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MONARO HORSE TREKKERS INC.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Visitor Riders - for the upcoming year, a \$40 fee for visitors will apply, however the secretary must be contacted a week before the ride for the forms to be emailed out and returned, and money direct credited into Monaro Trekkers account, otherwise the visitor will be unable attend the ride.

Club Shirts - all at the meeting agreed to have a club shirt, here is the Nungar Trading website link where style of shirts and sizes can be viewed <http://www.nungar.com.au/> The Monaro club logo pictured below, will have a set up cost for the embroidery which the Club will pay for. As soon as we have the full cost of embroidery sorted out, we will send out order forms to members with a cutoff date to pay direct into the Monaro bank account. I have just included the ATHRA shirts I have as the red in the Nungar catalogue looks pale, but then in this photo the lime green looks pale. These shirts are the Spinifex Ladies Work Shirt and the ATHRA logo costs \$5 if anyone would like one of those as well. We are hoping the Monaro logo will be a similar price.



A New AGM Format - December 2014 will see our AGM combined with a Xmas ride, Lisa has kindly offered a ride at Bywong for the morning, then leave the horses at her place while we have a lovely lunch at a Tea House close by.

2013 In review....

This past year of 2013 began with a successful AGM with new committee members putting their hands up for executive positions, Karen kindly putting her hand up again for treasurer.

In February an annual working bee was conducted at Schofield's hut and a few rode onto Circuits hut. Rides were held each month including Araluen, Daffodil ride, Mt Clear and a few rides helping prepare for the Canberra Centenary Ride held in November.

Accreditation was held late September at Belconnen Pony Club. Nine members became trail bosses, thanks to Peter Keir for making the trip to Canberra and making this possible. Thanks also to Lynda Folkhard and Belconnen Pony Club for opening and using their facilities. It was great to see so much support for our club.

Our club also gave a lot of support to the Canberra Centenary Ride in November. With members assisting by being trail boss's, working on the ground as support staff and in the organization of the event itself.

We have also enjoyed a closer relationship with Tinderry Riding Club, exchanging ride calendars and ideas.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting year. With members encouraged to offer rides, with new adventures and places to be found.

It's your club!

Lisa Camp

## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Melinda Spink from O'Connor

## RIDE REPORTS

We only have our Schofields Hut working bee ride for inclusion in the newsletter as we sent the KNP Old Camp November ride out earlier. I have also included some pictures & editorial on the ATC Centenary Ride as there was great input from Monaro as well as Tinderry members.



## JANUARY 18TH & 19TH SCHOFIELD SHUT KNP

The week leading up to the ride we had hot weather, not unlike what we are experiencing this week. This caused a couple of riders to drop out but some of us were looking forward to the 10 degree difference we had up at the mountains, never the less it was still warm for up there. Of course others were put off by the White Card situation, but we found out a couple of days before the working bee that NPWS have done a back flip and they are not longer required for general maintenance, only major works like replacing roofs etc. Commonsense has prevailed - eventually!

Nick Webb has to be thanked for all the emails back & forth to David Mitchell at KHA regarding requirements for the hitching rail as well as sourcing the great iron bark posts from a friend of hers. Mick Casnave also needs to be thanked for his efforts in hand sawing the rail, as it was so hot at Gundagai that week he was not game to use the chainsaw. It was also a great feat to get the jolly thing into the back of his horse float, single handed!



As it turns out we only had 2 riders into Schofields, Nick & myself and I led Mick's horse so he could transport the rail in. Ian Coombes attended with a great array of tools and even a petrol driven post hole digger which we were very excited about saving some hard labor, until the rocks were discovered so of course it was rendered unuseable, so it was back to basics with crowbars & shovels. The photo above on the right this side of Mick's ute shows one of the sites we were allowed to place the hitching rail, but not much shade, so we went for the second site, further away from the hut but shaded a lot more of the day.





We enjoyed a very relaxed lunch which was well deserved and there was always plenty of jovial moments.



Sunday was a loop ride to Gavels Hut and back to Wares Yard for lunch.



After the Ride Calendar I have included the article contributed to the KHA magazine and Jenny's article for the BNT Magazine on the ACT Centenary Ride.

#### ACTCENTENARYRIDE -10thNOVEMBER2013

The ride kicked off with an official opening at Hall Showground Saturday afternoon with our members in attendance.





The advantage of camping at Hall Saturday night was that we were in walking distance to the Tavern so a great meal was had and new friends made.

Two club members Lisa & Mick were the Trail Bosses for two of the 3 groups that left from Hall in the wee hours of Sunday morning, with the exciting time of having the traffic stopped on Barton Highway so we could all cross safely.



For more pictures on the Canberra Times website use the link below

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/photogallery/act-news/horses-travel-through-canberra-20131110-2x9tw.html?selectedImage=1>





Even with the rain coming down there were still plenty of smiling faces!



And of course some of the scenery was just lovely! Thanks to Hilary for some great photos.



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## Ride Calendar

### February to June 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
22nd February	Jenny Costin (TB) - morning ride from Equestrian Park to Arboretum and Forest then return, Approx 12 km walk/trot	62319827 Or 0412274810
30th March	Nick Webb (TB) - Sherwood Autumn Ride	6231 1887 Or 0439 490 127
April	Due to ATHRA AGM on 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> , as well as 2 long weekends in April, it was decided not to hold a ride.	Tinderry is holding a ride on the 12 <sup>th</sup> April to KNP Wares Yards
17th May	Jeff Thompson (TB) - Mt Majura / Mt Ainslie circuit	6227 1421 Or 0406 621 202
26th May	General Meeting - Belconnen Soccer Club	
7th - 9th June	Helen Locke (TB) Araluen June long weekend ride	62383030 Or 0412 727 161

#### **REMINDERS:**

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

**Australian Trail Horse Riders Association information**

Code of Conduct & Insurance coverage go to: [www.athra.com.au](http://www.athra.com.au)

## **ACT CENTENARYHORSE RIDE ON THE BNT**

A double celebration Canberra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a day trail ride and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the 1988 Federation Ride Healesville to Canberra both ending at Equestrian Park.

A day to celebrate and promote Canberra's equestrian presence, the trail network and the BNT.ACT Equestrian Association which represents the many equestrian clubs in the ACT planned the event for the Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013.The launch on Saturday afternoon at Hall Showground.

Logistically planned for the past year to ensure all riders and volunteers safety in our city's urban BNT trail. The ride had the support of our ACT government, rangers, police, ACT Ambulance 4WD service and St Johns First Aid crew in cars and on horseback, our two local mobile vets and the many volunteers who manned all road crossing and underpasses and the dedicated committee from local equestrian clubs and community.All entries pre-registered on global entries matched to their requested pace of walk/trot, trot/canter divided into 14 groups each starting at varied intervals to ensure a enjoyable safe ride. Each group led by an ATHRA accredited Australian Trail Boss from Monaro Horse Trekkers and Tinderry Club including two former Tasmanian High Country Riders all living in and around the ACT.

The youngest led pony club children not to be left had their own event being led around the cross country jump areas of Equestrian Park.

From 7am to 9.30 on a cooland overcast November morning 117 riders aged 9 to 75 years. A wealth of equestrian experienceand one common goal on the day rode out from 5 different start points at varied intervals, north from Hall, Belconnen Pony Club, Cook, south from Kambah Pony Club and Stromlo Forest Park's Blue Gums covering 62 kms of BNT trail. The BNT route followed the varied scenic western suburban fringe, through Canberra's nature parks and urban space. The National Arboretum, pine forests, next to cycle paths and suburban roads through underpasses, past many agistment centres and along the river corridor ending at Equestrian Park Yarralumla where the BNT camp site is.

A very visual presence of small groups spread out on the BNT arriving at their common destination of ride base Equestrian Park to be met by their support, local vets and ride base officials and the much welcome food vans.

A fun day new friendships formed old friendships renewed, memories of the federation ride relived all arrived safely at various times to Equestrian Park with only one minor injury a kick from a horse.

As a result of the planned event, media coverage radio local papers and TV and deadline to have to long standing trail repair finished and a local new trail now in place.

Many thanks to all those involved making this day a memorable one.  
Jenny Costin ACT Section Coordinator Book 10