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RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB **MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

MAY 19TH	COBAWS (BENLOCH END) PORT & PIKELET RIDE (Ride notice – March newsletter)
JUNE 8TH – 10TH	ELDORADO CAMP (Ride notice – March newsletter) FULL
JULY 21ST	BULLENGAROOK - WOMBAT FOREST (Ride notice – April newsletter)
AUGUST 7TH	AGM Macedon Railway Hotel 7.30pm
AUGUST 10TH – 11TH	BOOMERANG RANCH (Ride notice – attached) FULL
SEPTEMBER 21ST – 22ND	RICKY BANNISTER CHARITY RIDE (Toolleen) (Ride notice - to follow separately) Limited No's
OCTOBER 20TH	TBA
NOV 1ST – NOV 5TH (Cup Weekend)	BARMAH FOREST /MUSTER YARDS RIDE (Ride notice – attached)
NOVEMBER 17TH	MT DISAPPOINTMENT FOREST RIDE (Ride notice – attached)

Hi everyone,
That just about books up the rest of year !! Can't say we didn't give you plenty of notice to get organised. Ride notices will be posted again in a newsletter closer to the ride dates and please be aware that these events may change if there are any unforeseen circumstances. ENJOY!!

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

I receive many calls with questions regarding the club and our rides etc. most of which could be answered by simply reading our club newsletters, as much as I enjoy helping and chatting to our members, it would be far easier and sometimes much quicker for you if you read the newsletters a bit closer, another alternative is to check out the **ATHRA** web site as all our newsletters are on our club page, the **ATHRA** web site is also a GR8 place to find out what is happening within our trail riding community.

Our Newbury ride in April was held in lovely sunny weather and enjoyed by the 9 members who attended. Ride notice attached.

2013 RCTHRC AGM

Wednesday August 7th

Yes, it's nearly that time of the year again when you, the members need to decide who you would like holding the club reins for the following year, hopefully unlike last year, this year we will get a good number of members attending, after all it is **YOUR** club.

All positions on the committee will become vacant.

[Macedon Railway Hotel,](#)

[33 Smith St, Macedon.](#)

[7-30pm](#)

6-00pm for those of you that wish to join us for a meal.

Please, mark it on your calendar so you don't forget.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members, we would like to welcome,

Bryan McKimme,

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

[We currently have 143 Financial Members.](#)

The Eldorado camp ride on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June is now Totally Full.

All nominations on the reserve list have been included on this camp.

R.C.T.H.R.C

"Ricky Bannister Charity Ride"

Many of you will not know Ricky or his situation; in short Ricky had a fall from his horse and is now facing the rest of his life as a Quadaplegic, if that isn't enough to deal with, he and his wife are expecting their first son in September and hopefully, God willing, Ricky might be out of hospital by then, with this in mind Chris Haber has asked the club to run a charity ride to help raise some much needed funds for Ricky and his family, the committee has unanimously agreed to Chris's request to assist Ricky and his family.

The ride will be held at Toolleen on **September 21st & 22nd**, at this stage we are planning a 2 course meal, Band and a huge Fun Auction, all to be held at the "**Toolleen Pub**".

We need as many donations for the "Fun Auction" as possible, no matter what it is; we need it to ensure the auction is a success in raising money for Ricky, remember this could have been any one of us.

Please contact myself (Lloyd 0400668020, rcthrc1@hotmail.com) or Chris (0437 852 869, chaber1@bigpond.com) with your donations.

More in-depth details of the **R.C.T.H.R.C "Ricky Bannister Charity Ride"** will be made available at a later date.

Boomerang Ranch camp Weekend.

Thanks to the incredible response from our members this ride is already FULL.

[We still have plenty of accommodation room for Non-Riding family and friends](#)

RCTHRC will be running a 2 day camp ride at the "**Boomerang Ranch**" in Daylesford on the weekend of August 10th & 11th, Nominations are a **MUST** as we have a limit of 40 horses, non-riding friends & family are more than welcome as there are many non-horse activity's in the local area. The Boomerang Ranch is fully self-contained holiday ranch and has full amenities, so rather than sleeping in your float you can enjoy the Ranch accommodation at no extra charge, basic bedding is supplied for each bed, however you may wish can bring extra if you so desire, you will also need to bring your own towel as these are not supplied, there is a fully functional kitchen, bathroom, dinning & TV room and so much more, here is their web site www.boomerangranch.com.au I suggest you take the time and have a look for yourself, the cost will be **\$25** per person per night and half price for kids under 15, we plan on riding to the local Pub for lunch Saturday and a shorter ride on the Sunday.

Ride Notice attached for those that have nominated.

Riding: "The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground."

"Newbury Ride" April 21st 2013

To be honest as I walked out the front door and seen the weather I was a wee bit concerned, although my check on the internet had said FINE, so on went Woopi and we were off to Newbury, after the mandatory stop at the Newbury bakery for 1 of their famous meat pies I continued on only to find Robbie putting out 1 of our new road side signs, 1 by 1 members arrived and after all the greetings were over and we had held the muster I mounted, only to be asked by Kim Sinclair to stand still for a pic, just as she was about to take said photo her camera died, flat battery's, at this stage I had confirmed with her that I always have the same problem, to which she replied, ah but I'm a woman and come prepared with spares, just hold on and I will get them, after waiting a minute or 2 Kim returned with a very red face, it seems her spares were also flat, oh well it appears not all women are as prepared as they think they are, ay Kim.

I'm sure the previous couple of days of rain had deterred a lot of members from attending as only 9 of us rode off into the sun, yes that's right we had it all day, Robbie had advised us that he hadn't used this track for a few years and should be new to most of the 9 on the ride, at this stage I should mention the guys were outnumbered 2 to 1, the ride was in and out of the scrub and as we rode to the top of Blue Mountain the TV set of "The Man from Snowy River" came into sight, we stopped for a short break to have a good look at the TV set used all those years ago and reminisced about the TV show we used to watch and we would have loved to have taken some photo's, but thanks to the flat battery's it wasn't possible, so we pushed on doing some more of Robbie's real bush bashing, remember he hadn't used this trail for some time and it had well and truly grown over in some spots, but hey isn't that what it's all about. We continued on and eventually stopped for lunch, as we were a small group we all gathered around a large fallen tree (table/chair) for lunch and a few chuckles.

After lunch we continued on enjoying the sunny day with a few canthers and more chit chat and bush bashing, returning to the floats about 2-45 where Robbie quickly got the billy on the boil and we all enjoyed a cuppa with some cake and bikkies, some of us even wandered up the road to buy some delicious local honey, all in all it was a most enjoyable days ride thanks to the group of 9 and I'm sure they would all agree it was a GR8 fun days ride.

Lloyd & Woopi.



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Boomerang Ranch Weekend Ride, Sat 10th & Sun 11th August 2013

*** Thanks to the incredible response from our members this ride is already FULL, However we still have plenty of accommodation room for Non-Riding family and friends.***

As most will be arriving on the Friday, rooms will be allocated upon arrival.

Please Note, there will be basic bedding supplied with each bed, you can bring extra if you wish, you will also need to bring your own towel.

The Saturday ride will head into the Wombat Forest, stopping at the Old Hepburn Hotel for lunch, returning to Boomerang Ranch around 3pm, depending on length of stay at the Pub.

****We will need to know how many non-riders will be joining us for lunch at the pub on Saturday's ride.****

Sundays ride will also be in the Wombat Forest, riding on both days will be on sandy / gravel roads and tracks with terrain being flat to undulating and there may be the odd hill & water crossing. Anticipated return to Boomerang Ranch will be around 12 noon to 1-00pm where we will enjoy a club supplied Sausage Sizzle, tea and coffee will also be available.

Horse Paddocks,

Option 1. Communal paddock.

Option 2. Paddock for your Hot Yards (to be kept to a moderate size)

There are no trees available for night lines.

- *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 this camp/ ride.***
- *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.*

Ride out time 10:00am.

Ride Leader: John Littler

Trail Boss: Lloyd Fletcher

Boomerang Ranch Cost:

\$25 per person per night, and half price for children under 15.

We need to know if you are staying Friday/Saturday Night or just Saturday Night.

Full payment for accommodation is required prior to the weekend; you may pay by Chq, made out to,

R.C.T.H.R.C. (Mail to 3 Kevin Court, Melton South 3338)

Or

Direct Deposit. (Please let me know if you choose this option)

Acc Name. Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club.

BSB No. 083 657

Acc No. 035 963 456

(Please insert your Surname & Boomerang in the Reference Column)

Ride Cost. (To be paid on the day)

\$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

Nominations and Enquiries:

Lloyd Fletcher 0400 668 020

Or

rcthrc1@hotmail.com

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Barmah Forest/Muster Yards October 31st – November 05th 2013.

Ride Leader : Chris Haber ph: 0437 852 869

Enquires: Lloyd Fletcher ph: 0400 668 020

Email: rcthrc1@hotmail.com

Sorry, this ride is ONLY open to current ATHRA members

You can arrive from Thursday onwards if you wish. We'll be camping at the muster yards, so please be self-sufficient for a full weekend of camping for both you & your horse, including your drinking water. Horse water and long drop toilets are available, but no showers. Showers are available at the local Caravan Park, app 5 min drive if needed. Parks Victoria set out the conditions of camping at the yards, **so please familiarise yourselves with the attached rules before arriving & setting up your camp.**

Saturday horseless muster @ 9.30am, ride out **10.00am**. BYO saddle-bag lunch

Sunday horseless muster @ 9.30am, ride out **10.00am**. BYO saddle-bag lunch

Monday horseless muster @ 9.30am ride out **10.00am**. Lunch back at camp

- * Horses that are known to kick **MUST** wear a red ribbon in their tail.
 - * Horses must be reasonably fit and well-shod or have suitably conditioned hooves.
 - * **DO NOT** pass the ride leader or fall behind the drag rider without his/her ok.
 - * Always leave one horse length in between each horse.
 - * Always ensure to keep the horse in front of you in sight.
 - * Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult and wear an approved riding helmet.
 - * It is the riders responsibility to inform the ride leader/organizer of any medical conditions that he/she may have.
 - * RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.
- * No Stallions ***
- * **Dogs are permitted within the the muster yards area only and must be kept on a lead & under control at all times.**

Cost

\$5.00 per person per day. Rider or Camper.

Please bring the correct money with you as giving change is sometimes difficult.

Directions: Melways Map 621 G5

Get yourself to the town of Barmah (*not Barham*), turn north at the pub/general store into Moira-Lakes Road, follow this all the way straight through & over the bridge and into the park where it becomes Sand Ridge track – continue on until you come to the cattle/muster yards on the right. Entry gate will be sign posted.

There is no camping between the shed and the gate/fence.

HIRE OF BARMAH MUSTER YARDS SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. No signage to be attached to trees or other park facilities. Free standing signage can be used for the event. Any signs displayed for the event must be removed within 24 hours of the use of that area.
2. Vegetation (either living or dead) must not be cut, cleared, removed or damaged in any way.
3. Barmah State Park and Barmah State Forest is a 'carry in – carry out' area for rubbish. All rubbish is to be removed from the park to an approved transfer station & must not be buried.
4. No facilities are to be moved or damaged without the permission of the Ranger in Charge, or his nominee.
5. The Ranger in Charge reserves the right to direct alternative access for vehicles should floodwaters, **or other emergencies**, make any designated areas unusable.
6. Vehicles are to remain on tracks at all times.
7. No locks or structures are to be cut or removed at any sites. Access will only be provided to sites that are open to the general public.
8. All fires must comply with the Forest (Fire Protection) Regulations 2004 No:77.
 - a. Fires must be in a properly constructed fireplace 30cm deep.
 - b. All flammable material within 3 metres must be removed.
 - c. The fire is not larger than 1 metre square in size.
 - d. Fire must not be left unattended and extinguished with water before leaving.
9. Dogs, Cats and Firearms are prohibited from Barmah National Park.
10. Event organisers must supply to Parks Victoria, prior to the event, a map showing the locations of staging / marshalling points and courses for these events.
11. **All camps (tents, vans, etc) are to be located south of the bunkhouse.** (PLEASE NOTE: use of the bunkhouse will not be permitted under any circumstances.)
12. The facilities (yards & kitchen) are to be maintained and kept clean at all times.
13. No fires to be lit in, or near the cast iron stove in the kitchen area.
14. Any major breakages or damages are to be reported to Parks Victoria Staff.
15. Horse feed is to be weed free & contained within the Muster Yards enclosure (especially hay).
16. Generators may be used as long as the noise level is kept low.
17. Parks Victoria may cancel this permit not less than forty-eight hours prior to the event should environmental conditions make the area unsafe for the event.
18. Parks Victoria is to be notified within four hours on 13 19 63 of any emergency on Parks Victoria managed land associated with the event that requires the services of Police or Emergency Services.
19. At least fourteen days prior to the event, organisers must supply to Parks Victoria a copy of the Event Emergency Management Plan.
20. Parks Victoria must be supplied with a copy of the event organisers current Public Liability Insurance Cover for at least \$10,000,000.



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MT DISAPPOINTMENT STATE FOREST RIDE
SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2013

This ride will commence from the former No1 Camp. This will be a leisurely ride through the Mt Disappointment State Forest. Riding will be on dirt/gravel tracks and roads with terrain being flat to undulating. Anticipated return to floats will be around 2-30pm.

Take the Clonbinane exit of the Hume Fwy, turn right back over the Fwy, then first left in to Spur Rd, till you come to a dirt road, you are now on Main Mountain road, take the fourth turn on your left into Flowerdale road for 1:5 km to No1 camp, horse camp is just past Allison road on your left.

Ride Location; No1 Camp Flowerdale Rd Clonbinane (see attach. map)

Ride Leader: Paul Peddie – 0407 519 671

Ride out time 10:00am.

B.Y.O. Saddle bag lunch & drink.

B.Y.O. Water for your horses

- *Riders Must Not Pass the Ride Leader Without His/Her Permission*
- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *STALLIONS by approval*
- *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.*

Cost: \$2.00 Members
\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance
\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance
Enquiries: Paul Peddie – 0407 519 671



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