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## **RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB** **MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER**

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

<b>MARCH 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WATERLOO FLAT ROAD</b> (Ride notice – January newsletter)	
<b>MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup></b> (Easter Event)	<b>GLENLYON EASTER CAMP</b> (Ride notice – January newsletter)	<b>Please notify if attending</b>
<b>APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>NEWBURY RIDE</b> (Ride notice – Attached)	
<b>MAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>COBAWS (BENLOCH END)</b> <b>PORT &amp; PIKELET RIDE</b> (Ride notice – Attached)	
<b>JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ELDORADO CAMP</b> (Ride notice – Attached)	<b>Please notify if attending</b> <b>(Limited No's)</b>

Hi Everyone,

Easter Camp at Glenlyon – HAVE YOU NOMINATED YET ? This will be a great extended break. Please let Lloyd know by email or phone (preferably not the morning of a club ride) if you're attending as soon as you can.

As always, we are looking for more photos to be taken on rides so we can include in the newsletter, makes it more interesting and it's always a buzz to see yourself in print !!

If anyone needs copies of ride notices previously published or need them in a different format please let me know – happy to resend.



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**Newbury Ride - Sun 21st April 2013**

This ride will start from Old Blackwood road Newbury in the Wombat Forest, with riding in the Newbury / Trentham area. Terrain will be mainly undulating with some hilly sections. Tracks and roads will be sandy with some gravel sections and there will be a need to cross bitumen roads a couple of times . Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30pm where tea and coffee will be available.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.*
- *Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the float parking area must be on a lead at all times.*
- *All riders must adhere to the RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*

**Ride out time 10:00am.**

**BYO saddle bag lunch and drink.**

**Ride Leader: Rob Stephens**

**Cost:** \$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance

Enquiries: Rob Stephens 54282626 or 0437226266



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Cobaws Port and Pikelet Ride from Benloch end.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Come and join us for a lovely Port and Yummy Pikelet's with cream & jam, for those that don't drink, we will have plenty of Tea & Coffee to enjoy with your Pikelets.

The ride will start just off the Burke and Wills track at Benloch. Parking will be a short distance from the turn off and RCTHRC signs will be displayed.

Riding will be on sandy / gravel, roads and tracks with flat to undulating terrain. There may be the odd hill but they will not be too severe.

Tea and Coffee & hopefully some Pikelets & cream left over from the morning will be available after the ride approx. 3:00 pm

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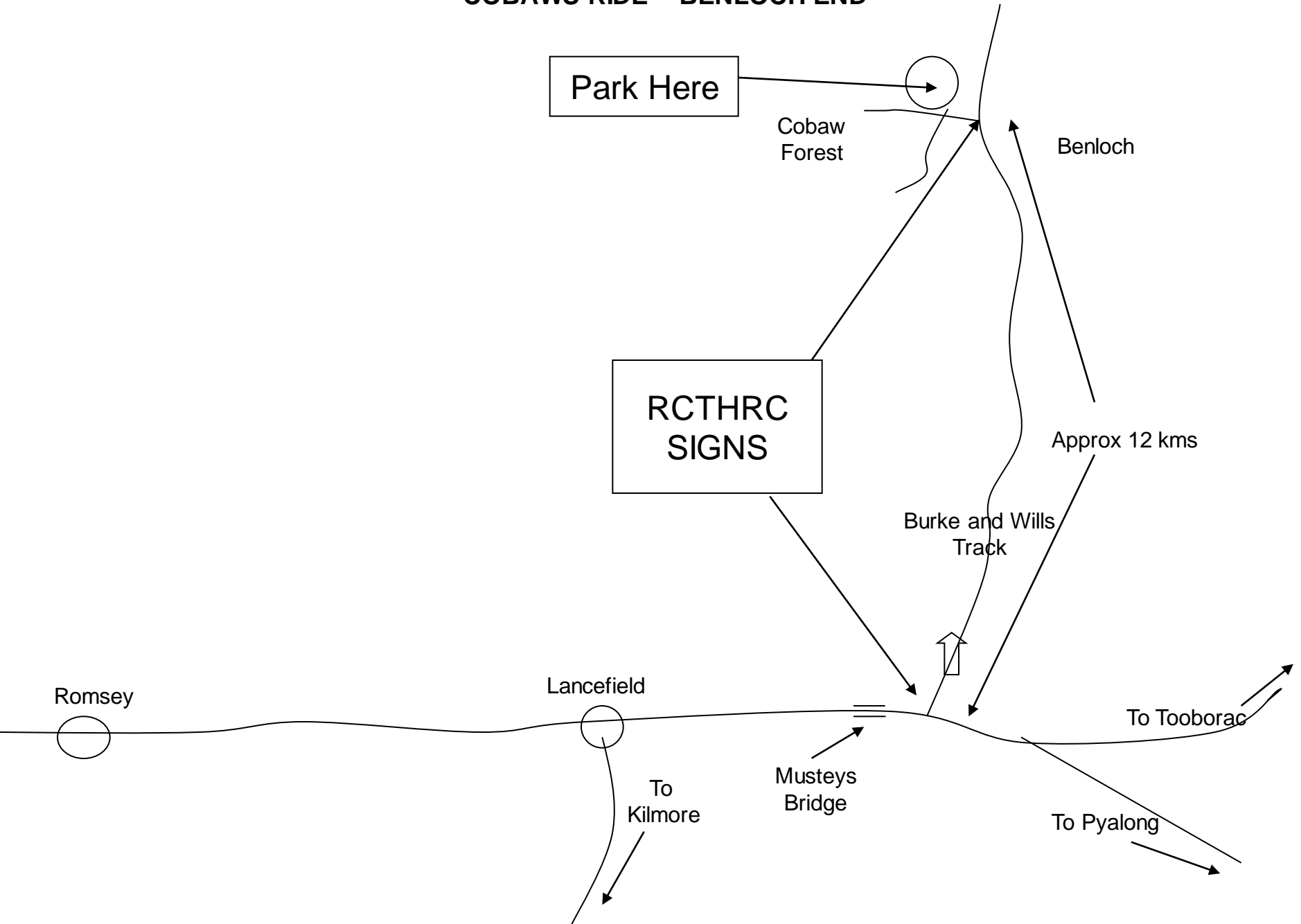
*Ride out time 10.00am but will need to be ready by 9:30 in order to enjoy the refreshments before we start.*

*BYO Saddle bag lunch and drink.*

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# COBAWS RIDE – BENLOCH END





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## **Eldorado – Queens’ Birthday Weekend.** **Gemstone Caravan Park 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2013**

**THIS CAMP is ONLY OPEN to R.C.T.H.R.C. MEMBERS and their Family’s.**  
**Limited to a total of 35 Horses.**

Eldorado is situated approximately 2 ½ Hours from Melbourne CBD, straight up the Hume Highway. There is a turn off, on the right hand side heading North from Wangaratta, off the Hume Highway, sign posted **Eldorado 14 kms.**

It is a small quaint, historical mining town. Gemstone Caravan Park, is just past the Pub, opposite the Museum, on your left hand side. **R.C.T.H.R.C.** signs will be out.

Rides will be conducted Saturday and Sunday.

Ride out time is 10.00am; bring your own saddle bag lunch for both days. Time back at camp is approximately 2.30pm - 3.00pm..

Friday and Saturday is for you to supply your own food.

There is a communal BBQ area for all to use and gather in the evenings if you wish.

On Sunday night there will be a roast and dessert provided at the Pub at a nominal cost ( **Nominations are required** ), which is a stones throw from Gemstone.

Dinner is at 6.30pm but you can wander over there anytime you like!

Most of you will be arriving on the Friday night. You **must** bring your own yarding/ electric fencing. We have been allocated a large paddock to make our yards in, you will need to keep the size of your yard moderate so we can fit everybody in. ( **PLEASE do not fence the water troughs in,** )

We need to be organized as they don’t usually allow more than 20-25 horses. They are willing to go to 35 for us this time as I have said we are an organized group.

**Gemstone Caravan Park have, Cabins, Onsite Vans, Powered & Non Powered sites available, once you have nominated with Lloyd you will then need to contact Doug or Joy at Gemstone Caravan Park and book your required option.**

( **Gemstone details below** )

The riding terrain is along forestry and bridle tracks, some hills, rocky in areas, sandy with some shallow water crossings.

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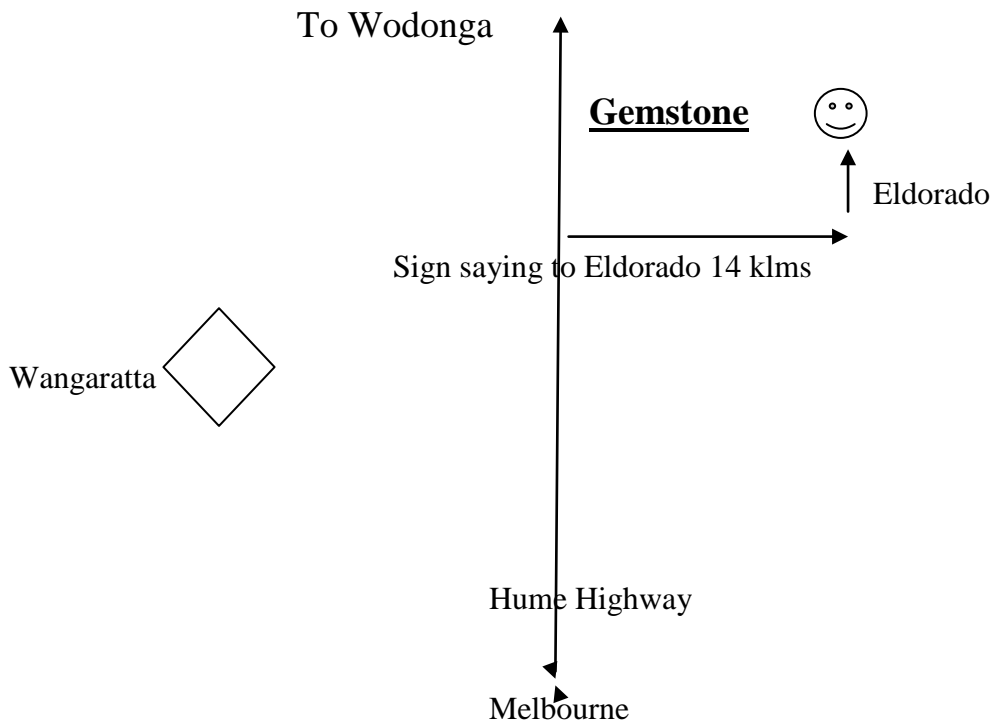
**Ride Leader: Chris Haber**

**NOMINATIONS are a MUST for this camp**

**NOMINATIONS FOR Ride & PUB to – Lloyd Fletcher**  
**(No later than 1<sup>st</sup> June please)**  
 Ph: 97435582 or mob: 0400668020  
 Email: [rcthrc1@hotmail.com](mailto:rcthrc1@hotmail.com)

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**Location:** Gemstone Caravan Park - Eldorado  
 Ph: 5725 1745



# HORSE GROUP GUIDELINES

All horses are to be below the lower road – in the non powered area and paddocks only. Horses are not to be in the camping area.

All horse manure in the non-powered area and entrances to the park to be picked up and disposed of into the paddocks.

Any manure in paddocks is to be kicked/spread about.

Horses are to leave and enter the Park either through the front entrance or through the back gate near the Park garage.

Hoses are available at the taps in the main paddock.

**Quiet time is between 10:30pm – 7.30am. Please consider others at the Caravan Park.**

Speed Limit is 10 kph in the Park.

*Owners of horses bring them into the Gemstone Caravan Park at their own risk. The Park will not be responsible for any injury or illness sustained by horses while they are in the Park.*

Doug and Joy Cosson  
Owner Managers

**GEMSTONE CARAVAN PARK**

**139 Main Street Eldorado 3746**

**Ph: 03 - 5725 1745**

ABN: 524 314 930 74

**[www.eldoradogemstone.com.au](http://www.eldoradogemstone.com.au)**

## SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

I'm sure all that attended the "Pig & Whistle Pub Ride" last month would agree that we all had a GR8 time considering how hot it was, we must thank "Back up Bernie" for having all the water tubs filled and waiting for us and also Robbie for getting us there and back the short way. (Lizze's ride report attached)

"Easter at Glenlyon" is fast approaching and I haven't received many nominations at this point, so if you plan on attending I need your nominations ASAP, we have a new caterer and they need to know our numbers earlier than normal for the Saturday night dinner.

**PLEASE don't leave it to the last minute for your nominations.**

The ELDORADO ride notice is in this newsletter and nominations are a must, this ride is for Members & family ONLY due to the number of horses allowed by the caravan park.

Our infamous Port & Pikelets ride is on again this May, this is truly a GR8 social ride/event. (ride notice attached)

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## NEW MEMBERS

More new members, we would like to welcome,

Rebecca McLennan, Linda Coffey, Shane O'Brien, Jen & Ian Williams, Julie & Emmalie Madin, Rebecca Horodecki & Scott Voumard.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

**We currently have 126 Financial Members.**

## Membership Renewal

Club renewals are now well overdue, so if you haven't yet renewed for 2013 you need to do so prior to your next ride.

PLEASE try and get your renewals in before your next ride as trying to get them done on the morning of a ride is a bit of a pain.

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**"They know when you are happy. They know when you are proud.  
They also know when you have a carrot"**



## The Pig & Whistle - ride report

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February RCHTRC riders gathered at Firth Park to set off on the ride for the day to the Pig and Whistle in Trentham. When everyone eventually made it to the muster in the morning we counted the riders and headed out with a total of 41 riders and horses! Robbie and Shane led the ride along with Heather and Jimmy at their side. There were a few new horses and a couple of young horses on the ride out. We had a young two year old quarter horse who started up the front and we all quickly learned that he didn't like other horses following him so he continued the ride from the back of the group with Brenda as drag, and had a good view of everything going on out in front.

Riding out under the shade of the Firth Park bush it was a lovely day riding. Everyone was happily chatting along and meeting some new riders and horses along the way. Robbie and Heather were quickly overtaken by some new ride leaders early in the ride, whose horses enjoyed the view up the front much more. Some lovely tracks and trails through the bush made for a great ride up to the pub. Heading out on the roads for the last part of the ride before the pub was getting a bit hot and riders and horses were looking forward to a drink and bite to eat at the Pig and Whistle.

We tied the horses up in some pre-set up yards outside the pub, and everyone headed inside for a meal and a drink. We were met by 12 more people waiting for us at the pub. Everyone enjoyed having a hot roast, a cool drink and a chat and chinwag at the pub. After we made our way out of the pub on very full bellies we gave the horses a quick drink, tacked up and set off for a much shorter ride home. This suited everyone who had the three course meal and I'm sure the horses in the heat too.

Riding home in the shade was relaxing, getting out of the heat for us and our horses. Lloyd was the social butterfly of the ride. I think he made it around the whole ride to talk to everyone, making everyone feel very welcome. We plodded back to the floats through the Firth Park bush land and there were no horse or rider dramas for the whole ride apart from a couple of highly strung horses prancing about but nothing their riders couldn't handle.

All in all, a great day for everyone and a great catch up with club members! We unsaddled and as it was late after spending too long at the Pig a Whistle most people packed up and said their goodbyes. A few stayed and had some coffee and bickies. A great ride and a fantastic day out for all horses and riders! Thanks RCHTRC

Cheers Lizzie

## FOR SALE

### QUIET SENSIBLE MARE—RIDE OR DRIVE



15.2hh rising 5yo unraced trotting bred SB Mare. Well established in harness, started undersaddle and going kindly. Quiet and easy to do everything with. Lovely natured people horse. Make a great trail riders mount, has been out trail riding and is unfazed. To good home only. \$800ono

Please phone Lizze 0403229408  
Located in Gisborne Victoria.

### STOCK SADDLE – WAYNE WALKER NSW



17" Mounted custom made saddle. Recently restuffed & valued by Nicole Dean (Savvy Shed Kilmore). Very comfortable saddle

\$2,000 ono Ph Fred 0408 059764

### INDIAN HALF BREED SADDLE



16.5" Unmounted half breed saddle. Needs minor repairs to points. Decorative carving and extremely comfortable seat.

\$200 ono Ph Fred 0402 05 9764