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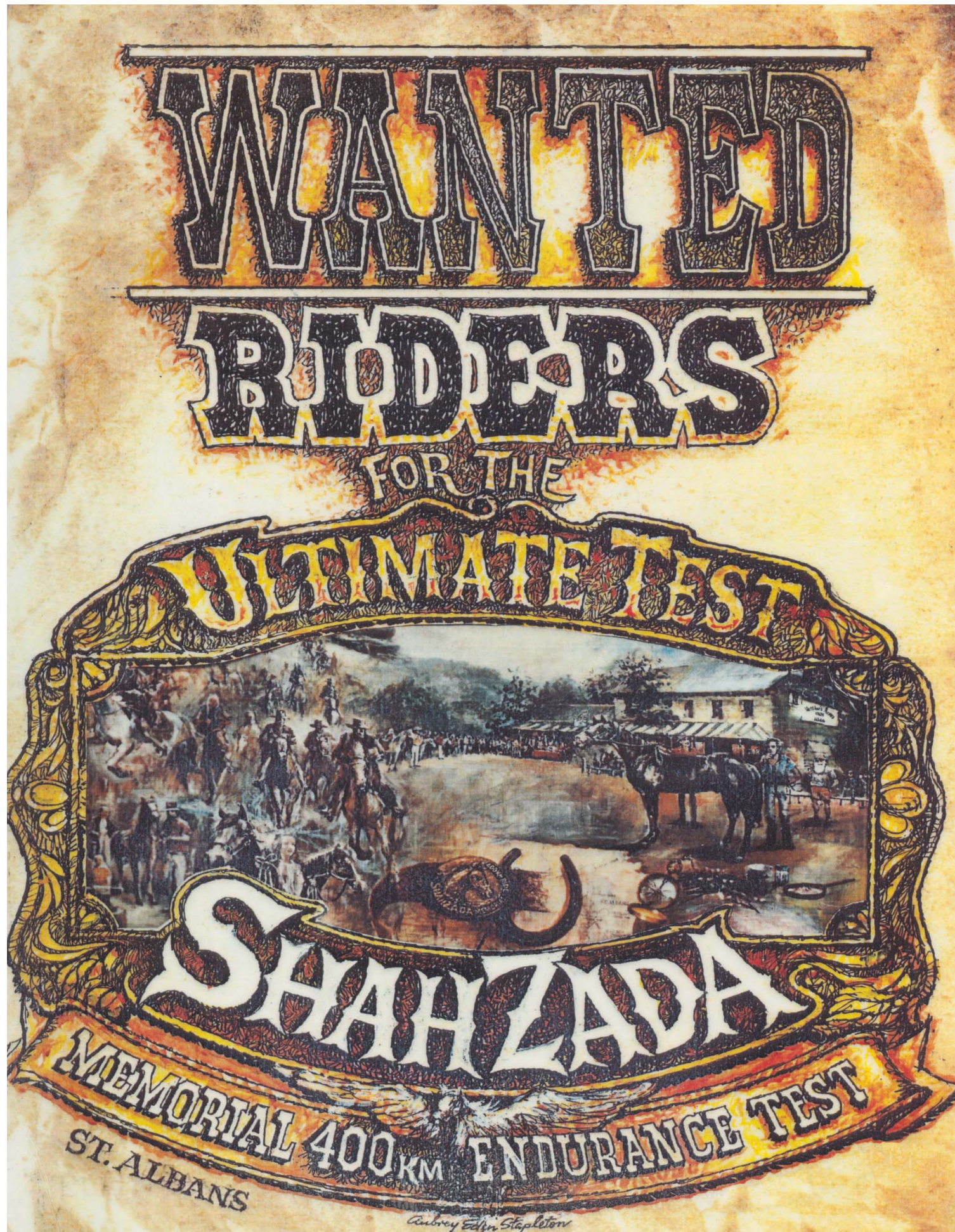


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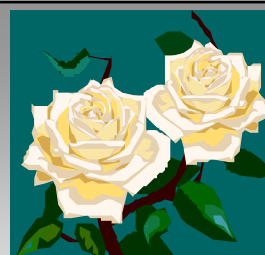
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Congratulations to all our Pointscore winners for 2011. The photographs on the cover were taken at the NSW AGM and Presentation evening.

Please accept my apologies for any mistakes and/or inconsistencies with the last new sletter. This was due to a computer meltdown which proved to be terminal.

The cut off date for contributions to the May June new sletter is 10th April. Start getting your stories, photos and ride reports in now. It will not be possible to accept late contributions for this edition.

Ed.



## Front Cover:

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## President's Report

The AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> February at the Richmond club rounding out our 2011 season was well attended and a full agenda ensured a wide range of topics were debated and resolved.

Comprehensive reports from SMC Portfolios were informative and generated more debate; however Fiona's report on the recent breakthrough with NPWS, that will potentially open many trails to horse access, was the 'BBQ Stopper'. Read the full details in the AGM Minutes which this year is too large to be included in the Newsletter and will be produced in a separate booklet. Well done Fiona!

While there you might take the time to consider and digest the message leaping off the page in Tom McCormack's table of statistics on the second page of the minutes:-

Over the last four years:-

- Full membership has been static at around 560.
- Total entries in Endurance Rides has declined 10%
- Total entries in Training Rides has grown by 35%
- Total entries in Introductory Rides has grown by 100%

And to borrow from Tom M's. Vernacular; 'Blind Freddy' can see what that is telling us!

We need to support and encourage these growing introductory areas that will provide the income and the new members to sustain and grow our sport. It's too important a matter for the future of our sport to let it lay. Following the poor reception of their initiatives at the AGM, the Membership Growth Sub-committee will dust themselves off and once again seek member input for ideas or initiatives to develop in this area. We will only succeed if we get the whole membership behind us on this, please support the sub-committee!

The SMC elections were also held, and again we had more candidates than positions, some more fresh blood and ideas augurs well for an energetic and productive committee in 2012.

Looking forward to a challenging 2012. Cheers, Tom.



### NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Meetings commence at 6.00pm sharp.

All are invited to attend.

**Next meetings**

**30th March 2012**

**11 May 2012**

# Course Preservation Report

## National Parks trails to be opened to horses – your input needed!

The "blame game" is over, and instead of pointing fingers at horse riders and accusing us of damaging the bush, for the first time in many years, the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) is working with us instead of against us. NPWS is looking at the possibility of opening up more tracks for recreational horse riding, and they want to hear from riders about where you would like to ride.

Options include

- reopening trails closed to horses in the past
- rediscovering forgotten or disused trails
- allowing horses where never previously permitted
- creating new link trails to form loop rides

NPWS will focus on areas of highest demand, with particular attention on tracks with cultural heritage significance, and tracks and areas where horse riders would like to have opportunities to ride.

So ask yourself three questions:

- Where would I like to be able to ride?
- Why would I like to ride there?
- What connecting links between trails would create loop rides?

Once you have answered these questions, identify the trails or locations.

- draw them on a map
- describe them using specific place, trail or road names
- mark any obstacles to access like locked gates, cattle grids or fences
- if possible, identify the park they are in

Include information on why you and others would like to ride there, and provide your contact details in case we need more information - you may be asked to show NPWS the trails or areas. Ideally I'd ask you to get together with your friends and have a brain-storming session, so that I end up with just one set of maps and one set of suggestions for a particular area. Maybe the Zone committees and ride committees can step in here and co-ordinate some sessions, and this might also be a good way to economise on the cost of maps.

Then SEND me the information – don't tell me! My contact details are on the committee page in this new sletter.

Be patient - it won't happen overnight. Some changes will be quicker than others, and highest priority will be given to the "quick wins" which are low cost and easy to do. Some changes will require legislative amendments by State Parliament.

Most importantly, please don't anticipate by riding on trails BEFORE they are officially open to horses, and don't create any new link trails without consulting NPWS first. If we jump the gun we could get ourselves into all sorts of trouble. All of this doesn't mean we CAN ride in these places yet, only that we have taken a major step towards being able to.

What caused this huge turnaround from NPWS? It's a direct result of the change of state government, the outcome from a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Liberal/National Coalition, the Snowy Mountains Bush Users Group and the Australian Horse Alliance.

For more details, see my full report to the AGM on the NSWERA website or in the AGM minutes in this newsletter.

## Fiona Meller appointed to NPWS Advisory Council

You might recall that in the August newsletter, I reported that I had been invited by the then Head of the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), Sally Barnes, to apply for appointment to the state-wide expert committee providing advice from National Parks stakeholders, known as the

Advisory Council. This had to be approved by the Minister for the Environment Robyn Parker, and State Cabinet.

I am very happy to inform you that I have been confirmed as a member of the Advisory Council, the highly influential state-wide advisory body to NPWS, so you now have an endurance rider with a direct advisory role to the most senior National Parks staff in NSW.

#### Draft Plans of Management

All National Parks & Wildlife Service Plans of Management, both draft and finalised, can be viewed at the NPWS website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/ParkAndFireManagementPlansByCategory.htm>

You can make submissions by post, email or directly from the website. A submission is simply your comments on the plan of management, whether agreeing or disagreeing with what is being proposed.

Even though we are winning back our trails, it's still important to provide feedback on Plans of Management that affect your riding areas.

**Karuah, Medowie and Wallaroo Group** – near Raymond Terrace. Horse riding permitted on park roads and most management trails. Parking for horse floats has been provided. A huge turnaround from when these parks were first declared and horses were locked out completely. We need to emphasise our support for this change of attitude.

**Wallabadah Nature Reserve** – north east of Murrurundi and **Quanda Nature Reserve** – near Bourke – horse riding prohibited under current policy.

Submissions for all the above POMs close 30 April 2012.

**Fiona Meller**

The Minister for the Environment, Robyn Parker, joined the Horse Riding in Parks Consultative Group briefly at its first meeting for 2012 to restate her government's commitment to diversification of recreational experiences and to increased access for horse riders.

L to R: Peter Cochran, Snowy Mountains Bush Users Group; Richard Smallwood, Australian Horse Alliance; Nick Jacomas, Bicentennial National Trail; Robyn Parker, NSW Minister for the Environment; Fiona Meller, NSW Endurance Riders Association.





# 2013 NSWERA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Expressions of Interest

The NSW ERA SMC is calling for expressions of interest from interested ride committees to conduct the 2013 NSW ERA State Championship Event.

Sponsorship of \$6000 is provided

The expression of interest form is available from the NSW ERA website or by contacting the NSW ERA Secretariat – Sonya Ruprecht as detailed below.

EOI'S Close 30<sup>TH</sup> April 2012.

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## 2012 TOM QUILTY

### NSW ERA Teams Nominations

The NSW ERA SMC is calling for nominations from riders to represent NSW at the 2012 Tom Quilty.

Nomination forms, including the selection protocol, are available on the NSW ERA website or can be requested from the NSW ERA Secretariat.

NSW ERA will select 1 or 2 teams depending on the nominations received.

Due to the unavailability of uniforms this year the Team Member allowance will be increased to \$200.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE**

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## 2012 forecast WET - Again!

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# **AERA Rules effective January 2012**

## **RIDING TIMES**

Existing rules A5.1 and A5.2 are deleted and replaced with the following wording.  
Rule A5.3 is a new addition to the rules.

A5.1 Maximum riding times for all marathon, endurance, training and introductory rides will be set by the Chief Steward in consultation with the Head Veterinarian and the Ride Committee.

A5.2 Maximum riding times may be imposed on individual legs by the Chief Steward in consultation with the Head Veterinarian and the Ride Committee. Where such times are imposed these must be communicated to competitors at the pre ride briefing as a specific time (eg Ride starts 4am, Leg 1 closes at 9am)

A5.3 A 'cut-off' time may be applied where a ride consists of 3 legs or more, after which, riders will not be allowed to commence the last leg of the event. This 'cut-off' time will be calculated so as to allow the rider to ride the last leg at a pace of not more than 10 kph.

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## **RIDE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Rule A11.4.c.ii is amended to read:

A11.4.c.ii. suspend the ride by extending the hold time for a period sufficient to allow the relevant issues to be resolved. The ride suspension should not exceed 2 hours but may be extended when there is a reasonable expectation that the ride can be re-commenced without compromising the health and welfare of the horses, competitors, ride officials and volunteers.

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## **POST RIDE RE-PRESENT**

Rules H14.2 and V1.8 are amended to read;

At the discretion of the Head Veterinarian, any horse may be required to re-present for a veterinary examination in the period 1-2 hours after each horse finishes its ride. The status of the horse's completion at the end of the ride cannot be altered unless the horse subsequently receives IT, in which case, Rule H24.6 shall govern whether the completion status may be altered.

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## **ELEVATOR RIDE RULES**

The entire section A19 has been replaced with the following Wording:

A19 All AERA Inc. Rules and procedures apply, except as provided within these Elevator Ride Rules.

### **19.1 ENDURANCE RIDES**

19.1.1 Rides that are designated as elevator rides must be a minimum distance of 100 kms.

19.1.2 Competitors must successfully complete 80 kms before they elect to elevate up to 100 kms or more.

19.1.3 All entrants in an elevator ride enter for the maximum available distance.

10.1.4 Novice horses may compete in elevator rides, providing that the total distance of the ride is not more than 120 kms.

19.1.5 Ride committees must charge the same entry fee for all competitors.

19.1.6 Ride committees must issue completion awards to competitors who have successfully completed each riding leg of 80 kms or more.

19.1.7 The recognised winner of the event must complete the maximum available distance.



- 19.1.8 The winner of each riding division of the elevator ride is the first horse from each riding division to successfully complete the maximum available distance.
- 19.1.9 Competitors and horses who successfully complete legs totaling 80 kms or more, but who chose not to elevate to the next or maximum available distance will be given recognition only for the distance successfully covered.
- 19.1.10 All national point score competition points are available to the competitors and horses who complete the maximum available distance.
- 19.1.11 Competitors who elect to 'retire' from the elevated ride after successful completion of vetting at a designated elevation distance - and before completion of the maximum available distance - will have their Logbooks marked as 'Retired'. These competitors are entitled to awards for the distance successfully covered.
- 19.2 TRAINING RIDES**
- 19.2.1 Training Rides that are designated as elevator rides must be a minimum distance of 40 kms and a maximum of 65 kms and comprise 2 or more legs.
- 19.2.2 Competitors must successfully complete 40kms or more before they elect to elevate up to nominated maximum available distance.
- 19.2.3 All competitors in an elevator ride enter for the maximum available distance.
- 19.2.4 Ride committees must charge the same entry fee for all competitors.
- 19.2.5 Ride committees must issue completion awards to competitors who have successfully completed each riding leg totalling 40kms or more as well as competitors who successfully complete the maximum available distance.
- 19.2.6 Competitors who elect to "retire" from the elevated ride after successful completion of vetting at the designated elevation distance shall have their logbooks marked as "Retired".

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### **EARLY VETTING**

An additional rule has been included in relation to Early Vetting:

V5.3 Horses that do not meet the heart rate criteria on presentation will be eliminated.

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### **NOVICE HORSE RULES**

H5.3 is amended to read:

H5.3 A novice horse may only enter a maximum of four affiliated endurance rides of between 80 and 120 kilometres inclusive in any 90 day period, retrospective from the date of the ride to be entered, and only 2 rides in any 22 day period.

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### **EUTHANASIA AND HORSE DEATHS OCCURRING AT ENDURANCE RIDES**

Rule V16.3 (d) is deleted.

Rules V16.4 to V16.7 are amended to read:

V16.4 If any horse living or deceased at an endurance ride is suspected to have Hendra Virus infection, the appropriate investigative and management measures must be taken according to the relevant state government guidelines.

V16.5 In the event of an equine death, in principle, a necropsy should be conducted. Prior to any necropsy being performed, the veterinarian must complete a risk assessment to establish whether the procedure can be conducted without presenting an unacceptable risk to human or animal health and wellbeing. In particular, the risk of zoonotic disease must be assessed.

Should the risk assessment indicate that an unacceptable risk is present, the necropsy is not to be conducted. In this case, the veterinarian must provide a report which is as comprehensive as possible, detailing the clinical condition of the horse and any diagnosis made.

Where the risk assessment indicates that a necropsy is able to be conducted, the following procedures shall be followed:

- A) pre-euthanasia blood samples must be collected;
- B) all observations at the necropsy must be accurately recorded;
- C) samples should be taken from target organs as appropriate to the circumstances;
- D) blood samples should be collected if possible and submitted to a recognised laboratory for histopathology, haematology and metabolic profile;
- E) catastrophe report must be completed.

V16.6 A necropsy should divide cases into two main categories:

- A) Accidental-type death due to trauma or some pre-existing problem that has reappeared under exercise conditions;
- B) Metabolic-type death. These are the cases about which we know little and gross pathology may be quite normal. In these cases thorough collection of samples for histopathology is most important.

V16.7 A copy of each veterinarian report relating to the euthanasia and/or death, together with all information concerning the sequence of events, Logbook or vet card results and laboratory results, etc., must be sent to AERA Inc. via the relevant State Management Committee.

V16.8 The veterinarian shall pass all fees for the treatment, euthanasia and necropsy to the owner.

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## **MEMBER CONDUCT RULES**

Rule M1.3.1 is added;

Members, ride officials, ride committees, their family and friends must not use social networking or the internet to bring the sport into disrepute. For example, all persons must refrain from posting disparaging, harassing, bullying or other inappropriate comments and/or material via electronic media, including, but not limited to chat lists, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It is also a breach of the Members Code of Conduct if you assist someone else to breach this Code of Conduct.

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## **HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES**

### **Training ride controls**

Rule 17.2 (d) is deleted as it is a replication of rule 17.4 (a).

### **EUTHANASIA AND HORSE DEATHS OCCURRING AT ENDURANCE RIDES**

Rule V16.3 (b) is deleted as it is a replication of rule 16.3 (a).

# **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.**



# National Point Score Results 2012

## Heavyweight Horse Points

1.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW)	84.5
2.	Warren Park O.B. One (NSW)	73
3.	Dardanga Fingal (QLD)	70
4.	Maralinga Ellusive Bey (WA)	63
5.	Fantasia (TAS)	62
6.	MB Jack The Ripper (NSW)	59.5
7.	Thowra Park Cadellac (WA)	58.5
8.	Flametree Sunrise (NSW)	56.5
8.	Rage On (SA)	56.5
9.	Forestdew Karisma (WA)	55.5

## Distance

1.	Warren Park O.B. One (NSW)	1180
2.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW)	1079
3.	MB Jack the Ripper (NSW)	920
4.	Tuldar Slingshot (NSW)	820
5.	Tianna (NSW)	800
6.	Dardanga Fingal (QLD)	780
7.	Thowra Park Cadellac (WA)	769
8.	DJ (VIC)	762
9.	Forestdew Karisma (WA)	760
10.	Rage On (SA)	744

## Middleweight Horse Points

1.	Blake's Heaven Venus (NSW)	92.5
2.	Sa-Har Magnolia (QLD)	87
3.	Morgan Bey (WA)	86.5
4.	Petite Cheval (QLD)	85.5
5.	Beer Street Bluewitch (TAS)	78
6.	Zaar (SA)	76.5
7.	Warabong Challenge (QLD)	75
8.	Dunbar El Maestro (NSW)	69.5
9.	Lauralyn Notorious (TAS)	68
10.	Double TT It n Abit (NSW)	68

## Distance

1.	Sa-Har Magnolia (QLD)	1242
2.	Petite Cheval (QLD)	1207
3.	Yahweh-Salih Sir Ibn Gelibene (NSW)	1130
4.	Blake's Heaven Venus (NSW)	1120
5.	Morgan Bey (WA)	1097
6.	Warabong Challenge (QLD)	1089
7.	Zaar (SA)	988
8.	Double TT It n Abit (NSW)	980
9.	Chippalone Grace N Gold (WA)	930
10.	Santa Pasa Zaraq (NSW)	900

## Lightweight Horse Points

1.	Aloha Byshara (NSW)	87.5
2.	Tiawarra Ramy (VIC)	63.5
3.	Flying Circus Ring Master (VIC)	62
4.	Gemma (QLD)	62
5.	Diamond R Oscar (NSW)	61.25

6.	Rainbows Reach Scout (NSW)	61
7.	Orchard Park Silver Mecca (WA)	57.25
8.	Winter Hill Arrow (NSW)	56
9.	Shakista (NSW)	55.5
10.	Shuja Bint Melika (VIC)	54.5

## Distance

1.	Orchard Park Silver Mecca (WA)	1216
2.	Aloha Byshara (NSW)	1160
3.	Rainbows Reach Scout (NSW)	1040
4.	Gemma (QLD)	967
5.	Shakista (NSW)	880
6.	Tiawarra Ramy (VIC)	850
7.	Flying Circus Ring Master (VIC)	829
8.	Trinity (QLD)	823
9.	Beaucheval Akhira (TAS)	759
10.	Diamond R Oscar (NSW)	720

## Junior Horse Points

1.	Springridge Bungendore (VIC)	94
2.	Tallawarra Spy (NSW)	54.5
3.	King Park Aberdeen Pelion (TAS)	54
4.	Kyang Mister Personality (NSW)	53
5.	Blake's Heaven Caruso (NSW)	53
6.	Beer Street Takone (TAS)	45.25
7.	Ausden Prince Mahal (QLD)	45
8.	Malrida Jess (TAS)	44.5
.	Sundown Park Cariad (NSW)	44
10.	Kalkadoon Viva (QLD)	39.25

## Distance

1.	Springridge Bungendore (VIC)	1109
2.	Tallawarra Spy (NSW)	800
3.	King Park Aberdeen Pelion (TAS)	800
4.	Malrida Frankie (TAS)	745
5.	Kyang Mister Personality (NSW)	680
6.	Ausden Prince Mahal (QLD)	650
7.	Blake's Heaven Caruso (NSW)	640
8.	Booramby Jacob (NSW)	600
9.	Sundown Park Cariad (NSW)	590
10.	Beer Street Takone (TAS)	560
10.	Malrida Jess (TAS)	560

## Heavyweight Rider Points

1.	Marita Rifai (NSW)	90.5
2.	Stuart Lymbery (NSW)	88.5
3.	Jody Smith (SA)	84.5
4.	Matthew Gadsby (QLD)	81.5
5.	Sue Warren (NSW)	77
6.	Bernie Morris (WA)	68
7.	John Shoobridge (TAS)	62
8.	Ian Dreghorn (NSW)	59.5
9.	Liz Cullam (WA)	58.5
10.	Craig Hugall (NSW)	56.5

<b>Distance</b>			6.	Jessie Aistrope (SA)	77.5
1.	Marita Rifai (NSW)	1700	7.	Cheryl Bullock (SA)	76.5
2.	Sue Warren (NSW)	1340	8.	Nicola Robinson (VIC)	73.5
3.	Stuart Lymbery (NSW)	1319	9.	Ros Ryan (NSW)	68
4.	Allison Whitney (VIC)	1288	10.	Trish Smith (TAS)	68
5.	Jody Smith (SA)	1242	<b>Distance</b>		
6.	Matthew Gadsby (QLD)	1110	1.	Allix Jones (NSW)	1980
7.	Keith Nagle (NSW)	960	2.	Rohan Stanes (VIC)	1789
8.	Ian Dreghorn (NSW)	920	3.	Sue Todd (NSW)	1740
9.	Phil Coleman (NSW)	890	4.	Nicola Robinson (VIC)	1484
10.	Con Bouzianis (NSW)	850	5.	Ros Ryan (NSW)	1360
<b>Middleweight Rider</b>			6.	Lydia Thomson (NSW)	1220
<b>Points</b>			7.	Lyn Summerfield (WA)	1216
1.	Kristie Taprell (VIC)	134.5	8.	Julie Brooks (NSW)	1160
2.	Kaye Mitchell (TAS)	123.5	9.	Kim Noble (VIC)	1130
3.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	97	10.	Cheryl Bullock (SA)	1091
4.	Melanie Scott (SA)	94.5	<b>Junior Rider</b>		
5.	Derryn Nix (NSW)	87	<b>Points</b>		
6.	Janice Raffaele (WA)	86.5	1.	Samantha Noble (VIC)	128
7.	Allan Edwards (QLD)	85.5	2.	Mia Bodewes (NSW)	107.5
7.	Debbie Gull (TAS)	85.5	3.	Alice Mitchell (TAS)	102.75
9.	Matthew Sample (QLD)	80.75	4.	Colleen Krahnen (QLD)	68.25
10.	Anne Barlow (QLD)	78.5	5.	Shannon Hill (TAS)	63.5
<b>Distance</b>			6.	Jasmine Shields (NSW)	61.5
1.	Kristie Taprell (VIC)	2049	7.	Alexandra Toft (QLD)	55.5
2.	Kaye Mitchell (TAS)	1579	8.	Sarah Parker (TAS)	55
3.	Wendy Dower (VIC)	1577	9.	David Anderson Jnr (QLD)	54.25
4.	Nicole Ford (TAS)	1559	10.	Courtney Lewis (NSW)	53
5.	Linda Tanian (VIC)	1425	<b>Distance</b>		
6.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	1420	1.	Mia Bodewes (NSW)	1640
7.	Melanie Scott (SA)	1392	2.	Samantha Noble (VIC)	1568
8.	Judith Burton (NSW)	1385	3.	Alice Mitchell (TAS)	1319
9.	Sonya Ruprecht (NSW)	1370	4.	Jasmine Shields (NSW)	1092
10.	Bridget Nottle (QLD)	1347	5.	Colleen Krahnen (QLD)	1024
<b>Lightweight Rider</b>			6.	Shannon Hill (TAS)	1005
<b>Points</b>			7.	David Anderson Jnr (QLD)	987
1.	Rohan Stanes (VIC)	135.5	8.	Sarah Parker (TAS)	880
2.	Allix Jones (NSW)	120.75	9.	Alexandra Toft (QLD)	840
3.	Sue Todd (NSW)	108.5	10.	Hannah Colbeck (TAS)	825
4.	Julie Brooks (NSW)	87.5			
5.	Melanie Anderson (NSW)	82.25			

## 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***



# National One Horse / One Rider 2012

## Heavyweight

1.	Warren Park O.B. One / Sue Warren (NSW)	1180
2.	Garonne Park Walker / Stuart Lymbery (NSW)	1079
3.	Mountain Breeze Jack the Ripper/ Ian Dreghorn (NSW)	920
4.	Tuldar Slingshot / Marita Rifai (NSW)	820
5.	Tianna / Marita Rifai (NSW)	800
6.	Dardanga Fingal / Matthew Gadsby (QLD)	780
7.	Thowra Park Cadellac / Liz Cullam (WA)	769
8.	DJ / Joanne Rees (VIC)	762
9.	Rage On / Jody Smith (SA)	744
10.	Ashbend Perazzi / John Howe (NSW)	740

## Middleweight

1.	Petite Cheval / Allan Edwards (QLD)	1207
2.	Yahweh-Salih Sir Ibn Gelibene / Sonya Ruprecht (NSW)	1130
3.	Warabong Challenge / Gail Hamilton (QLD)	1089
4.	Sa-Har Magnolia / Anne Barlow (QLD)	1082
5.	Morgan Bey / Janice Raffaele (WA)	1017
6.	Zaar / Melanie Scott (SA)	988
7.	Double TT It n Abit / Clare Feary (NSW)	980
8.	Santa Pasa Zaraq / Dean Walkom (NSW)	900
9.	Chippalone Grace N Gold / Verna Blackburne (WA)	850
10.	Beer Street Bluewitch / Kaye Mitchell (TAS)	839

## Lightweight

1.	Orchid Park Silver Mecca / Lyn Summerfield (WA)	1216
2.	Aloha Byshara / Julie Brooks (NSW)	1160
3.	Rainbows Reach Scout / Ros Ryan (NSW)	1040
4.	Gemma / Briony Ledingham (QLD)	967
5.	Shakista / Sue Todd (NSW)	880
6.	Trinity / Jocelyn Weise (QLD)	823
7.	Tiawarra Ramy / Michelle Munro (VIC)	770
8.	Beaucheval Akhira / Trish Smith (TAS)	759
9.	Flying Circus Ring Master / Rohan Stanes (VIC)	749
10.	Diamond R Oscar / Emma Fletcher (NSW)	720

## Junior

1.	Spring Ridge Bungendore / Samantha Noble (VIC)	1109
2.	Tallawarra Spy / Mia Bodewes (NSW)	800
3.	King Park Aberdeen Pelion / Sarah Parker (TAS)	800
4.	Malricia Frankie / Hannah Colbeck (TAS)	745
5.	Kyang Mr Personality / Courtney Lewis (NSW)	680
6.	Booramby Jacob / Mia Bodewes (NSW)	600
7.	Sundown Park Cariad / Andrew Mackinder (NSW)	590
8.	Blake's Heaven Caruso / Jeremy Banwell (NSW)	560
8.	Beer Street Takone / Alice Mitchell (TAS)	560
10.	Ausden Prince Mahal / Stephanie Tulk (QLD)	480

# Back on the Podium- We did it!

By Brooke Warner

Ever since I represented Australia in the 2005 Junior World Championships held in Bahrain, I have always dreamt of representing Australia again, but when? At the start of 2011 I received a phone call from the Cedar Ridge Stables, (owned by Mark, Lesley, Brodie, Courtney and Blake Freeman) asking me what my plans were on December 10, 2011? Obviously I hadn't even given it a thought, being almost 12 months away. They asked if I was interested in trying to qualify on one of their horses for the 2011 World Youth Championships (WYC), which were to be held in Abu Dhabi. I of course agreed. Being given the opportunity to represent Australia is something I'm very proud of and extremely grateful for.

I didn't want to take an opportunity like this lightly and committed myself to preparing as best as I could. I decided to move to Oberon in New South Wales, Cedar Ridge Stables, where I would be based with the horses full time. I didn't want to miss out on the most important part of the preparation of the horses, the training.

There were obviously a few obstacles to overcome, qualifying for one. To be in contention for team selection it was necessary to have completed at least 3 CEI 2\* events or higher, of those 3 CEI events, one was to be equivalent distance of the race of the WYC, 120km. The horses must have successfully completed at least 2 CEI 2\* events or higher, and like the rider, of these 2 CEI events, at least one was to be equal distance to that of the WYC, 120km. These qualification requirements were to have been completed in the previous two years. Thanks to Blake Freeman's network, I was able to fly to England to compete in the Euston Park Championships where I rode an Australian horse 'Webbs Creek Rising Fast' from Faaza Stables, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the youth category. This now qualified me for the WYC.

2011 has certainly been a year I will never forget. Together, and in just one year, Cedar Ridge Stables and I have accomplished so much working as a Team, of which we are very proud.

Abu Dhabi.....The action kicked off on December 10 at 6.30am on Saturday morning at the Emirates International Endurance Village in Al Wathba.

The course proved considerably more difficult than many of us had anticipated. Some sections were very demanding as we were moving through prepared sandy desert tracks into deep, soft sand, in the undulating dunes. As we drove the track in preparation for the ride, it became very apparent that we really needed to go into the race with a strategic plan of how best to navigate and negotiate the course, to ride it accordingly and achieve the best possible result.

The atmosphere at the competition was absolutely phenomenal. The enthusiasm from supporters and spectators for the occasion was the greatest I have ever seen. The race was of course a massive event - the best in the world - with 29 countries competing on 80 horses, and with 5 seconds to start time, the excitement was incredible.



Brooke Warner and Kunama Safira on the 4th Leg.  
Photo: Melanie Cottle-Askew



There were hundreds of cars - horns beeping as they raced alongside the track, music blaring, with crew and spectators alike yelling and cheering.

The past 12 months had all been in preparation for this very moment. It is difficult to fully convey in words the palpable intensity of the atmosphere and ambience surrounding the race, as you really have to see it to believe it. Out on the course we had our crew following by car the entire time, handing us water bottles every few hundred meters to ensure the horses were kept as cool as possible.

Photo: Sue Crockett





Brooke in the middle—flanked by Brodie, Courtney, Leslie & Mark Freeman. Photo: Sue Crockett

To see His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is considered rare but we had the opportunity not just to see him most weekends leading up to the event, but to have him follow us in parts of the race with the rest of the entourage of royalty. To think that the first modern desert ride took place in 1993, the U.A.E really have built up an extremely strong infrastructure. They have the most amazing facilities in the world. The U.A.E (hosting country) were incredibly supportive of the Australian team, they where extremely generous, from supplying us with horse feed, to lending us cars and crew, they never stopped providing us with assistance. Nothing was too much for them, they where an enormous help to our team and success's.

Being in the Bronze position on the 4<sup>th</sup> loop is hard for anybody and we knew that not only our team back at base but the whole of Australia, was waiting anxiously

for us. I really felt the pressure -there I was galloping in the desert, half way across the world and totally out of my comfort zone. I don't think I said much during the next two loops. As I was riding down the last stretch with the finish line in sight, I thought to myself, *"This is it! We have worked so hard for this day and here it is."*

As I crossed the finish line the tears had already started. I was extremely proud of what our horse, 'Kunama Safira', had accomplished. She was amazing throughout the entire race and I couldn't have asked for anything more. To think that she had done her first ever 80km novice ride in September 2010, this was a fantastic achievement in itself. One year and a few months on, there she was competing- against some of the world's best horses. My dreams had come true, not just to represent Australia in the WYC, but to also take home a bronze medal for Australia.

It was great to know that we were receiving huge support back home, with Australians cheering for us and willing us on. The emails, messages, phone calls and Facebook posts really showed your support -thank you! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank to those who made a dream become a reality:

From our Chef D'Equipe; Mark Freeman; team Vet – Narelle Cribb; team riders - Alexandra Toft, Georgia Toft and Allix Jones; Australian crew -Mette Sutton, Jill and Pip Archer, Peter and Penny Toft, Bridgett Nottle, Warwick, Helen and Maddie Toft, Kristie McGaffin- Tapell, Meg and Chris Gates and Wendy Jones; squad selectors - Barb Timms, Trish Annettes, Anne Barnes, to our sponsors - Zilco, Dixon Smith, The Arabian Horse Society, LAS helmets, Kentucky Equine Research, Tuff Rock and NSW ERA.

Last but no least, to my crew - Lesley Freeman, Courtney Freeman, Blake Freeman, Janine Warner (my mum), Sharon Lobegeiger and Sue Crockett and our farrier Hayden Fisher. The success of the Australian Team would not have been possible without their support, hard work, dedication and encouragement. We certainly felt your confidence in us, as we worked hard to realize your hopes, (and ours) to get Australia back on the podium again. We did it! 'Thank You' doesn't seem adequate, but thank you a million times over.

Finally, I need to personally thank Blake Freeman, owner and trainer of 'Kunama Safira' who worked tirelessly throughout last year, preparing and training one amazing horse and I certainly could not have done this without him.

Looking back at the entire journey, I am nothing but grateful for having been granted the opportunity to be part of the Australian team. It was an absolute honor and I will always treasure the experience I had, the friendships made and the memories gained.



Photo: Sue Crockett

# Trans Tasman 2011

The official invitation from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand was received last year for attendance at an event to be held in November to contest the annual Trans Tasman Challenge between New Zealand and Australia. The running of this competition was delayed until February of 2012. The Trans Tasman competition will be hosted by the Canterbury Endurance & Trail Riding Club and will be held in conjunction with the South Island Championships at Harwarden, North Canterbury from the 3-5 February 2012.

Expressions of interest were sought from Australian Endurance Squad team members and the official team was selected. The senior team members are: Jane Radny (WA) and Steve Gray (Qld) with Wendy Dower (Vic) being selected as the reserve rider for the seniors. Junior team members selected are Erin Krahnen (Qld) and Brook Brown-Cordell (Tas) with Noni Seagram (NSW) selected as the reserve rider for the youths. Chef d'Equipe for the event is Linda Tanian (Vic).

Unfortunately, due to study commitments this year Erin has resigned her position on the team and will not be competing in the event. This is good news for Noni as she now steps up into the vacant position and will compete in New Zealand as part of the team.

Also travelling with the team members will be their support crew including grooms Ray Vlad (Steve), Norbert Radny (Jane), Rod McKenzie (Wendy), Sonia Brown-Cordell (Brook) and Kristie Wright (Noni). Rebecca Radny and Tony Cordell - round out the full complement of support people.

Jane Radny has been competing in Endurance for over 20 years who, with her family, own and operate West Coast Arabians Endurance Stud in Western Australia. Jane has competed in most Australian States including placing in several Tom Quilty National Championships. She has completed five 2\* FEI events including qualifying for the 2011 Young Horse Challenge with her homebred mare, West Coast Natanya. To date Jane has competed

internationally in Malaysia and the USA.

A further highlight of her endurance career was accompanying the home bred West Coast Acharon on his tour to Kentucky for the World Equestrian Games in 2010 and being a member of the Australian Equestrian Team. Jane is long listed for the 2012 World Championships.

Steve Gray has been competing in endurance since 2000 and has been quite successful in training and riding his own horses. He has had a number of first and second placings with his horse Kasbah Kid, including first place in the Heavyweight Division at the 2009 & 2011 Tom Quilty events. Steven's record in the Quilty is excellent with him competing at 5 Tom Quilty Gold Cup Events, completing 4 out of 5 with 2



Linda Tanian

Jane Radny



Steve Gray—Sue Crockett Photography



Seconds and 1 Third in the Heavyweight Division with two top ten finishes overall. Steve is also on the long list for the World Championships

Wendy Dower commenced her endurance career in 2005 competing on her own horses. She commenced competition riding for Castlebar Endurance in 2006, as well as riding her own horses, and then commenced full time work with Castlebar in 2008. She completed her first 160km ride in 2010 and took out second middleweight at the Queensland State champs and placed twentieth middleweight at the 2010 Tom Quilty on the same horse.

In 2011 she took out a Top 10 placing at the Sheikh Majid al Maktoum Cup and then placed equal seventh middleweight at the 2011 Tom Quilty. Wendy also took out sixth place in the NSW FEI Championships 1\* event, seventh Open in the 2\* and second in the Young Horse Championships. 2012 was a good year for Wendy as she successfully completed 5000kms and took out second middleweight Distance rider for AERA.



Wendy Dower

#### Brook Brown-Cordell



Brook Brown-Cordell has been competing in endurance since 2005 and has had a number of highlights including first Junior in the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Tasmanian State Champs and equal first in this event in 2011. She took line honours in the event in 2009 and 2010. At the 2010 Manilla Quilty Brook was second Junior, third over the line and her horse took out best conditioned. In 2010 she achieved the National Junior Runner-up Horse and Rider combination. She has completed 2,679 kms in competition to date.

#### Noni Seagram—Main Event Photography



Noni Seagram started endurance in 2008 doing her first training ride at Tumbarumba on her 4 year old Polish Arabian gelding, Coolinda Park Louisville. Noni concentrated on steady completions rather than competitive riding with her new horse Rahan Mushtar. In 2009 and in 2010 she achieved her first 160km completion, her first Quilty, her first NSW State Championship and her first Shahzada 400km successful completions, earning the NSW 'Big 3' award for one successful horse and rider combination in all three events.

The combination took out the first NSW middleweight points horse and = second middleweight distance horse and fourth in both divisions nationally. Noni has successfully completed 2,964 kms to date.

Linda Tanian has had a long career in endurance starting back in 1988 after completing a long ride from Melbourne to Canberra and getting the endurance bug. She has ridden for the Castlebar team for the past seven years and has been overseas a number of times as a groom for events such as the World Championships and World Equestrian Games. Linda has competed overseas as a rider in the 2009 Trans Tasman Challenge and the 2010 South African National Championships. It is her first event as Chef.

Team members are busy attending to arrangements for travel and also for licences and memberships required to compete overseas. For most of the team this will be the first time they will have competed overseas and it is an exciting time getting organised for the event.

A number of tasks, including submission of articles into local newspapers, have been set by the Chef to ensure that the riders start to work together as part of the team. As endurance riders we seldom get the chance to work co-operatively so this can be a novel concept!

The Trans Tasman team are looking to carry on the excellent results following the success of the Australian Team at the World Youth Championships and will work very hard to achieve a great outcome. We wish them good luck and safe riding in New Zealand.

Linda Tanian

Chef d'Equipe

David Player—was the Middleweight point score winner at the recent Zone One AGM





# Zone One – Q60

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The 2012 Q60 100km elevator endurance ride will be held at the Upper Colo Reserve, Colo on Sunday 11th March 2012. **Yes - MARCH!!** This will help you have your horse fit for the State Ride at the end of April. The ride base will be as usual at the Upper Colo Reserve, Upper Colo, located approximately 12kms from the Putty Road on the beautiful Colo River - with a grassy camping area and access to the sandy beach, so bring your swimmers as it's a great place to cool off on a hot day.

The three leg course is made up of the following distances – 45km, 35km & 20km, there will be plenty of water available on course and in camp. The exceptional track marking, with 10km markers, lots of arrows and heaps of comfort tape will ensure nobody gets lost!!

Leg One - 45km, will leave base around the road, over the Upper Colo bridge, left onto Upper Colo Road proceeding to a turn around checkpoint 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 Wheeny Creek Valley to another checkpoint at the power lines at Comleroy Road. From there, turning right and down to Upper Colo Road where you turn right and then left to the base via the bridge and tree-lined access route.

Leg Two – 35km, will leave base via the tree-lined access route, turning right onto Upper Colo Rd and left onto Comleroy Road, with a good up-hill run to the check point at the power lines. Continuing along Comleroy Road and turning right onto Mountain Lagoon Road, with a good gradual climb to the top. The Mountain Lagoon checkpoint will have water and refreshments for you and your horse. From there it's right onto Sams Way, left up onto Gaspers Track and then descending Ward's Track to the fire station before turning right onto Upper Colo Road and heading back into base.

Leg Three - 20km, will leave base via the tree-lined access route, over the bridge turning right into Upper Colo Road to a turnaround point and back into base as before.

The 40km Ride is ideal for fit young and/or novice horses and will be the same track as the 2nd leg of the 100km with an additional 2 ½ km out along Mountain Lagoon Road from the checkpoint to a turn-a-round before turning back and left onto Sams Way. The 20km Social ride will be the 3rd leg of the 100km ride, being relatively flat and easy going - perfect for anyone wanting to try their hand at Endurance riding.

Vetting will be from 2pm until 5pm Saturday and from 7am for the 40km ride 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 3am Sunday, the 40km ride will start at 8.00am and the Social will start at 8.30am. Being March it will be necessary to start the rides a little earlier than in past years for the benefit of you and your horse.

- Ride Fees: 100Km Elevator \$110.00
- 40Km Ride - \$60 for Members add \$10 for Non-Member NSWERA Day
- Social Ride - \$30 for Members add \$5 for Non-members NSWERA Day Membership

A camping fee of \$6 per person is charged by Council and payable at time of entry. Dogs are allowed, but please remember to keep them on a leash at all times.

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

For further information about the ride and/or to [PRENOMINATE](#) before Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March or a \$10 late fee will apply, please contact Judy Shore on (02) 9652 1393 or alternatively, email [stanshore@bigpond.com](mailto:stanshore@bigpond.com)

On behalf of the Zone One Committee, we look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Q60.

# **Horsley Park—17th March 2012**

## **Ride where the Olympians ride**

In conjunction with the Arab Horse Society, Zone one will be holding a promotion 40km Training ride and a 20km Social ride on the 17th of March at the Sydney International Equestrian centre at Horsley Park. The 2012 Australian National Championships will be held at the equestrian centre from the 14th till the 18th of March.

The course will run around the Equestrian centre around the cross country course, through the steeplechase course and around the adjoining Western Sydney Regional Parklands. The office and pre ride vetting will open from 7am on the 17th with the ride starting at 10. Volunteer track stewards and TPRs would be greatly appreciated.

Entrance to the centre is from Saxony road which runs off Wallgrove road. Ride fee will be \$45 plus a \$7.50 day fee per horse. \$10 day membership fee applies to any non members. Come and support your sport and show other Arab lovers what Endurance is all about.

For any more information or if you can help on the day contacted Charlie Gauci on 0245670567 after dark.

Please note that pre nominations are preferred and would be greatly appreciated.

## **STOP PRESS**

# **OAKHAMPTON AT MANILLA**

**24 and 25 March 2012**

With other rides being forced to cancel and riders needing a couple of 80km rides to prepare their horses for the State Ride at Wingello in April, the Tamworth & District Endurance Club will be running a "NO FRILLS" ride at Oakhampton Farm and Country Holidays on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Oakhampton, which is 18kms north of Manilla, has the facilities of hot showers, toilets, a large dining room and a shearing shed.

It backs on to Split Rock Dam and we are planning on using some of the roads around the dam for the course.

There will be an introductory ride on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March and an 80km endurance ride and 40km training ride on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Head vet will be Ray Gooley and the Chief Steward will be Jeff Bonham.

There will be a dinner on the Saturday night (which will need to be pre-booked), and food available on Sunday from a food van.

Further details of this ride will be available on the NSWERA website a couple of weeks before the event and also on the AussieEndurance chat line.

Time permitting, there will be buckles for those successful in the 80km ride and certificates for the training ride.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Belinda Nixon and her son James for allowing us access to their beautiful property at such short notice and their wonderful hospitality.

Gay Bonham

Tamworth & District Endurance Club



# Bendemeer

24 & 25 MARCH 2012

As many riders are looking to prepare their horses for the NSW State Ride, which will be a little earlier than normal this year, the Tamworth & District Club will be running a "no frills" 80km, 40km and 15km ride at Bendemeer in place of the unfortunately cancelled Williams River Ride. It will be a good novice course. We won't be using the second leg from last year due to the very wet conditions, but hope it dries out enough to use this beautiful new course again in September.

## **The programme will be:**

**Introductory** 15km ride on the 24 March Saturday afternoon

Pre-ride vetting for the 80 and the 40 from 2.00 till 4.30 Saturday

**80km ride** to start at 5.00 am Sunday morning

**40km ride** to start at 8.00 am Sunday morning

**Head vet** will be Ray Gooley, Chief Steward Jeff Bonham.

**Camping** will be at the Bendemeer Rodeo Grounds on the banks of the beautiful McDonald River. Catering will be done by the local CWA ladies who will have food available from Saturday afternoon, provide a full meal Saturday night and canteen all day Sunday.

There will be buckles for the 80km, but no prizes for placegetters due to the short time to arrange the ride.

Prenominations are not really necessary, however if you would like any further information, please feel free to give us a ring after hours on 0267852055 or email us on [jgbonham@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgbonham@bigpond.net.au).

Gay Bonham

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# Cedar Ridge Easter Carnival

**6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April 2012**  
**FEI and AERA Events**

The Cedar Ridge Endurance Centre will be hosting events run by First Endurance International Inc.

For those who have not competed in the events at the Cedar Ridge Endurance Centre before, Oberon is a two hour drive from the Hawkesbury and Penrith, three hour drive from Sydney Airport and Canberra, 40 minutes before Bathurst.

The address is 1304 Beaconsfield Road Oberon.

Please use the NSWERA website for ride base locator to help you with directions.

The events for the weekend consist of:

Friday:

Pre-ride vetting for Saturdays events

Saturday:

FEI 120km\*\*

AERA 80/160km elevator (2 day 80km)

AERA 80km, 40km, 20km

Sunday:

FEI 80km\*

AERA 80/160km elevator (2nd day)

AERA 80km, 40km, 20km

The vetting system for all AERA events will be Standard AERA Vetting, with the FEI events using the FEI Vet Gate Into Hold system.

Pre Ride vetting for the 40km and 20km events can be done the morning of the event.

An experienced and impressive team of 5 vets will be in attendance for the weekend.

There are hot showers and flushing toilets and plenty of water for the horses but please bring your own drinking water. A limited number of Powered sites are available for \$20 please book these when you send through your pre-nominations.

A canteen will be available for the weekend.

Easter egg hunt will be on again this year and a colouring in competition, prizes will be awarded.

Pre-nominations for the AERA events will need to be in by the [31<sup>st</sup> of March](#), please send these to [prenoms@cedarridgestables.com.au](mailto:prenoms@cedarridgestables.com.au)

FEI nominations are due by the [18<sup>th</sup> of March](#), please contact [info@cedarridgestables.com.au](mailto:info@cedarridgestables.com.au) for entry forms. Full payment must accompany each nomination. Entry fees for the 120\*\* \$250, 80km\* \$200. All details are on the entry form.

Check out the Cedar Ridge Endurance Centre Facebook page for updates.



# **ELDORADO**

## **@ EASTER ENDURANCE EVENT**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

20k, 40k, & 80k both days

Vetting to start early Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> with priority to 80k entries  
Ride start times to be confirmed.

### **NO FRILLS**

Completion prizes awarded to all successful completions  
Best Conditioned awards to be presented.

### **ENTRY FEES**

\$80 -80K

\$40 -40K

\$20-20 K

+ Day Membership where applicable

A camping fee of \$10 per camp will be required to offset  
ground hire fees.

## **JOIN IN THE FUN OF AN EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

Please contact Tina 5725 1976 or email  
[tina.manousaki@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:tina.manousaki@justice.vic.gov.au)  
for pre nominations.





# 2012 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 160KM

### WINGELLO STATE FOREST

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

The Wingello Forest Ride committee and cherished volunteers are looking forward to hosting the 2012 NSW State Championship event in April this year.

Wingello village is located just 7km off the Hume Highway by sealed road, approximately 1 hour south of Campbelltown, and ½ hour north of Goulburn. The ride base is adjacent to the Wingello State Forest, approximately 3.5km by well formed dirt/gravel road from the village of Wingello. Directions to the base will be signposted from the Hume Highway.

The 160km ride will start at 2am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The ride will consist of 5 legs on trails that take you alternately through tall mature pine forests, natural bush, ferny gullies, and through green rolling farmland. The ride is undulating, with several short steep sections. Most of the trails are great underfoot, no tar, and there is plenty of shade and water. Some new trails have been introduced to the course for the first time this year.

The 80km Wingello Forest Ride will also be run on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 11am. The 80km ride will be run over legs 2 and 3 of the 160km course.

Vetting for both rides is VGIH, with Chief Steward Tom McCormack and Head Vet Steve Roberts.

The ride base is the same as last year – a large rolling grassy paddock. We will be providing toilets and some showers, with the Tallong RFS again providing water (tanks cleaned out first). There are no powered sites.

The ride base will be open from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – the ANZAC Day public holiday, through to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The 'Wingello Village Store' will again be running their on-site canteen, providing roast meat, hamburgers, other grill items and snacks. We will have the 'Spudship' Hot Potato Van at the ride base on Friday and Saturday, and 'The Studio' restaurant from Exeter will be providing an on-site pizza, pasta & salads canteen from Friday night to Saturday night.

'Magnificup' Coffee Van will be at the ride base all day Saturday, and perhaps also on Sunday morning if enough people express an interest in them returning.

The Highland's own Dave Newman will be making two appearances around the campfire this year – a pre-ride party on Thursday night with an early finish, and then again on Saturday night till late. Dave has been a favourite at every one of the Wingello Forest Rides with a great selection of rock and roll favourites.

There will be a large communal fire from Thursday through to Sunday. Some firewood for personal fires will be provided. No collection of firewood permitted within the ride base. Permits required for firewood collection within the Wingello State Forest. It is recommended that you bring firewood if you can.

Rider registration and pre-ride vetting will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 3pm for both the 160km ride and the 80km ride. There is provision for 80km ride registration and vetting on Saturday morning between 8am and 10am by prior arrangement.

Competitors having difficulty with registration times should contact the Ride Committee.

Entry forms and payment for both the 160km ride and the 80km ride are due by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Late fees apply for entries after this date.

Team entries for the 160km ride can be made anytime up until 8pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Entry fees:    160km    Snr \$240    Jnr \$200    Teams \$20  
                     80km    Snr \$90    Jnr \$70

A full program of events, with entry forms, ride information, local area information, sponsor details etc is available on our new website [www.highlandsendurance.com](http://www.highlandsendurance.com), set up for us by Show Pony Graphics.

You can also look for us on Facebook 'Wingello Forest Endurance Ride'.

Generous sponsorship from Waratah Thoroughbreds at Moss Vale has enabled the ride committee to

purchase new hand-held radios and hire a repeater station for the event, which will significantly improve our communication network, for quick response to track emergencies and issues.

Financial support has also been provided by NSW ERA, the Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG) and by Wingello Village Store.

Local businesses contributing substantial goods and services to the event include YES – Your Event Solution, Knowles Stock Feeds and Marulan Rural Supplies.

Forests NSW have generously supported the ride through a reduction in forest closure and usage fees.

The NSW State Championships are being held early this year. The Wingello area is subject to dangerous wind storms from late winter to late spring, which apart from making the ride base miserable, blowing arrows off trees and blowing trees across tracks, would be too dangerous to run a ride. A ride held in spring at Wingello would have a fair chance of being cancelled at the last minute or even during the event due to these dangerous winds.

With the Tom Quilty Gold Cup ride being run in early June this year, the Wingello Forest Ride's usual date was too close, so the committee could only offer to run the NSW State Championships earlier in Autumn.

The ride is being run over the Saturday, to enable volunteers, officials and strappers to fit the event into one weekend without needing to take time off work. It would be difficult to fill volunteer rosters for a late Sunday night/early Monday morning, and difficult to find volunteers to assist with dismantling tents etc at the ride base on Monday.

Southern Highlands Endurance Ride Inc

All enquiries should be directed to:  
Ride Secretary:

Bec Hogan, 0412 600 173

[bec Hogan@newmoonstud.com.au](mailto:bec Hogan@newmoonstud.com.au)

PO Box 5070 Wingello NSW 2579

Photos from the Wingello 2011 Ride.

Amber Robinson and Helen Wilson working on the leaderboard.

Ava Pellizari, Pat Hughes and Peter Hughes timekeeping. The ride base.





# **Mudgee Endurance Ride**

## **Zone 2 Championship Ride**

### **20 May 2012**

Mudgee Endurance Club will be hosting the Zone 2 Championships this year, which will be a 100/83km elevator, plus a training ride and a social ride.

The ride base will be at Cooyal as usual, located on the Wollar Road approximately 26km north-east of Mudgee.

The course consists of three legs being 40km, 43km and an additional leg of 17km. This is an opportunity for those riders and horses who haven't completed a 100km ride to try this championship as the track is an ideal 'step-up' from the usual 80km distance.

The 40km trainer will travel along the first leg and the 20km social ride will take the same track for 10km to a turn-around. It is an easy going 20km and is very suitable for new horses and riders. If you are really keen and have a reasonably fit horse, you could think about riding 20km on Saturday and 40km on Sunday.

Vetting will be 11am to 12:30pm on Saturday for the social ride which starts at 1pm. Vetting for the main elevator ride and the training ride is from 1pm to 5pm.

Start times on Sunday are 5am for the 100km and 7am for the trainer.

The pre-ride talk will be at about 6pm in the hall.

Ride fees are:

elevator - \$95

juniors - \$60

trainer - \$55 including day membership

social - \$25 including day membership

Pre-nominations are essential by 14 May. This is to ensure we have enough vets, to organise any extra camping needed and for catering purposes. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash at all times.

The friendly Cooyal volunteers will provide the usual delicious two course meal on Saturday evening and would appreciate you indicating if you want dinner when you nominate. Check points will be manned by the experienced members of our two local bushfire brigades.

We have some fantastic sponsorship already and there will be great prizes for the championship. Successful 83km riders will receive the Mudgee buckle, 40km and 20km riders will receive completion awards. There will also be some lucky draws.

We are excited to be hosting the Zone 2 Championship event and are looking forward to welcoming all our old and new friends to our well appointed venue.

The grounds will be open for camping from midday Friday, 18 May.

For more information or to nominate, please phone Mette on 6372 4960 (after dark) or email [mette.sutton@bigpond.com](mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com) (preferred).

Hope you can make it!








MERA Committee

# Tom Quilty Gold Cup



**St Helens  
Tasmania  
2012  
8 - 10 June**

*The Tom Quilty 2012 committee and the Break of Day municipality extend a warm invitation to riders, strappers, support crews and visitors to St Helens, Tasmania, for the running of the annual Tom Quilty, 8-10 June, 2012*

-  St Helens is on the East Coast of Tasmania, approximately 2 hours drive from Launceston or 3.5 hours from Devonport
-  The game fishing capital of Tasmania and renowned for its beaches and coastal reserves
-  Plenty of accommodation - hotels, motels, motor lodges, B&B's, apartment and luxury lodges. RV site (no horses) on the edge of the ride base
-  The ride base is located on the edge of town and is in easy walking distance to the town centre - emergency services, veterinary clinic, Laundromat, horse feed store, retail shopping including 2 supermarkets, various food outlets and 3 banks with ATM's
-  The course will be over native gravel country, incorporating forestry roads, firebreaks, council gravel roads, bush trails and private property
-  Horses travel safely from the mainland on the Spirit of Tasmania Ferry to Devonport on a regular basis
-  Upon arrival in Tasmania you are invited to Dicky and Pat Lamprey's property at Sassafras (20 mins from Spirit terminal) where you can unload and camp for as long as you wish. Facilities are basic but include a permanent toilet and shower, green pasture and unlimited tracks to exercise on.

[www.aera.asn.au/tq12/](http://www.aera.asn.au/tq12/)

## New Members

<u>Name</u>		<u>Town</u>
Naomi Askew	23650	Yerong Creek
Lisa Swan	23651	Falls Creek
Andrea Nix	23652	Kyogle
Jacque Thoms	23661	Helensburgh
Brooke Scott	23662	Bathurst
Michael Taylor	23663	Delegate
Pamela Kamer	23664	Harden
Narelle Bush	23665	Illawarra
Barbara Kurcz	23666	Sydney
Loesje Doherty	23667	Kundibakh
Isla Larson	23668	Issabella Plains
Isaac Majerowski	23669	Dudley

# Sassafras

## Endurance Ride Inc with South Coast ERA

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Ride

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nomination and vetting from 1pm to 5pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 80 km ride 40 km ride 20km social ride

### Cost

80 km—S\$90.00 J\$60.00 40km T\$40.00. Plus \$10.00 day membership

20km Social Ride \$30.00 includes day membership.

### Venue

Braidwood Rd, Sassafras, NSW.

### Directions:

From the North side of Nowra - Princes Highway, right into Kalandar St, onto Albatross Rd then right onto Braidwood Rd.

From the South side of Nowra - Princes Highway, left onto Turpentine Rd then left onto Braidwood Rd.

From West - Goulburn, Windellama then onto Nerriga, via Oallen Ford (Shoalhaven River at Oallen Ford has a 5 tonne weight limit) then onto Sassafras. Do not trust your GPS!

### Facilities

Shady campsites. BYO yards & drinking water. Plenty of water available for your horses. Canteen from 11am Saturday. Open fires. Restrained pets and partners allowed. New Portaloos on site

### Services

Nerriga Hotel serving meals 20ks west.

### Course

Some Hills, some flat, some good underfoot with some stony sections. A technical challenging Endurance Ride with great views. Odometer measured course.

### Sponsors

Robert. R .Andrew, Nerriga Hotel, Spirals Nowra, M.J.Fox Plumbing, Sassafras Nuts, Berry Street Seed & Produce, Shoalhaven Embroidery, Abbco Fencing, Tyrepower Nowra, Bishops Feeds.

**Contact Alan Marshall on 44228818 or**

**email Alan on [kirkh@skymesh.com.au](mailto:kirkh@skymesh.com.au)**



# Kundabung

24<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
(Dual affiliated NSW / QLD )

The Kundabung Ride Committee will be holding its 22nd ride on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June. The ride will be conducted on the eastern side of the Pacific Highway, same as last year, with the ride base located at the Kundabung Hall in River Rd Kundabung. The Hall provides a great venue with an inside canteen, good camping and flushing toilets! The ride base is located adjacent to the Northern railway line and this is taken into consideration at all times, with no problems encountered last year. Firewood will be provided but please bring your own (human) drinking water.

The usual canteen will be operating with great "take away" food and sit down meals in the hall.

The track will be the same new track used last year that starts through private property for a kilometre or so before travelling through the Maria State Forest and Maria National Park. Almost the entire track is situated within the State Forest and National Park travelling along great forest trails. There are virtually no hills with a maximum elevation of only 50 metres throughout the entire course providing mostly flat going over forest trails which are excellent under foot.

This is an easy and enjoyable ride and was highly complimented by all riders who attended last year despite 16 inches of rain 2 weeks before the ride! The ride is dual affiliated with Queensland and we are looking forward to seeing our neighbouring Northern Rivers riders this year.

80km, 40km (trainer) & 20km (social) rides will be conducted. Buckles are awarded for all 80km completions and there are best conditioned awards in all 4 divisions.

To get to the base, turn east off the Pacific Highway onto Kundabung Rd opposite the Kundabung Motel and follow the tar road for a short distance through the small village of Kundabung, across the railway line to the Kundabung Hall. The highway will be signposted from Friday afternoon.

Please come along and enjoy this relaxed and friendly ride, especially if you couldn't make it to last year's ride at this great new venue. We need and appreciate your support to ensure this ride remains viable into the future.

For general ride enquiries please contact Bob Locke (details below)

Please prenominate no later than 16<sup>th</sup> June using the NSWERA website or by contacting:-

Ride Organiser: Bob Locke Ph: 65615124

Email: [bm11@bigpond.com](mailto:bm11@bigpond.com)

Ride Secretary: Sonya Ruprecht Ph: 6553 9523

Bob Locke, on behalf of the Kundabung Ride Committee

Zone Six Endurance Riders Inc.

# Careflight

## at St Albans

This year we are running the ride in support of Careflight with all profits being donated to that organisation.

It will be run as a “no frills” ride but will still have buckles for those who wish to receive them.

The ride base will again be in the village of St Albans.

We are offering a choice of rides:

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**: starting at 1pm 40km Training Ride & 20km Social ride

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**: 85km, 40km Training Ride & a 20km Social ride

85km ride: The first leg will be 50km long, with the second leg being 35km with plenty of shade and water. Training ride will be the second leg of the main ride and the Social ride will be easy riding out through the Common and back.

The course will be run over country dirt roads with some grassy paddocks and in the National Park which will be undulating with a couple of hills. We will be using some of the easiest and safest tracks in the valley.

The office will open at 12pm - vetting ring will be open from 12pm to 5pm. Vetting will be standard AERA with the option of early vetting.

### **Fees:**

85km Ride S \$95.00 J \$75.00

Training ride \$50.00

Social Ride \$25.00

All prices include National Parks & Camping fees.

The usual canteen menu will be in operation over the weekend, from late morning on Saturday, through to the presentation on Sunday afternoon. The canteen will open for breakfast as the main ride starts on Sunday morning.

The hot showers will be running!! Firewood will be short supply so please bring your own. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

The St Albans ride is affiliated with Zone One, so if you have Zone One membership you will receive a discount on your ride fees.

Pre-nominations required by Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. On-line pre-nomination is available through the NSW ERA website, or you can contact Sue (details below). A \$10 fee will be charged for late entries.

If you pre-nominate, then decide not to come, please ring or email and let us know ASAP.

For more information: Sue Todd 6379 7218 or email [suetodd@activ8.net.au](mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au)

# Mount up again for the Muster

**5-9 July 2012**

It's on again, The Manilla Muster. After the resounding success of the inaugural Muster in 2011 the Tamworth & District Club have put their best planning skills to the test to make the 2012 event even better. The Muster is another marathon ride for the calendar – the more the merrier. Specifically this ride is a three day 240km marathon, of 80km per day held under marathon rules (with a stand alone 80km ride and 40km trainer on the last day). Buckles will be awarded for the Muster and the 80km ride.

The course will be changed slightly from last year due to comments from the experienced riders who braved the first Muster. The last day will have very little roadwork and will travel mainly through private property. The camping will be at the Manilla Showground each evening, although there will be an away checkpoint on the first two 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...male or female...), fear not! Your strapping gear will be taken out to the checkpoints in a communal vehicle. Strapping water and lunch will be provided at the away checkpoints, included in your entry if you are a rider, and for sale if you are a strapper.

The Muster is designed to offer an introduction to marathon riding for those who 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) and will be a great lead up to Shahzada seven weeks later. This date also coincides with the school holidays.

Head Vet will be Kym Hagon, Chief Steward will be Jeff Bonham and the office will be run by Jessica Taylor and Gay Bonham.

The schedule will be:

Thursday 5/7/12 – pre-ride vetting

Friday 6/7/12 – Marathon starts at 4.00 am – checkpoint at Oakhampton Homestead, lunch provided for riders and available for support crews at around \$15.

Saturday 7/7/12 – Marathon starts at 4.00 am – checkpoint at Carool, west of Manilla, lunch provided for riders and available to purchase for support crews.

Sunday 8/7/12 – Marathon and 80km start at 4.00 am.

Monday 9/7/12 – presentation and home

This schedule will also be splattered with a variety of social events including singing around the campfire and even a joke-telling night. Lets hope Kym and Jeff have learnt some new ones this year.

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 at Manilla in July

For further details contact Gay Bonham on (02)67852055 or by email [jgbonham@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgbonham@bigpond.net.au)

**Tamworth & District Endurance Club – organisers of The Muster**





# ALL ROADS LEAD TO FREEMANTLE



FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST: Canteen and office open.

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 40km training ride and 20km social ride.

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 20km social, 40/60km elevator training and 80km endurance rides.

FEES: Training rides - \$50. Social rides - \$30. 80kms - \$90. Camping fee - \$5 per horse.

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

Firewood provided by Freemantle Fire Brigade.

Rides go through private properties, bush trails and along quiet mostly dirt country roads.  
All rides will treat you with amazing scenery.

PRE-RIDE VETTING: Saturday social ride and trainer: 9am – 10am Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.  
80kms and Sunday social and trainer: 11am - 4pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

MEALS: The fabulous Fire Shed Café will be open from Friday afternoon and all weekend.

The café will serve a delicious hot meal on Saturday night in the warm and cosy fire station.

R.S.V.P by 29<sup>th</sup> July for evening meals.

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

PRE-NOMINATE: by 29<sup>th</sup> July - [lee.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lee.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au) phone: 0263374195

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# Trans Tasman Post Ride Report

I am still in awe of the tremendous job our team did in New Zealand. I don't know that I am eloquent enough to express how impressed I was with our riders and the great job they did looking after their horses. We had a plan of attack for the ride and pretty much stuck to it, making small adjustments during the day to counter for changes that occurred.

We had a few moments of stress when Brooke's horse was dogging it in the vet ring and refusing to trot up. I was certain we were going to get eliminated at one stage for failure to trot. Danny (Brook's horse) has been around a while and has a few tricks up his sleeve and dragged them all out during the course of the day's determination shone through and dogging it out on track, trying to avoid going out the gate and other such tricks were usually dealt with a swift kick or two, a yell and then the horse would get a move on.

Noni's horse ended up with a mild tie-up. The horse didn't require fluids just some pain relief. Noni stuck with the horse for a number of hours after the ride to ensure that the vet's instructions were followed totally. She received help from both Ray and Maurice during this period and it was good to see the horse recover relatively quickly. After dealing with all this Noni then proceeded to help her team mates at every opportunity.

Our plan for the ride had been to go out, sit back a little bit from the hurly burly for the first leg or so and then increase the pace if the horses could manage. The first leg went according to plan except for the small fact of Noni vetting out. The NZ team (all four riders) crossed the line first and then our four riders came in immediately after. The race to the vet ring was on in the strapping area with Brooke and the two NZ juniors getting into the ring first. Steve and one of the NZ senior riders were in next and then Jane a while after (she had a horse that didn't pulse down very quickly – nine minutes was its best) and then the last NZ rider. We did have considerable problems getting the HR down on Noni's horse as a result of the metabolic issues.

The second leg saw the young riders head up the road pretty quickly with Steve giving chase. This leg had the hilly section so speeds dropped back by about 3km/hr. Once again this was according



Photo of Team - Left to Right: Noni Seagrim, Jane Radny, Linda Talian, Steve Gray, Brooke Brown-Cordell, Wendy Dower



to plan as we didn't want the horses working too hard on this section of the track. Coming in off this leg first was Steve, Brooke and one of the NZ juniors, then a gap of about four minutes to a NZ junior and senior rider and then another 30 minutes back to Jane and Helen from NZ whose pace had slowed considerably (nearly 6kms per hour). Steve and Brooke's horses pulsed down quickly as did young Vanessa and then the other NZ riders. Jane's horse once again took nine minutes to pulse down so that resulted in her being last out the gate on the next leg.

The third leg was all about increasing the pressure on the NZ team as they still had all their riders and they needed to lose one to give us a chance. The pace came back up a km or two over this leg, which was a little shorter at 23km. The weather was starting to get really warm so there was some concern for the horses overheating. The Kiwi got us some ice for strapping – particularly Jane's horse as it took so long to pulse down.

Coming in off this leg, Steve and Brooke were still in the lead followed by three NZ riders. Jane and Helen were still over 35 minutes behind. Steve's horse pulsed down quickest (he got quicker as the day wore on) and went into the vet ring first. It took a bit more for Brooke's horse to get through and she was down a few minutes on Steve. Then the three NZ horses came through relatively quickly, vetting around 5-8 minutes after crossing the line. Helen was able to get her horse through and poor Jane's horse took 12 minutes this leg, making Jane's job on the last leg pretty tough.

The last leg started (and ended) with a flurry with Steve taking off. Brooke had to convince Danny to get out of the camp grounds but once on the road he started to move off with more gusto. The NZ riders followed closely and all were riding with the devil at their heels. Instructions to the team were to up the pace and get home as quickly as possible.

Steve kept an eye out behind and was able to spot a non-team Kiwi rider coming hard and took off. Hamish (NZ rider) had upped his pace 8km/hr on the last leg to catch Steve and the race was on. At the pre-ride briefing the President of the Ground Jury had informed everyone that in the likelihood of a gallop finish they would put out a finish line on the road and riders would be notified



Photo of Riders – Left to Right: Wendy Dower on Carnival Time, Jane Radhy on Masada Park Maya, Brooke Brown-Cordell on Shardan Rakada, Steve Gray on Joie De Vivre of Kishon and Noni Seagrim on Kishon Fashamatazz.



as they went out on the last leg. There was no judge on the road when the two horses came through and Steve had to try and pull his horse up and get round the other rider to do a right hand turn into the grounds and then continue the gallop finish. Steve missed out by a body length as he had to really pull hard to get the horse to slow down and get round the corner but would have been in front at the point had there been a finish line set up on the road.

This shemozzle caused uproar among the Kiwis who felt it was very poor form not to have set up for the gallop finish. There was quite a bit of yelling and shouting going on and lots of ill feelings but we were pretty focused on getting the horse out of there and starting strapping.

The juniors came hurtling through about eight minutes later under the same conditions. There were three NZ riders and Brooke all doing battle for the best placing but the two NZ riders beat Brooke across the line. Carla (NZ senior rider) came home next and then Helen and Jane, who had been able to maintain her pace well on the gutsy little mare.

Both the first two riders (Hamish and Steve) got through the vetting as did the next two Kiwis. The gods were smiling on us when Carla went in and was declared lame so our hopes were raised again. Then Helen came in and our hopes were dashed again. We waited for her vetting but she got the thumbs up and we thought the day was done and dusted. Jane came through and vetted without problems.

My rough calculations showed the Kiwis had beaten us with overall time so we took off our game faces and put on our gloomy ones, although, given the level of competition and friendliness shown, none of us were that sad. We'd taken the competition right up to the Kiwis on borrowed horses which was a pretty mighty effort.

While all this was going on, Wendy was soldiering on riding a young mare offered to her by Kevin James. Riding a steady ride and keeping to owner instructions, she completed the ride in just over 8 hrs.

After some time I had a conversation with my NZ counterparts and discussed the outcome of the day. We all mentioned that regardless of the winners it had been a great competition, held in the greatest of spirits with some inspiring riding undertaken by both teams. A little later they came back to tell me we'd beaten them by just two minutes (which later got changed to 1 minute 47 seconds). I walked back to our camp, trying to maintain a gloomy countenance but couldn't keep it up for long before telling everyone we had won. It took a moment or two for the realisation to set in but we were pretty happy campers after that!

The times ended up as with Australia total time: 17.55.31 and New Zealand total time: 17.57.18.

At the presentation ceremony the next night we all got dolled up in our official uniform and decorated ourselves with flags and banners and Australian hats. We presented a great spectacle as we walked into the hall en masse. The presentations were made and trophies given out. The BC was read out and in what was thought to be a first, Steve's horse and Hamish's horse shared the BC prize.

I want to say a huge thanks to our five riders – Steve, Brooke, Jane, Noni and Wendy – for putting into place our action plan and executing it beautifully, for responding to every request, for providing pertinent and correct information on the state of their horses and for being so professional the whole weekend. I also want to thank our great crew – Maurice, Jake, the inimitable Ray Vlad and his bottle of Sprite, Rod, Tony and Sonia – for the fantastic job they did.

I cannot say a big enough thanks to the owners of the horses – Linda, Phillip, Kevin and Allison – for entrusting their horses Kishon Fashamatazz, Joie de Vivre of Kishon, Carnival Time, Shardan Rakada and Masada Park Maya with our riders. They allowed us to ride those horses competitively and did everything that they could to help us get the horses through the vet ring successfully.

**Linda Tanian**

## Dean Walkom & Zaraq - Our Accidental Big 3

I purchased Zaraq as an unbroken paddock reared 5 year old for \$550 in 2003 from an advert I found in the back of Horse Deals. I really didn't need another horse but I liked the breeding. Santa Pasa Zaraq is by Ralvon Trekker & Santa Pasa Spanish Princess having Ralvon and Bremervale lines.

I started him myself and due to work commitments and other horses it was 2005 before I took him to his first ride, it was a 80km ride at Bendemeer and a learning experience I will never forget. The first and last time I start a horse with an 80km ride, bad traveller, didn't camp well and a vet out to top the weekend off.



The following year 2006 he did a 40km trainer and then the Shahzada Mini Marathon. I can't recommend the Shahzada Trainer enough for anyone, one full week to work with your horse and the whole social, camping experience is just ideal. Zaraq came away from that Shahzada Mini Marathon a different horse. Looking back through his log books from 2006 till the end of 2010 a typical year was a Shahzada Trainer then an 80km ride or two after that. It was in 2010 that he finally matured and switched on and became a horse that was enjoyable to ride, floated better and I could finally tie up walk away and know he would be ok.

After the 2010 Shahzada Trainer I promised myself and others that in 2011 I would do the 400km Shahzada ride. So that became the goal for 2011. Being a Maintenance Planner in my work, the natural thing to do was to put a plan together to get Zaraq ready for 400km in August.

I sent a copy of my plan to Kym Hagon for a look and he suggested I also include the State championships 160km ride in June, 'are you sure?' 'We've never done a 160 before and in the same year as his first 400!' 'Yes Dean - you have a horse that has been brought on slowly, well legged up and is ready to go'.

A couple of Zone One trainers at Colo, Tooraweenah 80 the Colo Zone One 100km championships and then we were at St Albans in June for our first 160km.

Zaraq gets off the float in St Albans thinks to himself 'ahh been here before - Shahzada Trainer (five times) here for a week, chill out' and he starts eating and drinking straight away and is totally relaxed, just what you want before a major ride. I remember being at the start line waiting for midnight and he was just standing there eating grass - totally relaxed. The weather wasn't the best but we managed to cruise through the 160 with straight A's and no issues other than being cold and wet.

In between the State and Shahzada our training consisted of a lot of steep hill work to prepare Zaraq for the hills of St Albans. Shahzada was fun (its amazing how time fades some memories) it certainly wasn't the trainer/annual holiday we were used to but we plugged away, one leg at a time and got through ok without any represents or issues to deal with which was a result statistically we weren't expecting.

One of my Shahzada highlights is turning the left corner into Bulga Street on Friday afternoon for the last time, to be greeted by the Peanut Gallery of supporters, friends and family, just an awesome feeling.

Throughout the week the topic of who was going to the Tom Quilty in South Australia came up a few times and we started to think that maybe we could do it. John Howe aroused further interest when he mentioned that no middleweight male rider had ever achieved the Big 3 Award, so South Australia here we come!

Mount Pleasant in Sth Australia was rather unpleasant with it looking like being another wet and cold 160. Zaraq was fitter than he had ever been and was ready, we were just after a completion and breezed through one leg at a time, it was in about the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg that I mentioned to my riding partner that a lot of riders seemed a bit serious and weren't responding to my friendly greetings when riding along. It was at this point that I realised maybe I hadn't realised that we were riding in a National Championship ride and I was guilty of treating it just like another local 80km ride, maybe that was a good thing because we were both relaxed and thoroughly enjoying the experience. It wasn't until 5km from home that I started to believe that we were actually going to finish. I'd had it in my mind that attempting the Big 3, and all being first attempts at the

respective rides, that we would cop a vet out at one of them. Finish we did with mostly A's except two B's on the page being for gut sounds.

2011 was a big year for Zaraq completing 900km which was more than he had done in the previous four years leading up to that. Achieving the Big 3 certainly wasn't on the plan at the start of the year but it all just fell into place as the year progressed.

Achieving this wouldn't have been possible without my three Sue's. My Super strapper Suzanne Barton who strapped for me at all three big rides, my riding buddy Sue Warren who rode with me for the whole 900km I did this year, my wife Susan team manager/cook/part time strapper and also a thank you to Kym Hagon for planting the seed that I could do State and Shahzada as first rides in the one year.

Zaraq hasn't always been a pleasure to own and ride but the time and effort I have put into him over the years has been well and truly rewarded this year, thanks and well done mate.

Dean Walkom

**NOTE: This story is being run again as only half of it was published last time. Apologies for this. Ed.**

## NSW Distance Horse 2011, NSW one horse one rider Team 2011

Yahw eh-Salih Sir Ibn Gelibene (wow I just ran out of ink writing that name!). No really, he just answers to 'Beans' – how appropriate for a horse who just can't stand still. He also has a whole array of other names that I save for on track when he is 'ripping' my arms out...but they are probably best not printed here!! LOL.



I do believe though, that, had I not been so determined, this horse would never have become an endurance horse – and what a shame that would have been! He just loves to run and run BUT is also a very anxious highly strung fellow and therefore can elevate his heart rate by not relaxing (my getting angry with him also doesn't help - took a while to work that one out!).

So, after a disastrous start to his career (atrocious results in his novice log book!), he has now, at the young age of 10, completed 2,575 successful kms. Highlights of that distance are 2 successful Shahzada 400km completions out of 3 attempts, 4 Tom Quilty completions, and 1 NSW State Championship completion – which is the one that gave him the most memorable completion of all – the BIG 3!

I have said it before but will say it again – please be patient with young horses who may have higher heart rates and other problems. If you can just give them time to work things out a little, you might just have a good horse on your hands - like I did! So, here's to the little, high pulsing, rev head horses in our sport!

Sonya Ruprecht



# Young Horse Championships 2011

The final of the Young Horse Championships was run in conjunction with the NSW FEI Championships ride held at Red Range on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The track presented by the Organising Committee was an excellent course for an FEI event and provided good safe tracks. There were only three out of the eight qualified Young Horses competing in the 2\* 120km event. And, in an interesting side note, all three of these young horses were by Chip Chase Sadaqa.

The winner of the Young Horse Championships for 2011 was Castlebar Tailwind (Chip Chase Sadaqa x Castlebar Taliska) who completed the ride in a time of 7 hrs 19 minutes. Tailwind, who was ridden by Linda Tanian, is a bay gelding, 15.2hh, born in February 2004. Like a lot of Castlebar young horses he has been lightly campaigned in his first few years. It was his third 120km ride and was being stepped up for his first quicker ride at this event. He obviously handled the challenge well and finished in good condition with a total present time of 23 minutes for the event.



Linda Tanian riding Castlebar Tailwind

Tailwind has completed 5 x 80km events and 3 x 120km events including the recent Alpine High Country ride, held at Hinnomunjie in the Victorian High Country. This event had all extremes of weather from hot and steamy to very cold, wet and hail. The slippery conditions were difficult to handle and resulted in a slow completion time but certainly added a good layer of fitness for the Young Horse Championships.

Tailwind can be a challenging ride as he is prone to some pretty big and quick shies, which means that the rider has to stay alert and not get complacent on him, but he has a big, ground-covering stride and travels easily. He is a good horse around camp and eats and drinks well. He is mostly relaxed and easy to handle and strap.

Castlebar Tempest (Chip Chase Sadaqa x Lynbrook Tamsin), ridden by Wendy Dower, successfully completed the final and took out second place in the event. Tempest has also been bought on steadily in his first three years of competition. Razorback Lovesong (Chip Chase Sadaqa x Rowallan Jingles), ridden by Ondy Laws-King, was the other competitor but was not successful in completing the track after vetting out.

Ondy and Lovesong took the lead from the start of the event and held it for the first two legs. At the start of the second leg she had gone out early as a result of a timing error and was held back from starting on the third leg. This allowed Linda and Tailwind to be the first of the Young Horse contenders out on this leg. Ondy and Lovesong caught up within the first few kms but could not hold the lead with Tailwind able to pass again and then remain in the lead for the rest of the event.

Wendy and Tempest were riding a little more conservatively but still managed to maintain a very healthy average speed of 15.5 km/hr over the distance and finished with a total present time of 20 minutes for the event.

The weather conditions proved to be trying once again for the Young Horse Championship final. After last year's wet and cold conditions at Cedar Ridge, Red Range turned on a scorcher with high temperatures for most of the day. The sandy tracks also reflected a considerable amount of heat. The Organising Committee had plenty of water on track for both horses and riders and there was also quite a bit of ground water as a result of the heavy rains in the couple of days prior to the event.

No events have been scheduled for the Young Horse Championship in 2012 and it is unlikely that this series will be run this year.

**Linda Tanian**

# **ZONE ONE ENDURANCE RIDERS INC.**

## ***DISTANCE REGISTER FOR LIMITED DISTANCE RIDES***

Zone One will be launching its very own distance register for limited distance rides during the 2012 endurance season. If you ride in any 40km ride (including the Shahzada mini-marathon) or under, that is an affiliated Zone One ride you will be eligible to participate in the new distance register.

Zone One is aware that there are a number of riders participating in limited distance rides, such as the 40km rides, for a variety of reasons and are not necessarily aiming at getting their horses to the next level or longer rides. The committee also believe that by providing recognition and reward at this level there will be a natural progression of riders to memberships, having encouraged them to try endurance at a level they feel comfortable and rewarded at.

The competitive aim of the distance register for limited distance rides will be to successfully complete as many of the rides available in any one season. It is not a one-horse / one-rider event, it is a members' register and the kilometres are awarded to the member not the horse. No times will be recorded.

### **THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THIS EVENT ARE AS FOLLOWS;**

- The rider must be a current financial Zone One member.
- The register will incorporate all 40km and under rides (including Shahzada mini-marathon) affiliated with Zone One in any one season
- Accumulated distance kilometres will be recorded for each member for each successful ride within the season.

**It is NOT a one horse one rider event,**

**Distance kilometres are accumulated by the rider.**

- There will be an open and junior division which will follow the same criteria as NSWERA for a junior division.
- The member that accumulates the highest number of kilometres in each division will be the Zone One Limited Distance rider for the season.
- The register will be kept by the Zone One points and distance officer

Zone One is excited about the prospect of providing its many members / riders that are not currently competing at a competitive level, with a distance register and with the recognition for the work that it takes to get a horse to a ride.

# NSW ONE HORSE ONE RIDER 2011

## Heavyweight

Sue Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	1180	1
Stuart Lymbery	Garonne Park Walker	1079	2
Ian Dreghorn	Mountain Breeze Jack The Ripper	920	3
Marita Rifai	Tuldar Slingshot	820	4
Marita Rifai	Tianna	800	5
John How e	Ashbend Perazzi	740	6
Phil Coleman	Alnotarj Statistic	730	7
Gary Thomas	Ben Mariah	720	8
Craig Hugall	Flametree Sunrise	540	9
Belinda Hopley	Girilambone Sorcerer	480	10

## Middleweight

Julie Brooks	Aloha Byshara	1160	1
Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	1040	2
Sue Todd	Shakista	880	3
Emma Fletcher	Diamond R Oscar	720	4
Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	660	5
Robin Gossip	Lila	660	5
Allix Jones	Shellal Cattle King Flyte	640	7
Sally Fenner	Cherox Aladdin	640	7
Cherry Cummins	Winter Hill Arrow	640	7
Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	560	10
Melanie Anderson	Ausden Kon Tiki	560	10

## Lightweight

Julie Brooks	Aloha Byshara	1160	1
Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	1040	2
Sue Todd	Shakista	880	3
Emma Fletcher	Diamond R Oscar	720	4
Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	660	5
Robin Gossip	Lila	660	5
Allix Jones	Shellal Cattle King Flyte	640	7
Sally Fenner	Cherox Aladdin	640	7
Cherry Cummins	Winter Hill Arrow	640	7
Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	560	10
Melanie Anderson	Ausden Kon Tiki	560	10

## Junior

Mia Bodew es	Tallaw arra Spy	800	1
Jeremy Banw ell	Blake's Heaven Caruso	640	2
Mia Bodew es	Booramby Jacob	600	3
Andrew Mackinder	Sundow n Park Cariad	590	4
Courtney Lew is	Kyang Mister Personality	520	5
Tayla Warren	Warren Park Kiara	480	6
Bridie Lew is	Wakado Sharkhan	320	7
Maddison Wade	Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu	260	8
Carli Facchini	Yinbilliko Argente Buck	260	8
Jasmine Shields	Woodbourne Billy Billy	250	10



# 2012 Presidents Cup

As we all know with horses, things can change at the last minute so we were conscious not to be too excited. A few days before the ride came the confirmation that our Cedar Ridge horse Kunama Safira, who had competed in the World Youth Endurance Championships in December, had trained on well and was fit to start in the FEI\*\*\* 160km Presidents Cup.

Some quick internet flight purchases on Sunday night had us in Dubai by Tuesday afternoon to prepare for Pre-ride vetting on Friday Afternoon. On arrival Safira looked magnificent and ready to run. (16 months after she had done her 1<sup>st</sup> 80km ride) Most importantly she looked strong and sound and ready to defend her 'never vetted out' record.

A couple of days of training and Safira arrives with 134 others for pre-ride vetting. The atmosphere is surprisingly relaxed, and as usual the friendliness of the Emiratis and hospitality shown to all visitors is breathtaking. Many other Countries have representatives competing at the invitation of the organising committee.

Temperatures are surprisingly high and on the day of the race we will be running in 34 degrees of heat.

A 6am start is in darkness, however, riders do not need torches as 100s of support vehicles driving beside their riders on a separate track light the way for all. The start is surprisingly orderly considering that with 135 starters. It appeared to me that about 100 of them planned to win.

Safira had already completed 2 x 120km\*\* events in the desert, one in December and one in January. The difference in her

behaviour was pleasantly surprising... She was now an old hand at desert racing. All through the ride she ate and drank as we all hope our horses will in heavy competition (Very different to previous events).

Australian riders will be pleased to know, I saw no horses in distress, no horses with injuries or riders acting in any way other than what would be admired on any Australian track.

Safira maintained her willing attitude throughout the ride and in the heat looked forward to our support crew handing up cold bottles of water to refresh her as we cantered past.

Her riding time of 7 hours 23 minutes, shows that after 11 rides, which includes 3 x 120km\*\* and 2 x 160km\*\*\* without any vet outs, she is a tough and reliable mare and a credit to Australian Arabian Breeding.

**Courtney Freeman**



# 2012 Ride Calendar

## March

11	<b>Q60</b> – 100 elevator 80, 40, 20, 5 \$110/\$110, \$60/\$30\$5	Judy Shore (02)9652 1393 <a href="mailto:stanshore@bigpond.com">stanshore@bigpond.com</a>	1
17	<b>Horsley Park Promotional Ride</b> – 20-40 elevator	Charlie Gaudi (02) 4567 0567 <a href="mailto:charlie@tracer.net.au">charlie@tracer.net.au</a>	1
24-25	<b>Oakhampton at Manilla</b> 80/40/15 \$85S/\$65J/\$45/\$20	Gay Bonham 6785 2055 <a href="mailto:jgbonham@bigpond.net.au">jgbonham@bigpond.net.au</a>	2
25	<b>Wandandian</b> – 80/40/20 \$85S/\$55J/\$50/\$30	Shelly Ison - 4447 8580 <a href="mailto:shelly1@shoal.net.au">shelly1@shoal.net.au</a>	5

## April

6-9	<b>Easter weekend</b> <b>Cedar Ridge Easter Carnival</b> FE120**/80*, \$250/ \$200 AERA 80-160 elevator, 2x80km, 2x40km, 2x20k, \$175, \$95, \$55/\$35	Courtney Freeman 0417 248172 <a href="mailto:courtney@cedarridgestables.com.au">courtney@cedarridgestables.com.au</a>	2
7 & 8	<b>Eldorado 2012</b> 80/40/20 BOTH DAYS \$80/\$40/\$20	Tina Hones (03)5725 1976 <a href="mailto:Tina.Manousaki@justice.vic.gov.au">Tina.Manousaki@justice.vic.gov.au</a>	VER A
15	<b>Tooraweenah</b> – 80/40. \$75/J\$50 /T\$40	Sonia Bonham 68485345 <a href="mailto:gavinandsonia@bigpond.com">gavinandsonia@bigpond.com</a>	2
28-29	<b>NSW State Championships Wingello</b> , 160/80 \$240S/\$200J - \$90S/\$70J	Rebecca Hogan 0412600173 <a href="mailto:bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au">bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au</a>	5

## May

13	<b>Ride Around the Rock</b> – 80/40/20 \$80S/\$60J/\$40T/\$20S	Col Lewis 0415 453434 <a href="mailto:dlew8323@bigpond.net.au">dlew8323@bigpond.net.au</a>	4
20	<b>Mudgee Cooyal-Zone 2 champs</b> , 100-83elevator/40/20 \$95S/\$60J/\$55T/\$25S	Mette Sutton 6372 4960 <a href="mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com">mette.sutton@bigpond.com</a>	2
20	<b>Tenterfield</b> , dual affil with QERA. 100 elev, 40/20 \$100S/\$80J/\$50T/\$25S	Philippa Lillyman 6737 5438 <a href="mailto:jimpip@activ8.net.au">jimpip@activ8.net.au</a>	QERA
27	<b>Gundagai</b> – 80/40. S\$90/J\$90/ \$50	Rick Owen 69 441628	4

## June

9 10	<b>Careflight at St Albans</b> 40/20 - \$50/\$25 80/40/20 - S\$95/J\$75/T\$50/S\$25	Sue Todd 63797218 <a href="mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au">suetodd@activ8.net.au</a>	1
8-10	<b>Tom Quilty National Championships</b> 160km	Tara Nicklason 03 6373 6145	TAS
24	<b>Kundabung</b> , 80/40/20 – dual affil QERA \$90S/\$80J/\$50T/\$20S	Sonya Ruprecht 0409539523 <a href="mailto:bml@bigpond.com">bml@bigpond.com</a>	6
24	<b>Sassafras</b> , 80/40/20 - \$90S/\$60J/\$40T/\$30S	Alan Marshall 4422 8818 <a href="mailto:kirkh@skymesh.com.au">kirkh@skymesh.com.au</a>	5

## July

5-9	<b>Manilla Muster</b> , 240/80/35 - TBA	Gay Bonham (02) 6785 2055 <a href="mailto:jgbonham@bigpond.net.au">jgbonham@bigpond.net.au</a>	2
14- 15	<b>Putty Valley</b> , 40 Saturday + 20/40/80 Sunday - TBA	Charles Gaudi 4567 0567 <a href="mailto:charlie@tracer.net.au">charlie@tracer.net.au</a>	1
22	<b>Coolamon</b> , 80/40/20 \$80S/\$55J/\$55T/\$20S	Megan Menzies 0428 278536 <a href="mailto:mmenzies@bigpond.com">mmenzies@bigpond.com</a>	4
29	<b>Bago Bush – Wauchope</b> . 80, 60-40, 20 – TBA Dual affil QERA	Robyn Coombes 6585 6761 <a href="mailto:robcombes@people.net.au">robcombes@people.net.au</a> or Roz Ryan 0418 848019	6

<i><b>August</b></i>			
5	<b>Sussex Inlet</b> Charity Ride, 80/40/20 - TBA	Wendy Jesson 44230552 or Lorraine Bentley 44226335	5
4-5	<b>Freemantle</b> , Saturday 20/40 \$50, Sunday - 20/40-60/80, \$30/\$50/\$60J/\$90S	Lee Curtis 6337 4195 <a href="mailto:lee.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au">lee.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	2
27-31	<b>Shahzada</b> 400, 120 - TBA	Sue Todd 63797218 <a href="mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au">suetodd@activ8.net.au</a>	1
<i><b>September</b></i>			
16	<b>Woodstock</b> , 80/40/20 - TBA	Helen Lindsay 6342 9289 <a href="mailto:kinta-maniarabs@bigpond.com">kinta-maniarabs@bigpond.com</a>	4
22-23	<b>Bendemeer</b> , 15/40/80 - TBA	Gay Bonham 6785 2055 <a href="mailto:igbonham@bigpond.net.au">igbonham@bigpond.net.au</a>	2
30	<b>Harden Murrumburrah</b> 20/40/80 - TBA	Kate Smith 0411 795278 <a href="mailto:caseya-mandasmith@hotmail.com">caseya-mandasmith@hotmail.com</a>	4
<i><b>October</b></i>			
1	<b>Harden Murrumburrah</b> 20/40/80 - TBA	Kate Smith 0411 795278 <a href="mailto:caseya-mandasmith@hotmail.com">caseya-mandasmith@hotmail.com</a>	4
28	<b>Kiwarra</b> k, 20/40/80 – TBA Dual affil QERA	Abby McMurrich 65506 337 <a href="mailto:abbymcmurrich@hotmail.com">abbymcmurrich@hotmail.com</a>	6
28	<b>National Capital Brookvale</b> 80/40/20 TBA	Michelle O'Leary 0416253981 <a href="mailto:cutiedoq@hotmail.com">cutiedoq@hotmail.com</a>	5
<i><b>November</b></i>			
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18			
24-26	<b>NSW FEI Championships</b> 160**/120**/90* \$350/\$250/\$150	Tami Parnell 6734 2253 <a href="mailto:Robyn.parnell@det.nsw.edu.au">Robyn.parnell@det.nsw.edu.au</a>	6
30			
<i><b>December</b></i>			
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23			

**Zone 1**—NW Sydney & Environs **Zone 2**—Central West  
**Zone 3**—Riverina **Zone 4**—Snowy **Zone 5**—South Coast  
**Zone 6**—Mid North Coast



# Classified

**Compact chestnut purebred mare**, 5 yr old, 13.3+ hh, prof. started at 3, not ridden since. Ready for retraining and a real job now. Sound, strong and friendly, this mare is big enough for a small adult to ride or train up for a competent child.  
\$2500.00 now, \$3000.00 after retraining.

**Young bay purebred mare**, 3 yr old, 13.3hh, ready to start under saddle. Quick learner, good doer, compact strong build. Could suit sporting, pony dub or endurance. Older sibling doing sporting in Canberra. Crabbet/Polish breeding, registered.  
\$2200.00 ono.

**Part bred gelding, dark chestnut**, 2 yr old, 14.2hh now. Independent, curious, confident, this guy loves playing games. Both parents endurance horses, sire Arabian, dam Whaler X. He looks a bit like a stockhorse. Just at the right stage to learn heaps.  
\$1850.00

**Handsome grey purebred gelding**, 2 yr old, 13.3hh now, will grow taller. People-loving, trainable nature, excellent formation. Crabbet/Polish/Colonial breeding, registered. Looks like a classic grey Arab endurance horse in the making.  
\$1850.00

**Bay purebred broodmare**, 8 yr old, 14.3+ hh, Polish/Colonial breeding, endurance sire Chip Chase Kasino. Strong solid mare, broken in at 4 but not ridden since due to old injury. One blue eye, not passed on to either of her 2 lovely foals. Colt foal at foot.  
\$2000.00 ono

**Contact for all of the above:** Searle Johnston and Kristen Proudfoot, 02 48480173 or 0467 294 089, or email [kristenproudfoot@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenproudfoot@hotmail.com) for more information and photos. All horses raised in big hilly paddocks, regularly drenched and trimmed. Young horses could be agisted here after purchase. We are near Gunning, NSW.

## Guests at the Zone One AGM and Presentation evening.



## FOR SALE

# The last Rowallan Horses

As we have sold our property "Rowallan", I have now dispersed my stud but still have two purebred geldings for sale. These two were to be retained as stallions to stand at Rowallan but due to moving I decided I could not have stallions in Wagga so they were gelded 12 months ago. They are well handled, regular feet trimming, drenched and rugged but not broken in to saddle.

**ROWALLAN RUSSET:** (Bandaman (Bandom) x Wagga Shanara (Wagga Deakin)) bay with very little white, 15 hands, DOB 06.11.99. Excellent legs, no scars, big strong horse with lovely temperament and beautiful head.

**ROWALLAN EMBASSY:** (Wagga Ambassador (Wagga Count Charles) x Wagga Monique (Delos)) Chestnut with white blaze and three socks, 15.1 hands, DOB 30.11.03. Lovely legs. Has superficial scar on near side hind but is sound. Big strong horse with lovely temperament and a lovely looking horse.

Due to their ages I am offering these horses for not a lot of money but a good home is essential. I also want these two to go together as I do not want to be left with one. Price \$1800 for both. Horses located in Wagga Wagga NSW

Deirdre Hayes, 10 Hakea Place, Springvale, NSW 2650.  
Phone 0427 743 255. Email: [mirroolcreek@bigpond.com](mailto:mirroolcreek@bigpond.com)

**FOR SALE:** Iditerod N/Dhala 3/4 Arabian mare. Chip Chase Sadaqa x Hullabaloo Shiraz (x Simaran). 14hh, 15 years. Very lovely good natured mare, easy to handle. Three generations of endurance bloodlines. Only ridden lightly for several years due to slight muscle injury. Suitable as a broodmare. \$1,000 ono. Phone: 02 4376 1211.

**FOR SALE:** Equus Enduro Saddle 16" in good condition. \$500 ono. Phone: 02 4376 1211.



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## Squad News February 2012



Welcome to 2012 and another busy year of endurance ahead of us all. 2011 was a good year to finish up on with the wonderful success of the Young Riders at the World Championships in Abu Dhabi. The outstanding run of Allix Jones and Castlebar Moonlight chasing but not quite catching the young Uruguayan rider and solidly backed up by other Team members Ali Toft and Brooke Warner to win the Team Bronze while Allix

took out the well deserved individual silver.

The performance and horsemanship displayed by these four young riders at world championship level was outstanding. They have all proved themselves once again at the top level and a special thank you must go to the Team Officials Chef Mark Freeman and Veterinarian Narelle Cribb from Victoria for all their hard work and organisation.

This success has been followed up by our Trans Tasman Team who under the leadership of Chef Linda Tanian defeated the Kiwis on their own horses to win the Gold medal and the (now famous) silver dish. Times were close with less than 2 minutes in the Aussies favour.

The finish was a bit controversial with the Chef lodging a protest when there was

Steve Gray and groom Ray Vlad.





confusion of the exact position of the finish line following a gallop finish between Aussie rider Steve Gray (Qld) and the leading Kiwi. The protest was subsequently overruled by the ground Jury but we won anyway!!

It was a wonderful trip. Everyone had a great time and a sincere thank you to our Kiwi friends for staging some good and friendly competition.



Left to right  
Jane Radny (WA) Noni Seagram (NSW) Brooke Cordell Brown (Tas) Steve Gray (Qld) and Wendy Dower (reserve and from Vic)

The next Trans Tasman competition is due on our home turf this year. It is planned and hoped that this will take place at the Red Range ride scheduled for 24-26 November, when the Glenn Inness Endurance Riders have the very popular FEI NSW Champs.

FEI Competition for 2012 is not looking all that healthy with 2 separate week ends of competitions planned in WA 21/22 April and 7-9 September. Closer to home Cedar Ridge will be running the 1\*2\* at Easter which will be the usual top class events. Ozendurance is staging the Endurance Festival at Toorbul 5-7 May.

The World Endurance Championships will be held Euston Park, Norfolk UK during the week of August 25. This will be an expensive exercise for any riders wanting to compete with their horse, and will require some serious soul searching on behalf of the Riders /Owners and the Selectors.

On things we can and will do .... the Squad camp will be held again at this year's Quilty at St Helens. Plans are already underway and we will keep all posted, it will be a similar program to that of last year but much more interesting.

Meanwhile checkout our website [www.thesquad.asn.au](http://www.thesquad.asn.au) and our Facebook page.

Barbara Macdonald Timms

## Notes of the General Meeting of Members of the Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc. held on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

1. **Welcome by President:** Tom welcomed everyone and stated he is in the process of documenting goals for 2012. A lot has been happening.
  2. **Present :** Tom McCormack (NSW) Chair, Anne Jones (Qld), Mathew Krahnen (Qld), Dorte Colja (QLD), (Tas), Liz Rutherford (WA), Sandy Little (Vic), Gary Tweedie (NSW), Melanie Scott (SA), Sarah Adams (SA) .
  3. **Visitors:** Beverley Wright (Fri), Steve Swan, (Sat),
  4. **Apologies:** Kerry Spratt (Fri.)
  5. **Registration of Votes:** Qld – 6 votes, NSW – 6 votes, Tas – 3 votes, WA – 2 votes, Vic – 2 votes, SA – 1 vote
  6. **Catastrophe and IT Forms:** Dorte has started collecting statistics on catastrophes and IVT treatments. Please make sure that all information and forms are sent to her
  7. **A3 Disclaimer Signs:** Tom has some quotes for signs 450x600. It was agreed to order 200 corflute signs at a cost of \$1,213.00 to be paid for out of AON sponsorship.
- Scanners:** Dorte obtained a price for 10 scanners at \$685 + GST + postage. It was agreed to defer for the time being.
- Medication Control Forms:** – advise of changes to entry form. The rider handout for swabbing could go on the website as a living document. It is part of the swabbing process. The entry form should be changed to direct riders to the link for the medication forms <http://www.fei.org/veterinary/veterinary-regulations-and-education>. Ride organisers will need copies of the forms at the ride
- Constitution:** Costs to date are \$4,450.30.
- AHIC:** Matthew has been liaising with Kent Wells
12. **Report on Teleconference – 24/10/11** Tom advised that the executive had a teleconference for 2 hours on 24<sup>th</sup> October. One of the problems discussed was social media and it was agreed that the first way to attack the situation is through the rules in the Member Code of Conduct section.
  13. **Executive Decisions to be Ratified:**
    - “that 13 Chief Steward vests are purchased for the SA Quilty”
    - “that the proposal from Nigel Perkins to produce a Hendra document is accepted.”
    - “that Steve Roberts undertake a Rule Book re-write providing the intent of any motion is not changed.”
    - “that Kerry Spratt’s fuel fees up to \$300 are paid to transport the AERA awards to the Quilty.”
    - “that Tom McCormack attends The Future of Horse Related Research Forum on behalf of the AERA.”
    - “that Cedar Ridge be re-imbursed
- \$1,193.50 for overpayment of FEI Ride Fees.**
- “that a Database meeting be held in Brisbane on 8/10/11”**
- “A special condition of entry for the 2011 Tom Quilty is that horses shall only gain access to the Mt. Pleasant ride base upon presentation of the duly completed Horse Health Declaration as published by the AERA”**
- “that a part payment of \$1,000 is paid to Karl Jorgenson for the new cabinet for the Quilty Cup.”**
- “that 20,000 AERA Voting Slips for vets are ordered at a cost of \$234.85”**
- “that the draft IT Rider forms are trialled at the Quilty.”**
- “that the organising dues for the cancelled Oz Endurance ride of \$660 are refunded.”**
- “that Tom McCormack’s airfare for a site visit to Tasmania Quilty site of \$584.50 is refunded.”**
- “that Tom McCormack’s airfare to attend the Database meeting in Brisbane of \$418 is refunded.”**
- “that Karl Jorgenson is paid \$2,525.00 for the balance of the Quilty Trophy Cabinet.”**
- “that NSWERA is given permission to use the Teleconference facility at their cost.”**
- The Quilty vests have been purchased, Nigel Perkins is still working on the Hendra document and Steve Roberts has not yet started work on the Rule Book.
14. **President:** Tom stated that a lot has happened since the last meeting, most of it on the Agenda. The Code of Conduct is the most important. If it is passed on the first vote, we can have a teleconference in 3 weeks time for the second vote so that it can be in place next year.
  15. **Treasurer’s Report:** Roy has sent the financial reports and also provided handouts on state affiliation numbers. He noted that females far outnumber males. He once again stated that he is resigning and that is final. March will be his last meeting.
    - Moved** Matthew Krahnen/Sandy Little
    - That** a motion of thanks is given to Roy.
    - Voting** Carried Unanimously
  16. **Webmaster:** Elaine has suggested that we run advertising on the website. She provided some useful figures on usage statistics.
    - Moved** Anne Jones/Mathew Krahnen
    - That** we support in principal paid advertising on the AERA website
    - Voting** Carried Unanimously. Anne is to ask Elaine about policy and rates.
  17. **Veterinary Panel Report:** As far as

represents are concerned, a trot out may not be required. It is the role of the Chief Steward to interpret the rule; it is not the role of the vet. If a horse finishes the ride and comes back the Chief Steward makes a determination of the rules.

A motion was passed re vet fees. The vets want 4%. However after the Manilla Quilty we agreed that we would increase fees yearly by 2.5% or the CPI whichever is the greater.

**Moved** Garry Tweedie/Matthew Krahnen  
**That we accept the fees as recommended by the vet panel but in future wish the fee increase to be capped at 2.5% or the CPI whichever is the greater.**

**Voting** Carried. Tasmania abstained.  
The fees for 2012 will be:

80Klm - \$575

\$120Klm - \$645

\$160Klm - \$800

Marathon \$415 per day + GST for endurance accredited vets

Non accredited vet will be 75% of the accredited vet fee.

It was noted that not all states use the Body Condition Score. This should be made mandatory and will be in the new database.

Having a list of treatment vets was discussed. A training course is being held next weekend. AERA will assess how it progresses.

Matthew commented on the Hendra Virus. A policy will be written for AERA to adopt in future. In Queensland all veterinary practices have to have a policy for Hendra endorsed by the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety. It is envisioned that in the future it may be mandatory for all states. The risk of Hendra is different in all States.

A Hendra vaccine is being developed. It may not always be the be all and end all and we need to think about our approach to it.

**18. Accredited Vets:**

**Moved** QERA/SAERA

**That AERA accepts the accreditation of Luke Annetts as an Accredited Veterinarian.”; and**

**Moved** SAERA/QERA

**That AERA accepts the accreditation of Melissa Foord, Lindsay Young, Lidwien Verdegaaal, Chris Riley as Accredited Veterinarians.”**

**Voting** Carried unanimously

**19. Insurance (Visit by Beverley Wright):**

Beverley Wright attended the meeting from AON to discuss our insurance options for next year. She went out to tender through the insurance market and showed the response. An executive summary was included. AON has a long relationship with the endurance riders and they have a pretty good understanding of the sport.

For liability insurance, she has gone to 7 insurers. We are currently using Lloyds. Two insurers have responded. Since 1999 over

\$67,000 in claims has been paid. Liability claims have accounted for 20-30% of the claims at the present. There are unfinalised claims for liability relating to Yarloop (WA) and a couple of similar incidents.

Under the liability AERA and State branches, squads, members, officials etc. are covered. The limit of the indemnity is currently 20 million, 20 million for products liability, and \$100,000 cover for care, custody and control. Vets are covered as voluntary workers.

Bev continued that PA insurance has been reduced from \$30 to \$25 – down \$5. PL Insurance for Non-riding members \$5. Cost per day member is \$10. Intro ride - \$5.

Risk Management kits will also be made available to ride organisers or the website.

**Sports Underwriting:**

Sports Underwriting quoted for Liability and Professional Indemnity. Their quote is Non-adjustable. The premium is for 1641 members, premium is to be paid up front. There is no allowance for day and intro riders therefore it excludes any arrangements for day and intro riding. Bev would go back to them if necessary on how to base them. Cost per member would be \$36.00 per member.

Bev stated that there will be new legislation on 1/1/2012 where penalties apply to officers not meeting their due diligence. We must exercise “due diligence” in identifying risks and hazards, appropriate resources and processes, review incidents hazards and risks, OH & S laws and compliance up to date, also undertaking audits.

Directors and Officers: Association Liability insurance. Recommend that we consider that AERA increase the limit of liability to more than \$1 million.

CGU/Vero shared panel insurance. Statutory liability has been added.

Ace insurance: provided an Elite Management Liability. Some differences and exclusions. Premium is cheaper but has less cover.

Forefront Management Liability through SLE: no entity cover. The club's policy is too expensive.

Sports Underwriting: the premium is reasonably cheap but doesn't have as much cover as we would probably need.

Associations Liability QBE: doesn't cover much more than the associations liability. Premium is around \$20k.

Edge Management Liability: no cover for OH & S matters which fall back on the entity. Cost wise and cover-wise it is competitive.

In the end, Bev advised that there is really only two to look at – option 1 and 6. Others



are not in the running.

Three PA Voluntary Workers quotes were received. These are the people who registered on the day as volunteers.

ACE supplied a quote. Limit of 85 years of age. Premium is about the same as last year.

Accident Health: variation in conditions is people over 65 people permanent disablement reduces to a paraplegia / quadriplegia cover. On par with the Ace policy. A bit cheaper than the ACE policy.

Sports Underwriting: will only pay out 80% of the salary, others are 85%. No partial weekly benefit. Age limit is 65. Members/volunteers combined policy is provided.

PA members: Two policies: one for adults and one for the Juniors.

Claims/premiums ratio is about 120% which is why the insurer increases the premium. They have to take into account all of the expenses, i.e. administration. This year is better than last year, but last year was about 120%. 24/7 coverage is available for non-income earning equestrian activities. In an official event, a rider that is being paid is covered under the policy, but not whilst training.

ACE: is mandatory for all members. Same as last year: adults \$70, Jnrs \$18.40. They have Reduced cover whilst at official events: Adults \$60, Jnr \$18.40.

Accident and Health: optional cover – opt in or opt out. Age limit 80 years. Adults \$70, Jnr \$16. Cover whilst attending events/ activities: Adults \$45, Jnr \$15.

Sports Underwriting:

Payable annually up front.

Weekly benefits of 80% of earnings.

Age limit up to 65. Mandatory take up by all members.

Non medicare expenses if \$5k up to 85%.

Bev's example Combined policy: Clubs \$94, members \$67.50.

Commercial: Quilty Cup and belt buckles.

The AES tent needs to be specified under the policy, so it's not covered.

The Premium is \$2,812.10, which is about 20% increase.

The Quilty Cup should be accompanied. It is not covered if it's in a car that's unlocked.

The Buckle value needs to be reviewed.

With Public Liability, we have a decision to make between the 1<sup>st</sup> quote and the 6<sup>th</sup> quote. The first is the existing one. Cover is the same as the previous year..

The Sports Underwriting option is a complete package and cannot be broken up. The

claims history is at the back of the folder and the claims flow chart is also available. It will be a requirement that incorporated clubs will still need to complete the financial statements.

Bev noted that a Certificate of Currency had been manually readjusted by a person. This constitutes fraud. Under no circumstances are the C of C's to be altered. It is very simple to change by contacting AON.

Aon sponsorship remains at \$2,500 for 2012 and Bev is OK to get the sponsorship done for the corflute signs. Bev left the meeting and Tom opened the discussion around the table.

It would be better to stay with the existing insurer for Public Liability. We know what we're getting and it is \$5 per head cheaper. Associations liability has remained unchanged.

Gary stated at the NSWERA SMC it was resolved that following direction from members at 2 AGM's, NSW would like to opt out of the PA Insurance. This would mean that several states would have to go back to their members. Most delegates also thought that it would drive premiums up in subsequent years. Roy stated that PA was brought in because too many people were claiming through the PL policy. Once the PA was introduced there was a substantial reduction in the PL insurance claims.

PA claims are 120% more than what is being paid and they have been making 100% on the PL policy which has kept our premiums low. We have to represent our states but we are also here as a national body and make a democratic decision on the majority view of the membership. By taking the premium that allows us to opt out of PA, it costs more money for fewer benefits. Some of the quotes will not let us split the policies.

**Moved** Gary Tweedie/

**That** the AERA accept the Members Personal Accident Insurance Policy offered by Accident and Health insurers for their Optional Personal Accident proposal.

The motion lapsed due to the absence of a seconder.

**Moved** Matthew Krahnen/Sandy Little

**That** AERA renew the current insurance policies (Public Liability, Associations Liability, Personal Accident and Commercial) as tabled and discussed.

**Voting:** NSW – abstain, Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes. Motion Carried.

**20. Appointment of Insurance Officer:**

**Moved** Katrina Westerhoff/Melanie Scott

**That** Sonya Ruprecht is appointed as the AERA Insurance Officer."

**Voting** Qld – Yes, Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, WA – Yes, Vic – Yes. Motion Carried

**Moved** Debbie Grull/Dorte Colja  
**That** the new insurance officer be appointed for 12 months after which it will be reviewed and the honorarium reviewed at this time

**Voting** Qld – Yes, Tas – Yes, SA – Yes, WA – Yes, Vic – Yes. Motion Carried.

21. **CS/TPR/Horse Welfare/Medication Control:** Dorte has done a spreadsheet on IVT's. She does not think that she has received them all. Each state should have portfolio positions for Horse Welfare. Chief Stewards should send all IVT's to the portfolio holder who should then send them to Dorte.

Dorte will try to put an education package together for Chief Stewards with the view to maintaining currency. All states should list their Chief Stewards and keep the list updated. CS should do at least 1 ride per year. TPR requirements cease when a person becomes a Chief Steward. One idea is to star rate Chief Stewards.

Chief Steward records should be kept up to date and Dorte will design a template of all documents that should be maintained. It was agreed that 2 years was a reasonable timeframe to complete accreditation. Melanie suggested that one qualifying ride should be interstate or out of the local area.

Dorte stated that QERA has kept the trial of the disciplinary code running. They have found it to be a deterrent for bad behaviour if they are threatened with a yellow or red card. It also provides a chain that connects riders with strappers.

QERA will bring a motion to the next meeting about the disciplinary code with supporting documentation. In the meantime all states are to consult with their SMC's.

Dorte is to write to Chief Stewards in regards to leg distances and novice times.

The Endurance Medication Control Protocol is now with Warwick Vale being reviewed.

Dorte has re-written the section on feeding as endurance horses require feed between legs and is therefore different to other disciplines. The signature of the responsible person can also be different. Tom is to work with Dorte on tidying it up and keeping it updated.

22. **Notification of Horse Deaths:** All horse deaths have been notified according to the procedures and inquiries held. All paperwork has been taken into consideration and no further action is required.

23. **Leg Distance and Speed at Victorian Rides**

**Moved** Dorte Colja/Matthew Krahnen  
**That** the Moyston ride in Victoria records be amended to a total distance of 85km and records amended accordingly

**Voting** Qld – Yes, WA – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – abstain, Tas – Yes, NSW – Yes. Motion

carried.

Anne is to advise Jo Bailey and Janeen Smith. Chief Stewards need to be aware of the distance of legs as they relate to the rules.

24. **FEL Ride Compulsory Swabbing:** Swabbing is compulsory at FEL rides and is part of the EA Agreement. FEL officials organise swabbing without advising the SMC's and Ride Organisers, and then expect them to pay. Queensland has a swabbing levy so do not care what type of ride it is. States need to be aware and allocate money for swabbing. They need to decide who pays, Unused kits have to be returned. Bills in future will be sent to the Treasurer of the State. .

25. **AeraSpace (Database):** Steve Swan attended the meeting from 3.25pm. He spoke about the progress to date on the database. The timeline on the final specifications is about 2 weeks then programming will commence. Existing data will be imported and testing will start with the Registrars. There will be a Ride Management System to work at rides, then the Website will be where division SMCs, or AERA, would access information to different levels. The website will be similar to the existing one – anybody can access ride results. SMC members or AERA will be able to access other info like EWS and point scores – different levels of logon.

Madeline Fisher has been fantastic and very supportive. Steve has spent quite a lot of time with her and she has put a lot of otherwise abstract thoughts into a concrete form. Good feedback has been received from other people: Dee, Bronwyn, Jo Bailey, Sonya from NSW. We will continue to keep in touch with them.

AeraSpace has been registered.

Ride organisers send the results to the state division person. State division "cleanses" the system to ensure the results are correct and matches up horses and members. The Division registrar then sends info to the national registrar who will import the results. The platform will be Microsoft SQL.

Steve gave a demonstration of the progress made to date'

All states memberships will have six numbers. This is to be able to cope with future growth. Horses will lose the three letter prefix.

**Moved** Dorte Colja/Sarah Adams  
**That** the AERA reimburses QERA for the 2012 membership for Steve Swan, Madeline and Geoff Fisher.

**Voting** Carried unanimously.

**Moved** Dorte Colja/Kerry Spratt  
**That** the AERA purchase a \$250 gift voucher, each, for Madeline Fisher and Steve Swan as a token

**of thanks for their work on the new AERA database.**

**Voting** Carried unanimously.

It may be necessary to have another meeting between Steve, Peter and Ian Blucher. Otherwise, the trial DB could be sent to Ian for comment. It will also be necessary to have a meeting with the ride registrars.

All the archived events of the rides that have been held in Australia need to be put into the new system. One of the things that makes data entry easy is for the person doing the entry to have the screen and the page's visual layout similar. It would be really good if we could have membership forms and ride entry forms as a standard format. Each division could put their own logo on the form.

The DB will be the property of the AERA. The intellectual property will belong to AERA.

Steve has already started on a new version which includes electronic timing. At an event, the vets could have a tablet PC. No logbooks. Horses are scanned and the logbook page appears on the tablet. Details are completed on the PC tablet. Electronically transferred and printed logbook page that could be glued into the logbook.

**International:**

**EA-AERA Agreement:** The final EA-AERA agreement has not been received from EA. Passports will definitely be required for 2012 and there could be other issues regarding membership requirements.

**Positive Swabs:** EA Medication Control Protocol is required for all rides. AERA will be responsible for disciplinary action if a positive swab is identified at an AERA ride, EA disciplinary procedures are to be used at an FEI ride.

**26.3 World Youth Event:** The rider agreements have been signed. QERA stated that \$3,000 was given to Queensland Riders from the International Fund. NSW gave \$1,500.

**26.4 Squad:** The Selection was announced for the TransTasman to be held in March  
TransTasman Team 2011

**Junior:**

Brooke Brown Cordell Tas

Erin Krahnert Qld

Reserve: Noni Seagram NSW

**Senior:**

Jane Radny WA

Stephen Gray Qld

Reserve: Wendy Dower Vic

Chef d'Equipe: Linda Tanian Vic

Roy is to pay for 2 jackets at a cost of \$440.

The Squad membership fees are to be looked at. A large focus of the Squad next year will be on education.

**26.5 International Funding:** Once the issues with EA are sorted out a workshop will be held on the International arm of the sport and how it

can be funded.

**27. Rule Changes**

**27.1 Motions for Second Vote**

**10.1.1 Autopsies**

**That subject to any amendments from the Vet Panel, V16.4, 16.5 and 16.7 be amended to read:**

**(Amended Motion from the vet panel)**

**V16.4 If any horse living or deceased at an endurance ride is suspected to have Hendra Virus infection, the appropriate investigative and management measures must be taken according to the relevant state government guidelines.**

**V16.5 In the event of an equine death, in principle, a necropsy should be conducted. Prior to any necropsy being performed, the veterinarian must complete a risk assessment to establish whether the procedure can be conducted without presenting an unacceptable risk to human or animal health and wellbeing. In particular, the risk of zoonotic disease must be assessed.**

**Should the risk assessment indicate that an unacceptable risk is present, the necropsy is not to be conducted. In this case, the veterinarian must provide a report which is as comprehensive as possible, detailing the clinical condition of the horse and any diagnosis made.**

**Where the risk assessment indicates that a necropsy is able to be conducted, the following procedures shall be followed:**

all observations at the necropsy must be accurately recorded;  
samples should be taken from target organs as appropriate to the circumstances;  
blood samples should be collected if possible and submitted to a recognised laboratory for histopathology, haematology and metabolic profile ;  
catastrophe report must be completed.

**V16.6 A necropsy** should divide cases into two main categories:

- a) Accidental-type death due to trauma or some pre-existing problem that has reappeared under exercise conditions;
- b) Metabolic-type death. These are the cases about which we know little and gross pathology may be quite normal. In these cases thorough collection of samples for histopathology is most important.

**V16.8 The veterinarian shall pass all fees for the treatment, euthanasia and necropsy to the owner**

The rule should be about following the prevailing advice from the relative government department. Need to have some sort of ruling that if the HV is suspected. There is no mention of quarantine in the recommendations/rules. Is an autopsy necessary for every horse death? Should an



autopsy be performed on a horse that has been euthenised because of a broken leg. Could we say that all horse deaths because of a metabolic collapse have an autopsy/necropsy?

If it's a Hendra issue, vets need to conform to the proper protective gear. If it is not a Hendra issue, the vets may choose not to use the P2 etc. gear.

**Voting:** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule

#### 27.2 VERA Motion 1 – Early Vetting.

**Rule V5.3. On presentation, if the horse's heart rate exceeds the maximum set for that leg of the ride, the horse it will be eliminated. Horses that do not meet the heartrate criteria on presentation will be eliminated.**

**Voting:** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule 2012.

#### 27.3 QERA Motion 1

**“that H5.3 is amended to read:**

**H5.3 A novice horse may only enter a maximum of four affiliated endurance rides of between 80 and 120 kilometres inclusive in any 90 day period, retrospective from the date of the ride to be entered, and only 2 rides in any 22 day period.**

**Voting:** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule 2012.

#### 27.3 QERA Motion 2

**“that Rule A17.4d be deleted.”**

**Voting:** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule 2012.

#### 27.4 Ride Suspension

**That A11.4cii is amended to read:**

**ii. suspend the ride by extending the hold time for a period sufficient to allow the relevant issues to be resolved. The ride suspension should not exceed 2 hours but may be extended when there is a reasonable expectation that the ride can be re-commenced without compromising the health and welfare of the horses, competitors, ride officials and volunteers.**

**Voting:** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule 2012.

#### 27.5 Represents

**That H14.2 and V1.8 be amended to read**

**At the discretion of the HV any horse may be required to represent for a metabolic assessment in the period of 1-2 hours after the horse finishes the ride. This assessment does not involve a trot out. The status of the horse's completion at the end of the ride cannot be altered unless**

**the horse subsequently receives IT, in which case, Rule H24.6 shall govern whether the completion status may be altered.**

Proposed amendment from the Vet Panel

It was considered by the meeting that this was not an appropriate change to that rule. We thought that the intent probably was to stop horses being vetted out lame after having already passed the end of ride veterinary examination. However, it was not considered appropriate to limit the type of examination conducted by the veterinarians; in particular it was not appropriate to explicitly prevent a horse from being trotted out at that time – there are many reasons why it might be useful to trot a horse, eg if it is tying up, if it has become uncomfortable etc. Therefore we propose an amendment to this motion to go back to AERA:

**That H14.2 and V1.8 be amended to read**

**At the discretion of the Head Veterinarian, any horse may be required to re-present for a veterinary examination in the period 1-2 hours after each horse finishes its ride. The status of the horse's completion at the end of the ride cannot be altered unless the horse subsequently receives IT, in which case, Rule H24.6 shall govern whether the completion status may be altered.**

The issue is to not allow a vet to vet out a horse post two hours. Some vets are calling for a represent and then asking for a trot-out, and marking the logbook that the horse was lame. The vet is not changing the status of the completion, they are recording that the horse is lame in the logbook. Some riders do not want this recorded on a represent. It would be up to the Chief Steward to advise the vet not to do this. It comes back to the people at the event and the Chief Steward.

The CS needs to step in and lay some ground rules prior to the commencement of the event.

If a vet has a genuine concern, the vets will flag the concern prior to the horse leaving the vet ring. Horses passing a vet check, it may be unreasonable to keep asking the horse to come back. It is not appropriate for a vet to require a detailed description as to the nature of the horse's logbook.

Ride organisers should check with the HV and CS when a rider requests their logbook to enable them to leave early, prior to releasing the logbook.

A pre-ride meeting between the ride organisers, CS and vet should be held and protocols explained prior to the commencement of the event.

Voting on the motion submitted by the NVP.

Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. New Rule 2012.

## **28. Motions for Discussion and First Vote**

### **28.1 VERA Motion 1**

#### **Rule V5 page 37**

The VERA SMC moves that the following clause be added to rule V5.

**“At the discretion of the head vet and chief steward the actual time of presentation may be entered in the ‘vet time’ space in the logbook or vet card.”**

#### **Rationale:**

The VERA SMC strongly believes that having the actual present time recorded in the logbook or card would be of great benefit. Easy reference to the time taken to ‘strap’ the horse gives a vet a better view of the where the horse is metabolically.

The recording of the actual present time would be optional. This addition to the rules has the strong support of VERA.

**Voting:** Qld – no, WA – no, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – no. Motion lost.

### **28.2 VERA Motion 2**

#### **Rule H11 page 28.**

The VERA SMC moves that the following changes be made to rule H11 2. This rule relates to the control of stallions at rides and would read as follows.

**“Stallions must be under control with a suitable bit or mechanical hackamore (not including a halter), when outside their yards, being led at ride bases or when being ridden at any time before, during or after an endurance event.”**

#### **Rationale:**

The VERA SMC believes that the existing rule regarding control of stallions is not strong enough and does not give ride organisers and chief stewards clear direction. Removing the recommendation, defining the means of control, (suitable bit or mechanical hackamore), and including a ‘before and after’ will provide ride administrators with all necessary powers.

Removing it as a recommendation. Defining the means of control. Perhaps re-word the present rule. Horse racing, all horses must be lead in a bit. And we allow discretionary use for stallions. From time to time, if a stallion is problematic, it’s a major cause for concern.

This has such significance to so many people; perhaps this should go to the AGMs for discussions.

**Recommendation: that the above motion is forwarded to the states for discussion.**

### **28.3 AERA Motion – Social Internet Media**

#### **That Rule M1.3.1 is added**

**Members, ride officials, ride committees, their family and friends must not use social networking or the internet to bring the sport into disrepute. For example, all persons must refrain from posting**

**disparaging, harassing, bullying or other inappropriate comments and/or material via electronic media, including, but not limited to chat lists, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It is also considered a breach of the Members Code of Conduct if you assist someone else to breach this Code of Conduct.**

#### **Rationale:**

More and more sporting associations are being confronted with problems arising from inappropriate use of internet networking media by members and other associated persons.

The first platform to counter this inappropriate use is to ensure that our Member Code of Conduct specifically forbids such inappropriate use.

The AERA would like all States to discuss this motion with a view to avoid the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote and bring it in for the start of 2012.

Kerry is of the opinion that this is not a rule change. It is already a crime to do this.

Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – yes, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – yes. Carried. Passed first vote.

It was agreed that an email vote would be held prior to the end of the year for a second voting and discussion of this rule to enable this rule to be enacted from the beginning of 2012, if necessary.

### **28.4 Motion 1 from NVP**

**Rule V16.3 should include a further point eg**

**V16.3 f) The owner should contact their insurance company and receive permission for the euthanasia to be conducted. If the insurance company cannot be contacted, the veterinarian should make and record reasonable attempts to confer with veterinary colleagues to seek their opinion of the necessity to euthanase.**

**Rationale:** Rule 16.2 is not really relevant or true, being extremely simplistic, therefore could be removed. In some cases PM examinations have been carried out to gather information so as to be able to apportion blame for the death. It was considered a more useful exercise to analyse treatment records and find out what we had been doing right for all the other horses to survive!

There could be too much delay. Part of the IV forms, state that all effort must be made. It is more of a matter between the owner and the insurance company. Pat believes it should relate more to the vet IVT form..

**Voting:** Qld – No, NSW – No, WA – Yes, SA – No, Vic – No, Tas – No. Motion Lost.

### **28.5 Motion 2 from NVP**

**Propose a new rule: could replace A13.6**

**It is the Ride Organiser's responsibility to ensure horse health and welfare are protected at the ride. The Ride Organiser will liaise and negotiate with the head Veterinarian at least 4 weeks before the ride to ensure there is adequate treatment for horses available at the ride. This will include provision of equipment, facilities, consumables and competent personnel to cover expected treatments.**

**Rationale:** There must be provision made for adequate and competent treatment of endurance horses at all rides, from championship events through to small local rides. Endurance horses can suffer many, complicated, metabolic and physical problems at any of these rides, and each ride must have the capacity to provide treatment for these horses, to ensure horse health and welfare are optimised. It is the Ride Organiser's responsibility to put in place processes for this to happen.

Each situation will differ, such that negotiation between the RO and Head Vet should lead to the best option for treatment, whether that is an onsite fully equipped, staffed hospital, or the provision of emergency first aid before referral to another site. The RO should be aware of the costs involved and if necessary underwrite those costs so that veterinarians are not left with large bills, as has happened in the past.

The first sentence is not necessary. Make it 11.7. Cut and paste 13.6 =, make 11-8

**The Ride Organiser will liaise and negotiate with the head Veterinarian at least 4 weeks before the ride to ensure there is adequate treatment for horses available at the ride. This will include provision of equipment, facilities, consumables and competent personnel to cover expected treatments.**

It will become A11.3. Rule A13.6 changed to A11.4 existing 11.3 onwards to be renumbered from 11.5

**Voting:** Qld – Yes, WA – Yes, SA – Yes, Vic – Yes, Tas – Yes, NSW – Yes. Motion carried and will be returned for a second vote.

#### 28.6 WAERA Motion 1

**That the Middleweight Riding Division be changed to all-up riding weight of 75kg and over at pre-ride weigh-in. This automatically creates the situation that Lightweight is All-up riding weight of less than 75kg at the pre-ride weigh-in.**

**Rationale:** This change would bring Australia into line with International Rules.

Endurance in Australia needs to move with current requirements.

Australia is the only country in the world with a separate rule system in endurance. We

need to be proactive with bringing about change to bring us in line with the rest of the world. This gives our riders the opportunity to manage this now in readiness for these changes.

This change would encourage Lightweight riders on the cusp of Lightweight/Middleweight divisions who wished to ride middleweight to regularly weigh up'. They, and their horses, are then prepared and have the experience of carrying weight, if required, to compete at an International level.

The general way of thinking here in this country is to leave things as they have always been. This is very negative for the progress of this sport in this country.

If this is introduced at the beginning of a year it would not affect point scores etc.

Horses can now accumulate distance in all divisions so this would not be affected.

It was agreed to take this to the AGMs to discuss,

#### Discussion Items

##### 29.1 National Newsletter

A letter that was received from a member regarding the feasibility of a National Magazine was discussed.

**Moved That** Ieva Peters/Sarah Adams QERA put together a proposal and costs to produce 2 magazines a year, the first one ready for June.

**Voting** Carried Unanimously. QERA is offering to rebadge the June edition of their hard copy newsletter as a national edition and will come back with a proposal. The proposal will be ratified in March. It is important to consider new logos for each state.

Matthew will get Jo and Melissa's approval first then get QERA approval to use the June edition.

**29.2 Overseas Rides (NSWERA):** Confirmation that rides done overseas can be recognised as part of a rider's qualifications in Australia. For example: 80k rides overseas can be used by novice riders to qualify as endurance riders in Australia. Yes, with support documentation

##### 29.3 VGIH Heartrates/Novice Horses

**(NSWERA):** How do we reconcile the rule permitting heartrates to be 60 bpm at VGIH rides, in the case of novice horses? Under this criteria a horse could pass the vetcheck and qualify with a heartrate higher than 55? Please note that we are not suggesting 55 bpm is an appropriate HR for VGIH. It's more about the novice horse qualification issue.

The point was made that novices cannot enter FEI Rides. Novice horses are all about Novice times not heartrates and is all about riding at minimum times. The extra heartrate is set off against the vetting times – 30



minutes vs, 20 minutes. The only time the heartrate is mentioned is in training rides..

- 29.4 Proposed New Logo:** Adopt new proposed AERA logo – yes or no.  
Apart from Qld are any other Divisions going to adopt the new proposed logo for their Division?

Ieva commented that when the logos were sent around she got in touch with Jo, who redesigned the logo for them and they will take it to their AGM. Jo will change colours and horses as wanted.

**Moved** Matthew Krahnen/Ieva Peters

**That AERA amends the logo to the proposed new one with agreed changes**

**Voting:** Qld – Yes, WA – Yes, SA – No, Vic – Yes, Tas – Yes, NSW – Yes. Motion Carried.

- 29.5 New Rider IVT forms:**

**Moved** Melanie Scott/Liz Rutherford

**That the new IVT forms are adopted**

**Voting** Carried Unanimously.

#### **Tom Quilty**

##### **SA Tom Quilty**

AERA will continue to assist the ride organisers and try to support them as much as possible in the holding of the event. It was felt that the AERA/SA Quilty committee relationship was quite good.

The AERA delegates should wear some sort of identification so that the members know that the AERA is assisting at the Quilty.

- Chief Steward's Report:** All Quilty vets should be experienced vets and any vet that is vetting at the Quilty should have done at least 4 events prior to the Quilty date.

James Vowles did an excellent job at the SA Quilty. James did a lot of research regarding the Hendra Virus and how to cope with potential problems.

- 30.3** Profit and loss also needs to be submitted to AERA.

Meeting Closed on Saturday at 6.40 p.m.

- 30.4 Tasmanian Tom Quilty:** The cost of buckles was discussed. A better quality buckle has been purchased and the costs will be passed on. Additional costs for place buckles and long distance buckles are not passed on. A discussion was held on the entry fees, and late entry fees. Full payment is required by 25<sup>th</sup> May. Entries open on 1<sup>st</sup> February, All entries should be received by 12<sup>th</sup> May and late entries will incur a \$100 late entry fee. Refunds will be paid less \$100.

Jackie has quoted \$70 each for vet vests.

The vet number should be added and the vest should be green with white lettering. Melanie thinks she may be able to get sponsorship for the vests from Provet.

**Moved** Ieva Peters/Dorte Colja

**That Provet are asked to sponsor the vet vests and that the AERA will organise 20 vests**

**Voting:** Carried unanimously

- 30.5 Queensland Tom Quilty:** Matthew stated that the venue is good and there is a new infrastructure after the floods including a new arena and administration building. He rode there and it was a very competitive ride with the front runners completing 80km in 4:10. There is not a lot in Kilkivan but it is close to other towns.

**Moved** Ieva Peters/Sarah Adams

**That the Quilty Event Standards**

**Agreement, Q4 4.2 should read:**

**“that the Head veterinarian for the ride shall be an AERA Inc. State Honorary Vet.**

**Voting** Carried. Queensland abstained.

Melanie commented that as the AERA is paying for the vet we must have a say. Matthew rang the ride organisers who stated that they would accept Brian Sheahan

- 30.6 Tom Quilty Working Party:** The Pat Slater Cup Eligibility and format will be looked at.

**Moved** Sandy Little/Liz Rutherford

**That AERA purchases 5 Pat Slater Cups to be billed to the States one per year.**

**Voting** Qld – yes, WA – yes, SA – no, Vic – yes, Tas – yes, NSW – Yes. Carried.

- 30.7 External Contractual Agreements made by the Quilty Committee:** Quilty Committees should advise AERA if external contractual arrangements are made. This will avoid situations that occurred this year with photographers.

- 30.8 Presentation Ceremony:** Debbie outlined her ideas and the Quilty Working Party will look at it.

- 30.9 Quilty Teams event:** There was no saving to AERA for the D-Lua Park sponsorship. AERA still have to purchase the goblets. AERA will put the sponsorship out to tender on the proviso that the goblets are sponsored and the sponsor may also donate product. Goblets cost \$272. The AERA will offer \$300 for Naming Rights get naming rights and an invitation to hand out the product. D-Lua Park has the right for the first refusal.

#### **40. Correspondence**

- 40.1 Further correspondence from John Robertson:** Anne is to reply

- 40.2 Letter from NSWERA re ride dates:** Anne is to write and advise that we will continue to promote state rides and events but we cannot guarantee co-ordination on Long Weekends.

- 40.3 Letter from Ross McCamish re horse health:** Anne is to thank Ross for his letter and suggestions

- 40.4 Correspondence** from Fia Haskow-Stewart and Ian Curtis re a dispute with NSW. In Camera

**Next Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**  
**Meeting Closed: 1:10 p.m.**

# Zone Reports

## Zone One AGM and Presentation

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January saw us all gathered at Joe and Marita Rifai's place for the Zone One AGM and presentation.

Loads of people were there and we got the AGM underway with the old Committee standing down. Volunteers for the new committee were Marita Rifai, Marlee Turnbull, Sue Todd, Faith Robinson, Stephanie Grolimund, Paul Farmer, Charlie Gauci, Bronwyn Monahan, Greg Moore, Christine Schipp, Cherry Cummins, Casey Holtem. Bronwyn and Christine have helped Zone One at so many rides on checkpoints and timekeeping and it was fantastic to see the young NSW members Cherry Cummins and Casey Holtem joining in ..... we hope that they will enjoy putting back into our sport and have a lot of fun along the way. The new Zone One Office Bearers are:-

President	Marlee Turnbull
Vice President & Zone Delegate	Greg Moore
Treasurer and Membership	Stephanie Grolimund
Secretary	Sue Todd

Tony Warren was thanked for his time as President and Zone Delegate from which he has had to step down due to work commitments and we now look forward to the youth, enthusiasm and incredible ability to juggle home, babies, work and riding of our new President, Marlee Turnbull.

We partied and ate for a while after the meeting and then Marlee, who had done such a great job with the rugs and puffer pads, conducted the presentation as well as giving an outline of the upcoming limited distance register that Zone One is holding in 2012.

The 2011 Pointscore winners who received embroidered light combos and embroidered puffer pads were:-

Junior Rider and One Horse/One Rider	Andrew Mackinder
Lightweight Rider and One Horse/One Rider	Cherry Cummins
Middleweight Rider and One Horse/One Rider	Dave Player
Heavyweight Rider and One Horse/One Rider	Sue Warren

If you would like to join Zone One, please contact Steph on [stephanie.grolimund@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.grolimund@gmail.com) and become a financial member for \$15. Remember you get \$5 off your entry fee to any Zone One ride. Membership will entitle you to be part of the pointscore and be on a Zone One team as part of the Zone Competition. Zone One rides for 2012 are:

- Zone One Trainers or limited distance rides on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February,
- Q60 on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March,
- Arab Trainer at Horsley Park on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March,
- Careflight at St Albans on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June,
- Putty on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Shahzada from Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.



Sue Warren with Marlee Turnbull



Top: Andrew Mackinder winner of the Zone One Junior division receiving his award from Marlee Turnbull—President of Zone One.

Above: Cherry Cummins winner of the Zone One Lightweight division receiving her rug from Marlee Turnbull.

Right: Jo Rifai enjoying the Zone One presentation evening.





## Zone 2—Central West

The Central West Zone 2 held their AGM and Award Presentation at the Gulgong Bowling Club on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012, with an excellent turnout. Thanks to everyone who attended.

We welcomed the 2012 Committee with Kym Hagon as President, Haydn Fisher as Vice President, Melissa Atwell as Secretary, Neroli Mitchell as Treasurer, Haydn Fisher as Zone 2 Delegate, Dianne Luker as Points scorer and Deanna Trevena as Publicity Officer.

The members thanked the outgoing Committee for their dedication to the zone last year. A special thank you must go to Neroli for organizing the AGM/presentation.

The award presentation was followed by the AGM, followed by lunch.

Lovely black etched glass trophies were awarded to the following 2011 point score place getters:

Heavyweight:   1<sup>st</sup>   Con Bouziannis  
                      2<sup>nd</sup>   Phil Coleman  
                      3<sup>rd</sup>   Peter Bonham

Middleweight:   1<sup>st</sup>   Sonya Bonham  
                      2<sup>nd</sup>   Ray Griffiths  
                      3<sup>rd</sup>   April Bonham

Lightweight:    1<sup>st</sup>   Sue Todd  
                      2<sup>nd</sup>   Lydia Thomson  
                      3<sup>rd</sup>   Julie Brooks

Junior:           1<sup>st</sup>   Mia Bowdewes  
                      2<sup>nd</sup>   Justin Pilley  
                      3<sup>rd</sup>   Indigo Noonan

Horseland Dubbo helped out with some very nice embroidered cotton rugs. These were awarded to One Horse/One Rider winners in all divisions

Heavyweight:   Phil Coleman  
Middleweight:   Katrina Bowdewes  
Lightweight:    Sue Todd  
Junior:           Mia Bowdewes

Congratulations to all our 2011 winners

ENTRY TO THE ZONE 2 POINTSCORE COMPETITION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AREA MEMBERS - THE MORE ZONE 2 RIDES YOU COMPLETE THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES.

At this stage the 2012 rides that count towards the Zone 2 Pointscore are as follows:

Tooraweenah   15 April 2012  
Mudgee        20 May 2012  
Manilla Muster 5-9 June 2012  
Freemantle    4-5 August 2011  
Bendemeer     22-23 September 2011

So get riding and support our Zone 2 rides in 2012. For more information, ideas, membership forms—please contact any of the Zone 2 committee.

# Snowy Zone 4

The Snowy Mountain Zone, Zone 4 held its AGM, End of year presentations and barbeque at the "McCormack Conference Centre" Yass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January. It was very pleasing to see such a large number of members showing an interest in how our Zone is going. We currently have 67 members of which approximately 40 made the effort to attend, some of whom travelled long distances.

The AGM was brief and to the point culminating in the election of the new committee as follows:

President: Louise McCormack;

Vice President: Stuart Lymbery;

Secretary: Noni Seagrim;

Treasurer: Ann Lymbery;

Publicity: Colleen Clancy;

Zone Delegate: Steve Roberts;

Fund Raising & Sponsorship: Fia Haskow-Stewart;

Pointscore & Membership: Angelina Patterson.

Snowy Zone Rides for this year are:

3<sup>rd</sup> May. The Rock 80 40 & 20kms

27<sup>th</sup> May Gundagai 80 & 40kms

22 July Coolamon 80 40 & 20kms

16<sup>th</sup> September Woodstock 80 40 & 20kms

29<sup>th</sup> Sept-1<sup>st</sup> Oct (Oct Long Weekend) Harden 2 x 80 40 & 20kms

28<sup>th</sup> Oct Brookvale 80 40 & 20km

The Snowy Zone Championships will be at The Rock, also on a date to be determined.

Gundagai ride has moved from its traditional Anzac weekend due to the State Championships and unfortunately Tumbarumba committee made the decision to cancel their ride, traditionally held on the Easter weekend, due to another ride on the same weekend.

The ordinary meeting that followed the AGM was a bit of a marathon effort with long discussions on where our sport is going. Members are very concerned about issues such as membership numbers, the growth of endurance and the value of the current insurance.

Left to right Lisa Counsell, Louise Counsell, Melissa O'Brien, Stuart Lymbery, Colleen Clancy and Kym Hagon and their horses at the Double Dan Horsemanship Clinic at Wagga.





After the meeting came the all-important Pointscore Presentations with results as follows.

One Horse One Rider – Kadimah Park Hamelech & Colleen Clancy

MIDDLEWEIGHT –      1<sup>ST</sup> – Colleen Clancy  
                                      2<sup>ND</sup> – Talea Hasko Stewart  
                                      3<sup>RD</sup> –Annette Bailey

HEAVYWEIGHT -        1<sup>ST</sup> – Stuart Lymbery  
                                      2<sup>ND</sup> – Peter Norman  
                                      3<sup>RD</sup> – Belinda Hopley

LIGHTWEIGHT -        =1<sup>ST</sup> – Sue Todd & Ali McGrath  
                                      2<sup>ND</sup> – Adeline Gibson  
                                      3<sup>RD</sup> - Shelly Ison

JUNIOR -                 1<sup>ST</sup> – Ellen Vine  
                                      2<sup>ND</sup> – Courtney Lewis  
                                      3<sup>RD</sup> –Jeremy Banwell

Congratulations to all recipients of these awards.

Why not join the Snowy Mountains Zone? Membership is only \$10.00 per year and you get \$5.00 discount off your entry into all Snowy Zone Rides plus the opportunity to compete in the annual pointscore for some fabulous prizes. A membership application form is included in this newsletter or contact Angelina Patterson on (02) 6948 5188 or email [marsto@bordnet.com.au](mailto:marsto@bordnet.com.au)

Many thanks to all who took the time to attend the AGM and a special Thank You to Tom and Lou McCormack who once again welcomed us into their home for the meeting and barbeque.

Also of interest is what some endurance riders get up to during the off season! Some of the Snowy Zone riders enjoyed some riding on Cooradigbee Station near Wee Jasper. They included Angelina Patterson, Annette and Andrew Bailey.

Others spent a few days riding around Kosciuszko National Park. This group consisted of Stuart, Anne and



Sarah Lymbery, Col and Bridie Lewis, Shelley Ison and Peter and Rhys Norman among others.

Of special interest to this writer was the Double Dan Horsemanship Clinic held at Wagga in early February.

Of the eighteen horses in attendance, five were from endurance families. Lisa and Louise Counsell brought two horses, Stuart Lymbery brought a young mare, Kym Hagon brought a lovely three year old colt and Colleen Clancy brought her five year old Brumby stallion. Melissa O'Brien attended as an observer.



All horses and handlers derived enormous benefit from the two days training. The Double Dan show on Wednesday night was very entertaining and educational also. Kym Hagon was a big hit with both Dans after the show when he brought out his guitar and gave a rendition of "Why Does My Horse Shy?" among other songs. His jokes also went down very well with all clinic participants on the Thursday. So much so that 'Dans' videoed him and he is now on their website telling one of his jokes. To view it go to DDTV Funny Joke on you tube or have a look at the Double Dan Facebook page. Very funny.

**Colleen Clancy**, Publicity Officer, Snowy Mountains Zone.

Above: Angelina Patterson in the foreground with Annette and Andrew Bailey behind during the trip to Cooradigbee Station.

Below: Colleen Clancy and her Brumby stallion Milo at the Double Dan Horsemanship Clinic at Wagga.



## Meeting Notes on NSW ERA Meeting of 25 November 2012

Present: Tom Perkins Snr (Chairman), Carol Griffiths, Gay Bonham, John Howe, Glenda Edwards, Haydn Fisher, Marlee Turnbull, Belinda Hopley, Peter Grelck, Kerry Spratt,

Apologies: Tom McCormack, Gary Tweedie.

In attendance: Helen Rich (minutes), Sonya Ruprecht (left the meeting at 9.48).

### Equitana 2011 Report

Marlee reported that it was very successful. Lots of people came into the stand. Lots of helpers.

Gay went on to explain more on Equitana and asked for a vote of thanks to Marlee for all the work that she did. Gay asked for a letter of thanks to go to Kym for his work.

Equitana – Gay Bonham emailed report. Our education sessions at Equitana were very well received. Kym Hagon spoke about endurance riding. We had a manned horse costume called “Brown Caviar” and also, our current state champion Diamond R Boston working around Kym as he spoke. Kim Hagon and Haydn Fisher were the jockeys on the real horse. There was then a vetting demo. Thanks to Kym, Kim and Haydn who were all looked great and represented endurance riding in an interesting way. Thanks to Wendy and David Porter and Elaine McIlwain and Gail Fisher for playing Brown Caviar. Thanks also to Carol Griffiths for making the costume.

### Membership Categories – GT

See Gary's report elsewhere in these minutes.

Gay said that people are asking for some sort of feedback on the survey results. They hear nothing back. Gary said that the survey is now closed. Possibly this could be officially closed by a note on the chatline.

### 2012 Membership Fees

Kerry says that we need to consider the PA insurance aspect. Tom P said that Tom Mc recommends that the fees remain the same as last year. Tom Mc has not done his numbers yet but he did say that we may have a surplus of \$10,000. Kerry said that that figure included \$14,000 of Sport and Rec money. Tom P suggests that we stay with Tom Mc's recommendation and we could, down the track, possibly adjust the ride affiliation fees to give some relief to membership fees.

Tom P said that the discussions at the past two AGM's were inconclusive. They were very close votes. He feels that to act on anything less than a proper motion (before an AGM), would be very risky.

Tom P asked Kerry to give feedback from the last AERA meeting. She said on a personal level she agrees with removing the PA insurance but the AERA don't feel the same. She feels that it was always going to price itself out. At the beginning it was \$10. It's now too expensive. However Gary and Tom did put in a serious work in trying to get the rest of the AERA to at least discuss the prospect of having an optional policy. Gary put a motion on the table but couldn't even get a seconder for the motion. Therefore it wasn't discussed properly.

Lengthy discussion took place. Below is the motion from the meeting of 14 October 2011.

**MOVED** John Howe, Gay Bonham

**THAT** based on the views expressed by the members at the previous two AGMs, NSW ERA opts out of the AERA PA insurance Policy effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

**Carried** All for the motion with the exception of Glenda Edwards who is against the motion.

**MOVED** Kerry Spratt, Belinda Hopley

**THAT** the motion shown above which was passed at the meeting of 14 October 2011 be rescinded based on the discussions held at the AERA November 2011 meeting. This discussion indicating that to proceed with the previous motion would place NSW ERA at odds with the rest of the country and create a situation of severe division amongst the States.

**Carried** Carol Griffiths, Gay Bonham, Glenda Edwards, Haydn Fisher, Marlee Turnbull, Belinda Hopley, Peter Grelck, Kerry Spratt. John Howe abstained

**MOVED** Peter Grelck, Carol Griffiths

**THAT** Membership fees for 2012 be:

Individual adult membership fees (not including the newsletter) \$160.00 incl GST;

Individual Junior membership fees (not including the newsletter) are \$110.00 incl GST; Assoc. Membership (including Newsletter) \$35.00 incl GST;

Day Membership for Training Rides is \$10.00;

Day Membership for Introductory rides be \$5.00

Family Membership fees be \$400.00 incl GST

**Carried** Unanimous

### Hendra / general health protocols

Tom P commented on the set of risk procedures that were put in place when Hendra was a threat. When it ceased to be a threat we then dropped the temperature logs. Discussing what was happening in Southern Queensland. They wanted to keep the temperature logs. Tom P said he received an email from Anne Jones detailing a motion from the AERA advising that declaration forms were in place until the AERA rescinds it. Our first ride is in February. Kerry advised that she has discussed this at AERA level. NSW is no longer obliged to keep a temperature log but it is recommended. Advise AERA that NSW does not need to do this.

### Letter Jo Bailey Horse ID

Tom P read the letter to the meeting. It concerns a horse with the horse ID of SUN2554. The owner is asking for a 1600 scroll. The horse may be a registered Arabian. All the details match the details held by the AHSA. She asks that the matter be investigated and she will not issue a scroll until she hears back from the SMC. Agreement to write to the owner and ask what the story is.

### Portfolio Position Descriptions

Tom P will be doing his annual update of the manual. If anyone has any changes or improvements that they would like to make to the PD's please let him know.

Marlee suggests that merchandise be incorporated into the promotions portfolio. Tom said that one person could hold both portfolios and the portfolios would not need to be changed. They don't have to run together.

### Service agreements (Helen & Sonya)

Tom P said that they are coming to the end of their first two year agreement periods. The rollover into next year is different. They need to make a decision whether they are going to apply for the second two year extension and the SMC has to decide whether to go ahead with this.

### AERA Delegates Meeting Report – Gary Tweedie

Insurance;

Beverley Wright from AON attended the meeting presented and discussed a quotation from AON to provide insurance for 2012. Note that AON is an Insurance broker and as such obtains various quotations from prospective insurance companies. Beverley gave an in depth explanation of the various insurance quotations and provided a summary of all quotations received by AON. It must also be noted that The AERA president approached other insurance companies and was unable to obtain any quotations at this time. The insurances included are;

- Public Liability
- Associations Liability (directors and officers)
- Voluntary Workers Personal Accident
- Members personal Accident.

Of each policy some insurance companies provided a quote and some declined.

In the Members Personal Accident Policy (PA) there were only three quotes and varied considerably.

One was for an all in policy, (The one we currently have)

One was limited and would not serve the whole of the membership, but would be optional to the membership.

The third was similar to the current policy but with exclusions and also compulsory to ALL members but more expensive than the other options.

NSW delegates raised a motion to accept the second optional PA cover. This motion lapsed due to not being seconded.

There was considerable debate on this issue and NSW put their point of view across and stated that the general membership in NSW did not want the PA compulsory cover.

No other state has had any issue with the PA and all seem OK with the current status of the PA insurance.

This was initially discussed on Friday and was also discussed again on Sunday morning. The general consensus at the meeting was why would NSW want to opt out of PA.

I must clarify at this point that Beverley Wright provided details of all claims that AON have handled from our insurances over the past seven years. In that time there has been around 100 PA claims with a total payout figure in excess of \$320,000.00. This figure represents approximately a 120% pay out per premiums received. The rate of claims is actually increasing.

PA claims run out at about 7% of the membership and equated to an average of \$3200.00 per claim.

Beverley also pointed out that if optional PA was offered then the AERA and the individual states would be come responsible for disclosure of the policy so as they can make an informed decision whether to take up optional PA insurance



A motion was then put (not by NSW) to accept the 'all in cover' as we now have and this motion passed. This PA cover will actually be \$5.00 less than last year. Outcome of NSW proposal to opt out of Personal Accident Insurance (PA) in 2012.

The meeting was very concerned that NSW wanted to do this and were concerned what effect it would have on the national membership if NSW did not accept the PA insurance. Beverley Wright pointed out that it would not effect the 2012 premium but would definitely effect the 2013 onwards premiums, possibly doubling the premiums. The outcome of this action would be greatly increased premiums to the other state's memberships.

In my opinion this would cause catastrophic divisions in the sport and could ultimately lead to NSW being disaffiliated.

N.B. I have some very detailed information from the insurer that I will bring to a future meeting for the SMC to view.

#### **New Data Base, "AERASpace"**

There is good news on this matter, Steve Swan, AERA data base coordinator attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the new endurance data base, currently known as AeraSpace". The specification is now virtually complete and the actual program writing is ready to move forward.

#### **AERA Constitution.**

The draft AERA constitution was presented by Kerry and discussed briefly. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and the timing in the agenda, discussion was brief and disjointed. The Queensland delegates voiced some concerns about the constitution and questioned why the AERA were considering becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee. The concept of this was discussed initially last year and until this time has not been challenged by any state. These concerns basically derailed any further discussion and possible progress of the new constitution.

#### **2012 Tasmanian Tom Quilty Gold Cup.**

Pat Hodgetts presented a detailed report on the progress of the St Helens Tom Quilty and from all accounts the event should be a great Quilty.

Tom McCormack is going down there this weekend for the Tasmanian State Champs so I'm sure he will get a good view of how the grounds, track etc will be for the Quilty.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from a member regarding a NSW ERA IDP matter. This matter was dealt with "in camera".

The letter and all other correspondence was with all AERA delegates and a brief summary of the matter was given by Kerry (NSW ERA IDP officer). At this point Tom McCormack, Kerry Spratt and Gary Tweedie declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting whilst the issue was discussed. The outcome of the matter is that AERA will respond to the NSW member who wrote the letter. The matter is now closed.

#### **National Endurance Magazine.**

The AERA has decided to trial a National Endurance Magazine. It is proposed that we will utilize an offer from Queensland to incorporate two of their magazines next year and see how it goes. All states will be asked for contributions.

#### **Appointment of AERA Insurance Officer.**

Sonya Ruprecht, The hard working NSW ERA secretariat, has been selected as the AERA Insurance officer. This is a great result for AERA as well as NSW ERA.

In conclusion, this has been my first year as NSW AERA delegate and although the meetings are very intense, complex and time consuming I have enjoyed working with a group of dedicated people committed to the advancement of Endurance Riding in Australia. I cannot thank Tom McCormack and Kerry Spratt for their support and the incredible work they both put into the management of Endurance riding in NSW and Australia. Gary Tweedie.

#### **Sonya Ruprecht— Secretariat/Membership services**

Membership – Adult 488, junior 38, associate 40, honorary 3. Total 569. Newsletter 342.

Letter from Deanna & Roy – they have 28 gift vouchers left over from their ride that they were using as completion prizes – these are \$10 vouchers for Newmarket Saddlery and expire next year so they are offering them to NSWERA to be used as possible AGM/Presentation lucky door prizes.

Discussing the AGM. Marlee says that the menu for the AGM still needs to be decided. Greg Moore to decide on what food will be available for the AGM. Decisions need to be made as to how checks can be made as to who pays for the food and who doesn't. Tickets and plate would work out. Marlee, Haydn and Gay will exchange tickets for plates.

At the Snowy Zone Champs the printer didn't work. I have obtained a quote from Helen Lindsay in case we

feel it viable to replace some or all of our printers. She has priced on a printer at a cost of \$99 and cartridges are around the \$67 price. Hold over for now.

### **John Howe – Ride calendar**

I've attached the 3 attachments for the Ride Calendar that I intend to present at the A.G.M I feel that we now have a pretty good handle on the ride calendar process and workings. The questions of Easter long weekends, State Championships and the Quilty are always going to be vexatious; however, I feel that we are in a very good position. Thank you to Tom Perkins for all the hours that he has put into this task. It hasn't been easy, but Tom has done a sterling job in true Engineers fashion.

From my observations of people visiting our stand at Equitana, there is a lot of interest out there in our sport. We simply have to spread the good word, whenever and wherever we can. I enjoyed my stint on the stand.  
John Howe. Ride Calendar Portfolio.

Ride Calendar bookings duly discussed with various rides approved. Putty Valley, Freemantle, Kiwarra.

NSW FEI Champs – 160km AERA ride still to be approved for 24/26 November 2012. It has been approved for the FEI component. 3 star, 2 stars and 1 star plus the AERA ride. Discuss this ride again when we hear back from the RO regarding the riding time for their proposed 160 km AERA ride.

If an AERA ride is run in conjunction with an FEI ride, the AERA ride can be brought under the rules of the FEI ride. What happened at Red Range was that the AERA 160 riders were only given 16 hours to complete the ride, not the usual 24 hours. Agreement that this is not in accordance with the rules.

Agreement to write to Robin/Tami Parnell quoting the appropriate rule and stating that if an AERA 160 km ride is run in conjunction with an FEI ride, the AERA ride has 24 hours within which to complete, not the 16 hours allowed for completion of the just run FEI ride. The recent 160 km ride had riders being told that they had to complete within 16 hours. The ride was mooted as a ride that could be used to qualify for the Quilty. The RO to be asked to clarify what their intentions are for the ride mentioned above.

Marlee noted that Horsley Park is only on the one day. Not sure whether it is on the Saturday or the Sunday. They are to do a 20 and a 40 but there is no camping. Sonya to ask Charlie. Not being allowed to camp over will cut down the numbers.

### **Gary Tweedie – Vice President – AERA Zone Liaison, South Coast delegate**

The membership Survey was closed off at the end of October. There were some very constructive comments made. These were summarized and presented to the meeting.

In Conclusion, I think we as a committee needs to spend some time dissecting the results and forming some real strategies to move forward on some of the comments. We need to look at seminars and the funding of such. A higher profile in all areas including the electronic media. Queensland already has a U-tube page and videos on it and some other very good promotional ideas. I also think we need to canvass the AERA for some funding options for staging seminars and training rides. There is also funding available to individual clubs through Sport and rec. Kerry knows the process for this.

### **Tom McCormack – Treasurer, AERA**

Unfortunately I cannot make it Friday night as I leave early tomorrow morning for Tasmania and their State Champs which is also the test ride for next years TQ.

I was hoping to issue an up to date P&L but unfortunately this is not going to happen due to work commitments.

Suffice to say the following; There may be a surplus this year, the insurance costs is to remain static – therefore suggest we hold our membership and associated costs unchanged for 2012.

Gary has provided a summary report from the AERA – many thanks Gary.

We tried to have optional PA insurance introduced but could not get another State to second the motion.

Personally I do not want to see NSWERA take the AERA on and refuse to pay the premium.

I believe it will end in tears (for someone) and will create further grief and turmoil amid our tussle to have QERA embrace a new constitution. Cheers, Tom

### **Carol Griffiths – Secretary, Web Site Liaison**

Tom P said he had a recent call from Tony Marshall saying that there was a letter on the way to the SMC. Tony said he had lost half of his committee, he is intimating that they will cancel the ride at Easter. Tom P asked him to email a preliminary copy of the letter that was coming in but it wasn't received before this meeting.

### **Kerry Spratt – AERA, International, Grants, IDP**

Kerry has Gary's report. AERA database has made good progress. AERA constitution seems to have fallen in a hole. Disappointed with this and cannot see a way forward right now. Issues raised by Queensland and

they have had the answers for the past 12 months. They have employed a lawyer who is a sports expert and they are now rejecting his advice.

Courses that Sport and Rec are running was noted. Need to get people to these otherwise we won't get the funding. Elastoplasts and strap class running next year. Carol and Glenda would go to this one. Kerry would like to hold a mass class for 'strapping', 'child protection'. White Card can be obtained on line.

National Newsletter – Queensland will replace two editions for next year with one that will be branded AERA just as a trial. One will be ready for the Quilty.

John queried the sticker in the logbooks that was used to fund the database. Wanted to know if there was a sunset clause. How close are we to having a functioning database? Kerry said it will roll out in three separate lots. State Registrars first, training and ride management stuff. There is nothing stopping NSW putting up a motion to stop the AERA taking money for the registration sticker. Give it some thought and consider putting motions up to go to the next AERA meeting. If the SMC want financial details, ask AERA for this now.

### **Belinda Hopley – Horse Welfare, TPRs, Chief Stewards, drug testing, vet liaison**

#### **Ride Reports-**

Bendemeer: Very wet due to 50mm the day before, causing some boggy bits. Some of the markers were down from the wind. The riders' conduct was excellent, although some riders thought it was too wet, however the completion rate was 85%.

#### **Horse Welfare-**

There have been no further outbreaks since August, and all quarantines were lifted Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. The DPI asks that horse owners remain vigilant.

#### **Other Stuff-**

The Tenterfield ride held a TPR school and we have 5 new Provisional TPR's. I'm hoping to hold one early next year around Canberra.

There are some TPR packs to buy - Carol Dixon-Smith has offered us the same price as last year. Will try to get CS jackets to Gary for printing before Christmas (2xXL, 2xXXL).

### **Glenda Edwards – Merchandising, Early Warning**

No one on an EWS. Query about the team winners for 2011. What should they be given? Usually give them an embroidered vest. Agreement to give vests as before.

### **Zone 1- Marlee Wah, Promotions**

Because of Equitana – NSW ERA now has a new TV. Gay could add this to her letter to ROs that this would be available. Marlee currently has the TV. Marlee has the NSW banner. We have laminated photos and stuff from Kieron.

Inter Zone competition for next year. Zone One has done this for two years. Needs to be passed onto the next Zone. Hayden will ask Zone 2 if they are interested in doing this. If Zone 2 don't want to take this on – it should be mentioned for discussion at the AGM.

### **Zone 2- Hayden Fisher**

Zone 2 is very quiet. AGM is around 21<sup>st</sup> January at Gulgong Bowling Club.

### **Zone 5 - Gary Tweedie**

The South Coast Zone is planning their final social event for 2011. This will be a Christmas party at the Nowra City Lanes, ten pin bowling centre. This should be a great night to finalise the year for the Zone. Contact Wendy Porter or Rowena Robinson for details.

Wandandian ride organisers are disappointed with NSW ERA regarding the approval of the Williams Valley Ride being the same weekend as Wandandian. The RO's feel that this will certainly affect their rides attendance.

### **Zone 6 - Peter Grelck, Feedback Forum, Ride Surveys, Membership Surveys**

Kiwarra being our last ride of the year was very well attended and always well run. It is a shame that the ride will not be held again at this base next year due to Jan & Martin selling the property. It is an excellent ride base and Jan & Martin are great supporters and untiring workers who have put this ride on for many years. Thanks again Jan & Martin, lets hope that whoever buys the property will be endurance riding orientated. I do believe that the ride will still be held in this area next year but as yet no details have emerged.

Congratulations to Sonya Ruprecht who completed the BIG 3.

February 2012 will come on us very quick if the way this year has flown is any indication so keep things ticking over, set some positive goals, have a safe and enjoyable break and a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.



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# Ride Bases Map

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Ride organisers**

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

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

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

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

**Regards, Tom Perkins snr 20435**

## DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

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

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

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

Tabs on your Home Page include –

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

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

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

**Point Score for NSW**

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

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

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

**Committee** contacts

**NSW FEI** information

**Constitution** – print off a copy

**Links** to other Associations and the AERA

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

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

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



# NSW ERA Ride Booking Procedures

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

# Logbook & Identification Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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.

Once the transfer of ownership form is received the logbook can be amended with the change in owners and the transfer verified by the Logbook Secretary/Registrar.

#### Procedure for Recording Change of Ownership

Transfer of ownership forms are to be made readily available to all members, preferably through the State Newsletters or upon application to the Logbook Secretary/Registrar.

Once a logbook, transfer of ownership form and fee are received the Logbook Secretary/Registrar will:

1. Record the ownership transfer into the logbook.
2. Verify the transfer.
3. Return the logbook.
4. Record the ownership transfer into the computer records of the State Division.
5. Keep a copy of the ownership transfer form and forward the original to the AERA Registrar.
6. Forward the \$5 fee to AERA.



# **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.

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse	AERA No.	End / 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 member (give name)	Sold & no longer in sport	Sold overseas





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

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

This agreement is compulsory and is entered into by:

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

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

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

### **I understand that –**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **I agree –**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Declaration by guardian:**

As guardian of the participant:

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



# AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

## ANNUAL ENDURANCE HORSE REGISTRATION

All endurance horses that are currently registered with an annual registration fee and intend to compete in 2012 must pay the annual fee of \$11 per horse. This should be paid with your membership renewal for 2012.

**Any endurance horses not registered for 2012 will not be allowed to compete.**

Labels are to be placed inside the front cover of the Logbook. To apply for your labels, please complete the following details and forward with your payment to:

***Insert Registrar Details***  
**Please make cheques out to: Insert Details**

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Annual Fee (\$11 / horse)

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

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason



## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

### APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

I wish to apply for a .....km 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:

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

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc). Scrolls for distances of 3000km and above are awarded at the Tom Quilty each year, all other scrolls can be applied for at any time.

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

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

#### Notes:

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

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## **Tie Up Your Dogs**

**Riders are responsible for the behaviour of their support crews and friends.**

**This extends to dogs associated with their camp**, which must be restrained at all times, either on a lead or secured in a float or vehicle.

The Chief Steward may disqualify a rider if that riders' support crew causes disruption detrimental to the running of the ride. Refusal to restrain a dog (of any size) after being requested to do so by the Chief Steward, or an official of the Organising Ride Committee, may also lead to disqualification of the rider.

**NSW Committee**

## **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.**

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