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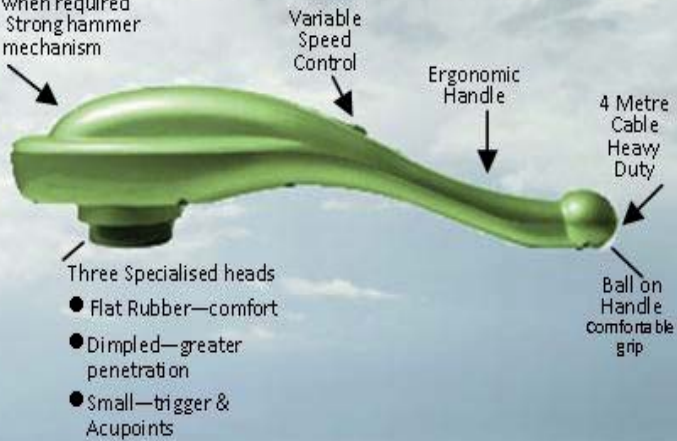
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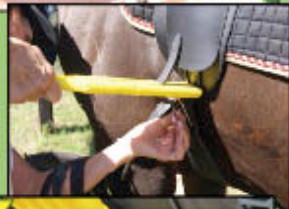
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The closing dates for the newsletter (unless otherwise stated) is the 10th day of every even month.

Please get your ride reports, articles, notices etc in on time. Where possible I have always accepted last minute copy and made exceptions in order to try and produce an interesting magazine. Unfortunately, this elasticity on my part is being taken advantage of. I have a deadline which I must meet. Contributors should make an effort to meet their deadline too. Having said that, I will continue to help out where I can.

The closing date for the February/March newsletter will be 10 February 2015 and in this instance this date **will be** strictly enforced. I need to have the newsletter prepared early and therefore won't be able to accept any last minute items. From mid February I will have limited Internet access.

I draw your attention to the article by Jason and Renee Kirk. If you plan on doing the early rides, particularly in hot humid areas, there are some terrific tips on how to prepare and survive the heat.

I hope you all have a wonderful and successful New Year. Happy Riding. See you all at the AGM. Ed.

Front Cover: Karen Anderson with her daughter Holly and Snowy at the St Albans Zone Championship ride in September. Karen and Holly rode in the 5 klm social event. Karen fronted up again the next day with her son Connor to complete the 20 klm social event. **Photo: Animal Focus.**

President's Report

As 2014 draws to a close I am delighted to report the NSWERA is a strong financial position and as a result the SMC have been able to leave the individual membership fees for 2015 unchanged. The membership fees and definition of a family have been amended to read as follows: **1 or 2 adults and any number of dependent children (junior riders) all residing at the same address**, and the annual cost of the family membership is \$225.00. The SMC hopes that this initiative will enable more families and particularly juniors to enjoy our great sport.

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

Arrangements are well advanced for TQ15. All available cabins at Del Rio booked out in a day ... which shows the level of interest in the event. Entries are now open for horse and rider and as at Dec 22nd 275 riders had pre-nominated. There is interest worldwide in the event with riders from the USA, England, Slovakia, New Zealand, France and Spain all pre-nominating to come and ride Good luck to everyone.

One of the major issues facing the sport in 2014 was the Hendra virus and whether to make vaccination compulsory. The NSW SMC were instructed by its membership to vote "no" to the proposal to make vaccination compulsory. I am pleased to say that the year has drawn to an end with no major incidents to report or issues at any ride, therefore the NSW SMC position will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future.

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

An exciting new website will be launched for NSWERA early in 2015 with a great new contemporary look and greatly improved functionality. The site is currently in the test phase but will be rolled out soon. I really encourage all members to contribute to the website. It is a great forum to advertise your ride, list photos and stories and generally promote Endurance.

I would like to wish all members a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy 2015.

Greg Moore, President NSWERA



NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are currently held at

Richmond Club

Cnr. East Market and Francis Street, Richmond

Meetings commence at 6.00pm sharp.

All are invited to attend.

Next meeting:

16 January 2015—Richmond NSW

AGM – 7 February 2015—ACT

20th February 2015.

AERA meeting 20th March.

Track Preservation Report

Progress Update on NPWS Initiatives

At the last meeting of the Horse Riding in Parks Consultative Group, the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) provided us with further proof that they are taking the proposed horse riding initiatives seriously. Six senior staff attended the meeting including the Director of the Customer Experiences Division. A project manager has been appointed to oversee and facilitate progress in the eight "priority regions":

- Southern Ranges (Kosciuszko)
- Far South Coast
- Lower North Coast
- Central Coast Hunter Ranges
- Metropolitan North-East
- Blue Mountains
- Northern Rivers
- Northern Tablelands



We were shown a presentation by the Tenterfield Area Manager of some fantastic riding areas that have been opened up in the Northern Tablelands region, including homesteads with horse camping areas available for overnight stays in some fabulous riding country. Two messages that came through strongly were how much the local staff enjoyed working with horse riders because of our enthusiasm and co-operative, positive approach; and how important it is to maintain this dialogue, since NPWS staff generally know very little about horse riding, which can lead to wrong assumptions being made and time and money being wasted.

This region was fortunate that the relevant Plans of Management (PoM) did not prohibit horse riding. Other regions are progressing more slowly because PoMs must first be amended before changes can go ahead.

The amendments to the Ku-ring-gai Chase NP PoM have been adopted by the Minister for the Environment. Unfortunately access to some of the proposed trails was dependent on consent from private property owners which was not granted. The way is now clear for work to begin on the remaining proposals, with six trails to be assessed for reopening and three new tracks under consideration for construction, including the establishment of a link to reunite Ingleside riders with the Terry Hills-Duffys Forest trail network. The biggest issue we are having with this particular region (Metropolitan North East) is a preconception that any trail with a hill on it is unsuitable for horse riding because of potential erosion and maintenance problems.

Initial monitoring of the wilderness pilot trail locations in Kosciuszko, Deua and Mummel Gulf NPs has shown extremely low levels of horse riding usage. While these routes are not necessarily ideal for endurance training, I encourage you to visit them during the off-season – if the trails are not being used at all, it is just as harmful to our case as it would be if they were being overused. Local NPWS offices can provide more information about routes, float parking etc.

Draft Plans of Management

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

Plans of management define if and where you are allowed to ride in a park.

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

Even though we are winning back our trails, it's still important to provide feedback on Plans of Management that affect your riding areas. If we don't continue speaking up, our extreme green opponents could regain the upper hand.

Thirlmere Lakes National Park – southwest of Picton. Horse riding permitted on public roads and on Dry Lakes Road Management Trail. Horse riding not permitted on Thirlmere Lakes Walking Track which would provide a loop ride and separate riders from vehicle traffic. Submissions close 1 March 2015.

Fiona Meller

The Annual General Meeting

New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc.

Saturday, 7 February 2015

Timetable

From 11.30 am	Registration for voting and renewal of memberships
12.30-4.30 pm	Annual General Meeting
6.30 pm – midnight	2014 presentation and dinner dance

Agenda for AGM

Confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
President's report
Financial report
Committee reports
Election of committee vacancies
Notices of motion
General business
Attendance and voting

Any person can attend the meeting. However, only senior financial members are entitled to vote. If you were a Senior Member for 2014 or have joined as a Senior Member for 2015, you are entitled to vote. You do not have to rejoin to participate in the meeting but bring your 2014 membership card with you.

Proxy votes

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

Proxy forms must be received by the Secretariat at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

Proxy forms need to be sent to PO Box 6627, Chatham, NSW 2430. They need to be at the Chatham Post Office no later than Friday, 6 February 2015. Alternatively, forms can be sent to the Secretariat by email (scanned form to nswera@westnet.com.au) or faxed (02-6553 8661) to arrive 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

Nominations for Committee

Nominations for election to the NSWERA Committee will be accepted by the secretary up to seven (7) days before the date of the AGM (Rule 17.1(b)).

If insufficient nominations have been received, nominations will be received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting (Rule 17.2).

An election of the new committee will be conducted. Anyone wishing to nominate should complete a nomination form. Please, include your name, membership number, a brief description of your involvement with endurance riding and reasons for seeking election to the committee.

Nominations for the Committee to be put on notice

Term ends February 2015

Belinda Hopley
Marylou Locke
Emma McCormack
Greg Moore
Tony Warren (casual vacancy)
Casual vacancy

Term ends February 2016

Roy Barsby
Haydn Fisher
John Howe
Gertraud Norton

Nominations must be made by two current Senior Members (Quote membership no.). The nominee must be a current Senior Member and must give his/her assent. Send nominations to NSWERA, PO Box 6627, Chatham, NSW 2430, to arrive at the post office by Friday, 30 January 2015. Alternatively, you can scan and email to nswera@westnet.com.au or fax to 02-6553 8661 to arrive seven days before the meeting.

In the event that more than the required number of nominations are received prior to the meeting, a ballot will be held at the meeting and the five people with the most number of votes will fill the regular vacancies. If the required number of nominations is received prior to the meeting, all those people will be declared elected and the casual vacancy will be filled by random draw from all the nominations unless someone volunteers to fill the casual vacancy. If less than the required number of nominations is received prior to the meeting and no further nominations are received at the meeting, the remaining vacancies will be casual vacancies that the committee will attempt to fill (Clause 16(2) of the NSWERA Constitution).

Notices of motion

Any notices of motion received will be printed in the AGM booklet or in this newsletter. Notices of motion need to be received by the secretary no later than 31 December 2014.

ibis Styles Canberra Eaglehawk



Accommodation

The AGM and presentation evening will be held at the ibis Styles Canberra Eaglehawk which is located on the Federal Highway on the north-eastern outskirts of Canberra just before entering the ACT

Accommodation at the resort itself ranges from king suits to simple double rooms and can be booked through the Wotif site <http://www.wotif.com/hotel/View?gclid=COzowdLwgcECFVQlvAodR6cA7A&hotel=W24&cid=SEM-0903-dsa-all-W24&page=9#hotel-deals> for a no-frills version or ring the resort directly on 02-6241 6033 and quote the rate code ENDUR for a special event deal on queen and family rooms (1 king size bed and two singles) that includes breakfast. Visit their website at <http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-9271-ibis-styles-canberra-eaglehawk/index.shtml> for more information.

Alternatively, the Eaglehawk Holiday Park is located almost directly next door and offers camping facilities ranging from powered sites to large cabins. Bookings for it can be made by ringing 02-6241 6411. More information on it can be found at <http://www.eaglehawkpark.com.au/>.

Shops and a large range of restaurants to suit all budgets are located in the suburb of Dickson about 10 km towards the city for those who arrive early or stay longer and do not want to have dinner at the resort.

Directions

For GPS navigation, the address of the resort is 999 Federal Highway, Canberra, ACT 2602.

Dinner

The dinner will be a buffet at \$43 per adult and children \$18 per head (3-12 years). If you have any special dietary needs, please indicate this on the booking form.

Bookings for dinner are essential.

Dinner Dance

Commencing at 6.30 pm, there will be a dinner dance where the presentation of point score and distance awards will be made. It is hoped that everyone will come to the dinner, but if you want to just attend the presentation, you are very welcome.

Music will be provided with the compliment of your current committee. Come along and contribute and have a great social time as well. Hope to see you all there!

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE RECIPIENT OF TROPHIES OR RIBBONS AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION, PLEASE NOMINATE A PERSON THAT WILL BE COLLECTING

YOUR AWARD(S) OF YOU AND ADVISE THE NSWERA SECRETARIAT ON 02-6553 8640 OR EMAIL nswera@westnet.com.au. Lost or misplaced trophies are not the responsibility of the NSWERA. Full details of the AGM can be found in the November December 2014 newsletter and in the accompanying AGM booklet.

NSWERA AGM Dinner Booking Form

RSVP by 30 January 2015

NAME

Phone No. Email:

No of Adults (\$43.00 per head includes roast dinner and dessert)

No of Children (\$18.00 per head, 3—12 years)

If you have any special dietary needs, please indicate this on the booking form

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Membership Fees 2015

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

NSW SMC

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

SMC Reports for the AGM

Zone 6 Report to Endurance NSW AGM

2014 Has been one of the biggest years ever for Endurance Riding in Zone 6, with a record of seven rides held throughout the year. Entries were consistent at all the rides with a big positive being the amount of day riders that come and do training and social rides. At some rides the numbers of the shorter riders outnumber the longer rides. This is due to the massive efforts the ride organisers do in promoting their events to the local communities.

2015 is going to be another big year for Zone 6, with five rides already on the calendar including the "Homewood Easter Carnival" at Wingham. The weekend will see a 160km ride for anyone wishing to qualify for the Tom Quilty. The course is very flat and very achievable. Another big milestone will be Kundabung's 20th Anniversary ride in June.

Zone 6 is also working very keenly on the 2015 Endurance NSW State Championships to be held on October 8th-11th. The ride base will be at Riverwood Downs Resort, a world class facility on the banks of the Karuah River. The course will be mainly soft quiet country roads along the Valley floor to ensure anyone arising for the "Big 3" a very achievable ride.

Ride Administration Portfolio Report 2014

In 2014 I took on the portfolio of Ride Administration. I started by reviewing the list of ride secretaries in the newsletter and discovered that there were a lot of listed ride secretaries no longer running ride – some not even involved with the sport anymore, and a lot of new ride secretaires not listed. I have since been updating this list on a regular basis. From that I have opened up some more lines of communications between ride organisers and the State Management Committee by re-starting monthly reports of the SMC's happenings to RO's.

In 2014 I also undertook a review, with help from ride organisers and the SMC, of the Ride Organisers Handbook to include checklists and up-to-date information to better help ride organisers prepare for and run their events. The document will be on the new website when it gets launched early in 2015. Hardcopies will also be available.

As part of the AGM the SMC will also be hosting a Ride Organisers Forum for Ride Organisers to come together and talk about ways to better run their events.

At the last AERA meeting the AERA delegates got the chance to see the new Electronic Timing System for AERASPACE. Hopefully we will start to see it used in 2015 as it will be a big help to the entire ride administration process.

Brad Dillon – Zone 6 Delegate and Ride Administration

Ride Calendar Report

A big positive to the 2015 calendar is the enthusiasm of ride organisers to stage the events for the year. We tried to plan the first half of 2015 with enough rides across the State to enable a good leg up for the Quilty. The first half of the year has all the motivation riders need in order to prepare their horses for the 2015 Quilty.

I may offer some personal advice here having participated in the 2014 State Championship ride. Make sure you and your horse are "really really" fit for it as it will be a true test of stamina for both you and your horse, in more ways than you can imagine.

Predictably some members may feel the ride calendar could have been better planed. Well I've done my best with what RO offered and remind all those that may see anomaly's in the calendar that many scenarios have to be considered by ride organisers in claiming dates for the calendar. Sometimes mountains have been moved! So make the best of what's being offered and attend the events.

Just a bit of house cleaning –paperwork. If you want to run a ride, please fill in the Ride Application Form and send it to Sonya for approval at the next SMC meeting. Please fill in the Ride Application form in full. We need your incorporation number, we need the contact numbers written legibly. Please don't waste Sonya's time by her having to chase you up. We also need a complete new form if you have changed the date of your ride. This is to avoid errors.

I would like to encourage all RO organisers and perspective ROs to attend the RO forum. All ride organisers should obtain a copy of the updated Ride Management booklet that will help everyone with running a ride, even if you have been running rides for long time. We need to get our rides running more professionally with a consistency across the board.

On another note about attendance I challenge all members to contribute to their passion in 2015 by further increasing riding members by mentoring a new person to become an endurance rider.

So "how many can you do?"

Good riding and catch the old b...d if you can!

Roy Barsby

Merchandise

During 2014, I have had the 'new logo' merchandise at all the rides we have attended. The weather at times dictated whether they were on display but most times Saturday arvo you could try and buy. I got together a few younger endurance riders for a fun photo shot of the new logo merchandise at the Neville Ride. This can be seen on the NSWERA website and the FB page. The merchandise can be ordered off the webpage or you can place your order with me either at a ride or email/phone.

We need to be proactive for the 2015 Quilty. I'd love to see a lot of "BLUE" clothing at the ride base.

Bucket hats will be available in 2015 for the people who are not 'cap' fans

I have also been able to secure a deal on a lovely blue/navy polar fleece rug which will be embroidered with NSW Endurance. These will be available in 2015 as well. Hopefully we will be able to sell these rugs for around the \$120 each. These rugs will make a great present for someone, a prize for ride organisers to use or to be used as an award for point scores.

Promotions

We had several Promo days which were well received. A lot of interested people asking a lot of questions. THANK YOU to everyone who helped me out with these promotional days.

I also organised a new promo pack. This is made up of a NSWERA branded zipped pouch. Inside is the 2015 ride calendar, Getting Started booklet and a NSWERA branded hand sanitiser. The idea for the pack is to hand them out to interested people. The pouch can be re used for many different things. The pack can also be "localised" with clubs or rides inserting their own flyers.

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

Our new NSWERA sticker has been disappearing fast. I have been handing them out at rides and I hope you have been placing them on your floats or vehicle's. More stickers are available. Please ask if you would like some more.

The Growth/Promotions subcommittee has had several tele conference meetings throughout the year. These tele conference meetings have always been full of great ideas, some of which are starting to be realised.

Personally I feel that everyone is responsible for promoting this great sport. We all need to address the big question of *"how do we get riders from a 20km social to an 80km and beyond ?"*

And on the other side of that *"We need to look after our open riders"*. We still need to do endurance, not a watered down trail ride.

So with that in mind, see if you can't help build the sport in 2015. RO to run a good ride catering for both the 80kms and the social rides, Endurance riders, maybe mentor someone, Horse riders train another horse and let a friend borrow it to try a ride, go to your local pony club, help out. If we all do a little bit it will make a big bit in the long run.

Zone 2

Zone 2 ran several very successful rides this year. Being such a large Zone it is always good to see the rides being well attended and enjoyed. Thank you to all the clubs and ROs in Zone 2 who make it possible each year to enjoy riding at your ride.

Deanna Trevena

NSWERA Zone 4 Report for 2014

Zone 4 started its 2014 season with two 40 km trainers the weekend of March 1 and 2 and completed it with the Scenic City endurance carnival in late November. In so much as Scenic City ran two 80km rides in November there were eight rides of 80km held in the Zone in 2014 with a healthy average of 58 horse/rider combinations in these 80 km rides. Good entries in 40km trainers and 20km social rides were also experienced throughout the season.

The Zone Championships, known as the Snowy Zone Championships, were held in September at Woodstock and attracted 52 entries in the 80 km ride and 21 in the 120km ride. Given that the 50th anniversary Tom Quilty ride is in NSW in 2015 the entries in the 120 km ride were a little disappointing. That notwithstanding, the Woodstock course was a joy to ride over with very good going, an array of crop colours,

and as always with the Lachlan Endurance Riders management, providing a superbly marked course.

The Zone starts its season in 2015 with the Snowy Zone Training weekend on February 21 and 22 and at the time of writing we have six subsequent rides approved with another applied for.

NSWERA Veterinary Liaison Report 2014

Thirty Five veterinarians are currently endurance accredited in NSW. Seven NSW vets were accredited at the July AERA meeting. Five vets have been removed from the NSW list due to relocation interstate (3), relocation overseas (1), and request to be removed from the list (1). The list has been amended to include email addresses. Fear that a number of veterinarians might wish to discontinue vetting at endurance rides due to concerns about the risk associated with Hendra virus infection has to date been unfounded.

On the training front Dr Emily Streckfuss conducted a very well run accreditation course at Richmond in June. Plans were to hold another accreditation course in northern NSW in November but this has been deferred to early 2015. A number of younger veterinarians continue to show an interest in vetting at endurance rides and in subsequently becoming accredited. This has healthy inferences for the longer term welfare of endurance riding in NSW.

Simon Bain

Annual CS/TPR Report 2014.

Welcome to our AGM.

NSWERA ran quite a big TPR course in August at Shahzada with 17 participants. Three went on to become accredited pretty quickly, Sooz Manderson, Wayne Hickey and Peter Holdsworth, who joined Lyn Dillion and Steve Broadbent from earlier in the year. Congratulations!! We also have three Provisional Chief Stewards - Lynette Taylor, Renee Kirk and Greg Moore.

We have one recipient for each of the Chief Steward and TPR awards. Michael Taylor receives a NSWERA TPR Vest and a new dual-head stethoscope, rapid read thermometer and stopwatch very kindly sponsored by Dixon-Smith.

There are a few TPR schools being held over the next few months, starting with Tumut on the 22-23rd February, South Coast on the 8th March, and Bendemeer on the 11-12th of July. All known TPR's are now listed on AERAspace. Even if you are not active, all you need to do is let the Chief Steward know and they ensure your knowledge is current and re-accredit you on the spot. Please let me know if you are not on that list. Just a note to CS to please take the time to record the TPR's that assist in the running of our rides so they can be duly recognised. I have also had to chase a number of ride reports this year, so please fill them out correctly and keep a copy.

There were 30 rides conducted this year. There were 12 invasive treatments and 6 RO's given – compared to 3 last year. One horse was euthanized.

I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Chief Steward's team that assisted at the NSW State Championships. From what I experienced, NSWERA is going to host one hell of a Tom Quilty! I wish the TQ15 Committee every success and all participants the best of fun and luck.

One troubling aspect is the number of riders that are getting abusive when things don't go their way. Often it is a misunderstanding of the rules or the directions given at pre-ride, so please, read your handbook and attend the pre-ride talk and clarify any queries. On a more positive note, riders and strappers have taken the restraint of dogs at rides issue on board very well, with no further comments or complaints. Thank you.

There are no rule changes for 2015, however the new handbook is being streamlined and updated and in its second draft. This is not to be confused with the recent edition of the 2010 Handbook that has had 2011, '12 and '13 rules included.

I am asking the membership to let me know what their problems/concerns/issues that arise when training and/or competing, especially when starting out. We have a great wealth of knowledge out there, and I will be asking riders with varying types of skills and knowledge to write about their experiences and insights that I hope will be of great benefit. This will be published in the newsletter and put on the website. The first subject is "Hot weather riding/training - how to cope both you and your horse" by Jason and Renee Kirk.

Once again, I would like to thank Brian for all his very wonderful and much appreciated support this year, looking after our four legged family while I've been away, and 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

Additional SMC Portfolio reports may be found in the enclosed AGM booklet.

Nominations for Committee

Nomination for Committee

Name: Mark (Jack) Johnson M'ship No. 23444

Nominated by Scott Peters M'ship No. 23678

Seconded by Michele Hall M'ship No. 23445

Profile

I am an ex-ringer, horse breaker and solicitor with over twenty years experience as an endurance rider. I therefore hope to bring to the Committee a level of understanding of the sport from both a practical and professional perspective. I believe in education of the membership rather than over regulation. I have competed in all three weight divisions, six Quilties with four placings or "Top Tens".

I have won heavy State Championships in two separate States and hope to share my understandings as a competitor and "completer".

I have benefited greatly from a sport that I am passionate about and wish to start to give back to the sport of endurance riding.

I am definitely and proudly "old school" with a demonstrated ability to adapt, change and incorporate new understandings and technologies and apply these to problems which require solutions.

I have found my current choice of offering myself as a nomination for the committee "out of place" as I normally tend to steer clear of politics in sport. Thank you for the opportunity.

Nomination for Committee

Name Belinda Hopley. M'ship No. 20151

Nominated by Helen Thompson M'ship No. 20311

Seconded by Simon Bain M'ship No. 20049

Profile

I have been involved in this sport as a rider, ride organiser, chief steward and for the last 10 years as a committee member. I have made some wonderful lifelong friends and had some good times with my horses. I still maintain it is a great way to see this country and hope that through my involvement with the membership sub committees, others have that same enjoyment.

Nomination for Committee

Name: Alamdar Dastani (Alam). Mishop No. 103060

Nominated by Jessica Dastani M'Ship No. 107737

Seconded by Maddy Collins M'Ship No. 109587

Profile can be found in the enclosed AGM booklet.

Additional nominations for the SMC may be found in the enclosed AGM booklet.

Discussion Items for the AGM

Discussion Item 1. Possible Rule Change from AERA

Submitted by QERA-

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

Rationale will be found in the enclosed AGM booklet

Discussion Item 2. – National Newsletter

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

Rationale will be found in the enclosed AGM booklet

National Pointscore

Heavyweight Horse

Points

1.	Copperkahn Tiara (NSW)	81
2.	Rage On (SA)	71.5
3.	TTH Headliner (NSW)	67
4.	Longrun Drifter (QLD)	55
5.	Arabika Beau (WA)	52
6.	Aloha Typic (NSW)	41.5
7.	Z'Kiel (SA)	40.5
8.	Talunga Park Byjaryja (SA)	39.5
9.	Yaldon Rival (WA)	39.5
10.	Alhambra Pierrot (NSW)	39

Distance

1.	Copperkahn Tiara (NSW)	1060
2.	Longrun Drifter (QLD)	893
3.	TTH Headliner (NSW)	760
4.	Rage On (SA)	740
5.	Talunga Park Byjaryja (SA)	667
6.	Redline Heaven Can Wait (WA)	642
7.	Aloha Typic (NSW)	640
8.	Shady (SA)	587
9.	Arabika Beau (WA)	584
10.	Razorback Flash (NSW)	580

Heavyweight Rider

Points

1.	Jody Smith (SA)	110.25
2.	Robert Catlin (NSW)	81
3.	Rob Vlaanderen (SA)	80
4.	Scott Peters (NSW)	69.5
5.	Thomas Hermann (NSW)	67
6.	Gavin Bartlett (QLD)	58
7.	Michael Blight (WA)	52
8.	Jason Duff (NSW)	46.5
9.	Kathryn Priol (QLD)	45
10.	Stuart Lymbery (NSW)	44.5

Distance

1.	Scott Peters (NSW)	1382
2.	Rob Vlaanderen (SA)	1151
3.	Jody Smith (SA)	1140
4.	Robert Catlin (NSW)	1060
5.	Sue Warren (NSW)	980
6.	Gavin Bartlett (QLD)	973
7.	Jack Johnson (NSW)	840
8.	Jason Duff (NSW)	800
9.	Thomas Hermann (NSW)	760
10.	Kathryn Priol (QLD)	740

Middleweight Horse

Points

1.	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind (NSW)	112.50
2.	Poseidon Moon (WA)	106
3.	Die Kinder Junrei (TAS)	85
4.	Warabong Sparkling Beauty (QLD)	85
5.	Blake's Heaven Bombora (NSW)	76.25
6.	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign (NSW)	65.75
7.	Warren Park O.B. One (NSW)	61
8.	Lauralyn Notorious (TAS)	58
9.	Gemma (QLD)	57
10.	Halo Kazaam (NSW)	55

Distance

1.	Poseidon Moon (WA)	1255
2.	Gemma (QLD)	1186
3.	Warren Park O.B. One (NSW)	1160
4.	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind (NSW)	1140
5.	Warabong Sparkling Beauty (QLD)	1089
6.	Die Kinder Junrei (TAS)	1060
7.	Aloha Ameer (NSW)	880
8.	Blake's Heaven Bombora (NSW)	800
9.	Noran Country-Affair (WA)	732
10.	Lauralyn Notorious (TAS)	723

Middleweight Rider

Points

1.	Ian Curtis (NSW)	139.75
2.	Ben Hudson (NSW)	106.5
3.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	106.25
4.	Frances Overheu (WA)	106
5.	Jenny Berg (NSW)	91.5
6.	Clare Feary (NSW)	85
7.	Gail Hamilton (QLD)	85
8.	Simone Krahnen (QLD)	75
9.	Tayla Warren (NSW)	72
10.	Stella Harbison (SA)	71.5

Distance

1.	Tayla Warren (NSW)	1491
2.	Ian Curtis (NSW)	1460
3.	Blaine Astell (TAS)	1363
4.	Jenny Berg (NSW)	1282
5.	Briony Ledingham (QLD)	1266
6.	Frances Overheu (WA)	1255
7.	Ben Hudson (NSW)	1203
8.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	1162
9.	Ruth Van der Wegen (NSW)	1120
10.	Gail Hamilton (QLD)	1089

Lightweight Horse

Points

1.	Tarnette (NSW)	88
2.	Annordean Lady Lilly (QLD)	87.5
3.	Beaucheval Akhiran (TAS)	82.5
4.	The Storm (QLD)	74
5.	Razorback Silver Wings (TAS)	71.5
6.	Al Marah Gypsy Red (NSW)	64.5
7.	Aranita Pepper Rose (WA)	56.5
8.	Menora Moon Dance (VIC)	55.5
9.	Gums Kawieli (QLD)	55
10.	Zharion (VIC)	53

Distance

1.	Tarnette (NSW)	1280
2.	Beaucheval Akhiran (TAS)	1120
3.	Annordean Lady Lilly (QLD)	1000
4.	Wickwood Domanic (NSW)	885
5.	The Storm (QLD)	848
6.	Razorback Silver Wings (TAS)	843
7.	Carlwood Park Frosty (NSW)	820
8.	Tom-May Mel-Bar Prince (SA)	804
9.	Al Marah Gypsy Red (NSW)	803
10.	Shalacey Bear (NSW)	725

Junior Horse

Points

1.	Macquarie Park Banjo (NSW)	105
2.	Mahazin Bronze Azar (VIC)	54.25
3.	Kalkadoon Vienna (QLD)	53.5
4.	West Coast Natanya (WA)	50.5
5.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW)	49.75
6.	Melcot Bella (QLD)	46
7.	Windaroo Devina Glamour (NSW)	46
8.	Kalkadoon Viva (QLD)	42
9.	Oso Bandit (NSW)	37.5
10.	Ra Silver Dancer (QLD)	37

Distance

1.	Macquarie Park Banjo (NSW)	1242
2.	Melcot Bella (QLD)	761
3.	Kirra (QLD)	670
4.	Mahazin Bronze Azar (VIC)	640
5.	Kalkadoon Vienna (QLD)	599
6.	Shannonwood Energex (QLD)	571
7.	West Coast Natanya (WA)	565
8.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW)	562
9.	DJ Ernie (TAS)	560
10.	Malleegrove Qaarma (NSW)	520

Lightweight Rider

Points

1.	Allix Jones (NSW)	144
2.	Dianne Walsh (TAS)	112.5
3.	April Newman (NSW)	100
4.	Trish Smith (TAS)	99.5
5.	Annette Chamberlain (QLD)	87.5
6.	Kim Noble (VIC)	78.5
7.	Leisa Fail (QLD)	74
8.	Melissa Longhurst (QLD)	69.5
9.	Sue Sutcliffe (QLD)	69
10.	Angie Clark (TAS)	60.5
10.	Janelle Taylor (QLD)	60.5

Distance

1.	Allix Jones (NSW)	2134
2.	Trish Smith (TAS)	1680
3.	April Newman (NSW)	1600
4.	Kim Noble (VIC)	1462
5.	Dianne Walsh (TAS)	1323
6.	Angela Hawks (TAS)	1120
7.	Sue Sutcliffe (QLD)	1080
8.	Sue Todd (NSW)	1045
9.	Kerryn Willing (WA)	1032
10.	Annette Chamberlain (QLD)	1000

Junior Rider

Points

1.	Georgia Curry (NSW)	140
2.	Tahlia Franke (QLD)	128
3.	Grace Huxtable (TAS)	73.5
4.	Stacey Clarke (NSW)	73
5.	Harrison Berg (VIC)	67.25
6.	Sarah Lymbery (NSW)	67.25
7.	Josephine Jansen (NSW)	62.5
8.	Alison Noble (VIC)	62.5
9.	Bec Radny (WA)	62.5
10.	Colleen Krahnen (QLD)	61

Distance

1.	Georgia Curry (NSW)	1785
2.	Tahlia Franke (QLD)	1641
3.	Grace Huxtable (TAS)	1230
4.	Alison Noble (VIC)	1062
5.	Stacey Clarke (NSW)	963
6.	Gemma Dickenson (QLD)	960
7.	Harrison Berg (VIC)	882
8.	Sarah Lymbery (NSW)	882
9.	David Anderson Jnr (QLD)	880
10.	Ronan McKay (QLD)	874

National One Horse /One Rider

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10.	Ruth Dixon / El Romero (QLD)	721

Lightweight

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6.	Corey Foley / DJ Ernie (TAS)	560
7.	Tahnaya Mercieca / Malleegrove Qaarma (NSW)	520
8.	Thomas Cleland / Kirra (QLD)	500
9.	Jaz Hutchins / Boogie (TAS)	485
10.	Stacey Clarke / Oso Bandit (NSW)	480



Tumut Endurance Ride

Hosting Snowy Zone Training Weekend

Ride Base - Tumut Showground

Endurance Ride Tumut will be holding a testing training weekend,

21-22 February 2015.

There will be a two leg 50km trainer and one leg 20km social ride on both the Saturday and Sunday. We have added the additional leg to give people and horses training in having to ride out again.

We will also be holding a training day, on the Saturday, for people interested in becoming a TPR and how to use the computer and this learning can then be put into practice during the rides.

The course will be run in the Wereboldera National Park, which runs back to Blowering Dam and Batlow – but we won't be riding quite that far. The course will run over rocky and rough terrain and will elevate to 800 metres. The ride won't be flat and has very little flat in it. This weekend will be reminiscent of the Snowy Zone rides in the 70's and 80's.

This ride will be testing but it is hoped that you will take the challenge of the terrain rather than the speed of the flat rides. It will also be good training for the 50th Quilty.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring any of the prizes or making a donation we would be very appreciative. You can contact Kim Stephens on 02 6947 2951 or 0488 473 701 or kims5061@hotmail.com Also feel free to ring if you have any questions.

If you would like to take a holiday, with your horse of course, over the Christmas New Year break, to train over some of the course – arrangements for horse & rider accommodation can be made with Kim.

"To Complete Is To Win"

UPPER CORINDI

40km TRAINING & 20km SOCIAL RIDE

Presented by the Clarence/Coffs Endurance Riders Inc

Saturday March 7, 2015



Come to our 40km training and 20km social ride

Enjoy an amazing variety of stunning terrain.

Get your horses fit for the season ahead!

Prior to vetting of the 20km Social Ride there will be a talk on 'Introduction to Endurance Riding' presented by the vets and some Club members.

VENUE: 287 Featherstones Road, Upper Corindi, NSW.

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.
- Basic canteen available all day from 8am.

RIDE COURSE: Upper Corindi is a scenic 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!"
"Great weekend. Scarlet and I really enjoyed the ride."

40km TRAINING RIDE

ENTRY FEE \$55 (+ \$15 day membership for non-ERA riders):

Office open for registration from 8.00am to 10.30am

Vetting from 8.30am

Ride starts 11am

Six hours maximum riding time— cut off 5pm

Medallion for all successful finishers

20km SOCIAL RIDE ENTRY FEE \$35

(+ \$15 day membership for non-ERA riders):

Office open for registration from 8.00am to 10.30am

Introductory Talk from 10.45am

Vetting from 11am

Ride starts 1pm

4 hours maximum riding time – cut off 5pm

Ribbon for all successful finishers

These times may change on the day depending on conditions.

To do the Training or Social rides, you must either be a member of QLD or NSW ERA or pay a day membership of \$15.

PRE-NOMINATION by February 20, 2015.

For nominations and enquiries, please contact Malcolm or Megan Matters

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

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

Notice—NSW ERA

NSW ERA Management Committee

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

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

NSWERA State Management Committee



Williams Valley- March 14 & 15 2015

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

*For More
Information:*

williamsvalleyendurance.com.au

or

Brad - 0400 314 629

brad_dillon@bigpond.com

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

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

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

www.williamsvalleyendurance.com.au

Saturday 14th March

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

Sunday 15th March

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



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SAVE THE DATE!!

Bumbaldry—22 March 2015

BUMBALDRY Endurance Ride ~ NEW Distances added.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tina Walker - Publicity LERC.



Snowy 2014 Photo Gallery



Left: Kate Pilley riding Pasncho in the 80kms event.

Below Right: Jessica Long riding Kintamani Silver Sorrel

Below Left: Karen Sands riding Bevolin Nafisah, aka Honey, enjoying the 80kms ride.



Photos: Animal Focus

Below Left: Murray Woods riding Calabash Ras Ben Sakka in the 80kms event at the Snowy Zone Championships.

Below Right: Marie-Louise Corin riding Windsor and Graeme Corin riding Garonne Park Mission in the 40kms trainer.



Mudgee

16th/17th May 2015

The Tom Quilty is back home in NSW this year and we will be back home to our old ride base at Cooyal Hall, Wollar Road Cooyal.

Our ride date being 2.5 weeks before the TQ means it is well timed as a perfect lead up to the National Championship.

The course will be similar to last year through paddocks, along quiet country roads and lanes, through bushland and has virtually no tar. There are no BIG hills so it is a perfect track for novice horses.

Ride base has flushing toilets plus extra porta-loos but no showers. Some firewood will be provided but it would be helpful if you brought your own.

The grounds will be open for camping from Midday Friday.

There will be an update in the March Newsletter.
Pat Dickinson (for the committee) ph: 63726170



Hard-working chief steward, Tony Warren rides Warren Park Kiara to equal 5th place Mudgee 2014

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES.





Mudgee 2014

From the top left: Ruth Van Der Wegen riding Aloha Ameer

Top Right: April Newman riding Littlebanks Woneta

Left: Rose Stocks riding Ropa Park Bella Shakila

Left Page: Scott Maxwell riding Arabesque Olivia with Brian Swan riding Eammo enjoy the training ride.

Photos: Animal Focus

Neville 6 April 2014—Animal Focus

Boys will be boys! Mitch Ravallion riding Danjera Montana and Peter Norman riding Dahman Nile Star





TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2015 DEL RIO RESORT VIA WISEMANS FERRY ON 5-7 JUNE 2015

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

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

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

We hope to welcome many overseas guests with lease horses and possibly a team from NZ bringing their own horses, giving the Quilty a truly international flavour.

The Celebratory Committee is working hard to entertain the masses with a week full of memories of past Quilties including a Static Display of photographs, saddles, trophies, buckles and past press releases etc. If you have anything to contribute please contact Meg Wade desertendurance@harboursat.com.au Linda Tanian killara@wideband.net.au or Barb McDonald barbt78@bigpond.com. There will also be a Camp Fire night where guests will be invited to share their recollections of rides gone past and a Trivia night to capture the sense of fun our sport has given us over the years. This group is also compiling a 'Coffee Table Book' full of Quilty memorabilia from 50 years of tradition and anyone wanting to contribute photos can contact Louise McCormack on 02 62265626.

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

Bus Tours: Quilty legend Ron Males will be taking mini-bus tours over parts of the old courses of the 60's, 70's & 80's where it all began and these will be booked out early! It is planned to commence at Hawkesbury Racecourse where the first ride base welcomed those intrepid souls looking for adventure with their brave horses. Refreshments will be

served at various 'checkpoints' along the way along with a fabulous commentary by Ron and wife Val who both rode in so many of these early rides, with Ron continuing on to win his 21st buckle only a few years ago.

Entertainment: Will be amazing! We have Trevor Knight giving his all to bring us the NEW Quilty song together with his original very popular version and much more, live at the midnight start.

The Quilty Dinner Dance will be held in the Marque featuring **Nuth'n 2 Serious** a band which gave us such a great party at Canowindra Quilty back in 2003. They are very keen to entertain and one of our local endurance riders Paddy Smith will also give some impromptu sessions with his band during the breaks etc.

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

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



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

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 or via Spencer and Gunderman and over the Wiseman's Ferry and Webb Creek ferries.

On arrival the well experienced CHENEY FAMILY & FRIENDS will be there to welcome you and accompany you to your nominated camp site

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

Base will open on Monday 1st June 2015, strictly not beforehand. A list 'things to do' locally will be available on the website soon. Also available will be a list of local service stations that are 'gooseneck' and large horse truck friendly together with a list of dog kennels for those that need somewhere for their best friends as dogs are unable to visit Del Rio.

Volunteers are sought now and anyone who can help please contact Rebecca Hogan on 0412 600 173 or email bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au and you will be put on a register for regular email/phone contact.

Sponsorship packages are filling quickly and we appreciate all of those sponsors who have come on board to date as it will make our job so much easier to bring you a premier

event! There are more than are listed below that have not sent their 'contract' back to Bec with all of the important info to share your efforts to media outlets, so please get them rolling.

Silver Sponsors: Oso Arabians (Volunteer package)+ placings, Lachlan Endurance Riders Club (Entertainment package), NSWERA Inc. and IRT (Vet Ring package).

Bronze Sponsors are: Almazaan Stud, Kilkivan Endurance Riders, Oso Arabians, Snowy Zone



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



Buckle Sponsors

Kintamani Arabians; Jan Barratt; Specialized Saddles; Tracee Males

Product Sponsorship Provett Vet Hospital; Schuelein Saddles, Australia – saddle for TQ15 winner; Franco C Saddlery (Ben Liebenberg), South Africa has donated 2 saddles; CEVA Animal Health – 4 x product packs for BC; Paula Boer – set of 5 brumby books for youngest successful rider; Country Park Animal Herbs – bags of herbs for prizes; Shiranna Arabians and Shiranna Garlands – garland or sash for TQ15 winner; Bruce Ferguson & Sue– rug for last successful completion. A special horse head trophy from Delrain Farm for first successful owner/rider combination completing their first Quilty!

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

Nomination/Campsite forms: Will be released on 5th December, 2014 and made available on both the Webpage www.tomquilty15.com and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/TomQuiltyGoldCupTQ15 These are to be forwarded to Helen Lindsay at PO Box 440 Cowra 2794 with your cheque or emailed to kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com as the banking details are included on the form, ***please put your name as the reference.*** **ALL CAMPING FEES ARE TO BE PAID DIRECT TO DEL RIO AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NOMINATION/CAMPING FORM.**

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

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

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

Trade Stalls are available for \$330 per 10 x 6m site with \$50 for power if required; and extra \$15 if Wi-fi also required for eftpos

Firewood and Horse Feed will be available to be delivered on site at your cost, booking details will be available soon.

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: The TQ15 team will welcome all unvaccinated and vaccinated horses. It is still highly recommended that those in 'Hendra' affected areas, vaccinate to minimise the effect of a DPI lockdown.

Helen Lindsay, Secretary

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10,000 Km

Award Presentation.

In 2014 John Howe reached 10,000 klm of successful endurance riding.

He received his awards from the AERA at a recent NSW State Management Committee meeting.

Here he is presented with his trophies by Belinda Hopley, a fellow member of the SMC.

Meeting notes from the NSW ERA meeting of 26 September 2014

Present: Greg Moore (chairman), Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Haydn Fisher, Gertraud Norton, Simon Bain, Tony Warren (7.15), Belinda Hopley, Brad Dillon,

Apologies: Marylou Locke, Emily Streckfuss, John Howe, Haydn Fisher, Emma McCormack,

In attendance: Helen Rich (minutes), Sonya Ruprecht (8.00PM), Carol Major (8.00 PM), Fiona Meller (7:00), Neil Clarkson,

Conflicts of Interest

Brad Dillon State Championship ride 2015

Acceptance of previous Minutes

Discussion on the best way to make changes to the draft minutes when it was agreed that changes should be sent to the minutes secretary and that way changes can be made directly to the master document.

The August minutes need to be sent out again.

MOVED Gertraud Norton, Simon Bain
THAT the minutes of the meeting of 15 August 2014 be accepted

Carried Unanimous

2014 NSW State Ride wrap up.

State Ride Profit and Loss Statement for 2014 was handed around. It shows a loss of \$2,245.00 which means we are approximately \$1,000 down. Taking the assets into account we are coming out almost even.

We have carbonised time slips which should do for the Tom Quilty. \$1,000 back for the buckles. \$1,100 short.

The \$10,000 deposit paid to Del Rio has been refunded and is sitting in the State Ride account. Del Rio charged more than expected for accommodation at the State Ride.

Neil recommended that every "i" be dotted and every "t" be crossed in future agreements regarding things like a State Ride or the Quilty. Unfortunately, not every meeting with Del Rio was minuted.

Neil asked to see minutes of what he says prior to any minutes going out.

Neil said they had a meeting at Del Rio last weekend. The Manager attended this meeting. At the end of the day he is happy with how things are progressing. Things will ramp up after the WA Quilty. Have a few sponsors so far. We do not have a major sponsor yet. Need around \$50,000. Neil is confident something will turn up. Suggestion that Manilla be approached to see if they want to provide some sponsorship for the Tom Quilty.

TQ15 – 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty.

Neil handed financial paperwork for the TQ15. There should be no more big surprises in the budget. Spent a lot of time on it last weekend.

Asking the Council for some in-kind donations such as water trucks.

NSW camping fees and the entry fees are the same or very similar to Queensland. Cost around \$500 per entry including the vet levy. Manilla had 296 riders. 300 is a conservative figure. AERA take 20%.

Accommodation is not paid by AERA for the head vet, just his/her professional fees.

National Parks are considering sponsoring their fees. Closing the roads etc. Simon asked if there was an upper limit of rider numbers. Neil said they have paid \$4,200 for a campsite survey. Limit will be around 330 riders. There will be a waiting list for anyone over the maximum number.

Ron Males will be meeting with the Hawkesbury Council.

Food: Neil said that they are working with Del Rio regarding the provision of food. There is supposed to be a food caravan. Trying to ascertain what they are going to sell. It could be a problem. The presentation night could be a spit with salads etc. Need to tie them down about this.

Lots of interest from riders from USA, Canada, South Africa and France. Kerry Spratt has submitted an application for a grant of up to \$15,000 from Sport and Recreation. It stands a good chance as it is our National Championship. Kerry has prepared a very good submission.

The website is www.tomquilty15.com. There is a link on the NSW ERA website. Information will be added to the TQ site as it becomes available. Ron Males is going to the WA Quilty to arrange for the hand over. We are now paying for port-a-loos but to offset that we are the sole suppliers of fire wood. This will be noted on the entry forms.

At the Ride Organisers Forum, could traffic control officers (lolly pop persons) be discussed, as we need people to get the white card etc. It is just a day course. Costs about \$80 per person. We need people to do that. Suggest that NSW ERA pay for the training and then people could come as volunteers to the Quilty. Robin Mather is super keen to work with the committee and get on with the ride.

Neil is working with the Celebratory Committee. Think tank has been organised for 25 / 26 October at Yass. Aaron Jeffrey will be our celebratory person. He will ride a leg of the course.

Memorandum of Understanding needs some amendments. Neil will work this out. Helen Lindsay will stay on as secretary with support from others including Kerry Spratt.

Discussing the departure of the big rigs up Wisemans Ferry Hill after the event. Need for some directions and signs to go up. There is

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permission for lolly pop people to be on the top of the hill. Need to cross the two ferries if coming from the north.

Consider putting out directions about the roads to people who are coming in. Agree people need to know how to use a computer in this day and age. Press Release could be done for a traffic management plan to go into the State newsletters closer to the event.

Roy said that in the AERA minutes there is mention of the start being staggered. Will this be the case? Neil said that the committee is divided on this matter. AERA would like a continuous start. Roy thought that everyone having the same start time is very unfair. He said that the electronic start will be in place by the TQ15 and will take care of exact starting times. Even if it is not, Roy said that for a \$500 entry fee ride, everyone should be treated equally. Gertraud agreed with this. Neil replied that in his opinion, for those who are not riding competitively, time is not a concern. At the Tevis, riders decide what time to start, the clock starts then, Front runners, middle runners and the end runners. Neil disagrees with this. There are safety concerns around the start of a ride. There will be a walk zone on the tar and there will be chief stewards along this area. Neil left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

2015 NSWERA State Championships

Brad said that there will be a meeting on site in the next couple of weeks. See written report later in this meeting.

A group called Hunter Water wants to get into the communications field and is interested in being involved in the State Ride communications. WICEN may not always be able to assist and we need to look for alternative options.

There were three tiers of sponsorship for an earlier State Ride. Carol said that Derek may be interested in sponsorship for the State Ride.

Started to look at maps with the motor bike club. Going to get some of the Zone 6 members to ride the track to make sure that it isn't too hard.

The venue still owes NSW ERA \$400 and Brad said that he is still trying to get this refund. The suggestion was made that all meetings with the venue should be minuted. Everything needs to be in writing. Problems have emerged with Del Rio because not everything was in writing at the initial negotiations.

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

Year to date: Adult 407; Junior 29; Intermediate 31; Associate 20; Honorary 6. Total 493. Newsletter 232.

There is to be Horse Expo weekend held in Wingham...(zone 6) on November 8 and 9. This is the weekend of M.E.C.C.A training rides at Manilla. I am unable to attend as I have a family event but

there are some keen Zone 6 people that are wanting to man a stall there. I would like to see something set up like we have at Equitana...and something like what was also done at Mudgee (will talk to Deanna about this if approved). The cost of the stall is \$30. I have put a tentative booking down on hold till after this meeting. Just wanting to see if this can be approved and what NSWERA can provide.

Sonya said she wanted to get something similar to what went up at Equitana. Deanna is to give what she had to Brad Dillon. Sonya has old newsletters that she could give out. There is someone who has a horse available for the display. Sonya is not able to attend this event. Discussing funding for the event.

MOVED THAT

Gertraud Norton, Belinda Hopley

NSW ERA approve payment of the sum of \$30.00 and a maximum amount of \$250 for lunch for the volunteers at the Horse Expo at Wingham. This is to come out of the Sport and Recreation Fund, with receipts to be submitted after the event.

Carried Unanimous

Rides listed for approval were discussed at length and then voted on..

2015 NSWERA AGM

Gertraud elaborated on the paperwork sent out earlier. The dinner cost could be reduced to \$40 instead of \$50 if thought appropriate. Gertraud is to enquire as to the cost of drinks, ask for a menu at \$40 per head and establish a price for children 12 years and under.

Consider having the presentation mid-afternoon. Say 4 to 6 pm. They could supply a DJ. They could arrange for the room to be partitioned off. Members to supply their own lunch.

No room hire involved for the ride organiser's forum. It could run from 8.30 to 12.30, have lunch and then head home. It was agreed that the NSW SMC would pay \$32 per head for the lunch. This is available to ride organizers only – no more than two people per club. Gertraud to advise all clubs on this.

Breakfast is included in the price for accommodation. There will be a number to quote when making a booking. Gertraud to obtain this. There is camping available for a few dollars a night. Powered sites, and camping sites are available adjacent to the hotel.

The newsletter will supply a link to the venue and advise that there is also camping available. We are to supply a conference number when booking reservation. Price form to go into the newsletter. Same as last year.

SMC members up for nomination are Greg Moore, Belinda Hopley, Tony Warren (casual vacancy),

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Haydn Fisher, Marlee (casual vacancy), Marylou Locke, Emma McCormack.

RO Forum

Agenda still needs to be organised. What do the ride organisers want?

Deanna is the Zone 2 delegate. Generally we need to know where each Zone's equipment is. Zone delegates need to keep track of the Zone equipment. Need to touch base on management of that equipment. It's up to Zones to manage their own equipment. Tony Warren is the vice president of Zone two. Possibly better to discuss this face to face.

How do they feel about running intro rides for day members considering the amount of work involved and is it worthwhile. There has been very little increase in membership from this venture.

What ideas can we come up with to progress people through the ranks to full membership.

Fia is happy to make a presentation on pre-paid nominations.

MOVED THAT Roy Barsby, Brad Dillon the NSW ERA secretary sent an invitation to ride organizers asking them to send up to two representatives to the Ride Organisers' Forum.

Carried Unanimous

AERA – July Meeting

Brad Dillon gave the presentation. Vet DVD price from Steve Roberts was \$11,000. Way too expensive. QLD delegates said they are working on a DVD and they will pass this on to NSW when it is finished.

Roy commented on the AERA minutes. He asked whether he is meant to discuss those minutes at the NSW ERA table. Roy said he read through the minutes and the attached balance sheet. He noted that there was an amount of money paid out for an electronic timing system which we have not seen. We should comment on the amount of money and time taken and the lack of results to date.

Suggests we need an official letter to the AERA suggesting that this needs to be done sooner rather than later. The members are paying for this. Very expensive and no results to date. It was agreed that the NSW delegates would probably be better bringing this up at the next AERA meeting rather than a formal letter from this table.

Comparison of lameness in 7 and 8 year old horses is not relevant. The motion didn't get up and will not be debated again. Gertraud criticized that the methodology chosen for the comparison was inappropriate and therefore the results were meaningless.

There are a lot of things within AERAspace that we should be doing and aren't. The NSW vet list should be uploaded, Belinda should be doing the chief steward reports. All should go into

AERAspace. Contact Steve Swan and he can set it up. Queensland is using it a lot more than we are.

Horse welfare forms need uploading to AERAspace. Invasive Treatment Forms need to be uploaded. Belinda said that nobody had asked her to do this before.

TQ16 – agreement has not been signed. It has been moved to the November meeting. They have problems with the suggested ride base so they have to move it. VERA has decided to ask for renominations to run the Quilty. They would need to run a 160 km over the course next year.

Brad previously sent out the TQ Agreement to the SMC. A TQ committee has to be a subcommittee of the particular State SMC. This will be a discussion item at the next AERA meeting. AERA want a TQ committee to be a sub-committee of the NSW SMC. The AERA wants control of the TQ. If this gets up there could be problems with finances. Who gets the money if the TQ ride makes a profit? AERA currently takes 20% of ride entry fees from the Quilty.

Another point concerned distance. It had to be 160 km not 160.1 km!

Another point: Leg 1 of a TQ should be an open road with no single tracks and try to avoid any turnarounds.

Call for feedback from the table before the next AERA meeting in November.

The University of Adelaide has asked for an electrolyte survey from the membership. It will turn up on the AERA website.

FSA Expo - Hawkesbury

This is the Small Farms Expo to be held at Windsor. It is to be held on Saturday and Sunday – first weekend in November.

MOVED THAT Roy Barsby, Tony Warren Deanna put together a promotional package to be used on Expo days. The cost of which is to come out of the Sports Development Fund.

Carried Unanimous

MOVED THAT Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley the Membership Growth sub committee be charged with producing a promotional package to be used at Expo days. Costs to come out of the Sports Development Fund.

Carried Unanimous

MOVED THAT Belinda Hopley, Gertraud Norton NSW ERA allocate appropriate funds to book the site and fund any other expenses for the Hawkesbury Expo day as required to come from the Sports Development Fund

Carried Unanimous

Deanna to book a space for the Small Farms Expo
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at Windsor.

Tracks in National Parks etc. update – Fiona Meller

Fiona said she was at this meeting tonight in order to present two specific things from the perspective of National Parks. Firstly, the Rural Parks conference will be held in September. Would we be willing for Fiona to attend one day of the congress? The Saturday is designed so you can do a one day session. It is a good opportunity to network. A lot of top National Parks people would be there. They are using the horse riding permissions as a pat on the back for them. The day registration costs \$265. It is on 15 November, 2014. Fiona is happy to pay for incidentals

MOVED THAT Belinda Hopley, Simon Bain we support Fiona Meller in her attendance to the World Parks Congress, and pay day registration fees of \$265, and her incidental expenses for a total amount of \$50... These expenses to come out of the Sport and Recreation Fund.

Carried Unanimous

Thanks for her wonderful efforts in this area. Agreement to give Fiona a NSW ERA Tshirt.

Secondly, Fiona is also on the State Advisory committee to the National Parks. The Chair of that committee appears to be of the opinion that there is no clear separation of roles with Fiona writing submissions and also sitting on the body to approve them. This is considered of her having a conflict of interest. Fiona thinks that the easiest way to solve this problem would be for someone else to write the submissions while Fiona is on the Advisory Council. Greg Moore has agreed to write the submissions.

Moving on, as this matter becomes less of a hot potato, Fiona wants the SMC to think about making Track Preservation a Portfolio. Whoever takes over this portfolio should come to meetings with Fiona so that she can eventually hand it over to the SMC. She is happy to keep doing it for the moment but she wants NSW SMC to start thinking of succession planning. Emily has the portfolio of track preservation liaison at present. Fiona said that there is a fair amount of commitment and time involved. Fiona will write a job description of what is involved so that whoever takes it over knows what is expected. It is not something that can be taken up without prior knowledge. Possibly we could look for someone outside the SMC who would have some experience in this area. It is mainly 'negotiating ability' that is needed.

The minutes are to reflect our appreciation of the work that Fiona does. Fiona left the meeting at 7:30 pm

Greg Moore – President

Selection of members for the team to represent NSW at the 2014 Quilty in Western Australia have been made and I am happy to announce that the

team members are

Louise McCormack, Ben Hudson, Talea Hasko Stewart & Stacey Clarke with Amanda Kettlewell as reserve. We wish all the team a safe trip and good luck.

The 2015 AGM will be held in Canberra the 7th & 8th of February 2015. Watch this space and check the website for more information.

The new Tom Quilty 2015 website is up and running, thank you Neil Clarkeson, to keep up with all the news and events as the 50th anniversary of endurance riding in Australia draws closer go to www.tomquilty15.com

A fantastic new initiative from AERA, the electronic timing system, is near completion and will be live tested at a ride by the end of the year. This system is an extension of AERASpace and will eliminate a lot of office work for ride organisers as all of the timing and calculations associated with that will be done automatically.

The financial position of the association is very strong, with money in the bank, very few debts and some income still to be credited to the account. This bodes well for a strong financial result for the year which will hopefully see no change to fees and charges.

I would like to raise the issue of Life Membership to the association. This is the highest honour that the association can bestow on a member and as such it needs to be treated in a more formal manner than it currently is. I would like to propose a process similar to nominating for the SMC where a candidate has to be proposed in writing with a resume of achievements in the sport, this is then put to the membership at the AGM and is decided in a secret ballot of all members present.

Website

Recent updates to the Website content are:

- *'Contacts forms' has been updated to a new version.*
- *The website is still experiencing issues with the email redirects for a couple of email addresses and Platypus is working on this problem*
- *The September newsletter has been loaded*
- *Pre-nominate links have been set up for the remainder of the year.*

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 to be added to the relevant Zone tab.

Given the issues and unsatisfactory service offered by the current company, I would like to look at other options for web hosting and design with enhanced services that include proper support.

Greg is having big problems with the website

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hosting arrangements. He has asked the design company to fix the problems and offered to pay, but nothing is happening. Therefore Greg is looking at other web hosts. Greg has found one who can rebuild the website for \$900 and pay \$77 a month to cover all updating, keeping up with all the changes. Our website is our main tool of communication. Currently only paying around \$30 a month but it isn't working well enough. We need to move forward.

MOVED THAT **Belinda Hopley, Simon Bain**
Greg should contact Web Central in order to pursue website hosting, building of a new website. The initial cost will be around \$1,000. On-going charges will be around \$77 per month.

Carried Unanimous

Gertraud Norton – Secretary: Correspondence

Incoming correspondence was tabled and discussed.

Out-going correspondence was duly noted.

In addition to the above,

I contacted Tom McCormack to ask him about the selection process for chief stewards that are to officiate at a Quilty, as there had been questions about whether NSW should not officially have sent a chief steward to WA this year. Tom explained that the WA Quilty is not large enough to require more than the six chief and assistant chief stewards that AERA had picked from the national pool. If more than those six were required, all state divisions would have been contacted to supply an additional chief steward, but they were not.

I contacted the Arabian Horse Society regarding our filing cabinet and other things located in their offices in Windsor. They are in the process of selling the building and we have to remove our possessions from there.

I had a meeting with Natasha Mijoc from the Eagle Hawk Hotel in Canberra to discuss further details regarding the AGM to be held there and pay the deposit to fix the date. All details are in the attached document. We still need to decide whether the cost of the buffet style dinner should be reduced from \$50 to \$40 per head with an obvious reduction in what will be on offer and whether we do or do not want a band. The hotel has the possibility of getting a DJ for us and we could then determine how loud the music was going to be played, and in addition, the room that will be used for the dinner can be enlarged by the partial removal of a temporary wall which would effectively create a somewhat noise-protected area where people could sit and talk while the band or DJ plays in the adjacent room for those who want to dance.

I entered vet and other data into AERAspace as requested by AERA.

Greg said he has had additional correspondence

from Sport and Recreation.

Roy asks that people put their name on their individual reports so that when they are downloaded you know who wrote it.

John Howe – Treasurer, IDP

My apologies for not being at Friday's meeting. My car's gearbox blew up on Wednesday and I'm now creeping along in a combination of 2nd and 4th gear.

I have attached Tom's Financial Statement which he sent to me.

I am happy to report that we are in a better financial position than this time last year.

If you go to page 1 of the profit and loss account, you will see that this year to date we have had income of \$45,233 which is \$12 behind the same position of last year. However, we still have \$4,000.00 in affiliation fees to come from the State Champs to come, which will put us well ahead, by \$4,000.00. There are, Tom believes, also a number of other rides to also send in rides fees, so we will be in an excellent financial position

Deanna has done a wonderful job with merchandising and has done a lot of restocking. Along with the merchandise purchased, she has included \$100.00 worth of pre payment to post things out.

We still have \$400.00 to collect from Riverwood Downs which was a refundable deposit from this years' AGM, Greg has been chasing this up and may be able to comment.

Our Insurance costs this year are down by \$7,000.00 which is a huge saving to us.

This year we have incurred some \$774.00 on ride management related expenses, this will be offset by the extra \$4,159.00 grant from AERA, a grant that we did not get last year, point one page one, profit and loss.

Tom and I are keeping a separate register of Sport and Rec acquittals so that we will be able to accurately acquit this years Sport and Rec grant.

As this year the National CPI came in at 3% per annum, I'll be adjusting Sonya and Helen's wages appropriately, including backdating to 1st July, on any wages already paid.

For this meetings accounts, please give any dockets to Greg and I'll collect from him early next week and I'll send cheques to each of you.

John Howe. Treasurer and IDP Portfolio.

See elsewhere in this newsletter for financial reports.

Emma McCormack – Facebook

We have 483 followers on Facebook.

Emma was contacted by Allix Jones with regards to a NSW Quilty Team application. I believe she also spoke with Greg.

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Emma obtained a quote back from "But 4 Grace" a great band for the AGM. They would love to come and play. One of the band members is NSW ERA member Ian Burns. Cost \$1350 for the night.

Deanna Trevena – Merchandise, Promotions, Feedback and Membership Growth Zone 2 Merchandise

Sales have still been reasonably good. I have got in some larger size polo shirts for people to try coming into the warmer months.

We outfitted the NSW Junior team for the Qld State Champs Southern Stars Challenge with polo shirts and caps. The girls Jo Jansen, Tori Bice and Isobel Foster looked great in the gear.

The SMC have also outfitted the NSW Quilty Team for Wagin WA.

Promotions

The next day for promotions will be the FSA at Hawkesbury held on the 1 and 2 November at the showgrounds. I have put this on the agenda as we will need to discuss if we are going ahead with this and who will be able to help out.

Zone 2

Bendemeer held their ride and looking at the results a great completion rate. Andrew Mackinder won the 80km ride. The trainer and social rides had people riding both days. Well done

MECCA(Manilla) are having their trainer weekend on the 8 and 9th of November. This will be a great weekend to take your young horse for two days of training and socializing.

Deanna produced a rug with the NSW Division logo embroidered on it. Suggestion that one can purchase a rug as part of merchandise or it could be sold to Ride Organisers for prizes for rides.

Brad Dillon – Ride administration, Zone 6 report

ZONE 6

The final ride of a fantastic year in Zone 6 will be the Kiwarrak Cup on the 25th and 26th of October. The ride base will be at the traditional base at Hillvillie via Taree. The new property owners have allowed the Kiwarrak Club to run the event from its traditional base. This will be a great way to finish the year.

State champs meeting scheduled for 2 weeks' time on site at RWD.

Sonya has a promotional day and will include it in her report.

Ride Administration

I forwarded the notes sent to me to the ride organisers from the last meeting, not much feedback apart from the training ride in logbook debate.

Ride Organisers' Forum /Workshop

Need to work out a draft agenda and timetable for the day, have had some great input on what ride organisers would like to talk about and will keep this line of communication open until the event.

After all it is for the benefit of ride organisers and hopefully we can cover and provide help on all items raised in a group environment.

AERA

Forwarded the minutes from the last meeting to the SMC a while ago when I received them, as well as the Quilty Event Standards for comment. Passed on the requirement for *live updates* during the event.

TQ16 Victoria was all set to be held by Southern Crosse but due to venue problems VERA have decided to re-open the submission process. The TQ agreement is yet to be signed even though it is supposed to be signed 2 years prior to the event. Victoria has to decide on a location / committee by the November meeting so the agreement can be signed.

At what stage does Zone 6 get funding to run the State Ride? Need for a budget to be presented before applying for the \$6,000 grant.

Belinda Hopley – Chief stewards and TPR's Ride Reports-

Q60 4.5.14, 100k, 40k & 20k. Great base with plenty of room. Traditional hard but manageable ride. Excellent track marking and rider conduct. Canteen needs to move closer to camp center. Overall, great weekend.

Kundabung 29.6.14, 80k, 40k & 20k. Enjoyable ride with good access and facilities and plenty of room. A dry track that was a good novice track, with excellent marking. Good rider conduct.

Bendemeer 6.9.14, Good camping facilities at the rodeo ground. Straight out and back twice. No complaints about the rider conduct or track marking. Pity there weren't more riders as perfect conditions. There were only two vets at this ride.

Woodstock Snowy Zone Champs 14.9.14, 120k, 80k & 40k. Excellent ride base that would have benefited from a public address system. Excellent track and track marking. There was one report of poor rider behaviour – a rider repeatedly ran up behind young horses and was requested to stop. The rider became abusive and continued, running up behind a horse and causing the horse to rear, the rider to fall off, injure his shoulder and withdraw from the ride. There was also one invasive treatment. 4Four horses were swabbed.

There are still 3 reports outstanding - the Copper Challenge (May), Bago (July) and Shahzada (August).

CS/TPR-

There were 13 TPR participants at the recent school held at Shahzada in August. Peter Holdsworth then went on to become accredited, with a couple more that will be accredited very shortly. Many thanks to Dr Emily Streckfuss for her time and help in running the school, and to the Barn Café for providing a delicious morning tea.

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The CS vests have been ordered and are slowly coming.

A letter has gone out to all CS asking for forms to be completed in a complete and timely manner, to ensure all dogs are restrained whilst at base, the use of logbooks and AON's stand on horses being led off another horse.

Chief Stewards must CS every 2 years to remain accredited – if this lapses you just need to do a ride with an accredited CS.

TPR's are now accredited for life, so if a TPR comes to a ride and is not on the TPR list, the CS can just check their knowledge and skills. They will also need to be put on the CS report for inclusion on the TPR list.

The Accredited CS and TPR lists have just gone to Dorte Colja (AERA) to go on AERAspace.

Other Stuff-

I have asked Renee and Jason Kirk if they would be prepared to write some articles for the newsletter and they have agreed.

The CS and TPR tabs (Horse Welfare) on the website will be updated very shortly.

Belinda said that she always has the ride reports at SMC meetings. What she presents is a synopsis of each report.

Report read out on problems at the Woodstock ride. Rider came off because of the bad behaviour of another rider. This rider kept running up the back of other horses. Belinda to ask for this report to be verified. This matter probably involved a training rider on day membership.

Tony said there was another accident at this ride but this was not reported on the CSs report.

Belinda has written to the chief stewards who have not done a ride over the last 12 months.

Tony Warren – Horse welfare, Early Warning

We had two horses at Shahzada with Metabolic issues,

One horse was transported to Hawkesbury Valley Equine Clinic for treatment. I have spoken to the owner, the horse was treated with fluids and the outcome has been favourable and the horse returned home in the next couple of days. The horse was given a six week rest order, the logbook is with myself and will be returned the week prior to the 6/10/2014

The second horse was treated at Shahzada base and to all reports was responding well. Unfortunately towards the evening, it took a turn for the worse and was transported to Hawkesbury Valley Equine Clinic, where unfortunately despite all efforts continued to decline throughout the night, until finally an ethical decision was made to euthanize the horse with consent of the owners.

We performed Medication Control Swabbing at the recent Woodstock Snowy zone championships ride

with 4 horses being swabbed, we are awaiting the results.

We have still not received any results from the State Ride therefore I assume that all were negative results.

Early Warning

Well we have a huge number of horses and humans this month, only to be expected at this time of year.

I have spoken to most riders/owners of horses which are reaching the upper level of 30 points, asking were they aware of the point system and how it worked, some weren't even aware of such a system.

I have also spoken to some of these people regarding their issues and how they may be resolved, such things as diet, strapping issues and management throughout the ride.

We have one horse which has had quite a few issues but its not on my list this time, the owner rang the other day asking if it would be alright if they could take the horse to Brookvale, I had a good discussion with them regarding the horse possibly being in real trouble if it didn't vet through at this ride.

Simon Bain - Vet liaison, Zone 4 report

Veterinary Liaison Report September 2014

The list of endurance veterinarians is available on the NSWERA website within Veterinary Matters under the heading of Horse Welfare. The veterinary list was updated in August 2014 and the updated list posted on the website. It includes the accredited vet list (currently 36 vets), the provisional accredited vet list (currently 3 vets), and those vets not accredited but willing to help (currently 19 vets). Contact details have been limited to phone details. Veterinarians can sometimes be difficult to contact by phone so over the last month accredited vets have been contacted and asked for email contact details. This is close to completion and email contact details will shortly be included in the list of accredited veterinarians. As vets become accredited it is important that their phone and email contact details are forwarded to me.

Zone 4 Report September 2014

The Snowy Mountains Zone Championship ride was held at Woodstock 13th September. Lachlan Endurance Riders Club conducted the superbly organised ride and warranted a very high level of commendation. The countryside was at its spectacular best, green interspersing with yellow canola crops, with the undulating course a mixture of private property, stock routes and some gravel roads

There were 24 entries in the 40km ride with an 82% completion rate, 52 entries in the 80km ride with a 75% completion rate, and 21 entries in the 120km ride with an 81% completion rate.

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NSW Point Score—Heavyweight

Heavyweight Rider Points 2014

1	Robert Catlin	81
2	Thomas Hermann	67
3	Scott Peters	66.5
4	Jason Duff	46.5
5	Stuart Lymbery	44.5
6	Mitchell Ravallion	39.75
7	Roy Barsby	39
7	Scott Davenport	39
9	John Howe	36
10	Gavin Peacock	35.5

Heavyweight Horse Points 2014

1	Copperkahn Tiara	81
2	TTH Headliner	67
3	Aloha Typic	41.5
4	Alhambra Pierrot	39
5	Danjera Jed	37.75
6	Ashbend Perazzi	36
7	Dumaresq Jackson	34.5
8	Sharahd Narang	33
9	Jezabelle Sweet Dreams	31
10	Dumaresq Buzz	28
10	Sharahd Lateefa	28

Heavyweight Rider Distance 2014

1	Scott Peters	1,300
2	Robert Catlin	1,060
3	Sue Warren	980
4	Jack Johnson	840
5	Jason Duff	800
6	Thomas Hermann	760
7	Phil Coleman	725
8	Stuart Lymbery	720
9	Roy Barsby	600
10	Gavin Peacock	580

Heavyweight Horse Distance 2014

1	Copperkahn Tiara	1,060
2	TTH Headliner	760
3	Aloha Typic	640
4	Razorback Flash	580
5	Glendhu Moonshine	560
5	Sharahd Narang	560
7	Sharahd Lateefa	500
8	Rainbows Reach Snowfyre	485
9	Jezabelle Sweet Dreams	483
10	Dumaresq Jackson	480
10	Fonda	480
10	Littlebanks Storm	480

NSW Point Score—Middleweight

Middleweight Horse Distance 2014

1	Warren Park O.B. One	1,160
2	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	1,140
3	Die Kinder Junrei	1,060
4	Aloha Ameer	880
5	Georgie Girl	640
6	Rosebrae Cameo	580
7	Aloha Vision	560
7	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign	560
9	Brookleigh Shiralee	520
10	Blake's Heaven Bombora	480
10	Stratfield Ghayth	480

Middleweight Rider Points 2014

1	Ian Curtis	124
2	Clare Feary	85
3	Talea Hasko-Stewart	67
3	Tayla Warren	67
5	Ben Hudson	62.5
6	Jenny Berg	61.5
7	Ruth Van der Wegen	55
8	Margaret Boland	46
9	Peter Bice	45.5
10	Karen Rhodes	38

Middleweight Horse Points 2014

1	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	112.5
2	Die Kinder Junrei	85
3	Warren Park O.B. One	61
4	Aloha Ameer	51
5	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign	50
6	Blake's Heaven Bombora	45
6	Rosebrae Cameo	45
8	Georgie Girl	44.5
9	Stratfield Ghayth	38
10	Aloha Vision	37.5

Middleweight Rider Distance 2014

1	Tayla Warren	1,400
2	Ian Curtis	1,300
3	Ruth Van der Wegen	1,120
4	Clare Feary	1,060
5	Jenny Berg	880
6	Carol Major	805
7	Talea Hasko-Stewart	760
8	Margaret Boland	740
9	Ben Hudson	723
10	Peter Bice	720
10	Jennifer Gilbertson	720

NSW Point Score—Lightweight

Lightweight Rider Distance 2014

1	Allix Jones	1,803
2	April Newman	1,600
3	Sue Todd	1,045
4	Marion Grove	885
5	Ros Ryan	805
6	Leanne Holz	740
7	Kaliana Curtis	720
8	Vetea Facchini	680
9	Julie Brooks	560
9	Cherry Cummins	560

Lightweight Horse Distance 2014

1	Tarnette	1,280
2	Wickwood Domanic	885
3	Shalacey Bear	725
4	Al Marah Gypsy Red	723
5	Carlwood Park Frosty	660
6	Trigger	600
7	Aloha Byshara	560
7	Blake's Heaven Carousel	560
9	Rainbows Reach Scout	485
10	Jon De Le Nissan	440
10	Macquarie Park Dassan	440
10	Shane D Survivor	440

Lightweight Horse Points 2014

1	Tarnette	88
2	Al Marah Gypsy Red	60
3	Wickwood Domanic	50.5
4	Aloha Byshara	46
5	Trigger	44.5
6	Blake's Heaven Carousel	40
7	Winter Hill Alice	39
8	Blake's Heaven Venus	32
9	Nioka Park Jag	30
10	Evening Star	26

Lightweight Rider Points 2014

1	Allix Jones	120
2	April Newman	100
3	Marion Grove	50.5
4	Kaliana Curtis	47
5	Vetea Facchini	46.5
6	Julie Brooks	46
7	Cherry Cummins	40
8	Adeline Gibson	30
8	Leanne Holz	30
10	Indigo Noonan	27.5

NSW Point Score—Junior

Junior Rider Distance 2014

1	Georgia Curry	1,600
2	Sarah Lymbery	800
3	Victoria Bice	740
4	Josephine Jansen	720
5	Stacey Clarke	563
6	Isabel Foster	520
6	Tahnaya Mercieca	520
8	Cybele Coddington	480
9	Mia Bodewes	240
9	Brooke Luthy	240
9	Modena Schofield-Foster	240

Junior Rider Points 2014

1	Georgia Curry	126
2	Sarah Lymbery	62.25
3	Josephine Jansen	57
4	Victoria Bice	48
5	Stacey Clarke	46
6	Tahnaya Mercieca	32
7	Isabel Foster	29
8	Cybele Coddington	20
9	Mia Bodewes	12
10	Sam Duff	11

Junior Horse Points 2014

1	Macquarie Park Banjo	99
2	Windaroo Devina Glamour	46
3	Garonne Park Walker	44.75
4	Malleegrove Qaarma	32
5	The Byzantine Diamonds	26
6	Oso Bandit	20.5
7	Sharabel Kalarney	20
8	Candynae	19.5
9	Georgie Girl	19
10	Garonne park Missella	17.5

Junior Horse Distance 2014

1	Macquarie Park Banjo	1,160
2	Malleegrove Qaarma	520
3	Garonne Park Walker	480
3	Windaroo Devina Glamour	480
5	Sharabel Kalarney	360
6	Georgie Girl	340
7	Garonne park Missella	320
7	The Byzantine Diamonds	320
9	Candynae	243
10	Booramby Jacob	240
10	Mystical Knight	240
10	Oso Bandit	240
10	Sharabel Akaysha	240
10	Star Cross Imperial	240
10	Zulu's Dark Angel	240

One Horse One Rider

One Horse One Rider Heavyweight 2014

Place	Rider	Horse	Distance
1	Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	1,060
2	Thomas Hermann	TTH Headliner	760
3	Stuart Lymbery	Aloha Typic	640
4	Sue Warren	Razorback Flash	580
5	Steve Broadbent	Glendhu Moonshine	560
6	Scott Peters	Sharahd Lateefa	500
7	Phil Coleman	Rainbows Reach Snowfyre	485
8	Alan Mackinder	Jezabelle Sweet Dreams	483
9	Jason Duff	Dumaresq Jackson	480
10	Sarah Kelly	Littlebanks Storm	480
11	Keith Sumpner	Fonda	480

One Horse One Rider Middleweight 2014

Place	Rider	Horse	Distance
1	Tayla Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	1,160
2	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	1,140
3	Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	1,060
4	Ruth Van der Wegen	Aloha Ameer	880
5	Peter Bice	Georgie Girl	640
6	Margaret Boland	Rosebrae Cameo	580
7	Michael Cummins	Aloha Vision	560
8	Anita Ashby	Brookleigh Shiralee	520
9	Karen Rhodes	Stratfield Ghayth	480
10	April Bonham	Ralvon Courier	465

One Horse One Rider Lightweight 2014

Place	Rider	Horse	Distance
1	April Newman	Tarnette	1,280
2	Marion Grove	Wickwood Domanic	885
3	Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	725
4	Allix Jones	Al Marah Gypsy Red	723
5	Leanne Holz	Carlwood Park Frosty	660
6	Vetea Facchini	Trigger	600
7	Julie Brooks	Aloha Byshara	560
7	Kaliana Curtis	Blake's Heaven Carousel	560
9	Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	485
10	Irene Adams	Shane D Survivor	440

One Horse One Rider Junior 2014

Place	Rider	Horse	Distance
1	Georgia Curry	Macquarie Park Banjo	1,160
2	Tahnaya Mercieca	Malleegrove Qaarma	520
3	Josephine Jansen	Windaroo Devina Glamour	480
3	Sarah Lymbery	Garonne Park Walker	480
5	Isabel Foster	Sharabel Kalarney	360
6	Victoria Bice	Georgie Girl	340
7	Victoria Bice	The Byzantine Diamonds	320
7	Sarah Lymbery	Garonne park Missella	320
9	Stacey Clarke	Candynae	243
10	Mia Bodewes	Booramby Jacob	240
10	Stacey Clarke	Oso Bandit	240
10	Cybele Coddington	Star Cross Imperial	240
10	Josephine Jansen	Zulu's Dark Angel	240
10	Brooke Luthy	Mystical Knight	240
10	Modena Schofield-Foster	Sharabel Akaysha	240

NSW Point Score—Intermediate

Intermediate Horse Distance 2014

1	Sylan El Aamira	761
2	Malvern Lady Clara	400
3	Malvern Copperfield	300
4	Cagra Jezabell	280
4	Espirit Jet	280
4	New-Moon Flashlight	280
7	Excessabelle	260
7	Kerewong Aziz	260
7	Towarri Blaze	260
10	Graciella	240
10	Nyora Keanu	240
10	Wybalena Lodge Prince Harry	240

Intermediate Rider Distance 2014

1	Marisa Levitt	761
2	Elaine Kirby	500
3	Carol Major	460
4	Aleana Riley	380
5	Meri Lategan	360
5	Carol Layton	360
7	Peter Kelly	320
8	Andrew Bailey	280
8	Trine Dayhew	280
8	Dean Hodgkinson	280
8	Jason Kirk	280
8	Geraldine Stuart	280

NOTICE

I am asking the membership to let me know of any problems/concerns/issues that arise when training and/or competing, especially when starting out.

We have a great wealth of knowledge out there, and I will be asking riders with varying types of skills and knowledge to write about their experiences and insights that I hope will be of great benefit to the membership.

Articles will be published in the newsletter and put on the website.

The first subject is "Hot weather riding/training - how to cope both you and your horse" by Jason and Renee Kirk.

If you would like to contribute please contact Belinda Hopley at belinda.brian@netspeed.com.au

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Upcoming rides in Zone 4 include the traditional National Capital Brookvale ride weekend of 18-19 October principally through the Brindabella National Park and Uriarra Forest with some elevated tracks offering stunning views of distant Canberra and in nearer proximity, rural land of the ACT and NSW. 20km, 40km and 80km rides are on offer.

The inaugural Scenic City Canberra ride on 22-23 November will be run out of the well situated Equestrian Park, follows the ACT's dedicated undulating equestrian trails, and will offer a closer and interesting view of the National Capital. Ride distances offered are: 80 km, 40 km and 20 km.

Vet Accreditation Course

There is a course being run up the North Coast. One day at the local high school.

Life memberships

Greg wants us to consider how we elect life memberships. Decide what the criteria and selection process is. This will require a change to the Constitution.

Call for nominations three months out. Bio of the person nominated, what have you done for the sport. Would need to be nominated and seconded. Greg will put that motion forward at the AGM

What will happen to the current honorary members? Should not have to reaffirm a person every year. Deceased members should be on a separate list.

Brad commented on the five proxy votes at the AGM. He says that it is very easy to stack a meeting. He would like to put in another suggested amendment to the Constitution so that the proxy votes are reduced in members. He feels that five proxy votes are too much.

Roy suggested we should think about intermediate membership and day memberships. Asks that the SMC give this some thought for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20pm.

“Hot weather riding/training”
“How to cope—both you and your horse.”

Jason and Renee Kirk of JRK Endurance

As the weather heats up many rides in Australia are still being run, either at the start or end of our season.

There are a few common denominators when it comes to a rider and horse competing in hot conditions, fitness, experience, weight, usual climate. How fit the two of you are, your experience, your weight (body mass), the bigger the mass the more heat it produces, and the climate you are used to training and competing in will be factors when riding in hot conditions.

People and horses usually run into trouble by being unprepared and not acclimatised to working in hot conditions. If you are intending to compete in rides where the weather is going to be hot and or humid there are some things to keep in mind.

Firstly, you must try and train in similar conditions to get yourself and your horse used to the heat. The two of you are a team and an unfit rider is a burden to a horse—not a help. I am in NO way suggesting you take your horse out for 80kms in the heat of the day as training. You and your horse should be slowly introduced to the heat, in short intervals, so as not to cause any stress to either of you.

Starting early in the morning and late in the evening, when it is a bit cooler, is recommended. This will give you an idea of how both of you will cope. Some riders and/or their horses may not cope well in hot temperatures and that is something to consider.

If the two of you are coping ok with short training sessions, you can then move onto short sessions in a hotter part of the day. Again, it is paramount that you monitor how your horse copes with this. Heat stress will kill a horse and it is vital that you know your horse's normal temperature, routine, personality, work ethic etc.

You will need to be proactive and strap your horse after training as you would at a ride. Don't just give him a quick hose and go and throw your horse in the paddock. Their muscle mass will generate heat long after this and if not cooled sufficiently the horse can literally cook. Hose your horse and maybe sit under a tree for 10 minutes whilst he has a pick and you have a cold drink. Check your horse and then if need be, hose again. Make sure the horse has fresh cool water to drink.

We always have a salt and mineral block in the paddock for all of our horses including foals and endurance horses. That way they can take in ad lib salts and minerals at their leisure. This is especially important if they are training in the heat and losing excess salts on a daily basis. Horses will take what they need.

Clip your horse, you will be making his body more effective at cooling itself by removing excess hair. If you can't or don't want to do a full clip, then do a trace clip to remove hair on the neck, underbelly and hindquarters.

Your horse will also need more recovery time when training in heat as the body takes more time to rehydrate itself.

If all is going well then the time and/or distance of training can be increased, I would still not recommend training in the full heat of the day as this can be exhausting for your horse and you. Again monitor how your horse copes with an increase in work.

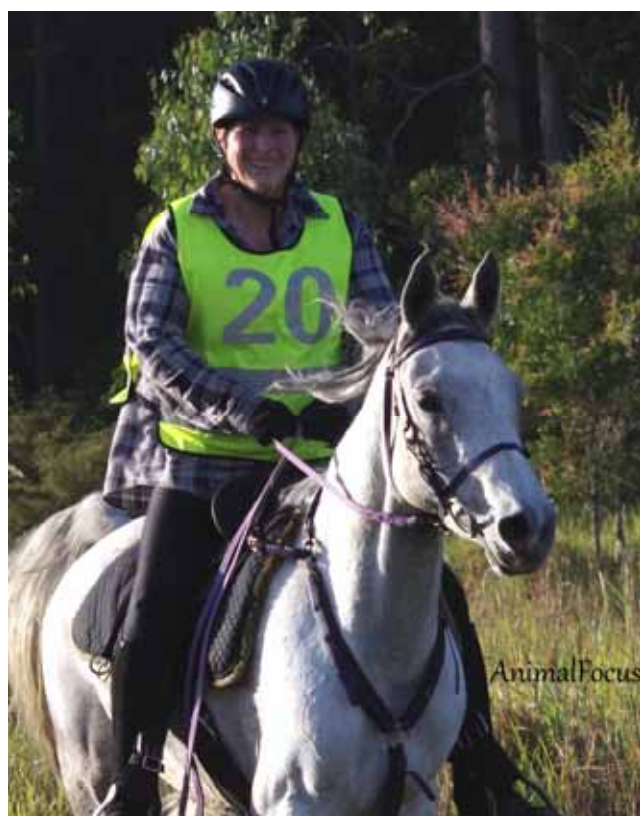
To give you an idea, if you have ever played sport in the heat for an extended period you will know how incredibly hot and tired you become, and a human has a relatively small muscle mass to cool. Now think about this.... a horse has to cool itself whilst carrying 300kg's or more, depending on the size of the horse, of muscle mass covered in hair that is producing heat, not an easy task.

If you do not live in a climate similar to a ride you are thinking of attending then you seriously have to assess how important it is that you go.

For instance if you live in a cooler zone with zero humidity, a coastal ride with high humidity and heat would be a huge change in conditions for yourself and your horse to compete in, as has been the case at a few rides with riders suffering heat stress and many horses vetting out with high pulses, one of the first signs of heat retention and dehydration.

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2014 Year in Review



Homewood Memorial Ride 26 April 2014

Top Left: Craig Smith riding Hillfry Splash of Gold

Top Left: Lyall Cameron and Hazeldean Halim

Above: Phil Coleman riding Rainbows Reach Snowfyre

Right: Sue Pritchard riding Khalidah Tasneem

Photos: Animal Focus



Upper Myall Downs

Top Left: Alison Clark and Pumba, Rochelle Scheffler riding Ken and Jacob Hegarty on Jazz

Above: Marion Grove riding Wickwood Domanic

Left: Liz Smith riding Gus

NSW State Champs

Left: Megan Stehouwer riding Ra Silver Dancer in the 160kms event

Below Left: Antonia Somerville riding Kiljora Park Amir Illusion in the 80kms event

Below Right: Michaela Araldi riding Ballygowan Phoenix in the 80kms event

Photos: Animal Focus



February 2015

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

March 2015

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

April 2015

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

May 2015

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

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

27	National Capital Brookvale 80/40/20km \$TBA	Gertraud Norton 62271378 or 0427 617114 gertraudnorton@bigpond.com	4
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October 2015

8-11	NSW State Championship-Riverwood Downs 160/80km \$TBA	Brad Dillon 0400314629 enq. Sonya Ruprecht 65538640 entries dsruprecht@westnet.com.au	6
19	National Capital Brookvale \$95S/\$75J/\$55tr / \$30int.	Gertraud Norton 627255068BH 62261378AH gertraudnorton@bigpond.com	4
24&25	HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nayham Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival 160**/120**/80* \$150/\$100/\$50	Tami Parnell 0437727907 or Robyn Parnell 0418248142 gleninnesendurance@gmail.com	6

November 2015

8	Neville Endurance 80/40/20km \$95/\$55/\$35 + \$5 camping	Marjorie Trudgett 0499549877 nevilleiride@outlook.com	4
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Zone 1—N/W Sydney & Environs
Zone 2—Central West
Zone 3—Riverina

Zone 4—Snowy
Zone 5—South Coast
Zone 6—Mid North Coast

Letter to the Editor.

Just thought we'd drop a quick note commending the first ride of the Manilla Endurance Competitors' Club & Associates, or MECCA, in early November.

Despite a disappointingly small attendance, this was one of the best organised events of its type that we've been to for a very long time. Organisers Jason and Renee Kirk (JRK Endurance) are to be applauded and congratulated for creating a ride focused squarely on gently introducing young horses to an endurance event, and equally, offering newcomers an easy and friendly introduction to the sport based around the excellent facilities of the Manilla Showground.

It was not only a hugely enjoyable weekend but also an excellent initiative which will hopefully attract a far stronger level of support when next held.

Regards,

Steve & Julie Brooks (21604 & 21242)

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped Dave and myself following my recent fall at the Canberra ride.

Particular thanks are due to Michelle O'Leary, who chauffeured Dave to and from the hospital on several occasions, and visited frequently; and Roz Edmunds, who appointed herself as my guardian angel, coming to see me twice a day and bringing me everything I needed and sometimes things I didn't even know I needed until she brought them.

I was in hospital for a week with three broken ribs and a partially collapsed lung, followed by further bleeding into the lung which required surgery to drain it.

The good news is, there is no reason not to expect a full recovery so I have sent off my Quilty prenom, and yes, I will be riding the same horse (Embers) so she had better behave herself this time!

Fiona Meller



Neville 2014

Left: Alan Lindsay riding Kintamani Silver Motif, Mark Lindsay riding Skeeta and Jessica Long riding Kintamani Silver Sorrel in the Snowy Mountains 80kms event, showing that even after nearly 80kms, they were still having fun!

Below Left: Gertraud Norton riding Franshar Park Khayaal

Below Right: Kevin Guihot and Windrayne Ferrero, 7th MWT at Neville

Photos: Animal Focus



Important Notice

The closing date for the March April Newsletter will be 12th February 2015.

Copy received after this date will not be included in that newsletter.

Please get your ride reports, stories and contributions in by 12 February 2014.

Ed:

MECCA Ride Review

November 8/9th saw the running of the Manilla Endurance Competitors Club and Associates first ride being a two day training weekend with 10/20/40km rides each day with the focus being on starting new horses and riders.

With the weather heating up an easy shady track with lots of water and strapping hoses was on offer to riders for the weekend.

A 98% completion rate was achieved and all involved had a great time.

Thanks to all the riders, vets, our CS Haydn Fisher and office lady Gail Fisher. Glen Hewitt who drove from the coast to timekeep for us and all the volunteers who helped make the ride a success.

Thanks to our sponsors;

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We couldn't have run this ride without their generosity.

Our raffle was also a great success with three lucky riders going home with a truckload of Bundy rum, a full lamb, and a service to River Oak Fame.

Lots of happy faces and new horses started.



Photographs from the MACCA Ride.



SCENIC CITY RIDE REVIEW

Riders from near and far were treated to the beautiful Canberra scenery at the two day Scenic City Endurance Carnival on 22 and 23 November 2014.

In days gone by, Equestrian Park in Curtin was the site for regular ride weekends on the Australia Day weekend, and for the FEI Australian Championships. But forest fires, housing developments, rising venue costs and volunteer burnout had left the ride base and trails unused for many years.

B7 Events, the new club formed around the Blake's Heaven team, decided to take the plunge and show that, with some tolerance for "urban obstacles", there was still a great course to be had. To prevent a financial disaster, we asked 80 km riders to provide a prenomination fee and this caused no major issues and greatly helped us with pre-ride purchases such as completion prizes.

Riders also agreed that the course was definitely worth their effort, although it was far from easy, even in the unseasonal heat of 32 degrees on Saturday and a near-record 39 degrees on Sunday.

As a concession to the heat, the 80km riders started at 4 am, with a 47 km first leg to ensure that the bulk of the distance was travelled by the time the day warmed up. The horses seemed to cope better than their riders: despite the heat, there were only two vet outs on heart rate over both 80km rides, but at least two riders (Tayla and Sue Warren) were too affected by Saturday's heat to go out again as planned the next day.

A number of riders did, however, take advantage of the two day format to ride twice, including five who were hoping to win the national points and/or distance scores.

Two riders went further by completing both days on one horse - Ian Curtis on Blake's Heaven Summer Wind and April Newman on Tarnette. In a brilliant effort, Ian and Wind won 1st MWT on both days, and were equal first across the line on Saturday and equal 3rd on Sunday. As a result of this effort, both Ian and Wind finished the year as AERA national points champions for 2014. April and Tarnette also cemented their success, with the extra distance pushing Tarnette to national distance horse in lightweight and second in points (with one ride to go).

Georgia Curry also completed both rides to take all four junior categories, as her Queensland rival Tahlia Franke sadly vetted out on the Saturday ride, but in a display of good sportsmanship the



girls rode together on Sunday to take out equal line honours. Allix Jones (LWT distance and points rider), and Scott Peters (HWT distance) consolidated their positions. A great effort by all these top riders and horses.

Also completing both 80km rides were Kim Noble and her kids Daniel and Alison from Lancefield in Victoria. In an amazing effort, Daniel completed his first 80km ride on Saturday and then backed up to do his second on the Sunday!

Running the ride was a huge effort by the key players. Fia Hasko-Stewart and Adeline Gibson did the entire pre-ride organisation. At the last minute the course had to be changed and Talea Hasko-Stewart found a solution and then, with help principally from Kaliana Curtis, marked it – a huge task that did not end until late on Friday night. Riders were lucky that Talea's run of bad luck struck on Saturday with a Leg 1 vet out as it meant she was able to go out and re-mark some sections, as well as acting on a checkpoint and providing other help on Sunday.

So many people assisted on the weekend. Without you we could not have pulled it off! Special thanks to Sarah Barnes, head timekeeper all weekend; Deb Diggins who stood in for Ian Curtis on the computer until Kali took over on Sunday, and took entries, and lent us the wonderful gazebo for the vets; Louise Stevens who was our chief steward all weekend; the incomparable Gordon Smith TPR; Neil Seagrim also in the vet ring. Many others gave up some time before or after riding, thank you! Thank you also to Kevin Kelly for putting water on course before the Sunday heat wave, it was greatly appreciated, and to everyone else who helped on checkpoints and at the ride base.



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NSW Committee

The ride would not have been possible without our generous sponsors. Thank you - we sincerely hope that endurance riders give back the support you have given to our sport. We were able to provide lovely prizes without going bust, which holds hope that we may be able to do it again.

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Madgwick Lodge – Heidi and Mark Walton - breeders of endurance Arabians

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Resi Home Loans (Karen Taylor)

SandA Farrier Service (Scott Peters)

Ian Mephram

Equine Miracle (Robyn Larson-Shelton)

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Also thank you to our vets, head vet Albert Sole, Georgia Ladmore, and Amy Lovett.

Full results are on aerospace.

Fia Hasko-Stewart



Top Right: Gavin Peacock riding Chop Chop. First Heavyweight.

Above Left: Alison Noble riding Roswick Dilhurst was 5th Junior. Above: Victoria Bice riding Orion was 4th Junior at Scenic City.

Photos: Emma Holland and Fia Hasko-Stewart



37 Ian Curtis. 59 Aaron Dowling, 20 Daniel Noble and 40 Garry Matthews at the Scenic City Ride.
Photos: Emma Holland



Photos above on the left are from Scenic City
taken by Emma Holland.

Photos on the right are from Q60.

Top to Bottom

Wayne Hickey riding Bozo

Peter Brown riding Heste Arabique Waterloo

Narelle Bush riding Rowallan Seek

Rod Mitchell riding Aloha Naja.

Animal Focus Photography.



Ride Name: Scenic City 1 & 2 Endurance Rides

Distance: 80.0km

Start Date: 22/11/2014

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Albert Sole Chief Steward: Louise Stevens

Heavyweight

34	Evan Drain-	Shepherd Annaliisa'ar	2	6:40:00	42, 42, 38 (Avg:40)
12	Sarah Kelly	Littlebanks Woneta	2	7:07:00	32, 36, 42 (Avg:36)
14	Chris Geddes	Baribo	2	7:42:00	37, 50, 55 (Avg:47)
39	Sue Warren	Warren Park Kiara	2	8:05:00	36, 49, 58 (Avg:47)
16	Jessica Dastani	Corryong Dorsaz	2	8:42:00	38, 46, 47 (Avg:43)
93	Jody Harrison	Phoenix	2	9:36:00	34, 43 (Avg:38)
43	Ian Dreghorn	Ausden Nile Prins	2	10:10:00	36, 41 (Avg:38)
32	Greg Chant	San Ella Picasso	1	Heart Rate L1	38, 60 (Avg:49)
1	Scott Peters	Zastava Park Saruman	1	Lame L1	32, 42 (Avg:37)

Middleweight

37	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	2	5:00:00	36, 45, 46 (Avg:42)
33	Jenny Shephard	Currowan Waratah	2	6:40:00	42, 46, 44 (Avg:44)
7	Simon Bain	Akifa Farras Ice	2	6:41:00	37, 44, 48 (Avg:43)
46	Jennifer Gilbertson	Coolahlee Park Samba	2	6:41:00	32, 43, 38 (Avg:37)
21	Louise McCormack	Kintamani Silver Eclipse	2	7:19:00	30, 44, 44 (Avg:39)
2	Noni Seagrim	Coolinda Park Frezja	2	7:19:00	45, 50, 56 (Avg:50)
4	Daphne Phillips	Bad Boy Bubby	2	8:05:00	40, 37, 46 (Avg:41)
91	Tayla Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	2	8:05:00	33, 42, 58 (Avg:44)
19	Aaron Dowling	Littlebanks Toby	2	8:42:00	40, 46, 45 (Avg:43)
17	Rebecca Furness	Ralvon Eternity	2	8:42:00	36, 39, 40 (Avg:38)
6	Nicole Pearson	Sandine Gem	2	9:03:00	31, 44, 48 (Avg:41)
5	John Osboldstone	Pure Detention	2	9:30:00	36, 48, 51 (Avg:45)
38	Jo Davis Kurrajong	Bazinga	2	10:10:00	38, 42 (Avg:40)
27	Bev Turner	Shazzam	2	Lame L2	36, 34, 34 (Avg:34)
10	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign	1	Lame L1	31, 39 (Avg:35)
13	Ben Hudson	Littlebanks Dizzy	1	Lame L1	30, 54 (Avg:42)
40	Garry Matthews	Hillbrook Return	1	Lame L1	38, 35 (Avg:36)
23	Fiona Meller	Malu Vale Embers	1	WD L1	32 (Avg:32)
24	David Player	Mirakhani Saa'meer	1	WD L1	43 (Avg:43)

Lightweight

8	Indigo Noonan	Littlebanks Sparkles	2	5:00:00	28, 42, 44 (Avg:38)
9	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Wantley Kaliph	2	5:20:00	29, 43, 38 (Avg:36)
36	Kaliana Curtis Blake's	Heaven Carousel	2	6:41:00	32, 39, 50 (Avg:40)
22	April Newman	Tarnette	2	7:07:00	32, 30, 38 (Avg:33)
3	Tegan Symington	Nicari Shareefa	2	7:19:00	42, 42, 41 (Avg:41)
35	Barbara Kurcz	Macquarie Park Dassan	2	7:36:00	31, 40, 45 (Avg:38)
26	Shan Symons	Dashanda Serene	2	8:05:00	32, 32, 42 (Avg:35)
31	Ann English	Cinbel-A-Chanele	2	8:21:00	48, 45, 48 (Avg:47)
30	Marion Grove	Wickwood Domanic	2	8:21:00	32, 42, 45 (Avg:39)
42	Kim Noble	Aitchisonview Maverick	2	8:34:00	46, 50, 47 (Avg:47)
44	Charlotte Baker	Musical Gully Picado	2	8:42:00	40, 42, 45 (Avg:42)
18	Maddy Collins	CJ	2	8:42:00	29, 41, 40 (Avg:36)
94	Lyn Dillon	Banfield Khamsin	2	9:36:00	40, 46, 51 (Avg:45)
15	Allix Jones	Kinvara Coco	2	Lame L2	39, 46, 52 (Avg:45)

Junior

11	Georgia Curry	Mountain Breeze Mingha	2	7:36:00	36, 38, 48 (Avg:40)
41	Alison Noble	Roswick Ameera	2	8:34:00	36, 49, 46 (Avg:43)
20	Daniel Noble	M.A. Hasaab	2	8:34:00	48, 40, 39 (Avg:42)
25	Tahlia Franke	Ra Silver Dancer	1	Lame L1	32, 44 (Avg:38)

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Heavyweight

65	Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	2	6:11:00	41, 39, 46 (Avg:42)
74	John Dawson	Danjera Elsabina	2	6:42:00	33, 46, 52 (Avg:43)
92	Claudia Reid	Ningadoo Tornado	2	6:42:00	40, 40, 50 (Avg:43)
29	Mark Johnson	Wanstead Silver Flyer	2	7:17:00	36, 45, 54 (Avg:45)

51	Peter Norman	Mountain Ash Tabasco	2	7:33:00	42, 39, 60 (Avg:47)
60	Scott Peters	E.L.	2	7:43:00	42, 52, 60 (Avg:51)
58	Shirley Sprenger	Locklea Starwood Comet	1	WD L1	34, 38 (Avg:36)
97	Sue Warren	Lilonda Sharjah	Withdrawn		38 (Avg:38)

Middleweight

37	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	2	5:22:00	48, 45, 53 (Avg:48)
40	Garry Matthews	Henley Farm Kudra	2	5:47:00	44, 48, 48 (Avg:46)
54	Erica Allan	Kaminya	2	5:53:00	36, 41, 50 (Avg:42)
2	Noni Seagrim	Star Cross Imperial	2	6:35:00	35, 50, 48 (Avg:44)
47	Anita Ashby	Lentara Park Heather	2	6:37:00	38, 43, 46 (Avg:42)
56	Wendy Riha	Bullio Gebreselassie	2	6:37:00	35, 37, 44 (Avg:38)
17	Lauren Stevenson	Blake's Heaven Angelico	2	6:37:00	17, 48, 45 (Avg:36)
46	Jennifer Gilbertson	Webbs Creek Cattle Baron	2	6:42:00	42, 46, 59 (Avg:49)
39	Emily Streckfuss	Webbs Creek Starlight	2	6:42:00	33, 40, 44 (Avg:39)
62	Kayte Barnard	Henley Farm Farhan	2	7:02:00	38, 46, 51 (Avg:45)
64	Jai Ingram	Le Masterprint	2	7:07:00	38, 52, 60 (Avg:50)
72	Kim Stephens	Castlebar What's The Goss	2	7:19:00	37, 48, 52 (Avg:45)
73	Ellen Vine	Silver Ridge Navarro	2	7:19:00	34, 42, 41 (Avg:39)
59	Aaron Dowling	M.A. Mashkell	2	7:43:00	36, 47, 59 (Avg:47)
75	Bruce Carter	Elijah	2	7:47:00	35, 40, 45 (Avg:40)
95	Carol Major	Nyora Keanu	2	7:47:00	40, 50, 52 (Avg:47)
49	Rowena Robinson	Karumba Nazrani	2	8:04:00	36, 42, 42 (Avg:40)
57	Peter Bice	Future Dream Dodger	2	8:07:00	50, 39, 44 (Avg:44)
50	Victoria Bonham	Duray Djuan	2	Lame L2	38, 43, 42 (Avg:41)
78	Jenny Berg	Oso Bandit	1	Lame L1	36, 43 (Avg:39)
71	Martin Gregson	Burren-Dah Lady Isabeau	1	Lame L1	50, 49 (Avg:49)
91	Tayla Warren	Warren Park Kiara	Withdrawn		44 (Avg:44)

Lightweight

80	Allix Jones	Cap Braveheart	2	5:22:00	32, 36, 39 (Avg:35)
77	April Taylor	Blake's Heaven Dubonnet	2	5:53:00	39, 41, 45 (Avg:41)
45	Indigo Noonan	Littlebanks Woneta	2	6:11:00	41, 40, 53 (Avg:44)
53	Vanessa Richardson	Coolinda Park Louisville	2	6:35:00	39, 43, 59 (Avg:47)
79	Sorsha Stuart-	Rokvic Oso Gay Capriole	2	6:37:00	32, 43, 46 (Avg:40)
63	Morgan Carolan	Henley Farm Wafar	2	7:02:00	36, 41, 43 (Avg:40)
22	April Newman	Tarnette	2	7:06:00	36, 44, 42 (Avg:40)
76	Dianne Luker	Kintamani Silver Diva	2	8:04:00	34, 35, 40 (Avg:36)
96	Sue Todd	Shakari Bear	2	8:04:00	36, 48, 54 (Avg:46)
42	Kim Noble	El-Masri Jadeed	2	8:17:00	35, 47, 48 (Avg:43)
99	Courtney Chapman	Liliel	1	Heart Rate L1	36, 70 (Avg:53)
61	Mary Hollingsworth	Sandine Malika	1	Lame L1	34, 42 (Avg:38)

Junior

11	Georgia Curry	Macquarie Park Banjo	2	5:14:00	34, 42, 42 (Avg:39)
25	Tahlia Franke	Aphrodite Malakia	2	5:14:00	38, 41, 42 (Avg:40)
48	Levi Robinson	Karumba Beamish	2	8:04:00	36, 36, 42 (Avg:38)
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The NSWERA SMC has purchased new scanners and bibs for each zone. The bibs are 1 Chief Steward, 1 Head Vet, 4 Vet and 4 TPR vests.

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

NSW ERA Committee

Meeting notes from the NSW ERA meeting of 7 November 2014

Present: Greg Moore (chairman), Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby (6.45), Gertraud Norton, Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley, Brad Dillon, John Howe, Emily Streckfuss,

Apologies: Haydn Fisher, Simon Bain, Sonya Ruprecht, Emma McCormack

Not Present: Marylou Locke, Gary Tweedie

In attendance: Helen Rich (minutes), Sue Warren, Neil Clarkson (part meeting),

TQ15 – 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty.

Neil arrived at 7.00 pm and asked members present for their questions. There have been a fair amount of changes since the last meeting. We have lost Kym Hagon as on course vet. Having a meeting with Council soon. We didn't get the grant and so we need to apply again. Neil said he was only advised of this today. Written report still to come out. When the application was assessed a couple of questions were only rated as fair. The report will set this out. New application closes in January. Will apply again.

Mel Scott from the AERA came down last weekend to ride the course. Unfortunately a fire started up so tried to do this on the Sunday but RFS turned us back. Leg 4 will be the quarry run. Neil said he went down to the Celebratory Meeting a couple of weeks ago. Communication has improved. The Del Rio problems have been sorted. The Committee will be selling the firewood to offset the cost of the portaloos. Neil needs to go to the next AERA meeting on the 22nd of Nov.

Budget is about \$500 in the red. It was \$1500 last time so it has reduced.

Neil said he needs to discuss NSW ERA sponsorship for the Quilty. In the past we gave Manilla \$10,000. Greg said that we have already used \$10,000 as a deposit. We would need to turn this 'loan' into a 'donation'.

MOVED THAT Belinda Hopley, John Howe NSW ERA sponsor the TQ15 in the amount of \$10,000

Carried Majority in favour with the exception of Roy Barsby who voted against the motion.

Neil said that we have insurance at a cost of \$2,500. Neil thinks the amount insured is \$125,000. This would cover a natural disaster. If need be the ride could be postponed for around 24 hours.

Roy wanted to know 'what if'? Greg explained that all precautions had been taken to ensure that this ride would go ahead. Roy asked that we remember this discussion on 'what if?'

Neil said there is no solution. All precautions have been taken. That's the best anyone can do.

5 December 2014 nominations open. Need to get Entry Fees approved by the AERA. \$100 pre

nomination. \$400 entry fee, Junior \$350. Late entry is \$100 additional. Camping fee is set by Del Rio. \$80 for four nights, \$30 per additional day. No power sites available. This charge is per horse. There is an additional fee for the vet hospital. It is the rider who is nominating for the ride. Not the horse.

Brad said AERA charges 20% of the entry fee. Brad said that our delegates will ask, at the next meeting, what this 20% covers. Neil said this is only 20% for the entry fees. It does not include camping fees, vet fees or anything just entry fees.

The members said that they unanimously agree that the AERA percentage of the entry fees should not be increased.

Camp site survey is overdue. It will be updated every two weeks or so. Neil said that it is first in - best dressed (site wise). He will reserve an area for riders who donate their time either before the ride or sponsor the ride.

There will probably be a maximum number of riders. When the survey comes back he will know how many camp sites will be available. Huge rigs will need to pay for two camp sites. Probably have a cut off of around 330.

Roy queried the start. Neil said it will not be a timed out start. Electronic timing is only for around the vetting area. It will be the usual shot gun start. Neil said that he is not negotiable on this point. It will be a shot gun start and that's it.

Stop Go stewards will be needed. Brad thought that we could perhaps put an ad into the newsletter.

Neil will bring some rule books to the AGM also some large Caution Horses on Road signs. Neil left the meeting at 7.35.

2015 NSWERA State Championships

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very upset about an FEI ride being run 2 weeks later in the same zone without us even knowing! We expect NSWERA to do something about this problem.

A detailed report was sent out previously. Adding to that report Tamworth & Districts will sponsor the ride to the tune of \$1000. Supposed to have a discussion with Riverwood Downs today but that didn't happen. Copy of agreement was handed around to those present at this meeting. The committee has discussed the arrangements at length. Course committee is proceeding well. Hopefully over Christmas, members of Zone 6 will ride the course. Thought it was a good idea to have an assistant head vet. Consider whether or not they need an on course vet. Need to weigh up probability, course and cost. Committee have agreed that horses will not have mandatory vaccination. We will take appropriate bio security measures.

Emily said that there is a new policy on Hendra. The EVA, which is the industry body of equine vets, has released a media release and they recommend mandatory vaccination for all of NSW and Queensland. They have produced a letter which can be given to ride organisers. The major concern for vets is personal liability.

Greg said that our solicitor said that vets are not liable. The duty of care is held by the ride organisers and not the vets. There are two opposing opinions here. Emily said that if vets are paid at the event the liability is 50/50.

Aon said that this doesn't change anything as far as insurance is concerned.

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

Year to date: 409 adult, 29 junior, 31 intermediate, 20 associate and 6 honorary. Total 495.

Course for the 16th November is going ahead – have 3 definite vets and another 3 or 4 'maybe's'... will chase them up next week. Emily – I will also contact you in the coming week.

Agree that Emily's out of pocket expenses will be covered for the vet course. This money to come out of Sports Development Fund

MOVED THAT Belinda Hopley, Tony Warren Emily Streckfuss have her out of pocket expenses reimbursed for the vet accreditation course to be held on 16 November 2014. This is to come out of the Sports Development Fund.

Carried Unanimous

2015 NSWERA AGM update

Gertraud agreed that we would accept the \$40 meal option. This is all arranged. We put an article into the newsletter. Money to go to Sonya. Need to book and pay in advance. There are two venues beside one another.

Need to consider when we start the AGM and the format for the event. The presentation can drag on. Greg and John said they will take care of the presentation. Intermediate award discussed.

Resolved Gertraud will take care of this award.

RO Forum

General discussion on what will be on the agenda. There will be a presentation on Hendra. Need for agreement on bio security Day members to be discussed. Discussed setting up a camera to video the proceedings. Is Internet available? Gertraud to check this out. **Resolved** that the NSW SMC are happy to video the event..

Have we asked people to nominate to attend? Deanna suggested another guest speaker. Got a case study from Wingello. Fia will do a presentation on pre paid nominations.

The Chief Steward runs the ride but the welfare of the horse rests with the vet. Tony said the whole thing is a little disjointed. There could be an opportunity to discuss how to combine the organisers of a ride. It was noted there are some vets who require horses to run around a set of hats in the opposite direction to what they are used to. Some horses refuse to do this. Communication needs to be encouraged by everyone involved in the running of a ride. Head vet, chief steward etc.

Roy said that in Queensland they always got a disputes committee organised before every ride.

Gertraud would like to discuss the standard of entries into the data base. There are ROs who are sending in incomplete forms after a ride. They don't enter the vets or the volunteers etc. They need to do this. This has been discussed at previous meetings with the agreement that Sonya should send incomplete documents back to the ROs to fill in the appropriate sections.

NSW ERA Website

Greg previously sent around a quote from Avon River Computer Service. Advised what was involved and said he feels this would be a good way to go

MOVED THAT Brad Dillon, Emily Streckfuss we accept the quote from Avon River Computer Service to recreate the NSW ERA website for an amount of \$2,500 and that we agree to payment of the annual fee of \$480 for updating the website as set out in the quote dated 5 November 2014.

Carried Unanimous

Sports and Recreation survey

Gertraud made mention of the paperwork we have received from Sport and Rec. They are carrying out a survey. We missed the first part but we need to do this section. They want to know what other infrastructure we would like to have. No money involved but they want to survey for the future. Another idea would be having the electronic trackers on horses. Unfortunately this is not infrastructure. Wanting a sand dressage arena, toilets, showers, a permanent ride base. This is merely a wish list at this stage. Any official application would need to follow the agreed format.

Survey of short distance riders (20 & 40 km)

Deanna wanted to know how to get 40 klm riders to graduate to 80 klm rides and beyond. Need to get some ideas ready for discussion next year. Deanna wants to put together a list of what the problems or impediments might be. A survey would be a great idea.

Ask Sonya to compile a list of all those who did a 40 or a 20 klm ride this year, prepare a survey and then post it out with a prepaid envelope is one suggestion. Others suggested that it should be an online survey. Consider a reward of a free membership or something similar to be in a draw for people who fill in and reply to the online survey.

Resolved: Gertraud prepare the proposal.

Resolved: Greg and Brad prepare the survey monkey.

MOVED THAT John Howe, Gertraud Norton costs associated with a survey of 20k and 40k riders for 2014 be met from the Sports Development Fund.

Carried Unanimous

Deanna suggested that we undertake another survey of the 80 klm riders for 2014. Find out what riders feel about the rides that they attended during the year. Agree to do this.

MOVED THAT John Howe, Gertraud Norton costs associated with a survey of 80k riders for 2014 be met from the Sports Development Fund.

Carried Unanimous

Defunct clubs

This item was put up by Deanna for discussion. Relates to the law regarding money made by clubs from rides when clubs are no longer an ongoing proposition. General discussion where it was noted that there is no time limit to when a club can be designated defunct. The club members are the only ones who can wind up a club.

ASIC has the power to make a decision regarding distribution of money if club members cannot decide. The money can go to a similar like minded sporting group or to a registered charity. This is an area where NSW ERA has no jurisdiction.

Awarding of distance of mini-marathons to horses

Deanna put this up for discussion. She said this was discussed at the last AGM but is not referred to in the minutes.

Greg Moore – President

Greg said he had a telephone call from Equestrian NSW today and he was asked if we would be interested in competing at SIAC. Would we be interested in putting on a training ride for kids. They will pay for all completion prizes etc. We could charge entry fees. Would be similar to what happened when we ran introductory rides at SIAC a couple of years ago. There are approximately 600 children but not all of them would be interested in participating. The aim is to promote an interest in endurance among the kids. Greg said that he asked for everything to be put in writing. Agree in principle to proceed. We will now await the paperwork.

Roy said that he and Dianna suggested earlier in the year that this run at Coonabarabran but nothing happened.

Gertraud Norton – Secretary: Correspondence

Incoming and outcome correspondence was presented.

In addition to the above,

I contacted Tom McCormack to ask him about the selection process for chief stewards that are to officiate at a Quilty, as there had been questions about whether NSW should not officially have sent a chief steward to WA this year. Tom explained that the WA Quilty is not large enough to require more than the six chief and assistant chief stewards that AERA had picked from the national pool. If more than those six were required, all state divisions would have been contacted to supply an additional chief steward, but they were not.

I had a meeting with Natasha Mijoc from the Eagle Hawk Hotel in Canberra to discuss further details regarding the AGM to be held there and pay the deposit to fix the date. All details are in the attached document. We still need to decide whether the cost of the buffet style dinner should be reduced from \$50 to \$40 per head with an obvious reduction in what will be on offer and whether we do or do not want a band. The hotel has the possibility of getting a DJ for us and we could then determine how loud the music was going to be played, and in addition, the room that will be used for the dinner can be enlarged by the partial removal of a temporary wall which would effectively create a somewhat noise-protected area where people could sit and talk while the band or DJ plays in the adjacent room for those who want to dance.

I entered vet and other data into AERAspace as requested by AERA.

Letter received which related to vetting procedures at the Tom Quilty 2014 was tabled and read. This

concerned a horse being vetted out. There were a big number of vet outs at this ride.

Emily said that she saw a heap of tired horses at the Quilty. She was glad that she didn't vet at this ride. Belinda said that she felt the horses looked great before the ride. There were only 34 completions. Horses kept vetting out lame. Very few, if any, horses vetted out on metabolics. Pointed out that tail-enders don't usually vet out as these horses are nursed around the ride. Yes, horses were looking tired and some horses were being held under the chin, but that didn't make them lame. She said she could not see some of the horses that were declared lame, as being lame.

Could we not go to AERA and comment on the vetting at the WA Quilty? What riders want is consistent vetting. Agree to take this to the AERA and the vet panel.

Brad said he had a discussion with Melanie Scott about the vet panel. The panel should be made up of one vet from every State one of the members should be the Quilty vet from the previous Quilty. There are Terms of Reference for the national vet panel which need to be adhered to. It cannot be controlled by one person.

John Howe – Treasurer, IDP

Tom's financials are attached to these minutes.

We are ahead of last year's budget and should exceed last year's surplus; the only question mark will be the amount of swabbing that we may have done. E.A has a habit of sitting on things, however Belinda, I'm sure will be able to enlighten us on this matter.

We have been informed that early next year we will be receiving another Sport and Rec grant. We will have no trouble with this year's acquittal which Tom and I will compile after the Feb A.G.M.

Roy said he wanted to discuss getting matters and reports on a Thursday before a meeting. It is not helpful to get reports at the last minute. Brad agreed with this comment. Both would like reports to be sent out at the beginning of the week before the meeting.

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

Sales have slowed right down due probably to the season winding down. Just a couple of enquires off the website.

I have ordered the rugs about a month ago and hopefully I will see them within the fortnight. I have also got her to quote me on embroidery as she can also do this, and I think cheaper. But I'm yet to get a price back. The company that is making them has been busy with Victorian shows but when I spoke to her she did say we were next.

Promotions

I have got the new NSWERA sticker done. I handed out many at Kiwarra Ride – "never had that many instant friends "but seriously all of smiling faces. Everyone loves a freebie. These stickers are weatherproof so get them out on your car.

It was very disappointing that the NSWERA stand at FSA at Hawkesbury held on the 1 and 2 November at the showgrounds had to be cancelled. With people already committed to other plans we didn't have enough volunteers to man the stand.

Zone 6 has two promotional stalls planned. One already completed and the other being this weekend. The photos that Brad took of the first day looked great. Hopefully this weekend's one will be just as successful. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

I have got together the new promo pack. This is made up of a NSWERA branded zipped pouch. Inside is the 2015 ride calendar, Getting Started booklet and a NSWERA branded hand sanitiser. The idea with the pack is to hand them out to interested people. The pouch can be re used for many different things. The pack can also be "localised" with clubs or rides inserting their own flyers.

Canberra riders are attending the "Unbridled "festival (15th Nov) on a "shared stall" and hopefully they will be able to hand out some of these packs to people interested in getting started in endurance.

Zone 2

MECCA (Manilla) is having their trainer weekend on the 8 and 9th of November. This will be a great weekend to take your young horse for two days of training and socializing. Renee and Jason will certainly have a good ride organised and it will be a great pre run test prior to next year's 80km ride.

I would also like to discuss the following:

1/Getting riders from 20kms to 80 kms and beyond... doing promo/social rides but not converting to endurance riders.

Books look good \$\$\$ but actually membership hasn't grown.

2/Endurance riders - looking after these members. We do endurance not trail riding. We are the ones who put up the money, support the rides etc.

3/ Ride organisers' competition for best ride of the year. Be rewarded with \$\$\$, holiday voucher or fuel. Judged by members

Also two items for the AGM that maybe we should discuss prior to that meeting

Defunct clubs/bank accounts/funds retrieval - should this be returned to NSWERA? What is the legal stand? Who owns this money?

Mini marathons - km be awarded to horse.

Deanna handed around a copy of the new vehicle stickers and a hand sanitiser. She is still waiting on information on embroidery on the rugs. She has more stickers.

Brad Dillon – Ride administration, Zone 6 Zone 6 Report

The final ride, the Kiwarrak Cup, of the massive Zone 6 calendar for 2015 was held over the weekend of the 26th of October with a great turn out despite very warm conditions. There were a few vet outs from the conditions and an early start time was done to try to avoid the heat. The ride base was at its traditional base, with new land owners allowing the club to use their property, even putting in a new road for the event! Zone 6 wishes to thank everyone from other Zones who made the effort to come “up the coast” and support our rides this year!

Ride Organisers Forum

Starting to put together the agenda, will bring a draft on Friday,

Have a number of guest speakers already including a guest speaker from the Australian Vet Association.

Have also looked into setting it up to be broadcasted on YouTube for R/Os who cannot get to Canberra, Is this something we should do? Is there Internet facilities available at the venue?

Brad said that Zone 6 is not trying to make up its own rules. Tony said that this talk started at Kiwarrak. Discussing a trophy which was handed out at the ride. There was a first across the line award. It was a line honours trophy. May be clubs should consider giving a winners trophy. Gertraud suggested that ride organisers should be allowed to give out whatever trophies they want.

AERA meeting – November is when they discuss vet fees. Why are the vet fees in line with the CPI? Explanation given that it is a standard practice. Brad said we are seeing vet fees increase every year. Belinda said that you can negotiate ride fees with a vet. The fees are just a suggestion. Not mandatory.

John said that the \$400 from Riverwood Downs had still not been returned.

Belinda Hopley – Chief stewards and TPR's Bago, 27/7/14, Not completed - *A well-supported by the locals that was held at the PC grounds. The track marking was great, rider conduct was good and the weekend appeared to be enjoyed by all. More riders would have been good. One horse appeared to suffer from a mild colic after the ride but it recovered. I am still awaiting the rider report.*

Shahzada, 25-30/8/14. 400k & 120k. *The weather was inclement and very wet. The trot out area was not ideal, with one lane on the road shoulder. No other area was possible and it held*

up well enough. (Note – road was recently sealed). Some changes were made to the track as the river rose and excluded some tracks. Good track marking. Generally all riders were well behaved - 2 riders were unhappy with the vets' communication. The vets were advised to be clear on vet out. Although the weather was very bad and wet, most riders and the Ride organizers coped well. Vet supplies (fluids etc) need to be organized before the ride. (Arrange) a better trot out area.

National Capital, 18-19/9/14. 80k, 40k & 20k.

Good weather that did get a little warmer on Sunday. Usual ride base at “Brookvale”, with lots of green grass. Track was well marked, with a variety of going underfoot and lots of good pick and natural water. Well signed hazards. The first leg was challenging, with the 2nd leg easier going, and the 30k trainer being well received. Excellent rider conduct. A few riders were out of time in both rides. Could have had a few more volunteers, better placement of 2nd leg CP's and slashing the grass around the loos.

2 incidents – a strapper cut his finger with a Stanley knife that he cleaned, sterilized and bandaged himself, kept arm elevated and will see GP on return home. A rider called for assistance on course. The 1st aid person found the rider on horse suffering from mild dehydration and heat stroke and was unable to continue due to back muscle pain. Given water and a rest and then floated back to camp.

Zone 1 Championships, St Albans, 28-29/9/14.

100k, 40k & 20k. *Excellent ride base and track, well marked and good underfoot with ample water. Excellent rider conduct, a pleasure to deal with. A well run and organized event considering the small organizing committee.*

Kiwarrak, 25-26/10/14. 80k, 40k & 20k. *There was plenty of camping with good access. The track was well marked with good water and ran thru' forestry and private property. Rider conduct was very good. The weather started with 100% humidity ending with dry weather 35deg+. The ride time was extended due to the extreme temps. There was one tie up and one mild colic. Pray for cooler weather next year!*

CS/TPR-

Bendemeer is running a TPR school next year, get in touch with Tracy Hopley for details. Tumut is running a training weekend in? March (including TPR), contact Kim Stevens. Are we able to provide my costs, p/c and morning tea for the events?

Belinda's report, which is reproduced above, was not received before the meeting. She will send it out this evening. Gave a briefing at the meeting.

Belinda then presented the reports in full for the SMC.

Query as to what is the responsibility of an RO with regards to medical conditions of particular riders. Riders sign a waiver and that should cover

the problem.

Keen to run a training weekend at Bendemeer next year. Asked for reimbursement.

Remove the word 'Cherished' from the Chief Steward vests.

Belinda said that Jason and Renee Kirk will write an article for the newsletter. What would the SMC like addressed. Are there any questions that we would like answered. Column on 'Ask Bell'

Tony Warren – Horse welfare, Early Warning
No positive returns, so all is well.

Rule 13.6 Any rider or owner whose horse is known to progress to laminitis, renal failure, hepatopathies, CNS related disturbance will be asked to show cause to the State Management Committee why they should not be suspended.

This is what the rulebook says: do we ask the riders to explain?

Early Warning

I have spoken with Steve Swan about gaining a login for the database, which he has given me.

I have since printed out reports, but not all is right so I asked Sonya to print and send to me, we are both confused so Sonya has emailed Steve about issues and will forward his reply. I have some issues with how this program reports.

Deanna wanted to know why the rule book comments on fatality.

Discussing what the 'rule book' says. Tony says riders should explain 'why they should not be suspended'. This is in the rule book. Tony reads the rule as being if your horse dies, you are suspended. Greg's interpretation is: give me your version of events and if we consider that version to be true and correct, we accept that version.

In the first instance we read the reports. Then ask for more information. Could ask them to come to a meeting as a last resort to tell us what happened. Perhaps the rule should be amended to read 'may be' asked to explain.

We can ask for a review of a particular rule. The rule book is currently being rewritten. We need to speak to Tom now as it should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Emily Streckfuss – Course preservation liaison, Zone 1 report

The Zone One Championships were held at St. Albans this year on the 28th of September. We had 54 entries in the 100km ride with a 75% completion rate, 20 entries in the Trainer with 95% completion rate and 17 Social riders. All went well despite the hot weather, no horses needed treatment. A few issues with AERASpace due to novice operator.

Unfortunately the Rosemont trainer had to be cancelled mid way through the 20km on Saturday

due to violent storms and a fire starting in the National Park near the track. Luckily there were no accidents and everyone got home safely.

Zone One has applied for a NSW Sport and Recreation grant to improve facilities at our new ride base Ararat Lodge in the Colo Valley.

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

One ride has been held in Zone 4 since the last meeting. The National Capital Brookvale ride was held over the weekend of 18 October. Entries were down on previous years with 29 entering the 80km ride (82.76% completion, 13 entering the 40 km Trainer (76.92 % completion), and 25 entering the 20km Introductory ride (84% completion). The ride organisation operated well and riders were very complimentary about the ride. The new 50km first leg in the 80km proved to be a testing but fair challenge. The Brookvale property has been subdivided and at this stage, after 32 years as a challenging ride, the future of the ride is difficult to predict. As one of the last 'mountains' rides in the NSW Snowy Zone, it is hoped the new owners are able to accommodate the ride.

There is one ride in Zone 4 remaining on the 2014 calendar. The Scenic City Endurance Carnival operates out of Equestrian Park Canberra 22nd and 23rd November with 80km, 40 km and 20 km rides each of those days. Vetting for the Saturday rides commences the afternoon of Friday 21 November. The rides offer a variety of good views of Canberra and surrounds.

My Zone 4 report is attached. No new developments on the veterinary liaison front to report. Gordon Smith in discussions at Brookvale indicated that he really appreciated Roy's help re the Harden ride and is happy with the dates allocated.

Northern Rivers negotiator

Should NSW ERA reconsider what its position is? General consensus is that the border is the border. We take the position we are happy to dual affiliate a ride. The Northern Rivers Zone should dual affiliate with NSW and QERA. Wherever you live you should join that State. There is a subcommittee of AERA set up for this. Greg is the NSW member. Brad said there are a lot of other people involved in a telephone hook up. If the hook up is stacked by QERA we will not go forward with the discussion. Greg feels there are five people on the discussion. John nominated himself as did Emily.

Resolved: What is the NSW position? Agree the border is the border and all residents of NSW should join NSW with membership fees paid to NSW. Residents of QERA should join QERA with fees going to QERA. Round table agreement is that we go to the meeting to express the view as set out above.

Life memberships

Greg intends to propose that life memberships should be more formalised and carry more weight. Nominations should be proposed and seconded and then voted on at the AGM in a secret ballot. When a person passes away they will go onto a

past life membership and not be reaffirmed every year.

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

"Hot weather riding/training - how to cope both you and your horse."

Jason and Renee Kirk of JRK Endurance

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Humidity and/or high temperatures can have a serious impact on horses and their riders that are not acclimatised to working in that environment.

Maybe a ride of shorter distance would be a preferred option.

Most ride committees will take into account the weather and start the ride as early as possible, but this doesn't mean, in some places, it will not be scorching hot by 10am.

Make sure your horse is well hydrated before the ride, this goes for the rider as well. Remember travelling in the float in the hot Australian climate is like travelling in an oven and often its better if you can travel in the early morning or the evening when it is cooler.

Make sure your horse is drinking and eating well before the ride, wet hay, a bran mash, a wet feed and a selection of waters are all enticing to a horse. I know that as a rule, some people don't normally offer molasses or stockgain water but horses will normally guzzle something they don't usually get, and if that happens to be 20 litres of water with a little bit of sweetener, then that's got to be good for hydration.

Make sure you, as the rider, drink plenty of fluids, be sun smart, wear sunscreen and a hat, wear a cool shirt, tank tops make for burnt dehydrated riders.

Carry water with you on track either in a camelpack or in bottles in a saddle pack. You cannot always rely on there being water for you at a checkpoint so preparation is the key to having a successful ride.

Take time to let your horse drink, be patient, a horse can lose up to 11 litres of fluids via sweating at a 25c ride, imagine a humid 38c+ ride??

Whenever possible where there is strapping water or buckets available, strap your horse, or carry a sponge for creek crossings or dams, use your hand to scrape off the excess and then gently trot them along to encourage evaporative cooling. By wetting your horse you are encouraging cooling, but DON'T wet them, not scrape them and then walk them along in the heat. If you do this, you have just insulated your horse in a water blanket and you are now cooking them.

If you feel hot, wet yourself off a little too, get off and have a break, remove your helmet whilst off to allow your head to disperse heat.

Riding to the conditions and being prepared is the best plan for a successful happy horse and rider. Endurance riding is a testing sport and everything you can do to make it safe and enjoyable for you and your horse is what you should aim for. Listen to your horse and listen to your body, remember your horse is doing this for you and they should always be your first priority.

Jason and Renee Kirk of JRK

Endurance- endurance horse breeders, trainers and consultants.

Note: *Jason has been competing in endurance both in Australia and internationally for 35 years. He has competed as both a rider and trainer of endurance horses in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Europe, Argentina, Portugal and of course Australia.*

Renee has been competing in endurance for 15 years and has competed and trained in Australia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Europe. She is also a qualified equine muscle therapist.

Together they breed, train and compete endurance horses in Australia and act as consultants and trainers for various international stables.

Ride Results

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 80.0km

Start Date: 18/10/2014

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Simon Bain Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

Heavyweight

14	Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	2	5:58:00	32, 32, 46 (Avg:36)
8	Thomas Hermann	TTH Headliner	2	6:46:00	25, 41, 52 (Avg:39)
2	Mark Johnson	Sharahd Namaree	2	7:57:00	37, 42, 49 (Avg:42)
10	Christopher Clarke	Zastava Park Saruman	2	8:43:00	42, 38, 45 (Avg:41)
9	Scott Peters	Stoodleigh Colonial Boy	2	8:43:00	36, 44, 54 (Avg:44)

Middleweight

12	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	2	5:37:00	32, 41, 52 (Avg:41)
13	Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	2	5:58:00	30, 41, 44 (Avg:38)
23	Anita Ashby	Brookleigh Shiralee	2	6:55:00	36, 42, 50 (Avg:42)
20	Erica Allan	Kaminya	2	7:02:00	35, 47, 54 (Avg:45)
18	Noni Seagrim	Coolinda Park Louisville	2	7:02:00	40, 40, 45 (Avg:41)
27	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Ventura	2	7:56:00	40, 48, 56 (Avg:48)
25	Lauren Stevenson	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	7:56:00	38, 51, 56 (Avg:48)
4	John Symons	Forest Dale Xasperation	2	8:22:00	55, 52, 59 (Avg:55)
16	Aaron Dowling	Warren Park Kiara	2	8:23:00	29, 48, 51 (Avg:42)
17	Tayla Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	2	8:23:00	42, 37, 44 (Avg:41)
29	Kayte Barnard	S'Shaada Quill	2	8:30:00	43, 53, 60 (Avg:52)
5	Rowena Robinson	Karumba Nazrani	2	OOT L2	35, 43, 47 (Avg:41)
21	Alamdar Dastani	Littlebanks Toby	1	WD L1	48, 47 (Avg:47)

Lightweight

15	April Newman	Tarnette	2	5:58:00	32, 35, 42 (Avg:36)
24	Adeline Gibson	Wantley Kaliph	2	6:55:00	38, 50, 52 (Avg:46)
19	Louise Stevens	Nicari Shareefa	2	7:02:00	40, 43, 50 (Avg:44)
11	Kaliana Curtis	Lentara Park Heather	2	7:55:00	40, 46, 50 (Avg:45)
3	Vetea Facchini	Pevensey Prosecco	2	7:55:00	45, 40, 43 (Avg:42)
26	April Taylor	Blake's Heaven Dubonnet	2	7:55:00	35, 45, 52 (Avg:44)
7	Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	2	8:22:00	40, 48, 48 (Avg:45)
28	Mary Hollingsworth	Saneline Malika	2	8:30:00	44, 45, 48 (Avg:45)
22	Maddy Collins	CJ		WD L1	38, 37 (Avg:37)

Junior

6	Levi Robinson	Karumba Beamish	2	OOT L2	30, 34, 56 (Avg:40)
1	Georgia Curry	Sharahd Chemoss	1	Lame L1	34, 42 (Avg:38)

Ride Name: Kiwarrak Endurance Ride Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 80.0km Start

Date: 25/10/2014

Ride Type: Endurance

1	Chris Geddes	Baribo	2	6:02:00	36, 49, 54 (Avg:46)
29	Dallas Blakely	Ahnoosa	2	6:24:00	39, 48, 58 (Avg:48)
24	Keith Sumpner	Fonda	2	8:13:00	39, 47, 59 (Avg:48)
42	Phil Coleman	Rainbows Reach Dark N Stormy	2	8:28:00	37, 41, 46 (Avg:41)
27	Gary Thomas	Nyora Master	2	8:38:00	40, 51, 58 (Avg:49)
13	Sue Warren	Razorback Flash	2	8:38:00	38, 47, 53 (Avg:46)
44	Nigel Colefax	A'Landell Sampson	2	9:16:00	36, 43, 48 (Avg:42)
21	Haydn Fisher	Raymar Aden	2	9:16:00	38, 41, 54 (Avg:44)
3	Scott Peters	A'Landell Charlie	2	9:17:00	36, 43, 49 (Avg:42)
10	Graeme Burchell	Delaware	2	HR L2	41, 46, 65 (Avg:50)
26	Jody Harrison	Phoenix	2	Lame L2	35, 47, 56 (Avg:46)
18	Janette Nelson	Hampton Park Jack	2	HR L2	37, 45, 66 (Avg:49)
23	Gabriel Wood	Clovelly Park Samson	2	HR L2	33, 47, 70 (Avg:50)
8	Thomas Hermann	TTH Headliner	1	Lame L1	35, 46, 51 (Avg:44)

Middleweight

31	Sonya Ruprecht	Alex-Ville God Be Gift	2	6:20:00	31, 40, 44 (Avg:38)
35	Jennifer Gilbertson	Webbs Creek Cattle Baron	2	6:21:00	39, 52, 57 (Avg:49)
39	Fiona Meller	Malu Vale Embers	2	6:44:00	35, 40, 59 (Avg:44)
15	Peter Kelly	Kerewong Aziz	2	6:54:00	36, 54, 54 (Avg:48)
49	Codey Bergsma	Monarch Lodge Galaxy	2	7:10:00	35, 38, 55 (Avg:42)
14	Tayla Warren	Lilonda Sharjah	2	7:17:00	38, 43, 57 (Avg:46)

47	Darryl King	James Bonn	2	7:33:00	38, 47, 51 (Avg:45)
37	Ruth Van der Wegen	Aloha Ameer	2	8:06:00	32, 37, 54 (Avg:41)
4	Chris Noonan	Bridle Track Kool Breeze	2	8:28:00	31, 44, 53 (Avg:42)
17	Tracy Broadbent	Swamp Rock	2	HR L2	40, 45, 70 (Avg:51)
45	Marion Lengronne	Flemingo Jumping Jack Flash	2	HR L2	40, 54, 70 (Avg:54)
19	Tracey Morley	Antaarez	2	HR L2	46, 51, 70 (Avg:55)
38	David Player	Ryton Pipes of Peace	2	HR L2	27, 40, 65 (Avg:44)
5	Victoria Bonham	Duray Djuan	1	Met mild L1	37, 55 (Avg:46)
20	Gail Fisher Misty	Heights Romance	1	HR L1	34, 60 (Avg:47)
48	Meg Norquay	Shanadarr Khaleel	1	WD L1	28, 41 (Avg:34)
40	Dieter Schuelein	Shiraz	1	Lame L1	39, 42 (Avg:40)
32	Jackie Tattam	Nyora Dust of Gold	1	Lame L1	39, 44 (Avg:41)

Lightweight

12	Anne Hills	Evening Star	2	5:22:00	36, 39, 51 (Avg:42)
41	Renee Schneider	Badia Just Rosie	2	5:34:00	37, 43, 51 (Avg:43)
30	Antonia Somerville	Allyndah Dezynah Vogue	2	5:34:05	39, 43, 55 (Avg:45)
22	Lyn Dillon	Banfield Khamsin	2	6:52:00	35, 46, 52 (Avg:44)
28	Zoe Locke	Graciella	2	6:52:00	29, 38, 56 (Avg:41)
46	Clare Fleming	Cameo Shy-Anne	2	6:54:00	36, 48, 53 (Avg:45)
7	Linda Logan	Willow Valley Dartanyan	2	7:22:00	40, 41, 57 (Avg:46)
16	Xanthe Webb	Ramalea Laila	2	7:24:00	40, 45, 54 (Avg:46)
2	Carol Layton	New-Moon Flashlight	2	7:33:00	46, 44, 48 (Avg:46)
36	Allix Jones	Aloha Aktar	2	8:06:00	33, 39, 42 (Avg:38)
43	Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	2	8:28:00	35, 36, 49 (Avg:40)
81	Jade Hodson	Rush Creek Gift	2	9:05:00	36, 54, 58 (Avg:49)
11	Sarah Ross	New Kingston	1	WD L1	40, 40 (Avg:40)

Junior

33	Tahlia Franke	Kalkadoon Vienna	2	5:22:00	39, 44, 47 (Avg:43)
82	Georgia Curry	Ausden Nile Prins	2	7:10:00	38, 48, 56 (Avg:47)
6	Isabel Foster	Sienna Kaptivating	2	9:16:00	34, 36, 53 (Avg:41)
34	Josephine Jansen	Coolahlee Park Samba	2	Lame L2	38, 45, 53 (Avg:45)

Ride Name: Burraga Copper Challenge Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 80.0km

Start Date: 7/12/2014

Ride Type: Endurance

Heavyweight

28	Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	2	5:45:00	28, 37, 40 (Avg:35)
52	Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	2	6:26:00	44, 40, 52 (Avg:45)
32	Anthony Parker	Webbs Creek Cattle Baron	2	7:45:00	38, 45, 58 (Avg:47)
4	Sue Warren	Lilonda Sharjah	2	7:55:00	34, 52, 58 (Avg:48)
23	Stuart Lymbery	Garonne Park Walker	2	8:08:00	30, 42, 48 (Avg:40)
59	Corey Tuhaka	Eaglehawk Ashquar	2	8:26:00	34, 38, 46 (Avg:39)
44	Jessica Dastani	Corryong Dorsaz	2	9:22:00	38, 45, 46 (Avg:43)
33	Scott Peters	Stoodleigh Colonial Boy	2	Lame L2	29, 38, 44 (Avg:37)
31	Ian Dreghorn	Ausden Nile Prins	1	WD L1	39, 37 (Avg:38)
47	Martin Gregson	Burren-Dah Lady Isabeau	1	WD L1	40, 42 (Avg:41)
7	Mark Johnson	Wanstead Silver Flyer	1	WD L1	28, 47 (Avg:37)
58	Sarah Pollard-	Williams Jive	1	WD L1	35, 45 (Avg:40)

Middleweight

2	Jenny Shepheard	Annaliisa'ar	2	5:10:00	30, 36, 48 (Avg:38)
20	Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	2	5:45:00	31, 40, 47 (Avg:39)
49	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	5:52:00	34, 40, 45 (Avg:39)
54	Claudia Reid	Ningadoo Tornado	2	6:36:00	35, 40, 40 (Avg:38)
6	Emily Streckfuss	Webbs Creek Starlight	2	6:36:00	34, 40, 41 (Avg:38)
43	Ian Curtis	CJ	2	6:41:00	38, 42, 45 (Avg:41)
21	John Symons	Forest Dale Xasperation	2	7:02:00	34, 38, 56 (Avg:42)
25	Darryl King	James Bonn	2	7:08:00	38, 45, 54 (Avg:45)
9	Jennifer Gilbertson	Coolahlee Park Samba	2	7:45:00	38, 42, 48 (Avg:42)
56	Carol Major	Bradali Najmul Fi Samar	2	7:54:00	39, 51, 48 (Avg:46)
5	Tayla Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	2	7:55:00	36, 36, 42 (Avg:38)
3	Louise Piddington	Currowan Waratah	2	8:08:00	43, 49, 50 (Avg:47)
38	John Osboldstone	Pure Detenation	2	8:22:00	32, 45, 52 (Avg:43)
37	Nicole Pearson	Sandine Gem	2	8:22:00	28, 40, 50 (Avg:39)
41	Maddy Collins	Mosaic	2	8:34:00	41, 45, 50 (Avg:45)
69	Alamdar Dastani	M.A. Mashkell	2	8:34:00	40, 41, 52 (Avg:44)
61	Kayte Barnard	Sandine Malika	1	Lame L1	36, 48 (Avg:42)
42	Bridie Lewis	Orion	1	WD L1	46, 48, 46 (Avg:46)
53	Nicole Smith	Skittles	1	WD L1	30, 43 (Avg:36)
40	Peter Bice	Future Dream Dodger		Not started	48 (Avg:48)

Lightweight

8	Courtney Chapman	Littlebanks Woneta	2	5:19:00	35, 42, 46 (Avg:41)
10	Indigo Noonan	Littlebanks Crystal Wings	2	5:19:00	30, 40, 41 (Avg:37)
51	April Newman	Tarnette	2	5:38:00	35, 39, 45 (Avg:39)
46	Kaliana Curtis	Blake's Heaven Carousel	2	5:52:00	31, 40, 48 (Avg:39)
48	Adeline Gibson	Blake's Heaven Angelico	2	5:52:00	35, 41, 45 (Avg:40)
27	Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	2	7:54:00	37, 38, 50 (Avg:41)
1	Allix Jones	Larntainey Gold 'N' Treasure	2	8:08:00	45, 44, 50 (Avg:46)
45	Brooke Warner	Razorback Respect	2	8:26:00	38, 37, 40 (Avg:38)
34	Kim Noble	Aitchisonview Maverick	2	8:34:00	44, 45, 48 (Avg:45)
62	Morgan Carolan	Henley Farm Yedir	1	WD L1	39, 48 (Avg:43)
60	Mary Hollingsworth	Aloha Play Boy	1	WD L1	50, 48 (Avg:49)
55	Faith Robinson	Arabesque Winning Streak	1	WD L1	36, 48 (Avg:42)

Junior

39	Victoria Bice	Georgie Girl	2	6:36:00	34, 43, 44 (Avg:40)
36	Daniel Noble	M.A. Hasaab	2	8:34:00	38, 46, 52 (Avg:45)
35	Alison Noble	Argon	2	8:34:00	36, 45, 57 (Avg:46)
22	Harrison Berg	Omani Ishana	1	WD L1	36, 42 (Avg:39)
30	Georgia Curry	Macquarie Park Banjo		Lame	34, 46 (Avg:40)

Training Ride Results

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 18/10/2014

Ride Type: Training Ride

Head Vet: Simon Bain Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

Robin Gossip	Lila	Vicki Mathew	Penwisk Sharmarra
Marisa Levitt	Sylan El Aamira	Meri Lategan	Malvern Lady Clara
Anna Norton	Scarlet Oaks Amica	Camilla Pattison	Malvern Copperfield
Ninky Miles	Destiny	Janelle Jenkins	Zemzem Raya
Guan Khoo	House of Cash	Gertraud Norton	Rivernook Sadiqa

Ride Name: Kiwarrak Endurance Ride

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 24 & 25 October 2014

Ride Type: Training Ride

Marisa Levitt	Sylan El Aamira	Monique Echeuille	Follydown Kadin
Chris Geddes	Coolahlee Park	Jan Wade	Hillville Amigo
Shaman		Tara Zanardi	Out of Africa
Carol Layton	Omani Mr Sqiggle	Nicolle Brown	Prince
Michele Ladmore	Azale Aladdin	Marisa Levitt	Sylan El Aamira
Shannen Thorsby	Newbury Shaklan's	Sharon Foster	Newbury Amireeka
	Impact	Linda Henley	Wootton Flamboyant
Danny wall	Rango	Shannen Thorsby	Kamikaze Jacob
		Annette Gifford	Porcelyn Bey
Paul Lengronne	Ra Silver Dancer	Adele Gifford	Especialy sun

Ride Name: Burruga Copper Challenge

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 07/12/2014

Ride Type: Training Ride

Christopher Bailey	Aspenview Argen
Stephen Bennett	Aloha Zac
Karen Rhodes	Stratfield Ghayth
Paddy Smith	Bella Park Remy Martin

Ride Name: M.E.C.C.A.

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 08 & 9th November 2014

Ride Type: Training Ride

Chief Steward: Haydn Fisher

Rachel Brown	Davadi	Isabella Circosta	Ropa Park BellaShakila
Rochelle Knihinicki	Come Fly with Me	Makayla Circosta	Ropa Park Bella
Jason Kirk	Harmere Kashir		Rastique
Miah Bryant	Henley Farm Eshara	Rochelle Knihinicki	Come Fly with Me
Katie Gibson	Henley Farm Rimadi	Wendy Jones	Kinvara Coco
Monique Milton	Garnee Hustler	Allix Jones	Larntainey Gold 'N'
Kate Pilley	Henley Farm Mizan		Treasure
		Jason Kirk	Harmere Kashir
Rachel Brown	Davadi	Kate Pilley	Garnee Full Throttle
Linda Logan	Willow Valley Dartanyan	Miah Bryant	Henley Farm Eshara
Monique Milton	Garnee Hustler	Katie Gibson	Henley Farm Rimadi

Ride Name: Scenic City 1&2 Trainer/Social Rides

Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 22 & 23 November 2014

Ride Type: Training Ride

Marie-Louise Corin	Windsor	Aleana Riley	Play Boy
Graeme Corin	Garonne Park Mission	Camilla Pattison	Malvern Lady Clara
Guan Khoo	House of Cash	Aleana Riley	Malvern Copperfield
Monika Ballard	Blake's Heaven Ventura	Tanja Cobden	Aloha Zali
Deborah Sheather	QHF The Skywalker		
Jai Ingram	Bahrein Hypnotic	Amanda Apperley	Jon de le hazad
Monique Shields	Ellis	Andrew Bailey	Razorback Respect
Grace Shields	Cleo	Christopher Bailey	Aspenview Argen
Mary Hollingsworth	H.F. Yedir	Annette Bailey	Harmere Katif
Elaine Kirby	Turingal Park Nicholas	Meri Lategan	Malvern Lady Clara
Shannon Hill	Burren Dah Bumble Bee	Aleana Riley	Malvern Copperfield
Mark Johnson	Wanstead Silver Flyer	Alan West	Tollarta

Social Ride Completions

Ride Name: National Capital Brookvale Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 18/10/2014

Ride Type: Social Ride

Head Vet: Simon Bain Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

Scott Woodrow	Nikki	Catherine West	Meracious La-Nina
Samantha Clark	Oso Zoltan	Sue MacKenzie	Bendora Domani
Chris Geddes	Baribo	Barbara Skoro	Rusty
Ruby Geddes	Kurrajong William		
Gabrielle Worth	Douglas		
Penny Grove	Saxon		
Janette Lawson	Digger		
Abby Waldman	Tallah		
Johanne Dunn	Henry		
Victoria Edmonds	Namadgi Run Presents		
Ella Ussher	Hartley The Hot Shot		
Emily O'Hare	Marty		
Erin Thorne	Dan		
Jeremy Banwell	Blake's Heaven Caruso		
Anne Ledger	Lucinda Wadbigilla		
Sally Mccarthy	Bella		
Ashley Ireland	Percy		
Maxine McArthur	Hartley Dangles		

Ride Name: Kiwarrak Endurance Ride Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 24-25 October 2014

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Loesje Doherty	Suncrest Count Leo	Deanna Trevena	Coolinda Park Starskie
Linda Green	Aljays Top Priority		
Christopher Schofield	Micky	Steve Broadbent	Glendhu Moonshine
Roy Barsby	Dumaresq Vertigo	Roy Barsby	Dumaresq Vertigo
Marie Bonwick	Rassim	Christopher Schofield	Micky
Con Bouzianis	Hazeldean Echo	Deanna Trevena	Coolinda Park Starskie
Tom Bouzianis	Safour	Monica Majerowski	Halimas Valentine
Lynn Coles	Pinedene Gidget	Isaac Majerowski	Valinor Park Sakim
Gemma Colefox	Roman	Con Bouzianis	Hazeldean Echo
Chelsea Eagles	Out of Africa	Margaret Jacka	Sigfrid
Jesma Kemp	Aila	Tom Bouzianis	Safour
Jackie Tattam	Huey	Marg Higgins	Pose de river dance
Peter Waldron	Aallusion	Danny Wall	Rango
Terry Campbell	Kenny	Joanne Poulton	Brodie
Rosalind Holder	Lucky	Claire Poulton	Bonza
natalie casey	Lemongrove Rockstar	Clemence Wise	Digger
Tahnee Smyth	Couango		

Ride Name: M.E.C.C.A. Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 20 klm and 10 klm

Start Date: 8th & 9th November 2014

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Chief Steward: Haydn Fisher

Chris Cooper	Jaballa Khambodia	Steve Brooks	Harmere Lahsa
Melissa Givney	Anja	Julie Brooks	Harmere Jameel
Wayne Matthews	Maggie	Wendy Jones	Kinvara Coco
Rob Woodward	Sandy	Allix Jones	Larntainey Gold 'N' Treasure
Miaa Abbs-Brown	Khalidah Tasneem	Melissa Givney	Missy
Susan Pritchard	Velona El-Dargo		
Steve Brooks	Harmere Lahsa	Miaa Abbs-Brown	Khalidah Tasneem
Julie Brooks	Harmere Jameel	Susan Pritchard	Velona El-Dargo
		Ruth Van der Wegen	Attallah Souliita
Rob Woodward	Sandy	Belinda Jeanneret	Harmere Morocco
Makayla Circosta	Ropa Park Bella Rastique	Allison Knihinicki	Newbury C'Zar's Gold
Isabella Circosta	Ropa Park BellaShakila	Piper Hopley	Beauty
Chris Cooper	Jaballa Khambodia		
Gillian Matthews	Anja	Allison Knihinicki	Newbury C'Zar's Gold
Wayne Matthews	Maggie	Ruth Van der Wegen	Attallah Souliita

Ride Name: Burruga Copper Challenge

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 7 December 2014

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Kim Wilde	Suncrest Silver Eddy
Roy Barsby	Dumaresq Vertigo
Deanna Trevena	Coolinda Park Starskie
Duncan Myers	Rafik

Happy endurance rider, Annabelle Cummins riding Aloha Vision at the Q60
Photo: Animal Focus



Ride Name: Scenic City 1&2 Trainer/Social Rides Progressive Ride Summary

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 22 and 23 November 2014

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Chief Steward: Louise Stevens

Samantha Clark	Oso Zoltan	Erin Steinbecher	Kaydee
Gabrielle Worth	Douglas	Tegan Symington	Kintamani Silver Eclipse
Courtney Chapman	Suncrest Donizetti	Phillip Pollen	Mary
Bridie Lewis	Sweet Meadows Enchant	Danielle Ptycia	Scotty
Lorraine Jakobasch	Bailey Jak	Kim Worth	Douglas
Sherry Sasges	Sultan	Maxine McArthur	Hartley Dangles
Celia Hodgson	Blakes Heaven	Christine Cady	Squeak
Yolanda Rohling	Hartley Dangles	Robyn Larsen-Shelton	Wishes
Ella Ussher	Hartley The Hot Shot	Ashley Ireland	Percy
Sally Bowman	Tallaganda Downs HOT	Catherine West	Lofty
SPOT		Jean Lucas	Sahara
Carla Mead	Jamil Razah Golden Gift	Lisa Boese	Gleniph Kermotion
Claire Stewart	Talara Aranda	Dean Hodgkinson	Hartfield Chester
Sarah Pollard-Williams	Kintamani Silver Fox	Britanny Johnson	Bendy Creek Viesse
Kellie Tinworth	Rose	Jo Davis	Wicketly Good
Sonia Holdsworth	Shuja Dawn Flyte	Ruby Geddes	Kurrajong William
Oliver Hodgson	Blake's Heaven Angelico	Adeline Gibson	Blake's Heaven Ventura
		Daniel Cicearone	Polly
Nicole Ptycia	Czarena Lodge Hellraiser	Cante Teiti	Joe
Mary Ptycia	Halimas Desert Wind	Briarna Drew	Amy
Erin Maloney	Hartley The Cracker		
Emma Miles-Howe	Trekker		

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**

Notice

DUTY of CARE with regards to DOGS at RIDES:

Dogs must be restrained at all times.

Due to dogs being found running loose at increasing numbers of endurance events, it has been resolved that riders are to be disqualified, if their own dog or a dog belonging to their camp is found not to be restrained at all times during the full duration of an endurance event, i.e. from the opening of the ride base to participants until its closure. All chief stewards have been instructed to take action, enforce this rule and report offenders. A 'no dogs' policy may be introduced, if offences against this rule continue to occur.

NSW ERA Management Committee

PROXY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New South Wales Endurance Riders' Association Inc.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

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

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

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

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

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE NOMINATION

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

I hereby agree to this nomination

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

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

Seconded by (Name)..... M'Ship No:.....

PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE: (100 words or less)

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Ride Bases Map

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

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

To use the map: -

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

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

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

Ride organisers

To have a ride base added to the map,

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

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

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

Regards, Tom Perkins snr 20435

DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

www.nswera.asn.au

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

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

Tabs on your Home Page include –

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

Prenomination where you can prenominate to ride secretaries via email

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

Point Score for NSW

Contacts to email NSWERA Secretariat, Newsletter or Secretary

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

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

Committee contacts

NSW FEI information

Constitution – print off a copy

Links to other Associations and the AERA

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

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

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

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. MEMBERS DANGEROUS ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

This agreement is compulsory and is entered into by:

Participant 1 Name:M'Ship No.

Participant 2 Name:M'Ship No.

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

I understand that –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I agree –

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

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

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

I have read and understood the above document

Signature of Participant 1:Medical Conditions:

Signature of Participant 2:Medical Conditions:

Declaration by guardian:

As guardian of the participant:

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



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

Application for Registration of a Current Endurance Horse

Horse registration fees for 2015. Lifetime registration fee is \$60, payable when the horse qualifies from Novice to Endurance horse, or a yearly fee of \$25 per horse per year. This should be paid with your membership renewal for 2015.

Any endurance horses not registered in 2015 will not be allowed to compete. A label will be placed inside back cover of the Logbook. To apply for your labels, please complete the following details and forward with your payment to:

THE REGISTRAR, PO Box 6627 CHATHAM NSW 2430.

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Membership Number: _____

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

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

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

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

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

Horse Details

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

Scrolls are available as follows:

300km \$10.00 each.
Available to any horse that has successfully completed 300km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in **ONE** riding division or has successfully completed the Quilty in under 15 hours.

800km \$10.00 each.
Available to any horse that has successfully completed 800km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in **ONE** riding division.

1600km Free on behalf of AERA
In recognition of any horse successfully completing 1600km irrespective of riding division.

3000km Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA.
In recognition of any horse successfully completing 3000km irrespective of riding division.

5000km Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA.
In recognition of any horse successfully completing 5000km irrespective of riding division.

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc). Scrolls for distances of 3000km and above are awarded at the Tom Quilty each year, all other scrolls can be applied for at any time. Please ensure that this application form is lodged prior to **31st July 2015** to ensure that they are ready for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2015 presentations.

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

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

Notes:

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

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