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The year has flown by and when you receive this newsletter, our riding season will be over.

The first event for NSW members will be our AGM which this year is being held in Bathurst. Event details can be found in this newsletter.

We have progressive point score results, but final results won't be available until after the Bullio Cup which will be run after this newsletter goes to print.

Remember if you are unable to pick up your end of year awards, please arrange for someone to pick up on your behalf or contact the Secretariat and arrange for your awards to be posted to you, at your expense.

You will find nominations for the State committee, proxy forms and a form for notices of motion in this edition of the newsletter. An AGM booklet will be sent out prior to the AGM.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a successful and enjoyable 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter over the year. Special thanks to Jo Arblaster and Linda Henley for their assistance which as always, is greatly appreciated.

Front Cover: Ben Hudson riding OSO Dorothy, 4th MWT (8.10) winner of the Alan Blundell Award at the Brookvale ride.

Inside back Cover: WA Quilty flyer

Cover: Henley Design.

Editor: Helen Rich



President's Report

Well, here we are again the final newsletter for the year WOW how time flies.

Moving on from my last report, our major rides have been run and won leaving only Shahzada for me to report on. Shahzada had a total of 63 entries in the 400km marathon ride and 55 entries in the Mini Marathon 120km. By all accounts the ride went well with line honours going to Fia Hasko-Stewart riding Blake's Heaven Adventuress in a time of 35 hrs 16 mins.

Now, at the time of writing this report we only have one ride left on our calendar that being the Matar Stables Bullio Cup on the 2nd and 3rd November. I believe this ride will be very well attended according to the grapevine due to the ride holding multiple AERA & FEI rides.

It seems the drought is really starting to affect the ride entries with riders and trainers having to make the hard decisions to forgo rides to look after drought affected farms and stock. Spring gave some of us some much needed rain only to get our hopes up, the heat and winds in the following days made short work of the much required moisture leaving us very concerned for the summer ahead. Hopefully we will get some more rain soon.

With the ride season coming to a close we start looking forward to the AGM and Awards Night which this year will be held at Bathurst in the Central West Region, I look forward to seeing a nice attendance at both events remember this is your time to have a say and participate in the running of your sport. After the AGM we will all come together and enjoy a nice dinner and some dancing for those inclined or just sit around with a few drinks and reminisce about the year that was and talk of our plans for the next season.

On behalf of your 2019 committee I wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas break, enjoy your time off from the rides and stay safe if starting those new ponies up for the 2020 season rides.

Cheers Tony



NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are currently held at

Richmond Club

Cnr. East Market and Francis Street, Richmond

Meetings commence at 6.00pm sharp.

All members are invited to attend.

Next Meeting Dates

22 November

6 December

Annual General Meeting 22 February 2020

Bathurst NSW

2019 Annual General Meeting Details

Venue Panthers Bathurst, 132 Piper St Bathurst

Program

Saturday 22 February 2020

From 11.30 am
12.30pm – (approx.) 4.30 pm
6.30 pm – midnight

Registration for voting and renewal of memberships
Annual General Meeting
2019 presentation and dinner dance

Agenda for AGM

- Confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- President's report
- Secretary's report
- Financial report
- Committee reports
- Election for committee vacancies
- Notices of special resolution and motions (if any)
- Discussion items and SMC notices
- General business

Attendance and voting

Any person can attend the meeting. However, only senior financial members are entitled to vote. If you were a Senior Member for 2019 or have joined as a Senior Member for 2020 you are entitled to vote. You do not have to rejoin to participate in the meeting but please bring your 2019 membership card with you.

Proxy votes

Each senior financial member who attends may hold up to five (5) proxy votes on behalf of other senior financial members. A copy of the proxy form is included in this newsletter.

Proxy forms must be received by the Secretary at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting. Please note the contact details below.

Mail proxy forms to The Secretary NSWERA, 105 Langford Drive, Kariong NSW 2250 to arrive no later than Friday 21 February 2020. Please be sure to leave time for mail to arrive. Alternatively, forms can be scanned and emailed to the Secretary at secretary@nswera.asn.au to arrive no later than 12.30pm Friday 21 February 2020.

Nominations for Committee

An election of the new committee will be conducted. Anyone wishing to nominate must complete a nomination form, a copy of the form is included in this booklet. Please include your name, membership number, a brief description of your involvement with endurance riding and reasons for seeking election to the committee. Please sign the form.

Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary at least 7 days before the start of the meeting. Please note the contact details below.

Mail nomination forms to the Secretary NSWERA, 105 Langford Drive, Kariong NSW 2250, to arrive no later than Friday 14 February 2020. Please leave time for mail to arrive. Forms can be emailed to the Secretary at secretary@nswera.asn.au to arrive no later than 12.30pm Saturday 15 February 2020.

Please note that there is no option to fax proxy or committee nomination forms.

Nominations for the Committee to be put on notice.

Term ends February 2020	Term ends February 2021
John Howe	Jo Davis
Kerry Fowler-Smith	Tony Warren
Peter Bice	Jacque Wright
Belinda Hopley	Noni Seagrim
Matthew Walker	Alamdar Dastani

There are five positions up for election, each for a full two-year term.

Nominations must be made by two current Senior Members (quote membership numbers). The nominee must be a current Senior Member and must give his/her written consent. Nominations for election to the NSWERA Committee will be accepted by the Secretary up to seven (7) days before the date of the AGM (NSWERA Constitution rule 17.1).

If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies, the people nominated as per rule 17(1) will be deemed elected and further nominations will be received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting (NSWERA Constitution rule 17.2). If insufficient further nominations are received, any remaining vacant positions will be deemed casual vacancies (rule 17(3)). The committee will attempt to fill any casual vacancies in accordance with rule 16(4)).

If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies, the people nominated will be deemed elected (rule 17.4).

If the number of nominations received prior to the meeting exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will be held at the meeting and the five people with the most number of votes will fill the vacancies (rules 17(5) and 17(6)).

If further nominations are required to be taken at the meeting, and those nominations exceed the number required to fill the remaining vacancies, a ballot will be held. In this case, the number of people required to fill the remaining vacancies with the most number of votes will be deemed elected (rules 17(5) and 17(6)).

Notices of motions

Notices of motions must be received by the Secretary no later than 31 December 2019 and will be sent to members in the AGM booklet.

Nominations for Life Membership

Nominations must be made by at least two financial members in writing, accompanied by a detailed list of the proposed member's contributions to the Association over an extended period of time.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than 31 December 2019 and will be sent to members in the AGM booklet.

Accommodation

There are a number of motels/hotels in the Bathurst area:

Country Lodge Motor Inn: 145 William St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 4888 (This one is closest to the venue)
The George Hotel - 201 George St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 3399
Bathurst Heritage Motor Inn - 102 Stewart St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6334 3433
Ben Chifley Motor Inn - 272 Stewart St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 5055
Bathurst Explorers Motel - 357 Stewart St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 2966
Littmore Hotels and Suites - 19 Charlotte St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 2211
Panorama Bathurst - 51 Durham St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 2666
Bathurst Motor Inn - 87 Durham St, Bathurst NSW 2795 6331 2222

Courtesy Bus

The Panthers Bathurst courtesy bus is available, bookings are required. Please call 6330 0600 to make a booking.

Dinner

The meal will consist of a two course buffet with a choice of salads, hot dishes and desserts. Kids menu is a choice of Nuggets, Spaghetti Bolognese or Fish and Chips. Vegetarian options (lasagna or pasta) will be available.

Special dietary needs will be catered for. When making your booking, please advise any special dietary needs. The premises are licensed, **so no B.Y.O.G.**

Dinner price for adults is \$35.00 per person, children \$12.00.

Please RSVP before 10 February 2020 as final numbers need to be given to the venue.

Please send your dinner booking form (below) and payment via one of the options on the form, to arrive no later than 10 February 2020.

IMPORTANT: IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE RECIPIENT OF TROPHIES OR RIBBONS AND YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION, PLEASE NOMINATE A PERSON WHO WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR AWARD/S FOR YOU, AND ADVISE THE NSWERA SECRETARIAT ON (02) 4938 0081 OR EMAIL secretariat@nswera.asn.au.

Misplaced trophies are not the responsibility of the NSWERA.

Dinner booking form can be found in this newsletter.

NSWERA AGM Dinner Booking Form

RSVP by 10 February 2020

NAME _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

No of Adults _____ (\$35.00 per head two course meal)

No of Children _____ (\$12.00 per head, under 12 years)

If you have any special dietary needs, please indicate this below:

TOTAL PAY BY CHEQUE \$ _____ Or

PAY BY CREDIT CARD \$ _____

Type of Credit Card eg Visa, Mastercard etc. _____

Name on Credit Card _____ Expiry Date _____ CCV _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____

Signature _____

Are you the recipient of trophies/ribbons Yes No (circle)

Post with your cheque to NSW ERA Secretariat, 109 Sandy Creek Road, Mt Vincent NSW 2323, or email form and credit card details to secretariat@nswera.asn.au

Phone 4938 0081

NSW ERA fees for 2020

Membership fees

Adult: \$140.

Junior: \$100.

Intermediate: \$100.

Family: \$280.

Associate: \$20.

Printed newsletter extra \$35.



Note: No increase in Membership fees for 2020. The fees have been held at the 2019 level.

Vale—Chuck Stephens

Charles Stephens, better known to the horse fraternity as Chuck Stephens, has died. He had survived his wife, Marty Stephens, by more than a dozen years.

Chas resigned his commission as Captain in the British Army's Royal Engineers and emigrated to Australia in 1965 with his young family. He became a Civil Engineer at Colo Shire Council. Soon after, he was approached by RM & Erica Williams and Ron & Val Males. They asked for help to organise Australia's first 100 mile endurance ride, the Tom Quilty, held in October 1966.

A very deep immersion in horses, and Arabians in particular, quickly followed for the entire Stephens family. He learnt to ride under the tutelage of the great Quarter Horse horseman Greg Lowther, of Clover Leaf Stud, in 1970.

In 1972 Chuck and Marty, were two of the founding members to create ATHRA – Australian Trail Horse Riders Association. He helped to drive forward the idea of legislating recreational trails for horse riders and other trail users. This led to the creation of the National Horse Trail that runs from Cooktown, North Queensland to Healsville, northeast of Melbourne, Victoria. To commemorate, and publicise this trail, a relay ride, involving thousands of riders was run from Cooktown to Melbourne in 1978. Known as the National Mail Relay Ride. The track was then renamed the Bicentennial Track in 1988.



Chuck Stephens—Military Man



Throughout the 70s he was instrumental in ATHRA's organisation as well as the Sydney based Cumberland Trail Riders Club. Many different skills were taught; drill work to make any parade appearances better. General proficiency around horses. And, of course, many styles of trail rides from 5 day camps, packhorse rides, winery rides (many would have blown well over the limit!), hotel rides, progressive dinners on horseback and all manner of other fun that could be thought of.

Spearheaded by Marty's passion for horses, they formed Henley Farm Arabians in 1969. Their horses made an impact in several spheres of endeavour. Very strong success in the show ring during the 70s and 80s was followed from 1980 by decades, and generations, of success in the endurance world. Henley Farm horses have, to date, competed in at least 8 different countries on 4 continents. The activities where Henley Farm horses have competed and worked in are too numerous to try to list. In later years many of their horses carried 7 or 8 generations of Henley Farm bred horses.

Just being on the periphery was never an option with Chuck. So, a strong involvement within the NSW Arabian Horse Society throughout the 70s happened.

Chuck Stephens—Endurance Rider.
Chuck and Snow coming up Bowen Mountain to 3rd check in the 1974 Tom Quilty.

Chuck and Marty created and organised Stud Schools to teach basic stud management at the Hawkesbury Ag College for many years. They created the All Breeds Gelding Show to encourage versatility. Also masterminded and administered the Australian Roll of Merit till the mid 90s.

Chuck achieved his Quilty buckle in 1974. At the time and for many years after he held the dubious honour of being the heaviest rider to finish the Quilty. Gaining his buckle marked his retirement from competitive riding. He continued trail riding for many years. He, and his family, were central to the running of the Tom Quilty until 1980. He was also a central organiser of the 1973 Bite The Bullet Marathon that was a 500 mile (800 km) ride from Sydney to Melbourne.

In 1981 the family left the Hawkesbury district and moved to Tumut, in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains. Here he helped run, and was Chief Steward, to several of the local rides. He served on the NSW Horse Council, and continued on the committees till the later 90s, often as president, of NSW ERA and AERA. He helped to create and implement the Early Warning System. Was central to the initial creation of the endurance database that is now known as Aeraspace. Starting in the late 80s he spent hours, days, months and years learning to program computers, create a program, and then with the family's labour, started the mammoth task of entering the old master sheets into the program.

His hands-on involvement in the horse scene reduced by 2000. He spent much more time within the Jazz community. He always enjoyed his music. While he never bothered to recommence playing after giving it up in his army days, he was an enthusiast of Jazz Festivals and a Jazz Club member.

After the death of Marty in 2007 he was rarely seen by the horse fraternity. Chuck and Marty, were honoured as inaugural inductees to the AHSA's Lifetime Achievement Awards. He did make the occasional appearance when invited. The last was in 2015 at the 50th Tom Quilty held at Wisemans Ferry.

With his greater involvement in jazz he met his new partner Norma Smith in 2009. He enjoyed his retirement with her. They often took cruises and journeys in Australia and abroad. They also chased jazz festivals up and down the east coast of Australia.

He died at 82 years of age on the 26th August 2019 after a two month hospitalisation. There were complications relating to an initially minor injury at a jazz club function.

He is survived by Norma Smith, his three children Kim, Tracy and Charles, and two grandchildren Ellen and Stephen Vine.

His funeral was held on 6th September near Penrith where he had lived in retirement, with Norma, for more than eight years. Penrith was also where he worked for the City Council from the late 60s to the early 80s. Though a small number of people could make the funeral, family of all types were well represented. Members of his Arabian, endurance, trail and jazz families plus his close relatives were there.

A moving letter was read out from Ron Iddon who had been a friend from the early 70s. Ron was a rural journalist who went on to be a producer of the TV documentary series "A Big Country," then wrote and produced his own AFI award winning documentaries and later a published author. As a long-time friend and cofounder of ATHRA, his letter reminisced about the days of the formation of ATHRA and the struggle of trying to get tracks legislated for future use for all



As a Grandfather, Escorting Ellen to her Debut

(Continued from page 7)

Australians. He also remembered times with the family and the passionate debates they had. Tracy remembers the many times raised voices would be heard from the office followed by one or the other storming out, locating a reference book from the bookshelves before storming back in to continue the debate. Ron considered that, "Chuck had such a good mind; no loose opinion was allowed to go unchallenged".

Ron & Val Males of Ralvon Arabian Stud fame were there. Ron gave a stirring speech about the early days of the Quilty and of the entanglement of the Stephens and Males families in general. Along with many anecdotes he left the group, especially the endurance contingent, with the heartfelt belief that "Chuck WAS the Quilty."

The eulogy was given by Mike Hallam, a talented jazz musician, who had first met Chas (through Local Government) in 1969. For a few years they were often found together as fellow English expats. before drifting apart. They met up again and became firm friends after 2000. Mike performs regularly at various clubs and many festivals around Australia. He spoke elegantly on Chas' enjoyment of life and jazz and his strength of character. He also had the honour of introducing Charles to Norma. "He was a man of passion and quiet strength." Mike also played a beautiful and very emotional solo of Amazing Grace on trumpet.

Glenn Robertson of Matta Mia Arabian Stud and foundation member and long-time secretary of the Riverina Division of the Arab Horse Society read out a Vale written by Chuck's daughter that will be published in the Arabian Horse News. This gave such a brief overview of some of the achievements and lasting legacies that Charles Stephens has left for so many Australians whether they know about it or not. Many of the horse industry remember Chuck's contributions. But his influence is so much wider than that.

Norma Smith, his companion for the last decade, gave another emotional summary of their world travels. The times of exploration, and revisiting people and places from their past. The fun of watching Charles struggle with languages long forgotten as well as testing his new found knowledge of the Chinese language he chose to learn in his late 60s. She grieves the loss of her "Gentle Giant."

Much was a surprise to most of those there. Charles was never one to look back much. It was hard to get him to talk about the past - including the fact that he had played trombone for seven years in his youth. All came away with an appreciation of a life that Charles had never hinted at. All were amazed at just how influential he actually was.

The two most notable, but mostly unknown, contributions that affect most Australians, not just horse people and friends, are:

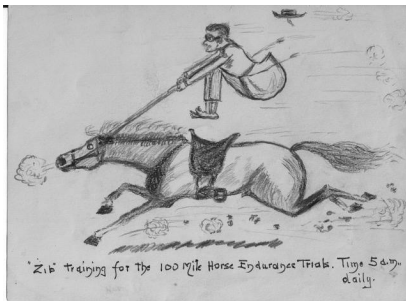
Every person in Australia who walks, rides, or drives on any legislated track or trail must in part thank Chuck Stephens, and the ATHRA founders, for having that track available to use.

The other important lasting contribution is a Flood Mitigation computer program that Chas designed. It was created in the 80s while he worked for Fairfield City Council. It was such a good and comprehensive program that many other local councils have adopted it to their own districts. The program was also submitted to Apple Australia in a programming competition. Chas' Flood Mitigation Program won 3rd place.

He was told by the judges that it was by far the best program but could not be awarded first place as there was a limited commercial value that could be exploited by Apple Australia. So, anyone living in the Sydney basin, and who knows where else, has been in part protected from flooding by work done by Chas Stephens.

We have seen the passing of a great man who has left behind such a long catalogue of achievements that will continue to ripple through Australia for generations to come.

By Tracy Stephens



Charles (Chuck) Stephens with his son Charles (Chaff) Stephens

Mt Lagoon ride preview

28/29 March 2020

We hope you're planning on coming to Magnificent Mountain Lagoon Endurance Ride on the 28th and 29th March, 2020. We will be having 5km, 20km and 40km rides on Saturday and the same rides again on Sunday along with an 80km ride.

We have taken out the big hill making the second leg for the 80km ride and the 40km intermediate ride and the 20km introductory ride a flat to undulating leg.

The course for the shorter rides is achievable for novice horses. There are no big hills and the course will take riders around beautiful Mountain Lagoon where the trees will be showing their stunning autumn colours making it a very picturesque ride. The 80km ride will follow this track on their second leg so riders will be able to enjoy the autumn show in the daylight.

The 80km ride will start at 5am and is suitable for fit novice horses and is an excellent ride for improving your horse's fitness for the endurance season. The first leg is the same as last year and will travel 8kms down Mountain Lagoon Road to Comleroy Road T intersection where you will turn left and travel along Comleroy Road for 2kms then turn right into Gee Arms North Fire Trail which is a lovely gently undulating track. Travel 7km to a turn around and return to Comleroy Road and turn right on Comleroy Road to the T intersection of Upper Colo Road and turn left and ride about a kilometre to a checkpoint where you will be turned left travelling past the fire station and up Ward's Track to Mountain Lagoon and return to ride base.

The second leg of the 80km ride is the same course for the 40km ride and you will travel South along Mountain Lagoon Road for approximately 7kms to a checkpoint which will turn you left down Little Wheeney Creek Fire Trail to a turnaround. You will then return to Mountain Lagoon Road and travel back to a checkpoint where you will be turned left and follow arrows to Long Ridge Fire Trail to a turn around. Riders will travel back along Long Ridge Fire Trail and ride through Lee Anne and Charlie Gauci's beautiful property and return to ride base.

The 20km ride will travel along Mountain Lagoon Road and turn right to Long Ridge Fire Trail to a turnaround and travel back through Lee Anne and Charlie Gauci's stunning property and return to ride base.



2019—Evi Thompson riding Webbs Creek Cattle Baron, successful in the 20 km social ride.



The 5km social ride will travel around Sam's Way and Mountain Lagoon Road and is an easy picturesque ride.

We're so pleased to have Darien Feary once again for our head vet and Georgia Ladmore has agreed to be our treatment vet. Tom McCormack has generously agreed to help us out by bringing the electronic timing system which he is so efficient in operating.

We will have buckles for all successful riders in the 80km event and prizes and rugs for the first three successful completions in each division. There will be trophies and medallions for the shorter rides and also lucky ride bib prizes and encouragement prizes.

There's lots to love about our Mountain Lagoon Endurance Ride so come along and support Sydney Region Endurance Riders for our first ride of 2020 and our 3rd year of holding a ride at Mountain

2019—Rhys Norman riding Nimwai, successful in the intermediate ride.



Lagoon. The access to our ride base is along Mountain Lagoon Road from Bells Line of Road and is a flat drive along a tarred road except for the last couple of kms which is a firm gravel road and easy access for large rigs.

So come along and enjoy the wonderful tracks and the camaraderie of our endurance family. We look forward to seeing you in March 2020.

Sydney Region Endurance Riders

Zone One Endurance Riders Association

2019—Sophie Ramsay riding A'landell Prestige with Kate Johnson and Poets Corner Phoenix, both successful in the intermediate ride.

Photos: Animal Focus

REGISTRAR HINTS

JUNIORS – If you were born in 2003 or later you will be a junior in 2020

HORSE REGISTRATION – Please make sure you select Annual or Lifetime registration when you upgrade your Novice horse to Endurance and send the Registration form with the application.

CREDIT CARD DETAILS / DIRECT DEBIT– Please make sure these are supplied with your application for membership/logbooks etc – if I have to call you to chase up these details it will delay the process and delivery times especially early in the year when it is very busy.

LASTLY – If you know that you need a new logbook or an upgrade to Endurance for your horse or yourself for the start of the year and are able to organise before January it would be greatly appreciated !!

HAPPY RIDING
Jax



W.A State Championship Ride – One Step Closer To The Quilty

By Amanda Rayner
28-29 September 2019

Ravensthorpe rider, Jeanette Denham, was the first to cross the line in the WAERA State Championships run from the Collie Racecourse on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of September.

Jeanette defended her title as State Champion, also taking out the award in 2016. Murangah Chandon, a 14 year old Anglo Arabian by Silmaril Chand, has now clocked up 3,000 km. Jeanette completed the ride in a time of 12 hours and 30 minutes- two minutes ahead of Paul Dyson riding the competitive stallion Tora Sardeeka. "Deek "as he is affectionately known had travelled to Queensland pre Quilty to serve mares at the Toft stable. Much to the delight of his owner, Julia Lockwood ,he then placed 4th Heavyweight at the Imbil Quilty ridden by Queensland rider Matthew Gadsby.

The ride run from the Collie Racecourse was a prelude of the course and venue for next year's Tom Quilty ride.

At midnight on Friday night, 24 riders rode off into a still, dewy night with no moon in sight. Night time temperatures hovered around 8C. By early afternoon the temperature had climbed to 24C. Rainfall can be up over 200 mm in September so conditions could be totally different at the same time next year.

The track proved challenging and technical in parts. Opinion varied on the course structure and a questionnaire has been circulated to riders for their feedback.

But, for now, the course breakdown is as follows .



1st Middleweight and 2019 State Champion
Jeanette Denham with Murangah Chandon
Photo credit Amanda Rayner



Leg 1- 40 km. Wide safe sections of track for night time riding through mainly pine plantation with good going underfoot.

Leg 2- 41 km. Twists and turns made for a technical track and a well balanced horse.

Leg 3 -41 km. Very up and down. The terrain varied from soft tracks through to gravel .

Leg 4 - 25km and Leg 5- 13km Good forest tracks for the gentle run home.

There was an abundance of water on track with several picturesque creek crossings.

Gerard Bou from Queensland officiated as chief steward. He has been appointed to the role next year. With his experience as QERA President, committee member and holder of one Tevis and four Quilty buckles his expertise was invaluable.

Gerard gave some good advice at the pre ride briefing. "I am not here to bomb you out but help you through. Look after your horses and look after each other".

The ETS initially had some teething problems but overall was very reliable and easy to operate.

The 10m x 15m camp areas were marked out for the

Left to Right Kalia Russell riding Soreno
Diamondette and John Anderson 1st HW Ru oak
Wholly Smoke
Photo credit Vince Evans

weekend and the vet ring has in place an automated fully reticulated water system .

The vet ring is still being improved and will be in top shape for next year .

The racecourse was actually looking like a Quilty venue.

The communication tower housed videographer Brian Wilson for the day .He took video of all the riders coming down the racetrack with talking coverage from Verna Blackburne. This will be a fantastic asset next year for spectators when a big screen will be set up to capture the highlights of riders coming across the finish line.

Of the 24 riders competing, half were pinning their hopes on qualifying for next year's Quilty .

First Lightweight Siobhan Darlow a real newcomer to the sport whose discipline is normally dressage prepared her mount Marbling Galaxy extremely well. He had attended his first Preliminary dressage test the previous weekend. He was full of equine exuberance in the BC workout receiving loud applause. She commented at the presentations that "His energy is insane !".



Left to Right Gerard Bou ,Chief Stewart with volunteer Willah Sewell mastering the ETS
Photo credit Amanda Rayner



No one was more jubilant at their first 160 km completion than 12 year old solo Junior rider Abbey-Rose Irvine riding her horse Mac . Abbey was the last rider home along with 2nd Heavyweight rider Caren Earl. Their riding time was 20 hours. Abbey was very grateful her father was there to help her from the saddle, Mac being a very tall gangly Standardbred and Abbey predictably quite exhausted from the ride. A huge effort for one so young.

Left to right Collie Shire President Sarah Stanley, WAERA President Anna Erikson and Abbey-Rose Irvine 1st Junior receiving her awards
Photo credit Vince Evans



The veterinary team were suitably impressed with the way the horses were managed over the weekend.

Head vet Dr Anne Barnes described the riders as being " upfront and honest" in discussing any issues they had with managing their horses making it a working team over the duration of the ride.

With less than 12 months to go it's time for every rider from the east and across the strait to be planning their Quilty adventure to W.A.

Those that are passionate about the sport will definitely have it on their bucket list.

See you in the West.

Julia Lockwood's confident smile says it all at Tora Sardeeka's final runoff
Photo credit Amanda Rayner

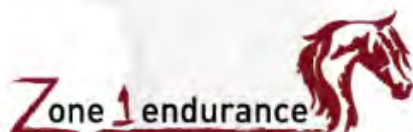


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Please note that from 1st January, 2012, the current mandatory PIC numbers required for ride entry, will be stringently enforced.

To date there has been a grace period but from 1.1.2020, no PIC NUMBER, NO RIDE.

This is a stipulation of the NSW Department of Agriculture. For more information please go to the Department's website at www.lis.nsw.gov.au/livestock/pics.

Please note that departmental Inspectors are targeting equestrian events and anyone found to not have a PIC number can be issued an on the spot fine of \$550.00.

To obtain your PIC number, the maximum cost is about \$12.00, but through local Rural Lands Protection Board Offices, it's free. The website will direct you to your nearest provider.

This is a quick, simple process and is legally mandatory.

The other fact that I would like to bring to your attention is Ambulance coverage. Currently our public liability policies for both riders and volunteers, does not cover Ambulance cover.

The only people currently covered by an AERA insurance policy are those who have opted to take extra Personal Accident coverage.

Ambulance coverage will cost you between \$435 and \$50 dollars per year. It depends upon your age and income. Please contact any private health providers, I asked Western Districts for their price.

Please note also that recipients of Centrelink benefits may be covered, already, so if that's you, please check with Centrelink.

Note that the AERA is currently attempting to get this matter changed for next year, but as that hasn't happened yet, we all need our own Ambulance cover.

John Howe. Treasurer.

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Clockwise from the top:
Rachel Meek and Canabyn Glowing Elle (42k)
Chris Morley riding Rocky Creek Freckles (20k)
Stephen Bennett and Aloha Zac (42k)
Photos: Animal Focus

Woodstock Ride Review.

14-15 September 2019

LERC committee happily welcomed riders and horses back to the picturesque district for a fun filled weekend at Woodstock over the weekend of 14/15 September.

Congratulations to those successful and commiserations to those not, it was an enjoyable weekend from many accounts.

Our weekend kicked off with 23 entries in the Saturday 20km introductory ride, which was only added to the calendar in the lead up. It was enjoyed by all who participated.

The 83km riders and horses started off nice and early at 4:30am on the Sunday; complete with helmet lights and torches as they set off to lessen their time in the heat of the day ahead. A big & beautiful moon still graced the sky and it was said to be quite lovely to ride under but it was soon the amazing sunrise that took their attention away. 76 entries were taken.

The 42km distance was a hit with 58 entries participating. Riders and horses set off as the sun was just up at 6:00am to enjoy their Intermediate ride.

The 20km introductory ride on Sunday saw another 36 horses and riders head out the gate at 10am to enjoy the scenery around the wonderful district of Woodstock.

Prizes were awarded for 1st – 3rd as well as for best conditioned horse in each division. All completing received our Woodstock Endurance Ride buckle for the 83kms, a souvenir mug for the 42kms and a printed bag and pen for the 20kms. Prize winners received horse rugs, tack bags or chairs screen printed or with embroidery; as well as all completions not winning a 1st-3rd prize, found themselves receiving a lucky dip of horse products as well.

Thanks go to our sponsors for these wonderful prizes above. We would like to acknowledge and respectfully ask readers to please support those who support our sport. Not for profit organisations rely heavily on the amazing generosity of sponsors.

Many thanks go to - Beecher Wool Services Cowra, Edinburgh Horse Rugs, Cowra Tyre and Brake Centre, Lachlan River Produce, Cowra Machinery Centre, Heartland Rural, Lachlan Engineering Service, Kintamani Arabians, Cowra Bus Service, Allan Gray & Co, LT 131 Pizza, Holmwood and Cowra Wreckers, JJ Dresser & Co, Greens automobiles, French's Store Cowra, Ellis & Son Saddlers & Shoe Repairs. Hutcheon & Pearce and Windradyne Arabians.

The major event of 83kms saw line honours and 1st Middleweight awarded to Ben Hudson riding Prince Emami Spa, who also collected Best Conditioned Horse for their division.

Followed shortly after was 2nd Middleweight, Sharyn Coulston with Castlebar Roulette and 3rd Bev Turner on Dane.

Our Heavyweight division was won by Iain Paterson riding Oso En Garde, 2nd went to Gavin Peacock on Chop Chop and 3rd Allan Caslick with A'Landell Jester who also picked up Best Conditioned Horse for the division.

Lightweight top 3 were Gertraud Norton riding Scarlet Oaks

Iain Paterson riding Oso En Garge, 1st HWT, 5.41



Tahnaya Mercieca riding Henley Farm Burosh, 3rd JNR 7.35 Animal Focus



Amica with Best Conditioned Horse, 2nd went to Allix Jones riding Shellal Kiwi and 3rd was Marion Grove with Diamond R Carbo.

Juniors were Emma Cole with Best Conditioned Horse Zanetta Spa then 2nd Kaitlyn Mercieca on Henley Farm Fursan and 3rd Tahnya Mercieca with Henley Farm Burosh.

The perpetual Margaret Cole Memorial Award went to Ruth Van der Wegen riding Attallah Akita.

Thanks go to the Back Creek and Waugoola Fire Brigades for their constant, tireless efforts on running our communications and checkpoints over the weekend. You all do an amazing job and we appreciate your time and dedication to supporting our ride.

We would like to thank our properly owners for allowing us to ride through their country; without so many wonderful people willing to open their gates, the ride would not be possible and the riders and horses would not have so many beautiful places to enjoy.

Again thanks to everyone for coming along and supporting our ride, LERC will enjoy a break and hope to see all back to the area in March for the Bumbaldry Endurance Ride weekend. Please look us up on Facebook to express interest or email woodstock.nswera@gmail.com for further details. Happy and safe trails everyone.

Tina Walker – President & Publicity LERC



Clockwise from the top:

Emma Cole and Zanetta Spa, 1st JNR, 7.08
Robin Gossip and Panache, successful in the 42k.

Tahlia Franke and Oso Florin, 7th MWT 5.41
Clare Fleming and Flemingo Bomsaway (42k)

Animal Focus

Ride Name: Woodstock Progressive Report

Distance: 83.0km Start

Date: 15/09/2019

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Emily Streckfuss

Chief Steward: Thomas McCormack

Heavyweight

1	Iain Paterson	Oso En Garde	2	5:41:37	38, 53, 51 (Avg:52)
2	Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	2	6:46:23	36, 45, 45 (Avg:45)
3	Allan Caslick	A'Landell Jester	2	7:17:15	30, 40, 41 (Avg:40)
4	Tony Warren	Razorback Darcy	2	7:20:24	32, 39, 48 (Avg:43)
5	Christopher Bailey	Marcon Calamity	2	7:36:32	32, 35, 41 (Avg:38)
6	Brian Stott	Sierra Lodge The Sorcerer	2	8:39:51	36, 42, 48 (Avg:45)
7	Charles Gauci	Krystal Creek Apache Gold	2	8:47:30	40, 47, 47 (Avg:47)
	Marty Moran	Coco Chanel	2	Lame L2	36, 48, 47 (Avg:47)
	Dean Warren	Jupiter Samira	2	Lame L2	44, 54, 50 (Avg:52)
	Marita Rifai Wee	Warra Yasmina	2	Lame L2	36, 41, 45 (Avg:43)
	Anthony Parker	Mindari Ace High	2	Lame L2	34, 40, 48 (Avg:44)
	Ian Dregghorn	Ausden Nile Prins	2	Lame L2	35, 42, 52 (Avg:47)
	James Ryan	Cedar Ridge Hy Regard	1	On track L1	30, 32 (Avg:32)

Middleweight

1	Ben Hudson	Prince Emani Spa	2	4:20:15	36, 39, 42 (Avg:40)
2	Sharyn Coulston	Castlebar Roulette	2	5:04:20	33, 50, 46 (Avg:48)
3	Bev Turner	Dane	2	5:22:33	39, 44, 54 (Avg:49)
4	John Symons	Ruby Rose	2	5:22:42	36, 45, 46 (Avg:45)
5	Leanne Hickson	Regal Buddie	2	5:22:47	47, 46, 45 (Avg:45)
6	Anne Hills	Karabil Serer	2	5:31:05	36, 44, 40 (Avg:42)
7	Tahlia Franke	Oso Florin	2	5:41:43	30, 36, 38 (Avg:37)
8	Ian Curtis	Marat MA	2	6:07:04	33, 43, 46 (Avg:44)
9	Rodney Curry	Wybalena Lodge Aflirt	2	6:18:27	40, 42, 45 (Avg:43)
10	Kristie Taprell	Castlebar Gatsby	2	6:33:51	36, 44, 53 (Avg:48)
11	Brett Willis	Tamboolou Beau Jangles	2	6:37:34	40, 47, 48 (Avg:47)
12	Louise Piddington	Trazir Amir Rhazzikh	2	6:48:16	37, 40, 43 (Avg:41)
13	Erin Steinbacher	Honey Bee	2	6:56:32	36, 40, 48 (Avg:44)
14	Lauren Roper	San Ella Estelle	2	6:56:40	47, 43, 48 (Avg:45)
15	Lauren Brown	Wickwood Badira	2	6:56:44	40, 47, 46 (Avg:46)
16	Donna Scott	Suncrest Beata	2	7:09:40	31, 36, 41 (Avg:38)
17	Caitlin Langley	A'Landell Kazade	2	7:17:33	32, 41, 46 (Avg:43)
18	Sue Warren	Razorback Flash	2	7:20:14	35, 44, 47 (Avg:45)
19	Ellen Vine	Kintamani Mustang Billy	2	7:36:02	36, 48, 56 (Avg:52)
20	Rashed Aldhaheri	Razorback Targaryen	2	7:36:41	36, 36, 42 (Avg:39)
21	Louise McCormack	Kintamani Silver Eclipse	2	7:46:35	38, 38, 49 (Avg:43)
22	Jesse Buchan	Contessa	2	8:08:15	38, 45, 52 (Avg:48)
23	Rachel Benad	Hirstglen Probably	2	8:35:14	35, 43, 43 (Avg:43)
24	Angelina Patterson	Kintamani Red Wings	2	8:35:20	32, 40, 46 (Avg:43)
25	Ruth Van der Wegen	Attallah Akita	2	8:39:44	31, 38, 40 (Avg:39)
26	Imogen Carrey	Diamond Tarantella	2	8:47:27	40, 47, 48 (Avg:47)
27	Erica Allan	Waugoola Creek Onyx	2	8:50:04	43, 38, 48 (Avg:43)
	Thomas Pankhurst	Rivernook Sadiqa	2	Lame L2	54, 49, 50 (Avg:49)
	Ashley Cooper	Castlebar Boutique	2	Lame L2	32, 38, 47 (Avg:42)
	Bruce Carter	Mitanni Hairan	1	Lame L1(R)	36, 49, 56
	(Avg:52)				
	Mitchell Ravallion	Berwick Royal Music	1	Met L1	30, 40 (Avg:40)
	Jennifer Rogers	Shazam	1	Lame L1	40, 45 (Avg:45)
	Monique Funnell	Aztec	1	Lame L1	35, 44 (Avg:44)
	Fiona Meller	Maxwell Eve	1	Lame L1	36, 40 (Avg:40)
	Rebecca Lees	Asiya Contessa		W/D	31

Lightweight

1	Gertraud Norton	Scarlet Oaks Amica	2	4:36:00	37, 48, 55 (Avg:51)
2	Allix Jones	Shellal Kiwi	2	5:05:42	30, 53, 54 (Avg:53)
3	Marion Grove	Diamond R Carbo	2	5:16:25	37, 52, 48 (Avg:50)
4	Ann English	Makhtar	2	5:16:29	36, 43, 46 (Avg:44)
5	Julie Hooper	A'Landell Enigma	2	5:31:09	37, 46, 45 (Avg:45)
6	Samantha Hausler	Flemingo SS	2	5:42:04	41, 50, 50 (Avg:50)
7	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Carousel	2	6:07:00	34, 45, 51 (Avg:48)
8	Victoria Bice	Oso Lu Lu	2	6:22:59	37, 45, 42 (Avg:43)

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9	Emma Dimech	Oso Solstice Star	2	6:23:02	30, 50, 50 (Avg:50)
10	Dianne Luker	Sallydale Wings on Fire	2	6:24:00	34, 38, 42 (Avg:40)
11	Sara Worner	Tequila	2	6:37:23	34, 41, 53 (Avg:47)
12	Arabella Ward	Ejen Park Chill	2	6:38:12	38, 36, 44 (Avg:40)
13	Catherine McDonald	Al-Jameel	2	6:48:28	37, 40, 54 (Avg:47)
14	Kim Gaspari	Cooinda Park Willow	2	6:53:14	44, 50, 53 (Avg:51)
15	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Avalon	2	8:07:52	32, 44, 45 (Avg:44)
16	Celia Hodgson	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	8:07:57	34, 43, 50 (Avg:46)
17	Claudia Norman	Blake's Heaven Hiraani	2	8:08:43	32, 39, 44 (Avg:41)
18	Tiana Baldock	Botusa Park Jezabelle	2	8:23:15	29, 43, 50 (Avg:46)
19	Belinda Hollingworth	Buckwell Park Endeavour	2	8:49:05	37, 48, 44 (Avg:46)
	Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	2	Lame L2	33, 39, 50 (Avg:44)
	Noni Seagrim	Garnee Viper	2	Lame L2	30, 43, 54 (Avg:48)
	Heather Parry	Flemingo Lucky in Love	1	Lame L1	34, 47 (Avg:47)
	Simon Bain	Akifa Farras Ice	1	Lame L1	35, 44 (Avg:44)
	Eliza Webb	Castlebar What's The Goss	1	Met L1	36, 47 (Avg:47)
Junior					
1	Emma Cole	Zanetta Spa	2	7:08:57 3	5, 42, 45 (Avg:43)
2	Kaitlyn Mercieca	Henley Farm Fursan	2	7:34:34 3	8, 42, 53 (Avg:47)
3	Tahnaya Mercieca	Henley Farm Burosh	2	7:35:51	32, 48, 47 (Avg:47)
	Jayne Cooper	Jupiter Sharara	1	W/D Vet L1	36, 51 (Avg:51)



Frank Mollema and Littlebanks
Crystal Wings (42k)

Adeline Gibson and Brookleigh
Shiralee (20k)

Jasmine Zimmerman riding
Autumnight Bold as Brass with
Tanya Zimmerman on Rainbow
on Fire (20k)

Photos: Animal Focus



National Capital 'Brookvale' Ride Review

12-13 October
2019

Old-timers in endurance often talk about "traditional" rides and usually when they do, they mean rides with a lot of hills.

Brookvale, located on the border of the Australian Capital Territory and NSW and reaching up into the Brindabella Mountains is such a ride. This year once again, riders who have done it many times were still surprised by how hard it was. With a return to the 40-40 format, this year the challenge of the hills was accompanied by very concussive tracks due to the ongoing dry conditions and tree felling.

The weather in the Brindbellas in spring can range from freezing to wet to hot. This year the conditions were very pleasant, with a cool morning and warm afternoon with a cool breeze providing relief to horses and riders for most of the second leg.

This may have helped the completion rate which was a solid 74 per cent with only one vet out on heart rate and none on metabolics.

Line honours was shared by Ian Curtis (1st Middleweight) riding Blake's Heaven Carousel, with Fia Hasko-Stewart (Marat MA) and Marion Grove (Diamond R Carbo) equal 1st Lightweight.

First Junior was Emma Cole riding Wybalena Lodge Afflirt and first heavyweight was Gavin Peacock on Chop Chop. Full results are on aerospace and reproduced in this newsletter.

The Bruce Neal Junior Encouragement Award was won by Tegan Ashby, who rode Heidi

Wade's horse Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu to 3rd Junior. Tegan is the granddaughter of Ian Curtis' sister Anita Ashby, another example of what a great family sport endurance riding is. Brookvale was her second 80 km completion and she was thrilled that her name would be added to this unique trophy.

Tegan, aged 10, also won the prize for the youngest rider while the oldest rider award went to Simon Bain, who at 77 is an inspiration to all and won the similar award at this year's Tom Quilty.

The other special award, the Allen Blundell Trophy, was given to Ben Hudson riding Oso Dorothy. This award is given to the rider of the first horse to finish with perfect vet scores, out of the top 3 in any division.

Riders from both the ACT region and further afield also enjoyed the shorter rides, with a total of 38 entries across the 53 km elevator, 40 km, 22 km ride and 13 km including a number of first timers.

One of these was Sarah Blundell. Sarah was going to ride with her brother Joseph but her horse vetted out pre-ride, Joseph gave up his ride, allowing Sarah and Byrah to complete the 13km.

Sarah had such a good time she is keen to do more. This is good news for endurance riders as Sarah and Joseph are the third generation of the Blundell family to be associated with the ride and their interest bodes well for its future.

While the property has changed over time, the Blundells have owned Brookvale, a sheep and cattle



Tegan Ashby riding Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu, 3rd JNR (7.55) and winner of the Bruce Neal Encouragement Award.

property, for decades and have allowed the ride to be based in one of their paddocks for nearly 40 years.

Many hundreds if not thousands of riders over the years have enjoyed the beautiful ride base on a paddock of the Blundell's property, Brookvale, complete with the whimsical creek crossing - a single plank of wood, which riders have to walk and sometimes, end up in the creek. Some horses attempt to walk it too.

Being far from city amenities, the ride base does create special challenges. The ride committee from the ACT Endurance Riders Association did an outstanding job to cover all contingencies and ensure riders were well informed and well directed, and horses were well watered.

Chief steward Louise Counsell praised their efforts, saying it was the best organised ride she had attended and made her want to start riding again.

Special thanks are due to vets Charlie and Natasha Webb, Rick Owen and the other TPRs, Ian Bassingthwaite Shade4Hire for providing the huge marquee, Gertraud Norton as ride recorder, ACTERA's core workers Victoria Edmonds, Roz Edmonds, Cathy Banwell and Maxine Macarthur, and Valentin for stepping up to the "outback" challenge and providing food for all at great prices.

Thanks also the ride sponsors, the NSW Government, Horseland Fyshwick, Magic Hands Horseworks, and Kristen Proudfoot and Searle Johnson.

Fia Hasko-Stewart



Tom Pankhurst riding Zemzem Raya, successful in the 53 km ride.

Georgina Pankhurst riding Jagg, successful in the 22km ride.

Meri Lategan riding Malvern Copperfield, successful in the 53km ride.

Photos by Animal Focus



Clockwise from the top:
 Mady Hooper riding Hill-Fry Splash of Gold, 2nd JNR with Julie Hooper on A'Landell Enigma, 4th LWT (7.35)
 Gavin Peacock riding Chop Chop, 1st HWT (7.12)
 Talea Hasko-Stewart and Bombora at Brookvale, 3rd LWT and now completing 11,098 km successful kilometres.
 Photos: Animal Focus



Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Ride Report

Distance: 80.0km Start Date: 13/10/2019

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Natasha Webb

Chief Steward: Louise Counsell

Heavyweight

1	Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	2	7:12:00	34, 42, 56 (Avg:49)
2	Heidi Wade	Poesie De Fadjurs Legacy	2	7:55:00	34, 36, 40 (Avg:38)
3	Sarah Pollard-Williams	Jive	2	8:51:00	48, 50, 58 (Avg:54)
	Brian Swan	Kybeyan Green	2	Flr to lead L2	55, 45, 60 (Avg:52)

Middleweight

1	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Carousel	2	6:45:00	43, 46, 52 (Avg:49)
2	Monica Majerowski	Halimas Valentine	2	6:49:00	36, 46, 57 (Avg:51)
2	Rodney Curry	Cooroora Allyjah	2	6:49:00	40, 40, 42 (Avg:41)
4	Ben Hudson	Oso Dorothy	2	8:10:00	34, 40, 46 (Avg:43)
5	Kayte Barnard	Sandine Bugatti	2	8:37:00	42, 50, 57 (Avg:53)
	Jesse Buchan	Contessa	2	Lame L2	42, 45, 51 (Avg:48)
	John Symons	Ruby Rose	2	Lame L2	38, 50, 54 (Avg:52)
	Duncan McLaughlin	Splitters Creek Icelandic	1	W/D L1	35, 48 (Avg:48)
	Katrina Newitt	Wybalena Lodge Prince Harry	1	Lame L1	38, 51 (Avg:51)

Lightweight

1	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Marat MA	2	6:45:00	34, 42, 46 (Avg:44)
1	Marion Grove	Diamond R Carbo	2	6:45:00	32, 43, 52 (Avg:47)
3	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	7:09:00	33, 44, 52 (Avg:48)
4	Julie Hooper	A'Landell Enigma	2	7:35:00	38, 42, 54 (Avg:48)
5	Faith Robinson	Sassy Grace	2	7:57:00	38, 50, 56 (Avg:53)
6	Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic	Oso Desperado	2	8:10:00	41, 51, 56 (Avg:53)
6	Arabella Ward	Cedar Ridge Sentinal	2	8:10:00	43, 44, 49 (Avg:46)
8	Monica Ballard	Birrall Lawrence	2	8:12:00	36, 42, 48 (Avg:45)
8	Celia Hodgson	Blake's Heaven Hiraani	2	8:12:00	35, 41, 44 (Avg:42)
10	Sue Todd	Shakari Bear	2	8:35:00	34, 44, 48 (Avg:46)
11	Mary Hollingsworth	Henley Farm Waffar	2	8:37:00	36, 45, 51 (Avg:48)
12	Simon Bain	Akifa Farras Ice	2	8:49:00	33, 54, 56 (Avg:55)
	Kim Gaspari	Coolinda Park Willow	2	HR L2	42, 47, 65 (Avg:56)
	Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	1	Lame L1	36, 40 (Avg:40)

Junior

1	Emma Cole	Wybalena Lodge Aflirt	2	6:49:00	44, 43, 45 (Avg:44)
2	Madison Hooper Hill-Fry	Splash of Gold	2	7:35:00	42, 51, 53 (Avg:52)
3	Tegan Ashby	Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu	2	7:55:00	43, 43, 51 (Avg:47)
	Jayne Cooper	Jupiter Sharara	2	Lame L2	36, 42, 59 (Avg:50)

Fia Hasko-Stewart riding Marat MA, =1st LWT (6.45) with Ian Curtis riding Blake's Heaven Carousel, 1st MWT (6.45). Animal Focus





Heidi Wade riding Poesie De Fadjurs Legacy, 2nd HWT (7.55)
Emma Cole riding Wybalena Lodge Aflirt, 1st JNR (6.49). Animal Focus



Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Ride Progressive Reports

Distance: 53.0km Elevator

Start Date: 13 October 2019

Ride Type: Intermediate Ride

Head Vet: Natasha Webb

Chief Steward: Louise Counsell

Marisa Levitt

Hannah O'Neill

Thomas Pankhurst

Chris Morley

Meri Lategan

Scarlet Oaks Amica

Wolumla Park Nugget

Zemzem Raya

Rocky Creek Sioux Strawbri

Malvern Copperfield

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Ride Progressive Report

Distance: 40.0km Elevator

Start Date: 13 October 2019

Dawn Spicer

Colin Spicer

Peter Clark

Shirley Clark

Madison Kelly

Cedar Glen Raffaella

Copperkahn Tiara

Pinedale Zara

Oso Zoltan

Sweet Meadows Enchant

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Ride Progressive Report

Distance: 22.0km Elevator

Start Date: 13 October 2019

Jeremy Banwell

Charlotte Bull

Karlee Rose

Adeline Gibson

Jemimah Bryson

Emma Miles-Howe

Vicki Abel

Nicole Mottee

Bianka Micic-Cokas

Damir Cokas

Georgina Pankhurst

Alexandra McKenzie

Scarlet Oaks Aziz

Blake's Heaven Caruso

Cupid's Arrow

Brookleigh Shiralee

Blake's Heaven Summer Reign

Wiley Bill

QHF Cosmic Flyer

Bella

Regal

Tokai

Jagg

Digger

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Ride Progressive Report

Distance: 22.0km Elevator

Start Date: 13 October 2019

Chief Steward: Louise Counsell

Jessica Bradley

Sarah Blundell

Kia Gorrel

Anaelle Gangotena

Rachael Bilton

Taylah Dossetto

Leisa Doggett

Aeshe Bennett

Kate Williams

Ashley MacLeod

Alexandra Wetzel

Karramellow

Byrah

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Jaccka Opie

New Members

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CATEGORY	ADDRESS
Ivairy	Ullman-Cabrera	Junior	RANKIN PARK
Colin	Calderwood	Adult	WALLAROO
Claudia	Norman	Adult	BANGALEE
Denise	Keeley	Adult	WALLERAWANG
Bridget	Maher	Adult	NGUNNAWAL
Brad	Cam	Adult	BATHURST
Matilda	Brady	Junior	MEADOW FLAT
Alissa	Myers	Junior	MILBRODALE
Annmarie	Lole	Adult	GRESFORD
Sam	Hunt	Adult	MARULAN
Kiata	Miakodo	Adult	GUM FLAT

Shahzada Mini Marathon

Ride Name: Shahzada Progressive Report

Distance: 120.0km

Start Date: 27 August 2019

Ride Type: Mini Marathon

Head Vet: Kym Hagon

Chief Steward: Haydn Fisher

Ann English	Makhtar	Shelly Ison	Marcon Elafi
Marion Grove	Diamond R Carbo	Allix Jones	Shellal Kiwi
Andrew Jonkers	Girilambone Seedy Bub	Dawn Spicer	Cedar Glen Raffaella
Poppy Kettlewell	Al Marah Heyho Silver	Colin Spicer	Copperkahn Tiara
Ken Bradley	Littlebanks Magic Wings	Takira Baldock	Saladah
Alison Hegarty	Dianna Prince	Matthew Walker	Razorback House
Raymond Griffiths	Cherox Shaadin	Ian Mephram	Macquarie Park Dassan
Barbara Kurcz	All Aglow At Webbescreek	Jolene Cole	Razorback Targaryen
Donna Scott	Suncrest Beata	Christopher Bailey	Marcon Calamity
Arabella Ward	Hodge	Chris Geddes	Harriet
Ivari Ullmann-Cabrera	A'Landell Prestige	Steve Finnane	Mindari Magic
Sophie Ramsay	Coin Perdu Griffin	Amanda Stott	Sahra Sarab
Monica Ballard	Birralli Lawrence	Brian Stott	Sierra Lodge The
Kimberley Hill	Twinkle	Sorcerer	
Annette Bailey	Colo Seth	Jesse Buchan	Contessa
Boadicea Mountford	Cedar Ridge Proclaimer	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Avalon
Phoebe Baczocha	Ralvon Secret	Leanne Holz	Blake's Heaven Hiraani
Nichola Mephram	Meracious Mahrousseh	Cindy Barnes	Smart Reyn
Fiona Meller	Fairview Sweet Magieca	Louise McCormack	Kintamani Silver Eclipse
Jodie Luck	Almazaan Elementary	Pamela Cox	Oso Davin
Jennifer Caslick	A'Landell Kazade	Nicole Horne	Mount Kosi

Annette Bailey riding Colo Seth. Animal Focus





Marion Grove/Diamond R Carbo and Ann English/Makhtar
Leanne Holz riding Blake's Heaven Hiraani
Nicole Horne riding Mount Kosi
Animal Focus





Monica Ballard riding Birrali Lawrence
Jodie Luck riding Almazaan Elementary
All Shahzada photos courtesy of Animal Focus



BLAKE'S HEAVEN BOMBORA

"He is the Bomb"



Among the NSW horses who headed north for the 2019 Tom Quilty, was one rather famous one.

When Blake's Heaven Bombora trotted in off each leg at the Quilty, onlookers recognised smiled and turned their heads, recognising the one and only Bomb.

He completed the 2019 Quilty 160km with ease, in 13h 35 m for 14th Lightweight (out of 97). His rider, Talea Hasko-Stewart, was aiming for a good completion rather than a top placing as she had not had time to do much training. She succeeded, ending with a horse who looked as good at the end as before for the start.

Bombora is known and loved by endurance riders and followers around the world. Not only has he won numerous rides, from 80 to 400 km. He has also completed just under 11,000 km in successful endurance competition, and is still going strong at 18 years.

Earlier this year, Bombora was chosen by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia as its 2019 Endurance Horse of the Year.

Born on 12 December 2000, he was bought by Fia Hasko-Stewart and her elder daughter Adeline Gibson as an unregistered 12 month old, for \$200. They subsequently did the paperwork to register him with the AHSA. His sire is Shakir ibn Rashan and dam is Steveie Nix, by Mievish.

Educating him to saddle was easy. It took three short sessions over three days to get him trotting under saddle, with Talea (then aged 8) as the keen rider. He wore a hackamore from the start, only having to take a bit much later for racing and other non-endurance pursuits.

It was clear from the start that he was going to be a great horse. But the family was new to endurance and had a lot to learn, which held him back to some extent for a number of years.

His first 80km ride was in February 2006, ridden by Talea's sister, Adeline Gibson. Over the next five years he was ridden mainly by Fia and Adeline in lightweight, and occasionally in heavyweight by Talea's brother Lorien.

In 2010 he was national lightweight points horse, with numerous wins.

In early 2011, Fia offered him to Talea for FEI rides and this began a long and continuing partnership.

In the past eight years with Talea as his rider, and Fia and Adeline helping with training and management, Bombora has competed all over Australia, as well as in the UK where he represented Australia in the 2012 World Endurance Championships (without success, due to strapping area errors).

His record is unmatched. While he has now done more than 10,500 km in successful endurance

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competition, most of this has been done extremely fast, including 39 wins.

He completed a genuine 80km at Coolamon in NSW in 2013 in 3 hours 27 minutes – on a very wet, slippery and boggy track with numerous 90 degree turns.

He won the 120km FEI two star ride over a tough Cedar Ridge course in March 2013, in 6 hours and 34 minutes.

That year he won the year's national middleweight points and distance, with 148.25 points and 1512 km. As far as we can tell from published records, no other horse has ever gained this many points in any division in one year.

(The 2018 national MWT points horse had 66.25 points and the national distance horse had 1,093 km.)

After that huge year, Bombora has just got better and better as our knowledge had increased. He has won on hills and on the flat, in heat and in the cold and over all distances.

At the 2017 Quilty, where he was equal second over the line, Bomb tore a muscle. The injury was very hard to identify, and caused a few vet outs before we realised what had happened. Fortunately, he has healed perfectly.

Looking better than ever, and as sound as a bell, he may yet return to fast work if that is what he wants.

Despite his competitive nature, and a natural arrogance, Bombora can be ridden by beginners, and (except at the start of some big rides!) looks after his riders.

He is beautiful, strong, tough and kind, and will forever be a much loved member of our family.

Breakout: Bombora's record

Over 12 seasons of endurance, Bombora has proven to be both a fast and competitive horse, with the ability to compete at back to back competitions. and true stayer.

The 2019 Tom Quilty completion pushed his lifetime distance to 10,935 km.

This completion earned Bombora his 16th 160km buckle, and 5th TQ buckle.

His career achievements include:

2nd MWT and second overall, Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2016

2nd MWT and second overall, Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2017

3rd Middleweight 2013 Tom Quilty

3x winner of the NSW State Championship 160km (2014, 2015, 2016)

Winner of the 2013 Shahzada 400km ride in 35 hours

3 from 3 Shahzada completions, placing 1st, 2nd, and 4th across the line

Winner, AERA 2010 National Lightweight Points Horse

Winner, 2013 National Middleweight Points Horse – 148.25 points (possibly an all-time record)

Winner, 2013 AERA National Middleweight Distance Horse – 1512 km

Winner, 2013 AERA National MWT One-horse One-Rider combination.

Winner, AERA 2015 National Middleweight Point Horse – 129.5 points

Winner, AERA 2015 National Middleweight Distance Horse – 1440 km

Course record holder – Coolamon 80km: 3 hours and 27 minutes

4x 80km rides completed at over 20kmph (under 4 hours)

Outside of endurance, Bombora competed well in Arabian racing, including at Caulfield and Moonee Valley – and paraded with Black Caviar.

He has also given the family a lot of fun in low level show jumping, sporting, T.R.E.C, dressage, and more, as well as giving beginner riders lessons.

Fittingly, one of his many prize rugs, which bears his name is from the Canberra versatile horse competition.

Truly a 'one in a million' horse. **By Fia and Talea Hasko-Stewart**



Summary Report NSWERA Committee meeting 19 July 2019

Present: John Howe (Chairman), Peter Bice, Faith Robinson [7:10], Belinda Hopley, Kim Stephens, Jacque Wright.

Apologies: Tony Warren, Matthew Walker, Jacky Barlow, Ruth Sumpner, Jo Davis.

Phone In: Alam Dastani [6:14], Kerry Fowler-Smith [6:14], Noni Seagrim [part meeting].

In attendance: Helen Rich.

Business arising from last meeting (action log review)

Action Log was gone through in detail.

Storage unit has been emptied, Ruth has taken everything to Jacky's place, Kerry and Jacky will work through what is there. New location needs to be close to Jacky.

MOVED THAT Jacque Wright, Faith Robinson. The SMC take up the offer of Jacky Barlow's niece to store archive material at her property for the sum of \$500 pa for an initial period of 12 months such period to commence from the actual commencement of storage. Review after the 12 months.

Carried Unanimous

Jacky Barlow to add the above motion to the timeline document.

Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar (Jacky Barlow, Jo Davis)

Membership to date: Adult 318, Junior 45, Intermediate 23, Associate 10 and 8 Honorary. Total 403.
Total for 2018 was 446, Total for 2017 was 494 and the total for 2016 was 520. Newsletters for the year total 143.

Rides for approval

South Coast Champs @ Sussex Inlet – 7/8 March 2020– 40,100km elevator

Tumut – 21-22 March 2020 - 20, 40, 120km elevator

Mudgee – 2-3 May 2020 – 10, 20, 40, 80km

Wingello – 23-24- May 2020 - 5, 10, 20, 41/61,80km

Q60 – 6-7 June or 11-12 July 2020 – 20, 40, 100km

Tom Quilty /Tooraweenah – 24-25 Sept 2021 OR 9-10 July 2021 – 160km

These riders were not approved so will be discussed at the next meeting.

State Championship 2020: We need to ask for expressions of interest. Quilty is 8 September 2020.

Resolved that the closing date for calling for expressions of interest for holding a State ride will be 20 October 2019. That way a decision can be made at the October meeting by the SMC.

Resolved: Noni and Jo to advertise this on the internet and in the newsletter.

Ratification of decisions made between meetings: None

AERA meetings:

Quilty was an excellent event, amazing facility. 22 July is the closing date for the August AERA meeting. Belinda said rider upgrades should be discussed, this is an agenda item for this meeting. Constitution is effectively derailed at present (Kerry's view), seeking further legal advice. Bullio ride float proposal was discussed by the AERA by teleconference, agreed to the float being used as a lucky draw prize for all successful 120k riders.

2019 NSW Office of Sport grant project:

Kerry will order the MaryAnne Leighton horse rescue books when numbers are known.

We need to move on the advertising proposal. Jacque spoke to Bathurst Prime TV regarding advertising and they are keen to support Central West rides. Also spoke to the Orange WIN network.

Kerry asked Jacque to follow up on this, time is running out. Looking at \$1600 with PRIME for six months.

Proposal that Bec Hogan put forward was to be North, South and West of the State, three different zones covered separately. Need the support mechanism for when people respond. Jacque said PRIME could extend across the State. Hoping to get a TV camera to the Woodstock ride. Jacque has been asked by PRIME to provide a calendar for our events.

We have a proposal from WIN and need the equivalent from PRIME before we can proceed.

We need to work with Bec on this because she has worked on this idea previously. Belinda and Jacque will work with Bec. Grant budget is a maximum of \$10,000, used between before April 2020.

New member incentives

Jacque spoke on this. For mentors, we could set up a virtual rewards card, both the new member and the mentor could earn credits in the year of the new member membership. If a new member rode a 40k they could earn 10 credits. Virtual credits that could be claimed at the end of the year. For an 80 they earn 20 credits. They could earn 80 credits to go towards their membership. John explained where the membership fees were allocated. Our membership fees go to our core business. Any income comes from affiliation fees minus the \$4 that goes to the AERA. No income is received from membership fees. It is all allocated. New member could only earn 80 and a mentor 60 credits towards their membership. This is a dollar value.

Records could sit on AERAspace. We would have to set up a registration program. Faith said she liked the idea but often people are slow to take up endurance, people could take quite a bit of time to progress. Faith said she felt we really do not need the mentor to ride at the same ride. Jacque said

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we would cap the dollar value. John said we need to identify who the mentor and the new person is.

Belinda had another suggestion to try to get Introductory and Intermediate riders to step up. Run during a calendar year. Retrospective and based on a points system. Belinda sent this idea out in a document for this meeting.

For the sake of clarity this proposal is set out below:

Membership Proposal-

This is aimed at encouraging novice riders that have not previously entered an endurance ride to step up and give one a go.

It goes from January to December.

You have to nominate so that it is easy to keep track of who and when, but you can nominate anytime.

It is open to any rider that has day or intermediate memberships.

This is a points based system as follows-

Successful completion of an introductory ride 20 – 30k – 2 pts,

Successful completion of an intermediate ride 30 – 40k – 4 pts, 40 – 60k – 6 pts.

The preferred option is that the top point scorer receives 3? x 80k entry tokens that can ONLY be redeemed for endurance rides IF the rider satisfies the entry criteria (membership and rider status).

Upon the return of the token to the NSWSMC the entry fee is redeemed.

If there are equal point scorers, the winner goes on final heart rate.

NSWERA cost – entry fees approx. \$120S/100J x 3 = \$360/300

Cost to rider - \$140S/100J

Jacque thought these two ideas could run in conjunction, same idea but different targets to provide incentives to riders. One Program is to start and get a completion, the other is to find a mentor and encourage a new person to ride. There are differences to be worked through. Tokens and points are one of the different ideas for a reward. Tokens could only be used for an 80k ride.

Resolved that Belinda and Jacque work together to fine tune their proposals bring back to the next meeting.

2019 AGM 20/2/2020

Noni on line at [7:52]

Non attendees for the AGM must arrange to collect their awards. If they don't attend personally they need to nominate someone to pick up their award. If awards need to be mailed, recipient must cover postage. Advertise this on Facebook and in the newsletter. Jacky to add this job to the timeline.

Resolved that anyone getting an AGM award should be informed.

Kerry objects to asking Jacky to take on this extra

work to send out emails to award recipients, rather we should advertise heavily on Facebook, website and newsletter.

RO Forum to be organised for after the AGM. Subcommittee: Jacque and Belinda, Kerry, Faith and Peter will help.

2021 Quilty:

Looking at one option, expression of interest is required.

Breaking for dinner, Kerry and Noni signed off.

Meeting resumed and **Kerry back on line at [8:31]**

Noni Seagrim: VP, AERA, website, Facebook, Child Protection

Post concerning the Victorian State championship which would clash with Brookvale. **Resolved** not to publish on our page. Nothing further to report.

John Howe: Treasurer, Newsletter, Zone 2 Delegate

I have sent you three emails that outline our estimated income and expenditure for the rest of the year.

By my estimate we will end the year with a surplus of approx. \$9,978.20, the first surplus for a considerable number of years. At the last meeting we mooted the possibility of donating \$10,000.00 to the successful NSW Quilty bid and of course, that year we will be making our usual grant of \$6,000.00 to the NSW State Championship ride, a total of \$16,000.00. So looking forward to 2021 we will have larger than usual expenses.

I have also sent you 2 copies of the invoices that the AERA bookkeeper sends out on the 10th of each month. I would like the opportunity to explain each of these invoices on Friday night, if you so desire. One is headed insurances and the other affiliations. On occasion she also sends invoices for other things such as logbooks.

I have included the details of our IBDs as there was a time when somehow, the SMC did not know of the existence of an IBD for \$50,000.00 and that matter became one of great embarrassment for the SMC of the day. I wish to avoid any repetition of this type of event.

Tom Mc Cormack has kindly offered to produce an excel spreadsheet that will incorporate all the figures that I have produced. This will allow at a glance a full picture of our income/expenditure and will allow the formation of an ongoing budget. When QuickBooks is up and running, we will be able to access historical data but my big consideration is our continuing shrinking membership that makes any accurate forecast very difficult.

I have sourced replacement trophy and rug to replace the ones not returned after Wingello 2017.

Newsletter:-The July August Newsletter is now hitting the mail boxes, the PDF will be with Jo Davis, next week, ready to be posted on line.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be 14th August. Please advise all R.Os of the need to get Ride reviews/previews to Helen by this date.

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Zone Two. The good news is that there is a club interested in regard to TQ21. Plans are underway. Mindy Davis has been contacted to deal with bookings and campsite allocation. The local land holders are on side, the track will closely resemble a previous course; the paddocks opposite the showground will all be available to accommodate the camping needs. Infrastructure in regard to extra water will be undertaken, extra showers and toilets will be brought in as well as a rebuild of the current shower blocks. If it is not yet in the hands of Jo Davis, an expression of interest will be there shortly.

Zone Two. The Best in the West. John Howe

John went through a document which was Annexure B to the minutes. The income is based on figures from 2018. Jacques asked for the document to be sent as an Excel spreadsheet rather than a PDF. Change the column set up to include months. Kerry wants the minutes put on a separate line rather than included in the meeting expenses. John brought a cash book which he showed to Kim Stephens for her input. This has been rectified and all the figures checked with Bob Peirce.

John said that after 20 years on the SMC, he will not be standing next year and it's time to spend time on his pony. The good thing is that now that we have so much work done on our finances, everything is in an excellent position. All is working well and the new person who takes over from the AGM can do so with a well working system..

Alam offered thanks for John's work on the SMC and for his work as treasurer.

Kerry has an email from Ruth - \$130 for the first aid course. Kerry will send the invoice to John for reimbursement.

Kerry Spratt: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA, IDP, Grants

Insurance: question about coverage for non member volunteers for public liability (not personal accident). Insurance company has advised that this group is covered for PL.

Kerry referred to the Hendra case at Scone. Upper Hunter is now a Hendra affected zone. A question was asked on social media about the Kiwarra ride. Probably the best thing for us is to do nothing until the AERA makes any changes to the bio security. Peter noted as AERA President that he has received no official notification about the Scone case. Alam heard this death related to Marshmallow weed. Kerry confirmed with DPI that this is not the case. Belinda said Property Identification Codes are used in other sports but not enforced in ours. We need to advise people that they must supply their PIC number or they cannot enter a ride, as per the rules. The Horse Health Declaration includes PIC information.

Resolved that PIC numbers need to be filled in on entry forms. Peter should advise ROs that PIC numbers must be filled in on horse health declarations. This needs to be advertised on the Internet and Facebook. Proposal put forward that

from 1 January 2020, no PIC number no ride. Faith disagrees with this resolution and believes this should be done now. Show of hands from the meeting and on the phone – PIC numbers be enforced from now.

Resolved if the horse health declaration is not 100% completed including the PIC numbers, no ride. Note this was subsequently amended to commence from 1 Jan 2020 to allow for notification to members.

Active Kids – Kerry has redeemed about 5 vouchers recently. Four new members and one current member who has already paid, so we will refund that membership. This is the second round of vouchers, we need to make arrangements for vouchers to be used for entry fees. We cannot pay cash and we cannot pay a third party therefore we cannot reimburse a ride committee. Riders need to pay the entry fee and apply for a refund. Promote via Facebook.

AERA concussion policy: This policy has come from Equestrian Australia and was also presented to us by Office of Sport as a requirement of accepting our grant. Will be an agenda item at the next AERA meeting. Belinda drafted a First Aid Officer report which related in part to head injuries. Discussing the option of removing the competitor from the competition. **Resolved** that we support the policy in principle and we are already putting this into action. Belinda to send information to Kerry prior to the next AERA meeting.

Peter Bice: AERA, Ride Standards/Feedback, Governance: No report.

Jo Davis: Ride calendar, website, stationery: Nothing further to report. Held over in Jo's absence.

Matthew Walker: Horse Welfare, Early Warning System, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity: No report.

Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants, Zone 5 Delegate

NSWERA State Champs 8 – 10/6/19. 160k & 80k:

No horses were treated however, a strapper was slightly injured in the strapping area after being stepped on by a horse and was treated by the 1st Aid Officer. Another strapper was injured when a horse escaped it's yards. . The 1st Aid Officers attended and a visiting police officer called in the Careflight ambulance as communications were very poor. Several horses were randomly chosen for swabbing. Tina Walker worked as a Provisional CS for the weekend and did a very good job. It is noted that two vets were not accredited, and one was lapsed.

Table Top paperwork is yet to come in.

CS/TPR-The TQ is over and done for another year. *It went very well.*

Other Stuff- *I have emailed the CS's to remind them to ask ride computer operators to remember to go the CS with rider/horse entry anomalies. The TPR book has been done. Tom Quilty 'Expression of interest document' has been amended.*

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NSW Point Score

Heavyweight Distance Rider

1	Gavin Peacock	1,223
2	Stuart Lymbery	885
3	Heather Nagle	724
3	Brian Swan	724
5	Rhys Norman	720
5	Keith Sumpner	720
7	Allan Caslick	627
8	Ian Dreghorn	604
9	Alan Mackinder	560
9	Heidi Wade	560

Heavyweight Distance Horse

1	Eclipse	820
2	Aloha Dash	724
2	Arabesque Abdul	724
4	Fonda	720
5	Owata Park Amirah	640
6	Ausden Nile Prins	604
7	Jezabelle Sweet Dreams	560
8	Shellal Jive	480
9	Baribo	440
10	Baranne Tu-Shay	405

Heavyweight Points Rider

1	Gavin Peacock	86.5
2	Stuart Lymbery	62.5
3	Rhys Norman	53
4	Brian Swan	47.5
5	Jolene Cole	43.5
6	Keith Sumpner	42
7	Allan Caslick	40
8	Heather Nagle	38.5
9	Alan Mackinder	35.5
10	Brad Jones	34.5

Heavyweight Points Horse

1	Eclipse	63
2	Owata Park Amirah	51
3	Arabesque Abdul	47.5
4	Baribo	43.5
5	Fonda	42
5	Garonne Park Elmo	42
7	Aloha Dash	38.5
8	Jezabelle Sweet Dreams	35.5
9	Shellal Jive	34.5
10	Zarafa	33.5

Middleweight Distance Rider

1	Ian Curtis	1303
2	Peter Bice	884
3	Jenny Berg	880
4	Tahlia Franke	848
5	Debbie Pevy	844
6	Mitchell Ravallion	800
7	Karen Anderson	720
8	Corey Nix	660
9	Erica Allan	648
10	Georgia Curry	600

Middleweight Distance Horse

1	Georgie Girl	804
2	Charleville Cherokee Charm	720
2	Love In The Mist	720
2	Malleegrove Ladakh	720
5	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	680
6	Macrocarpa Red Bull	660
7	Waugoola Creek Onyx	648
8	Shellal Blue	640
9	Galaxy Mi	604
10	Mountain Breeze Just Annallusion	600

Middleweight Points Rider

1	Ian Curtis	85
2	Tahlia Franke	61.5
3	Debbie Pevy	60
3	Mitchell Ravallion	60
5	Corey Nix	59.5
6	Georgia Curry	52.5
7	Jenny Berg	51
8	Peter Bice	50
9	Karen Anderson	48.5
10	Darien Feary	43.5

Middleweight Points Horse

1	Macrocarpa Red Bull	59.5
2	Love In The Mist	59
3	Mountain Breeze Just Annallusion	52.5
4	Georgie Girl	50
5	Galaxy Mi	49.5
6	Malleegrove Ladakh	48.5
7	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	47.5
8	Shellal Blue	46
9	Avita	43.5
10	Tarnette	41

Lightweight Distance Rider

1	Fia Hasko-Stewart	1,566
2	Roz Edmunds	1,045
3	Julie Hooper	843
4	Sue Todd	800
5	Allix Jones	727
6	Emma Dimech	688
7	Talea Hasko-Stewart	663
8	Victoria Bice	648
9	Simon Bain	640
10	Elizabeth Moir	600

Lightweight Distance Horse

1	Everon Park Apollo	1045
2	Shakari Bear	800
3	Blake's Heaven Adventuress	720
4	A'Landell Enigma	683
5	Akifa Farras Ice	640
6	Blake's Heaven Venus	580
7	Blake's Heaven Bombora	563
8	Diamond R Carbo	523
9	Oso Diamond Dazzler	445
10	Blake's Heaven Hiraani	426

NSW Point Score

Lightweight Points Rider

1	Fia Hasko-Stewart	114.5
2	Roz Edmunds	74
3	Julie Hooper	54
4	Sue Todd	49.5
5	Emma Dimech	44.5
6	Julie Brooks	38
7	Elizabeth Moir	36
8	Simon Bain	35.5
9	Alix Jones	35
10	Cindy Oster	34.5

Junior Distance Horse

1	Nirvana	804
2	Sharabel Kalarney	800
3	Silverbow Taliah	644
4	Coolinda Park Sheeza Doll	600
5	Karumba Beamish	560
6	Oso Nicholas	400
7	Autumnlight Goldmine	320
7	Box Hill Hussy	320
7	Box Hill Pegasus	320
7	Flemingo Papillon	320
7	Jupiter Sharara	320
7	Mystical Knight	320

Lightweight Points Horse

1	Everon Park Apollo	74
2	Blake's Heaven Adventuress	58.5
3	Shakari Bear	49.5
4	A'Landell Enigma	49
5	Blake's Heaven Venus	48.5
6	Oso Diamond Dazzler	41.5
7	A'landell Pirate	36
8	Akifa Farras Ice	35.5
9	Charleville Nazarena	34.5
10	Scarlet Oaks Amica	31

Junior Points Rider

1	Modena Schofield	79.5
2	Mackensie Daley	64
3	Emma Cole	55
4	Kaitlyn Mercieca	54
5	Alexander Bice	47
6	Levi Robinson	42
7	Tahnaya Mercieca	32
8	Poppy Kettlewell	29
9	Sophie Ramsay	24
10	Elexis Webb	20.5

Junior Distance Rider

1	Emma Cole	883
2	Mackensie Daley	804
3	Modena Schofield	800
4	Kaitlyn Mercieca	763
5	Tahnaya Mercieca	723
6	Alexander Bice	644
7	Levi Robinson	560
8	Poppy Kettlewell	480
9	Madison Hooper	400
10	Elexis Webb	340

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4	Silverbow Taliah	47
5	Karumba Beamish	42
6	Oso Nicholas	28
7	Autumnlight Goldmine	24
7	Windradyne Flame	24
9	Flemingo Papillon	19.5
10	Bahrein Zambique	16.5

Intermediate Point Score

Intermediate Rider

1	Chris Morley	472
2	Nichola Mephram	443
3	Chris Geddes	402

Intermediate Horse

1	Twinkle	352
2	Kintamani Silver Eclipse	346
3	Macquarie Park Dassan	340

As at June—NSW Teams Results up to and including Kiwarrak

Team results for newsletter: Up to and including Woodstock

Blake's Heaven – 39

Awesome Foursome – 21

Never Ending Story – 4

NSW Point Score—One Horse One Rider

Heavyweight

1	Gavin Peacock	Eclipse	820
2	Heather Nagle	Aloha Dash	724
2	Brian Swan	Arabesque Abdul	724
4	Keith Sumpner	Fonda	720
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9	Jenny Berg	Shellal Blue	560
10	April Newman	Tarnette	500

Lightweight

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5	Simon Bain	Akifa Farras Ice	640
6	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Venus	580
7	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	480
8	Emma Dimech	Oso Diamond Dazzler	445
9	Marion Grove	Diamond R Carbo	443
10	Anne Hills	Karabil Serer	404

Junior

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2	Modena Schofield	Sharabel Kalarney	800
3	Alexander Bice	Silverbow Taliah	644
4	Kaitlyn Mercieca	Coolinda Park Sheeza Doll	600
5	Levi Robinson	Karumba Beamish	560
6	Poppy Kettlewell	Oso Nicholas	400
7	Jayne Cooper	Jupiter Sharara	320
7	Miranda Hodges	Flemingo Papillion	320
7	Brooke Luthy	Mystical Knight	320
7	Sophie Ramsay	Autumnlight Goldmine	320

Ride Calendar 2019

November

2/3	Matar Stables Bullio Cup Sunday 5/10/20/40/80AERA/80*/120AERA/120**	Annette Bailey 0429 326 245 acabailey@bigpond.com	2
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Ride Calendar 2020

February

22/23	NSWERA AGM & Presentation Dinner	Venue: Bathurst Panthers	
29/1			

March

7/8	Bumbaldry Saturday 20 Sunday 40/80	Jo Davis 0433 576 354 lerc.nswera@gmail.com	4
14/15	Minimbah Magic Ride Saturday & Sunday 10/20/40	Ruth Sumpner 0403 015 722 kirwarrairide@gmail.com	6
21/22	Tumut Endurance Saturday 20/40 Sunday 20/40/80-120	Kim Stephens 02 6947 2951/0488 473 701 Kims5061@hotmail.com	4
28/29	Mountain Lagoon Saturday 5/20/40 Sunday 5/20/40/80	Marita Rifai 02 4573 1172/0408 244 009 marita@rifai@yahoo.com	1

April

4/5			
11/12	*Easter Weekend*		
18/19	Tooraweenah Saturday 7/20 Sunday 20/40/80	Sonia Bonham 02 6848 5345/0428 550 909 gavinandsonia@bigpond.com	2
25/26	Gundagai Sunday 40/80	Rick Owen 02 6944 1628	4

Zone 1—N/W Sydney & Environs

Zone 2—Central West

Zone 3—Riverina

Zone 4—Snowy

Zone 5—South Coast

Zone 6—Mid North Coast

May			
2/3	Mudgee "Ray Gooley" Memorial Ride Saturday 10/20 Sunday 40/80	Gail Fisher 0427 537 636 mudgeeera@outlook.com.au	n/a
9/10			
16/17			
23/24	Wingello Forest Ride Saturday 5/10/20 Sunday 20/40/80	Bec Hogan 0412 600 173 bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au	5
30/31			
June			
6/7	*June Long Weekend*		
13/14			
20/21			
27/28			
July			
4/5			
11/12	Q60 Sunday 20/40/100	Marita Rifai 0408 244 009 marita.rifai@yahoo.com	1
18/19			
25/26	Kiwarra Endurance Ride Saturday 10/20/42 Sunday 20/42/84	Ruth Sumpner 0403 015 722 kirwarrakride@gmail.com	6
August			
1/2			
8/9			
15/16			
22/23			
24-28	Shahzada 120/400	Sue Todd 02 6379 7218 suetodd@activ8.net.au https://www.shahzada400.com/	1
29/30			

Ears and I

Ears came into my life in September 2008 when he was almost eight years old.

I had been looking for a replacement horse when Leanne Le Claire contacted me and said, *"I'm told you need a new horse and I have a perfect one for you"*.

Leanne, however, put the following conditions on the transaction:-

- A. You do not sell him overseas.
 - B. You ride the way you have always ridden i.e distance and lots of it.
 - C. If you don't get on with him, I come and get him and take him home.
- I agreed.

Ears a.k.a Ashbend Perazzi is an Arab Stockhorse cross. He has about six crosses to Shahzada, is 15.3 h.h and built like a tank.

His sire is Sylvia Vale Rainman and his dam Rowallan Ambassador.

He got his name, Ears, because as a foal he had big ears, so they called him Big Ears, which corrupted with time, to Ears.

On the ground, Ears is the perfect horse, you can do anything to him and he stands patiently and just lets it happen. Haydn Fisher, his Farrier feels that he is one of the best Horses he has ever shod. When I have given TPR schools, Ears is my horse of choice for newbies to practise on.

He's also as tough as nails, quite fearless and will go anywhere, he will happily trot past the front gate if he feels that we may be off on another adventure and he is the one horse that I'll ride anywhere under any condition and know that he will get me safely home with a minimum of fuss.

Our first ride together was Cedar Ridge, Oberon, 80kms on 29th March, 2009. This was the point where I found out just how competitive Ears is. I may wish to trot sedately down the road, Ears would much rather gallop along and leave the rest of the field in his dust. This characteristic of his has lasted to this day and has led to some very interesting conversations between he and I.

Now, Shahzada is my favourite ride and very early in the piece I discussed this with Ears. I had compiled a bucket list for Endurance in general and Shahzada in particular.

- A: 10 Shahzada buckles. I had 4 when Ears and I got together. I also wanted my 10th the year I turned 60.
- B: I wanted us to be called out for Best Managed and Conditioned.

To get to 10 I simply had to get through 6 Shahzada completions in 6 years. A pretty big ask, but Ears carried me all the way. As to point B, we were called out in 2013, I was over the moon. We had done it! Remember how competitive Ears is, so he watched the other Horses work out and I could feel him saying, *"My Turn, my turn"*, We waited until 2nd last to go and the moment that we turned into the road in front of the line up, I felt him lean forward, he wanted to fly, soooooo, *"Charge"* and he did.

Don't ask me how I pulled him up as we came to the tar, flew around in a mad turn and trotted back. I don't remember the next workout but then we lined up for the result. Kym Hagen looked at us and said, *"John Howe"*. I was unable to speak for a couple of minutes. This was beyond a dream and the greatest achievement of my Endurance career. That Cup and rug sat in my lounge room for 12 months and each day I was able to relieve that incredible experience. We even wound up on the front cover of the



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Newsletter!!!

One of my fears was that if I completed my bucket list, I'd lose the will to continue to compete at endurance.

Well, we did complete the bucket list and I simply decided to "expand" the list. Now, it's "How far will we go and where will we end up?"

In May 2017, at Mudgee, I achieved my 100th buckle, at Wandandian in 2018, Ears became a decade horse and Mudgee, this year, he achieved his 6,500kms.

His stats are rather impressive:-

Big Three award 2015.

8 successful Shahzada in a row, equal best for most consecutive completions.

2 Quilty buckles

1 NSW State Championship

2 Manilla Musters

41 successful completions.

I feel that he may have done his last marathon but that he'll go on for some time completing 80km rides and I'll continue with him until he tells me he has had enough. At this time he hasn't indicated to me that he wants to quit, his Ears are still forward, his eyes bright and he still tells me when he wants to go, so go he shall.

The adventure is not yet complete.

John Howe

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Discussing member riding status and changes in the wording about riders moving from novice to endurance membership. Agreed to put these changes as a motion to the August AERA meeting. A document was sent by Belinda to the SMC which detailed the proposed changes.

Belinda to make minor changes as discussed and send to Kerry for the AERA meeting. Kerry to send the proposed new rule to the AERA.

EOI for State Championships has been updated.

Jacque Wright: Promotions

As advised and noted previously in these minutes, we might be able to get TV crews to rides Sundays. May be able to set up standard tags like 'NSW Endurance' that can be transferred from a person to promotions. Suggested we take ownership of the hash tag 'NSW Endurance' which is currently available.

Agreed to set up Instagram for "NSW Endurance. We need to get everyone to use at least one hash tag.

Faith Robinson: Zone 1 Delegate,
Possible Easter Carnival – thoughts?.

Zone AGM – Saturday 30 November 2019, to be held at Faith's place.

Kim Stephens: Zone 4 Delegate. Merchandise
The Snowy Zone Team did extremely well at TQ19, they placed 4th out of about 36 teams in the

restricted section. The team was made up of:

Kylie Jonkers riding Girilambone Comet in 15.06hrs

Anne Lymbery riding Aloha Typic in 16.58hrs

Stuart Lymbery riding Baranne Tu-Shay in 16.58hrs

Ellen Vine riding Alzarah in 12.08hrs

Big congratulations to them from Snowy Zone. The ride apparently was quite testing in that the terrain was constantly undulating but it is a tribute to those who rode successfully as the overall completion rate was 64.88%.

The next ride for Snowy Zone is Woodstock 14-15 September.

Quilty Teams reports

Belinda has asked our Quilty team members for reports and photographs for the newsletter. Cheques will be sent out when their stories are received by the newsletter. Belinda to forward photographs for the newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at. 10:27.

HAPPINESS IS A PIT PONY—April Newman

A little horse with a big heart - Tarnette (Whyneemah Jataan out of A'landell Scarlet) – means the world to young endurance rider, April Newman. Those who have seen April and Tarnette competing over the years may be interested in the story behind the duo. April takes up the tale.

I bought her when I was a junior for \$500 as young green horse from John Dawson from John de Le Arabians, John heard I was a junior who had just started out in the sport with my first Arabian gelding who had arthritis. When he heard this he offered me Tarnette (the pit pony) who happens to be a half sister to my gelding. He told me he bred her and because she was only 14hh she was too small for the stud for endurance but he thought she would be perfect for me as a junior. She's 17 in a few months and next year I have owned her for 10 years. I'm very grateful to John for selling her to me.

Together we have successfully completed 4420km in endurance. I've also had a go at a lot of other disciplines with her as she is a very handy horse and I'll literally have a crack at anything with her. We have done Team Sorting, Showing, where my favourite class is Arabian costume and dressage but I get lost in the tests. I'm good at following arrows but not letters! In Sporting I'm normally the only person riding in a halter.

I used to work at a pre- training racehorse stud were I rode her to work to use as a babysitter for the young green broken racehorses pre-training for their first time round the track and gallops out to the beach. When doing pacework around the track side by side, the rider's stirrup on the racehorse would be at about my head height due to Tarnie being so small but she kept the young horses calm and earned her keep.

She was quite a hothead as a young horse and it took a long time for us to click. She use to shy badly and pulled. Her first few rides were a nightmare! We would go out the start gate and she was pulling and prancing. She was also a really bad eater and drinker in camp and out on track and would get really nervous when saddling up or in the vet ring and shake from head to toe. To top it off she was also prone to tying up. I learned pretty quickly about tying up and how to manage it through my mistakes. It took 12 endurance rides for the penny to drop and she got her head around endurance. Now she is my once-in-a-life time horse! She is an absolute dream to do anything with. Endurance now is like she is on cruise control. From a horse I couldn't hold in a bridle at the start of rides - I literally had blisters and dead arms - to starting the 2015 Quilty in a rope halter with 342 horses going out the gate and she was on a loose rein - cruise control the whole way! She still is a typical stubborn mare and has grit about her. You definitely have to work with her. It's just a matter of convincing her it was her idea not mine!

We have done 4420km together. In 2014 she was Australian distance horse, points horse and one horse one rider and she did all this in NSW. We never set out to achieve this. We started the year with one ride at a time. I also worked two jobs to be able to compete at rides as I did it all on my own.

In 2015 she achieved the Big 3.
This had been a dream of mine

2015 NSW State Championship ride. Photos: Animal Focus



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since I first started in endurance as a junior. In 2018 I brought her back into work after a two year spell and weaning her foal six weeks before Shahzada, She had to complete an 80km ride with only three weeks' work to get out of the 13 month rule and three weeks later she completed Shahzada for her 3rd Shahzada buckle. In 2019 she completed her 4th Shahzada in a row. I'm proud of the fact that our 4420km in endurance have all been done on our own without a strapper.

The nickname 'pit pony' came from Steve Brisbane who used to manage Jon de Le Arabians. When I first bought her and due to her size, Steve told me I didn't have an endurance horse, instead I had a pit pony! At the time I didn't know what a pit pony was so he explained that was how they used to refer to the ponies they used in the coal mines. He said they used small ponies that worked their arses off dragging coal carts out of the mines so he said she worked her arse off dragging me around endurance rides and the nickname stuck.

She means the absolute world to me. Some of my happiest moments have been with her. I've had struggles in life and dark moments but no matter what she always makes me smile. When I ride her it's like I'm in a different world. No amount of money could make me sell her. You can't put a price on happiness.

As for her future, the plan is for Shahzada next year to complete the 40th. Shahzada is without a doubt the best week of the year! If she can achieve her 5th Shahzada buckle and two more endurance rides, she will click over 5000km and that is when she has earned her retirement. I would love to breed her again. Fingers crossed for a bay filly!



Shahzada 2019 when they placed 7th MWT.
2015 State Ride (5th LWT)
Animal Focus photographs



Malu Vale Embers:

15 years, 50 rides and 5,500 kilometres

Early days

I bought Embers in 2004 as a green four-year old from the Apperley family. I liked her straight legs and strong hindquarters, and at 14.3hh she was not too tall for me, and I fell in love with her large soft eyes. But she pigrooted in the canter the first time I rode her. A warning of things to come!

I fell off regularly as we got to know each other. She shied a lot and while mostly they were "swooping sideways" shies, sometimes they were "stop and spin" shies which tipped me over her shoulder every time. I remember falling off twice in one week! I wasn't game to let her canter for about a month after that.

I quickly discovered that she was easier to train on her own than in company, since she always insisted on being in front of any other horses. So we had many solitary rides over the years.

She was quite different at an endurance ride, and would travel alongside or behind if the pace suited her. But the warm-up was always a hair-raising experience since she knew it wasn't the real thing. I particularly remember riding out before the Manilla Quilty, galloping completely out of control along a flat dirt road, hanging on to the saddle and desperately hoping she wouldn't find something to shy at.

Embers was always a very expressive and opinionated horse, who told you every thought, feeling and emotion that passed through her head. She was a horse that could not be ordered to do something, but she never refused if I asked her nicely. We quickly developed a great deal of trust in each other.

Setbacks

As a five-year-old she started doing training rides, including the Shahzada Mini Marathon. But before we had a chance to do 80km, Embers developed sarcoids on her back under the saddle, possibly due to switching from cotton Puffer Pads to lambswool saddlecloths. The sarcoids were frozen off and never returned, but she was left with small bald patches on her back for the rest of her life.

The following year we began to attempt 80km rides. She vetted out lame at every second ride for about 2 years! They were different problems each time, always minor and gone the next day. Looking back, this was just part of the toughening up process but I began to despair about whether I would ever make an endurance horse of her.

We actually used to get rain in those days and with white socks Embers was dreadfully susceptible to greasy heel. Nobody had thought of henna yet but we found the cure by feeding her copper sulphate and dolomite.

Embers was a very 'good doer' and every summer she would come back into work with a huge grass belly which made the girth bunch up and gall her. Each year the routine involved putting methylated spirits on her girth for a week before I even rode her; starting with walking for half an hour and very cautiously increasing the work, pulling back at the first sign of any galling. Eventually we realised that it was the hair twirling which caused the biggest problem so in later years we kept her girth area closely clipped even in summer which helped a lot.

Then there was the year when she got bitten by a spider – exactly where the girth sits. It turned necrotic and a big chunk of flesh had to be removed, producing another bald spot which occasionally had concerned vets giving her "B"s for girth even though it was completely healed.

A bout of low-grade persistent colic led to an internal scope and a diagnosis of stomach ulcers. For 10 years, Embers was on a daily dose of Omeprazole whenever she was in work. We tried many non-drug



Shahzada Word of Life Crossing 2015. Animal Focus

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options but none of them worked for her.

Not one to do things the normal way, Embers tied up for the first time at the 100km mark of the very wet 160km State Championship at St Albans in 2011. Since that time she has been on a strictly no-grain diet and fortunately the problem did not recur.

A problem which held her back for many years and which caused us difficulties at several Shahzadas was cramping in the hindquarter muscles. Eventually in 2014 we had Hair Tissue Mineral Analysis (HTMA) done on all our horses and I learned that Embers has naturally high levels of potassium. I switched from electrolytes to plain salt, and she never cramped again.

Achievements

In spite of all these issues we had some really terrific years. A highlight was the Big Three in 2015 which of course included the 50th Anniversary Quilty. We completed a total of 4 marathons including three Shahzadas as well as five hundred milers. Only once did we have a win – we came equal first Middleweight at an Oberon ride with my husband Dave Player.

My greatest ambition, to win the end-of-year NSW Distance Horse and One Horse One Rider awards, eluded us. The closest we ever came was third.

I'm very proud of the fact that we are a 14-year decade team with over 5,500kms, and I am the only person who has ever ridden her in endurance.

Accidents

Although she was not a particularly fast horse and was seldom in the ride placings, Em was always in a hurry. When combined with her tendency to shy, this resulted in a couple of major accidents. I came off on a very hard dirt road halfway through the Manilla State Championship and cracked my elbow and shredded my arm. She continued on, clearly with every intention of continuing the ride without me. But she missed a turn-off and Jeff Bonham brought her back to me in disgrace, leading her out of the window of his car. I was so angry with her that adrenalin overcame pain and we completed the ride with my grazes covered with Vaseline and Gladwrap.

Embers never navigated her paddock at the walk. It was always at a flat gallop, so one year our riding season ended with a puncture wound in her fetlock with a piece of wood embedded in it. A general anaesthetic to remove and clean the wound was supposed to be followed by two weeks' confinement and bandaging. After about a week, during which time sedatives did not work on her at all, we were both going insane so I turned her out and hoped for the best. Fortunately the wound did not get infected and healed well.

A few years later at the Scenic City ride in Canberra she dumped me after shying at a manhole cover, giving me an ambulance ride and a week in hospital with a full set of broken ribs down one side and a punctured and collapsed lung.

At the end of 2018 she tripped at the end of a training session and gouged chunks out of both knees. I thought that would be a career-ending fall but she bounced back to complete two more rides.

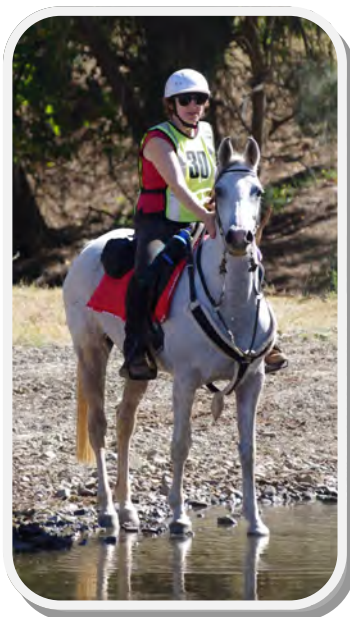
Later years

Embers did eventually mellow with experience at around the age of 17. She revealed an unexpected talent for trail riding. I had always assumed she would be too impatient but she seemed to "flick a switch" and go into social walking mode. She finally gave up her shying habit too.

But her ground manners towards me developed an unexpected twist. Well behaved with other people, she increasingly tried to boss me around, threatening to kick, bite or shove me. She hardly ever made contact though, and was horrified if she did. The only explanation that made sense was that she considered me to be her foal, and long overdue to be weaned!

Her last successful completion was also her 50th, at Mountain Lagoon in early 2019. A vet-out at Tabletop a few weeks later brought out an underlying chronic lameness which has become permanent so she has been honourably retired at the age of 19.

Fiona Meller



State Champs Manilla 2013
Photos by Animal Focus

Shahzada 2019 - Roz Edmunds

*Yeah, I'm gonna take my horse to the Shahzada
I'm gonna ride till I can't no more.
Ridin' down the Steps in my Maserati sports bra
Got no stress I've been through all that
I'm like a Snowy River man so I kick on back
Wish I could roll out to that old town road
I wanna ride 'till I can't no more.*

Apologies to Lil Nas X and 'Old Town Road'.

Shahzada is a must for everyone who loves riding out with their horse.

It is ten 40km rides, some more, some less and every minute of every day you spend with your beloved horse, working through all the tasks both on track and in camp. The support from everyone is so fantastic and so important to one's success because you both get very tired. Your brain needs some reality checks along the way especially if the horse and rider need restorative work to keep their muscles and nutrition level up to the task.

Huge gratitude to the Shahzada committee who have battled on to make this happen for 39 years. These people are incredibly dedicated to delivering an exceptionally exciting and an exceptionally high quality event. Thank you amazing people.

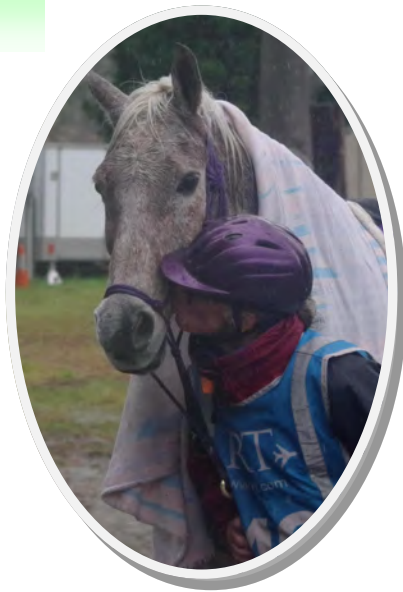
If you are willing and able please, could you/would you think about helping to keep the Shahzada dream alive? The committee will show you everything you need to know about assisting before, during and after a Shahzada. There are major infrastructure tasks leading up to the ride so you could even help and ride. PLEASE they desperately need YOU on the team.

If you want to know more about how to get involved in this world famous event please contact:

Sue Todd
(suetodd@activ8.net.au).

Shahzada, makes you want to ride
'till you can't no more.

Next one - Last week in August 2020. The 40th anniversary, so be there.



Summary Report NSWERA Committee meeting 16 August 2019.

Present: Tony Warren (Chairman), John Howe Peter Bice, Belinda Hopley, Matthew Walker, Jacky Barlow, Ruth Sumpner, Kerry Fowler Smith [6:20].

Apologies: Noni Seagrim, Alam Dastani, Kim Stephens, Faith Robinson.

Phone In: Jacque Wright [6:20], Jo Davis [6:50].

In attendance: Helen Rich, Jacky Barlow

Conflicts of Interest: **None** declared at this time.

Bob Peirce at 6.20pm to discuss QuickBooks
John introduced Bob Peirce.

Bob's discussion: any SMC member, with appropriate authorisation, can look at the accounts online, just need to be authorised to do so. Anyone can have 'view' access and the SMC decides who can make changes. There is a QuickBooks version with budgeting capability, costs an extra \$2/month and can be set up as we wish. This will become more vital as you are suffering from the same thing as all adult organisations, that is reducing memberships. You cannot spend what you did last year as you won't have the income next year. You must be able to check the actuals against the anticipated. You don't need to be an accountant to use it; it is set up to allow small businesses to set up their own books. It is the single most used program around the World. QuickBooks can go back six or seven years, so you can have a long term view of the past. To help with this, you can have the files from prior years. These are the major points. The cost would be \$30 per month, \$360 per year including the extra \$2 budgeting capability.

Bob will assist Jim (our book keeper) to get everything in place. Will this be organised by November? Bob could come to the budget meeting in November. It seems a loss of 25% of membership, annually, is occurring. Bob asked for questions. John said Jim has started the process of migration. We can use QuickBooks to set fees for next year.

John said we appear to have \$99,000 in the bank, includes the \$29,000 Office of Sport grant. John said we need a reserve of \$50,000 which Bob, Jim and John agreed was necessary. This reserve should be held for unexpected costs that crop up during the next year, for example legal expenses. Budgeting is needed, 2021 is 18 months away, grant of \$10,000 to the Quilty committee and \$6,000 for our State ride. We must budget for these major items. John said his estimates and actuals for this month were almost spot on. You will all have received a copy of the cash book for this month. Bob left at 6:34.

Business arising from last meeting and the action sheet were gone through in detail.

First aid courses: Zone One and Zone 6 have had people complete courses. Belinda waiting on information from Zone 5. Ruth asked for reimbursement on fuel for someone who did the First Aid course. Resolved to pay this amount from

the grant. Still need someone from Zone 2 and Zone 5. John to speak to Tooraweenah Club.

Peter sent email re interest in TQ 2021. John has contact with a club potentially interested, see John's report. Ride booking form has been submitted, community is on board. Entries will be done via Manehub.

Grant: TPR equipment is on its way, cost \$1966. Rescue books are ordered, \$18 each. Tony is waiting on someone to get back to him about computers. Kerry hasn't made progress on computers yet. Jo Davis phoned in [6:50].

Jacky Barlow asked if we could buy a new printer if the old one cannot be fixed. Do we need a fax facility? Costs an extra \$6/month. Agreed no.

Resolved to cut off the fax from now. Remove the fax number from all documentation.

Agreed to hold the AGM at Panthers Bathurst. (RSL is booked out). Panthers: room hire \$150 per day, need two days. Couple of dinner options: \$28 to \$46 pp. Can send the menu around. Suggestion is that we have meeting and workshop in Panorama Room and dinner in the Skyline Room which has its own bar. Need to pay room hire when booking. Jo asked to check on the facilities available in the room and whether it can be partitioned for the workshops. Jo to check availability of tea and coffee during the AGM. Jo was asked to obtain an invoice (to NSWERA) in order to secure the venue. Plenty of accommodation in Bathurst.

TV advertising: See Jacque's report. Suggests a short, intense campaign starting September 2019. PRIME campaign is a little different to what we want to achieve. Spoke to Prime and WIN TV. They are redoing their ideas so we can do a month with fewer TV spots in that month, then move to another TV channel. Pick it up again in February 2020. Agreed we are keen to move forward with that concept. Bullio and Woodstock to be included. PRIME is state wide but doesn't include Metro Sydney. Jacque asked to get the proposals in writing. Ballpark figure on costs: WIN around \$1100.

Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar (Jacky Barlow, Jo Davis)

Membership numbers for 2019: Adult 340, Junior 47, Intermediate 23, Associate 10 and Honorary 8. Newsletter for 2019 current total 145. Membership for 2018 totalled 446 with total for 2017 being 494.

Total participants at Kiwarra totalled 107 with Currawan having a total of 155 participants.

Rides for approval

Woodstock – amended distances – 83km, 38, 22. **Approved.**

Tumut – 21-22 March 2020 – 20, 40, 120km elevator. **Approved**

Mudgee – 2-3 May 2020 – 10, 20, 40, 80km.

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Approved

Wingello – 23-24- May 2020 - 5, 10, 20, 40/60, 80km. These distances need to be round figures. Ignore the 41 and 61. **Approved.**

Q60 – 11-12 July 2020 – 20, 40, 100km. **Approved**

Tom Quilty /Tooraweenah – 24-25 Sept 2021 or 9-10 July 2021 – 160km. Jo asked if they could do it on the long weekend in October. On hold for now. Approved in principle but the date is not confirmed. Not to go onto AERASpace for now.

We need to ratify the proposal, so it can go to the AERA. We need the expression of interest document and something of a presentation for the next AERA meeting because the AERA are asking about the NSW Quilty.

Possible new ride next year in Zone 2 at Wellington. No ride booking form yet.

Matthew might put on a ride early next year around Belanglo.

PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Logbooks/stickers: Jacky discussed this some time ago. There are occasions where the ID page stickers have come off and others where the stickers will not come off when they need to be changed. If the stickers don't come off, they damage the logbooks. Agreed to stop putting stickers on the ID pages. Jacky thanked Ruth for bringing the **paperwork** to Jacky for storage.

State Championship 2020

Possibility of Burruga, considering last weekend in September at this time. The June long weekend could be available. The EOI is open until the end of October so we cannot approve anything at this time.

Ratification of decisions made between meetings – compulsory PIC on HHDs

Compulsory PIC numbers: the executive decided to hold this over until 1 Jan 2020 rather than to start immediately, because the members must be given notice. From 1/1/20, it is compulsory to have PIC numbers on entry forms.

AERA meetings

The report sent to the SMC didn't have notes from the meeting. Kerry will send the correct report

Kerry has previously worked with a DPI Veterinary Officer on the TQ15 Biosecurity Plan and was asked by AERA to speak to this officer about the Scone Hendra case and 'Hendra areas' generally. The officer advised there is no longer a list of Hendra areas. Kerry asked how we should address Hendra risk, and the DPI officer suggested we continue using the previous list, without including the adjoining Zones (ie Council areas). We should only use the areas that have had cases as Hendra Zones for the purposes of our Biosecurity planning. In response to the Scone case, we need to add Upper Hunter but no adjoining zones.

AERA business:

Hot Air Teleconference is ceasing. Go To Meeting

is a subscription which we only pay for when its used. It is up to each State to decide what they want to do with teleconferencing. AERA will trial video conferencing with Go To Meeting.

Bio security document is under constant review.

Noted there was no NSW report for this meeting.

Tasmania advised that the way they have been recording their membership numbers may have been inflating their membership.

All states need to put it forms in AERASpace. Matthew said except for NSW and Queensland, there are no Invasive treatment reports in AERASpace, therefore the statistics are useless. The reports are probably being scanned in but they are not on the report from AERASpace.

\$86,000 income to the AERA from the 2019 Quilty.

Proposal to raise the rider levy to \$5 was defeated. AERA was asked for a business case before proposing increases.

Talking about an online nomination system, suggested they talk to Mindy Davies about Manehub.

QERA has \$10,000 grant to help with electronic timing system development.

AERA created a database subcommittee. NSW asked to advise of anyone who wants to be involved. Matthew said he would like to be on this committee. Kerry will advise the AERA.

Discussion about how to get access to AERASpace for new people. New access needs to come through the Division secretary. There are a lot of people who have high level access to AERASpace, so this needs to be audited.

Number of swabs that needed to be done was discussed, and is less than we thought.

AERA is not supposed to swab FEI rides.

EA endurance committee and EA affiliation agreement was discussed. AERA agreed we are not going to sign this agreement unless we get better value from it.

WA Quilty is 18 to 20 September 2020. Agreement that whatever they need to do to make it open to all horses, needs to be done.

Prizes now allowed to value of \$5000.

New rule that dogs must be secured in a structure or on a leash tied to a secured structure.

Dr Albert Sole Guitart presented preliminary findings from his research on successful vs unsuccessful completions. Statistics from the research were read. Presentation will eventually be sent out.

Our suggested rule change about novice rider upgrade was carried.

Northern Rivers affiliation fees were discussed. Dick Collyer has a different interpretation that the

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fees refer to the ride booking fee, not the rider fees, based on the arrangements when dual affiliation came in. Kerry noted that back then, the arrangement was that each rider's home state was paid \$2.50, with a minimum of \$25 per ride. Letter from AERA was read, advises that the issue is to be discussed between NSW ERA and Northern Rivers. We need to decide what we are going to do. John read a previous motion on this matter. John to speak to Gerard Bou. The agreement during Greg Moore's presidency was that rider affiliation fees for rides in NRZ (not the ride affiliation fees), should go to the State in which the rider is a member. NRZ members have the option to join NSW if they want. Peter said that as there seems to be nothing in writing, we need to start again or move on. Zone 6 has gone from seven rides to one. We need to communicate better with QERA to try to avoid clashes between zone 6 and NRZ rides.

2019 NSW Office of Sport Grant project

We need to be mindful that not everything we budgeted for is fully funded by the grant because we need to contribute at least half of the money. Note most of our contribution is in kind contributions such as volunteer time, but there needs to be some monetary contribution by us. The budget can be amended as we progress, when we plan the forums for early 2020, we need to have a look at the money left and budget accordingly. Agreed that we give one scanner to each zone and to the active Chief Stewards.

New member incentive proposal from Belinda and Jacque

See Annexure B to these minutes for the Promotions and Step up Report discussed below.

Jacque and Belinda spoke last weekend. Document has been sent and is both ideas combined so we can see the ideas side by side. Further information needed: details, costs, funding and numbers of riders to be funded. Belinda thinks it should be cost neutral. Discussing Jacque's idea of riders gaining points in order to step up. Should the program be yearly accumulation or continue and carry on over years. Matthew suggested kilometres rather than points system.

Ruth explained the incentive program used at their recent Kiwarra ride. We need to crunch the numbers before we commit to any financial expenditure. **Resolved** that Belinda and Jacque work on the program, change points to kilometres and provide an amended proposal.

Jacque commented on her mentor program. Earning credit towards next season's membership. This is based on a document sent out previously. Check out Intermediate memberships, how many kilometres these members do and base ideas on that. Jacque needs to write terms and conditions and will need feedback when she prepares this. Will need SMC approval. **Resolved** that Jacque to work on the T&Cs.

2019 AGM 20/2/2020 (agenda late 2019: getting awards to non-attendees, RO forum)
See report earlier this meeting wherein Jo reported

on her work sourcing an AGM venue.

2021 Quilty: See earlier report this meeting.

Tony Warren: President,

How fast is this year going?

The State Championships and Tom Quilty have been run and won, congratulations to all NSW riders who travelled to Imbil to compete this year, most had success but unfortunately a few didn't gain that illusive buckle. A huge congratulations to Mette, Sharon, Modena and Jenny for representing NSW the team took out 1st place the girl's did an amazing job, also congratulations to own Vice president Noni and Honey Bee on their 4th place, a sterling effort Noni.

We have Shahzada next week and only 5 more rides left on the calendar. It seriously is a shame that we can't get more ride organisers willing to run rides but I do understand with the drought that is affecting NSW it makes things tough.

Somehow we need to encourage a few more committees to put their hands up and run some more rides, maybe it's time the committee start thinking about some sort of incentive to encourage more rides. Something to think about.

Good luck to all riders attending Shahzada and anyone attempting the Big 3 this year, I hope the conditions are favourable to all.

On a committee level all seems to be coasting along smoothly. The only thing we as a committee need to do more efficiently is get our portfolio reports done in a timelier manner. Yes I know I am guilty of this as well, sometimes I wonder how we fit everything in to our hectic lives and train horses as well.

John Howe: Treasurer, Newsletter, Zone 2 Delegate

I have sent you the copies of the cash book and the estimated income expenditure sheets. To date with the exception of the estimate of the AERA March meeting, we are well on track, as you can see. The good news is that with numbers at Kiwarra and Currowan above last year, our income will be increased.

Newsletter: The 10th August deadline has been passed with a good inflow of articles. The advertising revenue owed to NSW, has all been paid and this helps defray the cost of the Newsletter.

Zone two: The next Zone Two ride will be Windeyer, 19 - 20 October. This is a fantastic time of the year to ride at Windeyer with warm days and cool nights. It will be Spring and as pretty as a picture.

Tooraweenah continues to prepare for the Tom Quilty in 2021. Matthew Walker has been approached to be Head Vet and Tom McCormack, the timing. Manehub are to do the bookings and site allocation.

Estimates have come in as expected. Slightly up

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on where we were last year.

P&L document. Kerry asked for the costs associated with minute taking to be on a separate line in the "Actual v Budget for 2019" document, this means the minutes cost listed separately in the meeting expenses section. John has previously been asked to ask Bob to do this. Discussion ensued on this point initially between John and Kerry about the reasons for her request. The following is recorded at the request of the people involved. It is not an entire record of the discussion.

Kerry wants it recorded that she is fed up with being accused of personal attacks. "As a member of this committee we all have the responsibility to understand the financial situation of the Association. Without proper, formatted, accounting we cannot do that. This has been my intention and I refute entirely the allegation that this request is personal."

John wants it recorded. "For the last 20 years I have given an enormous amount to the sport that I love. I have done everything in my power possible to promote and foster endurance riding. I have done everything in my power to be a good steward of this organisation. The reason why I will not be re-standing at the next election is the fact that unfortunately I feel that I no longer enjoy the support of this committee."

Tony said that all he has been trying to do is get this on a roll so that we all understand the financials. We are getting somewhere now and can understand the financials. Bob Peirce has come in to explain what we did not understand in the beginning.

Kerry Spratt: Secretary, Public Officer, AERA, IDP, Grants

Workshops for women in sport will be held in Liverpool and Bankstown, open to all community organisations. Suggest we put this on Facebook.

Last meeting we received a letter from a Chief Steward in response to an email sent by the SMC about checking of horse registrations. The CS has responded to our reply to that letter. The latest response was read, wanting to know why this is a CS role and stating we should not be expanding the CS role. Noted, reply not requested.

Letter of complaint about treatment of a horse at the Tom Quilty. **Resolved** to write to the rider seeking further information.

Letter from a ride organiser in response to ride feedback. Feedback stated that the RO had failed to advise that there was a cut-off date for nominations and applied a \$25 penalty for late nominations. The RO wanted the SMC to know that the late payment fee was advertised widely. Agreed to write to the RO in support and advising we hope the ride will continue.

Peter Bice: AERA, Ride Standards/Feedback, Governance

Several feedback forms for Kiwarra. Reports have been forwarded on to the various ride secretaries.

Jo Davis: Ride calendar, website, stationery
No additional report. See the ride calendar previously in these minutes.

Belinda Hopley: Chief Stewards and TPRs, Grants, Zone 5 Delegate **Currawan, 3&4/8/19. Sat 40k, 20k & 10k. Sun 100, 80k & 40k.**

Again Jenny Shepheard and family and friends put on a good weekend's riding over tracks and dirt roads, with fine and warm weather predicted. Saturday saw a very crisp start to great days riding for the 72 riders attempting the 40, 20 & 10k events scheduled to start at 11am. It was a lovely sunny afternoon with a light breeze. There were only 4 vet outs for these events. The 100k ride started in the slight frost at 5.30am, followed by the 80, 40 and 20k. Again good riding conditions for the riders with a slightly cooler afternoon breeze that made for trickier strapping. However, of the 82 riders only 10 did not complete or withdrew. (The 100k of 7 riders was 100% completion!) Riders commented on a generally lovely course, with the usual hilly sections and hardness underfoot.

There were a few hiccups over the weekend with duplicate numbers. Although most TPR's were riding on Sunday, TPRing was ok as the horses came in dribs and drabs and some of the vets multi skilled as TPR's. This also gave 2 new vets a great insight to the sport and horse management.

One rider had a serious fall and was assisted by Ian Dreghorn. See tabled reports.

Despite the number of riders over the roads all weekend, there were no complaints from either riders or drivers/motorbikes. I have asked Jenny to send our gratitude and thanks to the drivers who assisted the injured rider and helpers.

Table Top and Wingello paperwork is yet to come in.

CS/TPR-TPR school is going ahead at Shahzada.
Nothing for the CS session.

South Coast Zone News-Talea Hasko-Stewart, Jesse Buchan and Rob Caitlin have been nominated as mentors.

Other Stuff- *Put the rider Code of Conduct up on the website, FB and in the newsletter. Laminate it to put in the ride folder to put next to the ride entries.*

Currawan: we have a report of a rider mistreating their horse but no formal reports have come in. Suggestion from Matthew there should be another form at rides which could be handed straight to a person who had a complaint to make. People are asked to put something in writing and they don't. If there was a form at a ride, they may be more inclined to do it then and there.

Kiwarra: report has been received. 98 riders with two vets. The original numbers were a lot lower than those who turned up. Bulk were training riders, 7 x 10km, 19 x 20km, 8 x 40km, total 34 on Saturday. Had to get a vet from Grafton. Three

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horses had invasive treatment. One rider fell and was assisted by another rider.

TPR school: to be held at Shahzada. We should hand out the TPR books. **Resolved** to part fund the Shahzada TPR school from the Office of Sport grant.

Jacque Wright: Promotions: A report was sent out previously to the SMC for consideration

Kim Stephens: Zone 4 Delegate. Merchandise

Unfortunately I won't be able to make the August meeting. I am helping VERA with a computer data entry day. I would like to put a couple of thoughts to the committee for discussion at the September meeting, to give everyone time for thinking.

The membership needs to donate dedicated volunteer time at X number of rides as part of their membership.

There are quite a few jobs that they can handle e.g. check points, pencilling, timing, running logbooks back and forwards, weighing, getting logbooks signed, handing out completion prizes and cards/books to those that want to leave early, offering tea and coffee to vets and other volunteers on base, replenishing toilet paper and so on. We don't seem to have enough people in general to carry out these jobs and those that are there are run off their feet.

An early warning system for those that repeatedly fall off and or injury themselves at rides. If a person is flagged they have to have a doctor's certificate enabling them to ride at their next ride.

The main reason for this is that we have quite a few older and elderly people who are falling off, what happens to our sport if someone dies. What will the ramifications be for our sport?

Please take some time to think about these ideas

Agenda item for September – suggestions raised in Kim Stephens' August report.

Ruth Sumpner: Zone 6 Delegate
Zone 6 August Report

Our single Zone 6 ride was held on 27 and 28 August. We had 98 riders completing in the six rides with 9 riders doing two rides. The Kiwarrak Endurance Ride was a highly successful event this year with 107 entries in the six different rides ranging from the 10 km Introductory Ride through to the 84 km Kiwarrak Cup.

Saturday morning began with eight riders setting off into the Kiwarrak State Forest. They all completed the 42 km ride with their horses showing their fitness well. On Saturday afternoon 19 riders set out for the 20 km ride. The next ride had seven riders who all successfully completed the 10 km. Some of these riders travelled from as far as Tamworth, as well as many local riders. A bonus for the

event was the ability for riders to also choose to enter one of the Introductory or Intermediate rides on Sunday. Four riders who completed the 10 km on Saturday fronted up to ride in the 20 km on Sunday. On Sunday the main event began at 4am with 39 riders braving the cool morning to head out on their first 42km leg. The numbers were made up of nine Heavyweight, thirteen Middleweight, 11 Lightweight and six Junior Riders. The ride offered some challenges to the horses with many riders grateful for the chance to have a rest at the top of Breakneck Lookout. The course was across a range of tracks including dirt roads, bush tracks and narrower trails.

WICEN provided a great effort at the checkpoints relaying information back to the Ride Base.

It was a three-way tie for first place with Anne Hills (Lightweight) riding Karabil Serer, Debbie Pevy (Middleweight) riding Galaxy Mi and Nigel Colefax (Heavyweight) riding Evening Star. These riders completed the 84 km with a riding time of six hours and 18 minutes, and were the first ever three way win.

The first Junior home was Takira Baldock riding Saladah, with Mackenzie Daley riding Nirvana 2nd and Ivari Ullman-Cabrera riding A'Landell Prestige 3rd.

It is worth noting that the Heavyweight riders had a completion rate of 100% with just under 80% completion overall for the 84km ride across all divisions.

2nd Place Heavyweight was Alan Caslick riding A'Landell Jester, who was also Best Conditioned. 3rd Heavyweight was Monique Echentille riding Follydown Kadin.

2nd Place Middleweight was Daryl King riding James Bonn, who was also Best Conditioned. 3rd Middleweight was Monica Majerowski riding Halimas Valentine.

2nd Place Lightweight was Tiana Baldock riding Pumba and 3rd Place was Allix Jones riding Ralvon Milama. Anne Hill took out Best Conditioned.

The Sunday 42 km ride had fifteen riders heading out and the 20 km had 19 riders. Both rides also went to the top of Breakneck Lookout where the riders could give their horse a well earned rest while taking in the beautiful views of the Manning Valley.

There was an incident on course where a rider fell and was transported to hospital via ambulance for assessment. Reports are that the rider is recovering well and is riding at New Italy this weekend.

This year the Integrity Award was presented to Ray Griffiths for his assistance out on track with the rider who was injured. (I am hoping that next year we are able to present this award without any rider falls...) Cindy Barnes, a rider from near

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Shakista aka “Kissie” by Sue Todd

Shakista – a wonderful 15 years of fun and friendship!!!

Kissie came to live with me when she was 2 – had just bought another Appaloosa “Shabonne” from Peppercorn Park (we had been buying and breeding to their stallions since the early 80s). Bonnie was very closely related to “Shaboom” (Boomie) my first endurance horse and my passion for the sport saw me wanting to do as many rides as possible. Leone from Peppercorn Park really wanted me to buy Kiss saying “she will be the best friend you will ever have” and, after six months, I gave in.....little did I know how right she was. Kista was the easiest horse, coming home to Sydney to be a trail horse as she matured and the others were having their summer break.

Kiss did her first trainer at Sofala in 2003 and first 80km ride at Rydal in February, 2004.....a tough one for a novice horse and it is true that it takes three years to make a good endurance horse. We were always “completers” but Kiss was just so easy going and in hindsight, what was I thinking in 2005 when setting a goal for the year – Kissie’s first Shahzada completion, first NSW State Champs buckle and “first across the line holding hands with Jennifer Gilbertson” at a very hard Megalong 80km which we achieved.

2006 saw my next mission....PPP Kool Pashin “Pashi”, bought from PPP as a stallion – full brother to Kiss but 16hh and definitely not easy so with friend Tara Brown riding Kiss and me on Pash, we were successful at a few more 80s and the NSW State Champs at Windeyer which gave Tara her Quilty qualifier. We rode to Pashi’s level of fitness (then a gelding but to this day it doesn’t seem to have registered with him) and Kiss started and finished the ride with a HR of 36 and all A’s along the way.

We did another Shahzada that year and the following year, after a great State Ride with Kiss we thought it was Pashi’s turn for Shahzada.....it was 2007 – the year of EI and the lockdown so we can blame Pash!!!!

In 2008 with Carol Layton riding Kiss at Gundagai then I concentrated on Kiss leading up to another Shahzada buckle after which my world changed, living on my own began and after sorting out “life” and moving to our property in Glen Davis in 2009 – Kiss obviously convinced me that we could do anything!!!!

I persisted with Pash and Vic Bonham rode Kiss at Bendemeer and Garry Weis rode her at Tumberumba and Kiwarraak while I rode Pash but after we did the State Ride in Bateman’s Bay and we had a bad truck accident at Tarana on the way home which saw Kiss and the float suspended on huge boulders and me and the truck hanging over a creek, the realisation hit me that I was not some sort of superwoman and the days of taking two horses to rides, riding with a broken collar bone, etc. were over and after 3,000kms in competition Pashi became my paddock boss here.

Kissie and I survived the crash and with a hire truck and rented caravan we set off for Shahzada and another buckle and a realisation that Shakista was indeed the best friend I would ever have and the years of taking advantage of her good nature were over!! We had a great routine – always ride your





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horse when they are getting extra feed, establish a good electrolyte program, find and keep the most wonderful farrier, use a terrific saddle that works for both you and your horse but in the end, love your horse and have fun!

2010 was Kissie's amazing year receiving The Big Three Award (Quilty, NSW State, Shahzada) but the icing on the cake was receiving the Best Managed/Best Conditioned Horse Award at Shahzada that year.

The next five years Lacey and Bear shared the rides with Kiss and in the end Shakista had done it all – 8965 kms, seven Shahzada Buckles, six State Ride Buckles, two Quilty buckles, The Big Three, a Manilla Muster and numerous pointscore achievements - State and National.

With Kissie's last ride at Burruga in 2015, she looked terrific but the cancer (operated on some year's before) starting to make life difficult for her very quickly at the end of that year – she had a last swim in the dam, ate a bucket of carrots and died in my arms – always in my heart.

Shahzada 2020, our 40th Shahzada Anniversary, will be held from 24th to the 28th August, 2020 - for any information contact Sue Todd on 0263797218 and leave a message or email suetodd@activ8.net.au or visit the website www.Shahzada400.com -



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I met Charlie and Lee-Anne Gauci in the summer of 2017 days before Tevis. Charlie, Lee-Anne, Brenda Benkly and I were guests of my friends the DeMays in Cool, CA outside of Auburn. On one of those days we were sitting around talking about the Tevis enjoying adult beverages when Charlie announced **come and ride Shahzada!** My answer - clearly influenced by 90 proof – was YES! I never gave it another thought until Charlie and Lee-Anne rang me up months later in March reminding me that it was the deadline to make a commitment to ride or not ride. Needless to say, preparations began and in late August, I found myself at Charlie and Lee-Anne's in Mountain Lagoon.

Days before the ride, my horse, Naz came up lame so I was out of the 5 day adventure, however, Charlie said all is not lost ...we will ride the mini marathon. Ride we did the first day, but my mount, Commache, vetted out. Horses!!! Nevertheless, a very special week filled with laughter, frivolity, and life long memories. It was such a pleasure to meet Charlie and Lee-Anne's friends. A very big thank you to Charlie and Lee-Anne whose hospitality, friendship, and kindness is unmatched.

Unmatched...relentless Charlie was making plans for next year's Shahzada and not to my surprise I was included. Charlie I said, have you crossed the border? Why do you want to subject yourself to another year of prepping, conditioning, qualifying, and everything else so some yahoo from the US can ride?

August 2019 again I found myself in Mt. Lagoon with Brenda Benkly and Dena Stephens. The week before we were busy with Shahzada preparations. Charlie, Brenda, and I were the jockeys; Dena and Lee-Anne were the strappers. Poor Lee-Anne was sicker than a dog with the flu plus she was still recovering from a horrendous near death horse accident. From that week forward we referred to Lee-Anne as St. Lee-Anne

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for her undying devotion, commitment and love of Charlie.

We arrived Saturday before Shahzada at St. Albans to a covey of old friends and memories. The weather was perfect. Spirits were high. Brenda, Dena, and I were staying at the Settler Arms, the 18 hundred and something St. Albans Inn which was another story for another time. Sunday was busy getting our tack together, pre riding, paperwork, vetting in, meeting the vetstaff, ride organizers, fellow riders, strappers, and the communications team. The day was one big blur. Finally Sunday night the pre ride meeting moderated by Kym Hagon, the head vet, who is quite the entertainer with his stories, song-writing skills, and music performances, not to mention his natural horsemanship skills. He kept us entertained and smiling all week long.

Pre dawn Monday Charlie, Brenda, and I were in the saddle and down the road. Charlie's horse Commanche was a determined, focused leader as we trotted the miles away. We finished late afternoon, vetted our horses through and readied ourselves for Tuesday.

By Monday night dear Allsion, unofficial Shadzada's Entertainment Director, signed us up for the My Camp Fire Rules competition. At the end of this tough competition we had swept Event 1 - the camp cook off thanks to our trusty strapper Dena who entered her Apple Pie moonshine and ribs. Wednesday night we took second in the best animal act, the competition was stiff. By Event 3 we stole the show with the best camp collecting volumes of prizes and wine. I don't know about the rest of the team but I had a little winner's remorse.

Tuesday found us in the saddle again with our fearless leader, Commanche and his rider Charlie trotting the miles away through the beautiful countryside of challenging trails - oops I forgot tracks. At lunch we had a huge disappointment. Commanche vetted out leaving us without our leader. Our horses, Naz and Cherokee did not saddle up to this new development. They did not see any point in continuing without their trusted leader. Can you blame them?

The next days were challenging, punctuated with highs and lows, but not finishing was not an option. Memories still flood my head with visions of McKechnie's, Jack's track, Settler's Road, Boyd's hill, Prestons, the Steps, to name a few. I can't express my gratitude to Charlie, St. Lee-Anne, and Dena for making our ride possible. I could not have finished without their par excellence strapping. However, for me the best part of finishing Shahzada was Charlie and Lee-Anne's joyful faces having two Shahzada horses, Naz and Cherokee.

Subsequently, many people have asked me about my Shahzada adventure. To paraphrase Charlie after he finished Tevis....it was **hard!**

P.S. My sincere congratulations and gratitude to everyone who played a role in organizing this incredible event. A memory of a lifetime. Thank you to everyone.

Brenda Benkly's Shahzada story

My expectations of Shahzada were beyond what I had imagined.

Thanks to Charlie Gauci for all the time he spent getting our horses qualified and then trying to keep them fit on weekends in between work!

We stayed at St Albans Inn, which worked out perfect! The fact that the ride took up the whole town made it seem more intimate!

The camaraderie in camp and on the trail made us feel welcome and I loved the greetings every day when we finished! Go Team Yanks!!!!

The Vets were amazing! I didn't feel intimidated, I felt like they were there to keep our horses safe and healthy and to encourage us to keep going.

The trails, once we were off the main dirt roads, brought on a new challenge every day! Technical????!!!! Makes Cougar Rock look short and manageable. The only trail that I wasn't that fond of, was the Preston trail, thank goodness I had been working out at the gym, preparing for this ride! Makes Cougar Rock look short and manageable!

Every day after horses were taken care of, all I wanted to do is eat, shower and go to bed (2:45 in the morning comes quickly). BUT, we were entered in the Camp challenges, and you quickly forgot how tired you were. The animal acts were hilarious! My favourite was the rabid dog act!

Dena held her own!

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Cindy Oster riding Charleville Nazarena, Charlie Gauci riding Charleville Comanche Red and Brenda Benkly riding Charleville Cherokee Charm. Animal Focus

The cook off the next night went quite well for us. Chef Dena and her Instapot were impressive. Maybe the Moonshine helped a little!

My all-time favourite, especially Thursday night in the rain, were the meetings. Now, I know everyone wants to get to bed, but Kim playing his guitar and singing songs about Shahzada should not be missed. We were all huddled under the tent, tired and wet. I wouldn't have missed that for anything! Every night I was glad that I didn't blow it off and just go to bed. It was very special!

Now, our strappers Lee-Anne and Dena were top notch! Plus, Charlie! Wish you could have ridden with us all the way, Charlie. I am not used to this kind of help. We couldn't have done it without you! I personally think being a strapper is the hardest part of the whole event. It is a hurry up and wait process. Thank you again!

My friend Cindy and I came to Shahzada not knowing what to expect. I had crushed my tibia plateau 2 years before. Being in my late 60's it was a slow healing process. I had lost my confidence. I didn't think I would ever complete a multi-day ride ever again (especially a 400k). Or a 100 miler (160k). Completing the Shahzada was icing on the cake. I feel more confident than I have in years!

Thank you Lee-Anne and Charlie for making this possible! Thank you Shahzada Family for making us feel so welcome and all the hard work it takes to put on this ride.

Love you all!

Brenda Benkly

Endurance Ride Results

Ride Name: Burruga Progressive Report

Distance: 120.0km Elevator

Start Date: 29 September 2019

Ride Type: Endurance Ride

Head Vet: Monika Baffy

Chief Steward: Louise Counsell

1	Allan Caslick	A'Landell Jester	4	8:55:00	34, 44, 48, 46, 49 (Avg:46)
	Brian Swan	Arabesque Abdul	2	5:41:00	34, 44, 54 (Avg:49)
	Charles Gauci	Charleville Nazarena	2	7:07:00	36, 43, 49 (Avg:46)
	Andrew Jonkers	Girilambone Comet	2	7:13:00	32, 39, 40 (Avg:39)
	Keith Sumpner	Fonda	2	9:00:00	40, 42, 46 (Avg:44)
	Sarah Kelly	Littlebanks Storm	2	10:19:00	33, 42, 55 (Avg:48)
	Gavin Peacock	Eclipse	2	Met L2	38, 44, 55 (Avg:49)
	Ian Mephram	Macquarie Park Dassan	2	Lame L2	32, 37, 46 (Avg:41)

Middleweight

1	Debbie Pevy	Galaxy Mi	4	8:49:00	39, 44, 52, 51, 50 (Avg:49)
2	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Carousel	4	9:50:00	31, 43, 45, 46, 54 (Avg:47)
	Imogen Carrey	Charleville Cherokee Charm	2	7:07:00	32, 42, 47 (Avg:44)
	Kylie Jonkers	Girilambone Seedy Bub	2	7:13:00	33, 43, 50 (Avg:46)
	Erica Allan	Waugoola Creek Onyx	2	7:21:00	38, 41, 45 (Avg:43)
	Peter Bice	Georgie Girl	2	7:46:00	33, 46, 49 (Avg:47)
	Ben Hudson	Oso Dorothy	2	8:13:00	44, 40, 43 (Avg:41)
	Jenny Berg	Rivjen Boss	2	8:21:00	40, 46, 52 (Avg:49)
	Melissa McCoullough	Forbes View Sienna	2	9:00:00	38, 43, 48, 0 (Avg:30)
	Renee Kirk	Garnee Viper	2	10:00:00	37, 36, 41 (Avg:38)
	Noni Seagrim	Berwick Royal Music	2	10:00:00	33, 42, 42 (Avg:42)
	Bridget Maher	Silver Ridge Navarro	2	10:25:00	34, 42, 40 (Avg:41)
	Rebecca Lees	Asiya Contessa	2	On track L2	34, 39, 39 (Avg:39)
	Rachel Benad	Hirstglen Probably	1	W/D L1	38, 43 (Avg:43)

Lightweight

1	Gertraud Norton	Scarlet Oaks Amica	4	8:51:00	43, 44, 49, 52, 51 (Avg:49)
2	Julie Hooper	A'Landell Enigma	4	8:55:00	37, 43, 46, 54, 48 (Avg:47)
3	Ann English	Makhtar	4	10:09:00	35, 48, 46, 49, 43 (Avg:46)
3	Marion Grove	Diamond R Carbo	4	10:09:00	33, 45, 49, 52, 49 (Avg:48)
5	Celia Hodgson	Marat MA	4	11:33:00	38, 35, 47, 50, 48 (Avg:45)
	Catherine McDonald	Al-Jameel	2	7:21:00	38, 42, 50 (Avg:46)
	Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	2	7:25:00	35, 41, 57 (Avg:49)
	Monica Ballard	Birrali Lawrence	2	7:46:00	33, 42, 45 (Avg:43)
	Arabella Ward	Oso Desperado	2	8:13:00	40, 46, 53 (Avg:49)
	Allix Jones	Wondjina Stardust	2	8:21:00	33, 33, 36 (Avg:34)
	Sue Todd	Shakari Bear	2	8:28:00	37, 47, 52 (Avg:49)
	Faith Robinson	Sassy Grace	2	9:04:00	34, 43, 57 (Avg:50)
	Nichola Mephram	Orsum-Ma	2	9:04:00	44, 49, 55 (Avg:52)
	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Adventuress	3	Met L3	34, 41, 47, 40 (Avg:42)
	Robin Gossip	Panache	2	Lame L2	30, 42, 42 (Avg:42)
	Kate Pilley	Box Hill Jackpot	1	W/D L1	34, 32 (Avg:32)

Junior

Jayne Cooper	Jupiter Sharara	2	7:25:00	36, 44, 54 (Avg:49)
Alexander Bice	Silverbow Taliah	2	7:46:00	31, 40, 48 (Avg:44)
Kaitlyn Mercieca	Henley Farm Fursan	2	10:02:00	43, 46, 47 (Avg:46)
Madison Hooper	Hill-Fry Splash of Gold	2	10:02:00	40, 47, 42 (Avg:44)
Tahnaya Mercieca	Henley Farm Burosh	1	W/D L1	37, 47, 0 (Avg:23)

Intermediate Ride Results

Ride Name: Woodstock Progressive Report

Distance: 42.0km

Start Date: 15 September 2019

Ride Type: Intermediate Ride

Head Vet: Emily Streckfuss

Chief Steward: Thomas McCormack

Nichola Mephram	Orsum-Ma	Sarah Kelly	Littlebanks Storm
Karlee Rose	Dark Intentions	Frank Mollema	Littlebanks Crystal
Stacey Hayter	Benny		Wings
Leanne Holz	Spirit	Dagmar Sweetland	Jess
Emily Hill	Belle	Mark Norton	Zemzem Raya
Julia Hill	Bridle Track Wilson	Kiata Makoda	My Name is Earl
Kimberley Hill	Twinkle	Clare Fleming	Flemingo Bomsaway
Stephen Bennett	Aloha Zac	Eileen Rawlinson	Flemingo Papillon
Kristie Wright	Cooroora Allyjah	Katrina Makhoul	Flemingo Queen
Lyn Trudgett	Judstan Mygreyn	Stefanie Tscheppe	Sbara Yogi
Summer Neal	Lilonda Sharjah	Chris Morley	Rocky Creek Sioux
Sarah Pollard-Williams	Jive		Strawbri
Bridget Maher	Silver Ridge Navarro	Hannah O'Neill	Wolumla Park Nugget
Madison Hooper	Hill-Fry Splash of Gold	Sophie Scarlett	Smokey
Vanessa Hamilton	Eminem Vyper	Jill Kalkman	Miss Muppet
David Madden	Phalaris Chelsea	Brigitte Lewis	Brego
Tim White	Al Jeda Hammerlli	Chris Geddes	Razorback Nagasaki
Kristy Maxwell	Toprail Mahogany	Matthew Walker	Razorback House
Brian Swan	Kybeyan Green	Anne Nicholson	Teak
Garry Weis	Suncrest Mazeppa	Ashley Saudi	Ace
Shan Symons	Judstan Stareyn	Maja Linnegar	Willow
Faith Robinson	Sassy Grace	Rachel Meek	Canalbyn Glowing Elle
Jacque Thoms	Kyvalley Toyboy	Julia Salom	Star
Robin Gossip	Panache	Matilda Brady	Peanut
Sue Todd	PPP Kadie	Peter Salom	Hudail
Lauren Kelly	Sweet Meadows	Jessica Pearce	Dan
	Enchant	Karen Pearce	Dixie

Ride Name: Woodstock Progressive Report

Distance: 40.0km, Start Date: 14 September 2019

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Madison Hooper	Hill-Fry Splash of Gold	Gizmo	Dark Intentions
Bridget Maher	Silver Ridge Navarro	Karlee Rose	Caesar
Adeline Gibson	Brookleigh Shiralee	Virginia Edwards	Cherrington Request
Summer Neal	Lilonda Sharjah	Jane Paroissien	Rudi
Jennifer Caslick	A'Landell Chior	Erinna Vassallo	Aspenview Arizona
Kimberley Hill	Twinkle	Mick Mason	Jimon
Deanna Loomes	Dumaresq Party Girl	Margaret Burge	Whodat
Robin Gossip	Panache	Ian Mephram	Who Dat Star
Mette Sutton	Tuldar Firefly	Jill Kalkman	Windaroo Devina
Sue Todd	PPP Kadie	Shay Cloke	Glamour
Margo Bailey	Jubilee Callisto		Aspenview Aria
Hannah O'Neill	Wolumla Park Nugget	Eliza Wark-Chapman	Belle
Nichola Mephram	Orsum-Ma	Emily Hill	Bridle Track Wilson
Sarah Kelly	Littlebanks Storm	Julia Hill	
Frank Mollema	Littlebanks Crystal		
	Wings		
Chris Morley	Rocky Creek Freckles		
Tanja Zimmermann	Rainbow On Fire		
Jasmine Zimmerman	Autumnlight Bold as Brass		
	Kholonial Trinity		
Victoria Bonham	Sharaul Lucifaa		
Chris Noonan	Onemorelastchance		
Anthony Keen			

Ride Name: Woodstock Progressive Report

Distance: 40.0km, Start Date: 15 September 2019

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Annette Bailey
Mette Sutton
Adeline Gibson
Deanna Loomes
Melannie Marsh

Bullio Charlotte
Tuldar Firefly
Brookleigh Shiralee
Dumaresq Party Girl
Windaroo Devina
Glamour
Poets Voice
Shado's Soroush
Kholonial Trinity
Sharaul Lucifaa
Tully
Benny

Mick Mason
Georgina Pankhurst
Margaret Burge
Eliza Wark-Chapman
Adelaide Cunningham
Katherine Blackburn
Lori-Anne Mackay
Max Blackburn
Anna Blackburn

Aspenview Arizona
Jagg
Jimon
Aspenview Aria
Cherrington Request
Indi Meekah
Indi More Magic
Towitta Ambrose
Cruise

Ride Name: Burraga Progressive Report

Distance: 50.0km

Start Date: 29 September 2019

Ride Type: Intermediate Ride

Head Vet: Monika Baffy

Chief Steward: Louise Counsell

Brett Pevy
Brett Willis
Kimberley Hill
Con Bouzianis
Tom Bouzianis
Stephen Bennett
Annette Bailey
Mette Sutton
Katrina Newitt

Halimas Esdikarn
Tamboulou Beau Jangles
Twinkle
Conderosa Zaheera
Conderosa Fiona
Aloha Zac
Bullio Charlotte
Tuldar Firefly
Wybalena Lodge Prince
Harry
Castlebar Praline

Vanessa Hamilton
David Madden
Lukas Dunne
Fiona Meller
Stephen Deering
Maureen Zeschke
Chris Morley

Sophie Ramsay
Nicole Allan
Craig Howell

Eminem Vyper
Phalaris Chelsea
Holly
Fairview Sweet Magieca
Anzac
Sydney
Rocky Creek Sioux
Strawbri
Nalla Al Capone
Harmere Platinum Ferrari
Poets Corner Phoenix

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Yass was awarded the Vet's Choice Rug for her successful completion of an Intermediate ride with her horse Smart Reyn.

This year the committee decided to award incentive prizes as a lucky draw to successful completion of the Introductory and Intermediate Rides. Kerrie Butler was awarded the 10 km prize of a free entry in a 20 km ride at Kiwarraak in 2020. Jacky Barlow and Lennox Reid were awarded the 20 km prizes of free entries in a 42 km ride at Kiwarraak in 2020. Alissa Myers and Myfanwy Webb were awarded the 42 km prizes of free entries in the 84 km Kiwarraak Cup in 2020. These prizes are not transferable and are a way of encouraging riders to consider riding at the next level up.

Big Wig Speckled Park Stud has agreed to be hosts for the Ride Base next year... So planning for 2020 will begin after we wrap up this year. Our next Zone 6 Meeting is on 2nd September where we will discuss the opportunities for extra potential rides next year. Our final Kiwarraak meeting for this year will be on 9th September, where we will be setting the date for Kiwarraak 2020.

Kiwarraak ride was covered by two articles in the local newspaper. Ruth wants it noted that the integrity award went to Ray Griffiths for his sportsmanship in helping an injured rider. The injured rider is a junior, and the RO found someone with a Working with Children Check to assist. Ruth was asked to write something on her incentive program for the newsletter. **Resolved** that Kerry will arrange thank you cards for the riders who assisted injured riders.

Members Think Tank: No report.

Advertising campaign strategies/format and support.

See earlier in this meeting and Annexure B to these minutes for the Promotions and Step Up Report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:30.

NSWERA Inc Annual General Meeting 22 February 2020

NSW ERA Constitution clause 28 (5)

NOTICE OF MOTION

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PROXY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22 February 2020
New South Wales Endurance Riders' Association Inc.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Proxy: Name:(M'ship No.).....

I hereby appoint the above person as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders' Association Inc. and at any adjournment.

Appointed by: Name:(M'ship No.).....

(Signature).....Date:...../...../...

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

(Name):..... **M'Ship No:**.....

I hereby agree to this nomination

Signature:..... **Date:**.....

NOMINATED BY (Name):..... **M'Ship No:**.....

SECOONDED by (Name)..... **M'Ship No:**.....

PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE: (100 words or less)

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*These are the current TPR's who have TPR'd from 1/1/17 to 1/6/19. Please remember to retain currency you are required to TPR at **one** ride per year. A lapsed TPR can be recredited by a Chief Steward who will ascertain that the TPR is up to date with AERA rules and is able to take the heart rate and respiration correctly. If the CS is satisfied that the TPR is up to date, the CS will make a note of the TPR's name in the CS report and mark it passed. Please ensure your name is on the CS Ride Report. When you have accumulated 20 full days of TPRing you are issued with your own vest, stethoscope and thermometer.*

Please contact Belinda for TPR's in your area to assist at your ride.

Any queries contact Belinda Hopley.

P – Prov TPR

Arblaster	Jo	Holdsworth	Sonia	Norton	Gertraud
Blessing	Anthony	Holdsworth	Peter	Owen	Rick
Blunt	Justine	Hopley	Belinda CS	Pankhurst	Georgina
Bonham	Peter CS	Howden	Robert	Pearce	Barbara
Broadbent	Steve	Howe	John CS	Pearce	Gillian
Carter	Bruce	Jones	Wendy	Powell	Rhys
Casey	Karen P	Jones	Allix	Reid	Claudia
Coleman	Phil CS	Jonkers	Linda	Reinhold	Bindi
Circosta	Karla P	Kelly	Peter CS	Rich	Helen
Crane	Jennie	Knight	Lindsay	Robinson	Eric
Dastani	Alam P	Layton	Carol	Ryan	Roz
Dickinson	Patricia	Locke	Bob CS	Sandford	Ken
Dunmill	Mark	Locke	Marylou CS	Seagrim	Neil
Faccini	Vetea P	Manderson	Sooz	Smith	Gordon
Fisher	Haydn CS	Martin	Louise	Spackman	Tammie
Fleming	Claire	Matters	Malcolm	Stevens	Kim
Fletcher	Julie	Merceica	Paul	Sumpner	Shirley P
Gardiner	Johanne	McLaughlin	Duncan	Taylor	Michael
Gauci	Charlie	Mills	Gloria	Thomas	Garry
Giddings	Barb	Milne	Christine	Todd	Sue
Gossip	Robyn	Milne	John	Turnbull	Christine
Greik	Peter	Monahan	Bronwyn	Turnbull	Ralph
Heggarty	Wayne	Moore	Greg	Wade	Martin
Hickey	Wayne	Nelson	Janette	Walker	Tina
Hill	Anne	Newman	April P	Woods	Sophie

Notice

Dogs must be restrained at all times.

Due to dogs being found running loose in increasing numbers at endurance events, it has been resolved that riders are to be disqualified, if their own dog or a dog belonging to their camp is found not to be restrained at all times during the full duration of an endurance event, i.e. from the opening of the ride base to participants until its closure.



All chief stewards have been instructed to take action, enforce this rule and report offenders. A 'no dogs' policy may be introduced, if offences against this rule continue to occur.

NSW ERA Management Committee

Provisional Accredited Vet List, (Accreditation in Progress)

Lauren Fletcher	Clarencetown	0447 690 788
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Sarah Hartley	Singleton	0414 727 212
NOT ACCREDITED but willing to help		
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Claire Dennis	Wagga Wagga	0427 003 031
Elizabeth Gale	Taree	6552 2633
Tamaryn Grimmer	Barraba	0418 269 769
Alix Haig	Dubbo	0428 142 602
Michael Healy		0424 579 245
Lisa Ryan	Sydney	0400 104 051
Lara Viney	Kundabung	0402 187 040
Nikki Hui	Tamworth	6766 3088
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NSW ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

RIDE BOOKING PROCEDURES



1. A ride must be booked a minimum of three months prior to the proposed date for the ride. This requirement may only be waived with the consent of the State Management Committee (SMC) under exceptional circumstances.
2. Ride booking forms will be considered in the order in which they are received (including FEI).
3. When forwarded to the Secretariat the ride booking form **must** contain;
 - (a) an alternative date,
 - (b) have appropriate contact details,
 - (c) be signed by a member of the ride organising committee,
 - (d) Indicate if there are to be any horse health requirements enforced on the ride (please see rules 14.1 and 16.5 AERA rules – amendments to AERA Rulebook applicable 01/01/2018).

Incorrectly filled forms will be sent back and may hold up approval.
4. There will only be one Endurance Event scheduled for each weekend.
5. The NSW SMC will have the right to approve or refuse a ride application in the overall best interests of the NSWERA membership. Alternate dates to be advised to Ride Committee.
6. Priority in allocating dates will be given to ride organisers with an established endurance ride event to maintain that event; alternate dates will be advised by the NSWERA SMC.
7. Rides must have approval from the NSWERA SMC before the ride is advertised ANYWHERE, this includes rides being conducted to replace cancelled rides.
8. Any changes to an already approved ride, e.g. distance changes, additional rides; must have an amended ride booking form submitted to the NSWERA SMC for re-approval and cannot be advertised until reapproved.
9. The ride booking form will indicate the ride committee's request for their ride to be dual affiliated with another State.
10. The ride organiser will receive confirmation of approval, or non-approval, by the ride calendar portfolio owner in writing as soon as practicable.
11. Correspondence will be forwarded to ride committees one month prior to their ride requesting confirmation of the ride's Head Vet, Treatment Vet and Accredited Chief Steward; as well as the ride entry fees.

Logbook & Identification Procedures

A horse is a novice for a minimum of 90 days from the date on which it successfully completes its first affiliated endurance ride and may only attempt four rides during this period, ie if a horse successfully completes its first ride on 1st July, it cannot upgrade to endurance status until after 28th September and may only enter four rides during this period. There is no limit on the time it takes to reach endurance status. Your horse can be a novice for as many months (or years) as you like.

When your horse has successfully completed 240 kms of affiliated endurance (not training) rides, it can be upgraded from novice (blue log book) to endurance (yellow log book) status.

Ensure the brands are clear. If not, have the horse re-branded or microchipped (Refer to rule H5.2(a) - (b)) and H5.3).

Have a vet complete the horse identification form (written description and diagrams) and sign it. Identification and microchipping can be done at most rides, but it is advisable to check with the ride secretary beforehand.

Complete the logbook application form and attach I.D. form, novice horse logbook and the appropriate fee.

Please allow 10 working days from date of posting for return.

It is essential to retain a copy of the I.D. form and perhaps have it laminated for the future.

PLEASE NOTE An Endurance Horse Logbook will not be issued unless a signed Veterinary Identification Form **is** enclosed with the application. The I.D. in the novice log book is NOT acceptable.

If there is anything that you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to phone me.

Jacky Barlow,

NSW Endurance Riders Association

(02) 4938 0081

109 Sandy Creek Rd Mt Vincent 2323



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

Application for Registration of a Current Endurance Horse

Horse registration fees for 2016. Lifetime registration fee is \$60, payable when the horse qualifies from Novice to Endurance horse, or a yearly fee of \$25 per horse per year. This should be paid with your membership renewal for 2016. Any endurance horses not registered in 2016 will not be allowed to compete. A label will be placed inside back cover of the Logbook. To apply for your labels, please complete the following details and forward with your payment to:

THE REGISTRAR, .109 Sandy Creek Rd Mt Vincent 2323

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Membership Number: _____

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Annual Fee (\$60 lifetime or \$25 per year)

To assist in maintaining our records, please advise of any horse that has a yellow Logbook that is no longer competing for any reason.

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

Applicant name:		
Postal address:		Postcode:
Email address:		Telephone:

I wish to apply for akm scroll for the horse listed below, I have enclosed the appropriate fee (if applicable)

Horse Details

Name of Horse:	
Other horse names that may have been used:	
Log Book No:	Sex: S M G (please circle)
Date of Birth:	Breed:
Breed Registration No:	
Sire:	
Dam:	
Breeder:	
Owner:	

Scrolls are available as follows:

300km	\$10.00 each. Available to any horse that has successfully completed 300km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in <u>ONE</u> riding division or has successfully completed the Quilty in under 15 hours.
800km	\$10.00 each. Available to any horse that has successfully completed 800km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in <u>ONE</u> riding division.
1600km	Free on behalf of AERA In recognition of any horse successfully completing 1600km irrespective of riding division.
3000km	Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA. In recognition of any horse successfully completing 3000km irrespective of riding division.
5000km	Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA. In recognition of any horse successfully completing 5000km irrespective of riding division.

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc). Send your completed forms (plus any applicable fee) to the AERA Registrar:

Jo Bailey
207 Laytons Range Road
NYMBOIDA NSW 2460

Email: baileyjo68@gmail.com

Phone: (02) 6647 7161 ah

Requests for Scrolls 3,000km and above to be presented at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Victoria must be received by no later than 31st July 2016.

Notes:

- (1) Unaffiliated and training rides are **NOT** counted.
- (2) Unsuccessful rides (vet outs, withdrawals etc) are **NOT** counted.



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR LIFETIME RIDER DISTANCE SCROLL

The AERA is pleased to announce a Lifetime Distance recognition award for riders who achieve significant distances during their endurance careers. The awards will be presented annually as part of the AERA annual awards presented at each Tom Quilty.

The first level of recognition shall be 10,000kms with subsequent recognition at 5,000km intervals.

APPLICANTS DETAILS

Name:			
Membership No:		Telephone:	
Postal Address:			
Email Address:			

DETAILS OF RIDER INFORMATION

Riders Full Name:			
Previous name e.g. Maiden name			
Current Membership No:		Previous Membership No:	
DOB: / /	SEX:	Male	Female
First year of competition:			

DISTANCE APPLYING FOR:

10,000km	15,000km	20,000km	25,000km	30,000km	35,000km
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NOTES FOR REGISTRAR (IF REQUIRED):

Jo Bailey
207 Laytons Range Road
NYMBOIDA NSW 2460

Email: baileyjo68@gmail.com

Phone: (02) 6647 7161 ah

Requests for Scrolls 3,000km and above to be presented at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Victoria must be received by no later than 31st July 2016.

Notes:

- (1) Unaffiliated, introductory, training rides and mini marathons are **NOT** counted.
- (2) Unsuccessful rides (vet outs, withdrawals etc) are **NOT** counted.

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Shahzada

TPR Notice

All TPR's are now accredited for life, regardless of when you qualified. All the known TPR's are being put on the NSWERA website (Horse Welfare, TPR) and AERASpace. If you are qualified and you go to a ride to TPR and you are not on the list, the CS at that ride will check your abilities and knowledge of the current rules and will re-accredit you on the spot. Your name is then added to this list. If you are not on this list, then please contact Belinda Hopley.

NSW Committee

Register of Chief Stewards

1/4/19 Chief Steward Register:

Peter Bonham – “Clancy” Tooraweenah, NSW 2831. 6825 4330 – clancytoor@ipstar.com

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Louise Counsell – Lot 190 Princes H'Way, Bendandah, NSW 2536. 4478 6288—louisec@live.com.au

Haydn Fisher – 74 Walsh Rd, Budgee Budgee, NSW 2850. 0428 324 449 - haydqail@outlook.com

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John Howe – Glen Echo, Greengully Road, Meroo, NSW 2850. 6373 7750—greengully2005@yahoo.com.au

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Renee Kirk - 266 Westbrook Rd, Westbrook, NSW. 2330 0419 467 162 jrkendurance@yahoo.com

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Tom McCormack – 273 Yass River Road, Yass, NSW 2582. 0409 948 639- admin@selxnsw.com.au

Sean Pollard - 730 Beechwood Rd, Beechwood, 2446. 0439 905 942 - seanpollard@v7mail.com

Tony Warren – 13 Herbert St, Kemps Ck, NSW 2178. 0412 960 600 -warrenparkarabs@gmail.com

Inactive Chief Stewards (need to do a ride with a Chief Steward)-

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Gary Tweedie – 11 Fairfax Road, Woollamia, NSW 2540 – 0413 297 505 tweedie11@bigpond.com

Courses: Please contact the NSWERA CS/TPR Registrar if you wish to start the process to be a Chief Steward.

Please ensure that all the Veterinarians and TPR's (and yourself) are entered on the Volunteers list for insurance purposes and the CS Ride report. If the TPR is a current Associate Member, please explain to them that they are entitled to free Associate Membership as a working TPR and may apply for a refund if a membership fee has been paid.

NSWERA gives our Chief Stewards their own CS vest when they have Chief Stewarded at 15 rides, and the TPR's receive their own vest, stethoscope and thermometer when they have completed 20 days as an accredited TPR.

NSW Veterinary List—As at April 2016

Name	Address	Email	Phone
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