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## Monaro Horse Trekkers

## Newsletter



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### **AGM HIGHLIGHTS**

It was great to see members at the AGM & is always a great time to catch up after the Xmas break, the minutes were emailed out, so if you missed a copy please ask if you wish to see them or the Financial Report. As minuted the club is going to purchase a Personal Locator Beacon & possibly a hand held GPS.

A big thank you goes to our departing President, Secretary & Newsletter members for all their hard work & input into the club.

Below is Sally's Secretary 2012 report.

## **Annual Report**

### **Monaro Trekkers 2012**

#### ***Membership***

The club had 41 members.

#### ***Rides***

The club held 10 rides of which 2 were cancelled due to lack of numbers. Judging by the attendance numbers it was clear that the short day rides within the Canberra limits were not popular.

However the club is lucky to have members who know the Kosciuszko National Parks (KNP) area well and went to great lengths to arrange safe & interesting rides in this historic & rugged country. We are very grateful for their contribution.

Appreciation & credit goes to Nic Webb who organised the Schofield Hut working bee in January. The club is an associate member of the Kosciuszko Huts Association (KHA), who's charter is to maintain these huts, & in doing so ensures that both the history & practical use of these huts for emergency refuge is ensured. 5 riders joined the working group in painting, cleaning & mending the hut within the strict heritage guide lines. Thank you Nic for a very informative & enjoyable bush camp & giving us the opportunity to contribute back to this recreational area. It needs to be noted that to make this event happen, Nic had to do a lot of ground work & complete tedious & copious OH&S documents.

Karen Carter & Mick Casnave shared their knowledge of the area around Cooinbil Hut & guided 11 riders through bogs, scrub, & plenty of open brumby country. Karen & Mick enabled members to relax & enjoy their ride knowing they were guided by experienced trail bosses who knew their way around this area. A big thank you to you both.

Jenny Costin's extensive knowledge of KNP has been a great asset to the club for many years. 4 members were able to gain from Jenny's experiences of riding KNP & relax as they rode around the Tantangara dam area.

The Wee Jasper ride was marred by the high cost of booking accommodation & limited interest. Thanks to Adele Herne who managed to arrange a one off alternative 2 day ride & camp in shearers quarters on an outstanding property near Wee Jasper. The ride covered very hilly country, around the banks of the Burrinjuck Dam. Really spectacular.

Tallaganda State forest ride was attended by 8 riders. This is a great area to ride, but the native forest sections are dwindling quickly. Thanks to Helen Lock who put this ride on the Monaro trekkers map.

#### ***Redrafted constitution***

This year the constitution was redrafted to comply with the how the club worked. Beth Stone was meticulously & generous in her time spent on this job. The club owes Beth a great THANKYOU for this contribution.

#### ***Connection With ATHRA***

The club acknowledges the consistent contribution that Karen Carter has made to the club both at a local level by handling all the membership & financial details, but also her work at a national level with ATHRA. That takes time & energy. Thankyou Karen.

Sally Willoughby  
Secretary 2012 committee.  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## **PAST RIDES**

### Wee Jasper Ride 20th - 22nd July 2012

Five club members enjoyed the Wee Jasper ride including a visitor rider from the Cumberland Trail Horse Riders Club which was great.

Although we had very frosty mornings it was a lovely scenic property we were lucky enough to ride on & have lunch surrounded by the Burrunjuck Dam.



Everywhere you looked there was something interesting to see from the rock formations, wildlife including a great eagles nest right above where we sat for lunch.



Thanks again to Adele for organising.

## **Tallaganda Ride, 4th November 2012**

9 riders gathered at the forest depot for our last club ride in 2012. This state forrest is frequented by motor cross bike riders, but we were able to negotiate where the trail bikes would follow....as far away from us as possible. The pine trees have been harvested again, so some areas are very exposed & hot by midday. The native forest sections are now being eaten away taking with it the cool dark sections that are so beautiful to ride through.

We headed toward the Lowden picnic area which is a cool green cleared area. The park was once a logging camp during the 1830's & the water wheel recharged the batteries of the old trucks. Unfortunately the water has been diverter away from the stream so the water wheel was dry & still. Billy Cameron had the water boiling ready for tea, much appreciated. We moved along at a trot through the scrub & didn't get lost in the maze of fire trails given that all the road signs have been removed or damaged.

Thanks to all who came to this ride, it is good to ride with friends, & find about new & interesting places to ride.

Sally Willoughby

### **THANK YOU**

To all those people who donated their time to organise rides for the club in the last calendar, and in the current calendar found at the end of the newsletter.

Even if you cannot make the meetings to help organise the ride calendar please feel free to email or get in touch with committee members to put rides forward, we are always in need of more rides.

**Please** try & remember to take photos on your ride & send them with a few words or more if you have a story to share for the newsletter.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

So far for 2013 we have 2 new members, welcome to Su (Susan) Moore from Bungendore & Karen McDevitt from Royalla.

We have 30 of our regulars joined back so far for 2013 & this may be a timely reminder for everyone that MHT does not allow visitor riders, except other current ATHRA club members.

The next dinner meeting to finish the Ride Calendar for the year should be 28th May 2013, TBC

# Monaro Trekkers

## Ride Calendar

### February to June 2013

PLEASE telephone the ride contact at least the Wednesday before the ride, or earlier if possible, particularly if indicated in the ride description.

A ride notice for each ride providing additional details will be sent out closer to the ride date.

DATE	RIDE	CONTACT
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Schofield Hut - KNP working bee  Saturday camp & return ride to Schofields  Sunday day ride to another hut for lunch	Nick Webb 6231 1887 0439 490 127  Karen Carter 6944 1091 0427 279 049
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Kowen Forest	Helen Palma 6292 7748 0412 999 346
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Clear Range (Namadgi National Park) Camp at Mt Clear horse camp on Saturday (20 <sup>th</sup> ) night for an early start for Sunday's ride up and along the range.	Nick Webb 6231 1887 0439 490 127
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Tallaganda State Forest	Sally Willoughby 0422 405 117
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Araluen, Monga NP, Majors Creek  <b>ALL RIDE DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT PRIOR TO EVENT</b>	Helen Locke 62383030 0412 727 161

#### REMINDERS:

**Make sure you contact the ride organiser if you want to come on a ride**

Email is not always the best way of contacting the ride organiser. So if there is any doubt please make sure you telephone and make real contact so the person organising the ride knows you are coming and has your phone number in case of cancellation.

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