

# MONARO HORSE TREKKERS INC

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### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Rolf Svensen from Adaminaby and Jude Matusiewicz from Canberra

### UPDATE TO RIDE CALENDER

#### **October 20th - Day Ride**

From Belconnen Pony Club grounds to Equestrian Park - practice run for those helping the Centenary Ride. Ride out **9 am sharp** - no late comers - we have to get a move on as this will be at least 4.5 hours with lots of trotting & a couple of canters - so this ride is not for anyone that prefers to walk & has not been riding their horse lately. We will need a support vehicle to return to floats at BPC depending on numbers attending. Trail Boss will be Lisa Camp and ride contact Karen Carter.

#### **November 15th to 18th Old Camp KNP**

Four days of riding in the snowies details will be emailed out early November.

**Membership Renewals** for existing members I will be sending out paper work late November for payment in December, as per last year there will be a discount for early payment before 31st December.

### ACCREDITATION

Congratulations to our 9 members who became accredited last weekend at Belconnen Pony Club - Jenny, Lisa, Helen L, Jeff, Mick, Amanda, Jane, Jude & Rolf along with Associate member Hillary. Hopefully we can look forward to some more rides on the calendar for 2014.



Saturday de-brief



Leading another horse





Quick release lead rope session



Sunday our very convincing patient



Help is close at hand

Ian obtained his accreditation at Canyonleigh in July so with our already accredited members the Trekkers future is rest assured ☺

### **DAFFODIL RIDE REPORT - NICK WEBB**

Nine riders turned out on Sunday 8 September for a ride to view the beautiful daffodils at the historic Sherwood site near Uriarra. This year we did the 11 km loop that can be negotiated without the need for a key to locked gates in the area. Sherwood is accessed via a cavaletti which can be reached via a special 'horse-only' trail from Brindabella Road up the boundary fence with Uriarra Station. Thanks to horse-friendly Ranger Brian from the Cotter for this trail!

The daffodils were putting on a great show next to a small creek hidden within a copse of tall deciduous trees. Trekker's lunched just up the hill near a plaque commemorating the grave site of some of the early pioneers of the area, Henry and Eliza Phillips and their infant son Henry.

This area of Sherwood is planted with many young oak trees to replace the old oak that stood near the grave site prior to the 2003 fires. Keep an eye out in March for another Trekkers ride to view the great autumnal leaf colours of the area.







### **ARALUEN RIDE REPORT - HELEN LOCKE**

Members had a great June long weekend riding in country around Araluen and staying at the pub.

Twelve riders on Saturday met at Bindi and Dave's property on the Shoalhaven river near Braidwood for a lovely ride through their property down to the river - a few riders had a canter along the river beach while a BBQ lunch was cooked. The early part of the ride was through bush and the ride after lunch was more open paddock riding. Many took the opportunity for a bit of a trot and canter.



We travelled on to the Araluen pub where there was a large paddock for horses and great food for dinner. The pub is comfortable though basic but very reasonably priced and the owners love having the horses and riders come to stay.







Eight riders on Sunday rode up to Majors Creek pub for lunch - a ride of a couple of hours through orchards and with great views across the Araluen valley. This was a pretty easy day's ride but lunch at the pub was delicious and there is plenty of room to tie up horses in the paddock across from the pub.



Dinner again at the pub was good and I think some people stayed up late partying and playing pool. Monday eleven riders floated back towards Braidwood and did a nice circuit through an area adjacent to Monga National Park. This had some steep little gullies that proved challenging for some and there was an opportunity for those who wanted to have a trot and canter back along the road to the floats. It was a great weekend and everyone thought it would be a good idea to make this an annual event, thanks to those who came.

