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The front cover shows Stuart Lymbery and Garonne Park Walker winner of the Best Managed/Best Conditioned Award at Shahzada. Stuart also achieved his 10th Shahzada buckle at this year's Shahzada.

Congratulations also goes to Karen Rhodes on obtaining her 20th Shahzada buckle.

Riders attention will no doubt turn to the NSW State Ride to be held in October. Good luck to all the participants, particularly those trying to obtain the Big Three Award for 2015.

Please note that the closing date for contributions to the November December edition of your newsletter is 10 November. Copy received after this date will almost certainly not be included. Please get your contributions in early.

If you want to praise your horse, report on your endurance journey, or share anything with the members, please send your articles in. All contributions are appreciated. Remember you don't need to be specifically asked, just send your contributions in.

Thank you to Animal Focus, Sylan Photography, and Stephanie Buckman Photography for the great photos in this edition.

Thanks you also to Linda Henley for the cover design.

Editor: Helen Rich.



# President's Report

The next big event on the NSW Calendar is the State Championship, this year hosted by Zone 6 and being held at Glen William in the beautiful Hunter Valley. This is a fantastic opportunity for NSW riders in particular to attempt the coveted Big 3, so if you were successful at the Quilty and Shahzada in 2015 you have a great opportunity to complete a rare triple and join a very small and exclusive club.

This year's State Championships will also feature for the first time a State of Origin teams event. A great opportunity to start your representative career on home soil. The long term goal is to foster an interstate competition that then feeds into a national team that can represent Australia overseas.

The Northern Rivers Zone has long been a cause of friction between NSW & Queensland but finally a compromise has been reached that sees the riders living in that area have the right to choose which state they join. All rides in the Northern Rivers Zone will dual affiliate so that NSW riders who attend rides in the NRZ or over the border in Queensland will earn points in both States' point scores.

As many of you will have heard there was a protest at the Quilty this year that involved NSW rider and winner of the Gold Cup, Ben Hudson. The protest, which related to incorrect riding weight, was heard in camera and a number of witnesses were called to give evidence. It was the unanimous decision of the protest committee that there was no case to answer, that the winner was the correct weight.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that you agree to be bound by the rules, regulations and policies of the sport when you sign your membership application each year. These policies include the Member Code of Conduct and Social Media policy which can be found on the NSWERA website. If a member is found to be in breach of these policies then they risk being brought before the IDP and may be the subject of sanctions or even be banned from the sport.

Safe riding,

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 meetings:**

16 October 2015

27 November 2015

NSW ERA Annual General Meeting

6 February 2016



# Track Preservation Report

Slowly, slowly, one step at a time, we are making progress.

Reports are filtering in about horse-friendly gates being installed; tracks being reopened; and NPWS staff making active efforts to accommodate horse riders.

The baseline information on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Horse Riding Wilderness Trials in Kosciuszko, Deua, Monga and Mummel Gulf National Parks has been published on the NPWS website:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/policies/HorseRidingTrial.htm>

Very interesting reading, these documents provide a lot of detail and background. Not only does this highlight how seriously NPWS is taking this trial; it should also serve to reassure horse riders that we are not going to get blamed for everything from brumby tracks to damage from trail bikes. The REFs also have reasonably good maps of the trails included in the trials, so it's not too late to try them out!

Meanwhile the Greenies' latest tactic is a Government Information (Public Access) application (also known as a Freedom of Information application) for details of consultation around the Blue Mountains Region Horse Riding Work Plan 2013 and transcripts of the discussions at the Blue Mountains Regional Horse Riding workshop of 10 February 2013. I'm not sure what they expect to achieve by this, as everything was done "by the book" and nobody said anything they shouldn't have. Clearly the Greens are in panic mode and trying anything they can think of to hinder us!

**Fiona Meller**



## Welcome to our New Members

### July Meeting

Shannon	Cossor	Junior	Molbrook
Nicola	Roach	Intermediate	Hughes
Sarah	Henderson	Senior	Googong
Camilla	Pattison	Senior	Canyonleigh
Charlene	Malone	Junior	Wandandian
Belinda	Bailey	Senior	Wingham
Donna	Georgievski	Senior	Murrumbateman
Peta	Fox	Senior	Illawong
Steve	Finnane	Senior	Blaxlands Ridge

### September Meeting

David	Taylor	Senior	Tarago
Craig	Howell	Senior	Londonderry
Matthew	Dunne	Senior	Lithgow
Olivia	Dunne	Junior	Lithgow
Elizabeth	Grima	Senior	Glossodia
Daniel	Gorman	Senior	Uralla
Neil	Webb	Senior	Bathurst



2014

## NATIONAL INVASIVE TREATMENT & HORSE DEATH REPORT 2014

Ride Type	No. Rides	Entries	Kms attempted	kms completed	Completion %
<b>Intro &amp; Training rides</b>	322	5191	165638	146781	89%
<b>Mini-marathon rides</b>	5	142	17040	10200	60%
<b>80-120 kms</b>	158	4205	357769	274096	77%
<b>160 kms</b>	15	386	62088	32767	53%
<b>Marathon</b>	6	105	37620	18454	49%
	<b>506</b>	<b>10,029</b>	<b>640,156</b>	<b>482,298</b>	<b>75%</b>

### No. of Invasive Treatments administered

Introductory	2	3%
Training	12	16%
Mini-marathon	1	1%
Endurance 80 - 120	47	62%
Endurance 160	12	16%
Marathon	2	3%
	<b>76</b>	<b>100%</b>

There was 1 Invasive Treatment for every:

132	ride entries
8,423	kms attempted
6,346	kms completed

### No. of Horse deaths

Introductory	0	0%
Training	0	0%
Mini-marathon	0	0%
Endurance 80 - 120	1	33%
Endurance 160	1	33%
Marathon	1	33%
	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>

There was 1 horse death for every:

3,343	ride entries
213,385	kms attempted
160,766	kms completed

The nature of the horse deaths were:

0%	Injury / accident
100%	Metabolic



# Profit and Loss NSW ERA

## N.S.W. ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

### Profit & Loss Statement January 2015 through July 2015

	2015	2014	Variance Fav / (Unfav)
<b>INCOME</b>			
Income - Grants	\$6,500	\$10,659	(\$4,159)
Income - Membership Fees	\$43,164	\$43,178	(\$15)
Income - Ride Fees	\$26,127	\$28,750	(\$2,623)
Net Sale of Merchandise	\$2,777	\$5,101	(\$2,324)
AERA Collection Charges	\$2,855	\$3,175	(\$321)
Income - Other	\$863	\$1,074	(\$211)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$82,285</b>	<b>\$91,937</b>	<b>(\$9,652)</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Accounting Fees	\$2,145	\$1,945	(\$200)
Bank Fees	\$30	\$0	(\$30)
Bank Fees - Merchant Fees	\$335	\$283	(\$51)
Bookkeeping Fees	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
Gifts, Flowers, Cards etc	\$255	\$172	(\$83)
Late Fees & Penalties	\$0	\$95	\$95
Statutory Fees	\$86	\$84	(\$2)
A.E.R.A.	\$2,889	\$2,925	\$37
AGM Expenses	\$1,863	\$2,013	\$151
Annual Awards & Dinner	\$5,354	\$4,894	
Dance			(\$459)
IDP Expenses	\$0	\$142	\$142
Insurance	\$14,907	\$13,446	(\$1,461)
International / FEI	\$464	\$2,000	\$1,536
Medication Control	\$5,210	\$1,091	(\$4,119)
Meeting Expenses	\$3,618	\$2,826	(\$793)
Net Newsletter Expenses	\$421	\$1,647	\$1,226
Promotional Expenditure	\$2,655	\$417	(\$2,238)
Quilty Expenses	\$1,157	\$273	(\$885)
Ride Management Related	\$1,601	\$1,943	\$342
Secretariat Expenses	\$19,525	\$19,471	(\$55)
SMC Non Meeting Reim- bursements	\$632	\$498	(\$134)
State Ride Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,107	\$107
Vet Accreditation & Training	\$0	\$877	\$877
Volunteer Rewards	\$974	\$362	(\$612)
Website Expenses	\$2,829	\$151	(\$2,678)
TQ15	\$9,091	\$87	(\$9,004)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$82,540</b>	<b>\$63,748</b>	<b>(\$18,792)</b>
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$255)</b>	<b>\$28,189</b>	<b>(\$28,444)</b>

# 2016 NSW ERA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Call for expressions of Interest



The NSWERA State Management Committee is calling for expressions of interest from interested ride committees to conduct the

## **2016 NSWERA State Championship Event**

**on 11-13 June 2016 (long weekend)**

Sponsorship of \$6,000 is provided.

The Expression of Interest Form is available from the NSWERA website or by contacting the NSWERA Secretariat – Sonya Ruprecht as detailed below.

**Expressions of Interest close 31 October 2015**

NSW ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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## **Notice—NSW ERA**

NSW ERA Management Committee

### **NSW ERA Notice**

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

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

***NSWERA State Management Committee***



# Kiwarra Cup

## 19/20 September 2015

Kiwarra Cup is being run in September this year, two weeks before the State Ride.

So what a great lead up.

### Venue

The venue is our traditional ride base at 215 Careys Road, Hillville.

All cars, floats and goosenecks will be entering via the new entrance at the rear of the property.

This will be well sign posted.

### Camping

There will be plenty of flat shady camping available from Friday to Monday.

Horse water will be provided.

Bring your own drinking water.

### Ride Distances

There will be a 20km and a 40km ride being held on the Saturday

20km, 40km and an 80km on the Sunday.

Admin and vetting will be available from 9am on Saturday.

Social riders arriving on Sunday can vet any time before 8.30am.

The terrain is undulating with lots of open going and plenty of water on track. Forestry trails and NO TAR. There will be two separate legs.

### Food

Canteen will be operating from lunchtime Saturday through to Sunday lunch time offering a selection of delicious food.

### Directions

Travelling from the south, stay on Pacific Highway until the first Taree exit.

Go straight through the two roundabouts and follow the signs to ride base. (Bucketts Way)

Travelling from the north, take the second Taree exit, go straight through the 2 roundabouts and follow the signs to ride base. (Bucketts way)

With the improved run on the Pacific Highway the trip from Sydney should only take around three hours.

Any TPR help on the weekend would be greatly appreciated.

**Pre-nom required.** This should be done via NSWERA prenom or

Phone 0427 764 107

We look forward to seeing you all there.



# National Capital *Brookvale* Ride

## A BIG CHANGE FOR BROOKVALE

### Ride both 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**A BIG change for Brookvale.** The State Championships have recently been moved to the October long weekend, meaning that they take place only one week after the Brookvale ride. So, the ACT Endurance Riders Association is breaking with tradition and offering a bumper weekend of rides and more rides, socialising and sleeping in!!

On **Saturday** there will be 10km, 20km and 30km rides, then

On **Sunday** there will be 10km, 20km, 30km, 40km rides and a 50km elevator.

**The course:** The rides will travel through Uriarra Pine Forest on an undulating course with the most fantastic views of surrounding areas, and return to base via private property. The 40 km course initially is the same as the other rides but then veers off to follow Blue Range Road to the top of the range in Brindabella National Park, again providing stunning views towards Canberra and surrounds. The footing for all rides is a mixture of forest tracks and roads, rocky stretches and dirt road. The 40 km and 50km rides are true, challenging mountain rides and therefore **require horses that are fit** for the respective ride distance.

**Admin and vetting:** Office and vetting times will be posted soon, we are rushing to get this news out to you. Of course, those who don't wish to camp overnight may vet on Sunday for the introductory rides of 10, 20 or 30 km. **Please arrive no later than 7.30 am on Sunday morning** to allow enough time to enter and vet before those rides. Vetting for the 40 km and 50 km distances will be on Saturday.

**Ride base:** *Brookvale* is a no-frills campsite in a picturesque valley with a fresh water creek running through it. Facilities are basic, with bush toilets/portaloos and horse water available. You will need **to bring your own drinking water**. The possibility of lighting enclosed cooking fires will depend on the development of the fire season.

**Catering:** A canteen will be open from Saturday lunch until Sunday afternoon, serving a fabulous new range of delicious food as well as hot and cold drinks. The closest shops and petrol station are located at the Cooleman Court Shopping Centre in Weston Creek, approximately half an hour from the ride base.

**Directions:** The entry to the property "*Brookvale*" is located off Mountain Creek Road, approximately 3.8 km past the intersection of Uriarra Road, ACT, and Mountain Creek Road. The ride base is approximately 1.5 km along Doctors Flat Road, which commences at the property entry. Signs to the ride base will be put up from Uriarra Road onwards when coming from Canberra and at the property entry when approaching along Mountain Creek Road from the Yass/Wee Jasper end.

**Important:** *Brookvale* is a working sheep and cattle property. If you can, please, don't bring dogs to the ride, but if you need to, they must be kept on a lead at **all** times.

**Further details:** Please, check the ACTERA website [www.actera.org.au](http://www.actera.org.au) for ride information and updates closer to the ride date and the NSWERA website for a link to Google Maps showing the ride base coordinates at [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zKXcBVfPF1IY.kiOUxNz\\_FYyE&m=0](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zKXcBVfPF1IY.kiOUxNz_FYyE&m=0)

Look for 'National Capital Brookvale' in the 'Untitled layer' list on the Google Maps page.

**Prenomination:** Please, prenominate by midnight on Sunday, 20 September. Either utilise the link on the NSWERA website for this purpose or email Gertraud Norton ([gertraudnorton@bigpond.com](mailto:gertraudnorton@bigpond.com)) or phone 02-6227 1378 (AH) or 0427-617 114.

**Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and bush scenery  
the *Brookvale* ride offers. Volunteers are very welcome!**  
**We look forward to seeing you at Brookvale for a great weekend!**



# Endurance NSW State Championships



**Vetting-** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 12pm-4pm

**Ride Starts –**

160km - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 3am

80km – 5am

Trade Stalls all weekend

Canteen and Hot Showers

Gate into Hold Vetting

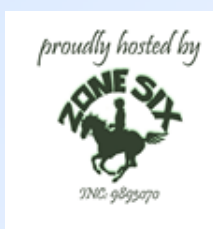
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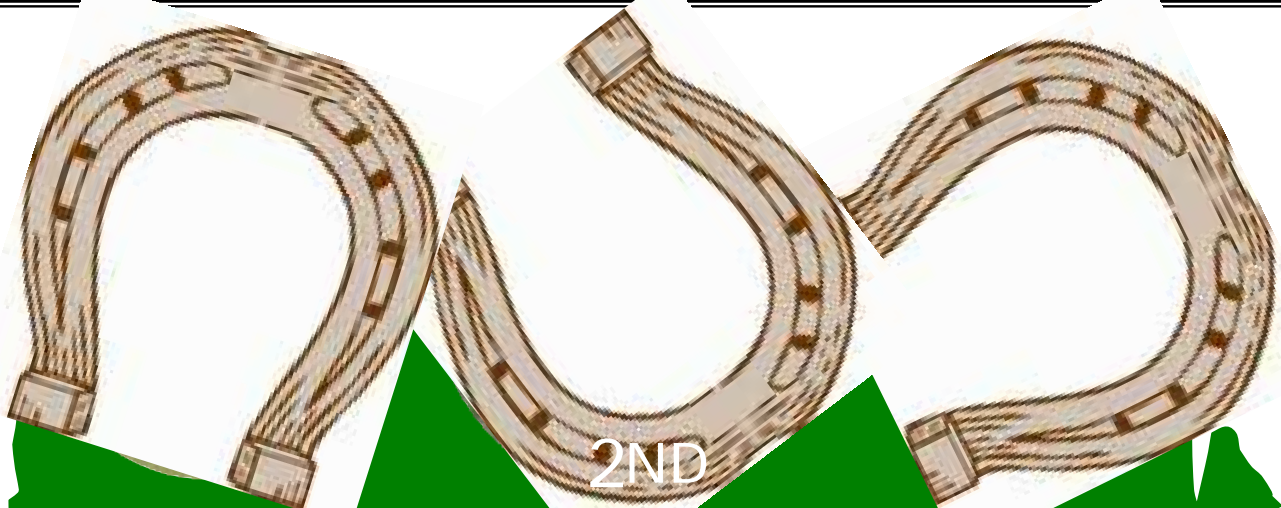
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# BURRAGACOPPERCHALLENGE

SATURDAY 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2015

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2 weeks after the NSW State Champs, located 60km Sth of Bathurst, the village of Burraga surrounded by pine plantations and farms will hold the 2nd 80km endurance event.

The course utilises local & forestry dirt roads we have map out a course with ample water & feed on track with no major mountains only a couple of hills.

New course moving majority of tar from last year ride. Suitable for novice horses.

Large sports ground for camping available from Friday.

Dinner Saturday night by local P&C and meals available Friday with booking.

NEVER had a go at Endurance?  
No worries there is a training ride that anyone can have a go..

## Saturday

2pm Nomination Open  
3pm Pre ride vetting  
7pm Pre ride talk & Dinner

## Sunday

5am 80km start  
6am 40km start  
3pm Presentation

## Fees:

80km \$100  
40km \$50  
Camp \$5/horse

Nominate prior 15/10/15

[www.trybooking.com/154692](http://www.trybooking.com/154692)





# NEVILLE

**80/40/20Kms—1 November 2015**

Back by popular demand is the Neville Endurance Ride... Come ride around the pine forests and sandy tracks.... Camp at the shady show ground with all amenities. There are sponsorship opportunities available and volunteers needed...

This was always one of the most popular rides on the Calendar and hopefully we can make it nearly as enjoyable as it used to be. The Lachlan Endurance Riders Club have taken up the task with locals from the Blayney/Carcoar area in particular Marjorie Trudgett who is a dynamo, working on track and authorities etc and covering many different bases. Also to Di Luker who has taken on being Secretary and helping Marjorie with tracks, together with the usual LERC mob who will cover bases.

The area has received good rain so the creeks will be flowing again and plenty of green pick out and about.

The Neville Pub will be doing a meal on the Saturday night with the Fishing Club coming in to assist them. The P & C will also be doing canteen duties at the showground, open all weekend.

Please nominate through the usual NSWERA tab or email Marjorie Trudgett on [nevilleride@outlook.com](mailto:nevilleride@outlook.com) or telephone her on 0499 549 877



## Notice

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

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

# SCENIC CITY ENDURANCE RIDE CARNIVAL

## Canberra

21-22 November 2015

The Scenic City Endurance Ride will be run right off Canberra's door step on the 21st and 22nd November 2015. Those who know Canberra, know it has some amazing riding trails, and a huge horse community. Just what endurance is all about!

B7 Events aims to bring these together and have a wonderful weekend of endurance fun and competition. Piecing together some of the best trails in Canberra, we will run 10km, 20km, 40km, 60km & 80km rides out of a new (but previously used) ride base in the southern suburb of Kambah.

On Saturday we offer 10 and 20km rides, with the aim being to introduce newcomers to endurance.

40, 60 and 80km rides will be on Sunday, with a staggered start for the 40 to allow locals to arrive on the day of the ride.

Trails will include undulating terrain including Cooleman Ridge and Mount Stromlo. There will be some amazing views including dawn over the city.

Compared to our 2014 Scenic City ride, there will be less "urban obstacles" to negotiate, but horses should be good with traffic and may encounter dogs and the odd bicycle.

The weather is clearly an unknown. Because it may be hot, the 80km ride will be starting at 4 am and the first leg will be close to 50 km to ensure that most of the work is done before the heat starts.

There will be a sausage sizzle on Saturday and we hope to have catering for dinner on Saturday night.

NOTE: Because the venue (Kambah Pony Club) is quite small, we will be limiting the number of entries in the 80km ride to 50. All entries must be made through Trybooking – details will be notified on our Facebook page and NSWERA website.

Entry fees- \$95/\$80 J – 80km. \$70 – 60 km. \$60 – 40 km \$40 – 20km \$30 – 10 km.

We welcome everyone from budding enthusiasts through to hard core competitors to join us on a fun weekend in our beautiful national capital.

SEE US ON FACEBOOK SCENIC CITY ENDURANCE RIDE or

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Or Fia Hasko-Stewart 0401 999 473 [fia.cumming@health.gov.au](mailto:fia.cumming@health.gov.au)





# Zone One Championships at St. Albans

The Zone One Championships was held at St. Albans this year on 4th and 5th of July. Competitors were treated to some live music on the Saturday night by Three Blind Monkeys, a local trio.

Rising early for the start on Sunday morning it was a chilly -3 degrees, the Valley floor was covered in frost.

Our photographer Stephanie Buckman captured some beautiful shots of the riders and the cold valley morning. After the cold morning it warmed up to be a beautiful day.

All events ran smoothly with 100km being won by Georgia Curry on her mare Mountain Breeze Mingha in a record breaking time for that course of 5 hours and 35 minutes. Congratulations Georgia - Zone One Champion for 2015.

It was great to see so many elevating to the 100km, especially all three juniors Phoebe Baczocha, Jo Jansen and Annabelle Cummins with 100% completion well done girls.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event happen and thank you to our sponsors

## Zone One Championships St Albans 2015 Sponsors

1st Heavy Weight	HEVC	2nd Junior	Smartek Portable Hot water
2nd Heavy weight	Kurrajong Trails	3rd Junior	Saddle world
3rd Heavy weight	Saddle world	Best Conditioned	Al jeda arabians
1st Middle Weight	Voller Park	Heavy weight	Al jeda Arabians
2nd Middle Weight	Ron Roche Concreting	Middle Weight	Al jeda Arabians
3rd Middle Weight	Cutcliffe Real Estate	Light weight	Al jeda Arabians
1st Light Weight	Sydney Equine Dentistry	Junior	Al jeda Arabians
2nd Light Weight	ABE	<b>Product for Raffle</b>	
3rd Light Weight	Imperial floats	Zoetis	Equestplus paste
1st Junior	Conderosa Arabains	Sydney Equestrian-	Robanks Horse feed



Left to Right: Josephine Jansen  
Annabelle Cummins  
Best Conditioned Middleweight—Georgia Curry  
Clare Feary  
Receiving their rugs from Emily Streckfuss, the St Albans ride organiser.





Left to Right: Georgia Curry  
Amanda Apperley  
April Newman  
Phoebe Baczocho  
Nigel Colefax

Best Conditioned: Robert Catlin all photographer with the St Albans  
ride organiser, Emily Streckfuss



# Ride Name: St. Albans Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 100.0km Elevator

Start Date: 5/07/2015

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Georgiana Sheridan

Chief Steward: John Howe

## Heavyweight

Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	3	7:28:00	30, 35, 42, 38 (Avg:38)
Nigel Colefax	Evening Star	3	7:37:00	30, 36, 42, 38 (Avg:38)
Stuart Hitchcock	Farras	2	7:32:00	36, 39, 41 (Avg:40)
Steve Brooks	A'landell Pirate	2	7:42:00	30, 40, 44 (Avg:42)
Rod Mitchell	Aloha Tribal Warrior	2	7:45:00	32, 40, 50 (Avg:45)
Brian Stott	Sahra Sarab	2	9:57:00	40, 46, 38 (Avg:42)
Marita Rifai	Tianna	3	Lame L3	35, 41 (Avg:41)
Alan West	Tollarta	3	Lame L3	34, 40, 48, 44 (Avg:44)
Anthony Parker	Cudglebar Olympic Gold	2	Lame L2	35, 41, 52 (Avg:46)
Annette Truman	Saradova	2	Lame L2	26, 34, 44 (Avg:39)
Jolene Cole	Baribo	1	Withdrawn L1	38, 46 (Avg:46)
Mark Johnson	Wanstead Silver Flyer	1	Withdrawn L1	40, 48 (Avg:48)

## Middleweight

Georgia Curry	Mountain Breeze Mingha	3	5:35:00	35, 37, 45, 43 (Avg:41)
Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	3	6:15:00	35, 41, 44, 46 (Avg:43)
Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	3	7:28:00	36, 40, 48, 44 (Avg:44)
Jennifer Gilbertson	Webbs Creek Cattle Baron	3	7:28:00	44, 50, 46, 40 (Avg:45)
Victoria Bonham	Bridle Track Bogart	3	8:40:00	36, 43, 44, 50 (Avg:45)
Cheryl Strachan	Kintamani Sapphire	3	8:44:00	30, 34, 40, 44 (Avg:39)
Ian Burns	Miss B Havin	3	8:58:00	38, 39, 48, 39 (Avg:42)
Allana Rempel	Ralvon Milarna	3	9:24:00	27, 43, 42, 41 (Avg:42)
Kristie Wright	Kurrajong Bazinga	2	5:17:00	33, 41, 48 (Avg:44)
Peter Bice	Georgie Girl	2	7:26:00	40, 40, 48 (Avg:44)
April Bonham	Lyndrian Genesis	2	7:32:00	38, 42, 51 (Avg:46)
Carol Major	Anijoa Anna	2	7:33:00	28, 34, 41 (Avg:37)
Cody Holloway	Blue Chip Jordan	2	7:37:00	32, 48, 46 (Avg:47)
Bonnie Robinson	Forest Dale Dream Catcher	2	7:51:00	30, 35, 36 (Avg:35)
Leanne Hickson	Cruz	2	9:57:00	29, 37, 42 (Avg:39)
Ian Curtis	Wantley Kaliph	2	Lame L2	33, 36, 46 (Avg:41)
Tom Bouzianis	Safour	1	Withdrawn L1	31, 37 (Avg:37)
Christopher Clarke	Hopetoun Belle	1	Withdrawn L1	37, 52 (Avg:52)
Brad Dillon	Banfield Reign	1	Lame L1	41, 46 (Avg:46)
Darryl King	James Bonn	1	Lame L1	33, 40 (Avg:40)
Marisa Levitt	Sylan El Aamira	1	Lame L1	28, 43 (Avg:43)
Tracey Morley	Hampton Park Jack	1	Lame L1	35, 44 (Avg:44)
Scott Peters	Stoodleigh Colonial Boy	1	Lame L1	36, 40, 44 (Avg:42)

## Lightweight

April Newman	Tarnette	3	7:28:00	26, 41, 44, 40 (Avg:41)
Emma Broome	Raymar Aden	3	8:05:00	29, 41, 44, 45 (Avg:43)
Amanda Apperley	Taeaura Shayarnah	3	8:07:00	36, 37, 43, 42 (Avg:40)
Shannen Thorsby	Newbury Shaklan's Impact	3	8:38:00	40, 40, 46, 41 (Avg:42)
Indigo Noonan	Orr-Brae Rajiyaah	3	8:40:00	31, 44, 48, 52 (Avg:48)
Dianne Luker	Kintamani Silver Diva	3	8:51:00	28, 36, 48, 46 (Avg:43)
Sue Todd	Shakista	3	8:51:00	35, 41, 40, 50 (Avg:43)
Victoria Bice	The Byzantine Diamonds	2	7:26:00	36, 46, 44 (Avg:45)
Julie Brooks	Aloha Byshara	2	7:42:00	27, 42, 52 (Avg:47)
Rhonda Locke	Graciella	2	8:13:00	33, 37, 40 (Avg:38)
Jo-Anne Bailey	Churinga Flyer	2	9:24:00	31, 40, 52 (Avg:46)
Fia Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Dubonnet	1	Lame L1	33, 34 (Avg:34)

## Junior

Annabelle Cummins	Macquarie Park Banjo	3	7:24:00	32, 41, 46, 44 (Avg:43)
Josephine Jansen	Zulu's Dark Angel	3	8:05:00	34, 42, 42, 44 (Avg:42)
Phoebe Baczocha	Colo Eclipse	3	9:24:00	36, 44, 45, 47 (Avg:45)



The following photographs from the St Albans ride have been provided by Stephanie Buckman Photography for publication in this newsletter.

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





**St Albans on the track—Photographs by Stephanie Buckman**





Unfortunately there is no ride report from Bendemeer but there are heaps of photos—courtesy of Sylan Photography. Ride Results are below.

## Ride Name: Bendemeer Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 80.0km Start Date:11/07/2015

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Monica Baffy Chief Steward: Graeme Burchell

### Heavyweight

1	18	Tami Parnell	Junabee Park Shamekha	2	5:36:00	34, 40, 50 (Avg:45)
2	14	John Davidson	Hazeldean Basil	2	6:02:00	39, 46, 58 (Avg:52)
3	12	Roy Barsby	Baranne Spirit	2	6:06:00	44, 42, 58 (Avg:50)
4	24	John Howe	Ashbend Perazzi	2	6:53:00	40, 40, 50 (Avg:45)
5	6	John Robertson	Karabil Asis	2	Lame L2	40, 46, 44 (Avg:45)
6	22	Chris Geddes	Baribo	1	Lame L1	34, 54 (Avg:54)
7	8	Mark Johnson	Sharahd Namaree	1	Lame L1	38, 44 (Avg:44)

### Middleweight

1	19	Emily Streckfuss	Webbs Creek Starlight	2	4:06:00	30, 38, 48 (Avg:43)
2	3	Jolene Cole	Kurrajong Bazinga	2	4:06:30	34, 53, 52 (Avg:52)
3	21	Tracey Hutchinson	Cherox Merlot	2	6:00:00	32, 44, 44 (Avg:44)
4	4	Carol Major	Bradali Najmul Fi Samar	2	6:15:00	32, 42, 40 (Avg:41)
5	7	Lauren Mitchell	Burren-Dah Gidget	1	Withdrawn	L1 36, 42 (Avg:42)
6	20	Jennifer Annetts	Mimosa Ellira		Withdrawn	32

### Lightweight

1	23	Catherine Connors	Incognito	2	5:38:00	30, 48, 46 (Avg:47)
2	13	Clare Fleming	Flemingo Makkaddie	2	5:47:00	40, 50, 55 (Avg:52)
3	25	Leslee Burrell	Larntainey Crystal Girl	2	5:50:00	40, 44, 46 (Avg:45)
4	5	Sue Todd	Shakari Bear	2	6:15:00	40, 50, 58 (Avg:54)
5	16	Zoe Locke	Graciella	2	6:42:00	36, 42, 44 (Avg:43)
6	15	Shannen Thorsby	Newbury Shaklan's Impact	2	Lame L2	36, 46, 46 (Avg:46)
7	17	Elizabeth Moir	Kenya's Gold		Withdrawn	35

### Junior

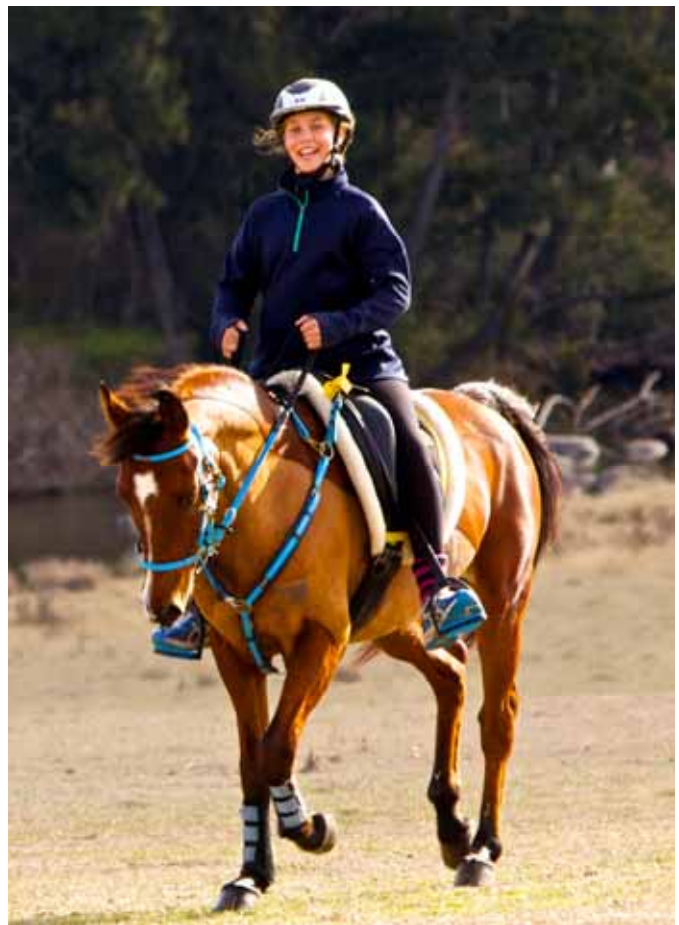
1	9	Isabella Circosta	Ropa Park BellaShakila	2	7:14:00	36, 42, 50 (Avg:46)
1	10	Makayla Circosta	Ropa Park Bella Rastique	2	7:14:00	36, 44, 44 (Avg:44)















**More photos from Bendemeer —courtesy of Sylan Photography.**





# Currowan Endurance Ride Report.

Currowan ride was held on 25 and 26 July 2015 and all went smoothly. The weather leading up to the ride was good with almost 3 inches of rain on the tracks ten days before the ride.

All the tracks were in great condition for the ride with a number of roads being graded beforehand. The creeks were beautiful and the Clyde River, although a bit brown from all the rain, still looked lovely. People commented on the great scenery – bush, rainforest and farmland. What more could an endurance rider want!

The ride base was only 30 metres off the Kings Highway with a tar road right to the gate so everyone was pleased at the easy access into the camp site. The Nelligen cafes, pub and holiday park were only one kilometre away.

We had 96 riders in total, 40 entries in the 80km ride, 24 in the 40km ride, 22 in the 20km ride and the new addition of a 10km ride had 4 riders, although we had 8 people nominate. One person rode their horse in the 10km ride

Saturday afternoon and then fronted up again on the Sunday for the 20km. One horse did the 10km on Saturday and the 80km on Sunday.

First across the line in the main ride was lightweight rider Fia Hasko Stewart riding Brookleigh Shiralee with middleweights Ian Curtis riding Blakes Heaven Summer Wind and sister Anita Ashby riding Lentara Park Heather in a time of 4hrs 42 min.

Lentara Park Heather also did the 10km ride on Saturday with Anita's daughter Tegan riding Heather.



**Above: Evan Drain-Shepherd riding Prince Ibn Alii = 1st HWT 5 hrs 07 mins**

**Below: Robert Catlin riding Copperkahn Tiara = 1st HWT 5 hrs 07 mins**

**Photos: Animal Focus**



Next in were heavyweight riders Evan Drain-Shepherd riding Prince Ibn Alii, Robert Catlin riding Copperkahn Tiara and Clare Feary middleweight riding Die Kinder Junrei in a riding time of 5hrs 7min.

Olivia De Gruchy riding Omriya Raheema was first junior home in a riding time of 5hrs 38 min.

Best Conditioned heavyweight was Robert Catlin riding Copperkahn Tiara, best conditioned middleweight was Clare Feary riding Die Kinder Junrei, best conditioned lightweight was Fia Hasko Stewart riding Brookleigh Shiralee. Olivia De Gruchy





riding Omriya Raheema was best conditioned junior.

This was also the South Coast Zone Championships. Evan Drain-Shepherd and Robert Catlin were equal first heavyweights. Anita Ashby won the middleweight division with Fia Hasko Stewart winning the lightweight division.

A huge thank you to all our vets and volunteers – as you all know, without them there would be no rides.

**First across the line at Currowan was Ian Curtis, Anita Ashby and Fia Hasko Stuart in a time of four hours and 42 minutes.**  
**Below Right: Clare Feary—Best conditioned middleweight rider.**  
**Below Left: Merinda Matthews and Wicketly Good after 20km:**

Also huge thanks to our generous sponsors. Thanks to them we had lots of great prizes. Our raffle, which was drawn on Saturday night at the pre ride, was very popular. We had local seafood platters from Innes Boatshed in Batemans Bay and pizzas from The Steampacket plus much more.



The winter weather was very pleasant with the temperature reaching 18. The wind came up later on Sunday afternoon but it wasn't too cold and seeing the weather over the mountain range we couldn't complain.

Big thanks to Jo Arblaster from Animal Focus Photography taking photos on the weekend

**Our Sponsors: Jon De Le Arabians / Premium Tyre Service Sth Nowra / Currowan Arabians, Harrisons Horse and Rural / Maxisoy / Braidwood Rural / Hiscocks Saddlery Queanbeyan / Landmark Braidwood / Goodwoods Saddlery / Seafood supplied by Innes Boatshed Batemans Bay**



## Currowan Photo Gallery—Photos by Animal Focus



**Olivia De Gruchy riding Qmriya Raheema, 1st JNR 5 hrs 38 mins, with Sue Warren on Razorback Flash - 3rd HWT 5 hrs 38 mins  
Amanda Apperley riding Jon De Le Hazad at Currowan with Charlene Malone on Jon De Le Riffle, 3rd JNR 6 hrs 36 mins**







**Above: Mitch Ravallion riding Avita, 10th MWT, 6 hrs 51 mins**

**Above Left: Ann Garard riding Jasper in the 20kms event**

**Below Left: Merindah Matthews riding Wicketly Good in the 20 kms event**



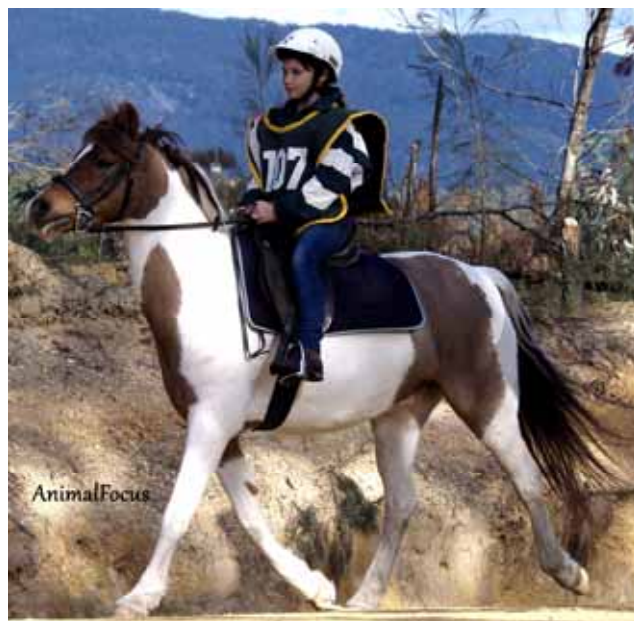
**Above: Alan West leading daughter, Rebekah riding Tollarta, enjoying the 10kms event at Currowan.**

**Left: Jo Davis riding Immortelle, 5th MWT 6 hrs 16 mins**

**Photos: Animal Focus**







Ian Curtis riding Blake's Heaven Summer Wind, = 1st MWT, 4 hrs 42 mins with Fia Hasko-Stewart, 1st LWT, 4 hrs 42 mins  
 Madeline Nickson riding Max in the 20kms event.  
 Peter Norman riding Renbury Brian, 6th HWT 7 hrs 38 mins. Photos: Animal Focus



## 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**





**Above Left: Garry Matthews riding Ssshaardance in the 20kms event**

**Above Right: Irene Adams and Shane D Survivor, 2nd LWT 5 hrs 24 mins**

**Left: Bruce Carter riding Dasharm Zayesha**

**Below: Anita Ashby riding Lentara Park Heather, = 1st MWT 4 hrs 42mins**



# Ride Name: Currowan Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 80.0km Start

Date:25/07/2015

Ride Type: Endurance

Head Vet: Anthony Bennett

Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

## Heavyweight

1	31	Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	2	5:07:00	31, 34, 37 (Avg:35)
1	90	Evan Drain-Shepherd	Prince Ibn Alii	2	5:07:00	39, 43, 41 (Avg:42)
3	24	Sue Warren	Razorback Flash	2	5:38:00	43, 48, 50 (Avg:49)
4	53	Andrew Jonkers	Girilambone Comet	2	7:23:00	36, 39, 45 (Avg:42)
5	17	Stuart Lymbery	Garonne Park Walker	2	7:29:00	27, 45, 50 (Avg:47)
6	37	Peter Norman	Renbury Brian	2	7:38:00	37, 45, 46 (Avg:45)
6	91	Karen Rhodes	Stratfield Ghayth	2	7:38:00	28, 44, 52 (Avg:48)
8	40	Heidi Wade	Pevensey Prosecco	2	Lame L2	31, 42, 37 (Avg:39)
10	87	Alan West	Tollarta	2	Lame L2	36, 40, 52 (Avg:46)
11	51	Graeme Corin	Garonne Park Mission	1	Lame L1	34, 44 (Avg:44)
12	1	Mark Johnson	Sharahd Namaree		Lame	32

## Middleweight

1	86	Anita Ashby	Lentara Park Heather	2	4:42:00	40, 49, 48 (Avg:48)
1	55	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	2	4:42:00	35, 39, 50 (Avg:44)
3	94	Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	2	5:06:00	34, 40, 39 (Avg:39)
4	21	Simon Bain	Akifa Farras Ice	2	5:14:00	42, 44, 46 (Avg:45)
5	46	Jo Davis	Immortelle	2	6:16:00	32, 46, 50 (Avg:48)
6	83	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	6:23:00	32, 38, 42 (Avg:40)
7	49	Marie-Louise	Corin Windsor	2	6:24:00	30, 46, 50 (Avg:48)
8	47	Michaela	Araldi Tina	2	6:49:00	33, 48, 49 (Avg:48)
9	93	Mitchell	Ravallion Avita	2	6:51:00	35, 43, 42 (Avg:42)
10	95	Fiona Meller	Malu Vale Embers	2	6:56:00	28, 45, 43 (Avg:44)
11	92	Anne Lymbery	Mountain Ash Pale Moon	2	7:29:00	36, 40, 47 (Avg:43)
12	18	John Symons	Ruby Rose	2	7:52:00	45, 54, 54 (Avg:54)
12	22	Laurie Taylor	Forest Dale Belle De Jour	2	7:52:00	40, 43, 46 (Avg:44)
14	25	Bruce Carter	Dasharm Zayesha	1	Lame L1	32, 47 (Avg:47)

## Lightweight

1	80	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Brookleigh Shiralee	2	4:42:00	35, 39, 41 (Avg:40)
2	32	Irene Adams	Shane D Survivor	2	5:24:00	31, 45, 50 (Avg:47)
3	82	Adeline Gibson	Blake's Heaven Venus	2	6:23:00	34, 46, 44 (Avg:45)
4	84	Roz Edmunds	Everon Park Apollo	2	6:30:00	28, 38, 47 (Avg:42)
5	38	Shelly Ison	Lulu	2	6:51:00	32, 41, 40 (Avg:40)
6	52	Linda Jonkers	Girilambone Venus	2	7:23:00	36, 51, 48 (Avg:49)
7	45	Monika Ballard	Blake's Heaven Ventura	2	7:55:00	39, 46, 46 (Avg:46)
7	27	Maxine McArthur	Blake's Heaven Dubonnet	2	7:55:00	32, 45, 40 (Avg:42)
8	6	Amanda Apperley	Jon De Le Hazad	2	Lame L2	35, 44, 46 (Avg:45)

## Junior

1	43	Olivia De Gruchy	Qmriya Raheema	2	5:38:00	33, 37, 43 (Avg:40)
2	54	Celia Hodgson	Blake's Heaven Carousel	2	6:23:00	36, 44, 50 (Avg:47)
3	9	Charlene Malone	Jon De Le Riffle	2	6:36:00	34, 45, 46 (Avg:45)
4	85	Gabrielle Worth	Douglas	2	7:03:00	30, 42, 50 (Avg:46)



## 2015 Endurance NSW State Championships Glen William, Hunter Valley October 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2015



### Entries

Competitor entries for the 2015 NSW State Championships is via [trybooking.com.au](http://trybooking.com.au). Simply google or visit the Try-Booking website ([www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au)) and search for "Endurance NSW State Championships".

Links are also available on the Endurance NSW website and Facebook group.  
Late Entry fees will apply from September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Base and Camping

The Ride base is located at 87 Pinebrush (some maps call it "Pine Brush") Road, Glen William 2321 on the Williams River in the picturesque Hunter Valley. The ride base will be sign posted from Clarence Town. It is recommended to avoid the Singleton to Gresford road if coming from the New England Highway and detour via Maitland – it is actually quicker and a lot better road!

The Campsite will be open from Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

A canteen will run all weekend ( Friday Dinner through to Monday Breakfast/Brunch)

For those staying before these days Clarence Town (8km) and Dungog (15km) has a number of takeaway and Dinning options.

A trade village will be open all weekend and showers will be available.

Firewood will be available for purchase over the weekend for \$15 per bag. All campfires must be contained in drums.

### The Ride

The 160km State Championships event will be over 5 legs Gate into Hold style vetting. It will start at 3am (Daylight saving time).

The leg distances are approx.

- 45km
- 35km
- 35km
- 30km
- 15km

The course uses private property and public roads, gravel roads, open paddocks, fire trails and minimal tar with large verges.

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities still exists for the 2015 NSW State Championships please contact Ros Ryan [roslynr@ecopost.com.au](mailto:roslynr@ecopost.com.au) 0418 848 019. Zone 6 wishes to thank all rug sponsors, a full list of these wonderful businesses, clubs and individuals is available on the Endurance NSW website and Facebook page. Rugs will be presented in all division to 5<sup>th</sup> place and Best Conditioned

We would in particular like to thank Endurance NSW, Tamworth and Districts Endurance Club, Al Jeda Arabians and Starbursts.

### Teams Event

D'Lua Park have kindly donated some wonderful prizes for the teams event, entry costs \$20 and consists of 4 riders. Endurance NSW is also hosting a State v State teams event



## NSW State Championship continued:

### More Information

Endurance NSW Facebook Group

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

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## ***NSWERA State Championship Teams Event***

NSWERA is running a State Of Origin teams event at our State Championships this year. We are inviting other states to send one team each to compete in this restricted event. NSWERA is therefore calling for nominations to represent NSW at our State Championships. The team will consist of 5 horse and rider combinations, 4 riders for the team and 1 reserve. The team will comprise of at least 1 from each MW and HW.

Any current NSWERA Ordinary or Junior member may nominate. NSWERA will also be inviting individual rider and horse combinations. All nominations must be made on the application form found on the website and must reach the NSWERA International/Team Portfolio Alamdar Dastani ([alamdardastani@hotmail.com](mailto:alamdardastani@hotmail.com)) no later than midnight on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

Nominations will be considered by the NSWERA State Management Committee (SMC) with reference to the Selection Considerations as shown in the form. The team will be announced on the NSWERA website following the meeting of the SMC on September 3rd, 2015.

### **Riders in the Social ride at the Currowan ride.**



## **SHAHZADA 2015**

### **The 35th Shahzada is over, bring on SHAHZADA 2016.....**



The weather forecast for the 35th Shahzada looked like it was to be a repeat of last year but the MacDonald Valley seemed to fare better than a lot of the State during the week. There was some rain on Sunday but everyone was in their camps and we all thought that would be good for the tracks so the 67 riders started on Monday and all was going well until the most awful hail/thunderstorm hit on Monday afternoon when most of the riders were going up McKechnies - it was a real test of endurance!! However, the weather was beautiful for the rest of the week and with some re-arranged camping most people were happy.

The fastest time of 34.08 was taken out by Marion Lengronne on Kalkadoon Vienna and Matthew Gadsby on Ra Silver Dancer while four horse and rider combinations were called up for the Best Managed/Best Conditioned Award - Stuart Lymbery and Garonne Park Walker, Nigel Colefax and Evening Star, Jodie Luck and Lindall Alabaska and Gail Fisher and Arasarta Naharlinian with the winner of the Best Managed/Best Conditioned Award being Stuart Lymbery and Garonne Park Walker. Stuart also achieved his 10th Shahzada buckle at this year's Shahzada. The full results are on the Shahzada website [www.shahzada400.com](http://www.shahzada400.com) with different photos thanks to Animal Focus and Main Event.

The Shahzada teams event was taken out by Slick Chicks with trophies from the Knihinicki Family, photo from Animal Focus as well as a book from the Arabian Horse Society and was made up of Gail Fisher on Arasarta Naharlinian, Bonnie Robinson on Forest Dale Dream Catcher, Julie Brooks on Aloha Byshara and Margie Boland on Rosebrae Amber. The mystery teams event was won by Snakes Alive (prizes donated by Dixon Smith) - Linda Logan on Willow Valley Dartanyan, Peter Bice on Georgie Girl, Kaliaan Curtis on Blake's Heaven Carousel and John Howe on Ashbend Perazzi.

The Oldest Rider to complete was Karen Rhodes who also achieved an amazing 20th Shahzada buckle riding Stratfield Ghayth, the Youngest Rider was Isobel Foster who also took out the Steve Locke Award, the Furthest Travelled award went to Trish Smith on Beaucheval Akhiran from Tasmania and the Last Rider to Complete was John Howe on Ashbend Perazzi - these awards were donated by the Knihinicki Family.

There were 68 entrants in the Mini Marathon which was held over three days of 40kms per day and gave riders and horses the opportunity to get the taste of marathon riding with the idea that they will take up the challenge next year and attempt the 400 km Shahzada.....41 riders were successful.

The teams event sponsored by the Knihinicki Family was Two Hens, Two Chicks made up of Makayla Circosta on Ropa Park Bella Rastique, Isabella Circosta on Ropa Park Bella Shaleila, Allison Knihinicki on Ky and Renee Kirk on Garnee Full Throttle and the Mystery Teams event sponsored by Main Event was Shades of Graii made up of Annabelle Cummins on The Byzantine Diamonds, Isobella Circosta on Ropa Park Bella Shaleila, Gavin Peacock on Chop Chop and Renee Kirk on Garnee Full Throttle.

Huge thank you to the Chief Steward, Dorte Colja and Vets Kym Hagon, Rhys Duncan, Georgie Sheridan and Albert Sole and to the overwhelming number of volunteers - a full list will be in the next newsletter with more photos.

Shahzada is put together by a small committee and crew as well as a large number of dedicated volunteers and lovers of our sport of endurance....some of whom were there up to ten days prior to the event to help erecting tents and gazebos, clearing campsites, putting water up in those mountains, marking the course, sorting out pumps and water in base and staying on to TPR, timekeep, sit on gates, help in the office and pencil for the vets and run books back and forth - thank you to everyone involved in the success of the 2015 Shahzada.





**Top Left: Matthew Gadsby riding Ra Silver Dancer (1st HWT)**

**Top Right: Marion Lengronne and Kalkadoon Vienna (1st MWT)**

**Karen Rhodes and 'Billy' take a breather at the top of the Steps (achieving Karen's 20th Shahzada buckle). Legend.**

**These Shahzada Photos courtesy of Animal Focus**







**Above: The Greys have it! Caroline Windle, Marion Lengronne, Matthew Gadsby, Isabel Foster and Carol Major pleased to make it home on Friday afternoon.**

**Below: The Jones family enjoyed the Mini Marathon.**

**Photos: Animal Focus**







**Above: Julie Brooks with Aloha Byshara (2nd LWT) and Nigel Colefax and Evening Star (3rd HWT)**  
**Below: Cherry Cummins and Winter Hill Alice (3rd LWT) show what a real trot-out looks like!**







**Above: Ian Dreghorn and Ausden Nile Prins with Geraldine Stuart and Espirit Jet, enjoying a burst of speed in the Mini Marathon. Below: Caroline Windle and Sarina Rosetta (also joined the Friday Club)**





## Ride Name: Shahzada Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 400.0km

Start Date:24/08/2015

Ride Type: Marathon

Head Vet: Kym Bonham

Chief Steward: Dorte Colja

### Heavyweight

1	83	Matthew Gadsby	Ra Silver Dancer	34:08:00
2	41	Robert Catlin	Copperkahn Tiara	37:07:00
3	6	Nigel Colefax	Evening Star	37:18:00
4	25	Stuart Lymbery	Garonne Park Walker	42:31:00
5	80	Jody Smith	Tarjo Ace of Hearts	45:30:00
6	45	Karen Rhodes	Stratfield Ghayth	49:09:00
7	55	John Howe	Ashbend Perazzi	49:39:00
	82	Rob Vlaanderen	Castlebar Djara	Lame L10
	43	Steve Broadbent	Glendhu Moonshine	Withdrawn L8
	74	Heather Nagle	Ejen Park Summer Tango	Lame L7
	50	Phil Coleman	Rainbows Reach Snowfyre	Metabolics L6
	1	Charles Gauci	Charleville Jack	Withdrawn L3
	81	Tarrant Smith	Castlebar Temeraire	Lame L3
	18	Sue Warren	Razorback Flash	Lame L3
	29	Rod Mitchell	Aloha Tribal Warrior	Lame L1

### Middleweight

1	85	Marion Lengronne	Kalkadoon Vienna	34:08:00
2	47	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	37:09:00
3	4	Carol Major	Saradon	39:44:00
4	15	Fiona Meller	Malu Vale Embers	42:45:00
5	9	Gail Fisher	Arasarta Narhalinian	43:43:00
6	71	Peter Bice	Georgie Girl	44:32:00
7	13	Jodie Luck	Lindall Alabaska	45:30:00
8	65	Bonnie Robinson	Forest Dale Dream Catcher	46:09:00
9	63	Jenny Berg	AM Reigning Bianca	46:37:00
10	37	Louise McCormack	Kintamani Silver Eclipse	49:08:00
	3	Jennifer Gilbertson	Windaroo Devina Glamour	Metabolics L10
	34	Margaret Boland	Rosebrae Amber	Lame L8
	49	Jennifer Rogers	Burren-dah Gladiator	Lame L8
	87	Ian Curtis	Blake's Heaven Summer Wind	Lame L7
	75	Cheryl Strachan	Kintamani Sapphire	Withdrawn L7
	35	Victoria Bonham	Bridle Track Bogart	Lame L6
	64	Dean Walkom	Santander Aladdin	Withdrawn L6
	78	Tracy Broadbent	Splendacrest Grouse	Withdrawn L5
	79	Melanie Anderson	Ausden Kon Tiki	Lame L4
	21	Tayla Warren	Warren Park O.B. One	Lame L4
	44	Clare Feary	Die Kinder Junrei	Metabolics L3
	22	Nicole Smith	Skittles	Lame L3
	8	Jane Davidson	Splendacrest Zafire	Withdrawn L2
	68	Robert Masters	Sharwood Sinai	Withdrawn L2
	26	Ruth Van der Wegen	Aloha Ameer	Lame L2
	99	Colleen Clancy	Kadimah Park Hamelech	Withdrawn

### Lightweight

1	67	Kaliana Curtis	Blake's Heaven Carousel	37:13:00
2	42	Julie Brooks	Aloha Byshara	37:39:00
3	39	Cherry Cummins	Winter Hill Alice	38:34:00
4	88	Victoria Bice	Webbs Creek Cattle Baron	44:32:00
5	14	April Newman	Tarnette	45:54:00
6	69	Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic	Marneross Zameel	46:31:00
7	96	Shannon Hill	Burren-dah Narla	48:00:00
8	36	Trish Smith	Beaucheval Akhiran	49:37:00
	23	Irene Adams	Shane D Survivor	Lame L10
	57	Fia Hasko-Stewart	Brookleigh Shiralee	Lame L10
	58	Caroline Windle	Sarina Rosetta	Lame L10
	51	Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	Lame L9
	12	Shannen Thorsby	Kamikaze Jacob	Withdrawn L8

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2 Cathy Ferguson  
61 Christal Rizk  
46 Louise Stevens  
11 Sue Todd  
30 Linda Logan  
16 Rachel McLarty  
77 Virginia Dodson  
54 Allix Jones  
48 Carol Layton

#### Junior

1 53 Isabel Foster  
10 Josephine Jansen  
31 Tahlia Franke  
20 Harrison Berg

Neswuet Silver Flame  
Silver Raider  
Blake's Heaven Dubonnet  
Shalacey Bear  
Willow Valley Dartanyan  
Narrawin Shareefa  
Qmriya Raheema  
Al Marah Gypsy Red  
Omani Mr Sqiggle

Lame L6  
Lame L6  
Lame L5  
Lame L5  
Withdrawn L4  
Lame L3  
Lame L1  
Met non-inv L1  
Lame L1

Sharabel Kalarney 43:15:00  
Zulu's Dark Angel Lame L7  
Mountain Breeze Mingha Lame L5  
Mahazin Bronze Azar Lame L2



#### Photographs by Animal Focus

**Left: Stuart Lymbery tails Garonne Park Walker up the Steps to place 4th HWT and win Best Managed Horse overall.**

**Below Left: Trish Smith and Beaucheval Akhiran came from Tasmania to give it their best shot again! Photo: Animal Focus**

**Below Right: Injured after a fall early in the week, Sharon Foster gives daughter Isabel and Sharabel Kalarney a hug after she won the Steve Locke award and placed 1st Junior at her first Shahzada.**





## September 2015

13	<b>Woodstock</b> 80/40/30 \$95/\$55/\$30 + \$5 camping	Linda Jonkers 63429238 0407663314 <a href="mailto:lerc3@outlook.com">lerc3@outlook.com</a>	4
19 & 20	<b>Kiwarra</b> 80/ 2x40/ 2x20km \$TBA	Jennifer Caslick 0427764107 <a href="mailto:jenny.caslick@hotmail.com">jenny.caslick@hotmail.com</a>	6
27	<b>National Capital Brookvale</b> 50/40/30/20/10km \$60/\$55/\$40/\$30&\$20	Gertraud Norton 62271378 or 0427 617114 <a href="mailto:gertraudnorton@bigpond.com">gertraudnorton@bigpond.com</a>	4

## October 2015

3,4&5	<b>NSW State Championship – Glen William</b> 160/80km \$TBA	Brad Dillon 0400314629 enq. Sonya Ruprecht 65538640 entries <a href="mailto:dsruprecht@westnet.com.au">dsruprecht@westnet.com.au</a>	6
8	<b>Burruga Copper Challenge – Burruga</b> 80km/40km \$TBA	Jacque Wright 0427031331 <a href="mailto:jacquelwright@gmail.com">jacquelwright@gmail.com</a>	4
24&25	<b>2015 Equestrian Australia Endurance Champs</b> FEI160***/120**/80*&AERA 90/40km \$350/\$250/ \$100/\$50	Robyn Parnell 0418248142 <a href="mailto:gleninnesendurance@gmail.com">gleninnesendurance@gmail.com</a>	6

## November 2015

1	<b>Neville Endurance</b> 80/40/20km \$95/\$55/\$35 + \$5 camping	Marjorie Trudgett 0499549877 <a href="mailto:nevilleride@outlook.com">nevilleride@outlook.com</a>	4
22	<b>Scenic City –Canberra</b> (Sat 40/20/10km) (Sun 80/40/20km) \$90/\$50/\$30/\$20	Fia Hasko-Stewart 62897348 Adeline Gibson 0411 058 855 <a href="mailto:blakesheavenhorses@gmail.com">blakesheavenhorses@gmail.com</a> .	4

## February 2016

6	<b>NSW ERA Annual General Meeting</b>	Sonya Ruprecht 02 6553 8640 Email: <a href="mailto:nswera@westnet.com.au">nswera@westnet.com.au</a>	
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## March 2016

12&13	<b>Zone One Training Ride Weekend</b> 2x40km/ 2x20km/ 2x5km	Greg Moore 0419692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
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## April 2016

16-17	<b>Tooraweenah-</b> 80/40/20/7km \$90/\$50/\$30/\$20	Sonia Bonham 68485345 <a href="mailto:gavinandsonia@bigpond.com">gavinandsonia@bigpond.com</a>	2
24	<b>Gundagai –</b> 80/40km \$100/\$55	Rick Owen 69441628	4

## May 2016

1	<b>Q60</b> - 100/40/20/5km	Greg Moore 0419692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
14-15	<b>Mudgee Ray Gooley Memorial Ride</b> - 80/40/20KM \$TBA	Mette Sutton 63724960 or Rochelle Knihinicki 0400308626 <a href="mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com">mette.sutton@bigpond.com</a>	2
21&22	<b>Wingello Forest Ride</b> 80km/62-42km/20/10/5km \$110(Jnr\$85) / \$65/ \$45	Bec Hogan 0412600173 <a href="mailto:bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au">bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au</a>	5

## July 2016

3	<b>St.Albans</b> 100/40/20/5km	Greg Moore 0419692070 <a href="mailto:gregoryamoore@hotmail.com">gregoryamoore@hotmail.com</a>	1
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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

**Rhonda Locke and Graciella enjoy dress-up day Thursday at Shahzada**  
**Photo: Animal Focus**





## Ride Name: Shahzada Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 120.0km

Start Date:25/08/2015

Ride Type: Mini Marathon

Head Vet: Kym Bonham

Chief Steward: Dorte Colja

Marion Grove	Wickwood Domanic	12:03:00	30, 38, 38, 36 (Avg:37)
Linda Jonkers	Girilambone Venus	12:11:00	38, 48, 39, 37 (Avg:41)
Erica Allan	Kaminya	12:28:00	36, 54, 40, 40 (Avg:44)
Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	12:34:00	34, 42, 41, 49 (Avg:44)
Maureen Feltham	Fenwick Razoul	13:05:00	34, 40, 44, 42 (Avg:42)
Stephen Bennett	Aloha Zac	13:23:00	34, 44, 45, 48 (Avg:45)
Matthew Dunne	Holly	13:30:00	28, 37, 43, 37 (Avg:39)
Sarah Lymbery	Mountain Ash Pale Moon	13:35:00	40, 47, 44, 40 (Avg:43)
Rhonda Locke	Graciella	14:18:00	30, 39, 43, 44 (Avg:42)
Allison Knihinicki	Ky	14:52:00	28, 48, 45, 38 (Avg:43)
Annabelle Cummins	The Byzantine Diamonds	14:56:00	38, 42, 41, 33 (Avg:38)
Emily Streckfuss	Churinga Lite Mi Fire	14:56:00	34, 50, 54, 49 (Avg:51)
Renee Kirk	Garnee Full Throttle	15:02:00	36, 44, 48, 50 (Avg:47)
Christian Vlahos	Torryburn Tahluga	15:10:00	35, 47, 45, 42 (Avg:44)
Renee Schneider	Badia Just Rosie	15:21:00	32, 39, 39, 39 (Avg:39)
Dieter Schuelein	Shiraz	15:21:00	33, 45, 45, 42 (Avg:44)
Leisa Courtman	Aloha Sparks	15:22:00	36, 40, 39, 34 (Avg:37)
Annette Gifford	Especial's Sun	15:28:00	35, 55, 52, 53 (Avg:53)
Adele Gifford	Porcelyn Bey	15:28:00	34, 51, 48, 52 (Avg:50)
Isabella Circosta	Ropa Park BellaShakila	15:30:00	31, 34, 33, 36 (Avg:34)
Makayla Circosta	Ropa Park Bella Rastique	15:30:00	36, 48, 39, 46 (Avg:44)
Cherie Causby	Oak-Glen Firefly	16:14:00	32, 43, 42, 47 (Avg:44)
Geraldine Stuart	Espirit Jet	16:23:00	36, 45, 44, 40 (Avg:43)
Lisa Loranger	Coolahlee Park Shaman	16:43:00	48, 41, 43, 46 (Avg:43)
Ian Dregghorn	Ausden Nile Prins	16:59:00	34, 51, 48, 42 (Avg:47)
Pamela Cox	Al Marah Heyho Silver	17:07:00	32, 46, 45, 42 (Avg:44)
Elaine Kirby	Turingal Park Nicholas	17:27:00	37, 39, 45, 46 (Avg:43)
Yvonne Hicks	Outriders Caruso	18:01:00	32, 47, 54, 47 (Avg:49)
Emily Jillett	Homeleigh Aden	18:01:00	32, 53, 49, 48 (Avg:50)
Anthony Parker	Mindari Ace High	18:05:00	30, 48, 38, 42 (Avg:42)
Janine Warner	All Aglow At Webbscreek	18:05:00	40, 45, 53, 49 (Avg:49)
Dianne Luker	Topline Jetstar	18:11:00	40, 43, 40, 48 (Avg:43)
Rachael Barnett	Shady	18:35:00	31, 47, 40, 40 (Avg:42)
Jolene Cole	Baribo	18:43:00	36, 49, 43, 40 (Avg:44)
Chris Geddes	Ali-Mae Spa	18:43:00	40, 48, 49, 46 (Avg:47)
Lainie Ray	Diamond R Turbo	19:07:00	36, 49, 48, 51 (Avg:49)
Allix Jones	Velona Ollie	19:12:00	33, 52, 51, 47 (Avg:50)
Emma Quilter	Performance Park Indiana	20:00:00	32, 48, 50, 42 (Avg:46)
Brad Jones	KazooPark Lui Da Fly	20:12:00	33, 55, 43, 42 (Avg:46)
Wendy Jones	Shellal Blue	20:13:00	30, 42, 38, 38 (Avg:39)
Jennie Chick	Helen of Troy	20:15:00	33, 49, 47, 46 (Avg:47)
Nathan Kerrison	The Terminator	Withdrawn L3	41, 50, 41, 40 (Avg:43)
Brian Stott	Sahra Sarab	Withdrawn L3	40, 45, 42, 44 (Avg:43)
Allan Caslick	Askari's Harmony	Lame L2	39, 52, 46 (Avg:49)
Raelene French	Cudglebar Olympic Gold	Back L2	30, 43, 42 (Avg:42)
Meri Lategan	Malvern Lady Clara	Lame L2	30, 43, 40 (Avg:41)
Tracey Morley	Aloha Karina	Lame L2	52, 53, 45 (Avg:49)
Camilla Pattison	Malvern Copperfield	Withdrawn L2	37, 50, 41 (Avg:45)
Ray Rhodes	Botusa Park Aswad	Withdrawn L2	30, 40, 42 (Avg:41)
Melanie Scott	Aloha Fabius	Metabolics L2	32, 37, 46 (Avg:41)
Annette Bailey	Bullio Frequent Flyer	Withdrawn L1	34, 38 (Avg:38)
Jo-Anne Bailey	Churinga Summer Afire	Withdrawn L1	37, 44 (Avg:44)
Lee Curtis	Suncrest Kadenza	Metabolics L1	24, 42 (Avg:42)
Tania Drever	Castlebar Ego	Withdrawn L1	32, 47 (Avg:47)

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Ann English	Cinbel-A-Chanele	Withdrawn L1	36, 36 (Avg:36)
Steve Finnane	Reggae Man	Heart Rate L1	28, 64 (Avg:64)
Lana Finnane	Malibu	Lame L1	40, 50 (Avg:50)
Sharon Foster	Newbury Amireeka	Withdrawn L1	38, 40 (Avg:40)
Elizabeth Grima	Magic Glenn Lumiah	Lame L1	38, 41 (Avg:41)
Zoe Locke	Espirit Candyman	Lame L1	36, 54 (Avg:54)
Greg Moore	Parkview Armageddon	Heart Rate L1	32, 72 (Avg:72)
Louise Piddington	Dani California	Withdrawn L1	30, 40 (Avg:40)
Mette Sutton	Tuldar Tully	Lame L1	38, 51 (Avg:51)
Helen Thompson	Impi	Metabolics L1	27, 55 (Avg:55)
Denise Trollope	Churinga Flyer	Withdrawn L1	38, 49 (Avg:49)
Garry Weis	Suncrest Salaam	Heart Rate L1	35, 61 (Avg:61)
Jennifer Caslick	Khaleem De-Rothbury	Lame	34
Madeline Cotton	Kurrency Mi	Withdrawn	

### Synopsis of the Minutes of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Committee meeting held at the Richmond Club in Richmond on 19 June 2015 commencing at 6.12

**Present:** Emily Streckfuss (Chair), Tony Warren, John Howe, Simon Bain, , Alamdar Dastani, Charlie Gauci, Brad Dillon, Roy Barsby, Deanna Trevena, Belinda Hopley, Jack (Mark) Johnson,

**Apologies:** Greg Moore, Gertraud Norton, Jacque Wright

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (minutes), Neil Clarkson (6.34 part meeting), Sonya Ruprecht, Helen Lindsay (6.44 part meeting)

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Brad Dillon – NSW State Championship ride.

#### **Acceptance of minutes of meeting held on 27 March 2015**

Jack wanted to know where the process for compiling the minutes came from. He said the documents are distributed with amendments coming in with changes being made before the meeting whereas the amendments should come back to the meeting for discussion. If there is a query your minutes cannot be relied on as a true and correct record of the meetings. Jack said that this is illegitimate and he would like this noted in the minutes. Jack says that in his opinion the minutes are not a true and accurate record of what happens at a meeting. Do we want a true and accurate record? Jack said that he does not accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Jack would like the reasons why he left the room at that meeting noted.

**MOVED** Jack Johnson, Tony Warren  
**THAT** Point 106 page 5 of the minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2015 be changed to reflect that Jack's opposition to being asked to leave the room was not noted. Jack opposed leaving the room. Jack said he was not provided with an explanation as to why he was asked to leave.

**Carried** Unanimous

It was pointed out that the usual practice with the minutes was that small corrections and obvious mistakes were changed outside a meeting.

Usually nothing more than typos, incorrect names, things like that. If there were any major amendments suggested, they were brought to the next meeting for discussion. On occasion a draft set of minutes is sent out. A final copy of the March minutes was distributed just before tonight's meeting. It is that document which is now up for approval. This document was sent to everyone on the SMC.

**MOVED** John Howe, Simon Bain  
**THAT** the minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2015 be accepted

**Carried** The motion was carried by majority vote. Jack Johnson said he did not accept the minutes.

#### **Meeting with Jenny Frankum and Frank Kelleher, PCA NSW, regarding MoU**

Ms Frankum and Mr Kelleher attended the meeting at 6.33. They were welcomed by Emily on behalf of the NSW ERA.

Sharing of information would be the main exchange between the two groups. Pony Club [PC] members used to do a 40km ride for their K certificate but that is no longer compulsory, it is optional. Jack asked if the Pony Club provided the 40km ride that they used to do. Yes, the PC did organize its own ride. Stopped around 5 years ago. Lots of children go to their C Certificate. The next certificates which includes K needs a bit more persuasion to get children to move on up.

With a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU], would it be that if there were children who wanted to do a K Certificate, the PC people would encourage them to contact NSW ERA. Query as to whether the PC Association has a newsletter, yes, they do. They have a website. They offered to put a link through to NSW ERA if that is what we wished. Yes, we would like that. Could the PC calendar be linked into our calendar? This would be possible but we need to avoid the calendar being overcrowded so possibly only include rides that would be of interest to PC members. A MOU is what we are really talking about. The PC is not



looking for any obligations, just an understanding. For instance if they had a State endurance event, the PC would be looking for help and guidance to get this up and running. They already have dressage involvement, state showjumping, camp drafting etc. Would be good to add Endurance. 180 to 200 for show riding down to 120 for eventing. It really depends on where the event is held. More in the metro area than the country area.

Query as to how they cope with child protection. With the PC, riders are under the care of their parents. There is a draft of policies that have been implemented over the years. Policies from photography to all aspects of child welfare. The PC adults have all done the Working with Children Certificate.

If they were looking at a State Championship, would the PC be holding events throughout the year? Yes, they would. The first step would be to get kids interested now. The PC is looking for a link to get started in endurance. The PC would like to get kids to spend a lot of time with their ponies and they currently don't.

Jack said to keep things simple, he personally has an interest in having these people here as we need to grow our base. How do we do that in cooperation with you?

With the EI problems, a lot of PC riders dropped out of the PC but we now have huge numbers of kids under 10 or 11. In a few years' time, they may want to do other things with their ponies. 5km ride, 10km ride and then start stepping up.

Jack said what would they like to see from us? Reply we need to look at this meeting as a good will thing. If you have MOUs, it helps with government bodies towards possible funding. It would strengthen our position.

Jack asked what actions would you like us to participate in? At this stage they would simply like to explore NSW SMCs reaction asking the question: would we be interested in a MOU? The PC has around 13,000 members. A lot of those kids have moved on to Polo Cross and no longer go to PC.

Jack asked if there is a draft MOU. Yes, there was one sent out to NSW ERA last year. There is one with RDA, The Stock Horse Society, an MOU went out to about 15 horse groups. Query as to whether they asked the Arabian Society. Not sure about this.

The PC people are meeting with other groups to discuss the idea of a MOU.

In July NSW ERA is running social rides of 5 and 20 at St Albans. Jenny and Frank were invited to come along and have a look. Riders don't have to be a member of the Association as riders can join as Day Members.

Discussing insurance, would the PC insurance be

transferable? Yes, it could be if the endurance social rides were included in the PC curriculum. On the other hand, Aon would want endurance insurance as well. Would need to pursue this further.

Jenny Frankum and Frank Kelleher left the meeting at 7:02. Frank is with Zone 19 and he will check to see if anyone is interested in going to St Albans to have a look see in July.

It was noted that those who were present at this meeting were all in favour of pursuing this idea. We should send a letter of thanks to the participants

Jack asked if we should appoint someone to liaise with the PC people. It was noted that Gertraud was currently doing this.

Jack was asked if he wants to join Gertraud in pursuing this matter with the PC people. Emily would like to see this matter move forward. Ask Gertraud to pursue this matter further as this meeting was fruitful.

Jack queried whether Gertraud was the right person to handle this matter as she lives in Canberra. Charlie said he would be happy to work on this as would Tony. Jack could also help. Tony has had lots of experience with the PC.

Hold this over as a standing item for the next meeting.

#### **TQ15 – Wash Up**

Helen Lindsay (7.44) and Neil Clarkson arrived at 7.36.

Well marked course, plenty of water, ride base was pretty smooth bit of a problem with bibs not turning up.

As far as accounts go, way too early to tell. Merchandise flying out the door. Neil cannot guess where we would be at. Extra \$10,000 for buckles. Jack asked how Kennards could increase the cost of the toilets. Instead of \$6000 it was \$12,000. Heaters in the big top – extra expense. Just too early to tell. Bought 20 water tubs which were impossible to clean. A lot of bills for unexpected things. Were \$33,000 ahead but way too early to talk about accounts yet.

Big screen – what happened with that? Bit disappointing. Two problems. There have been complaints about the big screen itself. About 200 logged to the Internet but couldn't view the ride, but only 5 people had their payment refunded. The view was that if only one person could see it then the providers believe that it isn't their problem. According to the big screen providers, the fact that 199 couldn't see the event has nothing to do with the big screen provider. The streaming overseas was better than in Australia.

Ride results – leader board was a problem. That's what NSW ERA paid the computer programmer for

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but we were not getting the information from WICEN. They just weren't doing the job properly. WICEN only seemed to concentrate on the leaders. They did it their own way despite what they were asked to do. They were in Shahzada mode, they were not interested in what is basically a race.

The leaderboard program – we don't have the bill yet. The program will belong to NSW ERA. It will then be available to any ride organizer for a fee.

The leaderboard worked well. It was WICEN that let the TQ15 committee down.

\$25,000 was paid for the big screen. It could have had extra camera crew but it would have cost more. There were three or four firsts in Australia done at Del Rio.

The TQ15 came back as a subcommittee of NSW ERA. Had it been put out to tender, it would not have run as well as it did. If another individual committee had run it they would have been interested only in the bottom line. As it was, it was run as a subcommittee of NSW ERA.

Charlie said we need to learn from the running of the TQ15. Someone else is running Victoria Quilty and they probably wouldn't be interested in someone from NSW going down and advising them on how to run their ride. Agree that the wheel needs to be discussed at AERA level.

Brad asked about payment to the AERA. Neil said figures are not currently available. Brad said money is due on 14 June. Neil has spoken to Mel about this. AERA is running short of cash. Neil – has not seen a bill from AERA. Still need to work out how much should be deducted from the AERA.

Brad and Neil discussing figures and the payment of various accounts, who pays for what. Until the TQ15 gets its accounts sorted, no money is going out. Neil has been instructed not to pay any money to AERA until NSW ERA is paid. The accounts need to be finalized first. This could be a couple of weeks away.

Discussing signs that were used for the TQ15. Some of them were damaged. They could be used for the State Ride.

Neil was asked if he could prepare a TQ15 equipment log. Various tubs and some from the Shahzada were stolen overnight. Some of the flags were stolen as well.

Alam said there were sponsorships complaints. Sponsorship was with the AERA – Neil asked for paperwork for the booklet and it wasn't received on time. Problems were with the AERA not with NSW ERA or with Neil. The paperwork was not received in time for the booklet and that is the fault of the AERA. There were problems with the food which caused problems with the presentations. Various problems with a stall holder selling coffee. The arrangement with Del Rio was that they would supply all food for the event. Discussing D-Lua

Park decision regarding the NSW Newsletter. John will write to him after consultation with Bec Hogan.

Jack asked if the riding bibs arrived? Neil said they were never made. They were coming via Canada via Pakistan. We are expecting money back. The Canadian company is refunding money. Ended up using the Wingello bibs. They were the only ones without sponsorship logos.

### **First Place Appeal**

Neil said it was very unfair to have a protest right on presentation. Jack said he knew of it the night before. Neil said it only came to the committee attention just before presentation. He said he had worked for three years for this event and he then had to miss the best bit, the presentation. The main thing was ruined because of one person's protest. All the evidence at the meeting pointed to there being no case to answer. Charlie has video footage of the event in question. It will be handed to the AERA. Charlie said he feels the matter was solved on the day. Charlie suggests it go to the AERA. The protest was settled and therefore it should be over and done with.

### **2015 NSWERA State Championships**

Brad apologized in that he forgot his USB stick. The ride is coming along well. Committee is keen and moving forward. Started looking at tracks. Should have something to present to the next meeting. Anyone who wants to ride the track, please come on up. Has secured the ride base at Glen William. Will be held on the long weekend in October.

Buckles – need to be discussed. John commented on this and put forward a proposal. If we used the same supplier for all buckles, we could use this for all ride buckles which could lead to the best possible price.

### **MOVED THAT**

John Howe, Jack Johnson  
NSW ERA becomes the initial purchaser of NSW State Championship buckles. The NSW ERA will then hold a stock of buckles that it will sell to each year's State Championship Committee, on a needs basis.

**Carried** Unanimous with Brad Dillon abstaining.

Discussing the idea that if NSW ERA purchased the buckles, and State Rides being run by individual committees, we would need to ensure that State Ride buckles were purchased from NSW ERA only. This needs to be discussed at the next SMC meeting. The whole State Ride Agreement needs to be rejigged. **Agenda item** for next meeting: Agreement for running the State Championship.

Money made at Championship rides does not come back to the members in any way. The committee running the ride, currently takes any profit.

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Possibly consider that State Rides receive seed money and not a gift - which is the current position. Any money from NSW ERA should come back to the NSW ERA.

Jack suggested that if you are going to do one ride, you should do it for all rides. Do the whole exercise and see where it takes us. Get some people with open minds to come back to the SMC with suggestions. General discussion between Charlie and Jack concerning the funding of rides. The discussion returned to the State Ride and the amount of money involved. General discussion continued on for some time. No resolution was reached.

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

Membership to date: Adult 409, Junior 46, Associate 20, Honorary 6. Total 510. Newsletter 224.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Had the question asked – is it mandatory that 5, 10 & 20km rides be entered into aerospace? - I know for really huge rides this task is very time consuming. Just wanted to ask the SMC what my answer should be. **Hold over until next meeting.**

Volunteers Draw – needs to be done. Chief Steward: Bindi Reinhold. Helpers Draw: Gerrard Morison, Ken Sandford, Troy Thomas, Monique Kaleth, Teagan Stuart

Need to look at late emails that are coming in to meetings. Perhaps they should be held over to the next meeting.

### **RIDE BOOKINGS FOR APPROVAL**

Gundagai 24/4/2016 80/40km. **Approved**

Tooraweenah 16-17 /4/2016 80/40/20/7km. Approved

Mudgee 14-15/5/2016 80/40/20km. Approved

Brad would like see special dates for the calendar advertised now. The Quilty will be in October next year.

Easter is the last week in March next year.

Roy said he has had ride secretaries asking for the ride calendar for next year. The rides shown above have traditional ride dates. These rides have been running for years.

Unfortunately the Quilty now has a moving date. The State Ride has a moving date. June long weekend would be great for a State Ride in 2016.

Jack said he believes 100 mile rides should have priority over other rides. We should encourage carnivals with multiple rides on long weekends and Easter. In the past Rick has altered his weekend on request.

Notice for the Newsletter. Call for someone to hold the State Ride in 2016.

Tumut ride is cancelled for 17 and 18 October 2015. Jacque spoke to Brad and she wanted his date. **Approved** pending appropriate paperwork going to Sonya.

### **Youth camp/Newbie weekend**

Deanna outlined the plans for this weekend. She said she had a discussion with Roy. Possibly have it in February or March. October would not be a good time. The Hawkesbury Horse Festival is at Hawkesbury Showground on 13, 14 and 15 November. Perhaps put all our efforts into this for 2015. The original idea was for a youth camp along the lines of what they used to have with the Pony Club. Just the kids and no parents. Kids would have to stand on their own feet and take care of their own ponies. After Christmas the PC thing might be sorted. Deanna could seek interest via the Internet. Where Deanna and Roy are based, is out of the way. Might be better to run the event in the Hawkesbury or around Canberra. Deanna would need to see the local PCs in whatever area was decided to hold the event.

The plan is for a training weekend, an old fashioned type seminar.

Jack – would it be kids only or kids and parents? Roy said that after careful consideration, it would be preferable to have parents. Under 10 they need to be accompanied by a parent. Deanna said they decided it would be open to everybody. Educational weekend for everyone.

Try to generate interest at the Hawkesbury event in November.

The PC people would be interested in a MOU because of government funding. Polo Cross did something right and then got the kids from Pony Club. Alam said there are Youth World Championships coming up. Parents need to be involved because they are paying the bills.

Why not pull in the PC and get them to commit to Deanna's camp. Maybe use a PC ground. Two separate things, a newbie weekend and a weekend with kids.

Newbie weekend – possibly involve kids already riding together with newbies.

**Resolved** that this is a good idea and it should be pursued. Come back to the next meeting with more detailed plans. Tony feels that PC kids are not allowed off the PC grounds. Need budget, venue, format. Jack asked if they have looked at some of the secondary agricultural schools? Roy said they have tried but haven't had any replies.

### **Facebook comments and Code of Conduct**

Alam said Jacque sent an email about this matter. Emily said we have had a lot of emails this year about our members behaving inappropriately. Some comments that should not have been made post TQ15. So far we have let problems with social media run. Do we continue with this or try to put a

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stop to it?

Jack commented on the AERA powers. Jack suggests education. He said you don't own social media, you don't own the social pages. You are trying to exercise power over what people express. You try and exercise power you don't have and you will end up in big trouble. It could prove expensive.

How do we educate others? Emily asked do we not have power over people who are bringing the sport into disrepute?

Jack said you cannot defame a corporation but you can defame a person. Charlie said he had been asked about a post that Jack put on social media concerning Zone One. If we can't educate ourselves, what chance do we have with educating others. Jack said you have the right to express your opinion. That's what he did - expressed an opinion.

John commented on the situation of a ride where someone was offering sponsorship and a derogatory comment was then made by another member. Jack advised Brad of the rules regarding social media. Brad said that we do have a social media policy. Various suggestions on how to deal with this sort of thing were put up but discounted.

Jack said NSW ERA has been sued successfully in the past. Facebook is free. You cannot stop it. If you own a website you have some rights. On social media you have none.

Emily suggested that Jack work on something that could go up on Facebook to try to educate members. He was asked how we should deal with this problem.

Jack insisted if you regulate you must be able to enforce your regulations.

John said he intends to speak to the AERA about the expensive legal advice they have obtained from Mullins. He will discuss AERA media policy. Ask the AERA where do they derive their power to make these sorts of decisions?

### **Meeting minutes**

It was noted that over the years SMC members have different expectations of how meetings should be recorded. The idea of taping the proceedings was discussed and discounted. Jack asked why this matter was on the agenda. This item was there to clarify and hopefully confirm that the SMC was happy with how the minutes were presented. If not, what changes would the SMC like.

Agreement the minutes should reflect people coming and going, time in and time out. The chair asked for a show of hands on whether the SMC members were generally happy with how the minutes are currently presented. Yes from a majority show of hands with Jack abstaining.

### **Zone boundaries**

Simon has a map without the boundaries being noted. Hold over Zone map until the next meeting.

Discussion moved on to the problems with the Northern Rivers. Jack said he explained the powers that the AERA has. He suggested that somewhere along the way the three parties should sit down and sort this out. Emily explained that this has been going on for years. Jack doesn't see how this sport can create a new State boundary. Tony brought Jack up to date on the progress on this issue. There is a current subcommittee to mediate the issue. Goes back 8 months or so. It should go back to the State border.

### **CS upgrades and accreditation process**

Tony said he put this up. We need to start teaching chief stewards and keeping them up-to-date about rules and general conduct of a ride. We need to work out some way of upgrading chief steward training. Same also applies to a degree to vets and TPRs.

Emily said she has the ride standards portfolio and it is starting to come together. We need to remember that we are working with volunteers. She plans to get feedback from the ride organizer as well as the chief stewards. Could NSW not make the period shorter for accreditation. Why not chase up a CS who hasn't done a ride for two years, and get them to attend a ride with a more current CS. More than one CS at a ride could be a good idea.

### **Brad left the meeting at 10.25pm.**

NSW recommends to AERA who should be a chief steward. They need to do one ride every two years. Leave this with Tony for now and see what he can come up with.

### **Rulebook comments**

Gertraud said most of the comments had come from NSW members. AERA to vote in July.

### **Gertraud Norton – Secretary, Public Officer, Correspondence, AERA rulebook, Newsletter**

All incoming and outgoing correspondence received until a day before the meeting was tabled.

*While it was relatively quiet regarding usual correspondence in the time since the last meeting, I tried to give as many NSWERA members the opportunity for feedback on Draft 14 of the proposed new AERA Rulebook by individually getting in contact with them and encouraging them to provide us with comments. 39 members without email details were sent hard-copies of the most important parts of the new rulebook, while about 400 others were contacted by email and given the link to the feedback page on the AERA website. Unfortunately, 27 emails bounced back, mostly due to the email address no longer being valid or because of full mail boxes.*

*In addition, I completed copying the motions of meetings from 2012 onwards into the motions register and collated the feedback to the proposed new AERA Rulebook.*

### **John Howe – Treasurer, IDP, Child Protection**

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*Profit and Loss statement can be found at the front of this newsletter.*

We do not know where we are at with the TQ15. Don't know if there will be a profit. Explanation given to Jack of the financial arrangement with the TQ15 committee. Additional buckles will cost around \$16,000. We do have retained assets of \$100,000.

There are no signed cheques available tonight so John will get cheques signed over the weekend and post out next week. Currently not making a profit— need to consider all expenses until everything with the Quilty is dealt with.

Charlie said that part of the deal with the big screen was about half an hour TV program. Charlie asked for a DVD. If we go with a DVD they need to put music with it and we would need to come up with the rights to the music. If we want a TV show or a DVD. People will buy DVDs. Charlie thinks this would be good for promotion. \$450 for the music to go into the DVD. Agreement that we will go with the DVD option.

**MOVED** John Howe, Charlie Gauci  
**THAT** NSW ERA pay \$450 for music to go into the DVD of the TQ15  
**Carried** and noted that Roy Barsby abstained.

**MOVED** John Howe, Jack Johnson  
**THAT** the P&L be accepted and all outstanding accounts be paid.  
**Carried** Unanimous

John to speak to the AERA about their legal opinion. We need to find out where we stand on social media. The issue wasn't properly handled two years ago. Jack asked whether this was not Jacque's area?

Charlie mentioned that we may have to deal with the matter of the appeal against the first place getter at the Quilty. He said we now have footage about what actually happened. Charlie said we won't meet for six weeks and he is just flagging that this matter was about to come back.

Deanna said there was another protest in lightweight. Charlie said this was sorted at the time.

#### **Brad Dillon – Zone 6 Delegate, Ride Administration, AERA Delegate**

*Have been working with Emily on ride administration to set up clear instructions on how to use prenominating sites like trybook.com or nominate.com as asked to do last meeting. We now have these for any ride organiser who wishes to use these sites.*

*Have also ordered the extra 50 leg 5 arrows for the NSW set – I will pass them onto Sonya when they are received, unfortunately due to a miscommunication they were not available in time for the TQ committee to use.*

*Zone 6 wishes to congratulate and thank the*

*organising committee and everybody involved in the running of the 2015 Tom Quilty Gold Cup.*

*The next event on the Zone 6 calendar is "Bago Bush Ride" at Wauchope Pony club grounds. The main ride is a 100k from 80k elevator, with several smaller rides over the weekend. This event has run for many years and all proceeds from this event go to Riding for the Disabled. The course is undulating through forestry and very achievable for novice horses and riders.*

#### **Alamdar Dastani – International**

*Since the last meeting I have been waiting for the email from the Malaysian equestrian side. I have been in constant touch with the high officials and the excuse for the delay is most of the officials and high ranking personals are in Europe with the endurance season and getting their young riders and horse team ready for the youth world championships in October. They are rushing at the moment because Ramadan starts and everything comes to stand still for 1 month. Hence I had to postpone my Malaysian trip as well.*

*With the talk over the phone calls things look promising though cannot be rushed.*

Leading riders are stationed in Europe. Ramadan has started so nothing will be happening for one month.

#### **Tony Warren – Horse Welfare and Early Warning**

##### **Horse Welfare report**

*16 horses were swabbed at TQ15, still trying to find out how the kits were distributed between weight divisions.*

##### **Early Warning System**

*Have been waiting for AERAspace to update with TQ15 results, BUT.*

*I have not sent out any letters this month, I had about 5 phone calls regarding the letters I sent last month, mostly asking why me? What does this mean? Why now? This truly proves that members do not read the rule book.*

#### **Simon Bain – Vet Liaison, Biosecurity, AERA Delegate**

*Experience with vet gait into hold was a major determinant in the appointment of veterinarians to the recent 50th Tom Quilty 160km endurance ride. Despite the chance to gain relative experience at the recent Harden endurance ride it is apparent that there are a limited number of veterinarians in NSW with vet gate into hold experience. The veterinary panel therefore included a relatively large number of veterinarians from interstate and overseas. One of the problems with running vet gate into hold rides is that more veterinarians need to be utilised thereby increasing costs for ride organisers.*

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An exacting biosecurity regime was imposed upon TQ 15 entrants including monitoring of horses' temperature from 20th May until ride commencement, strong hygiene regimes and the collection of all relevant documentation at the gate prior to entry to the venue. Horses vaccinated against Hendra wore green ribbons in their mane or tail.

Draft AERA accreditation procedure for veterinarians appears to have the potential to clarify interpretation of the accreditation process. Under this draft procedure, to become accredited a veterinarian must participate in an AERA endurance veterinarian presentation and, if graduated for at least two years, have been a member of a veterinary team at a minimum of three endurance rides in the preceding 24 months. If graduated less than two years, then vetting a minimum of four endurance rides is required. If a veterinarian does not fulfil these requirements but a strong case exists for them to become an accredited vet, the State Association may nominate the veterinarian by providing a resume of the veterinarian's experiences and expertise, including references from ride organisers.

Simon said he thinks the new rules would make those pertaining to vet accreditation easier to interpret. He went on to say there are relatively few veterinarians in NSW experienced in VGIH procedures and this situation would be improved if there were more GVIG rides.

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

#### **Merchandise**

WOW how well did the Quilty merchandise go J The completion rugs are a big hit. Thank you Dean and Sue for all the time and effort you put into this. A personal thank you must be given to my two friends who helped me out on the stall when I need to do some horse things.

The NSW team looked great in the gear and what a success with all 5 of them completing the 160km. VERY Well done.

We still have bucket hats for sale. Maybe the SMC could donate them as prizes at the SC for the kids ? Also have two rugs in stock that may suit as well for prizes- eg Last home, Best Colour coordinated.

#### **Promotions**

EOI Youth Camp – I have been asked that maybe we should have this as a newbie weekend as well Do people think this a good idea or should we keep it just as Youth??

I would like to put up on FB expression of interest from people re this weekend. We could run a TPR school. I would like to invite some of our local pony clubs as well. A date will need to be selected as well. Currently after the State Champs in October might be a good time. We will need people to

donate their time for talks etc.

Equine Lifestyle Festival – November 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Hawkesbury Showgrounds.

The cost for a 3m x 3m marquee is \$980 for the three days

#### **Zone 2**

Bendemeer ride is on 11<sup>th</sup>/ 12 July for Zone 2. Tracey Hopley has got an enthusiastic group of people helping her, with lots of prizes and giveaways being donated. They have also been very much on FB promoting the ride. It should be a great ride especially with a good variety of rides being provided both days.

NSWERA Central West Zone 2 Inc secretary Wendy Jones has tendered her resignation. Deanna Trevena has taken the role on until the end of the year.

### **Belinda Hopley – Zone 4 Delegate, Chief Stewards and TPRs**

**SZ Tumut Trainer** – 21-22/2/15, 2 x 50k (2 legs), 2 x 20k both days.

There was communication mix up about the head vet, which Kim consulted and confirmed with Greg the night before. On my arrival I ensured the vets had vet supplies with them and the local vet clinic had been notified.

An excellent venue, with a good canteen and good marking with 10k distance markers.

The track had rain the week before that washed off a lot of the soft going. Unfortunately, it was very hot and humid, but there was plenty of water for horses and riders. On Saturday, some horses were unable to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg in the light, so this was shortened to 10k to allow horses to complete 40ks. Sunday's 1<sup>st</sup> leg was shortened to 20ks. Despite riders being warned that the track was not flat and was reminiscent of SZ rides, and the weather, the riders seemed to enjoy the weekend and managed their horses very well. Only 45 riders pre-nomed, but 60+ riders both days.

One rider was kicked by another horse and was taken to Yass hospital for xrays, another felt sick and left the course, and another withdrew on track (the last 2 declining an incident report).

**Zone 1 Trainer** – 1/3/15, 40k, 20k and 5k.

The ride base was well set out with plenty of room, toilets, water and a great canteen. Track marking was well done, and the riders conduct was pretty good. Haydn commented that pre-ride vetting could have been Saturday pm to allow an earlier start Sunday.

**Harden** – 26/4/15, 160-120k, 80k, 40k & 20k. (VGIH - TQ qualifier).

The ride base was a great location at the woolshed. The water truck could have made more frequent trips around camp. The vetting area was well set out. Rider conduct was pretty good, but

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need to listen a little more at pre-ride. The track was good, well marked with plenty of water and even a sausage sizzle, which was very well received by riders. Haydn commented that a VGIH checklist for the amount of office staff/time keepers needed. One horse's bridle broke, and the rider emergency dismounted. The horse was caught, floated back to base, vetted thru' and was withdrawn from the ride. One rider was kicked by a horse and fell off as his horse moved away. There were 4 invasive treatments – two for mild colic during the hold time, 1 horse spooked and ended up in wire, receiving a cut that required stitching and bute. The last shied and slipped, requiring bute for 9/10 lameness.

**Q60** – 3/5/15, 100k, 40k & 20k.

The only problem was the rain!!, causing low numbers, but was still a good weekend. There were 2 invasive treatments, one for a fall on course causing cuts to legs and head and the other for ty-up.

**RDA Ride for Pegasus** – 9/5/15, 10k.

This fundraiser for the ACT RDA raised \$12,121 with a young girl raising the most individual amount of \$1600+. It was held at Equestrian Park – there were no issues with the track, marking or riders, and is a great promotion for endurance in Canberra.

**TQ'15** – Wasn't it great? Approximately 16 horses were swabbed. Great horses, great venue, great course, very good completion rate, only 6 horses requiring inv tmt (with 1 RO), great party, what more can I say??

**CS/TPR-**

There will be a TPR school held at Bendemeer ride in July. Please contact Tracey to nominate.

Rhys Powell has become an accredited TPR after starting at the SZ ride in February, congratulations!!

Just a reminder to all Chief Stewards – they are to ensure ALL reports are obtained at the ride – it is THEIR responsibility to chase them up.

**Other Stuff-**

I have asked Emily to write an article on "Metabolics Explained", and Irene and Jeff Adams to write about "Presenting and Riding for Best Conditioned".

The 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits given to CS's have expired (1/15). Do we want them replaced or shall we assume the RO's have one?

At the TQ15 only one horse needed a rest order. Sixteen horses were swabbed at the TQ15.

First Aid Kits have expired. Need to source more first aid kits. Most rides have first aid kits. Do we need to double up with first aid kits? Could we not just replace the out of date items?

Simon said he had received an email from Gertraud regarding AERAspace. When there are updates, any data entered off line, is lost. Nobody is told when software updates are going to happen and when updates occur data entry off-line will be lost unless a back-up is made and sent to the programmer. We have a database designed to print out X and it is no longer coping.

Most rides are keying the information in live so when there is a problem there is no paper backup.

Roy feels that we should be using an old master sheet so that we still have something to backup. Jack agreed with Roy.

The topic moved to the escape of information from SMC meetings and elsewhere. Jack said there are problems with Zone One. The escape of information from this room happens via Zone One people. When asked to name names, Jack refused to name the person or persons involved with his claim that leaks were coming from Zone One. Emily, Charlie and Helen said that they were Zone One people.

Alam said he had occasion where something discussed at a Friday night meeting, was out there in the public arena by the next day.

Emily reminded everyone that they had signed a confidentiality agreement. Further discussion took place with it being resolved to close the meeting as things were going round in circles and it was best to leave things for now.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.27pm.



Linda Jonkers and Erica Allen both successful in the 120 Mini Marathon.

# Blake's Heaven – TQ15

By Adeline Gibson

Where to start? How do we capture the excitement, the nerves, the unwavering effort given by our amazing equine athletes, the camaraderie between horse and rider and our BH team mates, the delirium that comes from working hard all night and day on no sleep, not to mention 160kms of challenging terrain...

I guess we can only start at the beginning!

Like many Aussie endurance riders, this year Blake's Heaven have been focused on training and planning for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup. As the 50th anniversary the event held special gravitas and was set to be one of the biggest any of us would ever compete in.

Our Blake's Heaven lineup was:

- ◆ Fia Hasko-Stewart on Brookleigh Shiralee (strappers Jason and Jayne)
- ◆ Talea Hasko-Stewart on Blake's Heaven Bombora (strappers Harry and Jayne)
- ◆ Adeline Gibson on Blake's Heaven Venus (strappers Andrew and Jayne)
- ◆ Ashley Cole (NZ) on Blake's Heaven Summer Reign (strapper Ash)
- ◆ Ian Curtis on his horse Blake's Heaven Summer Wind (strapper Anita)
- ◆ Kalia Curtis on her horse Blake's Heaven Carousel (strapper Lauren)
- ◆ Andrea Mason on Lentara Park Heather (strapper Red, a last minute recruit who was amazing!)
- ◆ Jeremy Banwell on his horse Blake's Heaven Carousel (strapper Cathy)

Finally the Quilty was upon us! With 342 horses entered it was touted as the largest endurance ride ever held. It certainly felt like it upon getting to the event! The beautiful facilities along the Hawkesbury River were packed, with every bit of space allocated to ride facilities. It was hard to imagine how much work the committee had put into this set up! The efforts of everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the event happen was, and is, truly appreciated.

Thursday and Friday was an absolute blur of setting up, training riding, pre ride vetting, briefing and gluing on our Renegade hoof boots. 6 of the 8 BH horses wore glue on Renegades, with great success - not a single boot came off any of the horses over the duration of the ride - we wouldn't be so lucky when it came to steel shoes.

All of a sudden it was Friday night and we were strategising where to set up for strapping. Space in the VGIH hold area was at a premium and after over an hour of waiting there was a mad rush in to lay down buckets and claim a space. The whole thing was pretty hilarious, but also important for those riders who would be going faster and needed quick VGIH times.





With a spot saved we headed to bed at about 8:30pm. Not much time to sleep before getting up at 11pm to saddle up and then ride at midnight! With all the nerves flying around there wasn't a lot of sleep to be had anyway, and before we knew it we were up and saddling.

Fia and Talea were the bunnies of the group, with Ian also planning to travel reasonably quickly. They were mounted and off to warm up before 11:30pm. The atmosphere was electric, all around people were saddling up and hopping on, the lights and loudspeakers were kicking into gear and so were the nerves and excitement! Adeline and Ashley intended to ride the whole course together, and were going to start and hopefully complete the ride with Kali and Andrea too. They mounted and headed over to the boggy oval which was the warm up area.

Soon horses were pouring in, most well behaved but there were some bucks, kicks and lots of snorts happening. Then the music started! That gave all the horses a gee up but still the BH team horses were calm and collected (maybe they were a bit overwhelmed themselves - Venus and Reign were noticeably not letting each other out of their sight which was very cute and also very handy for Ashley and Adeline who wanted to stay together!). We had decided we would all go in the first group of 100, with Fia, Talea and Ian leaving up the front and Adeline, Ashley, Kali and Andrea leaving right at the back of this group.

The first 100 horses were moved into a very small area to marshal for the last few minutes. There were plenty of antics as the music and loudspeaker blared, including from Bombora who was playing up for Talea (a rare sight, he is typically so perfect - she was quite pleased he was so keen to get out and go go go!). The others hung back as far out of the crowd as they could while still being in the correct area. All of a sudden Andrea's mount Heather (the least experienced horse of the group) was overwhelmed. The noise, volume of horses and a new rider was just too much for her. She threw herself up into the air. Andrea leaned into the reigns, and Heather went up and up and flipped herself over. OH NO! Luckily they fell straight into the bog of the oval, which, while unpleasant, meant neither horse nor rider was injured. Kali took control, knowing Heather the best, and she and Andrea got themselves out of the start area and sought help from our strappers. They left at the very back of the crowd and went on to have a very consistent and successful ride - thankfully with no more dramas!!

Meanwhile the flag had been dropped (more excitement!) signalling the start of the ride. Talea, Fia and Ian (riding separately but close to Fia and Talea) left close to the front of the field and had a brilliant first leg. Apart from the first few kms of tarred road, which riders were escorted along by a vehicle, the track was mainly on open dirt forest roads, meaning that even with the volume of horses it was possible to find your own spot in the crowd. There were also plenty of long uphill and downhill sections, which stopped it from being a racecourse. Adeline and Ashley also had a great first leg, the horses were picture perfect, travelling keenly, but steadily and calmly - Adeline's comment was that they were better than she dared to dream they would be!

Leg two came around quickly, another leg in the dark and along mostly open roads, plenty of ups and downs again as we had known there would be. The volume of horses sometimes made it difficult to see, with so many lights and reflective vests flashing along the paths, but that was about the only complaint (and hardly one!).

Back out again on leg 3. As the light crept into the sky this leg threw in some more technical tracks, including quite a long climb up a mountain goat track. Ashley, one of our NZ riders, commented she was privileged to see the Aussie bush from this perspective, a comment we think the course organisers would be glad to hear, as they had gone to a lot of trouble to include these more technical tracks which mirror the first TQ course held 50 years ago.

It was coming in off leg 3 and at the compulsory represent that our dream run started to show some



Ian and Wind.

cracks. Firstly at about this time Jeremy (in off leg 2) had a nasty accident with his horse BH Caruso in the strapping area. Caruso slipped while being strapped and slid in the muddy area, flipping over and slamming his wither down on a metal bucket. Jeremy made the very difficult but noble decision to withdraw him, not wanting to risk putting a saddle on his wither after the nasty impact.

Fia and Talea, in off leg 3, vetted through fine and headed back to camp. Talea saw Bomb had thrown a shoe! The farrier came and replaced it quickly. Phew. It seemed no harm done and they headed back to the vet for the represent. But on the way over Talea realised they had forgotten a second rug for Bomb. Sure enough, he had stiffened up just enough to be deemed lame. This was possibly made worse by having travelled barefoot when he threw a shoe on course.

But there was no time for commiserations, Fia and Shiralee were travelling right up the front of the ride and flew out on the 4th leg. Talea switched into strapper mode and became key support for the team.

Talea being in camp quickly came in handy. Adeline's partner and strapper Andrew suffers from epilepsy. It's usually well controlled, but unfortunately the lack of sleep and stress in the days leading up to the ride caught up with him. Minutes after he became unwell Adeline and Ashley arrived off leg 3 and Adeline was extremely grateful to Jayne and Talea for taking care of Venus and vetting her through while she took care of Andrew.

More bad luck was on the way though...

Reign vetted through the leg 3 vet check fine, but was run more than once.

Adeline found Ashley back at camp fretting and working on his muscles, reasonably assuming he may be getting tight... But had she checked his feet? Sure enough a look revealed another lost shoe!

But there was no time to do much about it, with the compulsory represent just minutes away.

Tragically Reign was eliminated. It was a real blow and a shock as Reign had travelled phenomenally on course, and Ashley had come so far and captained him so well.

Now the remaining BH horses were on leg 4, which is the leg that caused riders to comment at presentation they were devising cruel and unusual punishments for the course organiser!

It presented as a reasonably straight forward leg, covering a lot of the same ground as leg 3 with an additional out and back up a hill. Fine everyone thought! Bit of a climb but that's what this course is like, no dramas. What no one had counted on was the very steep, windy, looonnnngggg (when you had to take it such slow speed) goat track that came after this! Luckily all the BH horses are used to negotiating this kind of territory (not to say there weren't a few swearwords dropped by riders, especially Adeline who was pretty exhausted after the shock of Andrew off leg 3!).

Excitingly, Shiralee and Fia had kept and even made up ground, even on the technical track, and were right up the front of the ride. Leading were Oso's Captain Braveheart (who went on to win the ride) and Lockleigh Park Silver Comet (who placed second). Then there was Lauralyn Notorious, Atticus and Shiralee! How fantastic - Shiralee has only been broken in (at age 10) for 18 months, and here she was, in contention for top 5 over the line in a field of 342 horses. The place of 1st LWT would be hotly contested on the 5th and last leg, with Atticus and Shiralee both in the LWT division. Fia and Shiralee whipped around the last leg at 17.8 kms per hour. But Fia decided not to risk taking it faster than that, with major bog on sections of the course. They finished in 11 hours and 3 minutes, placing 4th across the line and 2nd LWT. They were less than 45 seconds behind Atticus, who was 1st LWT.

We could not be more proud of Fia and Shiralee, the pair did not fault all day and performed outstandingly.

Ian and Wind were the next to finish, in the fantastic time of 12 hours 52 minutes. They placed 14th MWT, an excellent result in the large field.



Adeline and Venus.



Then came Adeline and Venus. She was running 9th LWT, but had no knowledge of this and when several riders passed her in the bog less than 2 kms from home she let them go. It turned out they were all lightweights! She finished 13 LWT in a time of 14 hours 47 minutes, with less than a minute between 9th and 13th place. Never mind! It was still a brilliant result for Adeline and Venus, who had always aimed for a steady and solid completion.

Shortly afterwards Kali and Andrea finished in a very respectable 16 hours. They tackled the course perfectly and were very consistent in their pace.

The 50th Anniversary Tom Quilty will surely be one of the most memorable endurance rides any of us attends. We are grateful to the hardworking volunteers who made this event happen, to the people who dreamed big enough to put it all together, to our incredible team of support people, without whom we could not have achieved so much, and our riding companions, who make it that little bit easier. Most of all we thank our horses. There is little reward greater than throwing your arms around your horse at the end of a tough 160 kms, knowing they have done it all for you, willingly, and joyfully. We are blessed to have such amazing equine athletes in our lives, and this great sport which we love.

Here's to the next one!



Fia and Shiralee



**Shahzada Committee:**

**Left to Right: Peter McKechnie, Peter Luthey, Bonnie McKechnie, Gail Fisher, Haydn Fisher, Beau Knihnicky, Neil Clarkson, Sue Todd, Kerry Spratt and The Silver Fox.**







**Best Managed/Best Conditioned line up prior to presentation: Stuart Lymbery and Garonne Park Walker, Jodie Luck and Lindall Alabaska, Gail Fisher and Arasarta Naharlinian and Nigel Colefax and Evening Star.**

**Below: Kaliana Curtis with Blake's Heaven Carousel on dress up Thursday**







**Above: Bonnie Robinson and Forest Dale Dream Catcher cross the finish line at Shahzada with John Howe and Ashbend Perazzi.  
Below: Winners are grinners! Fiona Meller and Malu Vale Embers embrace hard-working strapper, Dave Player. Photos: Animal Focus**





## Shahzada Dress Up Thursday!!



Above: Haydn Fisher, Lyn Taylor. Below: TPR Bindi, Chief Stewart, Dorte Colja







Left: Ros Ryan who rode Rainbows Reach Scout in the 400 km. Unfortunately Ros joined the Friday Club on leg 9.  
 Above Right: Gail Fisher who rode Arasarta Narhalinian in the 400.  
 Below: Lou McCormack with Kintamani Silver Eclipse also successful in the 400.







**Above: Pamela Cox dressed as a bumble bee riding Al Marah Heyho Silver  
Left: Vicky Bonham  
Below Right: Peter Bice with Victoria Bice.**





## Ride Results

### Ride Name: Bago Bush Ride Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 100.0km Elevator

Start Date: 26/07/2015

Ride Type: Endurance

#### Heavyweight

4	Steve Broadbent	Glendhu Moonshine	3	8:30:00	38, 44, 46, 47 (Avg:45)
32	Phil Coleman	Rainbows Reach Snowfye	2	7:06:00	42, 47, 51 (Avg:49)
11	Heather Nagle	Ejen Park Summer Tango	2	8:16:00	36, 42, 48 (Avg:45)
8	Dieter Schuelein	Shiraz	1	Withdrawn L1	39, 44 (Avg:44)
20	Dallas Blakely	Ahnoosa		Withdrawn	34
9	Rod Mitchell	Aloha Tribal Warrior		Lame	33

#### Middleweight

26	Emily Streckfuss	Raymar Aden	3	8:22:00	33, 46, 46, 51 (Avg:47)
7	Tracy Broadbent	Splendacrest Grouse	3	8:30:00	32, 38, 41, 42 (Avg:40)
6	Nicole Smith	Skittles	3	10:00:00	30, 44, 48, 51 (Avg:47)
16	Anne Hills	Evening Star	2	6:17:00	28, 41, 42 (Avg:41)
25	Belinda Bailey	Brandy Haze	2	6:57:00	37, 43, 44 (Avg:43)
14	Margaret Boland	Rosebrae Amber	2	7:02:00	38, 38, 48 (Avg:43)
2	Carol Major	Saradon	2	7:06:00	34, 50, 54 (Avg:52)
17	Vicky Shaw	Foxridge Elandro	2	7:24:00	44, 42, 50 (Avg:46)
21	Dean Walkom	Santander Aladdin	2	7:25:00	38, 42, 54 (Avg:48)
3	Maureen Feltham	Fenwick Razoul	2	7:29:00	34, 44, 52 (Avg:48)
19	Ian Davidson	Picnic Park King Roy	2	8:09:00	39, 44, 46 (Avg:45)
24	Melanie Anderson	Ausden Kon Tiki	2	8:16:00	38, 40, 46 (Avg:43)
18	Jennifer Caslick	Rush Creek Gift	2	8:16:00	37, 44, 50 (Avg:47)
27	Brad Dillon	Raymar Henry	2	8:34:00	36, 50, 50 (Avg:50)
12	Leisa Courtman	Aloha Sparks	2	8:56:00	31, 36, 47 (Avg:41)
13	Christian Vlahos	Torryburn Tahlua	2	8:56:00	35, 48, 53 (Avg:50)
30	Sonya Ruprecht	Alex-Ville God Be Gift	1	Withdrawn L1	28, 35 (Avg:35)

#### Lightweight

15	Melissa Halls	Forbes View Sienna	3	8:21:00	31, 48, 58, 52 (Avg:52)
29	Carol Layton	Omani City Smoke	3	8:30:00	34, 40, 50, 44 (Avg:44)
34	Shannen Thorsby	Kamikaze Jacob	2	7:00:00	35, 47, 48 (Avg:47)
33	Ros Ryan	Rainbows Reach Scout	2	7:06:00	30, 38, 44 (Avg:41)
1	Sue Todd	Shalacey Bear	2	7:06:00	36, 38, 50 (Avg:44)
31	Renee Schneider	Sun Hill Royal Spin	2	7:42:00	36, 44, 44 (Avg:44)
23	Kim Hagon	Diamond R Boston	2	8:16:00	37, 53, 60 (Avg:56)
22	Anita Rodgers	Follydown Kadin	2	8:16:00	35, 41, 47 (Avg:44)
10	Tamara Prentice	Danic Park Tingha	2	8:18:00	34, 42, 47 (Avg:44)
28	Emma Broome	Raymar Aisha	2	8:34:00	36, 46, 54 (Avg:50)

#### Junior

5	Isabel Foster	Bradali Ice N Rain	3	9:26:00	44, 44, 42, 48 (Avg:44)
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### Ride Name: Bago Bush Ride Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 60.0km

Start Date: 26 July 2015

Ride Type: Training Ride

410	Helen Riek	Razorback Phoenix
429	Nicolle Brown	Prince
403	Malcolm Matters	Mango Man

## Training Ride Results

### Ride Name: St. Albans Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 5 July 2015

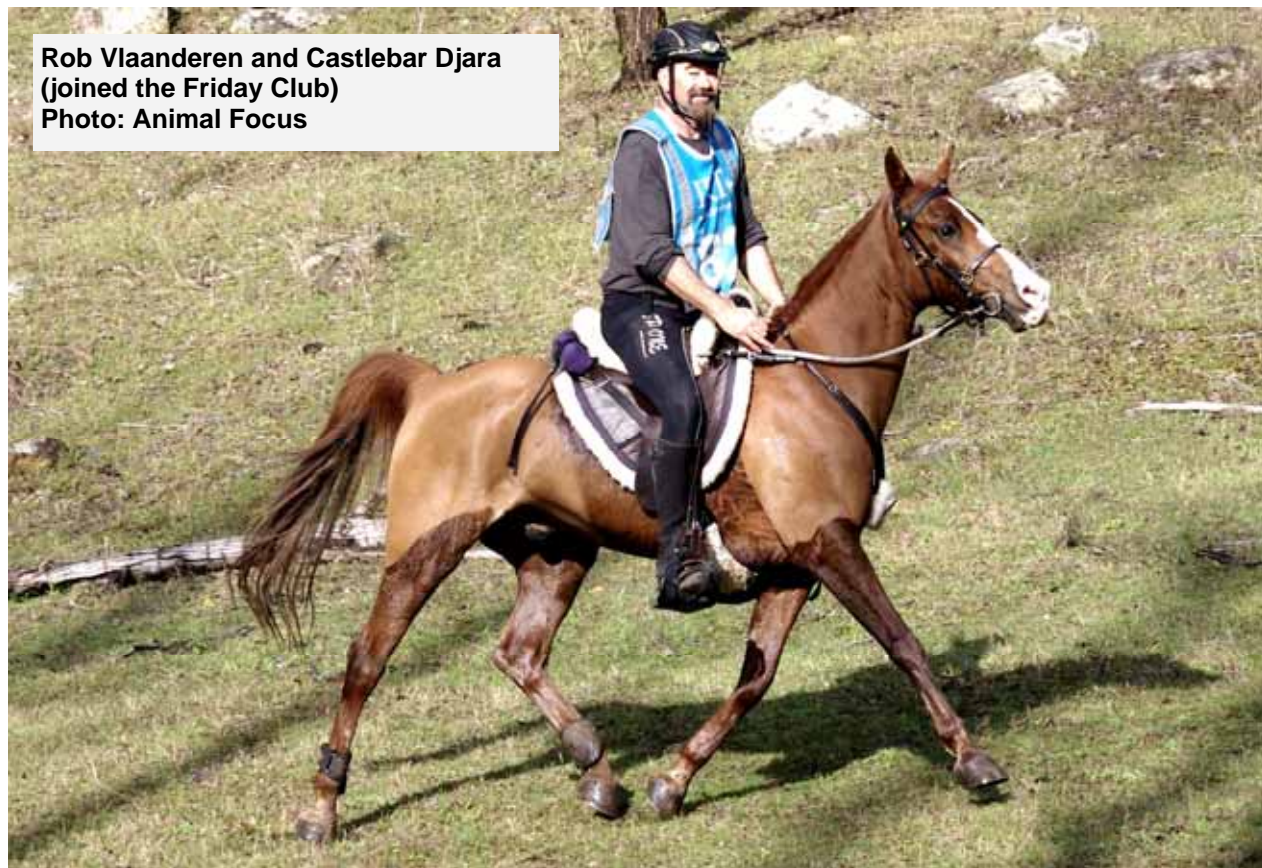
Ride Type: Training Ride

Head Vet: Georgiana Sheridan

Chief Steward: John Howe

10	Meg Davidson	Coolahlee Park	1	John Dawson	Jon De Le Tison
		Samba	21	Chris Ceddes	Duo Park Yaraman
3	Elaine Kirby	Excessabelle	22	Dean Hodgkinson	Hillbrook Return
2	Charlene Malone	Jon De Le Hazad	37	Sarah Adams	Autumn Night My-Star
4	Christina Price	Banda-Tommy Aha			
36	Jo Davis	Immortelle	38	Francesca Green	Autumn Night Bold
8	Ian Burns	Little Oscar			as Brass
28	Lana Finnane	Malabu	12	Shaun Jones	Rowallan Magic
20	Jesse Buchan	Lulu			Simbol
18	Peter Norman	Renbury Brian	23	Sarah Wouters	Halimas Shakaya
19	Rhys Norman	Contessa	32	Sarah Henderson	shimmy
17	Geraldine Stuart	Espirit Jet	39	Sonia Holdsworth	Shuja Dawn Flyte
6	Leisa Courtman	Aloha Sparks	40	Peter Holdsworth	Kinvara Coco
24	Heather Nagle	Ejen Park Summer	9	Lydia Woodward	Windaroo Devina
		Tango			Glamour
7	Christian Vlahos	Torryburn Tahluga	11	Susan Woodward	All Aglow At
25	Zoe Locke	Espirit Candyman			Webbscreek
13	Jacque Thoms	Sotiris	30	Sarah Grieve	Kurrency
14	Sam Cunningham	Wickwood Gold 'N'	29	Dianna Zammit	Khaleem
		Lady	27	Olivia Dunne	Canyon Gaiety
15	Mathew Broome	Raymar Malik	26	Matthew Dunne	Holly
16	Georgie Felton	Raymar Amira	41	Jaime Marchant	Aloha Ramulus
34	Ben Hudson	West Coast Jericho	42	Yelena Udy	Riverlea
35	Rhianna Saunders	Koda			

**Rob Vlaanderen and Castlebar Djara**  
(joined the Friday Club)  
Photo: Animal Focus





**Ride Name: Bago Bush Ride Progressive Ride Report**

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 26 July 2015

Ride Type: Training Ride

407	Bruce Crawford	Shahib	423	Jackie Tattam	Arabec The Wizard
418	Antonia Somerville	Kiljora Park Amir	405	Joan Barnes	Forbes View
		Illusion			Jillaroo
414	JoAnne Godwin	Kerewong Shelfyre	402	Marianne Tattam	Bluey's Cinders
404	Gary Thomas	Shadowood Indigo	430	Sally Griffin	Bungarra Sareena
411	Annette Gifford	Especial's Sun	417	Paul Porter	Teandee Eklipse
424	Daniel Gorman	Karabil Serer	427	Shane Steffen	Attallah Esq Jabu
425	Fransessa Green	Bold As Brass	428	Ruth Van der Wegen	Aloha Aktar
415	Hannah Whitney	Little Oscar	408	Talia Cranfield	Kerewong Chaleur
416	Laura Munt	Sofs Soran	409	Emma Cutler	Kerewong Rococco
426	Rhonda Locke	Graciella	412	Cathy Ferguson	Neswuet Silver
422	Allan Caslick	Khaleem De-			Flame
		Rothbury	413	Aimee Jeffrey	Earl
421	Madeline Cotton	Kurrency Mi	401	Modena Schofield-Foster	Sharabel Akaysha
406	Michele Ladmore	Sienna Kaptivating			

**Ride Name: Bendemeer Progressive Ride Report**

Distance: 40.0km, Start Date: 11 July 2015

Ride Type: Training Ride

Head Vet: Monica Baffy,

Chief Steward: Graeme Burchell

**11 July 2015**

60	Dallas Blakely	Ahnoosa
53	Margaret Bolland	Rosebrae Amber
58	Sandi Brown	Indigo Dreaming
59	Suzanne Bell	Hume Creek Arianna
56	Ardina Jackson	Ten
57	Louise Jackson	Sabajet
50	Tracey Hutchinson	Cherox Albert
55	Libby Jones	Mr Chips
51	Jade Langhorne	Poets Corner
		Phoenix
52	Doug Langhorne	Bluey

**12 July 2015**

59	Dean Walkom	Santander Aladdin
54	Joan Barnes	Forbes View Jillaroo
65	Shane Moss	Monsoon
50	Danny Wall	Charlie
56	Haydn Fisher	Judstan Annie
60	Emmie Smith	Larntainey Eureka
		Gold
57	Nicole Urquhart	Danic Park Phoenix
58	David Urquhart	Kinful Zeus
55	Marianne Tattam	Bluey's Cinders

**Ride Name: Currowan Progressive Ride Report**

Distance: 40.0km

Start Date: 25 July 2015

Ride Type: Training Ride

Head Vet: Anthony Bennett

Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

4	David Taylor	Forest Dale	20	Craig Howell	Poets Corner
		Xasperation			Phoenix
29	Belinda Burgess	Daisy	2	Elaine Kirby	Excessabelle
8	Danielle Coulton	Silver Ridge Navarro	17	Ian Mephram	Gundiwdgee Garnet
5	Ellen Vine	Castlebar What's	3	Rhiannon Talbot	Opal
		The Goss	12	Vetea Facchini	Love In The Mist
8	Anne Walshaw	Icon	13	Laura Kelly	Trigger
25	Olivia Weir	Blake's Heaven	14	Frances Kelly	Yinbilliko Shaka Zulu
		Summer Reign	19	Shirley Clark	Oso Zoltan
26	Matthew Dunne	Holly	16	Donna Georgievski	Kalody Park Amarda
1	April Newman	Valinor Park Vatel	24	Ben Hudson	Koda
10	Rhys Norman	Contessa	23	Louise Piddington	West Coast Jericho
22	Aimee Austin-Fahey	Simeon Bollinger			
8	Amy Danskin	A'Landell Prestige			

## Social Ride Successful Participants

### Ride Name: Bendemeer Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 11 July 2015

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Head Vet: Monica Baffy

Chief Steward: Graeme Burchell

Annie Anderson	Scanlons Roy	Danny Wall	Charlie
Stephen Derring	Dazzle	Tahnaya Mercieca	Malleegrove Qaarma
Dimity Lane	Annies Choice Amine	Kaitlyn Mercieca	JRK Spyder
Carole Lane	Bungee	Jolene Cole	What The Hell
Anne Tink	Merembe Billabong	Chris Geddes	Reggae Man
Wayne Matthews	Maggie		
Mylie Wall	Merlin		

### Ride Name: Bago Bush Ride

Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 25 July 2015

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Ariel Riek	Sakhi Shushani Emma	John Attard	Nipper
Monica Majerowski	Halimas Valentine	Warren Baird	Opal
Isaac Majerowski	Valinor Park Sakim	Margaret Bentley	Gidgee
Renea McCready	Grandridge Identity	Randolf Rassi	Storm
Chris Pile	Leechdale Firelight	Meredith Rassi	PJ
Geniene Melbourne	Ace	Carmel Elson	Jack
Sarah Glover	Delta	Kayla Avery	Bailey
Danika Glover	Ruby	Marion Elford	Billie
Liz Smith	Gus		
Mia Smith	Mr Sparkles		

### Ride Name: Currowan Progressive Ride Report

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 25 July 2015

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Head Vet: Anthony Bennett

Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

Jeffrey King	Stubbie	Helen Locke	Evis
Jake Treyvaud	Amethyst Park Sweet	Kathy Costin	Greendale Marcus
Harmony		Narelle Drury	Angelique Carso
Judie Conolly	Omi Carousel	Renae Drury	Tabitha Carso
Nicola Webb	Mellie	Rebecca Woodhouse	Twister
Ann Garard	Jasper		
Ray Rhodes	Tex		
Garry Matthews	Ssshaardance		
Merinda Matthews	Wicketly Good		
Daniel Nickson	July Opera		
Madeline Nickson	Max		
Chelsea Nickson	Kai		
Shannon McNeil	Joker		
Kim Treyvaud	TM Texan Trouble		
Kate Backhouse	Zac		



## **Ride Name: St. Albans Progressive Ride Report**

Start Date: 5 July 2015

Distance: 5.0km

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Head Vet: Georgiana Sheridan

Chief Steward: John Howe

Meg Davidson  
Lydia Woodward  
Susan Woodward  
Alexander Bice

Coolahlee Park Samba  
Windaroo Devina Glamour  
All Aglow At Webbscreek  
Georgie Girl

## **Ride Name: St. Albans Progressive Ride Report**

Start Date: 5 July 2015

Distance: 15.0km

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Head Vet: Georgiana Sheridan

Chief Steward: John Howe

Niamh Wouters  
Gabrielle Caulfield  
Jane Newton  
Amy Danskin  
Garry Matthews  
Maria Pione  
Sienna Pione  
Allan Caslick  
Jennifer Caslick

Myscal Jasmin  
Jasper  
Clint  
A'Landell Prestige  
Ssshaardance  
Ava  
Ginger  
A'Landell Destiny  
Arabec The Wizard

Di Luker and Topline Jetstar, successful in the Mini Marathon. Photo: Animal Focus



*Please ensure your name is on the CS Ride Report. When you have accumulated 20 full days of TPRing, you are issued with your own vest, stethoscope, thermometer and stopwatch. If your name is missing, contact Belinda Hopley. **P – Prov TPR.***

Alcock	Aleisha	Freeman	Lesley <b>CS</b>	Norton	Gertraud
Anderson	Melanie	Gardiner	Johanna <b>P</b>	Owen	Rick
Bailey	Frances	Gauci	Charles	Parish	Georgie <b>P</b>
Bailey	Annette	Giddins	Barb	Parker	Tony <b>V</b>
Bain	Simon <b>V</b>	Gilbertson	Jennifer	Pearce	Barbara <b>P</b>
Beavis	Graham <b>P</b>	Gilbertson	Graeme <b>CS</b>	Pierce	Gillian <b>P</b>
Blessing	Anthony	Gardiner	Johanna <b>P</b>	Porter	Wendy <b>P</b>
Bonham	Jeff <b>CS</b>	Gray	Sheree	Powell	Rhys
Bonham	Gay	Grelk	Peter <b>P</b>	Reinhold	Bindi
Bonham	Damian	Hagon	Kim	Rich	Helen
Booth	Clint <b>P</b>	Hargraves	Ian	Roberts	Allie
Broadbent	Steve	Hargraves	Jen	Robinson	Eric
Brown	Ian	Hickey	Wayne	Ryan	Ros
Burchell	Graham	Hill	Shannen <b>P</b>	Sandford	Ken
Bush	Narelle <b>P</b>	Hills	Anne <b>P</b>	Schofield	Chris <b>P</b>
Bushell	Wendy	Hillier	Robyn	Seagrim	Neil <b>P</b>
Carter	Bruce <b>P</b>	Holdsworth	Sonia	Shadbolt	Judy
Carrick	Jo <b>P</b>	Holdsworth	Peter	Sinfield	Dodi
Caslick	Jennifer <b>P</b>	Hopley	Belinda <b>CS</b>	Smith	Gordon
Caslick	Alan	Howden	Bob	South	Helena
Cheney	Chris <b>CS</b>	Jesson	Wendy <b>P</b>	Stevens	Louise <b>CS</b>
Cobden	Tanya <b>P</b>	Jones	Allix <b>P</b>	Stevens	Sally <b>CS</b>
Coleman	Phill <b>CS</b>	Jones	Wendy	Stockley	Faye
Corrales	Jennifer	Johnson	Jack	Strachan	Cheryl
Cotton	Maddi <b>P</b>	Jonkers	Linda	Taylor	Lynette
Denton	Di <b>P</b>	Jonkers	Kylie	Taylor	Michael
Dickinson	Patricia	Kelly	Peter <b>CS</b>	Thomas	Garry
Dillon	Lyn	Knight	Lindsay	Thommeny	Dyanna <b>P</b>
Dillon	Brad <b>P</b>	Ladmore	Michelle <b>P</b>	Thorsby	Shannen <b>P</b>
Dookwah	Nicole <b>P</b>	Leary	Pat	Todd	Sue
Dowey	Linda	Locke	Bob <b>CS</b>	Trollope	Denise
Dreghorn	Ian	Locke	Marylou <b>CS</b>	Turnbull	Ralph
Dunmill	Mark	Jesson	Wendy <b>P</b>	Stevens	Louise <b>CS</b>
Ebdon	Lindsay	Lymbery	Sarah <b>P</b>	Turnbull	Christine
Edwards	Glenda	Manderson	Sooz	Urban	Maralyn
Feary	Clare <b>P</b>	Mills	Gloria	Waldron	Peter <b>P</b>
Fisher	Haydn <b>CS</b>	Monahan	Bronwyn	Walkom	Dean
Fletcher	Emma	Moran	Marty	Walker	Tina



### TPR List Continued

Freeman	Mark	Moore	Greg	Warren	Tony <b>CS</b>
Freeman	Courtney	Myhill	Marty	Weis	Gary
Freeman	Blake	Nelson	Janette	White	Carol
Freeman	Brodie	Noonan	Chris	Wright	Jacqui

## 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.

# 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 a .....km scroll for the horse listed below, I have enclosed the appropriate fee (if applicable)

#### Horse Details

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

#### Scrolls are available as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR LIFETIME RIDER DISTANCE SCROLL

The AERA is pleased to announce a Lifetime Distance recognition award for riders who achieve significant distances during their endurance careers. The awards will be presented annually as part of the AERA annual awards presented at each Tom Quilty with inaugural awards commencing in 2015.

The first level of recognition shall be 10,000kms with subsequent recognition at 5,000km intervals.

APPLICANTS DETAILS			
Name:			
Membership No:		Telephone:	
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DETAILS OF RIDER INFORMATION			
Riders Full Name:			
Previous name e.g. Maiden name			
Current Membership No:		Previous Membership No:	
DOB:     /     /	SEX:	Male	Female
First year of competition:			

DISTANCE APPLYING FOR:					
10,000km	15,000km	20,000km	25,000km	30,000km	35,000km
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