



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 27th of January, with all positions being filled with quite a few new faces. Good luck to you all, we have big shoes to fill.

PRESIDENT	MICHAEL HALL
VICE PRESIDENT	DAVID JARMAN
SECRETARY	NYREE JARMAN
TREASURER	KRIS O'TOOLE
PUBLIC OFFICER	GARY O'TOOLE
RIDE DIRECTOR	WENDY BUSH
PROPERTY OFFICER	WENDY BUSH
NEWSLETTER	NYREE JARMAN
PROMOTIONS OFFICER	BRONWYN PERRY
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR	DONALD STUART MCLEOD

Reports from the President, Treasurer and Auditor are included in this Newsletter

We have also held our first ride of the year with Louella organising a ride at Four Springs.

Dates of upcoming rides are advertised in the Examiner and the Advocate on the 1st Saturday of each Month

Upcoming ride dates:

Contact:

19 th FEBRUARY:	FRANKFORD	Stan: 63961208
19 th MARCH:	EVANDALE	Anne: 63982897
16 th APRIL:	BLACKWOOD CREEK	Betty: 0427399661
21 st MAY:	ASBESTOS RANGES	Tina: 0488999159
18 th JUNE:	BRUSHY LAGOON	Phil: 0407805968

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDER

RIDE REPORT

Date: 22nd January 2011

Location: Four Springs

Weather conditions: mild and sunny

Riders attending: 18

Once again, Thank you to JD for a very enjoyable ride with beautiful scenery. The company was great and all horses were very well behaved with no incidents. We had many new riders join us on this ride. A BBQ was enjoyed at the end of the ride by the ones that bought their own barbie.

- **JUST A REMINDER**

- Membership fees are now due.

- A \$3.00 capping fee must be paid at all club rides. Correct change is appreciated

- \$25.00 is now the price for a day visitors, due to insurance

- Please inform the appropriate ride contact if you are planning on attending any of the rides.

- All rides leave at 10am sharp, so please be ready by 9.30am

- Please check the safety of your gear each time you saddle up

Tasmanian High Country Riders (Inc.)

Presidents Report, Year 2010.

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 good rides during the year; so thanks to all those people who organised a ride, and fortunately the weather was good for most of our rides.

2010 has seen major changes to the ATHRA structure, with all state branches being closed and the creation of a new centralized board governing a network of regions and Regional Managers, across Australia. As has been mentioned previously, our club is part of the North Eastern Zone of Victoria. Clubs will be asked to vote for their representative, with votes allocated on the number of members in the club. This should allow our club 5 votes. More information on this will be available later in the year, with the National AGM happening around April. We still have regular contact with Alan Salter who is an acting National Director, and with other members of the National Board.

During this year we have had one Insurance claim and that was accepted by ATHRA Insurance. Over the years we have had a number of insurance claims and it is worth noting that all claims have been covered with no fuss from ATHRA or the Insurer. But it is important that all the paperwork we are required to fill out at rides, and for claims, is completed on the day of the ride.

Members of the National Board are still hoping to come and visit Tasmanian members during 2011 and give a talk about the future direction of ATHRA, and this would be a good opportunity to discuss when Tasmania will receive additional Ride Boss training.

First Aid Training was organised during 2010 with St Johns First Aid, and it was disappointing that only three members attended the training. Our Code of Conduct states that we must have a Ride Boss and a First Aid officer on every ride.

Our club still has a good membership base and continues to pick up new members at most of our rides, this year we had approximately 60 members and hopefully the majority of those people will rejoin for the 2011 membership period. I think the

\$25.00 day rider's fee has prompted most people to pay the ordinary membership fee of \$55.00 or \$45.00 for juniors rather than \$25.00 for one ride.

The clubs finances are in good shape and the Treasurer will give more detail on our finances in his report.

Achievements for the year

- A notice board is now displayed at every ride notifying riders that a pre ride talk will be given approximately 10 minutes prior to the ride beginning. Pre ride talks are now given at every ride and all riders attend. This is particularly helpful for newcomers to the club.
- Three members completed and received their First Aid Certificates with St Johns First Aid.
- The day the insurance claim accident occurred, members of the club dealt with the situation promptly and followed correct procedures, i.e. base camp notified, patient given first aid, ambulance called and paperwork completed on the day. It was great to see that everyone pulled together, remained calm and our ATHRA training and common sense got the patient prompt assistance and treatment. WELL DONE TO ALL.
- Our meetings have been held in a quieter, closed environment allowing all present to be able to hear and contribute to meetings and still be able to enjoy a meal prior to our meetings.
- Australia Day 2011 saw a group of members have a presence at Harveydale, 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 those members that put a mighty effort into the promotion day.
- And - Two of our members were married recently congratulations to David & Nyree.

In closing I would like to thank members and the Committee for their support during the year and say that due to other commitments I will not be standing for the Presidency or any other office for the year ahead.

Regards

Phillip Stott.

Tasmanian High Country Riders Association (Inc.)

Treasurer's Report, Year 2010.

2010 was the second year that I have been Treasurer for the club.

The audit for last year has been completed and again there have been no problems. A copy of the report is here available for anyone wishing to see it. I will make a copy of the Auditor's report available through the next newsletter.

As part of my report I have issued an Income and Expenditure Statement for your information. This statement shows items for the year, with a comparison against last years. All invoices for 2010 have been paid.

Membership fees for the year totaled \$2,910 which was a \$600 increase on the previous year, but income from ride fees was down on last year. This is due to the increase in visitor's fees in July from \$15 to \$25, with visitors now choosing to join instead of paying the visitor's fee. Our other major income item was the raffle which raised \$437. Thanks again to all those who made prizes available.

The major expenditure item will always be our insurance, which at \$2,562 is a small increase over the previous year. Advertising costs for the year were slightly less than last year. Postage costs have increased, but I am very aware that this figure does not reflect the true cost, as some members pay for this item and don't seek reimbursement.

Over-all for the year the club made a profit of \$829.10 compared with a loss of \$211 last year. From our profit of \$829 we are still to pay ATHRA 7 memberships which will be paid from this year, so the true figure is a profit of \$479.10....which is mainly from the proceeds of our raffle.

I have enjoyed my year as Treasurer. I thank all who have assisted by collecting fees and completing the paperwork during the year.

Unfortunately due to other commitments I am unable to accept any executive position this year, but will assist the club where possible.

PHILIP EELES

TREASURER 2010

T.H.C.R.A /A.T.H.R.A. RIDE RULES

- Riders must obey the instructions from the Trail Boss and Stewards at all times. Permission must be obtained to ride in front of the Ride leader or behind the Drag rider.
- During a ride keep the rider in front of you and the rider behind you in sight.
- Keep your horse out of kicking distance of other horses.
- It is recommended that horses be adequately shod as determined by the Ride organiser.
- DO NOT pass other riders at a speed that may excite their mount.
- The ride must not be left without the knowledge and permission of a ride officer.
- No pets or firearms allowed on rides or camps.
- During a ride the blood alcohol level must not exceed .05 to comply with state road rules. No alcohol to be taken on trail rides.
- All gates are to be left as they are found. All property, private, crown or state owned, is to be respected and left as found with all litter removed.
- Riders under 18 must wear a regulation helmet.
- Riders are required to register their participation in the trail ride. For safety reasons, please do not bring your horse with you when attending the registration desk.

This is an abridged version of the High Country Riders Rules. A full set of rules is available from the Club Secretary.

Current Executives

President	Michael Hall
Vice President	David Jarman
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Treasurer	Kris O'Toole

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