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MONARO HORSE TREKKERS INC.

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GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Members enjoyed a lovely meal at the Belconnen Soccer Club & catching up before our meeting.

It has been decided to hire a Personal Locator Beacon from the National Parks on the few rides we have each year.

Great discussion took place on the upcoming ACT Centenary ride 10th November & there are some rides organised in the calendar to help with preparations for that ride in the coming months.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Annamaria French from Carwoola who joined us in March.

RIDE REPORTS

FEBRUARY - SCHOFIELDS HUT - KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK (KNP)

Ten members attended the working bee weekend with most work completed by the time four riders arrived just in time for morning tea. Repair of the front steps removing the rotten wood of the supporting sides was the main event this year which had pavers put down to reduce further deterioration. Of course the usual tidy up and tightening of loose nails was carried out before the riders continued on a trail ride to Circuits Hut for a late lunch.





Unfortunately an injured horse caused Sunday's planned trail ride to be abandoned which was disappointing for all even in the rain, looking forward to another working bee weekend early 2014.



March - Kowan Forest

Seven members enjoyed nice weather riding through Kowan Forest for approximately 4 hours, including a visit to the old Glenburn homestead. We got a little lost on the way back thanks to the Trail Boss - don't go with her to KNP ☺.

April - Mt Clear

Seven members enjoyed a lovely Autumn's day on the Clear Range Loop ride in Namadgi National Park. Horse Gully Hut below was on the way for morning tea before the climb up to Mt Clear for lunch. Thanks to Nicky for a great ride.



May - Tallaganda State Forest Ride

Four of us met at the forest depot & headed off for an amble along the fire trails. The forest was fresh & green, with plenty of ferns thriving following 2 years of good rain. The water wheel at Lowden picnic area is operating again, it is a lovely spot to visit.

The creeks were full but hard for the horses to drink from. We all forgot to bring our collapsible buckets, (won't next time) but thirsty horses will even drink out of a small lunch box. (Jenny's good idea). I was amazed, for years we offer buckets of water to our horses, only to be refused, & then at a pinch they will squeeze their nozzles into a tiny box.

We met a land owner who has a property bordering the state forest. He is considering building cottages for horse & bike riders, so we gave him some positive feedback. It would be great to explore more of the area & have a safe designated area for camping.

Sally Willoughby.

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Ride Calendar

July 2013 - January 2014

PLEASE telephone the ride contact at least the Wednesday before the ride, or earlier if possible.
A ride notice for each ride providing additional details will be sent out closer to the ride date.

DATE	RIDE	CONTACT
13th & 14th July	Possibly Hall to Cook on the Saturday, checking BNT for Centenary Ride in November approx 37 km. Sunday to be advised.	Jenny Costin 62319827 or 0412274810
3rd August	Following BNT from Pine Island to Kambah, checking BNT for Centenary Ride in November	Jenny Costin 62319827 or 0412274810
14th September	Sherwood Daffodil Ride Uriarra Forest	Nick Webb 6231 1887 or 0439 490 127
19th or 20th October	Possible BNT Canberra ride in preparation for Centenary Ride in November.	Jenny Costin 62319827 or 0412274810
10th November	ACTEA Centenary Horse Ride through Canberra	<u>NOT A CLUB RIDE</u>
22nd to 25th November	To Be Confirmed Kosciuszko National Park - Currango Homestead	Jenny Costin 6231 9827 or 0412 274 810
18th & 19 th January	Schofield Hut - KNP working bee Saturday camp & return ride to Schofield's Hut Sunday day ride to another hut for lunch	Nick Webb 6231 1887 or 0439 490 127 Karen Carter 6944 1091 or 0427 279 049

Please note: If anyone is having a social ride and would like company, I will be happy to put out a notice for you ☺ contact Lisa on email: bacmaintenance@bigpond.com

Australian Trail Horse Riders Association information
Code of Conduct & Insurance coverage go to: www.athra.com.au

