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# President's Report

NSWERA held its Annual General Meeting at Riverwood Downs in the Barrington Tops on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and as a result your new committee for 2014 is as follows:

## **Executive:**

President – Greg Moore  
Vice President – Haydn Fisher  
Treasurer – John Howe  
Secretary – Gertraud Norton

## **Committee Members:**

Belinda Hopley  
Emma McCormack  
Roy Barsby  
Marlee Turnbull  
Marylou Locke  
Vacant Position

## **Zone Delegates**

Emily Strickfess	Zone 1
Deanna Trevena	Zone 2
Simon Bain	Zone 4
Gary Tweedie	Zone 5
Brad Dillon	Zone 6

The minutes of the AGM can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Tom McCormack and Tom Perkins have retired from the Committee

at the AGM and will be greatly missed. The two Tom's have contributed hugely to the current stability and financial strength of the Association. Their drive, commitment and passion for the sport will be greatly missed and we wish them both all the very best.

2014 is off to a great start with the new training ride weekend held at Upper Myall, the weekend was a great success with 110 entries over the 2 days. The State Championships for 2014 will be held at Del Rio Riverside Resort at Wisemans Ferry on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of June. This event will also serve as the curtain raiser for the Tom Quilty in 2015.

The first meeting of your new Committee will be held at the Richmond Club, Richmond on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm

All members are most welcome to attend.

Greg



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## **NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Meetings are usually held at the Arabian Society Rooms**

**George Street, Windsor**

**Meetings commence at 6.00pm sharp.**

**All are invited to attend.**

**Next meeting:**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

**11<sup>th</sup> April. 2013**

NSW ERA  
Profit and Loss Statement

**PROFIT & LOSS - HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY**

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>SUMMARY</b>						
Income - Grants	\$6,500	\$23,510	\$20,300	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$16,500
Income - Membership Fees	\$46,259	\$71,086	\$75,249	\$73,545	\$72,440	\$74,732
Income - Ride Fees	\$58,530	\$58,495	\$53,205	\$57,268	\$45,506	\$44,702
Net Sale of Merchandise	\$3,100	\$2,552	\$2,647	\$3,964	\$5,063	\$5,682
Net AERA Collections	\$190	\$146	\$2,351	\$104	\$1,953	\$79
Income - Other	\$2,619	\$3,560	\$3,071	\$8,278	\$8,977	\$4,149
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$117,198</b>	<b>\$159,349</b>	<b>\$156,823</b>	<b>\$149,659</b>	<b>\$140,440</b>	<b>\$145,844</b>
Ungrouped Expenses	\$6,001	\$4,931	\$6,963	\$9,689	\$14,113	\$7,386
A.E.R.A. Expenses	\$19,156	\$19,796	\$20,567	\$20,313	\$18,276	\$21,618
AGM	\$2,624	\$2,084	\$1,950	\$1,067	\$0	\$0
Annual Presentations	\$3,949	\$5,014	\$4,621	\$3,866	\$5,326	\$4,727
Anti Doping & Medication Ctrl	\$1,403	\$5,117	\$640	\$2,922	\$1,362	\$1,013
Insurance	\$22,250	\$53,980	\$57,216	\$53,539	\$45,387	\$45,387
International / FEI	\$0	\$1,594	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,200	\$0
Meeting Expenses	\$4,147	\$6,459	\$9,335	\$10,795	\$8,926	\$8,796
Membership Refunds	\$0	\$0	\$145	\$35	\$150	\$150
Newsletter Net Cost	\$4,679	\$5,049	\$3,092	\$5,634	\$7,167	\$12,548
Promotional Expenditure	\$4,677	\$1,327	\$3,568	\$1,462	\$452	\$1,530
Quilty Expenses	\$1,332	\$1,055	\$2,574	\$11,021	\$3,936	\$1,464
TQ15 Expenses	\$1,164	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ride Management Related	\$209	\$3,769	\$3,576	\$8,350	\$175	\$0
Secretariat Expenses	\$31,321	\$30,176	\$29,816	\$29,976	\$22,936	\$23,936
SMC Member Re-imbursements	\$532	\$1,129	\$1,256	\$1,129	\$713	\$0
State Ride Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,655	\$8,119	\$6,233	\$5,900	\$7,426
Vet Accreditation & Training	\$476	\$0	\$1,296	\$0	\$336	\$0
TPR Accreditation & Training	\$0	\$178	\$570	\$0	\$0	\$0
CS Accreditation & Training	\$165	\$0	\$464	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer Rewards	\$1,250	\$1,696	\$2,796	\$1,673	\$1,651	\$1,170
Website	\$120	\$2,030	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$111,455</b>	<b>\$152,039</b>	<b>\$161,561</b>	<b>\$167,702</b>	<b>\$140,006</b>	<b>\$137,151</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$5,743</b>	<b>\$7,310</b>	<b>(\$4,738)</b>	<b>(\$18,043)</b>	<b>\$434</b>	<b>\$8,693</b>

**Front Cover:**

## Two Times Three

Smiles all-round for Julie Brooks (left) and Carol Major at the recent NSW ERA Annual General Meeting where both ladies were presented with the prestigious Big Three award for the second time.

Considered by many to be a pinnacle achievement in endurance riding, the Big Three is awarded to those riders who successfully complete the Tom Quilty, Shahzada and the NSW State Championship on the same horse in the same year.

In 2013 Carol rode Saradon to success to claim her second Big Three after achieving her first trophy on Major Luke. For Julie, both Big Threes have been aboard her tough mare Aloha Byshara.

It was a big year for each lady in many ways. Each was a member of the successful NSW State team at the 2013 Tom Quilty in Kilkivan, Qld.

Carol also took out the middleweight One Horse/One Rider award while Julie was 1<sup>st</sup> Lightweight at the NSW State Championship in Manilla

## Schedule of fees for 2014

	2014	2013	2012
<b><u>Membership Fees (inc GST)</u></b>			
<u>Adult riding</u>			
Base membership fee	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$160.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00	\$75.00	inc.
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<u>\$205.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$190.00</u>
<u>Adult riding post August 1st</u>			
Base membership fee	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$90.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00	\$75.00	inc.
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<u>\$185.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>
<u>Junior riding</u>			
Base membership fee	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$110.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00	\$17.50	inc.
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<u>\$125.00</u>	<u>\$122.50</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>
<u>Junior riding post August 1st</u>			
Base membership fee	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$70.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00	\$17.50	inc.
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<u>\$105.00</u>	<u>\$102.50</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Intermediate - Adult</u>			
Base membership	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$155.00</u>	<u>\$155.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Intermediate - Junior</u>			
Base membership	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
+ optional Personal Accident	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$0.00
+ optional Newsletter	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
	<u>\$95.00</u>	<u>\$97.50</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b><u>Member Services (inc GST)</u></b>			
Endurance Horse Rego - Lifetime	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Endurance Horse Rego - Annual	\$25.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Ownership Transfers	\$20.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Logbook - initial Novice	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Upgrade existing logbook to Endurance	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Subsequent or replacement logbooks	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b><u>Ride Affiliation Fees (inc GST)</u></b>			
Endurance rides	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
Training rides	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Introductory rides	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Liability - Day Member - Training ride	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Liability - Day Member - Intro ride	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00



# Genetic Conditions in Arabian Horses

Article by Linda Henley

Many endurance riders own and compete on mares and after they've completed their riding days decide to send them out to Stud to breed that 'special' foal. I know many riders aren't as absorbed in the bloodlines and pedigrees as breeders are. They tend to go for a "type" they like or choose a horse with success in the sport, something that's just simply convenient to use or maybe even win the service in a Stallion Auction/Raffle. Fair enough to all of the above but I'd like to ensure that you don't experience the devastation of making that investment and then losing a lethal foal when breeding your mares.

I'd like to raise awareness about the genetic conditions in Arabian horses and to make you aware of your rights when sending mares out to stud. There is plenty of scientific research about these genetic conditions available via the AHSA/AHN and numerous articles online, as well as Facebook sites dedicated to education so I'm keeping this article simple! There is no need to panic if you own or want to use or purchase a carrier horse, you just need to be well informed and manage your planned breedings to try and eliminate foal losses. Carriers look and perform just as well as any other horse (and have been doing so for hundreds of years).

Any horse with Arabian blood can carry the three testable genetic conditions we are aware of right now. So your derivative/partbred/anglo/quarab/riding pony can all be carriers, as well as our purebred Arabians.

The three testable genetic conditions are: SCIDs, LFS and CA. SCIDS (Severe Combined Immunodeficiency) knowledge and testing has been around since the 70s so many are more familiar with this condition than the relatively new LFS (Lavender Foal Syndrome) and CA (Cerebellar Atrophy). They are auto-recessive genetic conditions which in layman's terms means they are inherited from sire or dam. They don't skip generations.

SCIDs: If you mate SCIDs stallion to SCIDs mare, there is a 25% chance the foal will be a "lethal". It will survive the birth but will have no immunity and will succumb to an infection within days/weeks or months. There is a 50% chance the foal will be a carrier of SCIDs. There is a 25% chance the foal will be clear of SCIDs. If you mate one SCIDs Carrier to one SCIDs clear, there is a 50% chance the foal will carry SCIDs and 50% chance the foal will be clear.

LFS: (Lavender Foal Syndrome). The statistics are the same as above. LFS lethal births can be extremely difficult on the mare and can cause permanent injuries or death to her as well. The foals are born without the ability to stand and thrash around and the kindest thing to do is to euthanize as soon as possible.

CA (Cerebellar Atrophy). The lethal statistics are the same as above but CA is somewhat more complicated because Carrier stock can either be "affected" or not "affected" in displaying symptoms of the condition. CA is a genetic neurological condition affecting balance and co-ordination. My understanding is the "lethal" foals born start displaying symptoms within days/weeks or months and need to be PTS. Symptoms can vary and one needs to do their own research in this regard. I'm least familiar with this condition.

It's just not worth the expense and experience of breeding and foaling down a lethal foal from your valuable endurance mares. Most responsible breeders test their stallions at stud and disclose their status on the AHSA online Studbook, or on their own websites, and should be happy to answer any questions about their status and if necessary supply you with copies of their lab results. Don't hesitate to use a carrier horse if he is the horse you want to breed to, but test your mare and ensure she is clear before proceeding with the mating. I would recommend testing any breeding stock even if the horse you want to use is clear, so then you know what you are dealing with before you even start to plan the conception of your next endurance champion.

Testing can be done via the AHSA or directly with laboratories here and overseas. It's fast and it's very reasonably priced and no vet is required to take the DNA samples – you just pull hair the same as you do for registering your horse.

It's not mandatory to test or disclose a horse's status (YET) so in the interim you need to be proactive in asking about a horse's carrier status whether it be a stallion you want to use or buy, or a mare you want to buy.

Don't be scared to ask "is the horse tested for SCID, CA and LFS". If they don't advertise it as such or disclose it on the AHSA website, can't tell you or haven't tested the horse then you can make an informed decision about whether to proceed or not, or whether to insist on test results before spending your money. If you need any further information I'm happy to point you in the right direction. Contact me on [lhenleydesign@bigpond.com](mailto:lhenleydesign@bigpond.com)

## Notice for all horse movements from QLD

Recently the NSW DPI conducted an inspection at a ride in the northeast of the state. Three horses from the QLD tick zone were found not to have presented at either a QLD or NSW tick gate. These horses were quarantined and not permitted to participate in the ride.

You are required by law to have your horse checked or treated at a treatment centre when entering a Tick Free Area to prevent cattle tick outbreaks. Give 24 hours notice and obtain an appointment time before arriving at a treatment centre. This will help prevent a delay to your journey, as treatment facilities are staffed to meet confirmed appointments only.

The NSW DPI website has a simple explanation of the procedure, the do's and don'ts, tick descriptions and contact numbers for the crossings.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/health/specific/cattle/ticks/moving-horses-qld-nsw>

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# Zone One AGM

## 2014 committee

Zone One AGM meeting was held on 17th January 2014. The new committee is as follows

**President:** Greg Moore

**Vice President:** Casey Holtom

**Treasurer:** Stephanie Grolimund

**Secretary:** Sooz Manderson

**Zone Delegate:** Emmily Streckfuss

**Ride Secretary:** Greg Moore

**General committee members:** Veronica Saliba, Wayne Hickey, Carol Major, Bronwyn Monahan, Sue Warren, Haydn Fisher, Sue Todd



Above: Carol Major receiving her award from the new Zone One President, Greg Moore.

Zone One committee members, Bronwyn Monahan and Casey Holtom having a chat over dinner.



Zone One point score winners of One Horse / One Rider awards::  
 John Howe—Heavyweight  
 Carol Major—Middleweight  
 Sue Todd—Lightweight  
 Tayla Warren—Junior  
 Seen here with the new Zone President—Greg Moore.





Above: Jo Arblaster from Animal Focus presenting a photograph of Marion Grove, winner of the Introductory Distance Award at the recent Zone One AGM. Elaine accepted the award on Marion's behalf







### Fun Shots by Animal Focus

IMG 6373 - And for my next trick...

Bottom Left: IMG 8258 - Thomas bares it all at the top of The Steps



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IMG 6373 - And for my next trick... Photos: Animal Focus

IMG 3494 - Me? Shy? Never! But what was that in the bushes?





## Fun Shots by Animal Focus

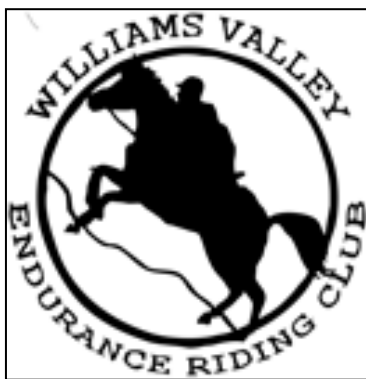
IMG 8286 - Above: Ross Ledger sunbakes on a checkpoint at Horsley Park

IMG 4793 - *'You said you wouldn't be long, Mum!'* (Jan Wade's faithful hound) waiting for her to return from her ride at Myall Lakes.

IMG 7947 - Left: The lolly lady at Shahzada

IMG 8506 - Below: The perfect Pony Club seat!





**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March**

## **Glen William in the Hunter Valley of NSW**

The WVERC 2014 Endurance event will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March at Glen William in the Hunter Valley of NSW.

The Ride base remains the same as previous years at Leo and Lyn Dillon's Banfield Property, located at Glen William, via Clarence Town, 30 minutes North of Raymond Terrace and 40 minutes North of Maitland. From the Pacific Highway (South) exit at Raymond Terrace. From the Pacific Highway (North) exit at The Buckets way. From the New England Highway exit at Maitland. From all directions follow signs to Clarence Town. The Ride Base is signposted from Clarence Town.

As we are always working on improving the track this year will also see slight improvements to the course from previous years. It will be undulating with a variety of tracks including gravel roads, fire trails, open slashed paddocks and minimal tar (4kms). As always the local fire brigade will be providing plenty of drinking and strapping water on course as well as plenty of natural water points.

On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5km and 10km Ride and Tie. Ride and Tie is a sport combining running, riding, endurance and strategy. Teams consist of two runners and one horse on the course "leapfrogging" one another. That is, one person starts on the horse, the other on foot. For more info on ride and ties check out <http://www.rideandtie.org/whatis.html>.

ON Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> events will include an 80km ride, 40km elevate to 60km Training Ride and 20km Social Ride, all with great completion prizes, and place getting awards in the 80km event. All proceeds go to the Flat Tops Fire Brigade. Ride fees are as follows: 80km Senior \$90 Junior \$80, training ride: \$50, Social Ride: \$25, Ride and ties: \$20.

A Canteen will run all weekend providing dinner on Saturday night.

Prenominations are greatly appreciated and for more information please contact Brad Dillon on 0400 314 629 / 02 49965549 [brad\\_dillon@bigpond.com](mailto:brad_dillon@bigpond.com)

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March:**

#### **5km & 10km Ride and Tie**

Teams consist of one horse and two people rider/Runner.(required to change at least once on course)

Entries from 11am

Start Time Approx. 4pm

Entry fee \$20 per team + \$5 Day Member per person (*if not an Endurance NSW member*)

**Office will be open from 11am for entries into all events**

**Pre-ride Vetting will begin at 12:30pm for all events.**

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **80km Endurance Ride**



5am start

Legs approx. 45/35

Entry fees – Senior \$90, Junior \$80

### **40km elevate to 60km Training Ride**

-Daylight Start

-Entry Fee \$50 + \$10 Day Member (*if not an Endurance NSW member*)

### **20km Social Ride**

-9:30am Start

- Pre-ride entries and vetting from 6:30am.

- Entry Fee \$25 + \$5 Day Member (*if not an Endurance NSW member*)



# **Neville**

## **80 Km Ride**

### **April 5 and 6 2014**

#### **Proudly brought to you by the Lachlan Endurance Riders Club**

The Lachlan Endurance Riders Club are pleased to announce the return of an old favourite to the ride calendar. Formerly known as the Mt Macquarie ride our club will be hosting the new Neville 80km ride. Our enthusiastic Neville ride committee is putting in the hard yards to bring you a great new ride.

This new course will travel through private grazing country, Forestry trails and quiet dirt lanes. For those of you reminiscing about the days of the old Mt Macquarie ride, unfortunately Mt Macquarie itself will not be in the 2014 ride as it is currently being logged, but watch for it in future rides. The course will be undulating with a longer steady climb in each leg, good under foot and plenty of shady areas.

For those riders preparing their horses for the NSW State Championships at Del Rio this ride will provide great fitness for the challenges of the Hawkesbury course.

Our ride base at Neville Showground has in the past played host to many Mt Macquarie 80km rides and the NSW State Championships. It provides plenty of shady camp sites, toilets and showers.

Neville P & C ladies will be providing a full canteen all weekend and a 2 course evening meal on Saturday, \$15 per head (please book when nominating). From all reports these ladies do the most amazing meals, so bring your appetites.

The Neville Pub is a short walk across the road from the Showgrounds so those in need a cool ale, your needs will be ably met by their friendly staff.

We will also be running a 40km training ride and a 20km social ride, so bring along your young horses or friends interested in getting started in endurance and enjoy this wonderful area.

Neville is located 61 km west of Bathurst. Ride Base signs will be out in Blayney heading you out to Neville.

Coming from the South and West come through Cowra, head east on the Mid Western Highway for 43km to Mandurama, watch for Ride Base signs turning you right to the base in the centre of town.

For further information on this great new ride please call Di on 0413 806 933.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone to Neville.

# Tooraweenah Endurance Carnival

Easter weekend of 18—21 April 2014



Pre nominations are due before 4<sup>th</sup> April. A late fee of \$30 will be payable when entering after this date.

A Biosecurity temp log (found on the NSWERA website) must be completed for three days prior to arrival and handed in on arrival. Please be diligent in actually doing the temps as we do not wish for any illnesses to be spread. Horses with high temps, or if there is any suspicion of illness, may be quarantined at the discretion of the head vet.

## Events

3x 40km, 120 mini marathon, 2x 80km, 2 day 160km, 2x 20km and 7km kids

## Draft Program

FRIDAY 18 Pre ride vetting starts 11am for 40k, mini marathon and 7k kids ride.  
1pm start for 40k and mini marathon.  
2pm Vetting for 160k and 80k rides starting Saturday.

SAT 19<sup>TH</sup> 5am start for 160k, and 80k  
6.30am start for 40k and mini marathon  
7am vetting for 20k and 9-10am start  
2pm Vetting for rides on Sunday.  
4pm Fittest horse for 80k  
5pm presentation

SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> 5am start 160k and 80k  
6.30 am start 40k and mini marathon  
7am vetting for 20k ride and 9-10am start  
4pm Fittest horse 80k ride  
5pm presentation

MON 21<sup>st</sup> 8 am Fittest horse work out for 160k.

Presentation for 160k and mini marathon.

**Ride fees:**

Camp fee of \$10 per rider per night. We are raising money to replace or renovate the amenities block for use in future years.

<b>7k</b>	<b>20k</b>	<b>40k</b>	<b>Mini marathon</b>	<b>80k</b>	<b>2 day 160k</b>
\$20	\$30	\$50	\$150	\$90s, \$55jnr	\$180

**Catering:**

On Friday, catering will not be available so please bring own.

CWA ladies will have a canteen running on Saturday and Sunday.

Pre ride talk on Saturday night will be held at the Mountain View Hotel where hot food and a BBQ will be available supplied by the local Club.

Sunday night there will be a bar, food and music available at the camp site.

We have hot showers and flushing toilets and some fire wood will be available over the weekend.

**The Course**

The course is not yet set but will have minimal road work and will cover existing and new tracks. It's definitely not an easy track but we will try to keep it interesting as well as challenging.

Saturday tracks will be similar to last year's ride and for the Sunday rides we aim to keep these tracks a little easier, especially for those doing the extra legs. The track will be stony in places as it has been in previous years. At this stage the ground is hard under foot as we have had no rain for a long time. Hopefully this will change before the ride and it will rain!!!

We hope to provide a great weekend with a relaxed atmosphere. There will be a lot going on with minimal volunteers so please be patient and understanding. Come and be a part of the fun and relax with a beer and enjoy the activities.

Hope to see you all there for a great weekend!

## NSW ERA

# NOTICE

**Endurance horses having Hendra Vaccinations will require a new microchip if the existing chip doesn't read, or their current chip is not functioning.**

**The new chip details will still need to be verified by a certified vet and the details recorded in that horse's logbook.**

***As per rule H6.2 "identification is by a microchip implant plus certified veterinary ID of same, the details of which will be recorded in the Endurance Horse Logbook for that horse".***

***Rule H6.3 states "A microchipped horse must have the certified identification completed in case of microchip reader or microchip failure."***)

**NSW ERA Management Committee**



# HOMWOOD MEMORIAL RIDE

1378 Comboyne Road, Killabakh Via Wingham

Saturday 26th April, 2014

Kiwarrak Endurance Riders Club would like to invite you to the inaugural HOMWOOD MEMORIAL RIDE on the Anzac long weekend 25th-27th April 2014.

Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/622016077866615/> to keep up to date with latest news and events.

There will be a 5km, 20km and 40km rides and then the main ride will be an 80/100/120km elevator, So a distance to suit all rider ages and abilities. Everyone is welcome with Day membership available for the 5km, 20km and 40km events.

There will also be trade stands and discount vouchers for all riders as well as plenty of raffles and lucky draw prizes!! It's certainly going to be a BIG weekend with something for everyone to see and do. So come along and enjoy a great weekend away with some friendly people and lovely tracks to explore!!

NO Hendra vaccinations are required.

## Location

1378 Comboyne Rd, Killabakh via Wingham. The ride base is a beautiful property and is conveniently located 13kms from Wingham with all facilities including shopping centre, petrol station, bottle shop, produce store and saddlery. The ride base has great access for all sized rigs and goosenecks.

## Track description

The track is flat to undulating through State Forests. NO TAR at all and NO gut busting hills!! It has a great mix of open dirt roads, bridle tracks and fire trails. A great track for novice horses and riders wanting the opportunity of going a few more kms with the options to retire at the 80km and 100km mark, or fully complete the 120km event. What a great lead up to NSW State Championships!!

The 20km and 40km tracks are beautiful underfoot, passing by creeks and waterholes filled with beautiful lilies. You may even spot a goanna or two!

The 5km intro ride is solely around the ride base, so perfect for parents wanting to lead their children around the ride.

## Timetable

ALL rides are ridden on Saturday 26th April

Vetting from 1pm-5pm Friday 25th April

5km and 20km riders are also able to vet Saturday morning from 6am to 7.30am

Office opens at 10am Friday 25th April.

120km event starts 4am

40km event starts 8am

20km event starts 9am

5km event starts 9.30am

All times are subject to change

## Presentation and Best Conditioned workouts

Best Conditioned workouts for the 120km event will be under saddle at 8am Sunday 27th April, with presentations followed straight after, giving you all day to relax and drive home and enjoy a friendly Saturday night drink and socialise!

5km, 20km and 40km presentations will be held on Saturday afternoon.

## Ride fees

120km event \$100 senior \$90 Junior

40km event \$50 (+ \$10 day membership if not a member of NSWERA)

20km event \$25 (+ \$5 day membership if not a member of NSWERA)

5km event \$15 (+ \$5 day membership if not a member of NSWERA)

### **Pre-nominations and contacts**

Please go to the NSWERA website to prenominate your entry and don't forget to book your dinner for Friday or Saturday night.

<http://www.nswera.asn.au/>

Contact Allan Caslick on 0427764107 for any enquiries and questions you may have.

### **Canteen**

Food and drinks will be available to be purchased over the weekend at the ride. Please book in for dinner meals when pre-nominating for the ride

### **Completion Prizes and Awards**

Best conditioned awards in the 120km will be a lovely Archer Saddle Cloth

Kersey wool rugs awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Placings in all divisions of the 120km event

Buckles for all successful completions in 120km event

HUGE Thanks to the Sponsors of these prizes.

Wanstead Arabians, Opal Builders, Seaside Training and Breaking, Cowboys Mining Maintenance, Darby Equestrian, Burren Dah Stud,

5km, 20km and 40km events will have some fantastic completion prizes.

Lucky draw prizes and various other prizes also up for grabs at presentation, which you must be present for to be eligible to win

### **Stallion Service Fee Raffle**

There are some beautiful stallions generously donated by a variety of Arabian studs on offer in our raffle.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Details of the raffle and the Stallions and Studs can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/events/206452172884095/>

With a number of Stallions on offer, there is one to suit all your Show ring or Endurance breeding programs.

HUGE Thanks to these Studs for their donation of Stallion Services.

Eagleridge Arabian Farm, Hume Creek Arabians, Vudu Arabians, Aspin Hill Arabians, Fire and Ice Arabians, Wootton Arabian Stud, Shanadarr Arabians.

### **General raffle**

Due to the overwhelming support from our sponsors, we have some amazing prizes up for grabs. Tickets for this raffle are \$2 each or three for \$5

Some of the prizes up for grabs include

Custom made hat valued at \$600, White water Kayaking Tours valued at \$320, sterling silver bracelet and medallion valued at \$299, one day Dive Pass valued at \$175, Polar Heart Rate Monitor, Bridles, Grooming packs, Halters and leads, Hydration back packs, horse minerals and supplements, plus much, much more!!

**Tickets** for both raffles can be purchased by email at [tj.haack@hotmail.com](mailto:tj.haack@hotmail.com) or at the ride

All money raised from the raffles will help fund the 3 rides throughout the year for Kiwarra Endurance Riders Club, so support the club and win some AWESOME prizes!!

### **SPONSORS**

A HUGE Thank you to all the support from our sponsors. Without their support these new rides would not be possible.

Barrington Outdoor Adventures, Forster Dive Centre, Vandabell Equine and Sport Jewellery, Dixon Smith Technyflex, Sonovet, J Roberts Custom Hats, Fine Design Horse Hair Jewellery, Aussie Wide Horse Supplies, Realities Cold Cast Bronze, Moss Rock Endurance, HorseZone, Ballynahinch Stus and Tack, Double C Saddlery, HFV Horse Products, Natural Equipment, Pet Protector, PN Minerals,

The Rug Lady, Ranvet, MacTack, Pegasus Animal Homewares, Vandabell Equine and Sport Jewellery, EQUI-Balance Bowen Therapy NSW, MagicTails, Keep Sweatin, NoBit Bridles, Heritage Downs Natural Animal Care, Donerite Herbal Products, Hollie's Equine and Embroidery, Donerite Herbal Products, AnimalFocus Photography, Sytan Photography

Apologies to any sponsor not mentioned at time of publication.

Animal Focus will be the official photographer for this ride.



# TERRIFIC TENTERFIELD



**Endurance Riders Club Inc.**

**27th Annual Ride**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014**



## DUAL AFFILIATED WITH NSW

Girard Forest beckons: friendly bush tracks await you.

**Rides to mix and choose from for 1 or 2 horses over 2 days:**

**Sat 3 May                      20k Intro   40k Training**

**Sun 4 May                      20k Intro   40k Training   80/100k elevator**

**Venue:**                      The Endurance Ride Base in Girard SF is 42km east of Tenterfield just off the Bruxner Hwy and only 8km west of Drake village. The Base is lovely, & compact and with room for over 200 horse entries.

**Facilities:**                      Shady campsites, hot showers, clean toilets, BYO drinking water, Plenty of horse water, & firewood.

**Services:**                      Catering by Chefs from Clarence-Coffs Endurance Riders Club, known for their delicious food.

Communications by WICEN.

**Track:**                      Forest track and open country roads including parts of the National Trail. NO TAR. Tracks undulating to hilly with some open going and spectacular scenery to enjoy.

**Suitable for Novice Horses, ridden to conditions.**

**Ride Entry including Camp and State Forest Fee:**

Intro \$30 and Training Ride \$50 (Day members +\$15 Intro & TR)

80/100 Elevator Ride \$100.

**Ride Start Times:**

**Sat:** 20k & 40k about 12 noon

**Sun:** 80/100k Elevator 3am, 40k Training Ride 6am and 20k Intro Ride 7am

**Completion Prizes:**                      Great completions awards for all rides

**Awards:**                      1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes & BC for 100K in all divisions,

**Pre-nominations:**                      ESSENTIAL before 27 April to avoid \$10 late entry fee.

**Ride Secretary:**                      Caroline Windle (02)67364612

email: [maxwell@harboursat.com.au](mailto:maxwell@harboursat.com.au)

**"To complete is to win" when star struck in Tenterfield."**



# Mudgee Endurance Ride

17/18 May, 2014

Once again Mudgee Endurance Riders Club is looking forward to welcoming everyone to our annual ride at Cooyal.

Ride base is at the Cooyal Progress Association grounds on Wollar Road, 25 klms north of Mudgee.

## Directions:

From Mudgee take Ulan Road for 10 klms then turn right into Wollar Rd for a further 15 klms and the grounds are on the left.

From the north turn into the Ulan Road from the Golden Highway past the mines for about 59 klms. Then turn left into Linburn Lane, continue to the end of the lane, turn right into Wollar Rd and you are there.

There will be direction signs out.

## Camping

Camping will be open from midday Friday and the canteen from lunchtime Saturday. The usual two course dinner will be available on Saturday night for a cost of \$20 & \$15 for kids under 14. When nominating please indicate if you would like dinner.

Cooyal is a small community and there is NO FUEL. There are flushing toilets but no showers. There will be extra camping across the road but please keep your camp compact. The ride will also muster in this area. Please bring human drinking water but the Fire Brigade will go around to keep horse water topped up.

**PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.**

## The Course

The course is similar to previous years and we have an agreement from the new property owners as part of the big property has been sold.

The track is a mixture of country lanes, paddocks, fire trails and quiet dirt roads. It is level to undulating with no BIG hills and virtually no tar.

It is an ideal track for novice horses.

## The Events

20km Social Ride starts 1pm Saturday – cost \$25 + day membership.

The main ride will start at 6am Sunday – cost \$90, Jnr – \$55

Training Ride starts 7am Sunday – cost \$55 + day membership (if applicable)

Pre ride vetting will start at 11am Saturday for the Social Ride, with the main ride and trainer from 1pm.

Pre ride talk will be 6pm Saturday

The usual trophies and prizes are on offer thanks to our wonderful sponsors plus buckles & completion awards.

**PRE NOMINATIONS BY 15TH MAY PLEASE**

SEND TO: [mette.sutton@bigpond.com](mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com) ,

mobile 0400308626 or (02)63724960 A/h

Hope to see you all there!



# Wingello State Forest Ride,

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

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

The Wingello Forest Ride Committee and Cherished Volunteers are now planning our 6<sup>th</sup> annual event at Wingello.

After the fabulous turnout last year we plan to repeat the newcomer format with a focus on fun and celebration doing the sport we love.

Introductory Rides of 5km, 10km and 20km will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon, and an elevator 40-60km training ride and 80km endurance ride will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, from 7am.

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

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

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

Vetting is standard AERA with optional early present. Chief Steward is Tom McCormack. Head Vet is Karim Kooros.

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

Entry fees: 80km: \$100 (Jnr \$80); 40-60km: \$60; All Introductory rides: \$40;

Teams: \$20 per 4 person team

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

**Southern Highlands Endurance Ride Inc**

**All enquiries should be directed to:**

**Ride Secretary:**

**Bec Hogan, 0412 600 173**

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

**PO Box 5070 Wingello NSW 2579**



# NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Del Rio Resort  
Via Wisemans Ferry  
on 13-15 June 2014

NSWERA's premier event, its State Championships, will this year be held as a "Curtain Raiser" ride for the Tom Quilty 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for 2015! We hope to make this event the most exciting State ride to date, with large numbers expected from interstate as well as anyone who wants to qualify for next year.

We hope that the success of 2014 will lead into the 2015 Quilty having the prestige it deserves as the culmination of 50 years of endurance in Australia and that feedback from this test event will assist us in covering areas in need of improvement.



**Ride Base :** Del Rio is an excellent Ride Base with a multitude of great amenities and scenically located on the banks of the Hawkesbury River ...so we pray for a flood free year!

We ask that you follow maps and not your GPS to get there as it is only accessible via the Webbs Creek Ferry at the bottom of Wisemans Ferry hill and down to the left. Once off the Ferry turn left again and follow the signs to Del Rio. If coming from the Hunter, you can come down through St Albans on the Webbs Creek side of the McDonald River and turn right just before the Ferry. There are many hot showers and toilets available and there is a coin operated laundry available for those staying a little longer.

Base will open on Tuesday after the Long weekend, strictly not beforehand and a list of things to do locally will be available on the website soon. Also available will be a list of service stations that are 'gooseneck' and large horse truck friendly locally together with a list of dog kennels for those that need something for their best friends as they are unable to visit Del Rio.

Cabins are now available over the weekend by calling Del Rio on **(02) 4566 4330**

**Sponsorship & volunteers** are sought now and anyone who can help please contact

<b>Rebecca Hogan</b>		0412 600 173	bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au
<b>Helen Lindsay</b>	6342 9289	0427 429289	kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com

and you will be put on a register for regular email/phone contact.

Beautifully embroidered kersey rugs are selling out at \$200 and Clubs, Studs, Zones etc. are invited to sponsor these. All first place and Best Conditioned rugs are sponsored by Mackinder Endurance and others sponsors include Zone One, Shahzada, Rosemont, Lachlan Endurance Riders and Kintamani Arabians.

Teams will once again be sponsored by D-Lua Park with the winning Team of 4 receiving beautiful etched wine glasses and 4 sets of D-Lua Park Travelling boots many thanks to David Sommerville and Karen Johansen.

This year we will also have beautiful turned timber trophies with a State buckle inset as made by Mackinder Endurance for the Putty ride. If anyone saw them they are spectacular. These will be available to sponsors for \$350 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$250 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$150 third place in each division.



This sponsorship includes constant PA coverage over the weekend, placement of banners and an advertisement in the NSW State booklet.

**Our course** has been set by our wonderful team of Peter Bice, Ron Males and Gil Stephenson and will be a combination of old Quilty tracks, Hawkesbury Valley and MacDonald Valley (Shahzada) tracks. It will be testing enough with a view to Quilty history however very achievable and scenic. The going is mostly sandstone which is not concussive but holds its own challenges. The course will be available on our website as seen on [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au) and there is a track clearing/working bee to be held 22/23 March & if you are able to help please contact :

<b>Peter Bice</b>	4566 4758	0418 275 675	pbice@bigpond.com
<b>Haydn Fisher</b>	6373 3932	0428 324 449	gailtaj@yahoo.com.au



**Entry forms:** have been included in this newsletter and we hope to have your nominations in by 5<sup>th</sup> May, this date having been brought forward for biosecurity reasons. Camp booking fees are on the rear of the form. These are to be forwarded to Helen Lindsay at PO Box 440 Cowra 2794 with your cheque or emailed to [kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com](mailto:kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com) as the banking details are included on the form, please put your name as the reference.

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

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

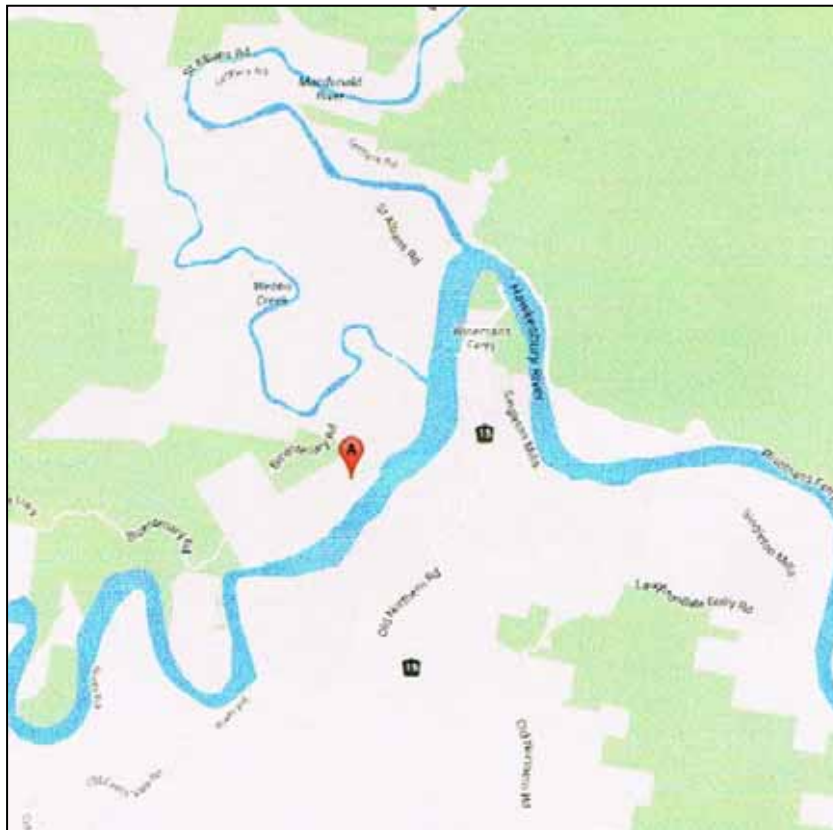
Communications will be provided by WICEN via UHF radios and there will be a Leader Board in the communal area for those wanting to track their riders and we hope to have Strapper calls from around 5kms out.

**Firewood and Horse Feed** will be available to be delivered on site at your cost.

**Manure stations** will be a set of trailers at various intervals around the camp and bags provided on entry to park.

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

**Biosecurity:** Our NSW State Championships 2014, the TQ15 Curtain Raiser, will welcome all unvaccinated and vaccinated horses. This was discussed at length at our meeting and it was felt that the threat is too minimal to fracture the current free interaction necessary to hold rides in NSW well south of any areas previously affected by the Hendra virus. This position will be reviewed in November 2014 before any decision is made on TQ15 as events unfold. It will still be highly recommended that those in 'Hendra' affected areas, vaccinate to minimise the event of a DPI lockdown



# UPPER CORINDI ENDURANCE RIDE

*Presented by the Clarence/Coffs Endurance Riders Inc*

**July 12 and 13, 2014**

**VENUE:** 287 Featherstones Road, Upper Corindi, NSW.

***Come to our ride to enjoy the giant bonfires, fantastic food  
An amazing variety of stunning terrain to ride through.***



## **DIRECTIONS:**

Turn off Pacific Highway 30km north of Coffs Harbour and 50km south of Grafton. Travel 14km in from the highway - signs on the highway will show you where to turn, and signs on the roads direct into the ride base. Please note if coming from the south that Woolgoolga has been bypassed. The turnoff to the ride base is shortly after the bypass rejoins the old highway.

## **FACILITIES:**

- Shady campsites on a very scenic working cattle property.
- If you bring your dogs they must be on a lead at all times.
- BYO drinking (human) water and horse yards. There will be plenty of horse water available.
- Quality catering available all weekend, starting from 11am Saturday.
- Saturday night will be a French provincial feast, cost \$25 per person 2 courses

## RIDE COURSE:

Upper Corindi is a challenging ride through hilly terrain with State Forest and private property, spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and offshore islands. Here are some comments from a couple of last year's riders:

*"WOW, what a ride. Upper Corindi Endurance Riders committee put on an amazing ride. Awesome track, plenty of water, hay and carrots for the horses and a kick-arse dinner for us on Saturday night!"*

*"Wow, what a fabulous weekend. Thank you to Malcolm, Megan and all the helpers who made it possible. So many friendly wonderful people endurance riders are. I was proud to be part of this event."*

*"Great weekend. Scarlet and I really enjoyed the ride."*

## SATURDAY RIDES:

40km Training Ride starts at 9am - vetting from 7am

20km Intro Ride starts at 11am - vetting from 8am

## SUNDAY RIDES:

80km Endurance Ride starts at 5am

40km Training Ride starts at daybreak

20km Intro Ride starts at 10am – vetting from 7am

These times may change on the weekend depending on conditions.

To do the 80km ride you must be a member of QLD or NSW ERA.

If doing the Training or Intro rides, you must either be a member of QLD or NSW ERA or pay a day membership. There will be a discount if you enter 20km or 40km rides on both days.

**Cost: TBA**

**PRE-NOMINATION IS  
ESSENTIAL FOR ALL RIDES  
by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

Please also nominate if you plan to have the meal on Saturday night.

**For nominations and enquiries,  
please contact Malcolm or Megan  
Matters**

**Tel: 02 6649 2836 or email  
hoofmatters@gmail.com**

*This ride is dual affiliated with the  
Queensland Endurance Riders  
Association and the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association*







# SHAHZADA 2014

What would you like to achieve in Endurance in 2014? Start planning now for Shahzada in St Albans, NSW from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August. The ultimate test of 400km over five days or, to get a taste of real endurance riding with some of the challenges and lots of fun, try the mini marathon of 120km over three days from Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. The rides have started for the year so now is the time to plan for August in St Albans.

There will be lots of updates in the coming months to let you know what to expect during Shahzada and the lead up to it but for now, go to the Shahzada website [www.shahzadaresults.org](http://www.shahzadaresults.org) for all the stories and pre and post ride books from previous years. There is now a 2014 Shahzada 400 Endurance Ride Facebook Event Page with lots of updates for the event as well as photos from 2013.

Track clearing days will be announced on the Facebook event page and the Aussie Endurance chatpage in the near future and if you would like to help at these weekends or volunteer to help during Shahzada, please email.

More detailed information will be available on the website [www.shahzadaresults.org](http://www.shahzadaresults.org) soon or contact Shahzada secretary, Sue Todd on [suetodd@activ8.net.au](mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au) or phone 0263 797218.

Just to inspire you, here are the final paragraphs of John Howe's 2013 Shahzada story where he and his wonderful horse Ears, won the Best Managed/Best Conditioned Horse Award:-

"Whenever I ride, regardless of time, place or distance, it's always part of the lead-up to the next Shahzada. When I travel wherever in the world and the subject arises, I'll tell anyone who'll listen about Shahzada. At work the last full week of August is there in the planner as Shahzada week. I make no apology for my slight absent mindedness at the beginning of August as I switch to Shahzada mode. Whenever I meet an Endurance newbie, I ask them when they are going to come and do Shahzada 400kms.

I only have to close my eyes and I'm back on one of those fabulous tracks with some of the best friends I've ever made. The dawn view from the Woomerah Pathway after climbing Boyd's has to be



one of the world's most spectacular places to watch a sunrise. The best part is that everyone can come and have a go and experience all the emotions and feelings that go with Shahzada. I doubt that there is a sporting event anywhere that evokes such emotion.

So, if Ears and I can do it, so can you. Hop on your horse, get ready and come and join us on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 for the ride of your life. Remember that nothing will be quite the same at the end".

Above Right: Gail Fisher and Arasata Narhalinian triumphant on The Steps

Previous Page: Sonya Ruprecht and Alex-Ville God Be Gift

Photos by Animal Focus



## Committee Notices

### 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.

### Attention 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



## NSW AGM Point Score Awards



### 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





## Top 10 + Heavyweight

### Top 10 + Heavyweight Riders in NSW

Roy Barsby  
Peter Bonham  
Con Bouzianis  
Allan Caslick  
Robert Catlin  
Charles Gauci

John Howe  
Jack Johnson  
Patrick Leary  
Alan Mackinder  
Chris Magnabosco  
Marty Moran  
Heidi Wade  
Sue Warren



## Top 10 + Middleweight

Jennifer Annetts  
Tom Bouzianis  
Ian Curtis  
Gail Fisher  
Emma Fletcher  
Jennifer Gilbertson  
Talea Hasko-Stewart  
Thomas Hermann  
Ben Hudson  
Thomas Hermann  
Andrew Mackinder  
Carol Major  
Fiona Meller  
Sonya Ruprecht  
Ruth Van der Wegen





## Top 10 + Lightweight Riders in NSW



Karen Anderson  
Julie Brooks  
Catherine Connors  
Cherry Cummins  
Kaliana Curtis  
Roz Edmunds  
Vetea Facchini

Robin Gossip  
Lauren Howson  
Fia Hasko-Stewart  
Allix Jones  
Wendy Jones  
Emma McCormack  
Sue Todd





## Top 10 + Junior Riders in NSW



Victoria Bice  
Stacey Clarke  
Cybele Coddington  
Georgia Curry  
Olivia De Gruchy  
Aaron Dowling

Isabel Foster  
Brooke Luthy  
Tahnaya Mercieca  
Shantel Nagle  
Indigo Noonan  
Tayla Warren





Left: Talea Hasko Stewart holding her numerous trophies at the AGM.

Below: The dining settings at the AGM.

Below: Lovely ladies (and one small boy) at the AGM dinner, Gail Fisher, Emily Streckfuss, Emma McCormack and Jennifer Gilbertson.

Opposite page: Warren Trevor, the recipient of the inaugural Introductory Distance Award, received a beautiful coffee table book on the Arabian Horse.

Below: Casey Holtom, Charlie Gauci and Wayne Hickey enjoying the evening.









## Upper Myall Downs Trainer

What an amazing weekend we had holding the first ride of the season! As I said to many - it has been long held wish to share this valley with everyone and run a ride. I was despairing weeks ago that our paddocks were a dustbowl, then the rain gods smiled and green returned. We were very lucky with two days of perfect weather of 24 and 25 degrees. Best of all for the riders, was the cool morning on the second day.

So many people to thank, such a fast learning curve on how much work is required by so many to make it all happen.

Thank you Allan Caslick, Shaun Pollard and Steve for a monumental job of track clearing, marking and getting the water out.

We had no fire brigade assistance and Allan's big truck took four pelicans and thousands of litres of water out on track. They went out at 10pm Saturday night to refill, and repair a bridge that had a split section and had injured a horse.

Thanks to the Dillons for the loan of baths, gazebos, chairs, and bringing baths back from Checkpoint One and Brad Dillon for staying on for so long to help out.

Thanks to my neighbour Peter Davidson for supplying satellite phones, and being out at checkpoints on both days.

Big thank you to Peter and Caroline Davidson for the loan of the Magic Bus, I hope she makes it home ok.

IMG 4700 - Darryl King and Splitters Creek Red Vogue...with Big Bob in the background!



IMG 4298 - Roz Ryan and Cloudburst

Sitting on checkpoints were neighbours and friends. We were so lucky to have them. Di Burns, Nita and Ben Eade, Murray, Neale and Nicole, and the Dillon boys.

Nita Eade spent days helping me before the ride and was there as an extra hand on the weekend, thanks so much.

Saturday saw two rescue floats heading out to collect horse and riders, thankfully there were no serious injuries.

Our vets were Adrian Owens and Sarah Sutherland. They did a terrific job. As the sun set on Saturday, riders were still coming in and being vetted under lights.

TPR s popped up out of nowhere on both days.

I was running around like a rabbit but remember looking over and seeing so many familiar faces.



IMG 4919 - Adele Gifford riding Serenity Bey

Peppercorn Belted Galloway Stud in Gloucester. They served 65 dinners, and we had terrific tucker all weekend.

We are looking forward to seeing Jo Arblaster's photos. She managed to capture a local legend on the ride. Big Bob is our 6 foot, local giant Kangaroo.

I have only seen him twice and both times heard him crashing through the bush before he appeared. I felt honored he appeared to oversee the ride!



Carol Layton and New Moon Flashlight

as prizes. Six happy horses and owners travelled home!  
So will we do it again, you bet! See you next year.  
Best wishes Tracy

I didn't get to write down the names of everyone, and don't want to leave anyone out so can I thank you as a group? Bless you all for your help.

Shaun Pollard was our Chief Stewart, and it was so reassuring to leave everything in his capable hands.

Stellar effort from our office ladies,

On Saturday we had Robyn Coombes and Denise, and Glen Hewitt who spent 14 hours in the Magic Bus, just amazing. Sonya Ruprect was in the office and rode as well on the Saturday, thank you for your office time all Sunday.

Thanks to Sue Walkom for your help on the Sunday. Glen Hewitt ran the time keeping as well, with Anne Hill and Joanne, thank you.

Huge thank you to our Catering truck from

Memorable is the little Kelpie, Brandy Brown, perched on the passenger seat beside Rob Howden as he drove the water buggy around for both days. Cute as!

Thanks also to Lexie Tierney my stepdaughter and mate, for helping me personally in so many ways. She pulled Sahateyn Star Dancer aka Obi, out of the paddock for a 20km, and he was a class act, and a good boy for her.

Apologies to my fluffy shepherd Terra, for leaving you confused and disorientated in the paddock as I ran between 10 jobs at once. Sorry Terra.

I guess I should thank my Steve, now that I've finished with the dog? Oops. Job well done honey.

Lastly I want to thank you, the endurance riders who came from near and far with your family and friends to make this dream of mine come true. You left the paddock so clean, and were very understanding when I stuffed up the gate access and we couldn't get the goose necks in to the main paddock. Thanks guys.

My thanks also go out to the Hunter Valley Arabian Society for donating six bags of Mitavite Munga. We did a lucky rider number draw to award these

## March 2014

1&2	<b>Woodstock</b> 40/20km both days	Helen Lindsay 63429289 0427429289 kintamianarabs@bigpond.com	4
9	<b>South Coast Training &amp; Social Ride</b> 40/20km \$50/\$25	Alan Marshall 44228818 kirkh@skymesh.com.au	5
14-16	<b>Harden Up</b> AERA 160/120/80 & AERA 40km \$250/ \$180S&\$150J/\$90S&\$75J/\$50Tr.	Fia Hasko-Stewart 6282 2051 0401999473 fia.cumming@health.gov.au	4
29&30	<b>Williams Valley</b> – 10/5km plus 10&5km Ride&Tie (Saturday) 80/60-40/20km (Sunday) - \$TBA	Brad Dillon 49965549 or 0400314629 <a href="mailto:brad_dillon@bigpond.com">brad_dillon@bigpond.com</a>	6

## April 2014

5&6	<b>Neville</b> 80/40/20 \$90/\$55/\$30	Di Luker 0413806933 Topline198@bigpond.com	4
12	<b>Ride for Pegasus</b> 10km \$55	Roz Edmunds 0403150476 <a href="mailto:redmunds@netspace.net.au">redmunds@netspace.net.au</a>	4
20	<b>Tooraweenah</b> –2 day 160km/ 2x80km/3x40km/20km &7km also mini marathon 100-120km \$TBA	Sonia Bonham 6848 5345 <a href="mailto:gavinandsonia@bigpond.com">gavinandsonia@bigpond.com</a>	2
25-26	<b>Homewood Endurance Memorial Ride</b> (120-100-80)/40/20/5km Vet.Friday/Ride Saturday	Allan Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:allan.caslick@hotmail.com">allan.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6
27	<b>Gundagai</b> - 80/40 \$90/\$50Tr.	Rick Owen 6944 1628	4

## May 2014

4	<b>Q60</b> 100-80/40/20 TBA	Greg Moore 0419 692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
3-4	<b>Terrific Tenterfield</b> 100-80/40/20km \$100/\$50/\$30	Caroline Windle 67364612 <a href="mailto:maxwell@harboursat.com.au">maxwell@harboursat.com.au</a>	QER A
3-4	<b>Bendemeer</b> 40/20/5km Sat. 80/40km Sun.	Tracey Hopley 67640179 <a href="mailto:dhopley073@gmail.com">dhopley073@gmail.com</a>	2
17&18	<b>Mudgee</b> – 83/40km Sunday 20km Saturday	Mette Sutton 0400 308626 <a href="mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com">mette.sutton@bigpond.com</a>	2
24&25	<b>Wingello Forest Ride</b> – 80/60-40/20/10/5km \$100/ \$60Tr./\$40Soc.	Bec Hogan 0412 600173 <a href="mailto:bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au">bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au</a>	5

## June 2014

31May& 1June	<b>Spirit of the Song Ride &amp; Festival</b> 40/20/8.5kmSat. 80/40km Sun.	Allan Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:allan.caslick@hotmail.com">allan.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6
14&15	<b>NSW State Championship Ride</b> 160/80 \$350/\$300J	Helen Lindsay 6342 9289 <a href="mailto:kintamianarabs@bigpond.com">kintamianarabs@bigpond.com</a>	1
29	<b>Kundabung Endurance Ride</b> 80/40/20km TBA	Sonya Ruprecht 6553 9523 <a href="mailto:dsruprecht@westnet.com.au">dsruprecht@westnet.com.au</a>	6



## July 2014

5&6	<b>Oakhampton</b> 80/40/15km **Hendra Vaccination Mandatory**	Gay Bonham 6785 2055 <a href="mailto:jgbonham@bigpond.net.au">jgbonham@bigpond.net.au</a>	2
6	<b>Currowan Endurance Ride</b> 80/40/20km \$95/\$75/ \$50tr/ \$25soc.	Jenny Shephard 4478 1089 <a href="mailto:currowan@hotmail.com">currowan@hotmail.com</a>	5
12&13	<b>Upper Corindi</b> 40/20km Sat. 80/40/20kmSun.	Megan Matters 66492836 <a href="mailto:hoofmatters@gmail.com">hoofmatters@gmail.com</a>	QERA
19&20	<b>Coolamon</b> 40/20(Saturday) - 80/40/20km(Sunday) \$85/\$65/tr\$50/soc\$25.	Mick Leary 6927 3427 0458 273427 <a href="mailto:coolamonendurance@gmail.com">coolamonendurance@gmail.com</a>	4
20	<b>Zone 1 Championships St.Albans</b> 100/40/20KM & TBA	Emily Streckfuss 0409280528 <a href="mailto:striderjet@yahoo.com">striderjet@yahoo.com</a>	1
26&27	<b>Bago</b> 100-80/60-40/20km(Sunday) 10km(Saturday) TBA	Robyn Coombes 6585 6761 <a href="mailto:robyncoombes8@gmail.com">robyncoombes8@gmail.com</a>	6

## August 2014

9&10	<b>Cobark Endurance Ride</b> 80km 60-40km 20/10/5km	Carol Layton 6558 5573 <a href="mailto:carol.layton@gmail.com">carol.layton@gmail.com</a>	6
25-29	<b>Shahzada</b> 400km marathon/120km mini marathon	Sue Todd 63797218 <a href="mailto:suetodd@activ8.net.au">suetodd@activ8.net.au</a>	1

## September 2014

14	<b>Woodstock</b> 80/40/20km \$90/\$50/\$25	Helen Lindsay 63429289 <a href="mailto:kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com">kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com</a>	4
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## October 2014

3-5	<b>Tom Quilty Gold Cup</b> – Wagin WA **Hendra Vaccinated Horses Only**	Jane Radny 0419 198976 <a href="mailto:westcoastarabians@bigpond.com">westcoastarabians@bigpond.com</a>	WERA
4-5	<b>Rosemont Trainer</b> 40/20km (5km ride & tie)	Greg Moore 0419 692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
19	<b>National Capital Brookvale</b> 80/40/20km TBA	Gertraud Norton 62725506 BH 62261378 AH <a href="mailto:gertraudnorton@bigpond.com">gertraudnorton@bigpond.com</a>	4
25-26	<b>Kiwarra</b> 40/20km Sat. 80/40/20km Sun.	Allan Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:allan.caslick@hotmail.com">allan.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6

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# *Letter to the Editor*

## **For What It's Worth ... Some Words of Warning**

What follows is not criticism. Nor should it be misconstrued as commentary on the rights and wrongs, pros and cons, ethics or otherwise of selling horses to overseas interests.

It is simply an accumulation of thoughts derived from a passion for horses and endurance riding, a lifetime as a journalist, and a genuine concern for the potential of media to have a hugely negative impact on our sport.

The motivation to actually write these long-held thoughts came from a presentation by Tom McCormack at the NSW ERA Annual General Meeting in February. As NSW delegate to the Australian Endurance Riders Association (AERA), part of Tom's presentation dealt with the growing anxiety, in Europe particularly, regarding the welfare of horses in Arab states. Allegations of doping, cheating and general mistreatment of horses in what are effectively long distance, flat track races are by association casting a poor light on endurance riding and the sale of horses to Arab states in particular.

Yet while Tom McCormack went to considerable lengths to point out that these are allegations only, he reported that some media coverage in Europe has raised horse welfare issues which are now in the gaze of authorities governing equine sports internationally.

The concern of this for our sport in this country is that if these allegations are shown to have some foundation in fact, then the ramifications are potentially horrendous if a national media outlet – encouraged by the investigations of a suitably impassioned animal rights group – was to unearth enough disparaging material to file a detailed report on the welfare of Australian horses sold to overseas buyers.

Most of us, if not all of us, have seen the impact of confronting news reports on the live export of Australian cattle and sheep to Arab, Asian and Middle Eastern countries. The public outcry was massive, reaching the highest levels of government and industry, and creating a major, well-funded response by politicians and vested interests seeking to soften the issue and ultimately, end the debate and get back to business.

Horses, however, are undeniably a far more emotive subject than cattle or sheep. What's more, and with the obvious exception of the horse racing industry, equine sports generally are not endowed with the funds to offer a professional public response in the event of a significant assault on a particular sport's integrity and its attitude to how horses are treated once they leave Australian shore.

Given the precedents already set with cattle and sheep, it is naivety in the extreme to think that responsibility for the welfare of Australian horses sold to foreign interests ends with the lodgement of a cheque or the departure of horses on a plane. In my experience, neither the media nor the public will see it that way if mistreatment of 'our' horses by overseas buyers is shown to be a fact.

So my point is this: We all need to be cognisant of the welfare of Australian horses sold overseas and as an absolute minimum, at least be aware of the possibility for damaging reports on our sport.

More importantly perhaps, officials at the highest levels of Australian endurance riding should (if they haven't already) be encouraged to make their own enquiries regarding the true welfare of horses sold overseas and again as an absolute minimum, have a prepared, factual response on the issue if a reporter and camera crew should one day come knocking on the door.

However, a plausible response can only be achieved with full knowledge of the facts. Heads in the

sand and pleas of ignorance simply won't cut it and will, in fact, provide the media with a free run on the issue of responsibility and the apparent lack of concern for animals once they are out of sight and money is in the bank.

No one needs a crystal ball or the powers of Nostradamus to visualise the consequences and the impact such a media onslaught would have on our sport and in turn, its ability to attract new members, sponsorship and support from government bodies and local communities.

Worst of all perhaps, particularly given the vet checks, logbooks and horse welfare standards which have evolved to make Australian endurance riding possibly the most 'horse-conscious' of all equine disciplines in this country, the sport's hard-won reputation for horse welfare would be sent to the sewer.

Steve Brooks

Member No: 21604

## *Letter to the Editor*

In response to the article by John Howe on the passing of Peter Cole.

First of all the Mudgee Endurance Riders Club would like to offer our sympathy to Peter Cole's family.

Regarding John Howe's letter in the last Newsletter about the late Peter Cole, there was never any hate between the Mudgee and Sofala Clubs with Peter, and I cannot believe there was any hate from him towards either club. There was a discussion with Peter many years ago at a Mudgee ride concerning both committees regarding trophies. After that discussion there was certainly no hard feelings. Warren Fowler was president of the Sofala Club and I was president of the Mudgee Club at the time.

When my wife had a bad accident during one of our rides Peter stopped and took a saddle cloth off his horse and put it over her and then rode for help. He then retired from the ride because he was upset over it and that is the bloke we knew him to be.

(Sgd) John King

NERA President 1982 to 1992.

### **Notice**

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

**Address: Trevor Knight**

**PO Box 179**

**Bulahdelah NSW 2423.**

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

**info@trevorknightcom**





IMG 4847 - Monica Majerowski riding Halimas Valentine with son, Isaac riding Valinor Park Sakim  
 MG 4579 - Jan Wade riding Hillview Amigo



#### Upper Myall Downs Trainer Photos

IMG 4497 - Raymond Eade and his 23-year-old mare, Credo Joyride  
 IMG 4881 - Nigel Colefax riding Inshallah Echo's Flight with Tamika Hagan doing her first ride and loving every minute of it on Evening Star  
 IMG 4525 - Modena Schofield-Foster and Sharabel Akaysha



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc.  
held at Riverwood Downs, 311 Upper Monkerai Road, Monkerai on Saturday, 8 February 2013,  
commencing at 12.45 pm.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Tom Perkins Snr, (Chairman), Tom McCormack, Belinda Hopley, Haydn Fisher, John Howe, Steve Roberts, Greg Moore, Emma McCormack, Marylou Locke, Gertraud Norton, Casey Holtom,

**Apologies:** Gary Tweedie, Brad Jones, Marlee Turnbull, Louise McCormack, Terry Woods, Glenda Edwards, Karen and Ray Rhodes, Brad, Wendy and Allis Jones, Kate and Woody Pillie, Gary Bennett, Robin Gossip, Bob Locke,

**In attendance:** Sue Todd, Kerry Spratt, Dean Walkom, Emma McCormack, Emily Streckfuss, Tony Warren, Susan Walkom, Sue Warren, Lynn Coles, Carol Layton, Johanne Gardner, Thomas Hermann, Brad Dillon, Casey Holtom, Belinda Hopley, Carol Major, David Player, Ros Ryan, Anne Hills, Helen Lindsay, Steve Brooks, Julie Brooks, Tom Perkins, Gertraud Norton, Steven Roberts, Tom McCormack, Stirling Keayes, Greg Moore, Garry Weis, Glen Hewett, Charles Gauci, Peter Grelck, John Howe, Gail Fisher, Wayne Hickey, Suzanne Manderson, Haydn Fisher, Helen Rich, Peter Kelly, Karen Anderson, Gil Stevenson, Tracy Haack, Marylou Locke, Phil Coleman, Sonya Ruprecht, Neil Clarkson, Talea Hasko-Stewart, Fia Hasko-Stewart, Ian Curtis, Allison Knihinicki, Michael Knihinicki, Ruth van der Wegan, Fiona Meller, Jennifer Gilbertson, Graeme Gilbertson, Patsy Trevor, Warren Trevor, Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Robin Mather, Jenny Caslick, Allan Caslick

**Proxies recorded.**

The number of proxies recorded was 29

The Chairman welcomed members to the 2013 AGM.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the AGM held 2 February 2013 had been previously published in the New South Wales Endurance Newsletter, in the AGM booklet for this meeting and on the website.

Changes to the Minutes of 2 February 2013 include Sue Walkom – No. 19 one of the scrutineers. Spelling.

New Chief Steward – misspelling of a name.

Peter Grelck rang through an apology and wasn't listed.

**MOVED** John Howe, Haydn Fisher

**THAT** the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 February 2013 be accepted.

**CARRIED** Unanimous

**CONFIRMATION OF LIFE MEMBERS.**

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

**MOVED** Neil Clarkson, Gertraud Norton

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

**Carried** Unanimous

**PRESIDENT – Tom Perkins Snr**

*The 2013 NSWERA riding program was full with some 30 event weekends scheduled and completed; the 2014 calendar is filling up already with 22 event weekends booked. Hendra Virus raised its head in NSW with infections reported at two properties near Macksville and two properties near Kempsey, causing some disruption, particularly in Zone 6 where 2 rides were cancelled.*

*The prevention of Hendra virus infection at endurance events by mandatory vaccination of 'at risk' horses was raised by the National Veterinary Panel (NVP), arguing primarily that there is a three-day preclinical period for an infected horse when the infection is undetectable by normal biosecurity or vet checks but the horse is shedding live virus. The consequences of a Hendra outbreak at an event would be catastrophic. The feedback from the membership for the AERA vote on the matter was that the chance of contracting Hendra at an event was considered so remote that apart from normal bio-security procedures no particular preventive measures were required. Vaccination remains a personal choice.*

*The EA Affiliation Agreement was signed on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct and AERA has appointed our two nominated members for the initial National Endurance Committee. The management of FEI now essentially passes to EA and the National Endurance Committee.*

*Insurance: AON submitted the new rates for 2014, however with another insurance company showing interest AON revisited there costs resulting in a considerable saving for the Association for 2014.*

**5 Year Administration Overview Update.**

*To summarize, in overview, some of the key administrative initiatives and progress made by the SMC in the period 2008 – 2013; more detail of these and other achievements will be included in the individual*



portfolio reports:-

- *SMC Meetings – By circulating the portfolio reports and agenda item details before the meeting, we are making better informed decisions and the meetings are more efficient with the target completion by 10:30 PM generally achieved. There is no backlog build-up and for the last three years we have managed the affairs of the Association with nine meetings per year. The cost of overnight accommodation has been dramatically reduced.*
- *Tom McCormack has single-handedly restructured our financial management system into a 'best practice' system in MYOB.*
- *Ride Calendar.*
  - *The ride calendar was reviewed in 2011 and is now being managed to a set of documented protocols and procedures (set out on the web site) based on priority for 'Traditional Dates' and to clearly defined separation criteria.*
  - *Ride Bases Map. All NSW ride base locations were included in a 'Google' map in June 2008 providing ride details, accurate location, and route instructions on how to get there. The map has had almost 100,000 visits to date!*
- *The NSWERA Website was rebuilt in 2012 utilizing the 'Wordpress' program which is user-friendly, allowing for SMC members with basic skills to manage and update the content. We intend that a minimum of three SMC members should have the skills and access.*
- *In 2010 the management of our service providers for Secretariat, Registrar, Newsletter Editor, and Minutes Secretary was formalized with position descriptions setting out the accountabilities with KPI's and annual performance reviews. Each position has a formal agreement and appointments are for two years with options for a further two years followed by a one year option. Each position must, however, be retendered after 5 years.*
- *Strategic Business Plan*  
*Each year the association submits a report and an update of our Strategic Business Plan under the Sports Development Program to receive annual funding from NSW Sporting & Recreation. In June 2013 our report, by necessity, included a three year update of our Business Plan which was endorsed by NSW Sporting & Rec. and is summarized :-*
- *Governance Portfolio led group - Align portfolio management PD's, Business Plan KPA's, and budget forecasting with the Strategic Business Plan long-term objectives.*
- *Website Portfolio led group - Introduce online operational systems for membership, ride entry, log books, etc.*
- *Project TQ15 Subcommittee - Conduct the State Championships in 2014 as the lead up event and then run the 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty National Championships in 2015.*
  - *Membership Growth Subcommittee - Take advantage of the interest raised by the major events to promote membership growth.*
  - *Run a promotional and introductory campaign.*
  - *Establish the new introductory division to facilitate participation.*

*I hope Santa was generous to you and I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2014. **Cheers, Tom***

Tom elaborated further on his written report. All AERA matters will be deferred to the AERA report to be given by Tom McCormack later in the meeting.

Tom gave an overview of what is set out in his written report. The ride bases map has had well over 100,000 visits. The website has been rebuilt.

Question from the floor as to how much government funding we have this year. Reply was around \$7000 per annum. We have been advised by the government department that there will be new forms and criteria by the end of this year. The period 2014 – 2015 will be under the same terms and conditions as the current terms and conditions. They have effectively postponed the new model for another 12 months.

### **TREASURER – Tom McCormack**

Written treasurer's report was put up on the screen. Copies of the financial reports were available at the back of the room. The written report is reproduced below.

*It is with pleasure that I present my sixth Treasurers Report to the members of the Association.*

*As I write this report, the accounts are being finalized and will soon be dispatched to our external auditors and hence I am only able to provide a forecast of the final profit for the purpose of this report. I forecast our final audited profit for 2013 to be approximately \$5800. Several copies of the final audited accounts will be available at the AGM as well as being posted on the NSWERA website.*

*As in previous years, my presentation will be in a slightly different format than the actual audited accounts, making it easier for members to digest but obviously with the same net profit result.*



Let me begin with relevant statistical comparisons for the last 6 years.

**Membership:**

Total membership declined in 2013 being 7 less than 2012 or a drop of 1.2%. This is a trend that has continued for the last decade and one which is proving difficult to reverse. The introduction of the intermediate Membership category has proven reasonably popular with 25 persons opting for this level of membership in its first year. It will be interesting to follow the trend of this membership category over coming years.

**Ride Entries:**

The total number of ride entries increased in 2013 compared to 2012 by 29 or 1%. Endurance event entries decreased in 2013 by 165, however Training & Introductory ride entries increased by 213. The average entries per Training ride was 30 in 2013 compared to 23 in 2012 and 25 in 2011. Introductory rides averaged 19 entries in 2013 being the same as in 2012 which was up from 14 in 2011. Although small in number, FEI entries decreased in 2013 by 15.5%.

**Events:**

An event is defined as a full weekend program, thus multiple rides at the same venue on the same weekend is defined as 1 event. There were 2 fewer events in 2013 but individual rides conducted at events were up 2 from 2012.

**Profit and Loss:**

The forecast result for 2013 of \$5800 is better than originally anticipated given the significant loss of Government funding. Given the circumstances, the forecast result compares favourably with the 2012 result of \$7,310 which was an improvement of \$11,909 from the loss of \$4738 in 2011.

The table shown on page 5 of this newsletter is a high level comparison of the financial performance for the last 6 years.

I will leave the closer analysis of the key movements until the audited accounts are available.

I flagged in my Treasurers Report at the 2013 AGM that it was likely there would be pressure to increase our fees and charges in 2014. At the November SMC meeting, it was reluctantly agreed to increase some fees for 2014 to ensure the long term viability of the Association and minimize the need for large fee increases in future years. A table of the 2014 fees and charge is shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

This is my last report as Treasurer for NSWERA, as I will not be seeking re-election in 2014. My work commitments have changed significantly in the last 12-14 months and I no longer have the time to devote to the role. I have served a 6-year term which in my personal view is long enough before an individual should take a break from the committee in any case.

I wish to thank all my fellow committee members that I have had the pleasure to work with on both the NSWERA SMC and the AERA during the last 6 years. Your commitment and dedication to our sport has been outstanding.

Finally, I have found it interesting to compare some key measures from 2008 to today. Given the modern 100 mile an hour world we live in today, perhaps things are not as bad as some may suggest.

Total membership has decreased by 22 or 3.9%

Total ride entries have increased by 363 or 14.2%

Total event weekends have decreased by 2 or 7.1%

Total individual rides have increased by 17 or 21.8%

Adult membership with PA and no newsletter was \$165 in 2009 and will be \$155 in 2014.

Junior membership with PA and no newsletter was \$100 in 2009 and will be \$95 in 2014.

The net equity of the Association in December 2007 was \$87,921 and it is forecast to be \$88,000 at December 2013. Tom McCormack, NSWERA Treasurer

The report shown in italics above was then discussed in some detail.

Tom said that the figures set out in the AGM booklet had been updated but there are copies of the P&L at the back of the room for everyone to have a look at. Tom then said he would now give a verbal report which would be simpler than the written report reproduced above.

Final profit was around \$11,000 for the year which was fairly good considering that we did lose some government funding over the year. Compares favourably with the year before.

You will then see a high level table in my report. 2013 was the first year where personal accident was optional. Now it is shown as a separate item. It is not part of the membership fees. You are in fact purchasing personal accident insurance.

Turning to page 3 – there is a lot more detail. Pages, 4 and 5 contain even more detail. Turning to page 7, you will see a slight decrease in membership; more people are joining after July to get the reduced membership fees. AERA expenses are down \$1500. Meetings now held in Melbourne and the meeting

costs are cheaper. Trophy costs are down because we had fewer successful Big 3 trophies. We did make some donations to things like the National Parks. Saved \$1800 in insurance as we obtained cheaper rates. A new group has been in the market which is focusing on equine insurance. This is being used in order to negotiate a better rate for our insurance. Rates are down again in 2014. Saved money on international FEI. No riders this year. Meeting expenses are down. Fewer meetings, reports go in early, finish early, no accommodation costs and its working well saving around \$2,000. Funded Equitana this year.

Page 8 – saved \$3500 as we didn't have to fund arrows for new committees as there weren't any. Reduced the number of volunteer rewards, TQ15 is a new equation for this year. There will be preliminary costs.

We reviewed our membership fees and this was shown on the board. Adult went up \$5. Personal accident went back to \$55.

Tom McCormack then said he will not be standing for election. Thanked all the members of the SMC that he had worked with in the past six years.

In the last six years membership has dropped by 22 people but ride entries have increased. Events decreased but individual rides have increased.

I now welcome any questions from the floor.

Carol Layton said that Tom McCormack had done a brilliant job.

**MOVED Peter Grelck, Belinda Hopley**

**THAT** the official audited accounts be accepted.

**Carried Unanimous**

### **JOHN HOWE – Ride Calendar, Secretary, Public Officer**

*I have enjoyed my role as Secretary during 2013. I filled the position as a stop gap. While I have the knowledge and skills to be Secretary without any problem, I do not have the computer skills to operate in the modern world. I still use a Fountain Pen for my personal correspondence. 2014 will have a new Secretary, one with computer skills.*

*Having said that, there have not been any major problems in the Secretary's role, nor have there been any outstanding events. Sadly, there have been a number of incidents that have been sent to the IDP for determination. The worst part is that all have come from poor member behaviour and could have been easily avoided by a bit of thought and consideration by all concerned.*

*The best part of my role as Secretary has been the opportunity to work with a dedicated team of volunteers who do the work that allows us all to ride. Thank you to all members of the NSWERA SMC. It has been an honour and pleasure to work with you all. While a camel is a horse that was designed by a committee, there are times when the input of 15 people is invaluable when it comes to problem-solving.*

*I would like to offer a special vote of thanks to President Tom Perkins who has been President, AERA delegate and head of the Hendra subcommittee for the AERA. In my 15 years of service to the NSWERA SMC, I have never worked with a more dedicated, tireless, committed person. Every member of NSWERA owes Tom a massive debt of thanks.*

*To anyone who would like to have a go at the Committee, feel free, it's easy to sit around the campfire and discuss, but it's harder at the Committee level. However, there are plenty of very knowledgeable people out there who have some wonderful skill sets who could really make a difference to the sport which is constantly evolving and we all need to have a positive input.*

*During 2013, we were able to ride on 25 weekends. There were a couple of weekends where two rides ran and four events were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances that were beyond the control of the ride committees involved. To date 22 weekends have been booked for events in 2014.*

*During 2013, the concept of 'traditional dates' has been fully accepted by ride organisers. The topic of timing of state rides and the movement of Easter continues to be problematic, though. Our biggest worry is that for members to qualify to attempt to enter the Quilty, they have to have completed a 160km ride. However, the enormous logistical effort to undertake a 160km ride makes them a very rare bird indeed. I'd like to thank the Manilla/Tamworth club for running the State Ride early in 2013 so that NSW members had a last opportunity to qualify for the Quilty. A number did so.*

*My only request is that members make allowances for any disruption that may be caused to the calendar by the movements I have flagged above and consider that "We need to ride to the conditions that we are presented with and train and prepare accordingly". This is a keystone of our sport that we overcome whatever obstacles may present along the way.*

*The Easter Carnival concept was proven at Oberon at Easter 2013 with a medley of FEI and AERA rides being run over two days. For anyone who rode there, there was something for everyone and the*

Tooraweenah Club is to be commended for taking up the mantle of the Easter Carnival for 2014.

The 50th Anniversary of the Quilty is now very much a reality. It will be held on the June long weekend, 2015, at Del Rio resort near Wiseman's Ferry. The track will cover parts of the original Quilty track and special markers will be put up to commemorate these stretches of very special track. In addition, the ride will incorporate parts of the current Shahzada track. The NSW State Ride will be held over this course from the Del Rio ride base on the weekend of 14 & 15 June 2014. For all Quilty aspirants, this will be a most wonderful opportunity to preview the TQ 15 track. If you are not riding, please come along and support this fantastic ride.

Finally, I would love to hear from any club who would like to run the NSW state Championship ride for 2015. With the Quilty back in NSW for 2015, the State Ride may be a bit of a Cinderella, but it is still NSW's premium ride and of course it will be a most important part of the Big 3 competition for 2015. As Big 3 award registrar, I'm hoping that there will be a larger number successful than even in 2010, the last year the Quilty was in NSW. **John Howe, NSWERA Secretary, Ride Calendar portfolio**

John said that he wanted to add something to his written report. We have received 14 more short distance rides than shown in his report above. He asked if there was anyone who wanted to run a State ride in 2015, please put your hands up. The BIG 3 will be great for 2015 as we have the Quilty in our State and we need someone to run a State Championships ride. He will not be standing for the role of secretary as his computer skills are just not up to scratch.

### **BELINDA HOPLEY – CS & TPR, Vet Liaison,**

Welcome to our AGM.

First of all, there are two recipients of our Cherished TPR Vests this year, Bindi Reinhold and Lynette Taylor. In addition to the vest, they receive a new dual-head stethoscope, rapid read thermometer and stopwatch for their assistance, very kindly sponsored by Dixon-Smith. Unfortunately, the TPR school scheduled to be held in March has been postponed until next spring. The current active TPR list will also be on the website shortly - the names are those taken from the last two years' ride reports - please take the time to look at it and let me now if you are missing. Just a note to CSs to please take the time to record the TPRs that assist in the running of our rides so they can be duly recognised (CS ride report - NSWERA website under 'Forms') and complete all the information on the report. Please ensure these are given to the ride secretary in time to be sent to the NSWERA Secretariat.

There were 30 rides (inc the Tom Quilty) conducted this year. There were 15 invasive treatments performed this year and 3 ROs were given – compared to 11 last year.

The NSW RFS have put out a booklet called "Prepare Your Horse for Bushfire" which you should all read and put into action. Go to [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=1150](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=1150) or [http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file\\_system/attachments/State08/Attachment\\_20121224\\_E8B30FC2.pdf](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/file_system/attachments/State08/Attachment_20121224_E8B30FC2.pdf)

There were only 4 horse deaths from Hendra this year, the last being in July in Kempsey. I would like to thank the Hendra Subcommittee for their work in getting the facts on this serious issue, <http://www.nswera.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Hendra-Management-Report.pdf>. If you haven't read the NSW DPI fact sheet describing the illness, managing the risk in the workplace and reducing the chance of infection, then go to NSW DPI/aboutus/search for hendra and go to the Primefact 970 8<sup>th</sup> edition or [http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/310492/Hendra-Virus.pdf](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/310492/Hendra-Virus.pdf)

At the November AERA meeting, horse registration fees are to rise for the first time since their inception, from \$11 to \$25 for yearly registration and Lifetime from \$55 to \$60. This was in the context of forthcoming developments:

- 1) AeraSpace (like all software) will require ongoing maintenance and enhancements;
- 2) The AERA is developing an electronic timing system that will interface with AeraSpace. The intention is to provide each State with a complete hardware package designed for use at all events in Australia. The first trials should be conducted in the first quarter of 2014 with the intention of having it fully tested and operational for the 2014 TQ;
- 3) The AERA has committed to funding special celebration activities at our 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty in 2015.

The decision to increase the annual fee significantly, whilst only marginally increasing the lifetime fee, was twofold:

- to encourage members to purchase lifetime registration thus reducing secretarial workloads in the long run; and
- to ensure that those members who turn over a large number of horses on a regular basis contribute accordingly.

Swabbing was conducted and was all clear.

There are no rule changes for 2014.

Once again, I would like to thank Brian for all his very wonderful and much appreciated support this year,



looking after our 4 legged family while I've been up here. Lastly, but certainly not the least, I have really enjoyed the privilege of representing you and working with the very good people on this committee.

**Belinda Hopley, Horse welfare, CSs and TPRs portfolios**

#### **HAYDN FISHER– Horse Welfare, Drug Testing**

Few early warning letters sent out this year.

#### **GREG MOORE – Website**

2014 has been an interesting and at times challenging year for the website with the launch of three updates to the management system. Each of these updates to the latest version has brought with it significant changes in the look and back of house procedures required to make updates/changes to the website. The website is currently running on version Wordpress 3.8.

2013 saw the following changes, updates and innovations made to the website  
"Sonya Says" was added to the homepage.

- Many new member photographs were added to various pages.
- Numerous updates to the Zone pages.
- Hendra management information and feedback line setup.
- Updates to the Pre-nominations tab.
- Numerous calendar updates and changes, thank you Sonya.
- State Archives updates with the 2013 results and the historical results from previous years, with a big thank you to Helen Lindsay for providing all the old records.
- Link established to the AERA results page.
- 2013 distance and point scores loaded.
- All 2013 Newsletters uploaded.
- Several form updates, thank you Sonya
- 2013 Tom Quilty information and link up loaded.
- Shahzada tab updated with stories and photos as well as information for 2014
- Committee contacts updated.

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

Greg added to his report by asking for members to send things in for the Internet site. Send in as much as you want.

#### **MARYLOU LOCKE – Newsletter**

With 2013 over now it's time for the AGM, I would like to thank Tom Perkins Snr and fellow committee members for the hard yards they put in. This was my first year on committee and I found it very interesting. The newsletter runs like clockwork many thanks must go to Helen and Neil for having the newsletter so organized. **Marylou Locke**

#### **EMMA McCORMACK**

Earlier in the year NSWERA held a Vet Accreditation course in Canberra, which was run by Steve Roberts. At this course we had 5 vets attend. I would like to thank Steve for holding this course. We are in the process of organising another vet accreditation course to be held in the Zone One area early in 2014. We have approached Emily Streckfuss to host this course. If you know of any vets interested in becoming accredited please put them I contact with me. In particular if there are a number vets in your area interested please contact me so we can arrange an accreditation course in your area. Hendra has been a Hot topic this year with all of us. As most of you will be aware the National Vet Panel has advised us all that they highly recommend vaccination. It is something we should all consider and discuss with our regular veterinarian.

I would like to extend a big Thank You to all the vets that attend and help at our events.

**Emma McCormack, Vet Liaison portfolio**

#### **GERTRAUD NORTON– Insurance**

In 2013 in contrast to previous years, the personal accident (PA) insurance did not form a compulsory part of the annual membership fee but was an optional extra that was taken up by almost two thirds of the riding membership.

Membership Type	Riding Members 2013	PA Insurance Take Up	% taking up PA Insurance
Adult	416	257	61.8%
Junior	39	29	74.4%
Intermediate	23	13	59.0%

**Total**                                      **477**                                      **299**                                      **62.7%**

*During the 31 endurance events (mostly with a number of individual rides), nine accidents were reported, eight of which were the result of a fall off a horse. Five of those accidents ended in a PA insurance claim. PA insurance fees were \$75 per member in 2013 and will be \$55 in 2014. Gertraud added that 63% of members have taken out insurance.*

### **Zone 1 – Casey Holtom**

Didn't have a written report ready in time. Ran a number of rides in Zone One.  
896 likes on the Facebook page so far. 28,000 saw our content on that page.

### **Zone 4 – Steve Roberts - Dispute Resolution & Disciplinary Process amendments**

*Zone 4 conducts endurance events throughout the year, with varying rides over quite differing terrain: February saw a successful training ride weekend to try out the new venue of Bumbaldry west of Cowra, leading to competitive events there in August. April had some more demanding hills at Gundagai, then flat country rides at Coolamon and The Rock in July and October, rolling country at Harden in June and Woodstock in September and then the Zone Championship was added to the October Brookvale ride near Canberra, over what many consider one of the toughest courses remaining on the NSW calendar.*

*The Zone Champs saw the winners of each division also taking out the Best Conditioned award: Jelignite Jack (Marty Moran) HWt., Blake's Heaven Bombora (Talea Hasko-Stewart) MWt., Trigger (Vetea Facchini) LWt. and Blake's Heaven Venus (Georgia Curry) Jnr.. The Chris Walker award, initiated in 2012 by the family of the late great endurance vet who contributed so much to our sport including leading the development of the log books that we now use, went to Jelignite Jack. The award is given to the horse judged fittest to continue at the end of the event by a panel of three experienced riders from Chris' time.*

*On a serious note, the Harden ride saw poor behaviour from many competitors who were impatient over delays caused by significantly more entrants than expected; this possibly occurred as a result of a Sydney basin ride being cancelled in the weeks before Harden. Most competitors are never involved in the planning and running of a ride. Perhaps if they were, they would have a greater appreciation of the work involved. Such episodes also illustrate it is past time that endurance caught up with nearly all other equestrian competitions and required paid pre-nominations to assist with planning.*

*Lack of attention to pre-ride directions and track marking at Harden also resulted in one rider "losing it" and abusing check point volunteers, landing themselves with a case to answer at the Independent Disciplinary Panel. Such behaviour is potentially very damaging to our sport, with volunteers hard enough to get in the first place.*

*Now back to the good stuff: the 2013 Zone Point Score found the following riders leading:*

#### **HWt**

1. Jack Johnson 400km
  2. Marty Moran 360km
- =3rd Heidi Wade, and Patrick Leary 240km and both on 15 points while five other riders on the same distance were Frank Mollema, Laurie Stevens, Stuart Lymbery, Alan West and Con Bouzianis*

#### **MWt**

1. Talea Hasko-Stewart 600km
2. Ben Hudson 480km
3. Ian Curtis 440km

#### **LWt**

1. Fia Hasko-Stewart 600km
2. Vetea Facchini 440km
3. Kali Curtis 400km and 13 points (ahead of Sue Todd 400km and 8 points)

#### **JNR**

1. Tayla Warren 240km 15.5 points
2. Indigo Noonan 240km 5 points
3. Olivia De Gruchy 160km

**The overall One Horse-One Rider award** was won by Fia Hasko-Stewart and Wantley Kaliph on 520km.

*Out of the Snowy Zone, our members also performed very well with Tayla Warren, Fia Hasko-Stewart, Sue Todd, Talea Hasko-Stewart, Ben Hudson, Carol Major, Ian Curtis, Tom Bouzianis, Sue Warren, Jack Johnson and Robert Catlin all placing within the Top 10 of their division nationally!*

*Membership of the Snowy Zone is still \$10 per individual or \$20 for a family (must all be living at the same address). This is a great deal as not only are you supporting the Snowy Zone, but you will also receive a discount of \$5 at any Snowy Zone ride of 80km or more. Remember that it is better to join before the rides begin as then you can save the most amount of money throughout the year!*

*Our Zone AGM is to be held on 18 January, with Lou & Tom McCormack again extending their hospitality*

for the venue. We wish members everywhere a safe and enjoyable 2014. **Steve Roberts, Zone 4 Delegate**

Chocolate drive is now on and will be at all the Snowy Zone Rides.

Steve said that he is just the Liaison person for Trails. Fiona will speak on this.

Steve went on to give an idea of the IDP and how it handles incidents reported to it. If you as a member don't want to be on the SMC, you could put your hand up to be in the pool for the IDP. The panel is made up of three people drawn out of that pool. The SMC has nothing to do with the IDP. Please think about putting your name up for the pool.

#### **Gary Tweedie – Zone 5 South Coast**

*The South Coast ERA has had a quiet year with only two rides run in the Zone in 2013 and one training ride cancelled due to an extreme weather event.*

*Unfortunately due to encroaching population, many of our "traditional" ride bases and trails are no longer available. There are currently four rides on the 2014 Calendar, so 2014 is looking up for the Zone.*

*The AGM for the Zone will be held in the coming weeks. We are looking for a reinvigoration of interest in the Zone and some new faces to take on the Zone management and also to run some new rides in the area.*

*Have a great 2014. Gary Tweedie, Zone 5 Delegate*

#### **Brad Dillon – Zone 6**

Brad said he filled in at the last SMC meeting as a Zone 6 delegate. Welcome to Zone 6. Exciting year ahead. Three new rides. Trainer coming up soon. Allan Caslick is putting a ride on. Got heaps of prizes coming up. Cobark ride should happen this year. The Zone is financed by a levy. Come up to Zone 6 for your endurance fix.

### **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TQ 15**

Neil Clarkson gave this report. He explained how the TQ15 worked. Any profits return to NSW SMC. It is a NSW ride. We need members to help out. Have a track clearing weekend on 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Will have a website set up in a couple of weeks time.

Neil said that he has been in endurance for a long time now. Every committee he has been on has had a fantastic group of people. This is a credit to our members.

Preparation for the Quilty is proceeding well.

Any questions? Will the State Ride be the same track as the TQ15? Yes, the State Ride is a curtain raiser so anything that needs changing or tweaking will be done in order to make the TQ15 a roaring success.

#### **Membership Growth**

In the absence of Marlee, Gertraud Norton gave a report on portfolio. She said the subcommittee thinks that we need to put more emphasis on education to help newcomers enter the sport and progress in it with confidence. We would like to take advantage of the grants that are currently available from NSW Sports & Recreation. Two types of grants are on offer – one for events and one for facilities and increased participation in recreational sport. If possible, we would like to apply for both.

The grants for events cover things like support for the event itself and information material that will raise interest in the sport and hopefully encourage further participation. We are planning to organise some seminars or clinics with guest speakers and instructors and also to print one or more information booklets on how to get started and to progress in the sport and to reprint the TPR book by Chris Walker. So far, one suggestion for a seminar is for contacting Reuben Rose and Sally Fenner to give talks on exercise physiology of horses and riders and principles of training endurance horses effectively, and another is for staging one or more clinics on equitation for endurance riders and horses. There are two application rounds still open for these grants, one with the deadline on 16 March and the other with the deadline on 13 June. It is likely that we will only apply in the last round as we need time to organise and prepare what we want to do.

With regards to the facilities/participation grants, the subcommittee is thinking that it would be of long-term benefit to the sport to have a couple of fixed and reasonably centrally located facilities that could be used for weekend courses/seminars/clinics, holiday camps by NSWERA or any of its affiliated clubs and as a training base for groups of endurance riders. Such facilities would be equipped with basic amenities, a shed to hold a seminar in, permanently marked tracks and water on course. Bumbaldry near Cowra could potentially become such a facility and possibly Tooraweenah. Negotiations with the clubs have only just been started. The deadline for this type of grant is 2 April.

Carol Layton said they are planning on having an introduction to endurance riding in her local area. Does that qualify for any funding? Possibly, but regard has to be taken to the timelines relating to each of the deadlines: the money cannot be spent before a certain date and it has to be spent within a certain period. The March deadline covers events which run after June.



If anyone has any bright ideas, please send them on to Gertraud.

### **Course Preservation - Fiona Meller**

Had a recent meeting with the Head of National Parks Ann King. Expecting an announcement from the Minister for the Environment Robyn Parker regarding Wilderness areas around the end of March. Newly constructed section of the Bicentennial National Trail to be opened in the Snowy, we think the Minister will announce the start of the Wilderness Trials at that time. The Greens will not be happy about this.

Wilderness Pilots are about to start for:

Kosciuszko

- Deua/Wadbilliga
- Monga
- Mummel Gulf

Curracabundi has been delayed.

In the non wilderness areas, workshops were held last year, resulting in formal regional workplans being prepared listing actions that need to be performed in 2013-14. Half way through the time now, and we are starting to get some feed back:

- Booti Booti National Park has received some horse friendly gates.
- Discussions have taken place in the Parr State Conservation Area with the TQ15 committee and outcomes have been very positive.
- In the Wollemi National Park (Blue Mountains Region) there are plans to create link trails but first we need to finalise the horse riding sub-plan to enable this to happen. This is progressing slowly.
- There are Plan of Management amendments to both Garigal NP and Ku-ring-gai NP to allow more trails to be opened.

Regions which are not part of current horse riding initiatives which particularly need horse riders on the local Regional Advisory Committees include:

- South-west Sydney
- Central West
- South Coast

They are made up of ordinary people and you can go along and represent horse riders on those committees. They meet around 6 times a year. They take you on field trips to Parks and it's a good way to educate non horsey people on what horse riders do in Parks. Can you devote six times a year to contribute to your sport? South Western Sydney has a hostile committee. Need someone to represent us there. Another one is Western Rivers and we need someone on that committee. Really need local people on the ground.

This portfolio has had a name change from 'Course Preservation' to 'Track Preservation' to more accurately describe what is involved – it's not just about keeping endurance ride courses open, but training tracks and general riding trails as well.

### **AERA Delegates Report - Tom McCormack**

Meeting adjourned at 1.50pm. Meeting resumed at 2.00.

*2013 has been another busy year at the AERA table.*

*Your NSWERA delegates in 2013 were Tom Perkins, Marlee Turnbull and I, Tom McCormack.*

*2013 was the final year of the 3 year funding program to create national uniformity at our rides. All funding must be expended by June 30th 2014 or be forfeited. Since our last AGM, NSWERA has purchased 3 laptops, 2 printers and 2 large scanners. Each zone now has a base kit comprising;*

- *electronic scales*
- *laptop and printer*
- *large scanner*
- *vet & tpr vets*

*It is the responsibility of each zone to maintain and repair their kit items at their cost.*

*NSWERA has approximately \$1700 to spend by June 30th to expend our full funding. I propose that NSWERA purchase as many road signs that the \$1700 will permit and share them equally among the zones. The signs to be 1m x 1m square with yellow background and black writing similar to the example shown.*

### **EA AND FEI**

*In October 2013, the AERA signed a 3 year Affiliation Agreement with EA. This agreement has taken some years to finalise and involved significant to and fro negotiations.*

*What does this new Agreement essentially deliver?*

*EA is now responsible to manage on a daily basis the FEI component of our Sport. FEI related activities will no longer take up valuable time at the AERA table. The AERA ceased the operation of the Australian Endurance Squad (AES) and no longer has an International Sub-Committee.*

*The AERA has been fortunate to secure sponsorship for part of the EA Affiliation fee from stables,*

breeders and competitors. The net EA Affiliation fee for the AERA is less than 50% of the previous Agreement fee.

EA has, under their protocols, established an Endurance Committee, appointed a Team Chef d'Equipe, Team Vet and a High Performance Manager and also appointed a panel of 3 Team Selectors. EA is required to spend \$15,000 per annum on the Endurance Discipline.

All FEI events of 3\* and below must be affiliated with an AERA Division effectively stopping any non AERA affiliated clubs from running FEI events in Australia.

On the negative, riders participating in FEI events must be members of an EA State. This will cost approximately between \$250 and \$450 depending which State you live in. However, I believe the EA Endurance Committee intends to review the membership level for 1\* and 2\* events in 2014.

With regard to the FEI, the AERA's only financial commitment is to provide \$1500 sponsorship towards the National FEI Championship event.

### **ENDURANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Over recent years, I am certain that many members have read about or have heard of alleged unsavory happenings in Endurance in the Middle East. Over the last 12-18 months, there has been increasing media coverage in Europe regarding Middle East Endurance. The media alleges outright cheating but more disturbingly that horse welfare issues involving doping and horse deaths resulting from fractures and over-riding are rampant.

Some media allege that the FEI is doing little to nothing to address the problem. It is suggested this is not surprising, given the nationality of the FEI President and her relationship to some of the major stables. The fact that some Middle Eastern personalities have sponsored FEI activities for some years for seven digit amounts has also not gone unnoticed.

In my opinion it is not a long bow to draw to expect that sooner or later an animal rights or similar group will attack our Sport on a global basis rather than focusing primarily on the Middle East where 95% of the alleged abuse appears to take place.

In the last 12 months some (mainly) European Federations have taken a very public stand on the matter and they are to be applauded. There were even veiled threats of a break-away group being formed in opposition to the FEI. In September 2013 or thereabouts the FEI announced the formation of a Special Working Party to investigate and address the Middle East allegations. The Chair of the FEI International Endurance Committee is Australian Dr. Brian Sheehan, only the second Australian in FEI history to Chair an FEI Sub-Committee. Many of the older generation will know Brian as he has been active in Endurance for 30 odd years in Qld and has been Quilty HV on many occasions.

Last November, the FEI General Assembly was held in Europe and EA sent the Chairman and CEO as representatives. The FEI held a special Endurance forum where the Special Working Party provided an interim report.

A direct benefit of the EA Affiliation Agreement is that the AERA can now make formal representations to EA, which in turn can make representations to the FEI.

The AERA was made aware of the Endurance forum and wrote to EA requesting that the EA representatives attend the Endurance Forum and express our outrage at the allegations and support any measures being put in place to clean up the Middle East. The EA representatives duly attended and advised that the Special Working Group would distribute a strategy paper prior to Christmas and hold another meeting in February 2014 for Federations to attend and discuss the planned strategies to achieve the objective of rectifying the horse welfare issues.

Recently, the AERA was given the opportunity (albeit 48 hours) to comment on the strategy document and provide written feedback for dissemination to all Federations prior to the February meeting. As the AERA could not convene a meeting with such short notice, I documented some thoughts which were emailed around AERA delegates for comment prior to being submitted. Our document to EA included the following;

- disaffiliate offending Federations
- Re-introduce a 1 hour post ride Invasive Treatment exclusion period coupled with a mandatory observation area attached to the vet hospital with restricted access.
- Introduction of an Early Warning System based on the AERA system but with strict worldwide FEI non-compete time periods.

I understand that our last 2 points were included in EA's representation paper.

The Special Working Party meeting is this weekend in Switzerland and I understand that EA has not sent a representative which is disappointing. The meeting is only open to National Federations and will discuss the original strategy document plus all other representations from the National Federations.

I understand that one of the proposals is to split FEI Endurance into 2 categories possibly called Endurance Racing and Endurance Classic. They would have 2 different sets of rules with the existing rules effectively

becoming Endurance Classic. Endurance Racing would have more stringent rules imposed. Each category would have to meet certain course specifications to be classified as one or the other.

I am sure that many of you, like me, are keen to see if the FEI is serious about addressing the problems or whether a band-aid approach will be put in place. If the latter is the outcome, then I fear that our Sport will come under attack from a horse welfare perspective in years to come, an attack unjustified in most of the Endurance world.

#### **TOM QUILTY**

- TQ13 was a very successful event being held at Kilkivan in Queensland. Congratulations to the NSWERA Team who performed superbly. The event was well planned and perfectly executed on the day including glorious weather.
- TQ14 should be a great event and will be held at Wagin in Western Australia. It would be great to see a large contingent of NSW members make the trek across the Nullabor. A WA Tom Quilty should be on everyone's bucket list.
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- TQ15 is our 50th anniversary ride. The NSWERA Sub-Committee tasked with delivering the event is well and truly functioning and Neil will be presenting an update to the members today.

#### **AERASPACE**

AeraSpace has now been functioning for 12 months and continues to be improved and fine-tuned. Apart from this ongoing refinement, the major goal for 2014 is the commissioning of an electronic timing system that will directly interface via its own wireless network with the ride day module in AeraSpace. Some hardware items were purchased in late 2013 and the programmer has been writing the code to permit the interface as well as testing hardware options. I received word only a few days ago that by the end of February we should be ready to do some field testing. This will be done in the open environment without horses. After the initial field tests, we will then progress to some smaller Endurance events with a goal to ensure this year's Wagin Tom Quilty is our first TQ conducted with electronic timing.

The AERA's goal is to provide each State with a kit to manage electronic timing at all Endurance rides irrespective of size. A full kit is expected to cost approximately \$5k. The 2 biggest States which can conduct multiple events on the same weekend (NSW and QLD) will be offered a second or even third kit at cost. Another AeraSpace project for 2014 is the introduction of pre-nominations through AeraSpace with a payment mechanism. This will be targeted in the second half of 2014.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

A draft of a proposed new AERA Constitution is nearing completion and when members attend the next AGM you should be voting on the document.

The key aspects of the proposed constitution are;

##### **Members**

It is proposed that the members of the company be the State Bodies and not the individual delegates as exist at the moment. As the members are not natural persons then the members must be represented by natural persons being "delegates" elected on the same basis as current ie. 1 member per 200 riding members (or part thereof) capped at a maximum of 3 delegates per State.

##### **National Council**

It is proposed;

- a) That the collective term for all delegates be the "National Council" (NC).
- b) The NC is required to meet once per year being the AGM for the Company.
- c) The NC can meet more often (if required) utilizing current technology options.
- d) Individuals on the NC can be members of State SMC's.
- e) 1 delegate = 1 vote.
- f) The NC will retain full autonomy for the Rulebook and possibly other areas to be identified.

##### **Board of Directors**

It is proposed;

- a. That the Board of Directors comprise 6 Directors plus 2 Independent Directors appointed by the Board (as required), who may possess specific expertise e.g. marketing.
- b. Each State can nominate a maximum of 3 Directors.
- c. The Board of Directors are chosen on merit and not on any State basis
- d. The 6 Directors and the Chairman are elected by the NC.
- e. Directors cannot be members of State SMC's.
- f. That the Chairman does NOT have a casting vote in the event of tied voting.
- g. That the Board meets (say) 6 times per annum but utilize teleconferencing for most meetings.
- h. That a Board term be 2 years subject to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
- i. That the Secretary and the Treasurer are not members of the Board but are paid to perform specific duties.



*In short, the Board is responsible for the day to day running of the Company.*

### **Committees**

*The Board can appoint Committees to perform a specific task or indeed some Committees can be enshrined in the Constitution. These committees will not be capable of making decisions of their own right, and their decisions can only be a recommendation to the Board.*

*One clause in the proposed Constitution relates to the Northern Rivers zone located in the Northern Rivers area of NSW. Tom Perkins will speak in relation to this clause after I conclude my report.*

### **HENDRA**

*The hot topic on everyone's lips in the latter half of 2013 was Hendra. I thought I would provide a brief factual account of how this came on the agenda and the processes involved. My intention is not to ignite a debate between the extreme perspectives on the topic but to provide a basis as to how the AERA handled the debate. Firstly, what is the National Veterinary Panel? It is a panel put in place by the AERA several years ago to provide direct veterinary input into our Sport. It comprises a senior veterinarian from each State.*

*At the AERA November 2012 meeting, a motion was received from the NVP and read:*

***As part of ongoing biosecurity procedures and risk management, vaccination against Hendra virus should be phased in over the next year for all horses attending endurance rides, subject to continuing feedback from ongoing experimental work, regional and government recommendations, and legal distribution of the vaccine.***

*The AERA delegates discussed the proposal at length and declined the motion. There were several contributing factors for this decision not the least being that the vaccine had only been recently released and that the Hendra space was filled with conflicting and contradictory information. Essentially the AERA decided on a wait and see approach and released the following statement which went on the Website and Facebook:*

***The current biosecurity procedures in high-risk Hendra virus regions remain in place. Individual members considering vaccination against Hendra should be guided by consultation with their local veterinarians. This position may change depending on advice from relevant government departments.***

*At the AERA July 2013 meeting, a motion was received from the NVP and read.*

***As part of ongoing biosecurity procedures and risk management, mandatory vaccination against Hendra virus will be phased in for all horses attending endurance rides in NSW and Qld over the next six months, and for horses attending all endurance rides throughout Australia over the next twelve months. All horses from NSW and Qld attending rides in other places must be vaccinated before being allowed to attend.***

*There was again lengthy discussion and the AERA resolved to appoint a Sub-committee for the purpose of developing a national Hendra Management Strategy (HMS). The resultant HMS would then be voted at the November meeting for adoption or otherwise.*

*The Sub-committee comprised 3 delegates being Tom Perkins (NSW) Chair, Mark Grogan (Qld) and Liz Rutherford (WA). The NVP were invited to nominate a person and Dr. Brian Sheehan was later nominated.*

*A report date of September 30th was set with the following Terms of Reference:*

- 1. Explore all possible options and alternatives to manage the risks associated with the Hendra virus.*
- 2. Identify and document the concerns/issues associated with Hendra and to prepare factual responses to each concern/issue. State Members will be invited to submit their concerns/issues (a mechanism with contact details for this will be advised in a few days).*
- 3. Liaise with third parties including but not limited to, the CSIRO, State DPI's, Zoetis (vaccine manufacturer) and the Australian Veterinary Association to ensure that the responses to all concerns/issues are factually/scientifically based.*

*The Sub-Committee was then left to go about its business and subsequently delivered their report. The report was disseminated to all AERA States SMC's, the AERA website and Facebook for debate and discussion. It was expected that State delegates would vote accordingly to the view of their members at the November meeting.*

*A vote was subsequently taken at the AERA November meeting where introducing any form of mandatory vaccination was rejected. Other aspects of the HMS document were accepted which is to revisit and possibly beef-up the bio-security aspects of our Sport Australia wide and a new Sub-committee has been formed to undertake this process. AERA Report Page 7*

*During the debate the AERA sought legal advice on a number of issues and scenarios relating to Hendra. The following summarizes the key legal issues raised and represent the opinion of our Lawyers;*

- 1. The AERA has the legal right to introduce mandatory vaccination. Indeed the AERA may introduce any rule provided it does not break the law of the land.*
- 2. If the AERA introduced mandatory vaccination, any legal action instituted by a member(s) on the*

grounds of discrimination or restraint of trade would in the opinion of our lawyers fail.

3. *Simply because a vaccine is available does not necessarily legally expose the AERA in a negligence case anymore than if the vaccine was not available.*

4. *If the AERA does not impose a rule regarding Hendra vaccination, then a State may introduce a "local" rule provided it does not contradict an AERA Rule.*

5. *If neither the AERA nor the State impose a rule regarding Hendra vaccination, then a Ride Organizer could impose a condition of entry on their ride for mandatory vaccination from any area or region they so wish.*

6. *Our annual membership form clause regarding a lockdown situation where the member agrees to pay all associated costs for their horse(s) is valid.*

7. *Potential Negative rules.*

*Legal advice states that the AERA, the State SMC or the Ride Organizer could impose vaccination requirements provided it does not contradict rules further up the hierarchy. Potentially, if the AERA and the State were silent and a Ride Organizer decided upon a vaccination requirement, then either the AERA or the State SMC could impose a rule that stated that Ride Organisers cannot impose vaccination requirements. Alternatively the State SMC may choose not to affiliate a ride that required vaccination. This has the potential to create some interesting situations that your SMC may have to deal with in the future.*

*So that was the process from an AERA perspective and I am sure Tom Perkins will elaborate from a NSWERA perspective shortly.*

*I would like to thank all the delegates that I have worked with at AERA level over the last 3 years for their dedication and enthusiasm.*

#### **Tom McCormack, AERA President**

Tom referred to his report which had been put up on the screen and is reproduced above.

Tom discussed the UAE form of endurance racing. Explained how the FEI are trying to address the problems. If we don't do something about it, the horse welfare lobby may get involved.

\$1700 up for grabs. Tom suggested that we buy road signs, 1 metre square; 'horses ahead' with photo of a rider is one suggestion. Last year such a sign cost around \$80. Tom's suggestion is to purchase \$1700 worth of these signs. If someone has a better idea, please put this up. Fia said there are certain government standards to be adhered to and we would need to adhere to these standards. Tom McCormack said that the standards are not uniform. He suggests that we go with the majority. AERA said if the States don't spend this money by 30<sup>th</sup> June, the money will no longer be available.

Tom McCormack finished his report with reference to the Hendra debate. He was asked what happened if an RO decided to insist on vaccination on the day of the ride. Tom said no effective answer could be given.

Charlie Gauci asked why the SMC didn't make a decision right now on whether or not to have mandatory vaccination. Advising on 'conditions of entry' into an event. The RO has a right to make its own rules for its event. Discussing the situation where a rider could turn up to an event and not be allowed to enter because their horse had not been vaccinated. Tom McC said that legally a ride could insist on mandatory vaccination.

Suggestion that a recommendation be put to the incoming SMC that the ride booking form be changed to include reference to 'Hendra vaccination'.

Another recommendation could be put by this meeting that the SMC make a decision once and for all on whether to have mandatory vaccination.

It was noted that there is a rumour that the WA Quilty SMC will insist on mandatory vaccination for all horses from Queensland and NSW where the horse has been resident within 28 days of crossing the WA border, must have vaccination. The actual wording is still being worked on. Tom McCormack said yes, this is being discussed.

Tom Perkins Snr said he had a report to present as did Steve Roberts. He suggested that these reports be given before any further discussion on Hendra.

Tom Perkins thanked Tom McCormack for his report. Tom has spent a lot of time on the AERA and our financial situation. A lot of work has been done by Tom McC and Tom Perkins said he really became aware of this when he became an AERA delegate. We owe him a debt of gratitude for now and into the future.

#### **Northern Rivers Zone and the Constitution**

Tom Perkins gave his report on the Northern Rivers Zone.

In the draft Constitution there is a clause that covers Northern Rivers. In effect it is locking in QERA's version of the matter. It has never been fully resolved and has been sitting in the too hard basket. He said that he thinks that if this clause is included in the new Constitution, it will lock in QERA's version of the NRZ.

What do you think about it?

Kerry Spratt said that this clause was put in without any input from QERA. The Constitution needed to have something in it. She then said that her personal view is that this is a fair enough thing.

The NSW secretary previously sent a letter to QERA regarding the NRZ and Dick Collyer replied with a contrary view to that expressed by the NSW SMC. Northern Rivers Endurance Riders Association are affiliated with QERA as per their motion in 1986. NSW SMC was told that NSW ERA should cease taking memberships from people living in the NRZ. Anyone who thought they could join NSW should be directed to the QERA website for an appropriate membership form.

The view was expressed that people who are resident in NSW should not be forced to join QERA. Tom P suggested that we take the position that we ask that that particular clause be removed from the proposed Constitution until NSW and QERA can agree on a substitute clause for the NRZ.

The suggestion was put forward that if NSW ERA can promote the Zone 6 rides, this would work in our favour. Promote Zone 6 rides to the NRZ riders and they may decide to join NSW.

Tom P said he had various discussions with Mark Grogan the new president of QERA. Mark appears more open to discussion.

Tom P repeated his view that the clause be removed for now. Kerry said that there is a map and road notified in the AERA records. The Zone is not where QERA keeps moving it to. Which is South of where it started.

Can we agree for now that it is a shared Zone and all rides in that Zone need to be dual affiliated? Sonya had been instructed to refer all letters from QERA concerning membership, to the NSW SMC.

Tom McCormack said that when his wife, Louise, started riding in 1984, they lived in the north of the State of NSW. QERA was where the rides were. The NSW rides were way down the State of NSW so riders turned to Queensland for their rides. For the point score, people in the far north of the State gravitated towards Queensland. Now we are getting NSW southern riders who want to be members of NSW and not QERA and QERA is not happy. To impose a rule that the border is the border just will not work. The members living in northern NSW would reject this. Kerry Spratt said that QERA is getting an increase in their membership fees and getting an extra vote at the QERA table.

**Resolved:** That NSW continue to share the NRZ with QERA. That all rides within this Zone need to be dual affiliated and that we ask for the NRZ clause to be removed from the proposed Constitution until agreement can be reached on appropriate wording for such a clause.

## **Hendra**

Tom Perkins then turned to the Hendra discussion. Explained how comments and feedback was sought from NSW members on what position it should take to the AERA when the vote was taken. The vote needs to be taken twice. Initially the vote was for no mandatory vaccination. The NSW intention and plan was that if the Mandatory vaccination got up, it would then be put to the NSW members again, at this AGM. But it did not get up so there is no vote to be taken today. Tom P said that QERA were having a SMC meeting and invited their members to attend. Tom P said that only three members attended to discuss Hendra.

Steve Roberts then gave his report on Hendra, from a veterinarian's point of view. Report was put up on the screen and is reproduced below.

*10.07.2013 Fourth case in NSW in a horse confirmed at Kempsey.*

*In 2011 there were 10 HeV incidents in Qld and 8 in NSW including 1 at Chinchilla (1<sup>st</sup> one west of the Great Dividing Range) and 1 at Macksville.*

*Horse to horse transmission occurred in the original Hendra cases (1994), Redlands cases (2008) and Cawarral (2009).*

*Incubation period is 3-16 days.*

*Fatally infected horses die within 2 days of showing symptoms.*

*Human infection has a 57% fatality rate (4/7); at least 1 of those cases was infected during the incubation phase in the horse, 72 hours before it showed any symptoms. Survivors have significantly impaired quality of life.*

*A horse in the pre-clinical phase that is presenting as fit and healthy and would pass all TPR and vet checks could be shedding live virus initially from the upper nasal cavities for 3-5 days prior to showing any signs of sickness. This is the big problem for vets, especially treatment vets and cannot be practically managed by biosecurity procedures.*

*Infection is by inhalation, ingestion or through broken skin with respiratory or oral secretions, other tissues fluids, droplets and possibly aerosols - Hendra virus is found in all body fluids in particular oral, urine, nasal,*



gastrointestinal tract, sweat and blood.

Endurance competition necessitates frequent examination and strapping of horses that are often kept in close proximity to each other. During the competition there is considerable exposure to all bodily fluids. The persons exposed are rider, strapping team, TPR stewards, veterinarians and other connections to the owner of the horse. The greatest risk to humans and horses is the exposure to a Hendra virus infected horse that is shedding the virus in all bodily fluids but is not yet showing clinical disease.

The initial signs of HeV infection in horses are not specific and include colic, so most horses presented for treatment at a ride will be suspect Hendra cases.

If HeV infection is suspected at an event, no horses are allowed off the ride base until infection is confirmed by laboratory testing, unless they are vaccinated

- if infection is confirmed, then all horses deemed at risk are retained under quarantine at the ride base and re-tested at day 12 and day 21; only vaccinated horses can leave
- If an unvaccinated horse is assessed as low risk, it may be able to leave under strict permit conditions after a negative test at day 12.

NSW DPI will not designate endemic or high risk areas because of the constant movement of flying foxes and horses.

Vaccination is the single most effective way of reducing HeV infection in horses, preventing human infection and provides a public health and workplace health and safety benefit.

Vaccinated horses do not shed virus after exposure to infection.

NSW accredited vets' position: 32 are listed on the website, I was able to contact 29 of those and asked them this question:

*"If the proposal to require mandatory Hendra vaccination by 1 October 2014 for all endurance horses in NSW and QLD, or those travelling into those States to compete, is voted down at the AERA meeting next weekend (15-17 November 2013) will you continue to vet at endurance rides?"*

*21/29 vets said they would not vet at rides.*

*3 said they would; 2 of these will only vet their local rides*

*2 said they were unsure about refusal but did think that all horses at competitions should be vaccinated*

*3 said they would be happy with 'endemic' area mandatory vaccination, but would not work at rides with unvaccinated horses from 'endemic' areas. This may also apply to the others who said they would refuse to vet without state-wide vaccination.*

Pony Club NSW now requires mandatory vaccination for horses at zone and state events.

NSWEA requires mandatory vaccination for all horses staying overnight at an event.

The cost of vaccination is about the same as 2-3 shoeings.

Steve proceeded to elaborate on his written report reproduced above.

Briefly: Last case of Hendra was in July last year and was the fourth case in NSW. Flying Fox is not the only way of getting Hendra. The incubation period is around 3 to 16 days. Human infection, 57% fatality rate in those who we know had it. There may be others. Survivors have a significantly reduced quality of life. Horses can be shedding without anyone knowing it. Infection can occur through the skin or by breathing it in. In endurance there is considerable exposure to bodily fluids from horses. Keeping a log for temperatures is a waste of time. The initial signs are very non specific. They can include colic. Who wants to be the treatment vet?

If Hendra happens at an event – or if it was suspected there would be a lock down.

Question from the floor to Steve concerning his options if he was head vet at a ride. If a horse was presented with colic, would he shut the ride down? Steve's reply is that there are a lot of things to take into consideration. Not just signs of colic.

Steve said there are 29 vets listed on the website. He rang them and asked them if mandatory vaccination is voted down at the next AERA meeting – 'will you continue to vet at endurance rides'? Answers were. 21 said they would not vet at rides if there wasn't any compulsory vaccination.

Kerry Spratt then spoke and said that she sees this as a human risk. This is not just a horse risk. She would like to see the AERA subsidise vaccinations.

Only time will tell whether we can get enough vets to participate at rides. Question: What's happening with the racing industry? It is mandatory there? No not at this stage.

Robin Mather then gave her views on Hendra and stated that yes, she was pro mandatory vaccination. Discussing the responsibility on vets at rides. They could be put in the position of having to shut down a ride with a suspected Hendra outbreak. If they make the wrong call, it could be disastrous. Steve finished

his report at this point.

Tom Perkins took over and suggested that one of the issues we would face would be divided vets, vets who were prepared to vet rides and others who wouldn't. Good vets could be marginalised and pushed out of the sport.

The bottom line is that we have taken a vote, we have made a decision that we are not going to mandate vaccination, the consequences, we won't know for some time. We will not be revisiting this decision unless something happens regarding another Hendra case. Or ride organisers are finding that they can't get vets then we may have to revisit it then.

**MOVED Kerry Spratt, Emily Streckfuss**

**THAT** The members present today instruct the NSW ERA SMC to ask the AERA to pursue with the Commonwealth Government the aim of having a subsidised vaccine program for endurance horses for Hendra

**Carried Carried by a majority show of hands**

Discussing vaccination at rides. Robin Mather said that she will vaccinate horses for the cost of the vaccination only. She will not charge for her services. She is organising a group and all you need to do is contact her.

On a show of hands, a lot of people in the room have already had their horses vaccinated.

Perhaps we could ask why people have not vaccinated their horses.

Tom McC said at the AERA meeting, he got the impression that of the people who choose not to vaccinate, a small percentage have the attitude that '*no body tells me what to do*' but a large number of people, particularly in Queensland, won't vaccinate because of the export market. FEI and the Middle East are being discussed this weekend. There are a heap of people in the sport who are there just to sell horses. They are not there for the sport itself, just there to sell their horses.

**MOVED Emma McCormack, Tony Warren**

**THAT** the SMC reports be accepted as presented

**Carried Unanimous**

#### **Call for scrutineers**

Wayne Hickey and Suzanne Manderson were duly elected as scrutineers.

#### **Election of Committee vacancies**

Nominations for committee are:

Tom Perkins 20435 nominated by Tom McCormack 22507 – seconded by Sonya Ruprecht 21683.

Gertraud Norton 23322 – nominated by Belinda Hopley 20151 – seconded Roz Edmunds 22354.

John Howe 20080 – nominated by Haydn Fisher 22048 – seconded Daphne Phillips 20882.

Haydn Fisher 22048 – nominated by John Howe 20080 – seconded Gail Fisher 22187.

Marlee Turnbull 21432 – nominated by Rebecca Hogan 22685 – seconded Greg Moore 21631.

There being six positions available and only five nominations, the above nominees are therefore duly elected to the NSW SMC.

The chairman asked if there was any member who would like to nominate for the SMC from the floor. None came forward.

At this point, Tom Perkins Snr said that he is withdrawing his nomination. This leaves two positions to be filled. Tom then called for nominations. One position was for two years and one for one year as a casual vacancy.

Roy Barsby was nominated by John Howe. Greg Moore seconded the nomination. Roy accepted the nomination. Roy will therefore stand for a two year term.

There were no other nominations therefore the SMC will go forward with a casual vacancy. The SMC has the prerogative to invite a suitable person to join the SMC should they so decide.

John Howe moved a vote of thanks to Tom Perkins Snr. John said that Tom has done a wonderful job for this committee, both in the reorganisation of the SMC and the work that he did with regard to Hendra.

Steve Roberts also gave his thanks to Tom Perkins for reorganising the sport.

#### **NSW ERA Notices of Motion**

Proposal for NSW ERA to donate \$1 (one dollar) from every entrant in NSW ERA affiliated events of 80km or greater (excluding FEI) to Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) NSW for an initial period of 5 years.

**Moved:** Jo Bailey 21005

**Seconded:** Jennifer Gilbertson 20921

**Rationale:**

My late parents, Lyn and Adrian Bailey, were very passionate about helping out those less fortunate than themselves. The annual Mud Hut Training Ride was run for over 10 years with all profits being donated to RDA Ryde Branch and the annual Careflight Endurance Ride, a similar event, with all profits being donated to NRMA Careflight.

In honour of my parents' efforts, I would like to see NSW ERA take up where they left off and give something back to the horse riding community and those less fortunate than us.

From the information presented at the 2013 AGM, the total number of endurance ride entries for 2012 was 1620. It would be a similar amount by the end of 2013. In fact, using your figures, the largest number of entries over past five years was 1938 in 2010 (possibly a larger number due to the Tom Quilty being held in NSW that year). On the whole, the figure is between 1500 and 2000 entries. RDA have advised us that it costs them approximately \$1200 to keep each horse per year.

Riding for Disabled NSW has been in operation since 1972 and does not really receive the funding that say the Cancer Council does. We have pink ribbon days, white ribbon days, daffodil days, Movember, red nose days etc but what about the smaller, quieter not-for-profit organisations such as RDA who do so much for so little in return.

I do not believe in making this proposal a 'tick a box' on the membership renewal form, either. Let's face it, how many of us would actually 'tick the box' to donate a measly dollar to the RDA, most of us SAY we will but in reality it probably wouldn't amount to much.

I am also not asking that ride organisers have to raise ride entry fees to cover this, nor do I expect them to make out a cheque to RDA once their event has been completed. Rather, I would like to see NSWERA in conjunction with RDA organise a presentation day/evening where a cheque is presented, say at the end of the year, make it a public relations win-win situation for both parties involved, get photos, put it in newsletters and on websites, (donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible – not sure if this applies to NSWERA but could be investigated).

I believe this to be a positive initiative for NSWERA. If promoted correctly, it would go a long way to raising our profile within the community. It would expel those myths that surround our sport and last but not least it's for a good cause.

**Jennifer Gilbertson spoke for this motion. Apologised for Jo Bailey as she could not leave her property which is in drought and she needs to be there to pump water to her horses. Jennifer said that this would not be locked in every year.**

For and against reasons for this proposal were duly given. Suggestion of an ex gratia payment, rather than make it mandatory. It was noted that the sport is already contributing to various charities. We could do it as a one off. This proposed motion is for an initial period of five years.

At this time, a show of hands was called for with the result being For: 17. Against: The majority was against the motion but the votes were not actually counted. The motion was therefore lost.

Further discussion took place when a further motion being put forward by Peter Kelly. See below.

**MOVED Peter Kelly, Gertraud Norton**

That NSW ERA consider a donation to the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) NSW each year depending upon the financial situation of the Association at that time.

**VOTE WAS: 46 for and 30 against. The motion was therefore passed**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5 pm.

## **The 13 Month Rule**

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

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

**Remember—ignorance of this rule is no excuse.**

**NSW ERA Committee**



## Shahzada Photos from 2013



Above: IMG 6288 - Carol Major and Saradon  
MG 6167 - Karen Anderson and Malleegrove Samsara







IMG 6714 Stuart and Sarah Lymbery with Garonne Park Walker and Aloha Typic.

IMG 7173 - Victoria Bice and The Byzantine Diamonds with Jennifer Gilbertson riding Windaroo Devina Glamour.



IMG 7582 - Jenny Rogers riding Tristram Hero and Shantel Nagel riding Windrayne Ballerina

IMG 7560 - Karen Rhodes riding Stratfield Ghayth (aka Billie) and Robert Caitlin on Copperkahn Tiara

# Ride Bases Map

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Ride organisers**

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

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

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

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

**Regards, Tom Perkins snr 20435**



# DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

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

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

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

Tabs on your Home Page include –

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

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

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

**Point Score for NSW**

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

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

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

**Committee** contacts

**NSW FEI** information

**Constitution** – print off a copy

**Links** to other Associations and the AERA

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

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

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

# NSW ERA Ride Booking Procedures

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

# Logbook & Identification Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(02) 6553 8640**

**Post Office Box 6627, Chatham NSW 243**





# 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 \$20 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 ASSOCIATION INC. MEMBERS DANGEROUS ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

This agreement is compulsory and is entered into by:

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

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

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

### I understand that –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### I agree –

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

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

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

### I have read and understood the above document

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

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

### Declaration by guardian:

As guardian of the participant:

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



## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

### Application for Registration of a Current Endurance Horse

Horse registration fees for 2014. Lifetime registration fee is \$60, payable when the horse qualifies from Novice to Endurance horse, or a yearly fee of \$25 per horse per year. This should be paid with your membership renewal for 2014. **Any endurance horses not registered in 2014 will not be allowed to compete.** A label will be placed inside back cover of the Logbook. To apply for your labels, please complete the following details and forward with your payment to: **THE REGISTRAR, PO Box 6627 CHATHAM NSW 2430.**

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason





## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

### APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

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

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc). Scrolls for distances of 3000km and above are awarded at the Tom Quilty each year, all other scrolls can be applied for at any time.

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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## **Newsletter advertising**

Deadlines for the newsletter will be the 10<sup>th</sup> day of every even month, **February, April, June, August, October and December** UNLESS otherwise stated.

Remember to get your Ride Previews and Ride Reviews in as early as possible.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

It is preferable for Newsletter content to be emailed in Rich Text format, as a Word document or inside an email. Photos should be high resolution .jpg files, no larger than 3MB. Photo's sent via mail will be scanned and returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is supplied.

You should always check to make sure that any emailed material has actually been received by the editor.

Advertisements will not be published unless they are accompanied by an appropriate cheque made out to the NSW ERA. Long term display advertisers can be invoiced by the NSW ERA. For more information please contact the editor.

### **Advertising rates – including GST**

*\*Minimum rate per advertisement for a maximum of 50 words.*

	<b>One Issue</b>	<b>Two Issues</b>	<b>Full year</b>
Full page	\$110	\$198	\$550
Half page	\$66.00	\$120	\$275
Quarter page	\$33	\$66	\$154
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Inside back cover	\$132	\$220	\$660
Outside back cover	\$142		
Inserts	\$125 + P&H		
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Members	\$5.50*		
Non-members	\$11.00*		

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**Additional words \$5.50 for 10 or part thereof.**

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At the discretion of the Editor, these letters may be forwarded to the NSW ERA committee for approval prior to publication.

Please send all correspondence addressed to Helen Rich as above.

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