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Cover: Stuart Lymbery and his daughter Sarah. Stuart received his awards at the recent NSW AGM. Stuart was a winner of a Big Three Award riding Garonne Park Walker. Sarah, picked up her Top Ten Ribbons.

Special thanks to Sue Todd for stepping in and taking the minutes at the AGM. She did a great job.

Thanks to everyone who contributed photos to this edition.

Photos and stories are always welcome and needed.

Thanks also to Neil Clarkson for his help and support with the NSW newsletter. Neil has retired from the NSW State Committee and is now concentrating his considerable talents on the 2011 NSW State Ride and, of course, Shahzada. Ed.

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Editor: Helen Rich



President's Report



2010 was a note-worthy year for NSWERA. There were 41 rides offering diversity of terrain and conditions and covering most weekends; a very successful Quilty hosted by the Tamworth & District Endurance Club Inc and the State Championships = again a credit to the hosts, the Lachlan Endurance Riders Club. The total number of ride entries for 2010 was up by about 20% and 8% respectively from 2008 and 2009 due in part to the Quilty affect.

On the international front, two NSW riders, Talea Haskow Stewart and Allix Jones, participated in the South African National Championships and three NSW officials were in the team at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, Drs Trish Annetts as Chef D'Equipe, Robyn Mather as team Vet and Denise Trollope as Assistant Chef.

Fiona Meller has continued her invaluable work promoting our interests with NPWS and reports success on several fronts, horse riding trails have been approved in recently released management plans and there appears to be a positive attitude to

horse riding emerging, to the extent that Fiona has been invited to write the horse riding section of the upcoming Blue Mountains National Park plan of management.

The SMC moved forward in 2010 with Ride Booking procedures, ride calendar refinement, and updating of the Governance and Procedures manuals. We have received substantial support from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, a division of Communities NSW in the form of funding to implement a program of training and development for officials and volunteers and for other aspects of our business plan through 2011.

From the AGM there have been some personnel and role changes within the SMC, most notable of which was the retirement of Neil Clarkson after eight years of sterling service, ranging through various portfolios, AERA Delegate, and NSWERA President; a big thank you to Neil who will be organising and running the 2011 State Championships as well as the Shahzada. A big thank you also to Gary Tweedie for his leadership as President through 2010, Gary will replace Neil as AERA Delegate where he will, no doubt, be a valuable contributor.

With eight candidates for the six committee vacancies, a healthy sign in itself, we have some fresh faces on the SMC and we look forward to 2011 with a good mix of experience and fresh enthusiasm. Portfolios shall be assigned at the SMC meeting on 4th March and there is a busy year ahead with 32 rides already on the calendar including the three major Easter events at Gundagai, Oberon, and Manilla.

We shall continue upgrading and improving equipment and resources while minimising the impact on membership fees and we are budgeting for a break-even result in 2011.

Our membership numbers appear to have reached a plateau in recent years and membership retention and growth shall be a focus area in our Strategic Business plan update this year.

We noted with sadness the recent passing of one of our members, Tanya Brownlie.

Tom Perkins Snr - President NSW ERA

Notice

**Don't forget to renew
your Endurance horse
registration!**

**No rego sticker in your
log book**

No ride.

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**Novice Horses don't
need to register.**

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URGENT NOTICE NSW Secretariat

The address of NSW Secretariat was changed from Windsor to Chatham over 12 months ago.

People are still posting to Windsor
it's costing time & money to redirect post.

**Please note the correct address for NSW
Secretariat is:**

PO Box 6627 CHATHAM NSW 2430.

Please stop posting mail to Windsor.

New AERA Rules from 1st January 2011

H6 ENDURANCE HORSE AND ENDURANCE HORSE LOGBOOK

Every horse issued with an Endurance Horse Logbook must be identified by a microchip implant plus a certified veterinary identification of same which must include any legible brands, the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse. If a prohibited substance is administered during this procedure, the appropriate withholding period must be observed.

(Please note: the compulsory microchip only applies to horses progressing to Endurance Status after the 31/12/2010.)

A6 Riding Leg Length

At all affiliated endurance and marathon rides:

an average of the distances between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 40 kilometres; and

the maximum distance of any one leg must not exceed 50 kilometres.

for rides of 85km or less, an average of the distance between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 42.5km;

for rides of over 85km an average of the distances between standard veterinary checkpoints must not be greater than 40km: and

the maximum distance of any one leg must not exceed 50km.

V4 END OF RIDING-LEG VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS

A horse with the clinical signs of synchronous diaphragmatic flutter ("thumps") is eliminated for metabolic reasons.

Examine all horses as in rules V.3.2 through V.3.4.

H7 ISSUING OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT LOGBOOKS

b) If a Division Registrar *State Management Committee* becomes aware that a horse registered with a breed association has been issued with a Logbook in a name different from its registered name, the Registrar *State Management Committee* must require the member responsible for that horse to return the Logbook so that the name of the horse is changed and the database is adjusted accordingly;

NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Meetings are held upstairs at the Arabian Horse Society Building,
1st Floor, 226 George Street, Windsor: Next door to Coles.**

Meetings commence at 6:30 sharp.

All are invited to attend.

Next meetings

Dates to be decided at the next NSW ERA meeting

TANYA BROWNLIE R.I.P.

Endurance riders everywhere will be sad to learn of the passing of one of its most colourful characters. Tanya Brownlie described herself as “a little bit weird and a lot wacky” and is remembered by everyone who knew her for her jokes and boisterous laughter. A larger than life character, Tanya lost her battle with cancer in January 2011, aged 43.

Married to husband, Peter for 17 years, Tanya was involved with Polo Crosse as a junior rider but was best known in endurance



circles for her untiring devotion as a strapper to Peter and their much-loved stallion, Hillbrook Drifter (aka Ishe). With no inhibitions, Tanya was not averse to unconventional dress and her pink floral pyjamas at Shahzada became her trademark.

Friend and former president of the NSW ERA, Neil Clarkson said everyone was amused by Tanya’s outrageous personality. “I found it interesting to watch people meeting her for the first time,” he said. “They didn’t know how to take her. She was always full of jokes – very outrageous sometimes – but by the end of the evening everyone was laughing with her. But there was also the serious side of her character which included her



knowledge of horses and riding tips and she was very generous with that knowledge.”

Her stepson, Michael described Tanya as “a life-and-soul-of-the-party person”, while husband Peter remembers happy times spent with her, their horses and motorbikes.

Tanya leaves behind husband Peter, sisters Ann and Sylvia, brother Kenny, her mother and stepfather, and her stepchildren Michael and Amanda.

The 13 Month Rule

Please remember that if your horse does not successfully complete an endurance ride for 13 months, it's status reverts to Novice and you must complete your next ride in novice time.

Should you complete a ride outside the novice times— you face disqualification and your points and mileage disallowed.

**Remember—ignorance of this rule is no excuse.
NSW ERA Committee**

Top 3 NSW Point Score winners

Heavyweight

Martin Gregson

1st Distance Heavyweight Horse – Burren-dah Gladiator
 1st Distance Heavyweight Rider
 1st One Horse – One Rider – Burren-dah Gladiator
 2nd Points Heavyweight Horse – Burren-dah Gladiator
 1st Points Heavyweight Rider
 Big Three Winner



Neil Clarkson and Espirit Sherwood

4th Points heavyweight rider
 1st points heavyweight horse
 6th heavyweight one horse – one rider
 10th distance heavyweight rider
 2nd distance heavyweight horse



Ian Dreghorn and Mountain Breeze Jack The Ripper

4th distance heavyweight rider
 2nd heavyweight - one horse one rider
 2nd points heavyweight rider
 3rd distance heavyweight horse
 3rd points heavyweight horse

Middleweight

Tracy Haack

1st distance middleweight rider.
 7th Middleweight one horse one rider
 1st points middleweight rider



Katrina Bodewes

- 2nd Distance middleweight rider
- 1st Middleweight – one horse one rider
- 3rd Booramby Silver Elk – Points middleweight horse
- 1st distance middleweight horse – Booramby Silver Elk



Noni Seagrim

- 3rd Distance middleweight rider
- 2nd One horse – one rider
- 1st Points middleweight horse - Rahan Mushtar
- 4th Points middleweight rider
- Big Three Winner

Tina Walker - middleweight

- 2nd One Horse One Rider – Cromarty Park Zataal
- 2nd distance middleweight horse
- 5th Distance middleweight rider
- 2nd Points middleweight horse
- 5th Points middleweight rider



Lightweight

Sue Todd

- 6th Distance Lightweight Horse – PPP Kool Pashin
- 1st Distance Lightweight Rider
- 3rd One Horse One Rider – Shakista
- 5th One Horse One Rider – PPP Kool Pashin
- 8th Points horse – PPP Kool Pashin
- 1st Points Lightweight Rider
- 3rd Distance lightweight horse – Shakista
- Big Three Award.



Fia Hasko-Stewart

1st One Horse One Rider - Blake's Heaven Bombora
1st Distance lightweight horse
3rd Distance lightweight rider
1st Points lightweight horse - Blake's Heaven Bombora
1st Points lightweight rider



Allix Jones

2nd Distance lightweight horse - Shellal Cattle King Flyte
2nd Distance lightweight rider
2nd One horse – one rider
5th Points lightweight horse
4th Points lightweight rider
Big Three Winner



Junior

Mia Bodewes—Booramby Jacob

1st Distance Junior horse – Booramby Jacob
1st Distance junior rider
1st One horse one rider
1st Junior points horse – Booramby Jacob
1st Junior Points Rider
3rd One Horse One Rider - Leshal Asrahk
3rd Distance Junior Horse – Leshal Asrahk
4th Points Junior Horse – Leshal Asrahk



Talea Hasko-Stewart

2nd Distance Junior Rider
4th Junior One Horse One Rider - Blake's Heaven Summer Reign
4th Distance Junior Horse - Blake's Heaven Summer Reign
10th Junior One Horse One Rider - Blake's Heaven Venus
6th Blake's Heavey Summer Reign
8th Points Junior Horse – Blakes Heaven Venue
2nd Junior Points Rider



Justin Pilley

2nd Distance Junior Horse – Meroo Downs Dolly
3rd Distance Junior Rider
2nd One Horse One Rider – Meroo Downs Dolly
3rd Points Junior Horse
4th Points Junior Rider

Thanks for these photos go to:

Jo Arblaster,

Kieron power

Jo Rafai.

Zone AGM & Presentation Evening



22ND JANUARY, 2011.

The weather was perfect when we held the Zone One AGM and Presentation evening at the home of Joe and Marita Rifai. The younger folk had a lovely time in the pool while the older and wiser people enjoyed the wonderful company and food which was provided by the Zone One committee. Well, we didn't really provide the company.....we were lucky enough to have them arrive of their own free will.

We held our AGM at 6.30pm and have more people on our committee than last year which is really wonderful. Dodi Sinfield has joined our committee which is such an asset with her past experience in endurance. We also had her partner, Rohan Perkins join the committee who is very eager with many new ideas. Paul Farmer is another new committee member. Paul has TPR'd at many Zone One rides so it's great to have him involved in the committee also. The other members of our committee are Tony Warren - President, Marita Rifai - Vice President, Sue Todd - Secretary and Stephanie Grolimund as Treasurer which is the same as it was in 2010. The rest of the committee is Greg Moore, Helen Rich, Faith Robinson, Judy Shore, Marlee Turnbull and Garry Weis.

Our first ride for the year will be the trainers on the 12th & 13th March at Upper Colo, followed by the Zone Championship in May, which will also be at the Upper Colo Reserve. On the long weekend in June the State Ride will be held in St. Albans and then the Putty ride in July. Of course in August there is Shahzada and then in October we will be holding a new Zone One ride at Yerrinbool. The spacing between these rides makes it very achievable to compete for our Zone One awards being



One Horse/One Ride in each division and first Distance Rider in each division.

The Presentation of Point Score winners for the 2010 season was well attended and the awards were presented by our President, Tony Warren and Vice President, Marita Rifai. Rugs with the riders name embroidered on them were awarded to the first Distance Rider in each division and Puffer Pads with the horse's name embroidered on them were awarded to the One Horse/One Rider in each division.

First Heavyweight Distance Rider and also One Horse/One Rider was John Howe on Ashbend Perazzi. Middleweight Distance Rider was Tracy Haack who was also the only rider to complete every Zone One ride. One Horse/One Rider in the middleweight division was Rowena Robinson on Karumba Nazrani. Lightweight Distance Rider and Lightweight One Horse/One Rider was Allix Jones on Shellal Cattle King Flyte and the Junior Lightweight Rider and Lightweight One/Horse One/Rider was Tomeika Bond on Conderosa Shah.

All the members of Zone One who had competed in a zone team in 2010 also received a Zone One Team Riders cap so there were a lot of winners and gridders on the night.

After the presentation the evening continued on until the early hours of Sunday morning with many of us enjoying the balmy evening and telling tales of our horses and experiences in the past and aspirations in the future.

If you would like to join Zone One you can contact Garry Weis on garryweis@yahoo.com.au and become a financial member for \$15. This will allow you \$5 off you entry fee to any Zone One ride and as there are five Zone One rides on the calendar you could even make some money! You would also be eligible to be in the Zone One Pointscore and be on a Zone One team at any ride during the year so there are a lot of reasons to be a Zone One member.

We look forward to seeing more new faces and hopefully a growing NSW ERA membership for 2011.
Happy Riding,
Zone One Committee



Zone One Trainer

40km Trainer Ride, 20km Social Ride & 5km Introductory Ride

Weekend 12th & 13th March 2011

The Zone One Committee will be running, **TWO** 40km Training Rides, one on Saturday 12th March 2011 and one on Sunday 13th March 2011, with a 20km Social Ride and a 5km Introductory Ride being held on the Saturday and Sunday as well. The ride base will be as usual at the Upper Colo Reserve, Upper Colo, located on the beautiful Colo River, approximately 12kms from the Putty Road turn off.

SATURDAY

The office will open at 10.00am for entries, vetting to commence at 10.30am with the ride to start at 1.00pm.

The 40km Training Ride will be heading along Upper Colo Rd to the fire station and then going up Ward's Track to Mountain Lagoon where there will be a checkpoint and heart rate gate - the same as last years track. There will be water for horses and lollies for riders before heading down Mt Lagoon Rd and back to base. The ride is mostly through National Park and the trails are very shady just in case it's a hot, sunny day! There is only a very small amount of tar and the rest is well maintained fire trails and gravel roads.

The 20km Social Ride and 5km introductory rides will start around 2pm. The 20km Social Ride will be turning right off the bridge out on to the Upper Colo Road which will lead you to a turn around check point and back into base again. The track will be a dirt road for most of the way and flat.

The 5km Intro Ride will take you in the same direction as the other rides, there will be a turn around check point and back into base again. Flat and easy going also!

SUNDAY

The office will open 6.00am with vetting starting at 6.30am. The Training Ride will have a staggered start for your convenience, being 8am and 9am and will follow the same course as Saturday.

The 20km Social Ride and 5km introductory rides will start around 10am and will follow the same course as Saturday.

The wonderful volunteers from the Upper Colo Fire Brigade will be providing the canteen goodies on both days, so please support them.

There will be completion prizes awarded at the presentation on each day.

Volunteer track stewards and TPRs would be greatly appreciated – please let Marlee Turnbull know if you are able to assist us on the day. Marlee can be reached via email at marlee_wah@yahoo.com.au or alternatively by Phone 0422671239.

Training Ride - \$50 for Members add \$10 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Social Ride - \$25 for Members add \$5 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Intro Ride - \$15 for Members add \$5 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Please contact our Ride Secretary Judy Shore on 9652 1393 or email stanshore@bigpond.com for further information. Pre-nominations would be appreciated so that we can arrange enough vets on the day as well as allowing the canteen to provide enough food for you all.

Camping overnight is at your own discretion - National Parks will collect a \$6 camping fee from you directly. The Zone One Committee is not responsible for the collection of this fee.

This is a wonderful opportunity to leg your horse up for the coming season and the Zone One Committee is looking forward to seeing you at our Training Ride weekend.

Arabian Horse Society

National Championships Endurance Ride at Tamworth 20 March 2011

2011 is set to be a busy year for the Tamworth & District Endurance Club, backing up after a busy 2010 running 2 x 80km rides and the Quilty.

The year will start early with an 80km Endurance Ride and 40km Training Ride being held at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) in Tamworth. The club was approached by the Arabian Horse Society to run a ride in conjunction with their National Championship to showcase Endurance. Please note that the holding of this ride all depends on a suitable and appropriate course being available.

The ride base and camping will be at AELEC which boasts the best Equine facilities in the country. The camping fee has been kept to a minimum with the support of the Arabian Horse Society.

AELEC was opened in 2009 and the TDEC were involved in this, running an Endurance Demonstration in the Arena and manning an information booth. The Centre is a \$30 million World Class Venue which has hosted many championship events to date a covers a massive 42 hectares. This will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase Endurance Riding to the rest of the Arabian Horse World and the general public. It is also a great chance to check out this amazing facility and the Arabian Horse Society event.

The Arabian Horse Society has been extremely supportive in getting the Endurance Ride as part of their championships, and we hope to have Riders and Horses who will create a lasting and positive impression of the sport of Endurance Riding. Further information can be found at www.aelec.com.au or www.ahsa.asn.au.

The second event on the TDEC calendar will be the inaugural Manilla Muster. This will be a 3-day marathon ride and also an 80km ride on the final day of the marathon. Full details about this ride will be revealed soon.

Finally, the third and final event will be the Bendemeer Endurance Ride which is normally held in May. This has been moved to September and will take full advantage of the beautiful spring weather that the Tablelands has to offer.

For information about any of these events, please call Jeff or Gay Bonham on (02) 67852055.

Ride Preview

Wandandian Endurance Ride

27th March 2011

At Wandandian, there will be an offering of a 20km, a 40km and 80km ride.

Wandandian, run by Shelly Ison is always a really good ride, the course is interesting, a bit testing, very pretty, a great ride base, just 4kms down the Wandean Road at Wandandian.

The tried and true red arrows will get you there. Vetting starts at 7 am, there will, as always be loads of water, a tremendous canteen and what better way to start your future as a rider than have a great try at a 20km ride, migrate up to a 40km and when you become truly addicted try an 80km.

Once you and your horse learn to really love the sport and the camaraderie you will be in it for life. After that – the sky is the limit.

Give Shelly a call for more info on 44 478580.

The South Coast Zone is always ready to welcome new riders who will have without doubt a wonderful time so either come to the March meeting or turn up at



Mark Cameron and Wendy Porter at the Shoalhaven ride.

Mount up for the Muster

Manilla – Easter/Anzac Extra Long Weekend

22 to 26 April, 2011

Well, it's on – the inaugural Manilla Muster will be held over the Easter/Anzac Day long weekend 22-26/4/11. The Muster is another marathon ride for the calendar – the more the merrier.

Specifically this ride is a three day 240km marathon of roughly 80km per day held under marathon rules (with a stand alone 80km ride on the last day). We will be using tracks that have never been used before with the Manilla rides.

The camping will be at the Manilla showgrounds each evening, although there will be an away checkpoint on two of the three days. In this way we can take advantage of some of the fantastic riding a little further out from town.

Now if you are a strapper-less rider (that's a rider who doesn't have a strapper, not a strapless rider...frightening for either males or females...), fear not! Your strapping gear will be taken out to the checkpoints in a communal vehicle to the pre-constructed yards. Yards will be electric tape with some timber cattle/horse yards for those that require a little more 'support'. Also there will be lunch, strapping water, facilities (suitable to powder your nose, or any other parts of your body...) and social activities provided.

The Muster is designed to offer an introduction to marathon riding for those that don't quite feel they and/or their horse, are up to a ride such as Shahzada. Don't take it lightly however, as there will be some considerably challenging riding commensurate with the true spirit of marathons. We have specifically chosen this time of the year so as not to conflict with the big three rides for NSW members (the State Championships, Shahzada and The Quilty) but rather enhance the preparation for them.

Head Vet will be Kym Hagon, Chief Steward Jeff Bonham and the office will be run by Jessica Taylor. So, a very experienced, efficient and fun team is guaranteed.

The schedule will be:

Friday 22/4/11 – pre-ride vetting

Saturday 23/4/11 – Monday 25/4/11 – the inaugural Muster

Monday 25/4/11 – concurrent stand alone 80km ride and 40km trainer

Tuesday 26/4/11 – presentation and home time

So go ahead and aim to be a part of the greatest Muster in 2011. We've got a super new buckle being developed too. But beware...once you get the taste for marathons and find out what you've been missing, you'll never be able to give them up!

See you in 2011,

TDEC – organisers of The Muster

GUNDAGAI AT EASTER

22ND-25TH APRIL 2011

Gundagai, one of NSW oldest rides in the Snowy Zone is proud to be holding a selection of rides over the Easter break.

Saturday 23rd April

80km starting approx 6am (No Frills – Buckles for completions, no placing awards but will have combined Jnr/Lwt & Hwt/Mwt Best Conditioned). Entry fee **\$75.00**

40km starting time to be announced. Entry fee **\$50.00**

Sunday 24th April

80km. Entry Fee **\$90.00**

100km. Entry Fee **\$100.00**. Both rides starting 6am. These rides will have placing awards & Best Conditioned awards for each riding division.

40km Start time to be announced. Entry Fee **\$50.00**

The 80km & 100km events will be over the same course as last year. The 100km will consist of 3 legs (40/40/20) whilst the 80kms will be 2 legs (40/40).

For those who have not ridden at Gundagai before, the course, although testing, is achievable for novice horses that are ridden thoughtfully by their riders. The majority of the track is good underfoot with some harder sections through the paddocks. It is extremely scenic with some incredible views over the Gundagai region & it's a great privilege to ride through some magnificent grazing country.

Once again the canteen will operate all week-end from Friday lunch time to Sunday evening. Firewood & horse water supplied but the committee suggests that you bring your own (human) drinking water.

This year more improvements have been built at the ride base. You will now be able to enjoy a meal undercover at the canteen with an area to seat about 40 people.

The committee asks that **everyone who brings a dog** to ride base **respect the request to KEEP THEM ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES**.

Nominations are requested & can be made by phoning **Rick Owen** on **02 69441628**.

The Snowy Zone is proud to have a carnival type event within its zone this year & invites all those riders looking for some good old endurance type hospitality to mark this on their riding calendar.



Cedar Ridge Easter Carnival

Over the Easter long weekend a range of events are being held at the Cedar Ridge Endurance Centre in Oberon as well as some other things including a TPR course, guest speakers, games and competitions together with live entertainment. Come and join in the fun!

Sunday 24th April –

Rides:	Prices:
FEI 120km**	\$250
AERA 160km Elevator (1 st day)	\$175
AERA 80km	\$95
AERA 40km	\$55
AERA 20km	\$30

Monday 25th –

Rides:	Prices:
FEI 80km*	\$200
AERA 160km Elevator (2 nd day)	
AERA 80km	\$95
AERA 40km	\$55
AERA 20km	\$30

Please note:

You may enter the 80/160km elevator (and decide whether or not to elevate after the first day), or there is a separate 80km event on each day that you can enter.

FEI 120km is a 5 leg course**

AERA 80km and FEI 80km* are 3 leg courses.

Pre-ride vetting can be done on Saturday for rides on the Sunday and pre-ride vetting can be done on Saturday or Sunday for the Monday rides. Pre-ride vetting for social and training rides can be done the day before or day of the ride.

The vetting system that will be used is **Vet Gate Into Hold (VGIH)**. A walk through explaining the **VGIH** system will be happily provided to any group or individual who is unsure about the procedure. In addition, measures will be taken to make the strapping procedure easier; this will be particularly useful for those riders without strappers.

The course has changed but it is still easy for novice horses/riders with the courses incorporating gently undulating farmland and tracks that run through the State Forest.

All successful competitors as always will have the option of taking home a buckle or other prize. Best conditioned prizes and prizes for place getters will be awarded.

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A canteen will be available over the weekend and the town of Oberon is only 10 minutes away which has motels, cafes, supermarket etc.

There are hot showers and flushing toilets + plenty of water for the horses but please bring your own drinking water.

The new office/shed is expected to be finished just in time for Easter!

Please note that riders wishing to compete in the **FEI** event will need to fill out an entry form that will need to be returned with the entry fee by no later than Friday 8th April 2011. A \$50 late fee applies to all entries received after this date and these will only be accepted until the 15th April 2011. A refund will be given for genuine inability to attend. The Entry Form and a copy of the schedule will be available at <http://www.thesquad.asn.au>

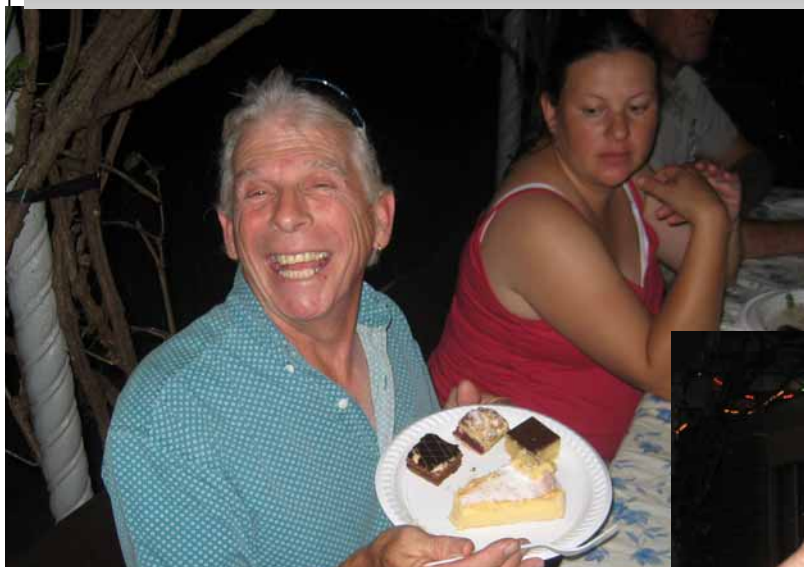
Powered sites are available to hire for the weekend for \$20. Please advise if one is required when pre-nominating.

Pre-nomination is essential-

Pre-nominations are to be directed to prenoms@cedarridgetables.com.au or 0417 248 172 by no later than April 2011.

For further enquiries, please contact info@cedarridgetables.com.au or 0417 248 172.

Revelers at the recent Zone One AGM and Presentation Evening.



Q60 Committee hosting the 2011 Zone One Championships

8 May 2011

**100KM ELEVATOR RIDE – 80KM COMPLETION
40KM TRAINING RIDE – 20KM SOCIAL RIDE**

The 2011 Zone One Championships 100km elevator endurance ride will be held at the Upper Colo Reserve, Colo on Sunday 8th May. There will be signs from the Colo Bridge on Putty Road turning you onto Upper Colo Road for a few kms and an arrow turning vehicles right down and over the bridge and then left into the Reserve.

The three legs are made up of the following distances – 45km, 35kms & 20kms with plenty of water available out on track and exceptional marking to ensure nobody gets lost!! We are unable to use arrows in the National Park so please look for signs and tape with comfort tape to assure you that you have turned in the right direction.

The 45km 1st leg will leave base on the new access road, over the Upper Colo bridge, left onto Upper Colo Road proceeding to a turnaround point on Lower Colo Road approximately 18 kms from base. Then back to the checkpoint at Atkinson's gate where you will be turned in and up Wheeney Creek Valley to another checkpoint at the power lines at Comleroy Road, turning right and down to Upper Colo Road where you turn right and then left to the base via the bridge and access road.

The 35km 2nd leg will be out of the ride base turning right into Upper Colo Road and left in the access road to the Fire Station and heading up Ward's track and on through the National Park and Gaspers Track coming out into Sams Way where you will turn right and come round left to the water stop on Mountain Lagoon Road and then proceeding down Mountain Lagoon Road to Comleroy Road and turn left and go down past the church and turning right along Upper Colo Road left over the bridge as before.

The 20km 3rd leg will be out of the base on the access route, over the bridge turning right into Upper Colo Road to a turnaround point and back into base as before.

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 100kms with a variation to add 5kms to the track on Sams Way which will be marked clearly. The 20km Social ride will be the 3rd leg of the 100km ride, being flat and easy going - perfect for anyone wanting to try their hand at Endurance Riding for the first time.

The ride base is located on the beautiful Colo River - with a grassy camping area and access to the sandy beach. Dogs are allowed, but please remember to keep them on a leash at all times. A \$6 Camping Fee is payable to the National Parks ranger.

Vetting will be between 2 and 5pm Saturday and from 7am for the trainer and social riders on the Sunday. Pre-ride talk will be 6.30 pm around the office and canteen area.

The 100km Elevator ride will start at 4am Sunday, the 40km Trainer will start at 9am and the Social will start at 10am.

Catering will be provided by Wendy Ward and the local Upper Colo Bush Fire Brigade - all proceeds will benefit the Bush Fire Brigade, so please support them over the weekend.

We've secured some fantastic sponsorship again this year with rugs for the winners and best conditioned in the 100km Elevator ride and as well as buckles for completions at 80km and 100km. There will be completion awards for the trainer and social rides.

For further information about the ride and/or to **PRENOMINATE** before **Monday, 2nd May** or a \$10 late fee will be applicable, please contact Judy Shore on (02) 9652 1393 or alternatively, email stan-shore@bigpond.com

On behalf of the Zone One Committee, we look forward to seeing you at this year's Zone One Championships!!



Terrific Tenterfield Turns 25 in 2011

Come & join us in the bush to celebrate our
Special Silver Anniversary Ride :



“ HI HO SILVER !

7th and 8th May 2011

**We are holding 4 rides: 1 on Saturday & 3 on Sunday:-
A 20k Intro Ride on Saturday 7th & a 40k, 80k & 100k on Sunday 8th.**

- ☉ There'll be 2 Special Trophies awarded one each for the 80k & 100k
- ☉ Every rider will receive a commemorative Silver Anniversary T-shirt

☼ ☼ We'll be running a ***real ripper*** of a raffle! ☼ ☼

Tickets are on sale B 4 the event & drawn on Sat 7th – don't miss out.

The list goes on (as we do) HI HO SILVER will be frivolous fabulous fun and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Venue: Girard State Forest 42km east of Tenterfield towards Casino on the Bruxner Highway # 44. Only 8km west of Drake.

Facilities: Shady campsites; hot showers; Catering from Sat lunchtime; BYO yards & drinking water; plenty of water for horses.

Track: The rides run through Girard Forest & parts of the National Trail. Apart from a H'way crossing **NO TAR ROADS**. All bush tracks, undulating to hilly with spectacular scenery to enjoy.

Contacts: Ride Sec. Philippa Lillyman (02) 67375438 jimpip@activ8.net.au

or the President Caroline Windle (02) 67364612 maxwell@harboursat.com.au

2011 NSW State Championship

St Albans

160km and 80KM

PRE-NOMINATIONS ARE COMPULSORY FOR BOTH RIDES. Entry forms can be found on the NSWERA website www.nswera.asn.au There will be a separate page on the NSW Website with all the State Ride information.

ENTRY FEES

State Championships - \$300 with a \$50 non-refundable nomination fee to be in by 20 May 2011. A late fee of \$50 will be charged, making a total of \$350 for those who nominate after 20 May 2011.

80km No Frills Ride - \$90.00, a \$20 will be charged to those who do not nominate. Nominations will close for the 80km ride on 27th May 2011.

If you pay by direct deposit, please make sure you include your name as a reference so we know where the money comes from. Thanks!

TIMETABLE

Office opens 10am (11-6-11)

Pre-ride Vetting for both rides 1pm to 4pm

Pre-ride talk for both rides 5.30pm

160km start 2am the 12-6-11

80km start 6.30am the 12-6-11

VETTING

Will be vet gate into hold. A communal strapping with hot water will be available.

COURSE

Five clover leaf legs all returning to the St Albans Village. Course will be run along country dirt roads, National Parks & through paddocks. Tar roads will be kept to a minimum but there will be some with a enough verge to get off the tar. Course descriptions will appear on the website in due course. The course will be very similar to the well received 160km ride we had 2009.

CANTEEN

There will be canteen open all weekend + the Fickle Wombat & the St Albans pub will be serving food.

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CAMPING

Toilets and hot showers at the Ride base. Please advise us of your preferred camping area by completing a camping form (on the back of the prenomination form). Camping will be allocated on a first in first served basis when the form is returned with your prenomination. A limited amount of firewood will be available so please utilize communal fires or bring your own.

RIDE SECRETARY:

Kerry Spratt, phone 02 4340 2412, mobile 0412 014430. Email kerry-spratt@optusnet.com.au.

There will be a track maintenance weekend on the 21 & 22 of May, If you are able to come & help for a day or 2 please contact Brad Jones on 4982 1758 or Haydn Fischer on 6373 3932.



MUDGEES RIDE UPDATE

15 May 2011

MERA are back in the swing of preparations and trotting along nicely (hard to do on a swing!).

Thankfully our flood was miniscule compared to floods up north and down south. Our thoughts are with all those riders who have been affected by the traumatic events.

Our head vet Ray Gooley underwent surgery last year and is making a remarkable recovery. He is back at work at Mudgee Vet Hospital and we are hopeful he will be able to take on the rigours of vetting at the ride as usual.

It will be the same course as before and is very suitable for novice horses with shady tracks through the bush, and good going through properties and along dirt roads.

Pre-ride vetting is from 12 noon on Saturday.

The 20km social ride starts 2pm on Saturday, entry is \$30 including day membership.

The 80km ride starts 6am Sunday, entry senior \$80 and junior \$60

The 40km training ride starts 7am Sunday, entry \$40.

Pre-nominations appreciated before 7 May to Mette Sutton, 6372 4960 after hours, email mette.sutton@bigpond.com or via the NSWERA website.

For catering purposes, when prenoming please indicate if you require the excellent two course meal, great value for just \$15.

FREEMANTLE RIDE

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

20km social and 35km training rides.

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

20km social, 40/59km elevator training and 80km endurance rides.

COURSE 80km – the second leg is less challenging than last year's.

Rides go through private properties and along quiet mostly dirt country roads. Some steep going.

PRIZES

80km - rugs for Best Conditioned in four divisions, buckles, division and draw prizes.

35km - ribbons and draw prizes. 40/59 – Ribbons, completion mugs and draw prizes

20kms - draw prizes and certificates.

RIDE BASE

Freemantle Fire Station 25kms from Eglinton, near Bathurst on the Freemantle Road.

Firewood provided by Freemantle Fire Brigade.

Please keep **dogs** at home or on a leash at your campsite, not near the fire station.

PRE-RIDE VETTING

Saturday social ride and trainer: 8 am – 10am Saturday 6th August.

80kms and Sunday social and trainer: 11am - 4pm Saturday 6th August.

CATERING

A canteen will be open from Friday afternoon and will provide a hot meal on Saturday night.
R.S.V.P by 1st August for evening meals.

**Please support the canteen and evening meal as proceeds go to the Fire Brigade.
Without the fire brigade's assistance the ride would not be possible.**

ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke, plus Steven Scott will sing everyone's favourites on Saturday night in the Fire Station.

PRE-NOMINATE: by 1st August - lee.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au phone: 0263374195

FEES: Saturday training ride - \$40. Social rides \$25 plus day membership \$5.

80kms - \$90, Sunday training ride – \$50

Please support our generous sponsors.



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Bathurst

Gary Christou Animal
Chiropractor



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SHAHZADA

400 Klm Endurance Ride—ST ALBANS - North/West of SYDNEY, NSW



To Finish is To Win

2011 will be a fantastic year for Endurance Riding in NSW and this year's Shahzada, our 31st, will be an event to be remembered so start planning now for the last week in August.

The NSW State Ride will also be held in St Albans on the long weekend in June (Sat 11th June), Shahzada will be from 22nd to 26th August and then the Quilty will be held in Mt Pleasant, South Australia on 30th September so again these rides are perfectly placed if you are looking to complete The Big Three.

The 400km Shahzada Marathon endurance ride will be from Monday, 22nd to Friday 26th August, 2011 and camping will be available in St Albans at the ride base from Sat 13th as well as accommodation at many local venues....check out the Shahzada website www.shahzadareults.org for all the information you will need, reserve your favorite number and read some of the stories from 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!!

The marathon event is run over five days on local roads and tracks – McKechnies, Woomera Path, Shepherds Gully, Johnny's Hill, The Steps and Prestons – a great deal of work has been done on the course over the last few years and with the State Ride needing tracks cleared and checked there will be track clearing days to be announced soon as well as closer to the event.....if you can come and help please contact Brad Jones.

These improved tracks, with the elimination of many tarred road verges and the wonderful help and advice from the veterinary panel during the ride over the last few years headed up by Dr. Kym Hagon, have helped to establish a very good completion rate – everyone who is successful receives a highly coveted Shahzada buckle.

After riding and successfully completing Shahzada in 2010, Kym is back as Head Vet and together with wife Kim, the social committee promises you all heaps of fun during the week as well as "the ride of your life". Jeff Bonham is back again this year as Chief Steward so book your holidays now and be prepared for a week to remember.

In addition to the 400km event - there will be a 120 km Mini Marathon over three days (experience the passion and wonderful riding tracks of the Macdonald Valley without the pressure) – it is fantastic training for young horses and a perfect lead up to the Quilty in September. Come for the fun and the challenge – be part of the excitement – this is the premier ride of the endurance calendar and not to be missed.

Enquiries: Sue Todd (02) 6379 7218 or email suetodd@activ8.net.au Additional Shahzada information with heaps of its history is available on www.shahzadareults.org, where you can see daily updates during the week of the ride.

There will be a track maintenance weekend on the 21 & 22 of May, If you are able to come & help for a day or 2 please contact Brad Jones on 4982 1758 or Haydn Fischer on 6373 3932.

BOX HILL ARABIANS – Tooraweenah

Young Horse Sale . Proven endurance bloodlines

Box Hill Meziah – grey 4yr old purebred gelding. Ready to start trainers. Nice to ride and handle. Blood lines include Ralvon Pilgrim, Tallangatta Silver Domino, Chip Chase Chinook, Santarabia Dior. \$7000

Box Hill Zoro- Rising 3 yr old chestnut purebred gelding. Quiet to handle. Blood lines include Tallangatta Silver Domino, Chip Chase Chinook, Ralvon Pilgrim, Santarabia Dior. \$4000

Box Hill Pegasus-Rising 3 yr old grey purebred mare. Quiet to handle. Blood lines include Tallangatta Silver Domino, Chip Chase Chinook, Ralvon Pilgrim, Santarabia Dior. \$4000

Box Hill Clancy- Rising 3yr old bay purebred gelding. Quiet to handle. Sire Jumangi. Blood lines include Milora Park Bluefire, Santarabia Ibn Witezan. \$4000

Box Hill Paddy- Rising 3yr old anglo arab gelding. Grandsire – Milora Park Bluefire, unreg dam. \$3000

Prices negotiable, please phone for any other information or come for a visit. These horses are great future endurance prospects.

02 68 485345 Sonia Bonham

Your weight is your responsibility

The NSW State Management Committee would like to remind riders that it is the riders responsibility to maintain the minimum weight if you chose to ride middleweight or heavyweight at rides. Please remember that you must weigh in pre-ride with the gear you will be riding in (excluding your bridle) and nothing else. Some people may lose weight during a ride, so please ensure you have a couple of kilos up your sleeve so you do not risk disqualification at the end of the ride.

NSW Committee

RIDE FLARES NOW AVAILABLE

The NSW SMC has available for ride committees 12 hour flares (glow sticks) at \$1.00 each.

There is a supply of orange and green flares available at cost price.

Just contact Sonya Ruprecht. Phone 6553 8640

Ride organisers are encouraged to use these flares as an alternative to flashing lights on danger spots.

NSW Points Score Winners



**Photos
by Jo Arblaster—
Left:
Alison Knihinicki
April Bonham
Adeline Gibson
Right:
Con Bouzianis
Mary Hollingsworth
John Howe**





**Photos
by Jo Arblaster—**

Left:

Janine Bigeni

Below: right

Carol Major

Below left

Melanie Anderson





**Photos
by Jo Arblaster—**

**Above:
Jennifer Gilbertson:**

**Left:
Marita Rifai**



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Above left:
Rowena Robinson

Above Right:
Shelly Ison

Left:
**Katrina Bodewes &
Mia Bodewes**

Minutes from NSW AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc. held at the Windsor Function Centre, Windsor on Saturday, 5 February 2011, commencing at 1.00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Gary Tweedie (Chairman), Tom Perkins Snr, Tom McCormack, Glenda Edwards, Kerry Spratt, Belinda Hopley, Neil Clarkson, Charlie Gauci, Belinda Hopley, Carol Griffiths, Brad Dillon (representing Zone 6), Carol Griffiths

In attendance:

Shelley Ison, Peter Norman, Gail Fisher, Haydn Fisher, Raelene French, Glenda Edwards, Casey Holtom, Greg Moore, Lee-Anne Gauci (non member), Charlie Gauci, Marita Rifai, Marlee Turnbull, Mark Dunmill, Louise McCormack, Peter Grelck, April Bonham, Stuart Hitchcock, Bronwyn Monahan, Frances Mydford, Sonya Ruprecht, Garry Weis, Sue Todd, Brad Dillon, Lyn Dillon, Tony Warren, Sue Warren, Rowena Robinson, Les Robinson, Gay Bonham, Gary Tweedie, Kym Hagon, Kim Hagon, Tom Perkins, Mark Freeman, Lesley Freeman, Tom McCormack, Robin Gossip, Dianne Cameron (Associate), Karen Rhodes, Belinda Hopley, Kerry Spratt, David Player, Fiona Meller, Neil Clarkson, Neroli Mitchell-Cooper, Peter Cooper, Carol Griffiths, Ros Ryan, Cheryl Strachan, Paul Farmer (Associate), Stuart Lymbery, Phil Coleman, Jennifer Gilbertson, Graeme Gilbertson, Anne Hynes, Gordon Smith, Victoria Bonham, Chris Noonan, Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Tina Walker, Stuart Walker, Ruth van der Wegen, Raymond Griffiths, Noni Seagrim, Allison Knihinicki, Michael Knihinicki, Tracy Haack, Rochelle Knihinicki, Brianna Webb, Sandi Brown, Alana Rempel (69 members)

Apologies: John Howe, Helen Rich, Carol Layton, Steve Roberts, Ron and Val Males, Martin Flippance, Jan Wade, Greg Hamilton, Ray Rhodes, Angela Molnar, Andrew Bailey, Annette Bailey, Roz Edmunds, Rob Howden Proxies recorded numbered 53.

Gary welcomed everyone and pointed out that Tanya Brownlie has passed away recently and asked for a minute's silence in remembrance.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held 6 February 2010

had been previously published in the New South Wales Endurance Newsletter.

MOVED Neil Clarkson and seconded by Greg Moore

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 February 2010 be accepted.

CARRIED Unanimous

CONFIRMATION OF LIFE MEMBERS.

MOVED by Graeme Gilbertson and seconded by Alana Rempel

THAT Ron and Val Males, Lyn and Adrian Bailey, Searle Johnson be confirmed as honorary members of the NSW ERA

Carried Unanimous

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Gary Tweedie

2010 has been an interesting year for me in this my first year as NSW ERA President.

There have been many challenges and many achievements during the year both from a personal level, committee level and for the State generally.

The two most notable events being the Manilla Tom Quilt and the Woodstock State Championship ride.

The Tom Quilty, run so successfully by the Tamworth Club, has again shown that NSW can set standards for the Tom Quilty that will be hard for other States to better or even match.

The NSW State Championships, again so successfully run by the Lachlan Club, proved a great event achieving great outcomes for the competitors, organisers and the State.

2010 also saw a calendar with 41 rides covering almost every weekend of the year and offering a great selection and diverse types of rides for the membership and with 34 rides already booked for 2011 - this year looks as exciting as 2010.

The SMC moved forward in 2010 with the progression of the Ride Booking procedures, ride calendar refinement, the continual updating of the procedures manual and with successful submissions for funding from NSW Sport and recreation. The additional funds will assist

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greatly in the SMC delivering seminars for ride organisers, chief stewards, ride promotion, TPR accreditation etc.

I would like to thank all Ride organisers for their commitment to staging rides, the volunteers that assist these rides including TPR's Chief Stewards, etc. I would also like to thank the SMC for their hard work, commitment and support throughout the year.

I would especially like to thank Carol Layton who is not standing for committee again this coming year for her hard work on redesigning the web site and maintaining it so efficiently.

Finally I would like to thank Neil Clarkson for his years of service to the sport of Endurance Riding. Neil has decided to take a break from the SMC after many years of committed service as a committee member, past President and AERA delegate. Neil's insight to endurance, his commitment and dedication to the sport is nothing short of amazing. I guess Neil will have more time now for other pursuits like the Shahzada and the 2011 NSW State Championships.

I wish everyone a successful 2011.

Gary Tweedie, President, NSW ERA

Treasurer – Tom McCormack

The Treasurer's Report is attached as Annexure A to these minutes.

Tom asked for any questions from the floor. Commented on the increased wish for participation on Committee, as well as the number of tenders for Secretariat and Newsletter editor.

Karen Rhodes wanted an explanation for the way income and expenses with regard to the AERA are shown in the report.

Tom explained the split between endurance fees and our share of the meeting costs.

Fiona Meller asked about Personal Accident Insurance and how it was divided in the report.

Tom explained the sources of income - absorbing a bit of ride affiliation fee re insurance and less in the ride insurance. AERA levy NSW \$70 per member but it is divided between the membership fee and ride affiliation fees.

Discrepancy comes up because some people join in OCT/NOV, later in the year.

MOVED by Roy Barsby and seconded by Glenda Edwards
THAT the financial reports as presented be accepted
Carried Unanimous

Tom Perkins – Vice President, Procedures, Governance

The drafting of the Governance Manual was initiated in 2008 in recognition of a need for clarity of the role and structure of the State Management Committee (SMC), and in particular the individual roles, accountabilities, and performance measures (KPI's) for the portfolios. Coincidentally the new NSW 'Incorporated Associations act 2009' was launched in 2009 together with comprehensive governance guidelines and support material provided by the NSW Sporting and Recreation Dept. We were able with a few structural and detail adjustments to have the developing Governance Manual fall in line with those guidelines.

The Governance Manual was presented and endorsed 'in principle' at the 2009 AGM and has had its individual documents systematically reviewed, refined, and adopted by SMC resolution through 2010. It is now a live manual posted on the NSWERA web site and there will be a period of adaption as SMC members try on these new Position Descriptions and adjust for fit.

This manual is only intended for a positive purpose, to provide support and clarity of purpose and role for individuals who volunteer to serve our sport as members of the SMC.

Manual Structure

The Governance Manual deals with six broad areas, as follows:-

Sections 1,2,&3 Contain reference copies for NSWERA & AERA Constitutions and the policies and regulations regarding 'Complaints Resolution', 'Child Protection', 'Equal Opportunity', 'Sexual Harassment', and 'OH&S'.

Sections 4, 5, &6 Contain the Strategic and Business plans, and the Risk Management Plan. The Strategic and Business plans set out the short to medium term objectives and budgets for periods of 2-3 years ahead and are the drivers for the strategic part of the SMC's management activities.

Section 7.1 Provides an SMC overview with guidelines and a code of conduct.

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Section 7.2 This section, though empty at the moment, is dedicated to the recording of specific management policies. More later...

Section 7.3 Sets out the position descriptions with principle accountabilities and KPI's for the four executive positions. In defining these positions some prescribed accountabilities are set out in the constitution, others are suggested in the NSW Sporting and Recreation guidelines. A spreadsheet of management functions was made up and an equitable spread of accountabilities was made across the four positions. The Vice President position is accountable for Governance and will oversee the Governance Manual, its application and ongoing development.

Section 7.4 Contains the position descriptions for the 19 defined SMC portfolio roles. These position descriptions are basic one page documents setting out a position purpose statement broken down into 2 to 4 principle accountabilities with outcome compliance measures (KPI's). Most of these position descriptions will serve their purpose at this basic level, however, over time as needs and/or opportunities present themselves the detail of these position descriptions may be developed further. For examples of position descriptions taken to the next level see section 7.5 below.

Section 7.5 Contains the position descriptions for the paid service providers. Because these position descriptions are part of the specifications for competitive tendering and form the basis for commercial agreements they have, by necessity, been taken to the next level of detail over the portfolio PD's.

The next Phase

To continue the development of the manual we need to address two areas.

Management Policies.

The Strategic plan.

Management Policies

A Management Policy sets an outline, the scope, and the parameters for the process to be managed and promotes management consistency across the handover between incumbents.

Ratification

Management Policies should be endorsed by a simple majority vote at a general meeting – usually the next AGM.

The membership's ratification of Management Policies ensures the majority view of the membership remains a major factor in the control of the sport and its direction.

This process will air and resolve membership differences and the SMC will be given a clear mandate to manage the process in a defined way.

A management policy statement may be initiated at the discretion of the SMC or directed by the membership through a simple majority vote at a general meeting of the association.

It is not mandatory that all SMC decisions are within the agreed guidelines; however the justification for any departure should be noted in SMC minutes or portfolio reports.

Processes that would benefit from a policy statement include FEI Riding in NSW, the ride calendar, and Zones.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic and Business plans set out the short to medium term objectives and budgets for periods of 2-3 years ahead that reflect the present needs and aspirations of the membership, they are the drivers for the strategic part of the SMC's management activities, and should, therefore, regularly generate topics for the agenda of the monthly SMC meeting. The present plan is due for update at the end of 2011.

With the membership on the decline over the last ten years the numbers have reached a critical point where the future viability of the sport, as we know it, has become a concern and its time we got back to the grass roots, took stock of the situation, and addressed the issue in the next strategic plan.

Family Sport We used to brag that Endurance was one of the few, if not the only equine sport where the whole family could participate together; don't hear that much anymore?

Most 'horsey' families are 'horsey' for life; so why are we losing them? Presumably many of them still feed, shoe, and float their horses about, so why not to endurance events?

It is my recommendation that the SMC:-

1. Conduct a survey of our present, past, and potential membership (day members), to find out from them the reasons for the declining numbers and what we might do to make the sport attractive for the long term, reporting the results at the 2012 AGM.

2. Present at the 2012 AGM an updated Strategic Business plan that includes 'Membership retention and growth' as a priority focus area addressing, where possible, issues

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South Coast Zone Endurance News

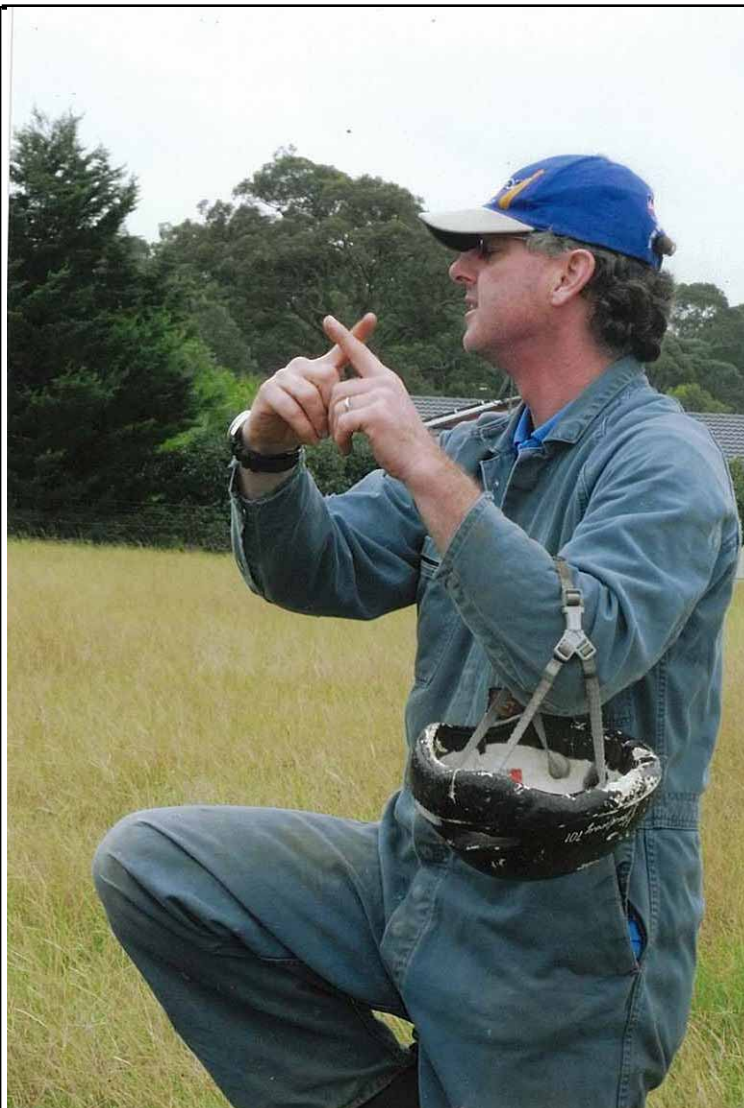
An Endurance Ride on Nowra Show weekend should have been synonymous with heat, humidity and thumping rain.

Fortunately the patron saint of horses took a break and decided misty and mild would be the order of the day.

Endurance rides held early in the year afford a great chance for horses just coming back into work from the Christmas break or young horses

Jon D Le Endurance Team at Shoalhaven





and beginner riders to get the feel for the sport, learn the rules, make some friends in what is probably the most family oriented discipline in the horse world.

**Les Robinson demonstrating—
"this is a cross!"**

Where else could a rider go camping with their horse and family, enjoy a trip through a beautiful forest and be a part of a sport where the motto is "*To Complete Is To*

Win".

Step One is to unload the horse and set up camp, step two, fill out the entry form and step three go to the canteen set up by the Falls Creek P & C. Yummy food and great coffee.

Simone and Les Barton had made the Ride Base available on Forest Road in the Currumbene State Forest and ride organisers from the South Coast Zone were grateful for a perfect ride base.

Les and Rowena Robinson undertook the running of the ride and welcomed 26 riders to take part in the 40km Training Ride with another 17 riders in the 20km Social Ride.

Helpers for all sporting events are usually a bit thin on the ground, but when this scribe arrived it was the absolute Who's Who of the Endurance World and a great kickoff for the season.

Zone President Shelly Ison with Peter Norman were flat out, Zone Secretary Wendy Porter helped with the office as did a dozen others to ensure the ride was a success. Your scribe was lucky to go out on course with Gary Tweedie and Peter Small, so thanks for the lift and the chance to take the photos while beating off the mozzies and March files.

The Australian Endurance Riders Association was represented by long time rider and supporter, Chief Steward Belinda Hopley, backed up by everybody's pet vet, Chief Veterinarian Glynis Kuipers and offsider Rachael Bailey from the South Nowra Veterinary Hospital.

Needless to say a great vet needs good backup in the vetting area and this came in spades from experienced riders in the form of Peter Norman (who also fitted in a ride), Bindi Reinhold, Chris and John Milne and Eric Brown and the odd bod who came and went as required.

The course meandered through really pretty forest trails, and in the legendary method of South Coast Zone marking there were more directional arrows than at the Battle of Hastings. There was loads of water on course, both supplied and natural and the going was lovely underfoot.

Of the 26 riders in the 40km Training Ride only two went out at the finish with one heart rate and one lame, and similar attrition on the Social Ride with one W/D pre ride and a pre ride lame. Ages of horses and riders varied widely, most breeds were Arabs or Arabian Derivatives with a few heavy horses thrown in and an interesting Gypsy Vanner, but no stallions of any type.

40km Training Riders

Forty very pretty kilometres saw the following riders home safe and happy, they were:

Pace Rider Jenny Shephard, Currowan Mogo, Roger Nicol, Mogendoura Scamp, Heidi Wade, Yinbilliko Jackson, Vetea Facchini, Trigger, Carli Facchini, Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu, Gavin Peacock, Walter, Tatum Peacock, Ellipse, Elaine Kirby, Excellabelle, Alana Ljubic, Zakiyah, Amanda Overall, Our Thomas, Evan Drain, Currowan Clancy, Jessica Drain, Currowan Blue Belle, April Newman, Tarnette, Wendy Porter, Malvern Harmony, Alan Marshall, Lac La Biche Kingfisher, Bruce Barter, Denjera Jed, Mitch Ravallion, Aloha Fabian, Peter Norman, Paris, Mark Cameron, Danjera Hashman, Tegan Mackenzie, Klimpton Park Dodge, Maciah Macken, Klimpton Park Gundagai, Steve Brisbane, Danjera Elisabetha, Ellika Wood Jon-De-Le Classic, Heath Cole, Jon-De-Le Jasper and Shalyce Rogers Jon-De-Le Madison.

20km Social Ride

A stroll in the park, and a brilliant start to a great career for horse and rider.

Leah Gallo, Kippa, Lynda Folkard,

**Remember
TIE UP YOUR DOGS!**

Kintamani Arabians

**FOR THOSE WANTING TO BREED
BLUE BLOOD ENDURANCE HORSES
WE HAVE AVAILABLE
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SHADOW [Poldark (Aethon x Bettina) x
Elusive (Aethon x Cathay)**

our well performed endurance stallion who has produced so far **16 yellow book** horses, **14 have been exported** including our Kintamani Silver Scenario that never competed in Australia [apart from one trainer] was exported at the end of 2008 and is standing at stud in China.

SILVER SHADOW holds two Shahzada buckles (his first Top Five) Quilty buckle, many top five & 3000+kms. He last successfully competed aged 21 in 2006.

2010 foals

We welcomed 2 lovely Silver kids this year with a filly from our *Kintamani Stellabration* (Elphyn Comet x Adbarina Aria) namely **Kintamani Silver Daquiri** (pend), a very correct pretty grey. Our old fave Duo Park Flamur (Lawes Uriah x Dunwingeri Star Flame) produced her 9th foal for us this year..a very handsome leggy grey colt, **Kintamani Silver Sands** (pend).

News from Overseas

Kintamani Mistral has placed 4th in the 120km** Al Wathba Challenge Nov 2010 ; and 5th in the 120km **UAE National Cup in Dec 2010. Kintamani Giselle was 8th in the 90Km Ladies ride Jan 2011 and Kintamani Silver Harmony 18th in a Ladies 90kms also in Jan 2011.

Local News

Kintamani Jaffah (full brother to Mistral) returned from the breakers & will commence endurance this year with Mark.

Mark and Alan are headed to Dubai World Cup in March and extending their trip to UK and Spain....so all things horsey are on hold.

Kintamani Rose Maree, Heste Arabique Beguilling and **Adbarina Aria** tested in foal to Niarob Shou-Lin El Sadat.

Helen and Alan Lindsay
kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com
(02)63429289 Mob:0427429289



Oakeleigh Park Silver Shadow



Kintamani Silver Sands (pend)



**Kinta-
mani
Silver
Daquiri
(pend)**



Kintamani Silver Mistral

2011 Ride Calendar

March

12 / 13	Zone One Trainer Saturday & Sunday	40/20/5 40/20/5	\$50/\$25/\$20/\$15	Judy Shore (02) 9652 1393 stanshore@bigpond.com	1
19/20	Arabian Society Tamworth.-Twilight	80/40	\$TBA – Must pre nominate to ride	Gay Bonham (02) 6785 2055	6
27	Wandandian	80/40/20	S\$80 J\$50 T\$50	Shelly Ison (02) 4447 8580	5

April

10	Tooraweenah	80/40	S\$75 J\$50 T\$30	Sonia Bonham 6848 5345	6
22-25	Cedar Ridge Easter Carnival	AERA 160km 2 day ride \$ TBA FEI 120km \$200 AERA 80km \$95 FEI 80km \$150 Trainer 40km \$55 Social 20km \$30		Courtney Freeman 0417 248 172	2
22-25	Manilla Muster	240/80	\$TBA – Must pre nominate to ride	Gay Bonham (02) 6785 2055	2
23 24	Gundagai – Easter Carnival	80/40 100/80/40	\$75/\$50 \$100/\$90/\$50	Rick Owen (02) 6944 1628	4

May

8	The Rock	80/40/20	\$80 J\$60 \$40/\$20	Col Lewis 0415 453 434	4
8	Zone One Champs Upper Colo Reserve	100k Elev /40/20	\$100 J\$80 \$50/\$25 \$10 pre nom fee	Judy Shore 9652 1393 stanshore@bigpond.com	1
8	Tenterfield dual affil with QERA	100/80/40	TBA	Philippa Lillyman (02) 6737 5438	NRZ
15	Mudgee	80/40/20	S\$80, J\$60 40km - \$40 20km - \$20	Mette Sutton (02) 6372 4960 0400 308 626	2
21	Ride Organiser's Forum	Bathurst		Carol Griffiths 43621176 carol@ccpsso.org.au	
29	Wingello	80/40	\$95 J\$80 \$55	Rebecca Hayes 0412 600 173	5

June

12	NSW State Champs St Albans	160/80	TBA	Kerry Spratt 4340 2412/0412 014 430 kerry-spratt@optusnet.com.au	1
26	Kundabung	80/40/20	\$90 \$50 \$20	Sonya Ruprecht (02) 6553 9523	6

2011 Ride Calendar

26	Harden Light Horse	80/40/20	TBA	Kate Smith	4
July					
2/3	Sussex Inlet	80/40/20	\$85/\$60/\$55/\$25	Wendy Jesson (02) 4423 0552 Lorraine Bentley (02) 4422 6335	5
17	Putty Valley	80/40/20	TBA	Mark Dunmill (02) 4732 1007 mark@tracer.net.au	1
24	Coolamon	80/40/20	S\$75,J\$55 T\$55,S\$25	Michael Leary (02) 6927 3427	4
31	Bago Bush Bash Wauchope	80/40/20	TBA	Robyn Coombs (02) 6585 6761 or Ros Ryan 0418 848019	6
August					
6 and 7	Freemantle	40/20 80/59/40/20	T\$40 S\$20 S\$80 J\$60 60k TBA	Lee Curtis 6337 4195	2
22/26	Shahzada	400 + 120 trainer	TBA	Sue Todd (02) 6379 7218 suetodd@activ8.net.au	1
September					
11	Bendemeer	80/40/15	TBA	Gay Bonham (02) 6785 2055	1
11	National Capital Brookvale	80/40/20	\$90/\$70/\$50/\$20	Fia Hasko-Stewart (02) 6282 2051 Or 0401 999 473	
25	Sassafras	80/40/20	S\$90/J\$60T \$40/S\$30	Alan Marshall 4422 8818	5
30/9 1/10	Tom Quilty Gold Cup	Mt Pleasant	South Australia		
October					
16	Woodstock	80/40/20	\$80/\$40/\$20	Helen Lindsay (02)63429289 0427 429289	4
23	Tennessee Orchard Yerrinbool	80/40/20		Sue Warren 0412 012 102 susanwarren@optusnet.com.au	1

29/30	Kiwarra Cup	80/40/20	TBA/TBA/\$45/\$25	Abby McMurrich (02) 65506 337	6
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November

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December

3 & 4	Glen Innes FEI Na- tional Championship	160 *3 120 *2 90 *1 FEI	TBA	Tami Parnell	
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Zone 1—N/W Sydney & Environs **Zone 2**—Central West **Zone 3**—Riverina **Zone 4**—Snowy **Zone 5**—South Coast **Zone 6**—Mid North Coast

Notice—Attention all Chief Stewards

Would you please ensure that all:

- Invasive Treatment Forms, Rider reports,
- Rest Orders and
- Log Books

are correctly filled out.

Please take the time to check that all required areas are correctly filled in and that the names are spelt correctly.

Belinda Hopley.— for the NSW SMC

Ride Secretaries should contact the NSW Secretariat with any changes to entry fees or any significant matter involving a ride.

Ride secretaries should contact their Zone delegates to discuss future ride dates or changes in ride dates.

NSW SMC



SQUAD NEWS—FEBRUARY 2011



www.dixonsmith.com.au

2011 has arrived with storms, flooding rains, cyclones and bushfires in WA. Not much else mother nature can throw at us. As a result of all this the endurance year has been a bit slow to start.

The first FEI rides of the season, together with 80km AERA rides - were held at Fernvale (Qld) the week end of Feb 19/20.

Despite the huge flood damage incurred in that area just over a month previous, much of which is still very evident, Toft Endurance managed to pull everything together and run a succession of endurance events over 2 days which attracted some 110 horses for the different rides.

There were 7 entries in the CEI2* 120km ride, Blake Freeman (Quinta Essentia) and Penny Toft (Emily Jones te) were the 2 squadees to complete the senior event while Alexandra Toft (High Society te) and Talea Haskow Stewart (Blakes Heaven Venus) were successful in the Young Riders division finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively

In the CEI1* 80km Caroline Fitzgerald (Lanamere Kudos) was first across the line and BC. Other successful squadees to complete well were, Fia Haskow Stewart (3rd, with BH Bombora), Jane Davidson, (Celebration), Bridgette Nottle, (Justine te), Courtney Freeman (Kunama Safira), Melissa Longhurst (Pioneer Park Azaylia), Steve Gray (Gydanska). Noni Seagram, who with her Mum and her horse Coolinda Park Louisville travelled from the Snowy Mountains of NSW to place 3rd in the 80km 1*

The next FEI rides in Australia will be March 5-6 which will be CEI1* & 2* at Collie .WA

All these events serve as qualifiers for the forthcoming Young Riders World Champs and the Senior World Champs in 2012.

For the full FEI calendar for 2011, please check the squad website www.thesquad.asn.au

Young Riders World Championships 2011

This event has just been announced and will be held in Abu Dhabi, date as I write will most likely mid December of this year . Further details are yet to come to hand.

World Senior Endurance Championships 2012

This event will be held at Euston Park Norfolk UK, (near Newmarket), again date as yet unconfirmed and most likely late June – early July 2012.

All information for both these WC events will be published as soon as it become available.

Any member wanting information re qualifications can source this from the FEI Rules for Endurance (updated January 2011) Articles **816 - Qualification Procedures and Certificates of Capability. Article 816.3 and Art. 816.3.8.**

This is available on the Squad website under FEI. This should also be read in conjunction with the Terms of Membership (Squad) also on the website under AES

Australasian Endurance Conference and Forum

This conference will be held in Brisbane in June 8-10 2011, at the Barden Conference Centre Barden. This is the first time an International Endurance conference has been held in the Australasian and Pacific region. Speakers will be attending from the UAE, France, Canada, UK, Malaysia and of course Australia. This conference is open to all endurance riders and vets, Officials,

strappers and generally anyone who wants to hear it all from the best in the world (see the attached programs)

For those of you who are not acquainted with Brisbane city, Barden is an inner city suburb of Brisbane situated 5kms from the CBD and Lang Park. Information is also available on the AERA and Squad websites.

Endurance Festival 2011

Oz Endurance will be staging the FEI National Championships June 11-12-13 June immediately following the conference. This will also include a CE11* & 2* plus AERA events over the entire weekend. Further information for these events can be found at www.toftendurance.com

Regards

Barb Macdonald Timms

Squad Manager

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The NSW SMC has available for ride committees 12 hour flares (glow sticks) at \$1.00 each.

There is a supply of orange and green flares available at cost price.

Just contact Sonya Ruprecht. Phone 6553 8640

Ride organisers are encouraged to use these flares as an alternative to flashing lights on danger spots.



Australasian Endurance Conference and Forum
FEI Event Veterinarians, Officials & Competitors
8th, 9th & 10th of June 2011
REGISTRATION FORM
(One form for each participant)

Name:			
Address:			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Email:			

I will be attending the Australasian Endurance Forum on the following day(s):

THREE DAYS, INCLUSIVE Includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch for three days. Also includes one ticket for the BBQ on Wednesday 8 th June	\$380 (inc. GST)	Please circle YES / NO
DAY ONE, Wednesday, 8th June 2011 Includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.	\$165 per day (inc. GST)	YES / NO
DAY TWO, Thursday, 9th June 2011 Includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.	\$165 per day (inc. GST)	
DAY THREE, Friday, 10th June 2011 Includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.	\$165 per day (inc. GST)	YES / NO
EXTRA BBQ TICKETS Wednesday 8 th June 2011	\$60 per person (inc. GST)	Number of tickets required
EXTRA DINNER TICKETS, Thursday 9 th June 2011	\$90 per person (inc. GST)	Number of tickets required

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

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Participants will be responsible for their own transport, accommodation and some meal costs.
Please send the completed form and payment to:

Mrs. Ieva Peters, 96 Battersby Road, Anketell, Western Australia, 6167

Email: ieva.peters@bigpond.com

Fax: (08) 9410 1014 (International: 61 8 9410 1014). Mobile: 040 3333 692 (+61 40 3333 692).

Applications must be received by no later than the **26th May 2011.**

Cheques and money orders to be made payable to:

Queensland Endurance Riders Association Inc. (ABN: 24 129 929 883) OR

Internet bank transfer: Westpac Bank BSB:034 640 A/C number: 197 054



SAMFORD VALLEY VETERINARY HOSPITAL



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or possible initiatives identified in the survey.

Tom Perkins Snr 20435

Vice President – Governance and Procedures.

Tom provided a Powerpoint Display to support the above report as he was reading which elaborated on some of his main points

Tom asked for suggestions why....suggested that it is cost.

Tom wanted a survey to be conducted of present, past and potential members to see why it is declining and how we can stop this decline and encourage more membership.

Fiona Meller asked if she should write a description of her portfolio for the manual.

Karen Rhodes pointed out that the rise in the introductory rides shows that people want to do the sport but there is no encouragement for people to participate in the sport at a lower level. The people don't seem to go on from the intro and training and rides.

Tom pointed out that our membership has almost halved – and that we need to survey.

Sue pointed out that in Zone One we have verbally surveyed people and they desire more recognition for people doing 40km and 20km rides.

Casey Holton asked if the horse registration numbers had increased.

Marita Rifai thanked Tom for all his hard work and Jennifer Gilbertson thanked Tom at the end of his report

Kerry Spratt – Secretary IDP, Grants, International, AERA

Firstly, I'd like to thank Gary for his leadership over the last 12 months, I'm sure at times its been difficult but Gary has done a great job for the Association and we the members. I also want to thank Neil, who has served on the Committee since 2003 but hasn't renominated. Neil has given more time and effort to endurance than anyone I know, both in NSW and at the AERA level. The sport is much better for his contribution. Have fun riding Neil!

Another thank you is to Fiona Meller for her tireless work on our behalf on course preservation issues. Without Fiona's efforts making submissions, serving on committees, and networking with other stakeholders I'm sure our access to tracks on public lands could easily be jeopardised. Thank you Fiona.

Grants: we have good news in that both our

applications to Sport and Recreation have been successful. We have secured \$13800 as funding for expenditure on various projects, mostly involving training and the development of resources. We also have \$6500 per year for the next 3 years under the Sport Development Program to fund general aspects of the sport, within the Department's guidelines. Currently we are in the process of completing the procedures required to access these funds.

We have received funding under the SDP since about 1999 so its great that these funds will be available for another 3 years. In 2010 this money was spent on computers and associated equipment, the ride organisers forum, vet, Chief Steward and TPR schools and ride arrows, amongst other things. Please ensure you acknowledge Sport and Recreation on your endurance related paperwork, for example, ride entry forms, promotional material and anywhere else possible.

International: *In 2010 Talea Haskow Stewart and Allix Jones travelled to South Africa for the SA Championship. By all accounts this event was quite an experience and both Talea and Allix put in an enormous effort on their borrowed horses.*

Another event in 2010 was the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. NSW members who participated were Drs Trish Annetts as Chef D'Equipe, Robyn Mather as team Vet and Denise Trollope who was coopted into the role of Assistant Chef. 3 Australian riders and horses made the trip, Penny Toft and Matthew Sample from Qld and Norbert Radny from WA. Penny and her horse Don successfully completed the ride.

It would be fantastic to have some NSW riders and horses eligible for selection for the next events which are the World Championship in 2012 and the WEG in 2014. A Young Riders Championship is due in 2011 but at this stage the event is under the cloud of having to find a replacement venue. If you have an interest in working towards these events please contact me or the Endurance Squad for information.

During 2010 we had 3 one star rides, and 3 two star rides in NSW. These rides are imperative in providing opportunity for those who wish to participate in the international arm of endurance. Sincere thanks to the Clubs who ran those rides, Cedar Ridge Stables and the Glen Innes Endurance Riders' Club.

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The National Endurance Sports Committee has completed its first term as an interim committee. This Committee has replaced the AERA International Subcommittee and has prime responsibility for the running of the international arm of endurance in Australia. The process now is that the positions will be advertised for replacement. They are skills based and anyone is eligible to apply. It's a great opportunity to contribute if that's your interest. Please contact me if you are interested.

Independent Disciplinary Panel: Sincere thanks to the people who have made themselves available for the IDP. The IDP is available to investigate and determine any kind of matter that may involve a breach of our rules. While we always hope the IDP isn't needed, when issues arise, it does play an important role. During 2010 the panel dealt with 4 matters. One of these is currently ongoing. Of the others,

- one successfully resulted in the payment of outstanding vet fees associated with a ride and various recommendations for the committee concerning fees and communication
 - one resulted in a horse that was too young to compete being stripped of its points and the rider issued with a warning concerning appropriate behaviour. Recommendations were also made concerning communication
- the other matter was referred back to the Committee with recommendations made concerning communication and training.

The Committee will continue to act on recommendations made by the IDP. The IDP plays a very important role, and its essential to the running of our sport that we have people willing to take on this role. Please consider whether you may be able to assist with the IDP and contact me if you are interested. Hopefully that would mean having your name added to the list and then not being called on.

Child Protection: Legislation obliges us to provide an environment that is safe for our junior members. The law applies to situations where our volunteers and other representatives working on our behalf have unsupervised contact with children and young people. We strongly suggest that volunteers such as checkpoint officials, rescue float drivers and gatekeepers who may be in unsupervised contact with children should work in pairs. They will then not be in a position of being unsupervised. Please contact the Committee if you have questions about our child protection

obligations.

I hope 2010 was kind to everyone, and that 2011 is a safe and successful year. I certainly plan to be on the tracks much more myself!

AERA Delegates Report

The AERA delegates in 2010 were Neil Clarkson, Tom McCormack and Kerry Spratt.

The major issues/items to be discussed at the AERA in 2010 were;

As directed at the 2010 AGM, the NSWERA delegates flagged the ever increasing cost of Personal Accident Insurance and the cost-benefit of continuing with the policy. The matter received a lukewarm response from the majority of other Divisions. This item is listed as a formal discussion item later in the meeting.

The new Database was to be operational from 01/01/2011. Unfortunately this will not be the case. At site testing late last year in Qld, some issues were identified which are currently being resolved by the programmer. Once the program is ready for final roll out, the AERA will pay for 2 candidates from each Division to attend a weekend training and implementation workshop. It is hoped this will be conducted in March 2011.

The AERA has undertaken a Constitutional Review and have engaged a Constitutional Lawyer to assist and guide the AERA in this process. Kerry will provide a presentation on this subject followed by some discussion.

Rule changes effective from January 1st 2011 have been distributed in the last newsletter and are also available on the website. *

Tom explained all this – these rules are all available to be read on the website.

The AERA has instigated a 3 year grant program to each Division of \$3k per annum per Division. The grant is to establish a National Ride Standard to ensure a common infrastructure at all Endurance rides across Australia. The first step is course marking materials.

The National Newsletter remains on the AERA agenda for some Divisions and is listed as a formal discussion item.

The AERA has adopted a Course Marking Standard for use at Tom Quilty events. The Course Marking Standard will be included in future Quilty Agreements.

The AERA has adopted a Chief Steward program for future Tom Quilty's with 2 CS from each Division forming the CS team. The AERA will pay the airfare for 1 CS from each Division and are hoping the Divisions will pay the airfare for the other CS. This program is aimed at strengthening the CS base in Australia by providing an informal networking opportunity.

The administration of post ride fluids to horses is also on the agenda and listed as a formal discussion item later in the meeting.

The NSWERA delegates will present a motion in 2011 to introduce Training rides beyond 40kms and up to 60kms in an elevator format.

In summary, the NSWERA delegates were very pro active in 2010 and were instrumental

- in promoting the AERA Constitutional review*
- in the introduction of the National Event Standard and the adoption of the AERA Grants program*
- the move to legalise Training rides beyond 40kms*
- and in regards to the Tom Quilty, the adoption of a formal Course Marking Standard and formalising the Chief Steward program*

Neil Clarkson, Tom McCormack, Kerry Spratt

AERA Delegates 2010

AERA Constitutional Change sheet was supplied to all attending

Karen Rhodes spoke from the floor concerning the numbers of delegates (21) proposed and the 8 from the Board members who would be separate and how would they be elected....Neil said this was yet to be decided. Tom suggested that the SMC would.

Neil Clarkson – Newsletter

Thanks to Helen Rich and Linda Henley for all the help with the newsletter.

Thanks also to Kerry and Tom, AERA delegates and to everyone else on the committee as well as all NSW

Members.

The newsletter is very heavily subsidised and there will be a rise in the cost of the newsletter in the near future.

This is my last term of office, thanks to everyone.

John Howe– Ride Calendar read by Carol Griffiths

Firstly please accept my apologies as Helen and I are in New Zealand on a cruise.

The year saw a great deal of discussion and debate on where the Ride Calendar should go and what methods need to be followed so that the process is clear, transparent and fair to all.

Tom Perkins Snr, Carol Griffiths and myself formed a sub committee and contacted all R.O's to obtain their valuable input. Tom did an enormous amount of work in this field as well as many other projects and I wish to convey my enormous appreciation to him and express my deep respect for him for his contribution to our great sport.

To this end the following was put into place:-

- All ride booking forms and any correspondence will go via the Secretariat, who will liaise with the Ride Organisers and NS SMC. The Secretariat will formally advise the Ride Organiser of its success or otherwise ASAP after a decision has been made.*

Bookings will not be accepted for dates further than 12 months in advance and the 3 month rule will still apply.

At the meeting of the NSW ERA SMC held 14.1.2011 the following motions were put and accepted:-

"The definition of "a traditional Date" means that between 2006 and 2010, a particular ride occurred on the same weekend or one weekend either side of that date, for three out of those five years".

So any ride organiser who fits that criterion is now assured that their date will be available for them.

Motion 2 same meeting

"That ride separation criterion be 2 weeks or 300 road kms.

The rationale behind these motions is obvious and should allow Ride Organisers to know where they stand. For those committees who wish to "Float" date wise, please refer to motion 2.

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In 2010 the following Endurance Events were run:-

5kms	1	40kms	26
10kms	1	80kms	22
15kms	3	100kms	5
20kms	17	110kms	1
35kms	1	160kms	3

Shahzada 400kms and its 120km 3 day Mini Marathon F.E.I.

80kms	2	90kms	1
120kms	3		

We dual affiliated 4 events with Queensland and 3 with Victoria.

For 2011 we have already approved the following Endurance Events:-

5kms	1	55kms	1
10kms	3	59kms	1
15kms	2	80kms	27
20kms	23	100kms	3
30kms	1	160kms	2
40kms	32	320kms 3 day marathon	1

Shahzada 400kms and 120km 3 day Mini Marathon

We have dual affiliated 2 rides with Queensland.

The NSW State Championship 160km ride will be held June Long weekend at St.Albans. This will be hosted by the Shahzada Committee and assisted by Zone One.

F.E.I Rides approved to date:-

160kms	1:	120kms	3:	90kms	1:
80kms	2				

The State Championship application for 2012 is still open and will close on 30.4.2011. To date no applications have been accepted.

Please note that there are currently 20 weekends left in 2011 that have not been booked. I have counted the 4 weeks in December.

To date the events/weekends approved by Zones are as follows:-

*Zone One - 6: Zone Two- 6: Zone Four - 8:
Zone Five - 5: Zone Six - 6*

Please note that some weekends are double booked.

Insurance:- There have been no major Insurance problems this last year, however, please note that today our Personal Accident policy will be discussed. The reasons for keeping or rejecting the policy will be put to the meeting. Personally, I feel that we are not

getting value for money.

My understanding of the current criterion for financial assistance is that the claimant has to have totally exhausted their sick leave, holiday and long service entitlements before becoming eligible. Please remember that if someone was in this position they would be able to claim sickness benefits from Centerlink and in some cases, especially if dependent spouse and children were taken into the equation, the benefit could be quite reasonable.

If we were able to dispense with the Personal Accident policy, we would experience a very substantial saving. This policy started at \$10.00 per annum as a "trail policy" some years ago and has now risen to over \$70.00 per annum and of course will surely increase in the future.

I move that my report be accepted as submitted.

John Howe. 20080

Ride Calendar and Insurance.

Glenda Edwards EWS –, Merchandising

I have really enjoyed my time on the SMC. This year I have only sent six early warning letters and some were only on 25 – 30 points and were more of a courtesy letter. A few people rang and asked what points they or their horses were on so it was good to see that they were concerned for their horses welfare.

This year we supplied three teams at the Quilty with a hat, shirt and vest – also the NSW team with a shirt.

Hope you all have a great riding year.

Carol Griffiths

Since joining the committee in August (filling a casual position) I have been involved with the revamping of the ride calendar. Being the new kid on the block I have been guided by the vast experience of John Howe and Tom Perkins. As many of you will know the committee is trying to revamp the ride calendar guidelines to hopefully have the allocation of ride dates a much simpler, more transparent procedure. Tom has been working tirelessly in creating a matrix that could allocate dates based on the information coming from ride organisers. The ultimate goal is to have a calendar that has a best fit for all rides organisers as well as riders, with minimal clashes. I'm sure John can and will add more in his report.

This is an ongoing process and John and I (if I'm re-elected to the committee) will be working

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Australasian Endurance Conference and Forum

FEI Event Veterinarians, Officials & Competitors

8th, 9th & 10th of June 2011

**Centr@l Bardon Conference Venue, 390 Simpsons Road,
Bardon, Queensland, Australia.**

Enquiries: Veterinary - Dr Brian Sheahan, email: Brian@samfordvets.com.au

Officials - Barbara Macdonald Timms email: barbt78@bigpond.com

Goal of the Conference:

The primary role of the conference is to achieve the aspirations of the FEI Code of Conduct as written below:

Code of Conduct FEI

The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

The secondary goals are:

- Discuss the implementation of the new rules and the implications of the new star rating for treatment veterinarians;
- Improve the understanding of the roles of officials in particular: Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and members of the Veterinary Commission;
- Discuss the changes to the Veterinary Regulations with regard to medication control;
- Discuss the examination of horses during competition especially metabolics and lameness;
- Discuss the issues relating to the treatment of horses at endurance rides;
- Forum on the future of international competition: Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea, Japan & Thailand;
- Discuss improved nutrition and training methods for endurance horses;
- Discuss issues related to rider safety.

Speakers:

Mr Ian Williams: *Director of Non Olympic Disciplines FEI, 4* FEI Official Judge and Technical Delegate, Former Chef d'Equipe for Great Britain.*

Mrs Ruth Carlson: *Chair, FEI Endurance Committee, 4* FEI Official Judge. FEI Steward.*

Dr Jean-Louis Leclerc: *4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian, Chef d'Equipe of the very successful French National Endurance Team, member of the FEI Endurance Committee.*

Dr Brian Sheahan, BVSc MACVSc: *Principal, Samford Valley Veterinary Hospital, Queensland, 4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian, member of the FEI Endurance Committee.*

Dr Peter Huntington, BVSc: *Nutritionist and veterinarian with Kentucky Equine Research.*

Mr Jaume Puntí Dachs: *Head trainer for H.H. Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum as well as the winning trainer of the 160km 4* 2008 World Endurance Championships, Malaysia, and 160km 4* World Equestrian Games, Kentucky 2011.*

Dr Jim Bryant, DVM: *4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian, 4* FEI Judge, Team Veterinarian Emirates Endurance Stables.*

Dr Martha Misheff, DVM: *Dubai Equine Hospital, 4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian.*

Prof. Bashir Ahmad Fateh: *Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Malaysia, 4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian.*

Assoc. Prof. Anne Barnes BVSc BSc(Hons) PhD MACVSc, Murdoch University: *4* FEI Endurance Veterinarian with special interest in the pathophysiology of heat stress*

Dr Warwick Vale, BVSc MACVSc: *Equine Practitioner, Equestrian Australia National Medication Control Officer, FEI Veterinarian.*

Dr Steve Zedler: *BS VMD DAIS Senior Lecturer in Equine Surgery & Diagnostics University of Queensland.*

Dr Paula Williams BVSc BSc (Hons) MRCVS: *Senior Equine Clinician, Samford Valley Veterinary Hospital.*

Dr Cliff Pollard, MBBS FRACS: *Head of Trauma Services, Royal Brisbane Hospital.*

Meg Wade: *Australia's most successful international competitor; trainer and breeder, Castlebar Endurance Arabians.*

Chris Gates: *Chairperson, National Endurance Sports Committee; trainer and breeder, Castlebar Endurance Arabians.*

Smiling faces at the Zone One AGM & Presentation Evening: Jennifer Gilbertson, Brad Jones.



Above: Charlie Gauci who not only devised and 'made it happen' the inter-zone competition, he also donated the trophy—seen on the left. Won this year by Zone One.

A Stolen Gypsy Vanner

Gypsies of the English and European variety are better known to steal the odd thing or two, not get stolen.

Hoping you enjoy this feel good, interesting story and learn as I did about Gypsy Vanners in the process.

They say you can learn something new every day, but at my advanced age I am more than likely to forget something every day!

Australia is a very long way from the usual haunts and travelling territory of the Romany, The Tinker or The Gypsy.

Australia is now host to many imported breeds, and we have progressed fairly substantially from "Troopers on their Thoroughbreds – One Two Three etc" to having a pretty wide variety of breeds enhancing our front paddock.

The South Coast Zone riders and management met a fascinating newbie at the 40km Training Ride recently where we met a Gypsy Vanner.

While trying to avoid that blank, stupid look my friends know so well, still blurted out "A Whaaaat?"

There we were facing a very handsome, black and white gelding of country outhouse proportions called Our Thomas.

Our Thomas was presented by a bubbly, infectiousy funny, and gregarious English lady, Amanda Overall and husband Steve from the Gosford area. The Overalls had migrated from Bedford in the UK last year with, goods, chattels, children, pets and Our Thomas.

The children and pets were OK, but importing a horse to Australia from anywhere is just an enormous proposal, but undaunted, they were successful and after quarantine Our Thomas strode proudly (and heavily) upon Australian soil.

The South Coast Zone 40km Training Ride was the duo's first try at Australian endurance riding. Amanda Overall explained they had never tried the sport before, but in the UK endurance riders are given a map.

Now bearing in mind a good percentage of us cannot even follow a course with arrows at 50 yard intervals. A map, (what about those of us who have to turn it upside down to read it properly!). That's a girl joke.

In The Olden Days

In the olden days, Gypsies or Tinkers as they were called roamed the countryside of the UK and Europe, doing odd jobs, nicking a thing or two and living in caravans drawn by their Gypsy Vanner horses.

I had a mad vision of Our Thomas hooked to my little Jayco pop top trundling down the highway with the other grey nomads wracked with jealousy at my fuel saving methods. Perhaps not.



Amanda Overall riding Our Tom to successfully complete their first endurance—40km Training Ride at the South Coast Zone Falls Creek Ride.

So if a Gypsy horse could arrive legitimately on our shores, perhaps the odd Gypsy human may have too.

No doubt Our Thomas would have caused quite an impression on the locals in the Gosford area and to Amanda and Steve's horror Our Thomas was nicked from his agistment paddock.

Needless to say, a hue and cry of epic proportions ensued with mounted friends and others on foot like beaters at a pheasant shoot – all to no avail.

Even a helicopter was deployed in the sad and fruitless search for Our Thomas. Emails were sent Australia wide, there were unsubstantiated sightings from as far afield as Western Australia, still nothing, until a joyous 17 days later when Our Thomas was found nearby.

In fact he was in the next paddock and unfortunately not in top condition.

Bearing in mind the Gypsy Vanner's pedigree, as you will read further on is a trifle varied, so in olden times it is not out of the question a Gypsy mare could spend a quiet night in the local gentry's stallion paddock with a superior sire to add to the camp's horse stock a few miles and months down the line.

It may have been to Our Thomas' salvation that he is a gelding and thus not in a position for breeding.

Only Our Thomas and the thieves will ever know the true story, but even hiding a horse of such proportions with loud colour and even louder whinny was obviously too hard a task.

A great result, but to hear the tale delivered in broad Bedfordshire accents is like hearing testimony of theft given at the Old Bailey or something out of The Bill. Amanda and Steve can make the story riotously funny to their credit.

Having successfully completed their first endurance ride Amanda and Our Thomas are heading off to Wandandian on 27th March to have a crack at the next 40km Training Ride.

Wandandian is a South Coast Zone Endurance Ride and offers a 20km, a 40km and an 80km and for more info contact Shelley Ison on 44478580.

Gypsy Vanner History

A daring dive for this techno dinosaur into Wikipedia and Google and a cross reference with old friend Robyn Comber of Adina Stud the following emerged in brief form.

There are realms of info on this breed on "The Net", so follow it up for a more lengthy story.

"The Gypsy dream was to breed the perfect horse to pull their colourful vardos or caravans through the hillsides of England, Ireland and Europe.

The Gypsy Vanner had to be strong and athletic so that they could manage the heavy vardos with the Gypsy family and his belongings.

The horses had to be hardy and easy to keep, as they were often tethered on the side of the road or in fields, eating whatever grass they could find and living without shelter in the cold winters.

When the day's work was done, the beautiful Gypsy Vanner, had to be gentle and docile enough to teach Gypsy children how to ride".

"While most Gypsies do not live in vardos or caravans any longer, they still keep and breed quality Gypsy Vanner horses and now as in the travelling days the Gypsy Vanner is a symbol of status and a source of great pride among the Romany Gypsies".

The Gypsy Vanner is now a registered breed, previously a detailed history of the bloodlines was kept in the collective memories of the families who bred them. (Probably for the reasons as above). There are Societies registering the breed in England and the USA and they compete in all sorts of disciplines including hunting, dressage and English and Western Riding and obviously endurance.

In summation another issue describes the gypsy Vanner thus:

"The Gypsy Vanner are sturdy horses with heavy bone, flat knees and a short back. They come in a variety of colours, the most common of which is black and white and have an abundance of mane and feather....The breed had a gentle and docile personality, they are social and eager to participate

Big Three Award

At Manilla at midnight on 26th June 2010, 294 horses set out to compete in this years Tom Quilty 100mile ride. Those horse and rider combinations were the base line for this years Big 3 award.

At the completion of the NSW State Championship 160km ride held at Woodstock on 2nd October, some three months later, eight of those combinations had achieved the award of Big 3. This represents a success rate of .029%.

And of course in the middle was, Shahzada 400kms.

Three of the worlds toughest rides, in a time frame of three months, One Horse, One rider, in One year. No chance for error.

The Big 3 Award has entered Endurance folklore as something that all riders, regardless of age, experience, type of horse – may enter and have a go. A truly personal challenge in the spirit of "To finish is to Win". Most of us will never compete overseas or represent Australia or own a million dollar horse, but here is the chance to achieve something quite big and rare.

Since 1991 the Award has been made 23 times to 21 horses and riders, incredibly Jan Wade on Oaky Dokey in 2006 and Hajira Leonie in 2008 and Allix Jones on Shellal Cattle King Flyte in 2008 and 2010 have been successful twice. Seventeen of the riders are women and the four successful men are all heavyweights.

The Quilty won't be back in NSW for six years. In the meantime a number of riders will load up and head off to one of the other States for the Quilty and if successful there, will continue on in the hope of becoming one of those riders who achieve and have a chance to be part of a truly wonderful quest – a Big 3 Award.

All eight combinations have achieved an incredible milestone and I hope that many more riders will draw inspiration from their achievements and will set out on there own personal quest.

Once more congratulations to those successful partnerships, commiserations to those who set out but didn't make it. This is an incredibly hard goal to achieve, but all the more satisfying for the challenge to be faced and met.

John Howe.20080. Registrar Big 3 Award.

**Remember
TIE UP YOUR DOGS!**

This years successful Big Three Award winning riders were:-

Marion Lengronne

Carol Layton

Sue Todd

Stuart Lymbery

Allix Jones

Martin Gregson

Noni Seagrim

Sasam

Omani Mr Sqiggle

Shakista

Garonne Park Walker

Shellal Cattle King Flyte

Burren-Dah Gladiator

Rahan Mushtar



Stuart Lymbery & Garonne Park Walker

Carol Layton & Omani Mr Sqiggle

Marion Lengronne & Sasam

Sue Todd receiving her Award

Photos by Jo Arblaster



Left: Social riders at Shoalhaven.

Below: Tracy Haack receiving her awards at the Zone One presentation evening from Tony Warren and Marita Rifai



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into next year to see the job done. Carol Griffiths

Carol Layton – Website (read by Sue Todd)

A brand new website for NSWERA was designed at the beginning of the year with the aim of making it:

Attractive to all people, especially those interested in learning about endurance

Easy to navigate and find items

Quick to load for all users

Easy for the website person to update.

Feedback has been very positive, thank you to those who let me know. Carol Layton

Belinda Hopley – 2010 Annual CS/TPR/Drug Testing/Vet Liaison Report.

First of all, I would like to thank Brian for all his very wonderful and much appreciated support this year, looking after our 4 legged family while I've been up here.

There were over 30 rides conducted this year. Considering the conditions at some of the rides, we and our horses hung in together pretty well. We swabbed 20 horses last year and will continue to maintain our swabbing presence this year. There were no positive results – just a note; positive results from horses at FEI rides go to EA and are dealt with there, results from AERA events go to AERA and then to the State Management Committees to deal with. Just a reminder that horses entered in FEI events need to keep a Medication Logbook – these are required to be maintained for all horses entered into competitions under FEI rules from the 5th April 2010. (EA website – EA Rules and Regs – Medication Control). AERA requires that the vet records invasive treatments in the back of the logbooks.

There were 39 invasive treatments performed this year, 19 requiring rest orders. (15/8 – Quilty)

We have 7 more accredited TPR's this year; Georgia Ladmore, Mark Dunmill, Paul Farmer, Charlie Gauci, Col Lewis, Bindi Reinhold and Rhonda Hanson. There are 3 recipients of Cherished TPR Vests this year – Gordon Smith (56), Rick Owen (the Bobsey twins) and Lindsay Knight – all TPRing well over 20 days. In addition to their vest, they receive a new dual-head stethoscope, rapid read thermometer and stopwatch for their assistance, very kindly

sponsored by Dixon-Smith Equestrian.

The current active TPR list is out - the names are those taken from the last 3 years' ride reports, and some rides are incomplete. Please take the time to look at it and let me now if you are missing. (NSWERA website under Forms).

We also have 2 accredited CS this year; Gary Tweedie and Peter Kelly. Tom McCormack is receiving his Treasured CS Vest and also receives a fleecy vest to keep warm while the riders are out having a load of fun.

As there have been many changes in the rules and paperwork associated with the responsibilities of being a Chief Steward, we are intending to run a Chief Stewards weekend to update and discuss these changes. I strongly urge all CS to attend this workshop. We are also looking at having a session on managing and diffusing difficult situations that may and can arise. We, the SMC, are not tolerating any abuse to or by any official and/or rider. The Independent Disciplinary Panel (IDP) has had a number of incidents referred to it this year, and are asking for further nominations for the Panel. I would also ask that the CS please take the time to ensure all the reports and forms are correctly filled out, and to please record the TPR's to assist in the recognition of our TPR's.

As many of you are aware, the Vet list is out of date. I am in the process of updating it, but it is a time consuming issue. If anyone is aware of Vets that are no longer participating at rides, or wish to become accredited, please let me know.

I am also updating the How to Run an Endurance Ride booklet that Marg Godbee and Kerry Spratt of the Watagan Mountains Club put together some years ago. This should be available in the coming months.

New rules from AERA coming into effect for 2011 were listed at the AGM and are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The intent of Rule 5.1 is that the maximum riding time is calculated on the entire ride length and not on individual legs and this is how the AERA expects all CS's to interpret Rule 5.1 until the new rule comes into effect.

Where a ride consists of 3 or more legs, a cut off time can be set for the start of the last leg of the ride to ensure that this leg can be finished within the maximum time set for the entire course.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, I thank you for the privilege of representing you and working

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with the very good people on this committee.*

Fiona Meller – Course Preservation

Fiona congratulated the committee on their good work.

Difficult but positive year. The Watagans plan of management has been released....most horse riding trails have been approved. Fiona pointed out that her approach has worked and NPWS has come round to the way we think.

All plans of management come up for review every five years. Fiona has been asked to write the horse riding sections for the plans of management. Positive attitude to horse riding. No discrimination – all forms of recreation have to be considered. They have asked for submissions and opinions on plans of management in particular, parks. Asked for improvement in what is available now – has achieved agreement public access routes are open to horses and locked gate tracks should be open to horses in future. Review on Blue Mountains and Wollemi are coming up.

Commented on Bungawalbyn, Columbey, Ben Boyd, Mummal Gulf, Willandra, Curracabundi Wilderness area - five out of six were positive on horse riding access. Years of effort are paying off. Politics have come into it - Fiona has had discussions with Catherine Cusack, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability and Melinda Pavey, Shadow Minister for Emergency Services. A new Government would change opinions and a lot hinges on the Green position. May be a relaxation of the wilderness area policy, where people would not know where these areas start and finished....bike riders have achieved a lot in this regard - wording "self reliant" makes the difference for horse riders.

Fiona represents ERA on the Australian Horse Alliance which has undergone a restructure and is now an unincorporated association.

Fiona is able to give advice to people wanting to run new rides and what sort of areas they are in ie NPWS and State Forests – this will apply to the Yerrinbool Ride. There are many rules that are different in regard to National Parks....Yengo National Park looked good but the final version is different listing rides that that were running ten years ago – this will affect Forgotten Valley Classic and the State Ride and will need a change in the Act to rectify.

Fiona called for submissions from everyone on

riding in national parks in your local area. We need to let the NPWS know that we enjoy riding in this particular park and should be allowed to continue – this will definitely make the difference.

Zone 1 Charlie Gauci

NSWERA Zone One Report December 2010

2010 has seen Zone One move forward with a vibrant and active Zone committee. Meetings are held monthly in the Richmond Club at Richmond. We have our own monthly newsletter distributed via email that apart from the humour and chit chat of our members gives us as a committee a direct link to our Zone One members advising them of what's happening in our sport in context to Zone One.

2010 saw four rides in Zone One – Q60, St Albans, Putty and Shahzada. We have secured a new ride base for 2011 at Yerrinbool and are in discussions at the moment for two more rides in the St Albans' area.

Zone membership was implemented this year. Membership fees for Zone one is \$15. This entitles a Zone one member to \$5 off the entry fee to any Zone One affiliate ride as well as access to our monthly newsletter.

Zone One has been a strong supporter of the interzone competition in 2010. We have supplied a team for nearly all 80km rides held on the NSW calendar utilizing 36 different Zone One members. As a Zone we wish to see this competition continue and urge the NSWERA to take a much more active role in supporting and administering the competition.

*As the current SMC is aware, Zone One has been a strong proponent of a fairer system for allocating ride dates on the State calendar. We have consistently stated that a system needs to be put in place that is fair for **ALL** Ride organisers in NSW and we will continue to do so into 2011.*

As a Zone we also wish to see the Zones taking on a greater role in the running of our sport especially at the local level. This cannot happen effectively without a major shift in thinking from the NSWERA. We will continue to this effect into 2011.

As a Zone, 2010 has been a great year for endurance riding in Zone one and we look forward 2011.

Our AGM held on the 22nd of January was well attended. All committee positions were declared

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vacant and a new election was held. This saw the return of Tony Warren as our Zone President with Sue Todd as secretary. Stephanie Grolimund was returned as our long standing Treasurer with Tony Warren also chosen as our Zone delegate for 2011.

Charlie Gauci, 23252, Zone One Delegate

NSW Inter-Zone Teams Competition

Well done NSW Inter-Zone Team riders – with the 2010 competition now complete we should say a big Thank You and Congratulations to everyone that took part in the competition and to everyone who helped with the organisation of the competition.

What a great effort to have 170 individual NSW endurance riders participate in the competition, which consisted of twenty four 80km rides. At almost all of these rides each zone was able to furnish a full or part team of 4 riders to represent their zone. The final participation from each zone was 36 riders from Zone One, 40 riders from Zone Two, 41 riders from Zone Four, 28 riders from Zone Five and 25 riders from Zone Six.

We have 170 riders that are eligible to be in the draw for a chance to win the 2011 NSWERA membership, The Draw will be held at the NSW AGM, (in the event the winner has already paid their membership a refund will be given).

A special thank you must go out to Garry Weis for collecting and collating the results for 2010. Without his enthusiasm and timely efforts the competition would not have been the success that it was. Some form of formal public recognition should be made at the 2011 AGM for his efforts.

Congratulations must go to Zone One! The winner of the competition and the recipient of the perpetual Gold Cup for 2010, finishing with a lead of 35.44 hours to their closest rival Zone Two, who were followed very closely by Zone Four.

The final results of the competition are as follows:-

Zone One - 928.49 hours

Zone Two - 963.93 hours

Zone Four - 965.83 hours

Zone Five - 775.61 hours

Zone Six - 778.70 hours

We believe that the Inter-Zone Teams Competition has added a further dimension of friendly competition to our wonderful sport of endurance riding and hope that the enthusiasm and participation will continue for the

competition in 2011.

Charlie Gauci, 23252, Inter Zone competition

Zone 2 Roy Barsby

Thanks to the Committee and especially Tom Perkins on all aspects of his report and sad at the lack of attendance at the AGM and ask you all to move forward to make the sport appealing to everyone.

Having been elected to be Zone 2 delegate I found myself on the SMC and dealing with all the issues that turn up at the monthly meetings. My thoughts are that many of these issues take up the management time of the SMC, when more time should be spent in steering and developing the sport in its future direction. Many of these issues could be dealt with at Zone level by the clubs and its delegates for that zone. This would abbreviate the SMC time on decision making and allow more time to deal with actual management of the sport. If the issue couldn't be resolved at zone level it then can go to the SMC via the delegate to be dealt with. This gives you more than one voice at the meetings and could help in quicker outcomes of issues.

Zone 2 has its challenges mainly geographically but in 2010, Zone 2 saw the successful running of the Quilty by the Tamworth Endurance Club. It also saw the running of successful FEI rides run by the competent Cedar Ridge club. It had some lovely social rides run by some of the other clubs in the zones which are always appreciated by the new people. All of these rides have to be acknowledged as part of the overall zone appeal which allows all people in this zone to a great variety of rides. Already into 2011, we have got a marathon ride, a FEI 120 and a special event at Tamworth to look forward to in Zone 2. Plus of course all the wonderful 80 km rides from all our clubs in Zone 2.

The big issue I feel for 2011 is MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION. I would encourage all of the endurance family to pursue the attraction of new people into this great sport.

Roy Barsby— Zone 5 (read by Sue Todd)

Firstly I would like to congratulate the winners of the south coast zone point score for 2010 they are:-

First H/W	Heidi Wade
First M/W	Lindsay Hine
First L/W	Adeline Gibson
First JR	Maddison Wade.

South Coast Zone is holding our AGM and presentation at a fund raiser 20km and 40km

ride next weekend 13th February. Wandandian Ride is back on again a month later on 27th March. Wingello ride will be held on 29th May. A new ride is happening on 3rd July in Sussex Inlet, looking forward to that and Sassafras is going ahead in September for those up for a challenge. Hopefully we might be able to talk someone to run a ride later on in the year. Would like to see you all at the South Coast Zone rides. Thank you, Shelly Ison

Zone 6 – Martin Flippance read by Brad Dillon

Zone 6: In Feb 2010 the three established Mid-North Coast clubs (Kiwarrak, Kundabung and Wauchope) combined to hold an AGM and formally incorporate Zone 6. They were subsequently joined by the new Dungog / Williams River club. It is hoped that the reformed Watagans Club will also join Zone 6 before their April 2011 ride at the Stroud showground.

Inter-Zone competition: under the current rules this will always be one won by Zone One as they have the bulk of riders and are closest to all the rides. If this is to continue it either needs to be renamed (eg Inter-Zone Completion Award) or some form of 'average time' needs to be developed to better represent the competitive achievement, rather than number of rides attended.

Promotions: The main promotion focus was on recruiting new members. Total membership has been relatively stable for the past 3 years with new members only enough to replace those who have not renewed their membership. Neil Clarkson put in a lot of effort to produce a 'membership information package' which was sent out to all riders who had paid day membership in 2009. Focus for 2011 will include surveying past and present members to identify what they believe would improve the sport in NSW and also having a promotional stand at Equitana in Sydney later this year.

Post ride survey: while there has been ongoing debate about the benefits of continuing the post ride surveys, they have been of particular value to new / newer ride committees. They also provide a means for riders to have their say about a ride, if they feel it is required. For the small amount of work required I believe it is useful to keep these surveys going.

Martin Flippance (23539)

Call for scrutineers

Ethan Becker and Lee-Anne Gauci were selected.

Notices of Motion

Motion No. 1

<u>MOVED BY:</u>	Kerry Spratt	21530
	Gary Tweedie	20686

THAT: Clause 3(1) of the NSW Endurance Riders' Association Inc Constitution 2004 be amended to read:

'Training Ride' means a non-competitive endurance event affiliated with the NSW ERA for horses and riders which provides endurance training for both over a distance of up to and including 65 kilometres, and for the purpose of these rules shall include introductory or social events.

THE REASON FOR THIS MOTION IS:

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the possible distance of training rides from 'less than 60km' to 'up to and including 65km'. The NSWERA Committee has been considering options to encourage participation. The Committee would like to be able to approve training rides of 60km as a 'stepping stone' between conventional training rides and 80km rides to encourage newcomers towards longer rides.

This amendment is desirable because training rides are currently limited by the NSWERA Constitution to less than 60km. The amendment will also make the Constitution consistent with the AERA rules (Rule A16.1) which permit training rides between 40 and 65kms.

On a tally the voting was as follows: 99 for 17 against therefore the motion was passed.

Motion No. 2

<u>MOVED BY:</u>	Kerry Spratt	21530
	Gary Tweedie	20686

THAT: Clause 3(1) of the NSW Endurance Riders' Association Inc Constitution 2004 be amended to read:

'Training Drive' means a non-competitive endurance event affiliated with the NSW ERA for horses driven in harness which provides endurance training for horses and drivers over a distance of up to and including 65 kilometres, and for the purpose of these rules shall include introductory or social events.

THE REASON FOR THIS MOTION IS:

This amendment is desirable because the

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definition of a 'training drive' should be consistent with that of a 'training ride', and with the AERA rules (Rule A16.1) which permit training drives between 40 and 65kms.

On a tally the voting was as follows: 98 for 18 against therefore the motion was passed.

Motion No. 3

MOVED BY: Kerry Spratt 21530
Gary Tweedie 20686

THAT: Clause 3(1) of the NSW Endurance Riders' Association Inc Constitution 2004 be amended to rearrange the subparagraphs into alphabetical order.

THE REASON FOR THIS MOTION IS:

That currently the subparagraphs are not ordered alphabetically. Locating information within the clause would be easier if the subparagraphs were arranged alphabetically.

On a tally the voting was as follows: 113 for 3 against therefore the motion was passed.

MOVED Peter Cooper and seconded by Neil Clarkson

THAT the voting slips be destroyed

Carried Unanimous

Discussion Items

The Post Ride Survey

Should we continue with the post ride survey beyond 2010? The numbers of surveys returned for each ride are relatively few compared to the riders who participate, but the comments and suggestions can be helpful for ride committees in planning for future rides. We would like to hear from riders and ride committees both, whether the survey is useful and if it should continue

Jennifer Gilbertson expressed concern about its use.

Gay Bonham said that it wasn't useful.

Roy Barsby spoke on behalf of the survey.

Charlie said that if a rider has a beef with the ride, this is the way that an opinion can be put to the Committee. If a ride gets ten negative comments something can be done.

Sue Todd mentioned that the surveys had been used to gauge feelings re the canteen at Shahzada.

Sue also mentioned that it gave her the proper channel to go down with regard a ride that had a serious problem with distance this year rather than people sitting around camps complaining.

Mark Freeman supported the ride survey idea.

Bronwyn Monahan raised the privacy issue and suggested that this should be explained on the survey.

Belinda Hopley supported the survey but people have to fill them in.

Gail Fisher felt that ideas should be put forward to make a situation right, don't just criticise.

Majority show of hands 68 for, 29 against and four undecided re the proposal.

Post Ride administration of fluids

Currently horses which receive invasive treatment within 2 hours after a ride *may* be disqualified. There is concern, particularly amongst some of the AERA Veterinary Panel that this rule is discouraging people from seeking treatment for horses who would benefit from receiving fluids within that time. The AERA is seeking members' views on whether intravenous fluids should be permitted within 2 hours of a ride, without the rider or horse risking penalty such as disqualification. This relates *only* to giving fluids. Any other invasive treatment would risk disqualification as the rule currently stands. Horses treated with fluids would not be eligible for awards such as Best Conditioned. Do you agree with the idea that fluids could be given without penalty? Should horses and riders be eligible to keep any placings they earn? Is there a better way to manage the risk of people with holding treatment soon after a ride because they don't want to risk their completion?

POST-RIDE INVASIVE TREATMENTS REPORT PREPARED BY STEVEN ROBERTS B.V.SC. (READ BY BELINDA HOPLEY)

This issue has been discussed on the AussieEndurance chat site recently and much of the following is taken from there.

The National Veterinary Panel (NVP) has put up a motion at AERA to change rule H24.6 to:

*24.6 A horse which is successfully vetted through at the completion of a ride **MAY** subsequently receive intravenous fluids without compromising its qualification in the ride.*

Justification: To allow horses to receive I/V fluids earlier and limit the danger to their health and welfare that is posed by riders holding horses back from treatment until 2 hours post-ride. Note that as per H15.8 such a

horse would not be eligible for consideration for the best conditioned award.

This rule replaces the 2 hour rule.

According to the above this does not differentiate between a horse receiving fluids to 'assist recovery' and one that is metabolically compromised.

The exact wording of the proposed rule change, in the context of other rules, is important for this discussion, particularly if it is introduced in addition to the existing rule (which is an option suggested by the NVP). Points to consider are:

1. Read together with rule 24.3, the I/V fluids could only be administered under the supervision of the Head Vet. So we won't be seeing hordes of riders administering their own I/V fluids, or professionals with a private vet in their crew getting an "advantage" over the amateur owner/rider, or vets who are riders utilising their own skills.
2. The proposed rule says "may" not "will". The horse can still be vetted out after the administration of I/V fluids if the vet deems it appropriate; all it does is take away the 2 hour time factor for this particular type of treatment
3. The determination of "fit to continue" is an arbitrary time line in the sand. The horse that trots lame at 30 minutes is a vet out, but the one that stiffens up and trots lame at 35 minutes on the way out of the vetting area after vetting through, is a completion. The 2 hour rule simply drew a different line in the sand for metabolic problems. This new rule would not change the fact that the horse would have to be deemed "fit to continue" - without I/V fluids - at the final vet check.

The rule will make absolutely no difference to the vast majority of riders who put their horse's welfare first. But for the tiny (tiny-minded?) minority for whom a win/place/completion is more important than their horse's well-being, it will make it more likely that they will seek help for their horse sooner if required, which is a good thing for the horse.

SO all this proposed rule means is, that once a horse has vetted through successfully, if the Head Vet agrees with the rider/owner that there are then some concerns about the horse's hydration, and decides that intravenous fluids should be administered, and if this has the desired effect and no further treatment is required, the completion is not automatically overturned.

The exact wording of the change

proposed by the NVP is important, and they have also proposed a trial period, so if adopted it would not necessarily be set in stone. Fine-tuning is usually required for rule changes/new rules, so this is also possible.

Sadly there is no doubt that some more competitive riders have been "hiding their horses" until after the 2 hour period elapses, compromising their welfare and chances of early/full recovery. In my over 28 years' involvement in the sport, we have always been trying to make rules to protect horses against the rabbits, but there are two points here: you can't legislate against all aspects of human behaviour, and it is not always conscious over-riding that leads to the requirement for post-ride treatment, although the latter group won't seek to avoid prompt treatment.

Unless the membership can come up with a better solution, I think the draft that the NVP has proposed is good, certainly from the horse welfare viewpoint. The main problem I have is from the sport's perspective in the public eye - the situation where a rider can be receiving an award while their horse is receiving invasive treatment sends the wrong image of our sport; no matter what the facts are, perception always rules.

So what to do about that? Some have suggested a retrospective penalty e.g. in the point scores for end of year awards. While this may still deter some rabbits from seeking timely treatment, in the absence of the 2 hour limit, it would be far less obvious to them. There are many other possible penalties e.g. reversion to novice status for varying periods and people may like to make some suggestions for consideration by the State Management Committee prior to it going to a vote at AERA.

Kerry Spratt said the NVP will remove the word "may".

Kerry said there are good arguments either way. Horse will still have to pass the final vet check. Rest Orders can still be issued.

Vets must be given an opportunity to help a horse early and get the desired result.

Kym Hagon spoke about rehydration therapy – they need 24 hours normally. The 2 hour rule was brought in as most metabolic horse problems will occur in two hours post ride. They are two separate issues.

Fiona Meller pointed out that it still has to be the vet's decision.

Vicki Bonham pointed out that they are two different horses – those that need more

Belinda Hopley said that it comes back to fit to continue.

Karen Rhodes said that people would give fluids themselves but it was pointed out that the Head Vet has to be the one who administers.

Jeff Bonham said the current rule is right the way it is.

Alison and Michael Knihinicki spoke about rider responsibility. Kym said that it is not a yes/no rule.

Ruth Van der Wegen said that wait two hours and then get rehydration therapy.

Neil Clarkson spoke about the “may” word is the worry....feels get rid of that and the two hours – the decision is too subjective.

Tom McCormack spoke of the welfare of the horse – described a case in Qld where two hours was important to a rider when his horse was compromised. This can happen to anyone.

Ray Griffiths spoke on the fact that every horse that completes a ride has a hydration issue after a ride and believed that the two hour rule should be removed.

Show of hands to see whether we should run it as a trial....Kerry believed that there was an even split.

Chris Noonan felt that we might need another vet to administer fluids because of the number requesting rehydration.

Tom suggested that it is not a given that horses will all need hydration.

Bronwyn was wondering where the results of a survey would go from here....Kerry said that everything has to go through two AERA meetings before anything can be changed.

Bronwyn is concerned that a lot more discussion is needed.

Majority show of hands 38 for, 58 against, 5 undecided on the proposal.

Personal Accident Insurance

Currently the AERA provides a personal accident insurance policy, the cost of which is included in your annual membership (for riding members). For 2011 the cost of this policy has increased by \$13.00 to \$70 per adult member. There was no increase for juniors so the cost is \$18.40. Detail of the cover provided is available on the NSWERA website at <http://www.nswera.asn.au/>

[insurance.htm](#) and with this AGM report.

The policy is a ‘one in all in’ national policy. In principle, after checking the details of cover provided, do you wish to continue participating in this policy after 2011? If you want to participate in future, how much are you prepared to pay for the policy if the cover stays the same? Currently the policy provides cover that may extend to training and other horse related activities. Would you be in favour of continuing with a policy restricted to endurance events only, if it was cheaper?

Presentation on behalf of the SMC from Kerry Spratt.

Karen said this topic was covered at last year’s AGM. Voting at that time was 41 to 44 against continuing with such insurance. Apparently the rest of the States want to go with it and Kerry wanted to know how we feel.
Show of hands 38 for 24/7 coverage, 19 for at events only coverage, 43 against any insurance and 1 undecided on the proposal.

National Newsletter

Is a national newsletter a good idea? Particularly since the Arabian Horse Express magazine has closed down, the AERA believes there is a gap that could be filled by a National Newsletter.

The concept for the National Newsletter is to replace the State Newsletters and to be under the control of the AERA rather than an outside publication house. It would be an Australian Endurance Newsletter foremost with the idea of going into Newsstands as a promotional tool. The content of the Newsletter would remain as per our existing Newsletter, with such items as State Minutes to go in as inserts.

At this stage the AERA are seeking support from the States for the idea of a National Newsletter before pursuing all the finer details, which would be brought back to the States for review and approval.

Les Robinson said that we had voted on this before and “we want our NSW newsletter”.

Neil thinks that the National newsletter is the way to go but it has to be fair and balanced. WA, SA and TAS are for it along with QLD but NSW and VIC are against the idea. Neil feels it would be a good promotional tool for endurance.

Glenda Edwards is against the national

newsletter because Arabian Horse Express folded....it used to cost \$7. You can get the info on the web.

Les Robinson pointed out that the only publication is heavily biased towards Queensland.

Neil did a detailed study on this two years ago.....should cost \$2 more than what we are paying now.

Kim Hagon only wants to read about NSW, Vicki Bonham said that our newsletter comes out every two months and there is a much bigger chance of getting representation in the current newsletter.

Neil said that it will be an equal representation of our State's events etc.

Tina Walker suggested we keep our own and AERA pay for the national newsletter.

Neil spoke for the proposal again.

Show of hands 15 for a National Newsletter, majority 86 against the proposal of the National Newsletter.

Reflective rider bibs

This idea was brought to the committee by Mick Leary. Mick suggests that riders should have their own high visibility reflective bib. In Victoria, riders have their own bib and feedback to Mick indicates that this system works well and is popular with riders. Mick has spoken to many NSW riders and provided the committee with a letter containing about 70 signatures of riders in support of the idea. High visibility reflective bibs would improve safety for riders and horses, noting that most bibs currently used would not meet Occupational Health and Safety guidelines. Mick has obtained quotes for supply of bibs for less than \$20. Riders would be responsible for taking their bib to rides, making the ride committees' job easier. The bibs would be numbered starting from 1 and numbers could be reissued when people retire from riding. Do you support this idea? If so, who should pay for the bibs? The members or NSW ERA?

Fiona suggested that social and trainers will need to be supplied. Fiona suggested riders will not give always back their bibs.

Brad Dillon said that if you do not renew your membership, you have to hand your number back. Use all the old bibs for social and trainers. Neil says that in Vic they have spare

bibs for visitors. Lesley raised the issue of different colours for different weight divisions. Kerry spoke against the issue, Jeff too.

Show of hands 15 for, majority of 84 against and two undecided.

AERA Funding

The AERA is working towards a National Standard in regard to equipment used for the safe conduct of endurance rides. The AERA will be providing funding to the value of \$3000 to each State per year over the next 3 years to purchase equipment that will improve ride standards. Current suggestions are ride arrows (which NSW already has), weighing scales etc. What items do you think NSW ERA should obtain using these funds?

Tom McCormack suggested that we spend the money on computers, scales, first aid kits

Provisional Novice Horse Rules – proposed by Karen Rhodes

At last year's AGM we discussed possible changes to the novice horse rules. The members present decided that preferably the rules should remain as they were, but agreed on an alternative proposed by Karen Rhodes. This proposal was that:

“a horse having successfully obtained endurance status, having complied with the requirements of the Novice Horse Rules H 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, be granted Provisional Endurance Status for a period of not less than 12 months from their first successful novice ride completion.” and

“an additional Endurance Horse Division be introduced and be known as a Provisional Endurance Horse. This division will require provisional horses to be ridden at a speed no greater than an average speed of 14km per hour” .

As instructed, the NSW ERA delegates presented a motion to the AERA that the novice horse rules remained unaltered. This motion was passed by the AERA. The alternative proposal has since been put to the AERA by another State, as a motion for a rule change. While that motion was lost, the AERA has asked that the States again discuss the concept of provisional endurance status for horses.

Do you support this idea?

Karen spoke about the provisional horse status – it was proposed originally last year to stop the changing of the novice horse rule.

Tom spoke about the politics in the AERA to change the novice horse rules as proposed by QERA.

QERA liked Karen's proposal better than their proposal.

NSW got agreement that there should be no change.

We agreed that we don't want a change to the novice horse rules

Show of hands 13 for, majority of 86 against and 2 undecided for the proposal of Provisional Novice Horse Rules.

Rider coupons

The Committee has been discussing ideas to increase membership. Martin has developed an idea to encourage people who ride as day members to join. For the first 3 months of 2011 all day members, who have never been ERA members, will be handed a promotional 'coupon'. If sent to NSW ERA within 30 days of their ride with a membership application, the coupon will entitle them to discounts off ride fees for that year. These discounts will be in the form of numbered vouchers, 2 at \$25 each which they can use towards paying for rides. Rides receiving these vouchers will send them in to NSW ERA as part of their ride fee payment.

There was no show of hands for this proposal

GENERAL BUSINESS

Alison Knihinicki raised the issue of dogs off leads at rides.

Discussion on where this AGM was held and there was a concern that the Manilla proposal was not taken up to hold it in that area.

Charlie explained how it came about that Zone One was asked to host the AGM in Sydney as the NSW committee felt that Manilla was too far away.

Sandi Brown suggested postal vote and video conferencing.....Sue Warren said that everyone had their opportunity with the proxies.

Jeff Bonham suggested that the 50th Quilty be held in NSW in 2015 and swap with Vic.

Karen Rhodes would like to encourage vets to vet at our rides...she suggested that

Steve Roberts go along to vet students and try to encourage them to vet at our rides.

Gay Bonham suggested that we, as riders, have all got to treat vets better or they will leave the sport.

The chairman called for a new scrutineer for the voting of the NSW Committee – Paul Farmer was substituted for Ethan Becker as it turned out that Ethan is a friend of Brad Dillon.

Election of Committee vacancies

Nominations for committee were as follows:

Gary Tweedie M/ship #20686 – nominated by Rowena Robinson 20298 seconded by Les Robinson 20828

Brad Dillon M/ship #22148 nominated by Neil Clarkson 22228 seconded by Belinda Hopley 20151

Glenda Edwards M/ship #20631 nominated by Sharon Oliver 20858 seconded by Rod Mitchell 22721

Greg Moore M/ship #21631 nominated by Mark Dunmill 23321 seconded by Tony Warren 23051

Marlee Turnbull M/ship # 21432 nominated by Greg Moore 21631 seconded by Charlie Gauci 23252

Gay Bonham M/ship # 20867 nominated by Graham Stockdale 20760 seconded by Jessica Taylor 20869

Kerry Spratt M/ship # 21530 nominated by Neil Clarkson 22228 seconded by Ray Griffiths 22455

Carol Griffiths M/ship #22624 nominated by Ruth Van Der Wegen 20220 seconded by Ray Griffiths 22455

A Ballot was held with Gary, Brad, Gay, Kerry and Carol being elected for a two year term. Glenda Edwards to fill the casual vacancy. Marlee Turnbull received the next highest vote so she is eligible to fill any casual vacancy which may occur in 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.10 pm.



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

ANNUAL LOGBOOK RETURN

Current Horse Details

To help maintain a current register of all AERA Logbook horses, please fill out relevant details of all endurance horses in your care and return to your State Registrar with your membership form. Membership may be withheld if this form is not attached.

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Membership Number: _____

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Endurance / Novice

To assist in maintaining our records, please advise of any horse that has a logbook that is no longer competing for any reason. e.g. retired, sold, died etc.

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason

If the horse has been sold please provide details.

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Sold to another	Sold and no longer in	Sold overseas

If there is insufficient room on this form, please attach additional details.

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

DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

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

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. 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.*

NOTICE

Attention Ride Secretaries

Following a recommendation from the AERA International Committee (AERA IC), the AERA has agreed that a \$5.00 affiliation fee should be paid to the AERA IC for each horse entered into a FEI ride. Ride Organisers should add this amount to their ride entry fee.

Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Transfer of Ownership Procedures

It is the responsibility of the purchaser of the horse to notify the State of the change in ownership details. It is important that the correct person be registered as the owner of the horse as this assists with the correct allocation of National and State distance and pointscore awards as well as identifying the persons responsible for the horse when disciplinary actions need to be instituted.

Process for Changing Ownership Details

When a sale of a horse occurs and the horse has had a logbook issued it is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the State of the change of ownership. A transfer of ownership form must be completed and forwarded to the State, together with a cheque for \$11 and the logbook.

RIDE SECRETARIES

If you intend to change your ride details these changes **MUST** come in the form of a new application for approval by NSW ERA through the proper channels. No ride change requests are to be made direct to the newsletter.

NSW ERA Committee.

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

(02) 6553 8640

Post Office Box 6627, Chatham NSW 2430

AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

Applicant name:	
Postal address:	Postcode:

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

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:

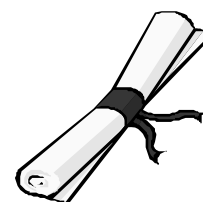
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| 300km | <p>\$10.00 each.</p> <p>Available to any horse that has successfully completed 300km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in <u>ONE</u> riding division or has successfully completed the Quilty in under 15 hours.</p> |
| 800km | 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

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc)

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

Jo McMahan
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.

NSW Ride Locality Guide

Ride Name	Zone	General Area	Location	Ride Secretary
Bago Bush Bash	6	North Coast	Wauchope	Robyn Coombes
Batemans Bay	5	South Coast	Batemans Bay	Louise Counsell
Bendemeer	2	Tamworth	Bendemeer	Gay Bonham
Blowering Dam	4	Snowy Mountains	Tumut	Louise Stevens
Border Challenge	2	North of Armidale	Red Range	Robyn Parnell
Brookvale	5	ACT Canberra	Brookvale	Michelle Pike
Bush Capital	5	ACT Canberra	Canberra	Michael O'Leary
Cambewarra	5	Sth Coast – Nowra	Cambewarra	Rowena Robinson
Cedar Ridge	2	South of Bathurst	Oberon	Courtney Freeman
Coolamon	4	Riverina	Coolamon	Michael Leary
Cowra	4	Central West	Cowra	Helen Brown
Eurobodalla	5	Batemans Bay	Eurobodalla	Kate Moran
Freemantle	2	Central West	Bathurst	Lee Curtis
Green Valley Tingha	6	Far North NSW	Tingha	Clare Fleming
Gulgong	2	Central Wst.Mudgee	Gulgong	Wendy McLehose
Gundagai	4	Riverina	Gundagai	Rick Owen
Harden	4	Riverina	Harden	Kate Smith
Kiwarra	6	Forster / Taree	Kiwarra	Abbie McMurrich
Kundabung	6	Port Macquarie	Kundabung	Sonya Ruprecht
Manilla Westpac	2	North of Tamworth	Manilla	Gay Bonham
Mudgee	2	Central West	Mudgee	Mette Sutton
Putty Valley	1	Windsor/Singleton	Putty	Charlie Gauci
Rollands Plains	6	North Coast - Taree	Rollands Plains	Robyn Coombes
Shahzada	1	McDonald Valley	St Albans	Sue Todd
Shoalhaven	5	Sth Coast, Nowra	Shoalhaven	Rowena Robinson
St Albans	1	McDonald Valley	St Albans	Wendy Jones
Q 60	1	Hawkesbury	Colo	Denise Trollope
The Rock	4	Riverina/Wagga	The Rock	Dave Edgar
Tingha	6	Northern NSW	Tingha	Claire Fleming
Tooraweenah	2	Central NSW	Tooraweenah	Jenny Sandford
Tumbarumba	4	Snowy Mountains	Tumbarumba	Angelina Patterson
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