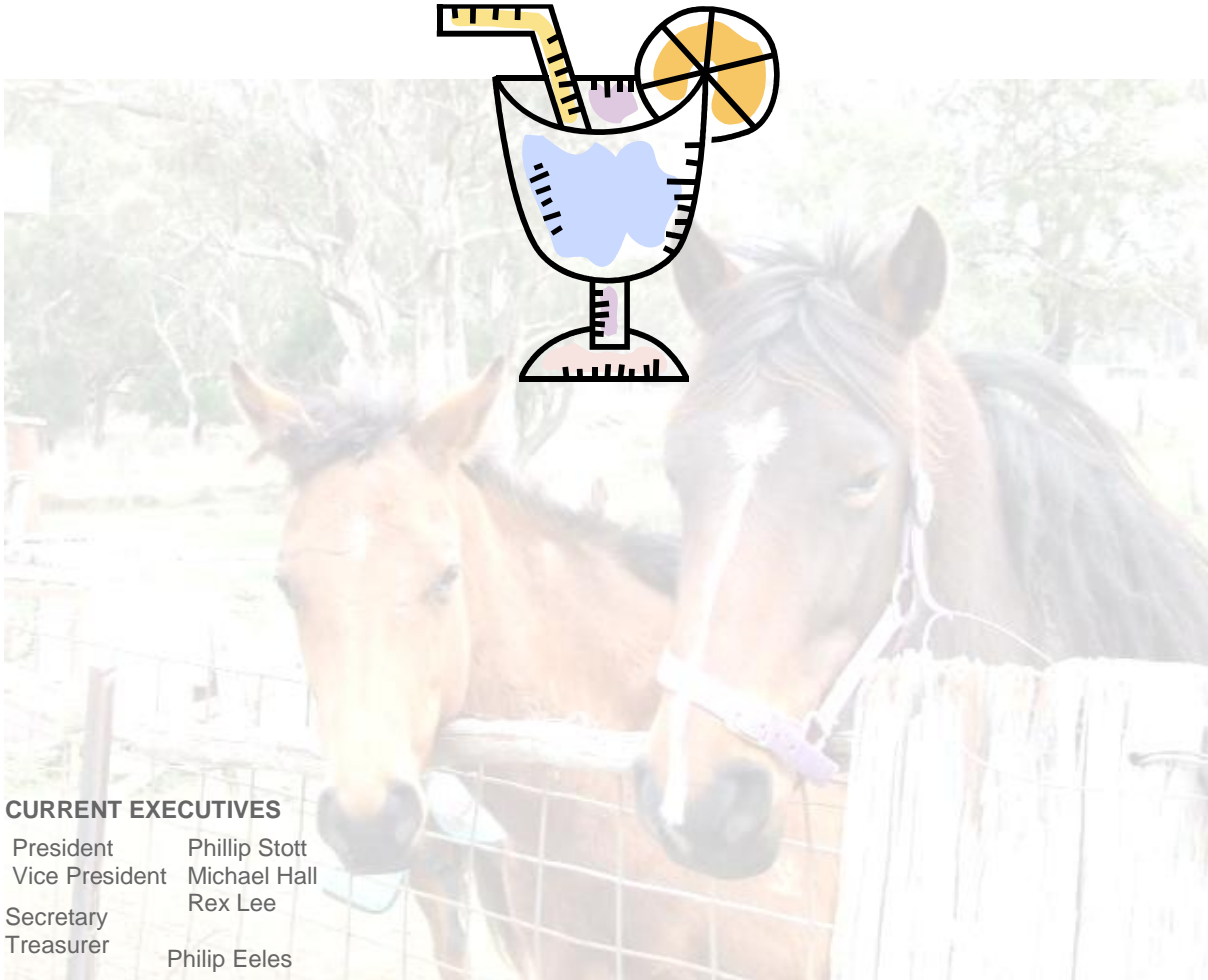
The above would be at a cost of \$15.00 each. Bruschetta & Baguettes would also be provided in this cost

## Desserts

A selection of desserts would be available at a cost of approximately \$6.50 depending on choice

## **Tea & Coffee \$3.50**

A selection of beers, red & white wines are also available by the bottle or glass.



### **CURRENT EXECUTIVES**

President	Phillip Stott
Vice President	Michael Hall
Secretary	Rex Lee
Treasurer	Philip Eeles

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