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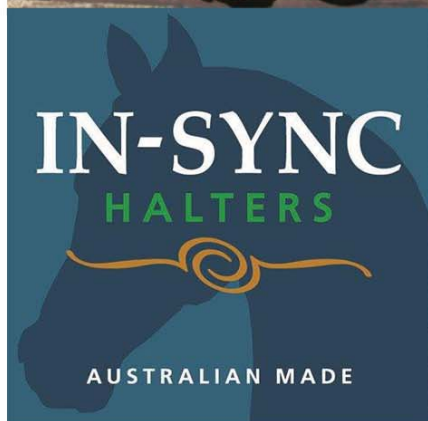
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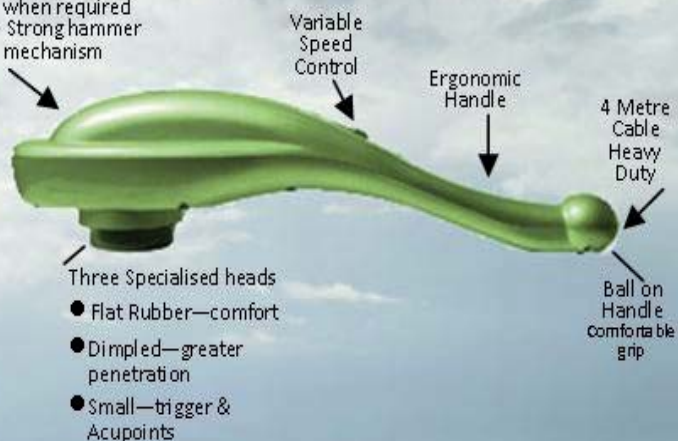
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We are well into the 2015 endurance season with lots of pre ride notices in this issue.

You will find articles by some of our top riders, a synopsis of the Annual General Meeting together with lots of photos from the 2014 riding year.

As the Quilty is in NSW this year, no doubt lots of riders will have their sights set on achieving the Big Three. The Tom Quilty in June followed by Shahzada in August and then the State Ride in October! All very achievable! Good luck everyone.

On the cover this issue we have Robert Catlin and his horse Copperkahn. Robert really cleaned up in 2014 collecting his awards at the AGM. Robert was Heavyweight Rider Points; Heavyweight Horse points; Heavyweight Horse distance; Heavyweight One Horse One Rider and Second Heavyweight Rider Distance. Magnificent achievement for anyone let alone a heavyweight rider.

Once again you are invited to contribute articles and photos for the newsletter. If you don't send it in, we can't publish it!

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Editor: Helen Rich





# President's Report

NSWERA is at a cross roads as we head in 2015. The sport is suffering from falling membership numbers and yet financially the association is in a solid position. The question has been asked what is the SMC doing to address this issue, but I would also ask every member what you are doing to help.

The NSW SMC have been discussing and have established a number of new initiatives to foster membership growth. A sub committee was formed in mid-2014 to tackle this issue and a number of great ideas have come from that.

- A ride organisers forum, held at the AGM, to get input and ideas from the members.
- A joint partnership with Pony Clubs NSW, a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being developed.
- An invitation to run an endurance demonstration event at the NSW & National Inter schools events to be held at CIEC in 2015.
- Attendance at Small Farms Expos and AG Field days throughout the year.
- Finance introductory events in each zone that are free to enter.
- Budget \$15,000.00 for promotion and advertising in the wider horse community.
- Print advertising and promotional material such as NSWERA stickers and welcome packs to handed out at public events.
- Develop a new website and increase exposure through Facebook.
- Develop a Mentors list to offer help and advice to people new to the sport



In order to make these initiatives successful the SMC needs the help and support of the members so I urge everyone to get involved, even a day or two a year will make a world of difference.

Put your hand up to help at the local level working at an introductory day, offer to go to the local pony club and give a talk on what a great sport Endurance is, put your name on the "mentors" list in your area, every little bit helps.

Greg Moore  
President NSWERA

## 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 are invited to attend.

### **Next meeting:**

27 March 2015  
8 May 2015  
19 June 2015  
31 July 2015  
11 September 2015  
16 October 2015  
27 November 2015

## NSW ERA Fees for 2015

Base membership fee	\$100.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$205.00
 Family Membership 2 adults + children under 17	 \$220.00
 <u>Adult riding post August 1st</u>	
Base membership fee	\$80.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$185.00
 <u>Junior riding</u>	
Base membership fee	\$80.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$125.00
 <u>Junior riding post August 1st</u>	
Base membership fee	\$60.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$105.00
 <u>Intermediate - Adult</u>	
Base membership	\$50.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$155.00
 <u>Intermediate - Junior</u>	
Base membership	\$50.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00
	\$95.00
 <b><u>Member Services (inc GST)</u></b>	
Endurance Horse Rego - Lifetime	\$60.00
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 <b><u>Ride Affiliation Fees (inc GST)</u></b>	
Endurance rides	\$30.00
Training rides	\$15.00
Introductory rides	\$10.00
Liability - Day Member - Training ride	\$10.00
Liability - Day Member - Intro ride	\$5.00

# Zone One AGM

The Zone One AGM and presentation evening was held on a warm Saturday evening on 17 January at the home of Peter Brown and Stephanie Grolimund.

The committee for 2015 is as follows:

**President:** Greg Moore

**Vice President and Zone Delegate:** Charlie Gauci

**Treasurer:** Stephanie Grolimund

**Secretary:** Elaine Kirby

**Committee Members** for 2015 are:

Ian Dreghorn

Geraldine Stuart

Faith Robinson

Emily Streckfuss

Jo Arblaster - publicity & pics

Helen Rich

Bronwyn Monahan



The Zone One awards were for one horse one rider—distance. First awarded in each division.

Heavyweight - John Howe

Middleweight - Tayla Warren

Lightweight - April Newman

Junior - Georgia Curry

Other Awards given were for the Family Achievement Award and this went to the Bice family.

The Limited Distance Award went to three riders. Elaine Kirby, Faith Robinson and Ian Dreghorn.

Photos: Animal Focus







#### Zone One AGM

Above Left: Georgia Curry receiving her award for the Junior division

Above Right: The Bice Family received a special award. Photo: Animal Focus



Revellers relaxing at the Zone One AGM and presentation evening. Photos: Greg Moore



## NOTICE

A TPR school is coming to Zone 2

Belinda Hopley is kindly going to come to Bendemeer on the 11th of July 2015 and run a TPR school along with the Bendemeer ride on the 11th and 12th July 2015.

This is your chance to be a real help in the sport.

Please call Tracey Hopley on 02 67640179 or

email; [dhopley073@gmail.com](mailto:dhopley073@gmail.com)

or

call; Belinda Hopley on 02 62382293

and leave a message to pre-book for TPR school before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

We will give you morning tea look forward seeing you all there.

Tracey Hopley

Bendemeer club

## Notice

Trevor Knight is in the process of putting together a promotional film for the 50th Tom Quilty Ride in 2015. If anybody has old photos or film of past Tom Quilty rides and Shahzada rides, Trevor would be grateful if you could send copies to him in digital format.

**Address: Trevor Knight, PO Box 179, Bulahdelah NSW 2423.**

**If you need to contact Trevor his email address is:**

**[info@trevorknightcom](mailto:info@trevorknightcom)**



## Top 10 + Riders for 2014—in all categories



IMG 2510 Scott Peters HWT  
IMG 9059 Thomas Hermann HWT







IMG 2209 Clare Feary MWT  
IMG 2368 Tayla Warren MWT





## More Top 10 Riders for 2014



IMG 1305 April Newman LTW

IMG 3721 Allix Jones LWT

IMG 2709 Roz Ryan and husband Phil (LWT)





## More Top 10 2014 riders

IMG 2226 Victoria Bice JNR



IIMG 7298 Josephine Jansen JNR





**Ruth Van der Wegen MWT**



Above: Right  
 IMG 9410 Sarah Lymbery JNR  
 IMG 9497 Georgia Curry JNR  
 IMG 9588 Jenny Berg MWT  
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 IMG 9824 Jason Duff HWT  
 IMG 2417 Sue Todd LWT  
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*Williams Valley- March 14 & 15 2015*

*5k, 10k, 20k, 40k & 80k Endurance Rides*

*For More  
Information:*  
williamsvalleyendurance.com.au  
or  
Brad - 0400 314 629  
brad\_dillon@bigpond.com

With distances to suit everyone the Williams Valley Endurance Ride provides a great way for everyone to start their Endurance year! With undulating tracks that vary from grassy paddocks to fire trails to dirt roads, this ride has something for everyone - whether it be a novice horse and rider or a lead up ride to the 50th Tom Quilty Gold Cup.

The ride base is the same as always at 102 Pinebrush Rd Glen William 2321. Canteen will operate Saturday and Sunday with a dinner provided on Saturday night. Camping is available from Friday through to Monday.

Please visit our website for more info and to pre-nominate:

[www.williamsvalleyendurance.com.au](http://www.williamsvalleyendurance.com.au)

### **Saturday 14th March**

7k Ride and Tie  
5k & 10k Intro Rides  
Vetting from Midday

### **Sunday 15th March**

9am - 20k Intro Ride  
6am - 40k Ride  
5am - 80k Ride



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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## **Bumbaldry—22 March 2015**

BUMBALDRY Endurance Ride ~ NEW Distances added.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 is set to be the date for the Bumbaldry 80/40/20km Endurance ride. (LERC)

AND now adding to the program we are running 40, 20, 10, 5km distances on the Saturday.

Come and join us for a weekend of riding in the beautiful hills of Bumbaldry. With the course travelling over quiet dirt roads and sandy trails, through open paddocks and shady bushland, through some rocky picturesque country; arriving back at a spacious tranquil ride base.

We are designing the course with novice horses in mind, however it will not be an easy course by any stretch. It will be its usual thinking type course, with the country around here rising slightly or falling slightly as a norm. There will also be a few decent hills to climb or come down, but there will also be ample resting time in between. Our whole ride structure will be changed but many of the same tracks will be included. This is all due to our fantastic new ride base.

There will be portable toilets on site, but no showers. There is an amazing dam on the property, which is very pretty, surrounded by trees.

Any children swimming **MUST** be supervised. Being March we know that it will be far too tempting not to jump in so please be aware there will be rules for accessing the dam, for personal safety etc.

We have in the past designed Bumbaldry as an old style bush ride, emphasising the fun to be had. there will be goat tracks you need to tuck your knees in for; there will be get off and lead tracks; there will be many creek crossings and dams available and of course many drop bears or quirky signs along the way to keep you smiling.

The country of Bumbaldry can go from beautiful and sandy to rocky and rough underfoot in a heartbeat. Riders need to ride to the conditions and be aware of same.

Our rides rely heavily on volunteers and we are forever grateful to them for donating their time to come and help. Please remember to thank them for being there for you!!

Sponsorship opportunities are available and required. If you or your business would like to sponsor any of our LERC rides then please contact a committee member. Sincere thanks in advance.

On behalf of LERC, please come along and enjoy yourself.

Tina Walker - Publicity LERC.





# Homewood Memorial

## Easter Carnival.

3/4/5th April

Kiarrak Endurance Riders Club would like to invite you to the 2015 Easter Carnival offering a ride to suit everyone.

For those wanting to qualify for the 50th anniversary Tom Quilty, we are offering a very easy 160 km ride, starting at midnight on Friday night.

We have a mini marathon ( 3 x 40km), starting on Friday 3rd April at mid-day. 6am on the Saturday and 6am on the Sunday.

We also have 20/40/80km rides on the Saturday and 20/40/80 on the Sunday.

### **Track description.**

The track is flat to undulating through State Forests. NO TAR at all and no gut busting hills!!

It has a great mix of open dirt roads , bridle tracks and fire trails.

A great track for your first 100 miler or for those novice horses getting around their first 80km ride.

### **Location.**

1378 Comboyne Road, Killabakh, via Wingham.

The ride base is a beautiful property conveniently located 13km from Wingham with all the facilities including shopping centre, petrol stations, bottle shop and produce stores.

What a great lead up to the 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty.

### **Time table.**

Vetting for the 120km mini marathon will start on Friday from 8am

Vetting for the 160km ride will also be on Friday from 8am with priority given to the mini marathon riders.

Vetting for the Saturday 20/40/80km rides will be held from 1pm onwards.

Vetting for the Sunday 20/40/80km rides will be held on Saturday with priority given to rides currently running.

BC for the 160km ride will be held Sunday morning at 7am

Presentation for ALL rides will be held Sunday afternoon.

Canteen will be operating all weekend.

Camping is open from Thursday morning through to Monday

We look forward to seeing you all there.

# Gundagai

25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ride

Easter Weekend - 4 and 5 April 2015

We have changed ride dates for this year to allow Harden to run a 160km ride over the Anzac weekend. Harden ride will be a good lead up to the TQ15 which is to run over the long weekend in June. It will also be the last opportunity to qualify for the TQ15.

The Gundagai track is the same as last year and will run mainly over grazing land.

There will be a canteen operating all weekend with Saturday night meals to be pre booked.

We will be running an 80km ride with a 40k trainer.

Entry fees for the 80km will be \$95. The 40k trainer will be \$50.

Vetting on Saturday will be between 1pm and 5pm.

Pre nominations are recommended. When you nominate please indicate if you want dinner on the Saturday.

**All entries and enquires to Rick Owen. Please ring (02) 6944 1628.**

Your State Management Committee for 2015. L to R: Deanna Trevina, Jacque Wright, Alamdar Dastani, Roy Barsby, John Howe, Greg Moore, Haydn Fisher, Tony Warren, Gertraud Norton and Charlie Gauci. Photo: Fiona Meller





# Harden Endurance

25 to 27 April 2015

160k, 120k, 80k, 40k, 20k

Against all psychiatric advice the H.M.E.R.C committee has decided to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire in a massive way by running a 120k elevator to 160k, 80k, 40k and social rides on the Anzac weekend, 25th, 26th and 27th April 2015, which is six weeks to the 50th anniversary of the 'TOM QUILTY' at its original home Sydney NSW.

Program is as follows:

Sat 25th	MIDDAY	Office opens
	1 pm	Pre ride vetting
	5pm	Pre ride vetting closes
	6pm	Pre ride talk

Completion of pre ride talk then Dinner

MIDNIGHT Start of 120k elevator 160km

Sun 26th	6am	80km start
	8am	40km start
	10am	social ride starts
	4pm	Course closes 80km
	5pm	Presentation 80km
	MIDNIGHT	Course closes 160km

Mon 27th	8am	Fittest horse workout 160km
	9.30am	Presentation 160km

H.M.E.R.C would like to thank "LITTLEBANKS ARABIANS" for their generous donation of a service to either of their stallions "LITTLEBANKS TROUBADOUR" or "LITTLEBANKS CRYSTAL WINGS". This donation of a free service is for the registered owner of the first successful registered purebred Arab mare in the 160km. and also for the registered owner of the last successful registered purebred Arab mare in the 160km.

We have moved our ride base back out to the "Newington" Woolshed but don't despair we have booked portable showers and Loos.

The 160km will be run over 5 legs with V.G.I.H.

## DIRECTIONS TO RIDE BASE

From **SYDNEY**

Take the third right hand turn past YASS truck stop— To YOUNG-TEMORA-GRIFFITH-HARDEN.

Go straight through HARDEN and head 10kms towards COOTAMUNDRA—Turn left into "Newington Road" and go 1.5 KM to the ride base.

From **JUGIONG**

Take left turn off Jugiong Road onto Burley Griffin Way and follow for 10kms to "Newington Road.

From **WAGGA WAGGA**

Go through COOTAMUNDRA then turn right at Wallendbeen on to Burley Griffin Way, follow for approx 10kmks then turn right into Newington Road.

From **BATHURST-COWRA-YOUNG**

Go pass the Wombat turn off and continue to Wallendbeen. Turn left at the round about into Burley Griffin Way follow for 10kms. Turn right into NEWINGTON ROAD.

(Continued on page 18)

Our Head Vet has been confirmed (Robyn Mather). Robyn has asked if your horse has been vaccinated against Hendra could she please see your current Vaccination document.

Danielle Justice will be treatment vet.

On a lighter note could you please pre nominate so we do not leave organizing the number of vets to the last minute.

Please feel free to contact me, Gordon Smith, regarding any concerns or queries you may have about the ride on 0432 605 928. You could also contact Kate Smith on 0459 412 133.

We are all looking forward to having a very successful ride. Thank you.

Our email address is: hardenendurance @outlook.com

Want to try  
**ENDURANCE**  
Riding?



Photos by Animal Focus

The Zone One Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the Q60 on May 3, 2015 and the St Albans Endurance and Training rides on July 5, 2015 in the beautiful McDonald Valley at Camp Wollemi, so put those dates in your diary.

Ride base at Ararat Lodge, Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo.

Pre-nominations would be appreciated in order to arrange for enough vets on the day as well as allowing the canteen to provide food for for you all.

Camping overnight is \$5 per person and will be collected when you enter.

Please contact Greg Moore

Phone: 0419 692 070 Email: gmoore1101@yahoo.com.au  
For more information on Endurance riding go to [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)



# Q60 2015

The 100 km Q60 will be held on May 3, 2015  
providing an opportunity for great training on tracks  
similar to those to be used at the 50<sup>th</sup> Tom Quilty

At the new ride base Ararat Lodge, Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo.

**Excellent Access for all size vehicles**

On Sunday May 4, there will be a 20km social ride, a 40km training ride and the 80/100km elevator Q60 ride.

The ride base at Ararat Lodge on Upper Colo Road has fantastic facilities including the Lodge with open fires and a dining room where dinner will be served by the Upper Colo RFS on Saturday night. There are also a number of en suite rooms available for rent on Saturday night for those looking for more creature comforts. The ride base is below the lodge and is suitable for all size rigs and will be sign-posted from the Putty Road. It is located approximately 10kms from the Putty Road on the left hand side.

Much of the course will run through the beautiful Wollemi National Park with thanks to the full support of the National Parks & Wildlife Service of NSW.

The three leg 100km Q60 course is made up of the following distances – 40km, 40km & 20km - and will be an excellent training event for the Quilty to be held over similar tracks one month later. There will be plenty of water available on course and at base. Excellent track marking, with 10km markers, lots of arrows and comfort tape will ensure nobody gets lost.

The 40km Training Ride is ideal for fit, young and/or novice horses and will be the same track as the 2nd leg of the 100km.

The 20km Social ride will be the 3rd leg of the 100km ride. This course is flat and easy going - perfect for anyone wanting to try their hand at Endurance riding.

The office will open at 1.00 pm and pre ride vetting will be from 2pm until 5pm on Saturday for the Q60 and 40km training ride and from 7am Sunday morning for the Social ride.

Pre-ride talk will be at 6.30 pm in the Lodge. The Q60 will start at 5am Sunday, the 40km training Ride will start at 7.00am and the 20km Social Ride will start at 8.30am.

## **Ride Fees:**

100Km Q60 Elevator \$120.00

40Km Training Ride - \$60 for Members add \$10 for Non-Member NSWERA Day

20 km Social Ride - \$30 for Members add \$5 for Non-members NSWERA Day Membership

A camping fee of \$5 per person is payable at the time of entry. Dogs are allowed, but please remember to keep them on a leash at all times.

**Please pre-nominate at the NSWERA website [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)**

The wonderful volunteers from the Upper Colo Fire Brigade will also be providing the canteen goodies on both days as well as dinner on Saturday night. Bookings are essential so please confirm if you would like dinner when you pre-nominate.

For further information about the ride please contact Greg Moore on (02)4573 2357 or 0419 692 070b or alternatively email [gregoryamoore@hotmail.com](mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com)

**On behalf of the Zone One Committee we look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Q60. Quilty riders can enjoy last minute training on similar tracks to be used at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Tom Quilty at Del Rio, June 5 – 7, 2015**



# **Tenterfield Endurance Ride**



**2nd & 3rd May 2015**

**Dual Affiliated with NSW**

Rides: 40/80 - 100k elevator  
More info: [qldendurance.asn.au](http://qldendurance.asn.au)



# Mudgee

16th/17th May 2015

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are back at our old ride base at Cooyal Hall, Wollar Rd, Cooyal, 25 klms north of Mudgee.

Camping is available at the hall from midday Friday, and the property across the road will be available from Saturday morning where there will be extra portaloos. This is also where the ride will muster for the start.

The canteen will be open from midday Saturday until late Sunday. The Progress Association will provide the usual delicious 2 course dinner on Saturday with a choice of mains and desserts plus tea/coffee for \$20.

Pre nominations are appreciated by p.m. on Monday 4th May as we may need extra vets. To assist with catering it would be helpful to indicate if you would like dinner at the time of nomination.

## **Program :**

**Saturday**            20 km Social Ride starts 1 p.m. with 3 hours riding time.

Pre- ride vetting from 11 am Saturday (Social Riders ONLY).

**Sunday**            80 km Main Ride Starts 6 am with 9 Hours riding time, cut-off 4 p.m.

40 km Trainer Starts 7am with 5 hours riding time, cut-off Midday.

**Pre ride vetting for both rides from 1 p.m. Saturday.**

## **Ride Fees:**

80 km Senior \$100, Juniors \$70

40 km \$55 plus Day membership of \$10 if not an ERA member

20 km \$30 plus Day membership of \$5 if not an ERA member

The course has been altered slightly as we are now back at the old ride base. It is still the same enjoyable scenic riding with NO big hills.

The Cooyal & Moolarben Bush fire Brigades will be on the checkpoints and supplying water as usual.

The prize list is headed by the popular "Ray Gooley Memorial Trophy", there are rugs for Fittest Horse in all four divisions and awards for successful completers in every event.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our very old ride, only 6 years younger than The Quilty. We wish you all every success at the TQ50 ride in June.

Enquiries and bookings to

Mette Sutton 0400 308 626 or [mette.sutton@bigpond.com](mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com)

**PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES.**

# 2015 WINGELLO FOREST RIDE

## Wingello State Forest, Wingello

5km : 10km : 20km : 40-60km : 80km

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The Wingello Forest Ride Committee and Cherished Volunteers are well into planning our 7<sup>th</sup> annual event at Wingello. After the fabulous turnout over the last two years, we are repeating the newcomer format with a focus on fun and celebration doing the sport we love.

Introductory Rides of 5km, 10km and 20km will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon, and an elevator 40-60km training ride and 80km endurance ride will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, from 7am.

Dave Newman (our rock and roll singer) is all primed for his regular evening gig at the central campfire, and there will be a variety of catering options.

All ride distances are daylight start. The course follows forestry roads and tracks, taking you alternately through tall mature pine forests, natural bush, ferny gullies, and through green rolling farmland. Short sections of the 40km and 80km rides are on dirt Council roads.

A full program of events, with entry forms, course descriptions, local area information, sponsor details *etc* is available on our website [www.highlandsendurance.com](http://www.highlandsendurance.com). You can also stay up to date with ride details, track and weather conditions and sponsors through our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride](http://www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride)

L to R - Harrison Berg, Sarah Lymbery, Stuart Lymbery in the 80km ride.  
Photo Animal Focus





Vetting is standard AERA with optional early present. Head Vet is Karim Kooros.

The ride base is the same as last year – a large rolling grassy paddock. We will be providing toilets and horse water. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept chained or on a leash at all times.

Entry fees: 80km: \$110 (Jnr \$85); 40-60km: \$65; All Introductory rides: \$45;

Teams: \$20 per 4 person team

Wingello village is located just 7km off the Hume Highway by sealed road, approximately 1 hour south of Campbelltown, and ½ hour north of Goulburn.

The ride base is adjacent to the Wingello State Forest, approximately 3.5km by well formed dirt/gravel road from the village of Wingello.

Directions to the base will be signposted from the Hume Highway.

Southern Highlands Endurance Ride Inc

All enquiries should be directed to:

Ride Secretary:

Bec Hogan, 0412 600 173

[bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au](mailto:bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au)

PO Box 5070 Wingello NSW 2579

IMG 2041 - Rhiannon Moore riding Josie at the Wingello Ride in 2014.  
Photo: Animal Focus





## Wingello 2014



IMG 2127 - Eliza Barnes riding Flinch and Don Turner riding Basil.  
IMG 2198 - Matilda Walker riding Barina Gidget.  
Photos by Animal Focus







IMG 2049 - Sequoia Haberle riding Madison Park Pyres and Terese Haberle riding Amaretto.  
Social riders at the Wingello 2014 ride.  
Photo: Animal Focus



## **TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2015**

### **DEL RIO RESORT VIA WISEMANS FERRY**

### **ON 5-7 JUNE 2015**

**Australia's premier event, the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 160kms will be held at the lovely Del Rio Resort on the Hawkesbury River only a stone's throw from the very scenic village of Wisemans Ferry.**

In 2015 the Tom Quilty will be celebrating the culmination of 50 years of endurance in Australia as we know it and we expect our Quilty will be the biggest endurance event ever held in Australia! Gauging from the interest we have had to date including a very successful NSW State championships over the proposed course in June of 2014, we will be catering to a 'full house'!

This premier event is being hosted by NSWERA, and we ask that you all embrace and assist where you can to showcase our sport in the most professional manner imaginable.

We will be welcoming many overseas guests with lease horses giving the Quilty a truly international flavour. To date we have received nominations from riders from the USA (our biggest supporters!); from New Zealand; 1 from the UK; 2 from South Africa; 1 from the UAE (although we are expecting more).

The Heritage (Celebratory) Committee is working hard to entertain the masses with a week full of memories of past Quilties including a Static Display of photographs, saddles, trophies, buckles and past press releases etc. If you have anything to contribute please contact Meg Wade [desertendurance@harboursat.com.au](mailto:desertendurance@harboursat.com.au) or Barb McDonald [barbt78@bigpond.com](mailto:barbt78@bigpond.com). There will also be a Trivia night to capture the sense of fun our sport has given us over the years. This group is also compiling a 'Coffee Table Book' full of Quilty memorabilia from 50 years of tradition and anyone wanting to contribute photos can contact Louise McCormack on 02 62265626.

***Nomination/Campsite forms:*** Were released on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 and made available on both the Webpage [www.tomquilty15.com](http://www.tomquilty15.com) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/TomQuiltyGoldCupTQ15](http://www.facebook.com/TomQuiltyGoldCupTQ15).



Unprecedented interest has been displayed for our event, to date we have a total of 450 entries, so naturally some of these have been put on a waiting list and roughly 30 are yet to qualify. We anticipate we will field somewhere between 350-380 horses once natural attrition of the rigours of early rides takes place and horses sold on.

To ensure that EVERY CAMP SITE is filled (our budget requires this to break even) we have set in place PROCEDURE for entries which will be strictly adhered to.

Nominations can still be forwarded to Helen Lindsay at PO Box 440 Cowra 2794 with your cheque or emailed to [kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com](mailto:kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com) as the banking details are included on the form, ***please put your name as the reference.***

All entries after the **10<sup>th</sup> January** will be **refunded** if you **do not get a start** due to a full field of 400. We ask riders who have pre-nominated early and find that their horse is no longer able to start for any reason, that you inform the RIDE SECRETARY **IMMEDIATELY**, so that your campsite, hence entry can be filled by a rider on the 'WAITING LIST'.

Those Riders who have entered and are yet to qualify, will have until the 27<sup>th</sup> April, (two days after the last qualifying ride of 160kms) to pass this information on in order to finalise your entry.

**ONCE HORSES reach the base camp, there will be NO REFUNDS under any circumstances. If you feel you may need a reserve horse, that horse is to be camped in any of the local agistment properties which will be on our website.**

**ALL CAMPING FEES ARE TO BE PAID DIRECT TO DEL RIO ONCE THEY CONTACT YOU (AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NOMINATION/CAMPING FORM.) PLEASE do not pay them direct without first sending the Secretary your campsite forms and it being assessed.**

**Ride Base:** Del Rio is an excellent Ride Base with a multitude of great amenities and scenically located on the banks of the Hawkesbury River ...so we pray for a flood free year! You can check this facility out at [www.delrioresort.com.au](http://www.delrioresort.com.au) Cabins are now all **booked out** but you can leave your name on a 'waiting list' by calling Del Rio on (02) 4566 4330 in case of cancellations. + there is still accommodation in Wisemans Ferry.



**\*\* STRICTLY NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED  
AT DEL RIO AS A DIRECTIVE OF THE  
PARK**

On arrival **from TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, the well experienced CHENEY FAMILY & FRIENDS will be there to welcome you and accompany you to your nominated camp site

There are many hot showers and toilets available and there is a coin operated laundry available for those staying a little longer. We may be able to provide details of nearby agistment options for before the ride base opens and this will be on our website.

Base will open on **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**, strictly not beforehand. A list of 'things to do' locally will be available on the website soon. Also available will be a list of local service stations that are 'gooseneck' and large horse truck friendly, and a list of dog kennels for those that need something for their best friends as dogs are unable to visit Del Rio.

**Volunteers** are sought now - anyone who can help please contact Rebecca Hogan on 0412 600 173 or email [bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au](mailto:bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au) so you can be emailed the current roster to choose what jobs and time shifts suit.

**Sponsorship** packages are filling quickly and we appreciate all of those sponsors who have come on board to date as it will make our job so much easier to bring you a premier event! There are more than are listed below that have not sent their 'contract' back to Bec with all of the important info to share your efforts to media outlets, so please get them rolling.

**Silver Sponsors:** OSO Arabians, IRT (International Racehorse Transport), Lachlan Endurance Riders Club, NSWERA Inc., and Equine International Airfreight. There are only two silver sponsorships still available – the Checkpoint Package and the Best Conditioned Horse package. These come with great benefits – worth a look!

**Bronze Sponsors** are: Reozone, Almazaan Stud, Kilkivan Endurance Riders, Kohnke's Own, Sydney Equestrian Supplies, Snowy Zone, Dixon Smith Equestrian, Kael Park Spanish Arabians and Wickwood Arabians. There are still some great packages available in Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior – get in quick!



**Buckle Sponsors** Kintamani Arabians; Janmark Arabians; Specialized Saddles; Tracee Males; Wendy Hawkes, Hartley Saddlery, Tenterfield Endurance Club, Batemans Bay Endurance Club x 2, Wayne Johnson, Len Derkacz, Riverstone Frame and Truss and Steve Roberts;



Our amazing specially hand-made trophies are donated by Mackinder Endurance and very much appreciated for their individuality and prestige. Much personal pride goes into making these awards which reflects Alan's total dedication to all things Quilty. As a winner of the event in 1984 and this year's Heavyweight winner, Alan well knows the pride with which you endeavour to earn such trophies.

Alan will also be re-introducing a replica of the coveted Best Conditioned trophies which disappeared from the Quilty back in the 80's. Pictured on top of page on the original trophy table adorning a gold horse shoe!!

**Product Sponsorship** Provett Vet Hospital; Schuelein Saddles, Australia – saddle for TQ15 winner; Franco C Saddlery (Ben Liebenberg), South Africa has donated 2 saddles; CEVA Animal Health – 4 x product packs for BC; Paula Boer – set of 5 brumby books for youngest successful rider; Country Park Animal Herbs – bags of herbs for prizes; Shiranna Arabians and Shiranna Garlands – garland or sash for TQ15 winner; Bruce Ferguson & Susan Webb – rug for last successful completion; Saddlesafe – a saddlesafe to be donated to the Quilty winner and also 1<sup>st</sup> Junior; Coprice – 16 bags of feed for various winners. A special horse head trophy from Delrain Farm for first successful owner/rider combination completing their first Quilty!

**Trade Stall** spaces are filling up fast – bookings have been received from IRT (International Racehorse Transport), Paula Boer (author), Franco C Saddlery, Equine Miracle, Saddlesafe, Muddy Creek Rainwear, Rocktape Australia, D-Lua Park Pure Wool Saddlecloths, Edinburgh Rugs, Dixon Smith Equestrian, Kohnke's Own, Ranvet and Equine



International Airfreight.

**Our course** has been set by our wonderful team of Peter Bice, Ron Males and Neil Clarkson and will be a combination of old Quilty tracks, Hawkesbury valley and there are amazing views of the Macdonald Valley and the Webbs Creek Valley. The course has undergone several changes since the NSW State Champs to make it easier and flow better. It will be testing enough with a view to Quilty history however very achievable. The going is mostly sandstone which is not concussive but holds its own challenges. The course is NOW available on our website [www.tomquilty15.com](http://www.tomquilty15.com)

**AERA Presentation** will again be held on the Thursday evening in the big Marquee with some very special presentations to be made for the first time, being the All Time Distance Riders Roll of Honour Awards. Please contact Jo Bailey [jo@ipstarmail.com.au](mailto:jo@ipstarmail.com.au) if you are at a milestone as detailed on the AERA website: [www.aera.asn.au](http://www.aera.asn.au).

**Bus Tours:** Quilty legend Ron Males will be taking mini-bus tours over original 1966 course where it all began and these will be booked out early! It is planned to commence at Hawkesbury Racecourse where the first ride base welcomed those intrepid souls looking for adventure with their brave horses. Refreshments will be served at various 'checkpoints' along the way along with a fabulous commentary by Ron and wife Val who both rode in so many of these early rides, with Ron continuing on to win his 21<sup>st</sup> buckle only a few years ago. Bookings for this will open soon and advice on placings/cost etc. will appear on AussieEndurance and our TQ facebook page very soon.

**Entertainment:** Will be amazing! We have Trevor Knight giving his all to bring us the NEW Quilty song together with his original very popular version and much more, live at the midnight start and during Friday afternoon. The week will be peppered with short stunts by Trevor and others.

**Quilty Dinner Dance:** This year will be the PREMIER CELEBRATION party of the year! The culmination of a week's memorabilia, excitement and time to let your hair down and pay tribute to 50 years of this fantastic event. This will be held in the Marquee featuring **Nuth'n 2 Serious** a band which gave us such a great party at Canowindra Quilty back in 2003. They are very keen to entertain and one of our local endurance riders Paddy Smith will also give some impromptu sessions with his band during the breaks etc.

We are planning to have a fantastic spit-roast with steaming hot veggies for a winters night to follow the selections of platters beforehand and amazing desserts following. At this stage it is planned to have 7 or 8 serving stations to ease congestion and we ask that people purchasing tickets in **TABLES OF 8** before the event and pay for them in this manner so that you do not wander in and find you are seated without your friends. This will also allay the organisers' excessive work sorting you all out on the night and will assist us in making it as enjoyable as possible!

Tickets will be available for \$50 adults and \$30 children from the Secretary by filling in a form released on the chatline and facebook so if you have not already done so on the pre-nom form, get these to the Secretary asap.

**Celebrity rider:** We are honoured to have the very popular dual Silver Logie winner **Aaron Jeffrey** of McLeod's Daughters fame, amongst many of his fabulous roles (Underbelly Badness and Wild boys to name a few). Aaron is super excited to ride with you on one of the Quilty legs and with partner **Zoe Naylor** also of McLeod's Daughters, form an integral part of our weekend of entertainment.

**Catering:** Del Rio will be supplying all catering for riders and support crews and the TQ15 committee will supply catering for all of our treasured volunteers and officials. A cabin close to the vetting area will be set aside as a catering and rest area for our volunteers and officials. We will deliver to those volunteers unable to leave their posts.

**Communications** will be provided by WICEN via UHF radios. There will be an

Electronic Leader Board in the communal area for those wanting to track their riders and we plan to have Strapper calls from around 5kms out.

**Trade Stalls** are available for \$330 per 10 x 6m site with \$50 for power if required; and extra \$9 per 250MB if Wi-fi also required for eftpos

**Firewood and Horse Feed** will be available to be delivered on site at your cost, booking details are on the nomination form for the firewood and drums.

**Manure stations** will be a set of trailers at various intervals around the camp and manure/straw/shavings to be raked to the outside of your camp for collection at the conclusion of the event.

**Rubbish** is to be placed in large blue skips provided by Del Rio also at various sites.

**Biosecurity:** The TQ15 team will welcome all unvaccinated and vaccinated horses. It is still highly recommended that those in 'Hendra' affected areas, vaccinate to minimise the effect of a DPI lockdown. HORSE HEALTH DECLARATIONS ARE IMPERATIVE AND WILL BE COLLECTED AND CHECKED AT THE ENTRY TO THE RIDE BASE.

*Helen Lindsay, Secretary*

## TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2015

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## Doralmir Park Nicholas

Unfortunately I had to have my old endurance horse, Doralmir Park Nicholas euthanized just short of him turning 27 years of age. He had developed a quite progressive cancer up in the sheath and the only sign that things were not normal was when I noticed him swishing his tail too much, well before the flies were about, and the other horses were not swishing theirs.

I had our vet, Ian Birks, to check him out and he only thought he was fat and was surprised when he found the cancer.

It was hard to face up to the final 'good-bye' as he looked so good and would still canter across the paddock to me.

A nice honest horse he had successfully done 6,261 klm for me between 1996 and 2005.

May be I should always have horses with Nicholas in their name as Beau Nicholas successfully completed 5,667 kms between 1981 and 1995 for me and died just short of his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Bernice King**

**Membership No. 20126**



# Bendemeer Ride

Bendemeer Ride 11th and 12th July 2015

Bendemeer's ride is a NO frills ride at Bendemeer Showgrounds

## Saturday ride times

40km start time; 11.00am

20km start time; 11.30am

10km start time; 11.30am

Pre-talk for Saturday ride will be 15 mins before start of each ride under saddle.

## Sunday ride times

80km start time 7.00am

40km start time 7.30am

May change depending on the weather

## Pre Ride Talk

Pre ride talk for Sunday ride and presentation for Saturday ride will be about 6.00pm Saturday night just before tea

## Ride Fees

80km \$100

40km \$50

20km \$30

10km \$20

Plus \$10 day membership for 40km or \$5 day membership for the 20km and the 10km

Please remember to pre-nom through the NSW website or by emailing [dhopley073@gmail.com](mailto:dhopley073@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone again this year

## TPR School

There is going to be a TPR school happening on the 11th July if anyone one would like to do it email me on [dhopley073@gmail.com](mailto:dhopley073@gmail.com)

Anyone who is interested in helping either to TPR or general volunteering we would love to hear from you .This is a very small committee and we are relying on help to make this ride happen thank you

WE like riders to be able to enjoy and complete rides as we appreciate the time, effort and expense it takes just to get yourself and horse to a ride. We also welcome new riders to the sport and hope by making our ride inviting and friendly that everyone will give endurance riding a go .

Thank you

Tracey Hopley     Bendemeer club

## Welcome our new member

From the December meeting.

Carolán Morgan     109597     Senior



# SHAHZADA 2015



We are well into 2015 now and with everyone gripped with "Quilty Fever", start thinking about your plan for endurance riding for the whole year.

The 35th Shahzada will be held from Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th August in St Albans, north west of Sydney, NSW, and being 10 weeks out from the Quilty to be held in Del Rio, NSW, everyone from all over Australia has the opportunity to not only achieve a 50th Anniversary Quilty Buckle but a much coveted Shahzada Buckle and then, with the NSW State Championships to be held in the northern NSW, on the October Long Weekend - "The Big Three". This is awarded for three successful completions in the Quilty, Shahzada and NSW State Championships by the same horse and rider combination in the one year.

Here are some fantastic photos thanks to Jo Arblaster, Animal Focus, of Allix Jones on Al

Marah Gypsy Red (Allix is the only rider to be awarded three Big Three Awards with the other two awards being achieved with Shellal Cattle King Flyte), Jan Wade on Oakey Dokey, Stuart Lymbery on Garonne Park Walker, Julie Brooks on Aloha Byshara and Carol Major on Major Luke.....these last four horse and rider combinations hold two Big Three Awards....truly inspirational!!!!

As well as the ultimate test of 400km over five days, the Mini Marathon of 120km over three days will be held from Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. Both rides are held in St Albans with horses and riders camped all around the town. They venture out on each leg up and down the legendary tracks of the Macdonald Valley on both sides of the river. This year there is the promise of perfect Shahzada weather and lots of fun with heaps of social events and activities to keep everyone smiling throughout the week.





There will be many updates in the coming months to let you know what to expect during Shahzada and the lead up to it but for now, go to the Shahzada website [www.shahzadareresults.org](http://www.shahzadareresults.org) for all the stories of past rides to get you motivated. This is a very special event and if you don't do anything else in endurance, you have to ride Shahzada!!

There will be a 2015 Shahzada 400 Endurance Ride Facebook Event Page and group with lots of updates for "the ride of your life" as well as photos from past years.

Track clearing days will be announced on the Facebook page and the Aussie Endurance chat page in the near future and if you would like to help on these weekends or volunteer to help during Shahzada, please email Sue Todd on [suetodd@activ8.net.au](mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au)

More detailed information will be available on the website [www.shahzadareresults.org](http://www.shahzadareresults.org) soon. You will find entry forms and campsite request forms. You will also have the option to book your special ride number.

You can contact the Shahzada secretary, Sue Todd on [suetodd@activ8.net.au](mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au) or phone 0263 797218.



## Scott Peters – Top Ten NSW Pointscore .

Well 2014 started a bit rough and I wasn't even going to do a ride until a bloke called Mark (Jack) Johnson offered me a horse he had prepared for the Harden 160km. He said he understood if I wasn't a big enough person to handle such a big ride first up. That sort of comment was like waving a red rag at a bull.

Of course I know now, that was Jack's intention all along and that's where it all started.

The horse, Sharahd Narang, couldn't have been better prepared and we went on to win the Heavyweight division and then take out best conditioned. It was the first time I had won a ride and to win best conditioned was icing on the cake.

Well it was on from there, doing another 500km on another one of Jack's horses, Sharahd Lateefa, getting set to head over to WA for the Quilty. Unfortunately things didn't go to plan and we didn't get over there.

By this time I had my own mare, Castlebar Icon, in work. She's my little pocket rocket winning Kundabung line honours and BC for the heavyweight division - huge effort by the girl. We then backed up the following week to win HW at Currowan. Then along came a challenge called Stoodleigh Colonial Boy. He's a stunner, he did the mini at Shahzada for his first outing and passed with all A's. From that point I was up there for the National and NSW distance awards so I thought I'd give it a go.

Couldn't have done any of this without the support and love from my wife Angela and the kids, Hayden and Zoe. They have helped me every step of the way, thank you all. Jack for having the faith in me to letting me ride his horses and Renee Edwards for trusting me with her boy.

2015 is the first year my family have all registered as members and we hope to do plenty of rides this year and hopefully my first Quilty.

I just love this sport, the horses and all involved - thank you one and all.

Hope to see you all out on track in 2015. Cheers, Scott Peters



### Notice—NSW ERA

NSW ERA Management Committee  
NSW ERA Notice

**Rule H4.3: If a horse has been issued with a Logbook, that Logbook must be used when that horse is entered in an affiliated endurance or training ride.**

Any horses issued with a logbook are required to be entered in an affiliated training or endurance ride using this logbook. Forgetting of logbooks of (endurance) horses participating in training rides has led to a substantial increase in the workload of ride secretaries, because 'day' horses with pink cards have to be separately entered into the AERAspace database. In addition, this practice results in discrepancies between database ride records and logbook entries for a given horse and makes the checking for rest orders difficult or even impossible. For these reasons, repeated forgetting of logbooks can no longer be tolerated and may result in refusal of participation upon registration for a ride or disqualification and non-recognition of distance post ride.

**NSWERA State Management Committee**



**Synopsis of the minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc. held at ibis Styles Canberra Eaglehawk, Federal Highway, Canberra on Saturday, 7 February 2015, commencing at 12.30 pm.**

**Attendance**

**Present:** Greg Moore (Chairman), Gertraud Norton, Belinda Hopley, Haydn Fisher, John Howe, Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Tony Warren, Brad Dillon, Emily Streckfuss, Haydn Fisher, Simon Bain,

**Apologies:** Robin Gossip, Gay Bonham, Jeff Bonham, Karen Rhodes, Kylie Jonkers, Andrew Jonkers, Christen Proudfoot, Searle Johnson, Christie Wright, Dean Hodgkinson, Dianne Luker, Emma Broom.

**In attendance:** Sonya Ruprecht, Helen Rich (minutes), Gail Fisher, Lyn Dillon, Colleen Clancy, Ron Males, Val Males, Peter Bice, Neil Clarkson, Charles Gauci, Sue Todd, Sue Warren, Tayla Warren, Tony Warren, Carol Major, Ros Ryan, Phil Coleman, Steven Roberts, Linda Jonkers, Adeline Gibson, Fia Hasko-Stewart, Ian Curtis, Victoria Bice, Scott Peters, Alamdar Dastani, Thomas Hermann, Terry Wood, Tom McCormack, Louise McCormack, Jack Johnson, Jacque Wright, Fiona Meller, David Player, Noni Seagrim, Marisa Levitt, Michelle O'Leary, Allix Jones, Brad Jones, Andrew Kettlewell, Roz Edmunds

The number of proxies recorded was 40.

The Chairman welcomed members to the 2014 AGM. He asked that anyone speaking from the floor to state their name for the minutes record. We will be reports putting up on the screen. You should have all received your booklet which contains the reports. The Association is in a good financial position.

**Confirmation of Life Members**

- Ron and Val Males.
- Lyn and Adrian Bailey.
- Jeff and Gay Bonham.
- Searle Johnson.
- Kieron Power.

**MOVED THAT** Brad Dillon, Terry Woods Ron and Val Males, Lyn and Adrian Bailey, Searle Johnson, Jeff and Gay Bonham, Kieron Power be confirmed as honorary members of the NSW ERA

**Carried Unanimous**

Full Committee reports can be found in the AGM booklet that was sent out to members prior to the AGM.

**Gertraud Norton, Secretary & Public Officer**

Gertraud asked if there were any questions on her report. None were forthcoming at that point. She said we would like to get a permanent ride base and training centre as suggested to the Sport and Recreation. There is no money attached as idea.

It was mentioned in a P&R survey. Possibly nothing forthcoming but we will see.

She said she has looked at ride statistics with respect to details of ride distances. Members were directed to the overhead screen where the statistics were displayed. Need to find out whether members want more shorter distance rides. Entry fees have increased this year.

Question from the floor asking to debate declining memberships. The chairman referred this to General Business which will take place at the end of the meeting.

**Belinda Hopley, Chief Stewards & TPRs**

Belinda said we want to add Linda Jonkers and Bob Lock with Michael Taylor to the TPR list. We are supported by Dixon Smith with thanks to their sponsorship. Chief Steward rain coat was donated by Muddy Creek. Big thank you to these two sponsors.

Lucky Draw supported by Muddy Creek with big thank you once again.

**Brad Dillon, Zone 6 Delegate**

Brad said his committee has decided to run a TPR course in March at Williams Valley. Anyone thinking about becoming a TPR, please come along.

**Emily Streckfuss, Zone One Delegate 2014**

The chairman asked if there was anyone from the South Coast who would like to give a report. None forthcoming. Gary Tweedie was not at the meeting.

**Fiona Meller – Course Preservation**

The chairman expressed his thanks to Fiona for all the hard work that she puts in. Fiona is speaking of transitioning out of this portfolio, anyone who has an interest in this please speak to Fiona. Emily Streckfuss has indicated that she might be interested. Anyone with an interest, please let us know.

**Election of Committee Vacancies**

There were eight nominations for the committee. The majority of them can be found in the AGM booklet but there were some late nominations. The nominees were as follows:

**Simon Bain**

Simon said that he started in endurance in the 80s and came back three years ago. Expressed concern about the decrease in the riding numbers. Now enjoying every minute of being back in the sport as a rider and a Zone delegate and a vet. He now wants to progress onto the SMC. Impressed with how this current committee is working.

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**Emma Broome**

The Chairman said that Emma had an accident and is unable to attend this meeting. She is standing for re election to the SMC.

**Alamdar Dastani (Alam).**

Alam said this is his first year in the sport. As a young Aussie he wants to help the sport progress. Been riding overseas and has a very wide experience. Endurance is now his living. Wants to come on to the SMC and look at how the world is running away from the sport. In Australia we are behind the rest of the world. This includes the welfare of the horse. We are far behind. We have the best gene pool of horses in the world and we need to keep this market for our own benefit as well. He wants to get more people into the sport. There are people who have stopped riding and we need to get them back. Want to put on more rides and bring more people into the sport. That's what he wants to achieve. Make it more international. Want to bring in riders from other countries. Even if he doesn't get on to the SMC he will still have the same aim, increase the sport and the participation rate.

**Belinda Hopley.**

Belinda said she has been riding for a long time. Gives her a lot of pleasure. She is currently on the SMC and wants to continue on. Have a good working SMC with good people. Would like to continue to make the sport grow and spread this to the wider community as they are missing out.

**Mark (Jack) Johnson**

He said he has never nominated for anything that wasn't involved with being an Aboriginal. Been around horses most of his life. The main reason he threw his hat into the ring for the SMC is that last year he got critical about some of the decisions made. Was keen to have a go. Believes in change. Doesn't like to see falling numbers. We need to reappraise what we are doing. Change could be hard for old fellows but it needs to happen if our sport is going to continue. Need to put thought into change. He said he thinks that the SMC members needs to speak more and listen better.

**Greg Moore**

Greg said he is the current President of NSW. He sees the sport as being at the cross roads. We do have declining numbers but we are in a good financial position. We have hung onto the past for too long. Just because we have done something one way, doesn't mean we can't change. We need to promote. This SMC has been great to work with. We need to think about new ways of doing old things.

**Emily Streckfuss**

Emily said she has been involved with endurance for 10 years as a rider, vet and RO. Has a broad knowledge of the sport. Loves endurance, our welfare is second to none. Wants to improve ride standards and make it a little bit more professional.

**Tony Warren**

Tony said he has been involved for quite a few years. Currently he is more into training of the horses. Letting his wife and child do the riding. Welfare and EWS is his portfolio. Wants to continue on the committee. This SMC is a good working committee and he wants to be part of it again for next year.

**Jacque Wright.**

Jacque said she is new to endurance in NSW. Been here about two years. Born in South Bathurst. Held the Burruga ride. Gave riders a taste of what she is about. Promoting the sport in a modern way. Need to use electronic media as a means of promoting the sport. Over 60 riders at the event. Ran an 80k ride at the end of a season. She can promote the sport. She is in sales so she is interested in selling her skills. She had excellent grounding in this type of activity. Has an idea for increasing finances without taking money from members etc. We need to build a partnership with outsiders. She spends a lot of time driving so has a lot of time to think. She is also a person of action. She does what she says she will do. Not good at accepting no for an answer.

The chairman called for scrutineers for the election of committee members. The scrutineers were Gordon Smith and Andrew Kettlewell.

The scrutineers proceeded to take up voting slips and commence the counting.

The results of the election was as follows: Greg Moore, Emily Streckfuss, Simon Bain, Tony Warren, Alam Distani. The casual vacancy was filled by Jacque Wright. This is for a period of one year. Jack Johnson was number 7 on the list and will therefore be eligible to fill any casual vacancy that may occur during the coming year.

**Neil Clarkson – TQ15 report**

Currently we have 440 nominations for the ride but we have a maximum of 400 camping spots. We have several OS riders, particularly the USA with over 20 nominations. Six from NZ and riders from England, UAE etc.

We also have multi international vets. Talking of a budget of \$300,000. We have a \$10,000 surplus and currently looking ok. The course is finalised but has been changed from the State Ride run last year. Should now be easier.

Brad Dillon is making up a leader board which will be tested at Brad's ride. We have a large TV. There is a big top coming. The Tent will be bigger and now gone to a \$15,000 tent which should seat 1,000. 600 to 700 people for dinner. Encourage people to buy their dinner tickets now so as not to miss out.

Sponsorship - around the \$70,000 mark. List of the major sponsors was read out. Still a few packages to sell. Thanks to sponsorships for various packages. There is also buckle sponsorships

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available. We do need more money. There is not a lot of money to play with.

Volunteers – we currently have around 160.

Promotion – Aaron Jefferies is our major celebrity – will speak with Ray Hadley. ABC came on board as well. We do have a UTube which is being prepared by Jacque Wright.

There is a new policy coming up. Some time in May there will be a no refund policy put in place. We have over 50 people on the waiting list. We need to make sure that we are not going to lose 80 riders which will affect our budget.

Greg said the last qualifying ride in NSW is Harden. After Harden, the cut off for the Quilty will be in effect. No refund after Harden. If you have a number of horses booked in, you are taking up that spot. You must make up your mind so that we can release the spot to someone else. Horses can be changed.

Neil said that people have been known to turn up and sell a horse at the Quilty grounds, prior to the ride, and then demand a refund.

Jack Johnson asked about a refund based on merit. A horse goes lame, for instance. Charlie said that the problem we have is 'where does the onus and the responsibility of horses not turning up' lie. We cannot have 10% of the horses not turn up and then we run the ride running at a loss because we have given a refund. We have to make this hard decision. Who takes the risk? You turn up on the Tuesday and it goes lame and you expect a refund from us because you didn't start. The owner has to take the risk. We have to have 400 horses that are going to start.

John Howe said the TQ15 is a sub committee of the SMC, if there is a profit it comes back to NSW. We cannot run the risk of anything going wrong with TQ15 as that affects the bottom line of NSW SMC.

Haydn said he is not happy with the proposed refund policy.

Back to Charlie who mentioned dinner tickets. There are 400 entries, expect up to 1200 people wanting tickets. There will be tables of 8. If you want to sit with someone, you need to get tables organised – if you want to sit together you need to buy your tickets together. Seating will be allocated. Buy at different times, you will be seated in different areas.

Neil said they are working hard to make it the best event they can. It could be the biggest endurance event in the world.

A photographic presentation prepared by Jacque Wright was put up on the screen. It consisted of photos from previous Quilty events.

Greg commented on the scale of the work involved with TQ15 as it is tremendous. Thanks from the current SMC to Neil Clarkson and everyone else

involved with the Tom Quilty 2015.

At this time the scrutineers returned to the meeting and the Chairman handed the meeting over to Neil Clarkson after standing the current SMC down.

Neil took over and announced the results of the election to the SMC of the following persons.

### **Discussion Item No. 1**

From AERA – possible rule change. Submitted by QERA

**That rule H3 3.3 is changed from:** "A horse must be six years of age before it can start in a 160 kilometre AERA endurance event"  
**to**

"A horse must be seven years of age before it can start in a 160 kilometre AERA endurance event". Rationale for this can be found in the AGM booklet previously sent out to the membership. The discussion from the floor is detailed below.

### **History of this proposal.**

**Haydn Fisher** took over at this time and handed over to Brad Dillon to give a history of Discussion Item No. 1.

NSW has three delegates. We ended up with Marlee Turnbull representing NSW but she resigned half way through last year. We have three new delegates to the AERA. The first discussion item was taken by Marlee. It was returned to July but AERA data doesn't really reflect the point of the issue. So it came up again in November and we decided that it would be better if it went to the AGM meetings of the States. This relates to the age of horses in 160k rides.

### **Opened the meeting up to discussion on Discussion Item No. 1.**

**Gertraud** said that she planned on having horse data available but ran out of time. She has currently looked at around 150 horses and the only thing that is obvious is that young horses of five years ridden by heavy riders have a disproportionately high vet out rate.

While many people say the last Quilty may not be a good example – there were seven horses but six of these seven vetted out. The highest pass rate was in the 10 to 12 year old horses.

**Roy Barsby** talked about the novice horse system that we currently have in place. It is a very gradual way to introduce a horse to the sport. Thinks this proposal is pushing the criteria too far for most people to be involved in the sport at what we term the 'true endurance part of the sport'. We have the most experienced rider in the world in Ron Males, here. Probably ridden a heap of five and six year olds. Statistics can be swayed to get the result sought.

We have a system in place which allows horses to move up the scale. In other words a lot of hard riding at an early age can break a horse down. By the time it gets through novice, it will be coming up

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for 6 years of age. The system is designed to slowly bring a horse up through the ranks.

With selling a horse over seas, some horses may be pushed. We have enough control. It is working and we should leave it as it is.

**Neil Clarkson** commented on the ages and the vet outs listed on the AERA spread sheet. There is not a lot of difference in the ages in the vet outs listed.

**Gertraud** said that the flaw in the data is that it does not show the age at which a horse starts in the sport.

**Alam** – if we change the current rule, we will damage the sport. By the time the horse is 7. Discussing overseas money coming in. \$35 million is currently spent on purchasing endurance horses. Most of this is not spent in Australia. It is spent overseas. If we change the rule this will affect market.

**Guan Choo** - we are discussing the age of a horse. Not how fast the horse is travelling. Doesn't feel that increasing the age will help. It's the speed. Changing the rule will not promote the sport. Train the horse properly it will work well at 6. If you don't train properly, the horse will break down.

**Gertraud** said the matter is not commercial. It is a horse welfare issue.

**Brad** said we are talking about the development of bones. What we are talking about here today is how many horses do a 160k ride as a six year old, how many are around as a 16 year old?

**Terry Wood** – asked Ron Males whether he would vote for this amendment or not? Ron said we have good rules to protect our horses. He has ridden a five year old which was still doing rides as a 20 year old. In the early years, horses were never ridden with rings. Today, everyone wants to ride with rings, pull the horses head down. In the past we rode with one hand. A lot of it is management. The rules we have protect our horses. No need for a change.

**Ruth van der Wegen** – 30 years ago we didn't have novice horse rules. It is no longer a family sport as they can't afford it. Enough is enough. We have enough rules in place.

**Steve Roberts** – EWS report from Tony Warren stated that most people aren't aware that such a system existed. Statistics are skewed to suit whatever agenda is in the plan.

With regard to racing, discussing the two year old race horse. No body is thinking about the horses here. They are thinking about the financial aspect. Should be two seasons or three seasons before tackling a 160 event. The dreaded overseas market. This is where the system breaks down. This is a worry. If you knew what happens to horses over seas, you wouldn't be selling them there. How you ride and how you manage a horse is what counts but you have no control over what other people do.

**Jacque Wright** doesn't believe there is a need for an age change. We are struggling to get 160k rides into our calendar. Feels that the EWS is a good system. If there is a need for change, continue with management, may be more rest time after completing such a distance.

**Linda Jonkers** – we are worried about dropping rider numbers, this is likely to discourage members. People are getting their horses through three rides in order to compete at the Quilty this year. This is where we need to make the changes. Education of riders is what is needed. Need for more seminars on horse management. You do need to bring the horse up slowly and not do three 80s in a year and then turn up for a 160 in the same year.

**Belinda Hopley** – there was an example of a rider turning up with a five year old trying to qualify for the Tom Quilty this year. They were advised that the horse needs to be six years old.

This proposal will not change how some people manage their horses. Arabians are late developers. They mature later than a lot of breeds. We have a lot of regulations because there are people who push the boundaries. Unfortunately we need to regulate to control these people.

**Fia Hasko-Steward** – Gertraud's statistics show that heavyweight riders cause young horses to break down.

**Tom McCormack** – The 1967 the rule book was two pages. The rule book we have today is a reactionary rule book reacting to 5% of our membership. It is this 5% who drives these rules.

This proposal was probably put up by QERA because of a reaction to a rider or riders who are doing the wrong thing. Tom is happy for the change. The more mature horse would be better. Unfortunately there will always people who are intent on breaking the rules.

**Neil Clarkson** – said he has ridden quite a few 160k rides. Riding weight does make a difference. He said he would train the horse himself and then put a lighter rider on the horse to do the actual ride. Can we not kick the 5% out?

**John Howe** – the 5% do the wrong thing. We cannot find a way around them.

A call was made for a show of hands. **Question:** Does this meeting support the motion. Show of hands 25 for the motion. 50 against it.

The result will be taken to the next AERA meeting by the AERA delegates. They are instructed to vote against such a change.

## **Discussion Item No. 2**

FROM AERA - Discussion to give the SMC & AERA delegates the NSW membership's feedback on the possibility of a "National" Newsletter / Magazine.

Supporting Information from AERA can be found in

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the AGM booklet previously sent out. Brad took over the discussion at this point and gave a run down of this with regard to the AERA and QERA.

QERA have a A4 magazine which looks good. The other States think it would be a good idea and do away with the State newsletters. QERA said that when they moved onto their publication, everyone is using the website. Thus saving money in printing. They have provided a few tables and also provided an estimate. Brad's personal opinion is that the figures are not accurate. QERA believe the cost for a national newsletter would be \$30,000. Joint magazine would mean increasing the publication by about 1,000 copies, and this would only increase the cost by \$3,000. This doesn't seem accurate.

Question: Are we happy with what we have now or should we promote the sport at a national level?

Magazine would be similar to the way it is run now. If you want your newsletter, you pay money for it. If you don't you can look on line. There will still be a cost to this Association. Even though we pay money for the magazine, it still costs us money. QERA seek to appoint an advertising position. They will pay someone to find advertisers to make the magazine profitable. They will have a target to reach with advertising.

Does the proposal involve allowance for NSW items rather than just covering the big rides? Brad said this is all to be developed. QERA would supply a head editor, it would then be up to each State to provide input. Alam thinks this could be good for the overseas market. He supports this idea. Make it like the Arabian Horse Magazine.

Jacque Wright – regarding our current NSW magazine, she doesn't subscribe to it. Needs a re-vamp. The opportunity is there to move forward. Doesn't think any State has anything to lose by going forward and investigating how it will work. Let's move forward. Need to remove 'cost' and look at it as an 'investment'. In business you look at marketing. Our magazine is not professional enough to get national readers. A national magazine gives a forum for Arabian Studs across the country. National hire places. National feed supplies. Stop looking at our little sport magazine. May increase the numbers of riders who participate from other States. Nothing to lose. Need to investigate it further.

John Howe – gave a break down of the costs associated with the newsletter production. He has all his newsletters from the early 80's. Uses his newsletters for research. Each newsletter of every State has its own personal flavour. We are the State of NSW. I agree with Brad the figures are not there. All this is being driven by Queensland. If we sign up for this, it should be put out for tender. That way we would have a level playing field. It is currently not level. The last magazine went broke. Queensland keeps pushing this idea. If it isn't

broke, don't fix it. Who will underwrite it? NSW would be underwriting the large majority of the costs and if it doesn't work we would have to reinvent the wheel once again.

Tom McCormack – this has been on the AERA agenda for four or five years. Personally he is comfortable with a national newsletter. Suggest that this needs to be very closely looked at. Option one – NSW keeps what we have and then we contribute to this four times a year magazine. QERA does not have a newsletter any more. They have a four times a year magazine. They deliberately leave out ride results and feed back from members. It is more about producing a glossy magazine. If we investigate this – do we leave our old magazine? If we don't what happens about control of revenue. The table they give is an estimate for 2015. He would prefer to see 2014 and 2013 figures. From the perspective of a sport nationally, the product is first class. But it all comes back to feasibility. Currently costs over \$4000 for us each year. Our new costs would be over \$8000. The figures don't add up. What do the members want? Keep our newsletter and contribute to the national magazine? Just go with a national magazine.

Jack Johnson – wants to work on practicalities. Wonders if we had any experts in the room, how they would chuckle over the idea of creating a new magazine.

Neil Clarkson – Vink Publishing – costing is unrealistic. We have rejected this proposal on a number of occasions. This current version tells us no details. We have costings on nothing. How many pages, what gets in. What's not in. Does an add for a pre ride, cost? He is not against the concept as presented – should pursue it further. What comes first? Advertising or editorial? Worries as this comes up again and again. Check it out but with conditions. Newsletter should be all in or all out. Not 250 paying for it and 250 not paying.

Roy – the concept is a great thing. Facebook and computers are what most people communicate by. One of our problems is the number of memberships up there. We are not doing enough about those figures. Cost of the magazine is irrelevant. If we take the risk and it increases membership – what value do you put on that?

Val Males – the concept is glamorous but in practical terms we need to consider, this is our magazine for NSW people. It's a family magazine and it has bearing on how we read it. We usually know the people in the magazine. We also have every magazine which goes back to the very beginning. You can read through it and you don't have a heap of adds. People can write an article. It's the feel of the people. There is no editor who chops everything off. Thinks too, yes if they want to investigate, let's not lose our precious magazine

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## February 2015

7-8	<b>NSWERA AGM &amp; Ride Organisers Forum</b> Eagle Hawke Resort-North Canberra –AGM&Dinner Dance 7 <sup>th</sup> - Forum 8th	Information Gertraud Norton 62271378 / Bookings Sonya Ruprecht 65538640	
21&22	<b>Snowy Zone Training Weekend</b> –also TPR school & admin training weekend. 50/20km on both days	Kim Stephens 0488473701 <a href="mailto:kims5061@hotmail.com">kims5061@hotmail.com</a>	4

## March 2015

1	<b>Zone One Training Rides</b> 40/20/5km \$TBA	Greg Moore 0419 692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
7(Saturday)	<b>Windeyer Twilight</b> 80/40/20km \$TBA	EdwardPille 63738214 AH <a href="mailto:littlemilk_2005@hotmail.com">littlemilk_2005@hotmail.com</a>	
7(Saturday)	<b>Upper Corrindi</b> intro to Endurance 40/20km \$55/\$35	Megan Matters 0427001694 <a href="mailto:hoofmatters@gmail.com">hoofmatters@gmail.com</a>	QERA NRZ
8	<b>South Coast Trainer &amp; Social Ride</b> 40/20km \$TBA	Jo Carrick 0402423381 <a href="mailto:jomoinear@outlook.com">jomoinear@outlook.com</a>	5
14-15	<b>Williams Valley @ Stroud</b> 80/40/20/10/5km and 10/5km ride and tie	Lyn Dillon 49965549 <a href="mailto:brad_dillon@bigpond.com">brad_dillon@bigpond.com</a>	6
22	<b>Bumbaldry</b> 80/40/20km	Linda Jonkers 0407663314 <a href="mailto:lindajonkers52@hotmail.com">lindajonkers52@hotmail.com</a>	4

## April 2015

3,4&5	<b>Homewood Memorial Ride</b> 160/80/2x40/ (3x40 mini marathon) /2x20km \$TBA	Jennifer Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:allan.caslick@hotmail.com">allan.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6
5	<b>Gundagai</b> 80/40km \$95/\$50	Rick Owen 69441628	4
11-12	<b>Tooraweenah</b> 80/40/20/7km \$TBA	Sonia Bonham 68485345 <a href="mailto:gavinandsonia@bigpond.com">gavinandsonia@bigpond.com</a>	2
25-27	<b>Harden</b> 160-120/80/40/20km \$160/\$90/\$50/\$30	Kate Smith 0459412133 <a href="mailto:meambieminis@gmail.com">meambieminis@gmail.com</a>	4

## May 2015

3	<b>Q60</b> 100/40/20km \$TBA	Greg Moore 0419 692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
2&3	<b>Tenterfield</b> 100-80/2x40/2x20km \$TBA	Caroline Windle 67364612 <a href="mailto:maxwell@harboursat.com.au">maxwell@harboursat.com.au</a>	QERA NRZ
16-17	<b>Mudgee Ray Gooley Memorial Ride</b> 80/40/20km \$TBA	Mette Sutton 0400308626 <a href="mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com">mette.sutton@bigpond.com</a>	2



May 2015			
23-24	<b>Wingello Forest Ride</b> 80/60-40/20/10/5km \$110/\$65tr./\$45soc.	Bec Hogan 0412600173 <a href="mailto:bec Hogan@newmoonstud.com.au">bec Hogan@newmoonstud.com.au</a>	5
June 2015			
5-7	<b>Tom Quilty (Del Rio) National Championships</b> 160km	Helen Lindsay 63429238 <a href="mailto:kintamarniarabs@bigpond.com">kintamarniarabs@bigpond.com</a>	1
<del>28</del>	<del><b>Kundabung</b> 80/40/20km</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>	Sonya Ruprecht 65538640 <a href="mailto:dsruprecht@westnet.com.au">dsruprecht@westnet.com.au</a>	6
July 2015			
5	<b>St. Albans</b> 80/40/20/5km	Greg Moore 0419 692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
12	<b>Currowan</b> 80/40/20km \$100S/\$90J/\$40tr/\$30soc	Jenny Shephard 44781089 <a href="mailto:currowan@hotmail.com">currowan@hotmail.com</a>	5
11&12	<b>Bendemeer</b> Saturday 40/20/10km Sunday 80/40km \$100/\$50/\$30/\$20	Tracey Hopley 67640179 <a href="mailto:dhopley073@gmail.com">dhopley073@gmail.com</a>	2
11&12	<b>Upper Corrindi</b> 40/20km Saturday & 80/40/20km Sunday \$100/\$50/\$30/\$20	Megan Matters 66492836 <a href="mailto:hoofmatters@gmail.com">hoofmatters@gmail.com</a>	QERA NRZ
25&26	<b>Bago Bush Ride</b> 100-80/60-40/20km Sunday - 10km Saturday	Sean Pollard 0417426768	6
26	<b>Coolamon</b> 80/40/20km \$85S/\$60J/\$55tr/\$25soc	Patrick Leary 0427215275 <a href="mailto:coolamonendurance@gmail.com">coolamonendurance@gmail.com</a>	4
August 2015			
8-9	<b>Cobark</b> 80/60-40/20km Sunday 10/5km Saturday \$TBA	Carol Layton 65585573 <a href="mailto:carol.layton@gmail.com">carol.layton@gmail.com</a>	6
9	<b>Ride Around the Rock</b> 80/40/20km \$TBA	Col Lewis 0415453434 <a href="mailto:bricouma1@bigpond.com">bricouma1@bigpond.com</a>	4
15&16	<b>New Italy</b> 80/40km \$TBA	Julie Haigh 66888276 <a href="mailto:jhaigh2@bigpond.com">jhaigh2@bigpond.com</a>	QERA NRZ
24-28	<b>Shahzada</b> 400/120KM \$500/\$250S \$180J	Sue Todd 63797218 <a href="mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au">suetodd@activ8.net.au</a>	1
September 2015			
13	<b>Woodstock</b> 80/40/30 \$95/\$55/\$30 + \$5 camping	Helen Lindsay 63429238 <a href="mailto:kintamarniarabs@bigpond.com">kintamarniarabs@bigpond.com</a>	4
19&20	<b>Kiwarra</b> 80/ 2x40/ 2x20km \$TBA	Jennifer Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:jen-ny.caslick@hotmail.com">jen-ny.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6





## Ride Organisers' Forum 2015



The Ride Organisers Forum was held on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, following the AGM and was very well attended.

The day started with Bec Hogan from Wingello giving ride organisers an insight into ways to attract and then manage more day members at events.

The next item for discussion was the idea of paid pre nominations – ride organisers are continually facing the problems of riders nominating and then not showing up without informing the ride organisers.

Fia Hasko Stewart and Adeline Gibson from B7 Events gave a presentation on their experiences of paid pre nominations and then discussed the idea of the use of an online booking system such as trybooking.com was discussed. Nearly all ride organisers attending agreed that this would be a great asset to the planning of a ride and would use it.

We then moved onto a talk about the zones and how they were operating. Surprisingly some ride organisers didn't know which zone they actually belonged to and it was agreed that maybe the zone boundaries are in need of a review.

Following morning tea the discussion moved to AERASpace and Tom McCormack gave a very interesting presentation on the electronic timing system which is about to be tested out at some upcoming rides. Tom showed how to set it up at the ride base and on the ride computer and also discussed how it will be expanded.

Belinda Hopley then gave a great presentation on the roles of Chief Steward vs the roles of Ride Organisers at rides, checking in with what a chief steward expects of a ride organiser at an event and also what ride committees should expect of Chief Stewards.

Course marking was then touched on and all ride

organisers were given a copy of the "National Ride Marking Standard". We

also touched base on some key rules that have been brought in over the past few years.

The day concluded with a presentation by Emily Streckfuss on roles of a Vet at rides and how ride organisers and riders can be better prepared with regard to Biosecurity issues that can occur at rides.

Overall it was a very proactive day with a lot of great discussion and ideas, the SMC would like to thank all the Ride organisers who came along.

NSW SMC



Two of the presenters at the RO Forum. Bec Hogan and Fia Hawko Stewart.  
NSW President Greg Moore.

as we won't get it back.

Sue Warren – observation. When the magazine comes, it is personal. Sit and read the minutes which are relevant to us as a member, Vink Publishing are currently putting out a magazine for endurance. May be we could be involved in that? You will lose the personal feel.

Alam – seen the NSW magazine. But to attract more members, no body gives a dam of what's written in there. All they want to see is somebody in there

Greg – not necessarily an either or. There is nothing to say we can't have both. We could still retain the grass roots newsletter. All we are looking at here is to go back to AERA to decide whether to pursue it or not.

John – with the gloss and the glamour of the magazines, the grass roots members won't be in the glossy magazine.

Sue Todd –yes, members will be in a national magazine. We have to grab these people out there. It's a different age. We need to move forward.

Fia – been suggested that we could have two. Biggest concern is that we are not reaching out into the equestrian world. Our newsletter is for us. But we need to have a magazine. Is that the concept – that it will end up in newsagents?

Neil – QERA have had this going for two years. It is costing QERA a lot of money to keep it going. Membership is decreasing so the magazine is not working as they were hoping it would.

Fiona – said she was writing articles for a lot of magazines some time ago. We should be putting articles into the main stream equestrian magazines. The magazines that other horse sports read.

Current cost of the QERA magazine is \$50 for four issues on their website.

Tom McCormack said he had tried to find out how many people had a subscription. Seems there may be around 51 subscriptions. QERA want to ultimately get it into newsagents. Our history is littered with magazines that have gone into newsagents that have died. If it doesn't sell, you lose. The newsagent takes it on consignment. They don't pay for it.

What about investigating the possibility of putting articles into other equestrian magazines. For instance, Hawkesbury Hills, Horse Deals. There could be great benefits from contributing to other magazines. It was noted that the with Arabian Horse magazine, they can't get rid of them and they are costly, people don't want them.

**Question:** Does NSW membership support our delegates investigating this matter further, according to the comments made at this meeting. Yes, by a majority show of hands, the matter should be investigated further and returned to the

next AGM for further discussion.

### **Early Warning System - Steve Roberts.**

There are people who do not know that the EWS exists or what it means. We need to educate people with the rules.

Roy – was on the EWS in Queensland. Nothing has changed from 12 years ago.

Tony gave a further report on this. Lot of the people who he spoke to didn't know the EWS existed. He said he needs to get this into the newsletter. Few rules have been put on the website and into the newsletter. There needs to be more.

Fia suggested that there be a piece of paper which sets out how the EWS works with instructions to contact the concerned SMC member. This should paper be put into the logbook if a rider vets out.

Start something on rules – get them into the newsletter. Set out a set of rules in each version.

Gail Fisher – she had a bad year last year and was in contact with Tony. Because of this she had gained a better understanding of the EWS and how it worked

### **Increasing membership.**

Fiona – magazines need to reach out to new members. Seminars in the past were great. Need to get back to this. They are not around as they used to be. There was a lot more information available in the past.

Gertraud – said she has spoken to a lot of 40 klm riders who were concerned about moving on to an 80 klm ride. They didn't have the confidence or knowledge to move forward. We need to educate riders.

### **MOVED THAT**

#### **Jack Johnson, Steve Roberts**

a subcommittee of five people to comprise one from each 10 year age group reporting to the SMC specifically on growing our membership numbers and solutions for the SMC.

Jack happy to see his motion defeated but he wants to see some action from the SMC.

What happened during 2014 with regards to Membership Growth? Deanna and Roy went to Mudgee Field days. Improved the merchandise, put together a promotional package. Went to Equitana. Gertraud discussed the idea of a permanent home base. This is being worked on. The SMC is not doing nothing in this regard.

Neil asked if the SMC wanted any help? Yes, certainly. Greg said at the RO organisers meeting tomorrow, we were discussing this. Deanna organised a day at the Hawkesbury where she and Roy couldn't attend, no body else was available to take on that stand. We all need to get involved and help.



Jacque spoke against the motion. Brad Jones spoke on Pony Club members. That is the best way of promoting the sport. Gertraud said we have currently tabled a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pony Clubs. They will be coming to a NSW meeting to discuss this.

Neil asked that the SMC keep the membership informed as to what is happening with promoting the sport.

**MOVED THAT** Jack Johnson, Steve Roberts a subcommittee of five people to comprise one from each 10 year age group reporting to the SMC specifically on growing our membership numbers and solutions for the SMC.

**The motion was then put to the meeting and was defeated by a majority show of hands.**

Roy commented on Coonabarabran – over 600 PC kids attended. Roy and Deanna tried to get a 40 klm ride into this camp. Impossible to fit it in. The program was packed with activities.

There is a Pony Club camp at Young.

Bumbaldry has a very large program running shortly. Every Pony Club now has the flyer for this ride. Sent out by Linda Jonkers. Helen Lindsay said that they pay the day membership for these riders.

Charlie - Inter school – running at SIAC – need helpers. Date to be confirmed.

### **Ron Males – training rides**

Running more and more and we need more. We have to bear in mind that endurance rides are a family sport. Everyone can come to a ride even if only one person rides. Ron, Neil and Emily went to Pony Club to a talk. Go along and take everything needed. Explain how simple it is. Horsley Park had over 80 starters. Ron said he had never seen most of them before. They all rode. We need to run more things where passionate people promote the sport. How many people get out there and contribute to the sport? Not many. We need to get off our backsides and do something. Don't just talk about it. Get out there and promote the sport. You're passionate, get out there and try to increase the membership. The Arabian Horse Association membership is dropping too.

Brad – sport does a good job attracting day members. Last year there was a total of 170 entries. The majority were day members. The problem we have is keeping them. Introductory membership isn't working. We need senior memberships.

Jack – getting numbers along to social rides and training rides is happening. The moment riders turn up they are isolated by being classified in a category less than endurance. We then wonder they why they don't come back.

Fia – agrees with Jack's statement. Perhaps we could have a discussion now about including people who do smaller rides – consider a change in the name from '*training ride*' to say '*intermediate rides*'

The comment 'only riding trainers' – is a put down. It's in the terminology. We need to change this. Gertraud said she rode 40 training rides but was still classified as a '*novice*' and not a proper '*endurance rider*'. We have to address this.

Aren't we doing this with the point score? History tells us that NSW was the only State who voted against the Introductory point score. People need to see that they are progressing, moving forward.

Brad – there are a lot of good ideas but what is it achieving? We are putting together a survey to go on line to every day member asking what '*do we need to do to get you to come back*'? They do one endurance ride a year. We don't know why they don't want to do more but we need to find out. Trying to get an outsiders opinion on the sport.

Helen Lindsay – Think about a reward for a scale of progression. Move from 20 to 40 to 60 to 80.

Allix Jones – consider something like stamps for a free coffee. Aim to get through three rides – free entry for the fourth ride. Do two 40s next 40 free?

Fiona – what about first entry on the next distance ride, as a free entry. This would move people up. Training rides are half an endurance ride.

Alam – more members of the NSW ERA should have been at this meeting. Mention of entry fee – what about prize money? No prize money. Not allowed by our rules.

Sue Todd – asked that people put pen to paper and send your suggestions into the SMC. Every letter has to be tabled. It can be discussed and considered.

### **AERA Timing System**

Tom McCormack gave a brief update of where this was out. One arrival, one departure and one vet gate. Works on both standard and VGIH. You have an ID card. Purchased arm bands to carry the cards. Works like a credit card. You will get a printout telling you speed, what time you present to vet etc. You will get a different printout at the out gate. You will swipe again at the departure gate. This will be discussed at length at the Ride Organisers' forum tomorrow morning.

### **TQ15 – Ron Males**

Ron Males said Charlie Gauci is setting up the whole campsite at the ride base. Ron has some sponsorship flyers that he wanted to send out. Buckles sponsors is what we need. This would cost less than a night out.

Lucky Draw for attending the meeting was drawn by Ron Males and won be Gail Fisher.

There being no further business the meeting closed

# NSW ERA AGM



Some of the hard working faces behind the TQ15 extravaganza, Ron and Val Males with Charlie Gauci—relaxing at the NSW ERA AGM





Dave Player at the AGM dinner dance.

The NSW Endurance Riders AGM was held in Canberra on 7 February 2015. There wasn't a huge roll up of members which was a little disappointing. Approximately 40 proxies were registered.

The venue was one of the best ever, reasonably priced, comfortable accommodation, good food and still only about 10 minutes from the city of Canberra.

Thanks must go to our hard working Secretary Gertraud Norton for organising this year's event.

The meeting itself went well. A new committee for 2015 was elected with two new members being elected in Alam Dastani and Jacque Wright.

As the majority of the SMC reports had been received prior to the meeting and were set out in the AGM booklet posted to members, the meeting proceeded fairly quickly to the election of committee members and then on to the two discussion items sent in by QERA and AERA.

The first item under discussion concerned the idea of changing the age of a horse which can start in a 160k event from six years to seven. General consensus was that a change is not necessary. We have enough horse welfare rules in place. Education of riders is the key here.

The second discussion item concerned the QERA push of a national newsletter.

There was lots of discussion on this topic too. The end result was that the members present decided that NSW members need more detail and a much more comprehensive breakdown of the costs involved before being in a position to give any consideration to this proposal.

If you turn to page 35 of this newsletter, you will find a synopsis of the AGM minutes which will give you a better idea of the thoughts of the members present with regard to these two matters.

In general business there were a number of topics discussed. You will find details of these in the minutes as well.

The presentation of awards for 2014 took place after the dinner which was held in the evening.



Above: April Newman  
Below: Sarah Lymbery

There appeared to be more members at the dinner than at the AGM.

Apart from the usual awards for Top Ten in all divisions, there were a number of special awards given. Sue Todd picked up her awards from the AERA for her achievements in 2013. Georgia Curry also picked up an AERA award.

Belinda Hopley presented a special TPR award and vest to Linda Jonkers as a way of saying thank you for the contribution Linda has made to the sport.

John Howe received a beautiful wooden plaque to commemorate his tenth Shahzada buckle.

John was also the driving force behind the reinstatement of the One Horse One Rider awards for the years of 1991, 1992 and 1993. For some reason these awards were given out prior to 1991 but in 1991 were discontinued only to be reinstated in 1994.

There were a number of people who were eligible to receive these backdated awards and they were:

### 1991

1991 HEAVYWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
John Howe &  
Beau Gallant Omen  
1385KM

1991 JUNIOR  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Shawn Johnson & Raed  
1866KM

1991 MIDDLEWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Kieron Power &  
Macquarie Gate Kadence  
1837KM

1991 LIGHTWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Linda Upsdell & Aragon  
1260KM

### 1992

1992 HEAVYWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Tom Perkins (Jnr) &  
ameron Orbit  
985KM

1992 LIGHTWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Helen Rich & Ranjen Bisset  
1750KM

1992 MIDDLEWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Rachael Shaw & Judstan  
Kamaran  
1755KM

1992 JUNIOR  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Daniel Robinson & Matta Mia  
Ishab  
2057KM

### 1993

1993 HEAVYWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Russell Adam & Aloha Messiah  
1510KM

1993 LIGHTWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Helen Rich & Ranjen Bisset  
1100KM

1993 MIDDLEWEIGHT  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Karen Rhodes & Barrys Buzz  
1580KM

1993 JUNIOR  
ONE HORSE/RIDER TEAM  
Ian Thorn & Misty  
1340KM





Above Left: Tayla Warren  
Above Right: Tahnaya Mercieca  
Below: Carol Major



The teams event which ran throughout the year was won by 'The Coasters' with the team consisting of Ros Ryan, Phil Coleman, Ruth Van der Wegen and Sonya Ruprecht.

For a chance of winning next year you need get a group of four together and register with the NSW ERA Secretariat.

After the dinner and the presentation disco music was provided. This went late into the night with much dancing going on. Endurance riders really do know how to party.

On the Sunday there was a ride organisers' forum organised by the SMC. On the whole this event was well attended and you will find a full report on page 43 of this newsletter.

All in all it was a good weekend. Even the weather was kind. Not too hot and not too cold.

Hopefully more people will make the effort to attend the next AGM, wherever it might be held.



Above: Intermediate Distance Rider  
Marisa Levitt  
Top Right: Ruth Van der Wegen  
Below: Georgia Curry  
Below Right: Scott Davenport







Above: Roy Barbsy  
 Above Right: Talea Hasko-Stewart  
 Below Left: Stuart Lymbery  
 AGM Photos taken by Fiona Meller and Helen Rich





Left: Amanda and Andrew Kettlewell from Oso with Allix Jones receiving her award

Peter Bice enjoying dinner.

Below: Marisa Levitt, Gertraud Norton, Belinda Hopley and Steven Roberts.





## Ian Curtis – Top Ten NSW Pointscore .

It's still sinking in that both my horse, Blake's Heaven Summer Wind, and I are Middleweight National points winners for 2014. Wow. To win those accolades I firstly needed a lot of help, then good horses, some luck and a fair dose of commitment.

By most standards I'm still an Endurance newby, and so is Wind. We can only be in this position because we have a huge leg up from a team that know how to play this game. In fact our win really is a Blake's Heaven team win. Main players in that team are Fia and Talea Hasko-Stewart and a massive thank you goes to them. I had a great year, but to put into perspective how good that team is, at all the rides Wind did not win, another Blake's Heaven horse was ahead of us. There was more help from a much wider net of people too. My daughter Kaliana, Adeline, my sister Anita, April and many others, including my mum. At numerous rides those helpers were simply fellow endurance people who can't help but help, such is the nature of Endurance riding. Thank you all.

Of course Wind's win is totally his own, he is a great horse. Like all horses he has his challenging qualities but he has a handy knack of letting me know how he is travelling. If you know that vital piece of information you can truly do your best and that ethic always put us into the points. We went out at most rides to "do our best". I keep in mind that "To complete is to win" but doing my best is what does it for me. There were a few rides that were a means to an end but even those had some sort of goal we were aiming at and so our best is to match the goal.

My win was achieved thanks to just two horses, Blake's Heaven Summer Wind and Blake's Heaven Summer Reign. It was the hottest year on record, we rode like the wind and between State Champs, Shahzada and Burraga, there was plenty of rain. With omens like that, how could I lose? I also had a ride on CJ from Al Jeda at the end of the season.

Training is the commitment part. We train like we are competing. Most times we are, against ourselves. Whether it be a time goal, a slow canter goal or maybe a "fast out" and "slow home" exercise, there is nearly always something I am trying to achieve during a training session. Setting adjustable goals makes it fun and it's fun that makes the commitment easy. I didn't start the season with a goal to win the points score but a truckload of points for 1<sup>st</sup> at Shahzada put that on the agenda. From then on, we were in it to give the competition our best shot. Yahoo, it turned out to be the nation's best best shot.

Here are some stats.

Wind did 9 successful middleweight rides, all with myself, 6 x 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 x 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup>. Plus he did a lightweight ride for 4<sup>th</sup> with Melanie.

I did 12 successful rides mostly on Wind, 7 x 1<sup>st</sup> one of them on Reign, a 2<sup>nd</sup> on Reign, 2 x 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 6<sup>th</sup> on CJ.

Wind was bootied for every ride. He trains mostly barefoot. Anything under 20km he is barefoot.

Wind's fastest 80km was 3:52 at Coolamon. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> behind two other BH horses and even for that place he had to gallop finish. That is a fast ride! He did 1 x 100km, 1 x 160km and 1 x 400km. He also did a pair of 80ks on consecutive days. His slowest 80km was 5:37 at Brookvale.

Ian Curtis



## THE QUEST.

I attended my first A.G.M and annual prize giving in February 1988, it was held at the El Torro Motel at Liverpool.

What struck me was the array of horse heads and sashes, wow!!! I walked along the row and looked at the categories, One Horse One Rider, that really appealed to me, it summed up what was best about Endurance as a sport. I decided regardless, I wanted one of those, One Horse/One Rider bronze heads.

1991. I rode my Saddlebred, Beau Gallant Omen 1385 kms, 11 rides on the go without a Vet out and the First Big Three as part of it. Now Omen was not really what anyone would look for in an Endurance Horse, he had a heart score of 108, he would pulse high as in high 50's low 60's and hang there for 35 minutes, so, get off and walk, rollup the stirrups, loosen the girth and away we went. It worked.

To say the least I was annoyed that in 1991, 1992 and 1993 the One Horse One Rider Trophies weren't given out. Naturally the membership addressed this deficiency and the awards were back in 1994. They are, to this day, seen as one of the absolute hallmarks of horsemanship.

At the November 2014 meeting of the NSWERA SMC it was decided to reinstate these "missing Years" and to recognise the achievements of the horses and riders of these bygone years. So it was that on Saturday, February 7th, the 12 missing awards were handed out. It was a slightly surreal feeling to be recognised for what had happened so long ago but it was also very satisfying to realise that an error from so long ago had been rectified and that 12 horses and riders were fully and publically recognised for what were truly outstanding achievements. Just look at some of the distances travelled.

The same evening I was awarded my beautiful shield for ten successful Shahzada completions. To just hold that shield immediately brought a flood of the most wonderful memories, of the world's most fantastic ride. To me Shahzada is what is best in Endurance. The bond that I've been able to establish with the 3 horses that I rode but especially with Ears.

At the AGM Ron Males spoke about passion. I know just what he means and to me, Shahzada is more than a ride, it's a state of mind, it's why I ride and why I train and I don't care where I am or who I'm with, I have no trouble preaching the good word about Endurance in general and Shahzada in particular, I encourage anyone new to the sport, to come and give it a go, to test yourself and to explore the boundaries, to see what is over the next hill and around the next corner.

While the bucket list that I formulated in regard to Endurance way back in the 80's, in the last millennium, is now complete, I'll add I was scared to complete it in case I found that was it. But I've found that I have discovered new energy reserves, I look forward to the next ride even more than I did when I was goal chasing. Now I just want to see what is over the next hill and of course just what Shahzada will have in store for Ears and me in this, our Endurance Jubilee year.

My recommendation, get a Bucket List, set out on your own personal quest, follow those dreams and above all don't die with the music still in you.

John Howe



Winner of the Heavyweight One Horse/One Rider award for 1992  
John Howe



Winner of the Lightweight One Horse/One Rider award for 1992 and 1993.  
Big surprise for Helen Rich.



## CAN APPALOOSAS DO ENDURANCE.....SURE CAN??!!!!

Have just received the National Points and Distance Awards for 2013 at the NSW ERA AGM in Canberra which I should have picked up at the WA Quilty last year.

It's time to say THANK YOU to the horses for all their hard work and good company. We also won the NSW Points and Distance for 2013 and National Points and Distance in 2012 as well as Lacey picking up the National One Horse/One Rider that year and Kiss and I became a Decade Team.

In 2013, we rode 2003 kms (Kissie 640kms, Lacey 600kms and Bear 763kms) and achieved 117.25 points with Kiss doing her 7th Shahzada, Lacey placing at the State Ride at Manilla and Bear completing the Manilla Muster which made all three Musters for me on each one of my ponies.

2014 was a much quieter year for us but we still managed to pick up three sashes at the AGM - 3rd LW Distance Rider, 3rd LW Distance Horse and 3rd LW One Horse/One Rider with Lacey who also placed at the State Champs at Del Rio.

Bear had colic surgery at the end of 2013 so, with a year off and slowly coming back into work, the absolute highlight of 2014 was Bear successfully completing the 80km Scenic City ride at the end of the year.

On to 2015.....with all the enthusiasm and excitement for a huge year, Kissie and I are starting our 12th year of riding together, Lacey is my "Quest for Quilty" at TQ15 and Bear will be out there too.

Of course, we will be at Shahzada and the State Ride and as many rides as we can get to during the year.....see you on track.

For now, thank you to my Appaloosas Kissie, Lacey, Bear, Pashi and Mishka - along with your predecessors (all related) since I started this sport 20 years ago.....you have given me more than I can ever repay.

Lacey at Wingello. Animal Focus  
Sue and Bear at Woodstock. Animal Focus  
Shahzada 2013 Fri AM\_0447 small Sue and Kiss.  
Main Event Photography





## PREPARING FOR TQ15 THE 50<sup>TH</sup> TOM QUILTY:

By: Jennifer Gilbertson

If you are an endurance rider with a passion, you will no doubt want to ride the Tom Quilty (aka The Australian Championships when explaining to your non endurance relatives and friends). Even more so you would aspire to ride the 50<sup>th</sup> Tom Quilty to take place at Del Rio Webbs Creek. This is the closest venue obtainable to the original Tom Quilty, with similar terrain and incorporating some of the original Quilty course.

Let's assume you are a qualified endurance rider, have ridden a 100 mile ride, have entered and have your sights set on a Quilty buckle for the TQ15, the 50<sup>th</sup> Tom Quilty. The journey from; "go" to "whoa" can be long in duration and fraught with deflation or can be total elation with a little of the latter in between. Just the thought of riding out at midnight on the Quilty journey is second to none.

If possible, it is a good plan to have your main Quilty contender and a reserve horse just in case 'things' go wrong. Plan to do at least two or possibly four 80km rides (you be the judge) in your lead up programme. Q60 100km ride is a good preparation ride, as well as the extra distance the terrain is similar to the TQ15 course. Ride your preparation rides at the pace you intend to do the Quilty. During your pre training, suggesting no faster than novice pace, thus avoiding lameness issues, replacing fast work with hill work, try to imagine yourself there at the starting line, that's the aim.

Preparation and planning is the key to a successful ride. Main requisites are to have a seasoned, sound, horse and you yourself must be in good shape with a positive attitude, you would already know the importance of a great strapping and support crew. Other factors are; you need to have a special empathy with your horse, diligence not to over train or under train, a balancing act to get it just right. Special attention to diet and shoeing of course, all comes into play. Your farrier needs to be tried and true. The best advice is if it's all going to plan, do not change anything (farrier, feed, gear) particularly on the day of the ride. Many a rider has come undone, with girth rubs, tying up, shoeing problems etc by making changes at the last minute. You're on your way.

You are finally there at the pre-ride talk, take a moment to have a look around at your fellow competitors, with the average completion rate being 50% only half of you will realise your dream. It will be a great achievement in itself to line up at midnight and ride out with around 350 riders from Del Rio on a cool evening at the beginning of June. At this point in time, keep in mind your aim: "TO FINISH IS TO WIN" that shiny Quilty buckle.

Consider these winning times for The Tom Quilty:

2007 Western Australia 16 hours 30 minutes (the year of Equine Influenza)

1998 South Australia 12 hours 29 minutes

1986 South Australia 12 hours 42 minutes

1978 New South Wales 13 hours 26 minutes

1968 New South Wales 12 hours 02 minutes

The abovementioned Quilty winning times all have something in common, they were all won in slower than novice horse pace time, something to bear in mind.

To all those who aspire to receiving a specially cast 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tom Quilty buckle best wishes for your plans and dreams.





## Shahzada borne on a Summer Wind.

Well it was hardly summer, more like the monsoon season and fortunately no wind. Our camp site looked a little wet when we first set up but if I could have known that it would be churned to ankle deep snot by Monday afternoon, we would have opted for different digs.

Saturday it was raining, it rained every day, and the first task is to glue eight boots on two horses. That doesn't sound ideal does it, trying to glue boots on in mud and rain? There was no alternative, we needed time for the glue to set so we could pre-ride and vet the next day. So gluing was attempted under the gazebo in the downpour. One horse done and running out of light. The fifth boot goes on and as the horse puts weight on it we can see fountains of water spurting up between the duct tape and the hoof. It's not looking good and we abort. Sunday morning, in a brief respite from the rain, we complete the task on firmer ground.

Amazingly the 5 already done look good. If it doesn't work we will shoe - never shod horses and run like almost all the rest of the field. It seems to be working and we vet and pre-ride. Phew.

The plan is to run three Blake's Heaven horses together and Monday looks to be going to plan. Like everybody else our main aim is to complete, we did not have a "no guts no glory" strategy but we know our horses can go pretty fast and someone has to win. Win? That is a controversial term at Shahzada and we understood from the outset that there is no recognition for first across the line. Best Managed horse is completely subjective with the criteria not even being described. I'm not going to try and contemplate the vagaries of how the vets determine that. Recent history would suggest that running at the front will probably preclude us from that award.

Since 2005, Best Managed finishing times have soared and it seems the faster you go the less likely you are managing your horse well. So be it, I can understand that thinking but I like speed. I'm here to have fun and so is my horse. We both like going fast. That is how we ride other rides and they say for the big rides, "don't change a thing". OK then!

So the three of us play Monday just right. We don't need to be in the lead, if our horses are comfortable we want to stay "in touch". If we are not, well we will reassess, but we are! Monday afternoon doesn't go so well. My daughter Kali's horse, Carousel, doesn't feel right and we are concerned about a poorly defined injury he sustained a month ago. Sure enough he is lame and has a vetting represent in the morning. We work hard trying to find the problem and conclude it is the opposite hind to that called by the vet. We think it's a sore flexor tendon. Further advice pretty much confirms that and even though that tough little pony ultimately passes the represent, his race is over. Kali cries buckets of tears and we are all very sad. On the up side Wind and I get a strapper. Not just any strapper, a super strapper.

Tuesday, Wind and Venus, ridden by Louise Stevens, have a steady morning. are not pushing particularly hard but staying "in touch". Towards the end of the first leg, Venus looks uneven up the front. That is quite unusual for her and I miss it at first because I'm looking for a more common hind issue that we usually work through on this feisty little mare. She is lame (sound a day or so later) and vets out.

Now I have no constraints and I give Wind what he wants, my blessing to go. Now we are really having fun. Tuesday afternoon I find myself riding with the other two front runners, Narelle and Michael. The three of us have a handy lead on the next riders. Oops, I lose a front boot. I go back and pick it up and let the other two go. I'm carrying a strap on boot but the ground is soft and my horse can do 20km easy on terrible stuff so I leave it off. Now my horse feels even faster. Perhaps he can feel the ground better, I don't know, something, we are flying. I catch and ride with the other two but near the top of Shepherds gully we step it up a notch. Felt like the man from Snowy River going down that section. I whack a strap

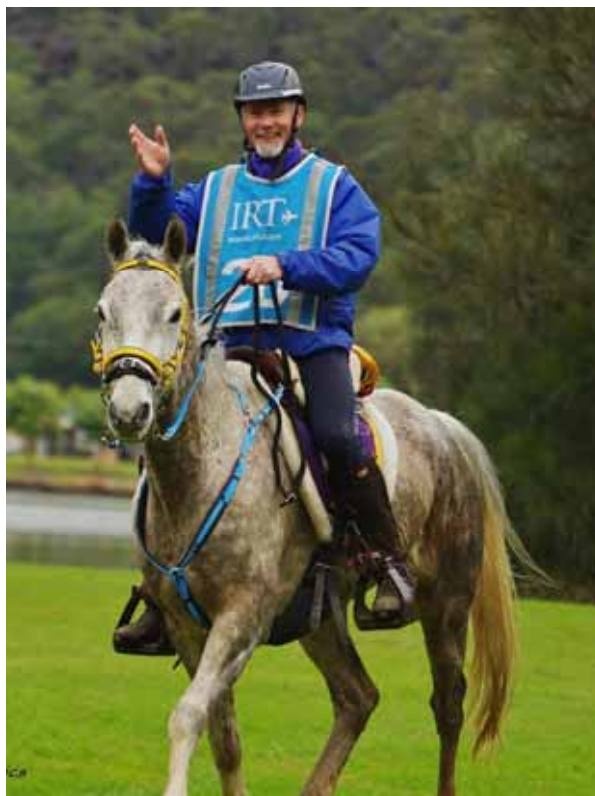


Photo by Windsong Time Pics

on boot at the bottom and find by the end of the day I have a 20 min lead. I re-glue the lost boot.

Wednesday morning I'm ready to start and the other front runners step out in front of me. Fine, suits me, I just stay with them, it's an easy pace and a happy trio. Come saddle up time for the afternoon session and we are in trouble. Wind has never had a girth issue but at 200km, 40km further than his single 160km completion, we do.

On reflection, I think the morning's saddle blanket contributed. With so much rain we are using gear not normally used and this one was a bit long. Some of it was a bit further in front of the saddle. Don't change a thing!

We haven't done many wet rides and that didn't help either. We tried the spare saddles but they didn't seem to help. Out with the trusty hole punch and some inventive work on the girth points seemed to get us some leeway. We were the last ones out by a ways. The big trot is gone. Canter seems OK but I just canter twice for a few meters on the out leg. There is a good bit of lead work in this leg and it helps me be conservative without losing too much time. At the end of Wednesday the three of us are within 7 minutes with the 4<sup>th</sup> rider an hour and a half further back. Can this be right, Wind's girth looks better than when I went out? He came home pretty well so just maybe we are OK. The vet doesn't even pick it up. The morning will tell.

Come Thursday morning, unlike me plastered in gaudy make up with glitter eyeliner, no beard and a tutu, Wind's girth still looks OK. We will see then. As was my strategy, I go out behind the field. Wind's trot is as good as most, there is no big trot but canter seems fine.

It's raining, still, hard at times. catch Narelle at the bottom of Blue Hill. She says she is taking it easy but up on the transmission line Narelle catches me. I turn it up, lose Narelle and soon overtake. Michael. comes with me but my leave late strategy has given me some time on him and the pace is good.

It was about this time my "good" eye started stinging. I couldn't help but rub it no doubt rubbing in all sorts of gunky make up. Before long I was in serious distress and could hardly keep either eye open. I'm following Michael virtually blind.

I blamed make up, then the various girth treatments on my hands and no doubt reins but in the end it was a simple problem. In the rain, 3 years' worth of sweat and sunscreen were oozing out of the padding in my helmet. It was running along the brim and dripping in my eye. The edges of my eye were now bleeding and if I could have withdrawn I would have. I washed the helmet inner in a puddle and for the rest of the leg managed to keep the sore eye closed and the other one open. The second half of this leg





was not fun. Keep your gear clean! Wind's girth was a little worse but extrapolating that out, I thought we would make it.

Thursday afternoon was comparatively uneventful. All leg I was looking for Michael's boot prints among the horseshoe prints but there were none and I learned later he sadly vetted out. I thought it was a little slipperier on Wind's hind probably due to the softer boots wearing down. Once again the girth was a little worse for wear.

Friday, no matter what happens today I'm pretty satisfied with the outcome. It's going to be a fun day. Right up front we find a new issue. Lowering the saddle on, Wind has a massive flinch. Off comes the saddle and we find a lump 6-7cm diameter. It's right on the cusp of the back of the saddle. We think and hope it's not from the saddle but a bouncing spare boot. The spare boot I used on Tuesday and I haven't clipped it back on to the saddle as tight as usual. We ditch that boot and gently give him a massage. It gets better but my leave late strategy is now catching up with me. We work as long as we can and I leave with 5 minutes to spare at 4:55, very alone, still dark and so foggy I can't see across Joe's Crossing. Wind is fantastic and we keep at it.

At the top of Jack's I work out the whole field is between me and a turnaround. That is quite a relief as seeing other horses will lift our spirits. Coming down McKechnie's provides our most dramatic moment. Wind second guesses my lead and steps on a huge oblique flat rock, loses all his footing and goes down. There is a mad frightening scramble while he gains his feet. There is bark off in various places on the right his eye to hind fetlock but it all seems superficial. Handling the adrenaline for the next 10 minutes was – interesting. We vet through but the vet is now concerned about his girth and gives me an alternate strategy to try. We have a pretty good lead and can take it easy this afternoon.

Friday afternoon is an absolute joy. We ditch the second spare boot, Wind could do this leg barefoot and we won't need that. Wind is still firing. We get a bit stuck on one of The Steps but spectator encouragement overcomes that easy enough. Somewhere after The Steps we lose that same boot but like last time it seems to spur Wind on.

Down on the common he feels terrific and I know we have it in the bag. We cantered 90% of the common in a state of euphoria, I knew he was going to vet through. Shahzada I was borne on a Summer Wind.

That is a long happy race story but it doesn't cover the most important parts. Being out in that magnificent country with the friendly Shahzada family is what this ride is all about.

I've missed out telling you about my part time Strapper April completing the Mini Marathon and the fantastic support provided by my impromptu super strapper Kali. I haven't told you about how when we were 100s of metres from home Wind would call for Carousel and he would answer. How we had help from all directions to manage the issues we encountered. How the mud sucked us into ground. How my car battery self-destructed. How others in our camp area pitched in to help one another. The rain made the ultimate challenge all that more challenging but somehow that just made it better. Thank you to all those involved, officials, helpers, friends, other riders and horses. No matter how small your part, you are Shahzada.

### ***Notice to all riders.***

Just a reminder to all riders and horse owners presenting for 80k+ rides. Unless you have a current membership card **and** a horse registration sticker (either yearly or lifetime) to show to the ride secretary you **will not** be permitted to start in that event.

Also a reminder that if your rider requires any help at all on track, please get the Chief Steward's permission before you go out on track. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.

The NSWERA SMC has purchased new scanners and bibs for each zone. The bibs are 1 Chief Steward, 1 Head Vet, 4 Vet and 4 TPR vests.

These are to be kept with each Zone's computer and scales.

**NSW ERA Committee**

## Meeting notes from the NSW ERA meeting of 12 December 2014

**Present:** Greg Moore (chairman), Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley, Brad Dillon, John Howe, Emily Streckfuss (7.15), Haydn Fisher, Simon Bain, Sonya Ruprecht, Emma McCormack

**Apologies:** Gertraud Norton, Marylou Locke,

**Not Present:** Gary Tweedie

**Conflict of Interest:** John Howe was noted as having a conflict of interest in relation to the One Horse One Rider trophies discussed later in this meeting.

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (minutes), Neil Clarkson (6.46 part meeting),

### **TQ15 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tom Quilty.**

Neil presented his report. Pre-nominations to date are over 200. There are now \$35,000 in the bank. 360 camp sites possible, but will lose 30. Need to go through the camping sites tomorrow. Budget worked out on 300. Cut off will be 330 unless we get more spots. These are only standard size plots.

There is a paddock up the road that he could possibly use but these horses would then be off site. Roy said we cannot have a cut-off of the numbers. Neil replied that they can set a cut-off. Greg said that there is only so much ground available. Neil cannot manufacture more ground. Neil pointed out that according to the rules the horses need to be on base. Belinda said that we need to supply some basic facilities for any people who may not be housed on base.

Roy said that for people who nominate late, it's up to them how they get to vet. It's VGIH. Roy feels that we should not stop anyone from attending the event. There should be no cut-off.

**Resolved** to leave this with Neil.

Budget is now \$3,500 in the black and now includes a large screen colour TV. Sponsorship is about \$65,000. Neil would hope to get \$100,000. Neil asked the SMC whether it would rather make money or make the event more prestigious. Agree that we do not want to lose money and would hope to make a modest profit.

Deanna enquired about the traffic coming down the Wisemans Ferry hill. Neil said that he cannot have someone there for seven days. He cannot do anything about traffic coming in. On departure there will be someone there.

Haydn made mention of the Mudgee Pony Club. There is a sawmill in Mudgee. He wants to contact the Quilty Committee to ask if the Pony Club could sell shavings at say, \$5 a bag. This would be a money making exercise for the Pony Club. Neil said he will take this to his committee and get back to Haydn. People could order on the website if this idea is approved.

Neil commented on new ride committees are just starting up. Can we get more involved with advising committees of the little things that could be improved on. New Ride Committees need to be provided with assistance.

The topic of VGIH rides in NSW for next year was brought up. We need experience in these rides for the Tom Quilty and need to encourage ride organizers to do this. Ride organizers feel that this will involve them in more expenses as they could need more vets. Harden and Alan Caslick are concerned about the extra cost at their rides.

**MOVED  
THAT**

**Brad Dillon and Belinda Hopley**

NSW SMC cover the cost of one vet for the Harden ride and the Homewood Memorial ride should they consent to running VGIH at their 2015 rides. This is to encourage experience amongst riders and vets in preparation for the TQ2015 ride. The cost can be laid off against Sport and Recreation as this would be a training event.

**Carried Unanimous**

Roy will speak to these ride organizers and advise them of the above motion.

### **2015 NSWERA State Championships State Champs 2015**

*Zone 6 had a meeting on site at Riverwood Downs in early October where we worked out who was doing what and how we are going to approach the event. The meeting was very positive with a lot of great ideas.*

*Kathleen from Riverwood Downs was there and it was great to talk about a few things that some of the committee was concerned about*

*Working on an agreement between Riverwood Downs and the organising committee...will bring a copy to the meeting on Friday night.*

*We have secured a great supplier for the rugs at a great price.*

*Initial track planning has started with another onsite (track) meeting day planned before Christmas.*

*Expressions of interest have been sent to every vet and chief steward accredited in NSW.*

*Next meeting will be mainly based on the budget, to work out entry fees etc. Will provide a budget at the December SMC meeting – and will ask for the NSWERA sponsorship money at that meeting as well!*

*Very upset about an FEI ride being run two weeks later in the same zone without us even knowing! We expect NSWERA to do something about this problem.*



Brad apologized for not sending in a State Ride Report. Had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. First, they need to work out the chief stewards and vets. Marylou and Bob nominated for the CS position. He said he had a phone call from Marylou and they will only be available in September or October. Need to now track down a new pair of chief stewards. They have a preferred person for head vet but they haven't spoken to him yet. As he may be perceived as not having enough state-wide experience, would suggest that he should be one of the vets at the Tom Quilty. Query as to whether that would be possible. Head Vet at a State Ride is a pretty big honour. There are vets who are interested but who are currently not accredited.

Robyn Mather talked to the State Ride committee Events Secretary regarding the point of the treatment vet. The national vet panel is looking to come up with a list of treatment vets so that they could be trained. It was suggesting that there are only certain vets in NSW who are suitable to be a treatment vet. Economics must come into it. It gets down to what a ride committee can afford not what the vets demand.

Second, the course is located within 400 km of tracks. Now need to work out what are the best tracks to use. The course will be more like a St Albans ride: Out, up a hill, flat upon the top, back down and into base. Scheduled a date in January to have a ride through the proposed tracks. Anyone who wanted to go up and have a ride would be welcome. Could do some early training.

Finally, he was going to present a budget tonight, but due to computer problems, this is no longer possible. Discussing obtaining a cheque. Brad said he can forward this to the SMC when he gets home. Sonya is the treasurer and the cheque should be made out to Zone Six. The cheque, as previously approved, is to be for \$6,000.

#### **Secretariat Report & Ride Calendar (Sonya Ruprecht, Roy Barsby)**

Year to date: Adult 410, Junior 29, Intermediate 31, Associate 20 and honorary 6. Newsletter 233.

#### **PART 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

*Need to re schedule a new date for Vet Accreditation Course in Zone 6.*

*At the Kiwarra Endurance Club meeting held just last night, there are at least 6 members who want to become TPR's. Therefore, wondering if a TPR course can be run – hopefully before the Easter carnival at Homewood. I (Sonya) have run a TPR course up here in Zone 6 before a couple of years ago and would be happy to do the same if that helps. Looking at the calendar, it could possibly be done at Williams Valley ride in March 2015. So if we can discuss this now hopefully we can organize a TPR course for Zone 6 ASAP. Volunteers draw. This will be done at the next meeting.*

Homewood Club had a meeting last night. They have six members who want to do a TPR course. Homewood will be a big ride so they would like to run the TPR course at Williams Valley. Do we need approval for that to happen? Costs could include morning tea; any costs will come out of the Promotions Fund. Invoice will be sent in, in due course.

**Resolved** to run the course and that Sonya and Emily agree on a date and then proceed with the accreditation course.

Sonya asked for approval to accept memberships for 2015. Spoke to Greg on this. Is it OK to put the forms up on the net? Insurance has not been agreed to as yet. AON is to come back to us on this. Greg said we need to decide on NSW fees for 2015 and then publish them and accept memberships.

Ride bookings which had been received were discussed at length resulting in some being approved and others being put on hold for now.

We seem to be having a problem with pre-nominations. Riders nominate and then don't turn up. Is this not to be taken to the AGM and the Ride Organiser's Forum?

#### **2015 NSWERA AGM update**

Emily said she intends to put in a motion that we standardize trot up tracks in that we have a straight up and down track. Greg advised her how to go about this. Emily to put something together to take to the AGM. Neil said he would second this nomination if needed. General discussion on this with agreement that this needs to go to the AGM.

#### **MOVED Emily Streckfuss, Emma McCormack THAT**

Rule V 3.3 be amended to read as follows: Each horse will be examined unsaddled without bandages, leg boots or rugs, led on a loose lead at the walk and/or trot in a straight out and back pattern of 30 meters in each direction to establish normal gate and soundness.

#### **Carried Unanimous**

The NSW AGM delegates are to take this to the next AERA meeting.

AGM - Discussing the reading of reports at the AGM. Greg would like see reports go out before the event. Otherwise it takes a long time to read through all the reports on the day. Deadline for reports to be with Helen and Gertraud is 31 December. Neil will return to work on 6 January to print the AGM paperwork and the newsletter.

#### **RO Forum**

Proposed timetable was presented for discussion.

We need to come up with a check list for rides.

#### **NSW ERA Website**

NSWERA has commissioned Avon River

Computer Service to build a new website for Endurance NSW. The new site will feature a modern, uncluttered easy to use functionality. All of the issues that we are currently experiencing around Wordpress, particularly with regard to its compatibility with certain email brands, will be resolved. It is expected that the new site will go live in the first ¼ of 2015, it is currently in the testing stage. Below is a link to the test site, please visit the site and send through your feedback.

<http://www.avonrivercomputers.com.au/nswera>

I would like to really encourage all Zone Delegates to send through any news, photos, announcements and meeting minutes to the website administrator at [gmoore1101@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gmoore1101@yahoo.com.au) to be added to the relevant Zone tab on the new website.

Greg said that the organizer had sent through some paperwork to him, this afternoon. All of our information will be added into appropriate boxes. If you send feedback, be precise in your requests.

#### **AERA update (last AERA meeting, loan request by AERA to NSWERA)**

**New Rule Book.** Tom McCormack is working on a new rule book. He is changing the wording. Bits being added and bits being removed. After Christmas it will be sent out to a subcommittee to liaise with the SMCs in order to get it right. Their target date is the March 2015 AERA meeting. Feedback to be supplied to the subcommittee.

NSW delegates suggested Gertraud would be a good person to have on this subcommittee. There are no terms of reference out yet. "Fit to continue" is under discussion. Introducing the concept of a 'trainer' as being a 'responsible member'. Need clear penalties to be spelt out. Culture – where is the sport going to go now?

**Hendra.** Gow Gates gave a presentation. Advice has been given not to sign paperwork on this. Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) has got advice from their lawyers which state they are liable. Endurance Riders Association (ERA) has got advice stating that they (the vets) are covered. Unless and until the matter goes to court, no one is right or wrong.

We are currently in negotiations with our insurance provider regarding paperwork to cover an indemnity for vets. There are two sets of solicitors giving completely opposite views. Before our first ride next year, we will have a document prepared for our vets.

**AERA affiliation fees.** AERA is not in a good financial position. Prior to this year's Quilty, they purchased a number of buckles but they then purchased special buckles for 2015. They now have a heap of buckles and a cash flow problem. They came up with a possible solution of charging an affiliation fee on each ride entry. This was

approved at their meeting and will then go to a second round of voting. This was put up as an idea that could solve their day to day running costs problem. Costs include, for instance, the insurance register. This would be a permanent fee on every ride entry. The affiliation fees for NSW rides, goes in part to AERA. AERA are suggesting that they want \$1.00 more of our affiliation fees.

If we are all going to pay fees to AERA for every ride, there should be dual affiliation at every ride.

The only income AERA has is the once a year affiliation fees. There was talk about increasing horse registration fees. If this had happened, then on the numbers for 2014, NSW ERA would have paid \$2,000.

The bottom line is that AERA doesn't have a great income. They need to cover the data base and day to day running costs. AERA has a number of paid employees. AERA doesn't pay for meetings. Delegates' costs are met by the States.

There is also a proposal for a \$50,000 loan which is in addition to the proposal set out above.

General discussion on the day to day costs of running the AERA and their need for cash. Greg said that the additional \$1 per head is to cover increasing costs of administering the sport. Roy said there are two big expenses, AERAspace and an electronic timing system. This would be tilting the operating costs upwards.

**Website – AERAspace.** The website coordinator has resigned. Trying to put both positions together. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested in the position, let them know that the position will come up shortly.

**Website -** it contains all the ride history back to 1966. A lot of information to be added to the database. When ride organizers enter information, it needs to be consistent and it needs to be correct. Belinda is about to do the TPR entries on there. Will only use phone numbers as a means of contact.

In NSW we have ride computers. In the other states they download to personal computers. Brad wants every ride organizer to have the information on their personal computer.

Tom McCormack brought the AERA timing system to the meeting. They are ready to test with horses and if that all goes well, it will be available. The goal will be for each State to have one. Connects directly to AERAspace. When you enter a ride, you will be given a chip like thing which you will carry with you, something like an Opal card. Flip in and Flip out.

**Resolved:** Agreement to ask Tom McCormack to bring this unit to the AGM and demonstrate it to the meeting. The initial cost will be around \$5,000 per unit.

**Rider Distance Award.** There are around 110



people who have achieved 10,000 km. Discussion on a suitable award. There are 14 riders over 20,000 km and 3 people over 30,000 km.

#### **2016 Tom Quilty.**

Victoria is having a few issues trying to work out where to hold the ride. The original organizers had a falling out with the ride base owner. VERA have come up with another impressive submission but nothing official.

**AERA cash flow crisis** – They have sent through a document for consideration. Greg suggests that we lend them some money but not the full amount that they want. They are to repay the loan in full by the end of July 2015. Interest is around 2.4%. AERA to pay any penalties that NSW may encounter plus interest for a 12 month period. Greg has spoken to Tom about this and he can't see anything detrimental for NSW coming out of this. Tom McCormack recommended this take place.

John wrote to Tom McCormack seeking his advice on what money is available. The IBDs were read out. We should be able to charge interest at 2.4%. Tom's view is that the AERA should be able to repay the loan prior to the 2015 Tom Quilty ride.

It was pointed out that this is members' money we are thinking of spending. We need to be careful how we go about it. There is a need for legal advice. Need to make a decision on whether we will do this at all and if so, how much. We cannot do this before 1 January 2015.

Greg's recommendation is that we agree in principle to lend them \$30,000 subject to legal opinion on the paperwork submitted by AERA.

**MOVED THAT** **John Howe, Belinda Hopley** subject to legal opinion on the paperwork, NSW ERA loan AERA an amount up to \$30,000 at an interest rate to be determined, dependent upon AERA entering into an appropriate financial contract. It being envisaged that the loan will be repaid by 30 July 2015.

**Carried** **Unanimous with the exception of the current AERA delegates, Greg Moore, Brad Dillon and Roy Barsby**

#### **One Horse One rider – the missing years**

Greg said there are three years where the one horse one rider award was not given out.

John said that this award was removed in 1991, 1992, 1993, and reinstated in 1994. There are a number of riders involved including John Howe and Helen Rich. Names of the riders were read out. Brad is against the idea making mention of the fact that one km can be the difference between 10<sup>th</sup> place and 11<sup>th</sup> place.

Greg proposes that we retrospectively, recognize first place for these riders, for 1991, 1992 and 1993.

**MOVED THAT**

**Roy Barsby and Simon Bain**

we recognize first place for riders in 1991, 1992 and 1993 to receive a one horse one rider trophy.

**Unanimous except as shown**

**Carried below.**

**Against:** Brad Dillon. Abstained: John Howe.

#### **Greg Moore – President**

*As 2014 draws to a close I am delighted to report the NSWERA is a strong financial position that should see the membership fees for 2015 remain unchanged.*

*AERA are in negotiations with two insurance companies, AON & Gow Gates, to provide personal accident insurance for any member who wishes to take it. Both proposals are being evaluated now with a decision as to the winning tender expected very soon.*

*Arrangements are well advanced for TQ15. All available cabins at Del Rio booked out in a day ... which shows the level of interested in the event. Entries are now open for horse and rider .... Good luck to everyone.*

*Negotiations are still ongoing around the Northern Rivers Zone. The NSW position has not changed.*

Greg Moore, President NSWERA

#### **Gertraud Norton – Secretary: Correspondence**

In- and out-going correspondence was tabled.

*Due to the preparations before going for six-weeks of holidays in Germany, I have not done much additional work beyond what I needed to do as a priority. This was in particular to get the survey on future needs of the sport for NSW Sport & Recreation on its way by the closing day of 14 November. Despite a number of obstacles, I managed to get it in on time. It was incredibly detailed and like a submission for funding, although no money was attached to it. I confirmed the AGM details with the Eagle Hawk Hotel over the phone before I left. All appears to be okay.*

*Other work which I am looking at while away is the horse data analysis that I want to carry out to hopefully get some more conclusive and meaningful results than what has been given to us by AERA to discuss at our AGM. In addition, I hope to make a start collating ride details (elevation profiles, elevation gain and loss, fastest and slowest times over years).*

#### **John Howe – Treasurer, IDP**

*Having gone through the report with Tom we have reached the following financial position for this year, 2014.*

*Our profit for the year will be approx \$18,000.00. Considering that the ride affiliation fees from Burruga have to be banked and costs for this meeting plus the next Newsletter taken out,*

*we have done exceedingly well, so my feeling is that we have achieved an excellent result.*

*With members rejoining in January 2015, our major annual cash flow will recommence. Looking forward to 2015, I can confidently predict a much larger attendance at rides in the lead up to TQ15, the profit from TQ15 and of course the \$10,000.00 bond will flow back to NSWERA. With the Quilty in NSW, I am confident that there will be a large number of Big 3 aspirants, these aspirations therefore will flow into larger than normal entries to Shahzada 400km and of course the NSW State championship ride. 2015, should be our best ever year for a real bottom line that will place us in an excellent financial position to promote and grow our sport.*

*The National body has approached us for a short term loan. Our AERA delegates will explain what AERA wants, the reasons and a time frame. I believe that Greg has a written proposal from AERA and of course we will have the appropriate written contract from AERA.*

*I feel that with the consensus of this meeting, we should consider AERA's request. At one stage about 10 years ago, it was felt that NSWERA may not have been able to meet its Short term financial obligations, AERA was willing at that time to broker a loan for us, if necessary, in fact QERA would have also assisted us financially, so this type of precedent has been well and truly set.*

*In terms of actual liquidity our financial position is quite good.*

*Currently I.B.Ds are paying about 2.40%, so if we were to lend some money to AERA and they repaid the loan at say 2.4% we would not be financially disadvantaging our members and of course we would be greatly assisting our sport, which is what we are meant to do.*

*I would be therefore be prepared to move a motion that we make a loan to the AERA. It being envisaged that the loan will be repaid upon the final financial determination of TQ15.*

**MOVED THAT** Roy Barsby and John Howe, we provide a suitable token of appreciation to Tom McCormack for his assistance with the bookkeeping and account for the 2014 calendar year

**Carried Unanimous**

*John said that the State Ride money will come out of this year's money rather than 2015. We have a profit of around \$18,000 plus what may come in from Burruga. When you look at the number of rides and then the profit from the Quilty. John said that we should look at strategic type things from now on. We are going backwards in membership numbers.*

**MOVED John Howe, Deanna Trevena**

**THAT** the Treasurer's report is accepted and the outstanding accounts be paid.

**Carried Unanimous**

*Brad said that the bills for drug testing for 2014 State Ride have not been paid. Sonya has been sending these to Neil Clarkson. This should have been sent to the NSW treasurer for payment. Need to get this back from Neil so that NSW ERA can pay the bill.*

*Who are the drug testing stewards for NSW? Denise Trollope is not on the list. Belinda Hopley is an accredited drug testing steward. Gail Fisher needs to fix up her membership for drug testing. She has done three rides.*

### **Membership fees for 2015.**

*General discussion on whether or not to leave membership fees as they are for 2015. We pay affiliation fees to AERA for seniors but not for juniors. We pay AERA \$22 per person for senior members. We still have to pay insurance fees for juniors.*

*Haydn said that he wants to discuss the definition for 'family' memberships. What is the cost of insuring a child? Currently fees are \$100 per adult. For children, whatever it costs to do public liability and cover that cost. Need to sort the wording out as to what constitutes a 'family'.*

**MOVED THAT** John Howe, Haydn Fisher 2015 membership fees be capped at the 2014 rate with the exception of the family rate. Family membership will be \$220 with the stipulation that a family consist of 'two adults and any number of dependent children under the age of 17 living at the same address'.

**Carried Unanimous**

### **Deanna Trevena – Merchandise, Promotions, Feedback, Membership Growth Zone 2**

*Have received rugs from Easy On Rugs. Five in total of 5'9 and 6' size. They are currently with the Embroide Me in Dubbo getting done. The costing from Easy On Rugs was slightly more expensive so I went with the Dubbo guys to do the embroidery and the convenience for me.*

*Would like to have merchandise at the AGM so people can have a try and buy*

### **Promotions**

*I have just about given out all the stickers. Should we order some more? To go out with membership*

*If people want to do a promo day or have some packs for their ride just contact me and I will get them organised.*

### **Zone 2**

*MECCA (Manilla) had their trainer weekend on the*



8 and 9th of November. A very HOT but enjoyable weekend I have been told. Thanks to Renee and Jason for doing a great job.

Zone 2 AGM will be held early next year. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Went to Equitana. Hawkesbury Equine Lifestyle will be held in 2015. We need to be there. Resolved to print some more stickers.

### **Brad Dillon – Ride administration, Zone 6 report**

#### **Zone 6 Report**

The final ride, the Kiwarra Cup, of the massive Zone 6 calendar for 2015, was held over the weekend of the 26th of October with a great turn out despite very warm conditions. There were a few vet outs due to the conditions and an early start time was done to try to avoid the heat.

The ride base was the traditional base, with new land owners allowing the club to use their property, even putting in a new road for the event! Zone 6 wishes to thank everyone from other Zones who made the effort to come "up the coast" and support our rides this year!

#### **Ride Organisers Forum**

Starting to put together the agenda, will bring a draft on Friday. Already have a number of guest speakers including one from the Australian Vet Association. – (thanks to Emily for organising this)

Email from Roz stating that excess for clubs, if you want to put in an insurance claim, is \$2,000.

**MOVED THAT** Brad Dillon, Emma McCormack ride affiliation fees for 2015 remain at the 2014 rates.

**Carried Unanimous**

### **Belinda Hopley – Chief stewards and TPR's**

MECCA was at Manilla in November. The marking was excellent. Well run by a small committee.

Scenic City. Not enough toilets. Marking not too good. Some riders got lost. No meals, not enough drinks etc. Track marking needed to be more consistent. All the track marking people were riding. No one left in camp knew the track. They had new vets from out of town. There was no accommodation or food organised for them. There were no buckles.

Belinda to send around a synopsis of the rides.

One rider fell off and broke an arm and ribs.

It was noted that there were some problems at the Burruga ride. There were only 25 horses but Haydn was out marking the track until the early hours of the morning. There were not enough check points. You could not move along on the track even if you needed to. There were 10 km of tar in the intro ride. ROs need to provide a track for novice riders.

You cannot fix things on the day of the ride. Rides cannot be organized so that people can just get

miles for their horse. Insurance will become a problem, if we don't take charge.

In the ride book that Brad prepared earlier in the year, all of this is covered.

We need to bring the Ride Standards portfolio back.

At the RO Forum, there needs to be an announcement about ride standards. These need to be set out at this event, if you don't adhere there will be penalties.

Belinda was asked to do a synopsis on both of the previous rides, provide this to Greg so that he can contact the ride organizers.

Lyn Taylor completed another Chief Stewards provisional ride.

No invasive treatment.

Remove the words 'treasured' and 'cherished' from the jackets. Do we want to change to Muddy Creek jackets? Give them the choice.

Three swabs at Scenic City. Four at Woodstock.

### **Tony Warren – Horse welfare, Early Warning Horse Welfare Report**

Drug testing was carried out at the Scenic City ride on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

#### **Early Warning**

The system seems to be working correctly now, the list which prints out points of 15 or higher.

We have 16 riders on the list, with only 4 being at the high level.

We have 32 horses on the list, 2 of these are for severe metabolic, 6 being at the high level.

Cheers Tony

### **Emily Streckfuss – Course preservation liaison, Zone 1 report**

Nothing to report on the Zone 1 front. Track preservation – Thirlmere Lakes National Park is revising their plan of management and is open for public comment till 1st March 2015..

### **Simon Bain - Vet liaison, Zone 4 report**

The final Zone 4 endurance ride for 2014, the Scenic City Endurance Carnival, took place November 22-23. The weekend was hot, reaching around 37 degrees C on the Saturday and 39 degrees C on the Sunday. It is good testimony to organisers and competitors that no significant horse issues were experienced over the weekend.

Course marking was required to be significantly changed for the first leg of the 80km ride within 24 hours of ride commencement. These changes were required by the National Arboretum and resulted in some rider confusion on a section of the course. This notwithstanding Facebook comments post-ride indicated that riders had a good degree of satisfaction with the ride. On day 1 in the 80 km ride 36 (78%) completed out of a field

of 46, 18 (80%) out of a field of 20 completed the 40 km and in the 20km ride 16 (94%) completed out of 17 starters.

Day 2 in the 80km ride 40 (83%) completed out of a field of 48, 7 (78%) completed out of a field of 9 completed the 40km ride, and in the 20km 24 (92%) completed from a field of 26.

#### **General Business**

Letter from Annette Bailey in which she asks if Zone One or the Snowy could have one of the rides moved apart. As mentioned previously,

Zone One cannot change their date. Brad said that Wayne Haggerty wants to run a training ride. Wayne says that he has 40km of track.

**Resolved:** Advise Annette that Zone One cannot change dates because of Hawkesbury Council requirements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.18pm.

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**NSW Committee**

# **Notice**

***DUTY of CARE with regards to DOGS at RIDES:***

***Dogs must be restrained at all times.***

Due to dogs being found running loose at increasing numbers of 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**



# Ride Bases Map

The NSWERA Web page now has a Google map with 'Find it' features that will show the distribution of ride bases through NSW and provide a map with directions from your home to the ride base.

To access the map just go to **www.nswera.asn.au**. When you get there just click on the "NSW Ride Base Map" towards the top of the screen.

## **To use the map: -**

- Click on the ride base in the list on the left.
- A text box will pop up near the flag for the ride base.
- Click on get directions 'to here'.
- Enter your hometown in the start address.

## **Click 'GO' and print off the map and directions.**

**If you have a navigator in your** vehicle the map coordinates are shown in the text box, but a word of caution when using a navigator to go to a map grid reference, navigators are programmed to find the most direct route (as the crow flies), and as you get close to your destination they sometimes want to turn you down a side road or even a forest trail.

## **Ride organisers**

### **To have a ride base added to the map,**

1. Go to Google on the internet.
2. Select 'Maps' from the menu bar at the top.
3. With a map of Australia showing.
4. the curser (a little hand) on the area you're interested in, right click and select 'Center map here'.
5. Slide up the scale ladder a little.
6. Repeat 4&5 until you have zoomed in on the area.
7. Now select 'Satellite' to see an overhead picture of the area.
8. Put the 'Little Hand' on the gateway to the ride base, right click and select 'Directions from Here'.
9. A green flag will appear at the spot and a 'Get directions' box will appear in the top left corner.
10. If the flag is not quite right, click and drag it.
11. In the 'Get directions' box against flag 'A' will be the map grid reference for the spot chosen, it will look like ( -30.294007,147.498579)
12. Jot down that reference with the ride name and email it to me at 'vpe63190@bigpond.net.au'.

**To check we have located the marker correctly, or if the ride base has been moved, zoom in on your marker on the Ride Bases Map as described above, switch to Satellite and check the position of the marker. If it is in error follow the procedure above and email me the details.**

Also run some tests approaching your ride base from different directions and note any anomalies, see the Shahzada text box for an example.

**Regards, Tom Perkins snr 20435**

# DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

[www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)

The Internet has become a wonderful tool to equip ourselves with information. This means that information is now at your finger tips regarding your sport in NSW at [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)

The “Home” page of the web site is a great place to start. It will highlight important current issues and will guide you through the rest of the website.

Tabs on your Home Page include –

**Ride Calendar** where you can find a full list of upcoming rides, contact details for ride secretaries, ride previews and ride results.

**Prenomination** where you can prenominate to ride secretaries via email

**NSW Ride Base Maps** – details how to find your way to a ride base and also how Ride Organisers can list their rides on the Map.

**Point Score for NSW**

**Contacts** to email NSWERA Secretariat, Newsletter or Secretary

**Forms** - all the forms you may need such as Membership, Logbooks, Insurance, Horse Identification, etc.

**Starting Out Guide** - Notes on Getting Started in Endurance riding.

**Committee** contacts

**NSW FEI** information

**Constitution** – print off a copy

**Links** to other Associations and the AERA

**Insurance** – Requests for Certificate of Currency from AON; Claims Procedures; etc.

New innovations that will be coming to your web site in the near future will be online Membership Forms with Credit Payment opportunities, as well as merchandise purchasing.

So, keep in touch with your sport through [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au). You'll get a surprise at the amount of information on there for you. Remember, this is your website, so stories, photos and articles of interest are always a welcome addition.



# NSW ERA 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 Committees must be incorporated with the Department of Fair Trading and a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation forwarded with Booking Form.
3. Entry fees for all sections of the ride must be shown on the Booking Form and advertised in the Newsletter when inserted in the Ride Calendar.
4. Rides being conducted to replace cancelled rides must have permission from the NSW ERA SMC before the ride is advertised ANYWHERE.
5. Existing rides that have run on the same date for consecutive years will have preference for that date over new rides to protect the survival of the existing rides.
6. If a new ride is allocated a date other than as requested, that Ride Committee must change their date in accordance with the Committees decision.
7. A \$10.00 Booking Fee is payable when lodging the Ride Booking Form.
8. A \$50.00 Bond is payable if this is not already held on behalf of the ride Committee. This bond may be used for the next ride by that Committee if all paperwork is in on time.
9. The Ride Booking Form will indicate the Ride Committee's request for their ride to be dual-affiliated with another State.
10. A letter will be forwarded to Ride Committees one month prior to their ride requesting confirmation of the ride's Head Vet and Accredited Chief Steward.

# 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.

**Sonya Ruprecht, Log Book Registrar, NSWERA**

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## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC. MEMBERS DANGEROUS ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In consideration of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc. ("the Association") permitting me to participate in an event conducted by the Association:

This agreement is compulsory and is entered into by:

Participant 1 Name: .....M'Ship No. ....

Participant 2 Name: .....M'Ship No. ....

And covers my participation in all endurance riding activities affiliated with or endorsed by the Association.

### **I understand that –**

There are potentially significant risks and hazards involved with endurance riding, and that horses are powerful and potentially dangerous animals;

There are certain inherent risks in the terrain, public roadways, weather and other forces of nature which may arise during my participation in endurance riding, and that such risks may vary from ride to ride;

The Ride Organisers and the State Management Committee make every effort to ensure the safety of the ride base and ride course, and the safety and well-being of all participants and their horses, and to minimize any risk of injury, death or loss due to negligence or omission by the organisers and the Association;

It is compulsory to wear an approved safety helmet at all times while on a horse at any event affiliated or endorsed by the Association;

I am responsible for the control and welfare of any horse in my care or which I elect to ride and for ensuring that I am capable of managing any such horse in the interests of my own safety, and that of other participants, horses and property;

If I fail to comply with any reasonable instruction, request or direction by Ride Organisers or other designated officials, upon my being so warned by the appointed Chief Steward, she/he may terminate any further participation by me, such termination being at my expense, and I waive any claim or refund;

I am free to withdraw my participation at any time should I determine that to do so is in the interests of my safety and well-being or that of other participants and horses.

### **I agree –**

That if I have a medical condition or impairment which may affect my capacity to act safely and in the best interests of the welfare of myself, other participants and horses, then I take full responsibility for any consequence of such medical condition or impairment;

To comply with AERA and the Association's Ride Rules and any reasonable instruction, request or direction from ride officials as to the safety and well-being of myself and other participants, and the management of horses;

That due to diseases such as equine influenza, the Department of Primary Industries or other state or commonwealth government body, may restrict or prevent the movement of horses, vehicles and personnel for a period of time, otherwise known as a "standstill". I acknowledge that a standstill is a risk of competing and agree to pay any costs or expenses incurred by any person or organisation for and behalf of my horse(s) as a result of the standstill.

### **I have read and understood the above document**

Signature of Participant 1: .....Medical Conditions: .....

Signature of Participant 2: .....Medical Conditions: .....

### **Declaration by guardian:**

As guardian of the participant:

I warrant the accuracy of the assurances and warranties given above on behalf of the participant;



## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

### Application for Registration of a Current Endurance Horse

Horse registration fees for 2015. 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 2015.

**Any endurance horses not registered in 2015 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, PO Box 6627 CHATHAM NSW 2430.**

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 a .....km 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 **ONE** 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 **ONE** 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). Scrolls for distances of 3000km and above are awarded at the Tom Quilty each year, all other scrolls can be applied for at any time. Please ensure that this application form is lodged prior to **31<sup>st</sup> July 2015** to ensure that they are ready for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2015 presentations.

Send your completed forms (plus any applicable fee) to the AERA Registrar:

Jo Bailey  
3008 Abercrombie Road  
BLACK SPRINGS NSW 2787 Phone: (02) 63358121 ah

#### Notes:

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



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## 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 go to a ride to TPR and 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 me.

NSW Committee

# Register of Chief Stewards

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