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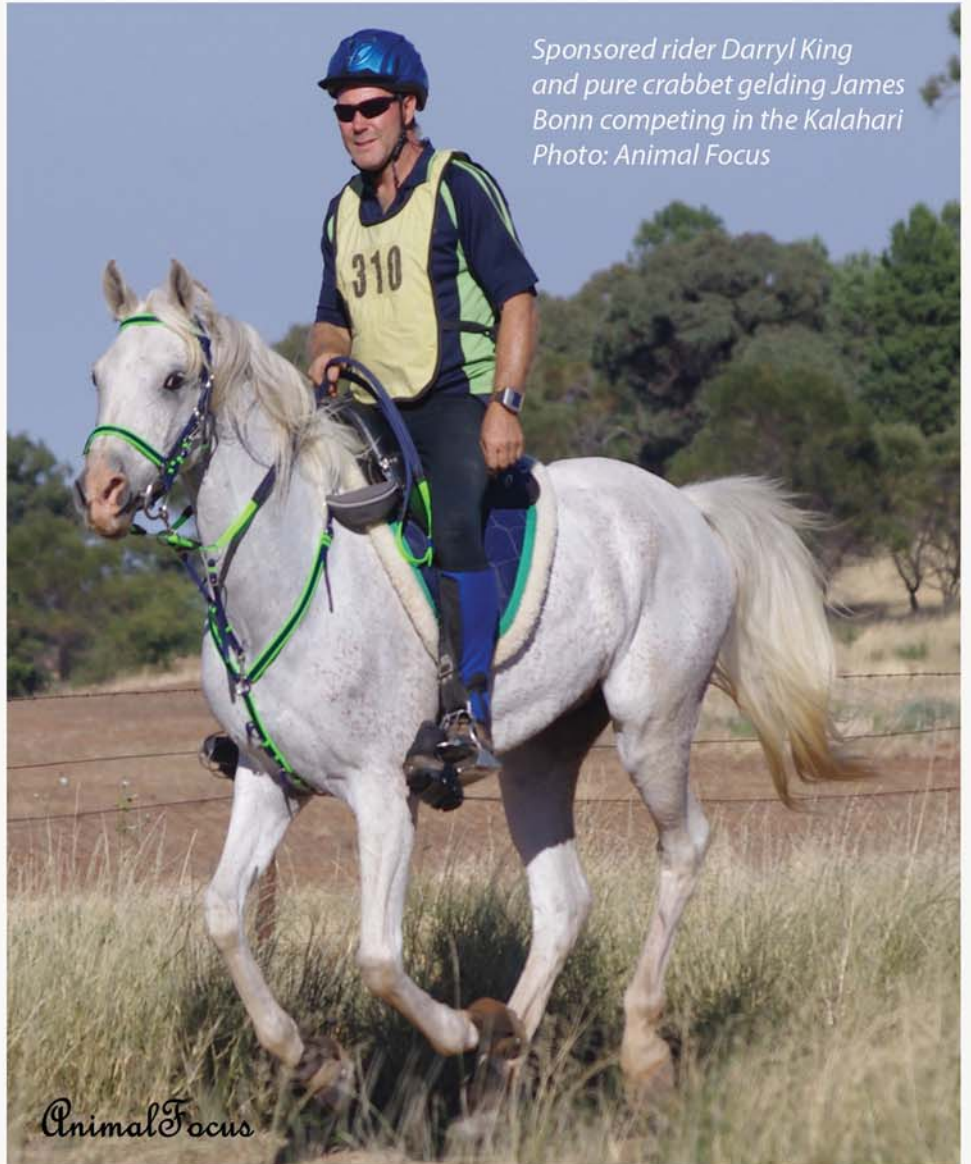
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The AGM is over for another year and this year it was quite an interesting one. A few problems arose.

You will find a notice included with this newsletter which relates to the motions up for consideration at the AGM. This notice reflects the decision that the SMC has since made with a view to rectifying the situation.

I would like to offer special thanks to the members who help me out with a report or photo. While there are a number of you who I know I can approach to help out, in this issue special thanks go to Sue Todd for the Ride Organisers Forum report and to John Howe for the AGM report.

I would like members to send in your photos, profiles of your horses, ride stories etc.

There is a revamp and review of the Ride Secretaries list in this newsletter. If you see that you are on the list and are no longer a ride secretary, and/or not intending to run a ride again, please let me know. Any mistakes, please let me know.

This year, there is a fantastic ride calendar with a ride on almost every weekend. You will be spoilt for choice and those who want to ride every week and have multiple horses, can do so. Good luck to everyone, may you all have a very successful and enjoyable riding year.

Cover: Levi Robinson riding Karumba Beamish achieved a lot in 2017, first place in every junior division, including one horse one rider, and receiving five horse heads as his reward. **Photo:** Animal Focus.

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President's Report

The NSWERA Annual General Meeting was held on 17th February 2018 at Windsor RSL along with the annual awards night & dinner dance afterwards.

A new committee has been formed.

At the meeting we welcomed one new member to our committee, Dr Matthew Walker. Matt will bring a very long history of endurance horse breeding and veterinary knowledge to the table.

I would like to introduce your 2018 committee.

Executive committee members:

Mr Tony Warren - president

Mr Peter Bice - vice president

Ms Kerry Fowler-Smith (Spratt) - secretary

Mr John Howe - treasurer

Non-executive committee:

Ms Belinda Hopley

Ms Jo Davis

Ms Noni Seagrim

Ms Jacque Wright

Ms Talea Hasko-Stewart

Dr Matthew Walker

I look forward to working with such a diverse knowledgeable group of people.

I would also like to welcome Fiona Mellor as our newest Life member, Fiona does an extreme amount of work behind the scenes working with National Parks to keep our trails accessible, congratulations Fiona.

I would like to wish all members safe riding and a successful 2018. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the trails.

Regards,

Tony Warren – 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 members are invited to attend.

Next Meeting Dates

13 April 2018.

1 June 2018

AERA meeting

6 July 2018

10 August 2018

7 September 2018

12 October 2018

9 November 2018

7 December 2018

Track Preservation Report

Draft Plans of Management

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

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

You can make submissions by post, email or directly from the website at <https://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au>

A submission is simply your comments on the plan of management, whether agreeing or disagreeing with what is being proposed.

Yanga National Park, State Conservation Area and Nature Reserve – between Balranald and Hay. Horse riding permitted by specific consent. Submissions close Monday 23 April 2018.

Toorale National Park and State Conservation Area – south-west of Bourke. Horse riding permitted only by specific consent from NPWS and the Kurnu-Baakandji Joint Management Committee. Submissions close Monday 7 May 2018.

Fiona Meller

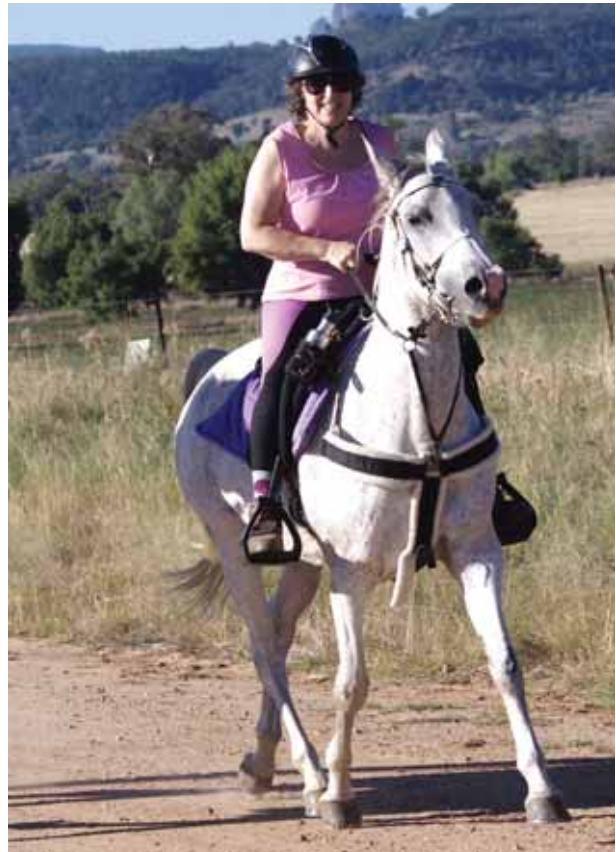


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Peter Norman

12th November, 1949 to 25th January, 2018

Peter was the second child, of Allan and Colleen Norman of Kiama. Brother to John, Anne and Tony. Peter was born at Kiama Hospital on 12 November 1949. He was educated at St Peter and Pauls Primary School at Kiama and Kiama High School. When he was at Kiama, Peter was an Alter Boy....perhaps hard for some of you to imagine and he played football. Peter became interested in horses at an early age and when he was in high school he continued to play football and retained his love of horses. Many times he rode into town.....and his horse would return home without him!!! This was not an unusual occurrence. Peter was a member of Kiama Pony Club.

From school his first job was with a local painter Ray Wilson, before spreading his wings and heading to Urana and Coonong Station, a wool graziers and wheat farmers area, where he worked as a jackaroo.

On his return Peter worked for Brambles where he learnt to operate a backhoe. He and Gail Eddy married in 1969, and their son Stephen was born giving Colleen and Allan their first grandchild. Peter and Gail lived in Western Australia for 2 years before returning to Kiama. However, ultimately, they did go their separate ways.

From Brambles, Peter joined the family business. Peter was Vice President of the Kiama Show Society from 1979 to 1982, a country boy at heart.

Peter and Cheryl's marriage in 1983, thankfully, saw the arrival of Peter Junior, Petie.

The Leprechaun Hotel, led to the discovery of who would become the love of his life.....young Michelle Ison. Michelle was very impressed with Peter's talk of the horses, but they didn't reconnect until Peter began to drink at the bridge Tavern, and who would be working there then? Little Michelle Ison.

He was very attentive and often waited for Shellie to finish work....Reece suggested that was because Normie was too full to dive home. But his intentions were honourable and romance blossomed. They began life together in a little house at Numbaa before buying 20 acres of bush at Falls Creek, when Reece was about 3 months old. Henry (Shellie's dad) and her brother Gary Ison, built the home, and once it was finished Hannah decided it was ok to arrive. Petie moved in too, so it was all hands on deck.

The yards and the beautiful garden were a work in progress. The horses were family, and as the kids grew up everyone rode.

Normie was never idle. There was always a project on the go. He loved the outdoors, from Christmas trees to Kelpies. He was a fit man, another reason why his untimely death was such a shock.

The endurance rides were their passion, and remained a passion for the whole family. There were rides all over the state, Wagga, Tumut, Oberon, Harden, just to name a few. Inter State as well. As soon as Normie sat on a horse they were off, and that's just how he loved it.

In 1991 Normie won the State Championships.

But just as importantly there were friendships made. Yarns and laughs and tales around the campfires at the end of the day. There was always a drink going at the Norman Camp. Normie called a spade a spade, he didn't suffer fools, but he enjoyed company, and loved a laugh. He tried to be a great teller of jokes, but more often than not he mucked it up, and got the punch line wrong, much to his disappointment.

Peter's working life has been hard yakka. Not for the faint hearted. Hard, hot, dusty work. All the kids worked with him at some stage. Normie did the lot. Drove machines, fixed machines.



As well as the family quarry, Peter managed the Hell Hole Quarrie for Ian Ganderton, David Smit at Nerriga and Shoalhaven Excavations when the Crusher called him back.

We are not here to eulogize Normie or Tubbie into a perfect, mild mannered man. He had a short fuse, and patience was not one of his stronger points. He was known to yell and scream. Hannah made me laugh when she said "I'd say to dad "STOP YELLING" he'd say "I'M NOT YELLING".

But he was an involved dad, he took the kids to Tae Kwon Do and did it with them....worked his way up to Black Belt.

He was a bit of an animal whisperer as well and even developed a soft spot for the chooks, especially Wilma and the duck. He shod his own horses.

That was a part of Normie's persona. He would watch and he'd learn and he was a plumber, a concreter, a welder, a builder, a fencer, a gardener, an arborist, a carpenter, just to name a few.

The other side of Normie's personality was Normie the Charmer. He could turn a spat into a smile in no time at all, his aunties and his mum will testify, I'm sure to his larrikin charm, certainly Shellie will. He was a generous man, and a man who welcomed company.

He loved his family. He and Shellie were two peas in a pod. They were always together. Did everything together. Rode together, gardened together, did "home" together. Best mates.

And perhaps not a lot of comfort at the moment, but Shellie knows she has had a great love, and they have had an extraordinary time really. And all those tales and adventures will last forever.

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Welcome to our New Members

Carla	Marchant	Boambee	Senior
Eric	Brown	Port Kembla	Associate
Samantha	Lynch	Corlette	Intermediate
Sean	Griffin	The Oaks	Senior
Dianne	Straney	Broughton Village	Intermediate
Amelia	Napier	Table Top	Senior
Ruth	Sumpner	Bootawa	Associate
Karen	Casey	Parkes	Intermediate
Duncan	McLaughlin	Bodalla	Senior
Penelope	Whatman	Cowra	Senior
Alicia	Smith	Gilgai	Junior

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



2017 NSW ERA AGM

NSWERA's annual prize giving was held on Saturday, 17th February, 2018 at Windsor RSL Club.

There were 74 members and family there for the 2017 season presentation dinner dance.

The evening began with the new Committee being introduced to the membership. Our new President for 2018 is Tony Warren, Vice president, Peter Bice, Secretary Kerry Fowler-Smith (nee Spratt) and Treasurer John Howe. Many thanks to these people and of course the rest of the new SMC; they put an enormous amount of time and effort into the running of our sport and have a long and busy year ahead. Remember they are all volunteers who put a massive amount of effort and commitment into our sport.

President Tony assisted by Peter, Kerry and John presented the incredible amount of trophies and ribbons to those successful horses and riders who made 2017 a most memorable year.

The intermediate award was won by Jacqui Davis who rode Lee Curtis' horse, Suncrest Kadenza for 400kms. Kadenza actually completed a total of 440kms with another rider completing one Intermediate ride.

The junior division was won by Levi Robinson and his fantastic horse Karumba Beamish a clean sweep five out of five. Levi is the son of Rowena and Les Robinson. Rowena was a very successful junior and open rider. Levi is lucky to have such a fantastic strapping team in dad Les and mum Rowena.

Keeping it in the family, Peter, Tori and Alex Bice with their many awards received at the AGM.



Lightweight was shared between Sue Todd and Shakari Bear who took out distance and points for horse as well as one horse one rider. Young Gun, Victoria Bice took out the points for rider and distance for rider, 1,480kms, a distance that would have stood up well in the glory days of the 1990's.

Middleweight was well shared: Aloha Typic ridden by Sarah Lymberry took out distance horse and points horse. Debbie Pevy got distance and points rider. Jesse Buchan on Mountain Ash Tabasco rode 820kms as a team and won One horse One rider, narrowly beating Sarah and Aloha Typic by 20kms. Tabasco was bred by Peter Norman and Jesse was very proud to have ridden Tabasco to his victory and accepted the trophy in memory of Peter.

Heavyweight was a clean sweep to evergreen rider Sue Warren. Five out of five for Sue and Entourage Era. Sue was not meant to ride Era as they didn't really get on but, as she had no other horse, Era



These lovely ladies are the recipients of the 2017 Big Three Awards. Left to right: Sarah Lymbery on Aloha Typic. Jodie Luck on Lindall Alabaska, Sue Warren on Entourage Era. Photo: Animal Focus

it was and, as it turned out, to great success. I believe that by the last ride of the season, they had sorted out their differences and enjoyed the last ride.

As it was presentation night a number of special awards were made. Pat Dickinson, Neil Seagrim, Phil Coleman and Tina Walker were awarded TPR awards. A big thank you to Carole Dixon-Smith for her kind sponsorship for the annual TPR awards. Each year Carole gives a pack containing a stethoscope and thermometer to each of our valued helpers. Please support Carole whenever you need horse gear as she has been such a valued long term supporter of our sport.

On behalf of the AERA Kerry presented 10,000km scrolls to John Symons, Jan Wade and Margaret Boland, none of whom unfortunately were at the awards. Fiona Mellr and Malu Vale Embers received a 5,000km rug and a clock.

Sue Todd achieved her tenth Shahzada award, a beautiful shield with 10 Shahzada buckles with the details of each horse and year shown on the shield.

The team award, once again, went to the Tragics: Sue Todd, Di Luker, Carol Major and Fiona Meller. It is hoped that a few more teams will take up the challenge put out by the Tragic Ladies and go after 'em in 2018.

Last but not least, the most important award of the evening was made. The Big Three Awards. This year three new awards were made.

Sue Warren on Entourage Era, this is Sue's second award, Era's first.

Sarah Lymbery on Aloha Typic. Sarah follows in her Father's hoof prints to join the most elite of Endurance clubs.

Last but not least, the first Big Three Award to go interstate to Jodie Luck and Lindall Alabaska.

It is always a fantastic evening, members get to re ride the years rides, we get to look ahead to the new season, we get to dress up and look our best. So often at rides we are so focused on our riding that often socialising takes second place. The AGM dinner is for socialising and is a most intricate part in the riding year.

The ribbons and other awards do cost a great deal and it's a pity when winners don't turn up to collect these. Alternatively, it's also a great thrill to see someone come along and collect a 10th place ribbon and to be thrilled with their achievement because as our motto says "To finish is to Win".

John Howe



Above: The lovely trophy presented to Sue Todd to commemorate her 10 Shahzada buckles.



AGM presentation photos with the new NSW president, Tony Warren.

Above: Fia Hasko-Steward receiving one of her awards.

Below: Talea Hasko-Stewart receiving her lightweight Points Horse Award. Animal Focus





Clockwise from the top: Geraldine Stuart receiving her third place ribbon for Intermediate Celia Hodgson Junior Distance Rider
Roz Edmunds—Third Lightweight Distance Horse Everon Park Apollo
Ellen Vine 8th Lightweight Distance Horse—Castlebar What's the Goss.





Tumut Endurance Easter Carnival 2018

30 March – 1 April 2018

Tumut Endurance is holding an Easter Carnival which is offering something for everyone!

Over the three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), there will be a mini marathon, 3x40km rides, 3x20km rides and 2x80km rides (Saturday and Sunday).

The ride base is situated in the picturesque Gilmore Valley with a beautiful creek and swimming hole flowing behind the base.

The ride itself is challenging, reflecting back to the former Snowy Zone rides that once were. The ride will move over tar stretches, farm land, and forestry and contain two creek crossings. We have one extra 'Big Hill' that all rides go up and the 80km rides will ascend twice, as well as many other hills and rolly polly sections. This year we have incorporated more tar and a 13km stretch of main dirt road and tar that runs down the valley to the base in order to utilise as much flattish to flat land that we can. Although it is a challenging ride, the views on offer are absolutely fantastic and we believe it is achievable for all!

We will have caterers throughout the weekend, but it is a no-frills base. We are hoping to have some 'pop up' showers or you will be able to make the 10km trip into Tumut to utilise the local Caravan Parks showers for a cost of \$5 each.

We are very excited to see you all for a great weekend full of endurance riding fun! We thank the many land holders and sponsors that are allowing this classic Snowy Zone endurance ride to become reborn!

Please contact Ellen Vine- ellenmayvine@gmail.com or Kim Stephens- kims5061@hotmail.com for any further information or pre-nomination details.



Riders from previous Snowy rides.
Left Noni Seagrim
Below left: Joelene and Emma Cole
Below right:



Above and left—photos from previous Tumut rides.

Mt Lagoon Training Ride preview

Zone One Training & Educational Weekend

40km Intermediate Ride, 20km Social Ride & 5km Introductory Ride
Weekend 7 & 8 April 2018

Zone One is super excited to be running a training and educational weekend on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th April 2018 from our **BRAND NEW** ride base at Mountain Lagoon. The 40km Intermediate Ride, 20km Social Ride and a 5km Introductory Ride will be held on the Sunday.

The new ride base is at Sam's Way, Mountain Lagoon, which is an easy 14km drive, on almost all sealed road off Bells Line of Road, from the township of Bilpin. The ride base is suitable for all size vehicles with easy access. Unless you are familiar with the area, we **DO NOT** recommend accessing the ride base from any other road apart from Mt Lagoon Road from Bilpin.

Part of our focus during our training ride weekends is to attract new riders and their families to endurance as well as to provide guidance and education and hands-on assistance. During Saturday afternoon we will be providing some educational presentations which everyone, new and old to endurance, should find interesting and informative.

So if you can make a weekend of it please arrive on the Saturday and join in the true atmosphere of an endurance ride weekend.

SATURDAY

The office will open at 1.00 pm, vetting between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm.

Legendary endurance rider Mr John Howe will present a talk on horse preparation, welfare, management and preservation. John's record of over 13,000 successful km's, 100 completion buckles, with 12 of these being Shahzada buckles and 8 of his Shahzada buckles with the same horse, is testament that John will be able to impart some wonderful knowledge of how to manage your endurance ride.

Dr Darien Feary will be presenting a talk on vetting procedures from 5.00 pm on Saturday. Dr Feary grew up endurance riding in NSW as a junior rider and has since become an equine veterinarian specializing in internal medicine, and emergency and critical care. She has a special interest in the treatment and conditions that affect endurance horses, and in veterinary clinical education. When time permits Darien still competes in endurance, riding her sister's endurance horses.

She will explain in detail the endurance ride veterinary inspection; explain what the vets are examining during the vet check; what they are looking for and why. How fantastic to have this much expertise available for our benefit and education.

SUNDAY

The office will open at 6.00 am, vetting starting at 6.30am.

The 40km Intermediate Ride will start at 9.00 am by exiting the ride base and heading left around Sam's Way, turning left onto Mt Lagoon Road and following this for approximately 8 km until you come to a T-intersection where you turn left onto Comleroy Road and on to your first checkpoint at the power lines. Continuing along Comleroy Road which has a few down-hill sections and turning left onto Upper Colo Road. You will follow this for approximately 5 km until you come to a turn a-round point, returning back to the checkpoint at the fire shed.

From the fire shed check point you will ascend Wards Track, a 10 km trail through some of the best Australian bush. For those not familiar with this section, it is a combination of good going, some rough underfoot sections and a few short steep climbs, but a most enjoyable ride. This will bring you to your 3rd check point at Gosper's Gate where you will do a small loop down the T-3 Track and back before continuing on back to the ride base.

The 20km Social Ride will start at 10.30 am by exiting the ride base, heading left around Sam's Way, turning right onto Mt Lagoon Road until you come to a right turn onto Tootie Creek Track. You will follow this down to the creek to a check point and turn-a-round, returning back to Mt Lagoon Road for a short distance, until you turn left onto a soft underfoot fire trail for a 2 ½ km out and back, returning back to Mt Lagoon Road and following it back to the ride base. Almost this entire track is relatively flat and easy going, apart from a 3 km section down to Tootie Creek, which is a very scenic wide fire trail but will be a little challenging with some steep up and down sections, a great taste of endurance riding. For those new to endurance if you can attend the educational presentations provided, you'll be well prepared and you and your horse will enjoy the experience.

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The 5km Introductory Ride will start at 11.00 am by exiting the ride base and heading left for a loop of Sam's Way, with a short out and back on Bean Lane. A great easy ride - and walk for anyone supervising the budding endurance rider.

The Mountain Lagoon fire brigade will provide a canteen and BBQ during Sunday.

There will be completion prizes awarded to all those successful in all rides at the presentation on Sunday afternoon.

The Ride Base

Address - Sam's Way, Mountain Lagoon NSW

Horse water will be provided – please bring your own drinking water

Easy access for all size vehicles

Portable toilets will be available throughout the ride base

Mobile phone coverage will be limited

Ride Fees

40km Intermediate Ride - \$75 for Members add \$10 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

20km Social Ride - \$55 for Members add \$5 for Non-members NSWERA Day Membership

5km Introductory Ride - \$15 for Members add \$5 for Non-members NSWERA Day Membership

A camping fee of \$5 per horse will be collected during the evening if you are camping on Saturday night. Dogs are allowed, but please remember to keep them on a leash at all times.

Volunteer track stewards and TPRs would be greatly appreciated – please let Garry Weis know if you are able to assist us on either day. Garry can be reached via email at garryweis@yahoo.com.au

Please contact our Ride Secretary Garry Weis at garryweis@yahoo.com.au if you require further information. Pre nominations would be appreciated and we encourage you to enter online via Try-Booking. However, pre nomination entries can be emailed to the ride secretary, entries will still be taken on the day; however a \$20 late fee will apply.

SPONSORSHIP

A huge thank you to our major sponsors **MACKINDER ENDURANCE** and **AGNES BANKS EQUINE CLINIC** for their generous support of our ride.

The Zone One Committee is looking forward to seeing you at our Training Ride weekend.

Zone One rider Faith Robinson, see here at the NSW AGM with Steve Roberts. Faith had a very successful 2017. Photo: Jennifer Gilbertson



Tooraweenah Endurance Club

21st/22nd April, 2018



Tooraweenah Endurance Club would like to invite you to our endurance ride which we are having on the weekend of 21st/22nd April, 2018.

We are situated west of Coonabarabran below the Warrumbungle Mountain Range.

We have hot showers, flushing toilets, and a good flat ride base, some firewood will be provided. The track is undulating to hilly and has rocky sections, but is a lovely ride.

Catering will be available on Saturday and Sunday .

7km, 20km on Saturday

40km and 80km on Sunday

This year, we are celebrating 40 years of this great ride and as part of the celebrations, we are hosting the State Championships in July, so come and check out the course.

Please come and support this great club and town, looking forward to seeing you all there.

So bring your family, horse/s and the kids pony for a great time!

For more information please phone Sonia:02 6848 5345

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND!

Photo below is Sonia Bonham and her daughter enjoying a social ride with her daughter. Sonia is a member of the hard working Tooraweenah Club. Photo: Animal Focus



Gundagai

28—29 April 2018

80k and 40k

The track remains the same as last year which is hilly to undulating. There is some grazing land and some road work.

Come along and enjoy a great weekend at Gundagai. We will be running an 80 klm ride and a 40 klm training ride.

Vetting: Saturday 2pm to 5pm

Ride: Sunday.

Start Times.

80km ride 6 am for the 80km

40km ride 9am for the 40km

Entry fees for the 80k will be \$110 and \$60 for the 40km ride.

A canteen will operate all weekend with dinner available on the Saturday night. For catering purposes, you need to book if you want dinner on Saturday night.

Camping is free but firewood will be in short supply. Please bring some of your own. Plenty of water.

For further information and to pre nominate

Please ring Rick Owen on 69 441628

AGM Presentation. Tony Warren presenting Sarah Lymbery with her awards. Aloha Tipic was first Middleweight Points Horse, first Middleweight Distance Horse, second in the One Horse One Rider. Sarah was also second Distance Rider and second Points Rider in the Middleweight Division.



Mudgee Ride Preview

12 – 13 May 2018

We invite you to come and join us for another weekend of enjoyable endurance riding in the pleasant Mudgee countryside - with no big hills. As always the ride is very achievable for novice riders.

Ride base will be at the Cooyal Hall where, as usual, there will be a great canteen. Entries will be taken in the office in the Hall as will the pre-ride talk.

ALL overnight camping will be at the property across the road and will be open from midday Friday. The main gate to the paddock on Wollar Road is for horses and pedestrians only, with all vehicular access through the back gate which is down the Cooyal lane.

HORSE HEALTH DECLARATIONS & PIC NUMBERS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Pre-nominations by Monday 7th May would be appreciated.

No deposit required but please give us a courtesy call if you need to cancel.

To assist with catering, would you also indicate if you would like the usual tasty two course dinner with tea / coffee for \$25 and \$15.50 for 12 years and under.

Program:

Saturday 12th

20 klm Social ride Starts 1pm

10klm intro ride starts 1:30pm

Pre-Ride vetting from 11am (for these 2 rides only)

Pre- Ride talk @ 12:30 in the Hall (for above rides)

Pre-ride vetting for other rides start @ 1pm

Pre-ride talk starts 6pm in the hall

Sunday 13th

80 klm ride starts 6 am

40klm ride starts 7am

All rides start at the timekeepers across the road.

All vetting is also across the road in the paddock.

Ride Fees;

80klm \$110/ JNR \$90

40 klm \$65

20 klm \$40

10klm \$25

Plus day membership where applicable.

All entry fees include a \$5 camping fee.

For further information please contact Gail Fisher on 6373 3932 a/h.



Photo: Mudgee Endurance Riders taking part in the 175th Anniversary of the Settlement of Mudgee in 1997.

Training rider Abigail Mills riding Shalukah Classical Dancer at Mudgee.



WINGELLO FOREST ENDURANCE RIDE 2018

10th Birthday Celebration

5km : 10km : 20km : 41-61km : 80km
26th & 27th May 2018



Come and celebrate with us at Wingello in 2018!!

The ride base is our usual grassy paddock adjacent to the forest, with the same fabulous trails as always!

Ride:

Offering Introductory Rides of 5km, 10km and 20km on Saturday 26th May from 12 noon, and an Introductory ride of 20km, an Intermediate Elevator 41-61km ride, and an 80km Endurance ride on Sunday 27th May, from 7am.

All ride distances are daylight start. The course is mostly on forestry roads and tracks, where you can meander (or hoon) through tall dark pines, silver-white gums, fern filled gullies, and green rolling farmland. Short sections of the 41km and 80km rides are on dirt Council roads.

Vetting is standard AERA with optional early present. Head Vet is Karim Kooros. Chief Steward is Haydn Fisher.

Shop:

The trade stall area promises to be bigger and better than ever. Conveniently located in the hub of activity, perfect for multi-tasking. Grab a coffee, stroll around the shops, keep an eye on the finish line, and watch the vetting, all at the same time.

Volunteer:

Looking for a reason to come but short of a horse? Take a look behind the scenes and try volunteering for an hour or two, or a day, or the whole weekend. There's a range of jobs to suit everyone – timekeeping, pencilling for vets, checkpoint stewards, office work, TPRing, logbook logistics and the list goes on. We appreciate that your time is valuable and will do our best to make sure you feel thoroughly cherished! Email bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au for the current roster.

Kickstart your modelling career:

The Shot-To-Pieces professional film crew will be back again this year, and Jo Arblaster will be on course capturing fabulous action photos of everyone.

Dance:

Local Rock God Dave Newman is booked for his favourite Rescue Float gig. Enjoy the camaraderie around the bonfire with great people and great music. There will be a choice of professional catering options – so no need to miss the party cooking your own dinner.

Chill:

Or just wander around soaking up the atmosphere, admiring all the gorgeous horses (and riders), watch different strapping techniques, and see all the different rigs and campsite set-ups. There will be undercover seating overlooking the Vet Ring.

... some essential details:

Horse water will be provided by tanks and troughs placed around the campsite. These will be re-filled by the RFS as required. The RFS are no longer able to fill water at individual campsites. Please be patient and respectful at water points, and treat the RFS volunteers with utmost courtesy throughout the event. If you want to offer your horses a drink on arrival, in order to avoid stress bring it with you.

Dogs are welcome, but must be kept chained or on a leash at all times.

There will be a large communal campfire in the trade stall/food court area. Firewood for private fires is not supplied. Please contact the ride organiser several weeks in advance of the event if you would like to make a special arrangement for firewood.

Entries are to be booked and pre-paid through Try Booking. You can click the 'Register Here' button on the Event - Wingello Forest Endurance Ride tab of the www.highlandsendurance.com website. You will be asked to enter rider and horse details as part of the booking process. This will enable us to pre-enter ride data into AERAspace, saving much time for the office volunteers at the event. *Please print your ticket at the end of the booking process* – this will be your ride entry form. Please complete the additional details on the form, sign the relevant declarations, and bring it to the event with you. This will avoid the need to complete a new form. Don't forget to bring a Horse Health Declaration for each horse. You can download the form from our website.

On-line entries will close at 9pm on Monday 21st May. Late entries will be accepted at the ride base with a \$20 late fee per entry. Entries are transferable. The refund policy is on the website.

You can purchase ride merchandise (polo shirts, caps, beanies) through the Try Booking link, for postal delivery prior to the event, or collection at the event.

If you have a problem with Internet access or do not have a credit card, please contact the Ride Organiser to make alternate arrangements for direct deposit or cheque payment.

A full program of events, with entry forms, course descriptions, catering menus, local area information, sponsor details *etc.* is provided on the website www.highlandsendurance.com. You can also stay up to date with ride details, track and weather conditions and sponsors through the Facebook page www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride

Entry fees: 80km: \$120 (Jnr \$90); 40-60km: \$75; All Introductory rides: \$55;

Teams: \$20 per 4 person team

Wingello village is located just 7km off the Hume Highway by sealed road, approximately 1 hour south of Campbelltown, and ½ hour north of Goulburn. The ride base is adjacent to the Wingello State Forest, approximately 3.5km by well - formed dirt/gravel road from the village of Wingello. Directions to the base will be signposted from the Hume Highway. The ride base will open at 12 noon on Friday 25th May and close at 12 noon on Monday 28th May.

You will pass right by Wingello Village Store, one of our regular sponsors, where you can stock up on milk, snacks, newspapers etc. or grab a take-away meal.

Southern Highlands Endurance Ride Inc

All enquiries should be directed to:

Ride Organiser:

Bec Hogan, 0412 600 173

bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au

PO Box 5070 Wingello NSW 2579

Photos from previous Wingello Endurance Rides. All photos by Animal Focus





NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Tooraweenah 13-15 July 2018

All roads lead to Tooraweenah.

Come and be a part of the 2018 State Championships to be held in the foothills of the stunning Warrumbungle Mountains. This **ride will help our club celebrate 40 years of hosting endurance rides**. Our hard-working rural community has not only ran a ride every year but also held in the past, 2 state champs and the 1991 Tom Quilty.

We are a ride of many fond memories and stories over the years and hope to provide a welcome atmosphere for horse and rider to be challenged in the 2018 championship ride.

The base will be at the Tooraweenah Showground, and the town can provide services such as feed supplies, petrol, accommodation, and meals.

The track will be challenging with varying terrain from local undulating farming tracks, national park trails and some hill climbs throughout the mountains.

The CWA will be available all week end for meals and the local Coffee float will also be attending with great coffee.

Please see the Tooraweenah Endurance FB site over the coming months for information relating to this great event. I will also have a more detailed ride review and nomination pack in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Tooraweenah to help celebrate our 40 year anniversary.

Sonia Bonham

Training rider from a Mudgee, ride—Kat Stenholm riding Ibn Velona Phoenix. Photo: Animal Focus





SHAHZADA 2018

With all the rides starting for the year, make sure you have your eyes on the prize.....SHAHZADA!!!!

The 38th Shahzada will be held from Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st August in St Albans, NSW - 400kms made up of 80kms a day for five days up and down the mountains surrounding the beautiful MacDonald Valley.

The Mini Marathon of 120km over three days will be held from Tuesday, 28th to Thursday, 30th August for those of you getting started in our wonderful sport of endurance, on a young or less experienced horse, using the ride as a form of training or just want to come and have some fun with your horse.

Make sure you have everything in place.....you need to be a full member of your State or Country's authorised organization, your horse needs to be a qualified endurance horse for Shahzada. For the Mini Marathon, horses need to have at least a novice horse book, be five years old on or before the date of the ride and the rider needs to have completed two 40 km rides...please check the rule book or contact us if you have any queries. There will be heaps of help from our expert and friendly vetting team not to mention all those around you - everyone wants you and your horse to be successful.

Take a chance - if you completed the Mini Marathon in 2017 then consider a move up to "the ultimate test" this year...."no guts, no glory"!!

For all those seeking to complete The Big Three (State Championships, Shahzada and the Quilty on the same horse in the one year) the opportunity is there but for all those who may not be able to go to Tasmania for the Quilty this year, have a go at the Double of the NSW State Ride in Tooraweenah in July and Shahzada at the end of August and show, as history has proven, that the same horse can do both marathon and 160km rides!

We promise perfect Shahzada weather, lots of fun with heaps of social events and activities to keep everyone smiling throughout the week – Dress-up Day on the Thursday as well as the famous Dog Races....more on that to come!!

Go to the Shahzada website www.shahzada400.com and see what happened in 2017. The Shahzada 2018 400km Endurance Ride and 120km Mini Marathon Facebook Events Page <https://www.facebook.com/events/159752457985515/> will have up to date info.

Contact Shahzada secretary, Sue Todd for information on suetodd@activ8.net.au or phone 0263 797218 and leave a message.

Give it a go.....this is "the ride of your life" – see you in St Albans in August!!!



Above: Cherry Cummins with Winter Hill Alice 2017

Left: Sarah Lymbery on Aloha Typic and Stuart Lymbery on Aloha Desert Glitter 2017

SHAHZADA



400Km Endurance Ride

& 120Km Mini Marathon

St Albans NSW

Photo of April Newiman on Valinor Park Vetel and Jesse Buchan on Mountain Ash Tabasco courtesy of AnimalFocus



email: suetodd@activ8.net.au
www.shahzada400.com

ph: 0263 797218
or facebook

Mon 27th to Fri 31st August 2018

Bunnigalore Introduction to Endurance Day

Sunday 21st January 2018

The newest ride on the endurance calendar was recently held at Bunnigalore, on the western edge of the Belanglo State Forest in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

It was hot work for the intrepid 51 riders who rode in the inaugural Bunnigalore 20km Ride, but humidity was very low and with plenty of water along the track and sensible riding, the horses finished well with only two exceeding the 55bpm heart rate control at the final vet check.

Congratulations to the Team Challenge winners – Team Scarlet Oaks (Gertraud Norton, Noelle Bentlage from Germany, Tom Pankhurst and Georgie Pankhurst). Not only did they receive lovely bronze horse head trophies, but also a \$20 voucher each for The Mobile GG Spot!

The day started with a seminar for newcomers. Presenters were Dr Matthew Walker who has been riding endurance competitively for 31 years, holds many championship buckles, has vetted at endurance rides for 25 years, and has represented Australia overseas, and Carol Layton, an independent equine nutritionist who delivers equine nutrition seminars around Australia and overseas, and who has been riding endurance for 15 years, with multiple championship completions and who has won National Points and National Distance Horse awards in Lightweight division.

A fabulous team of volunteers worked cheerfully throughout the day to put on this professional fun-filled event – Thank you to all!

Part of the crowd at Bunnigalore





Team Scarlet Oaks (Gertraud Norton, Noelle Bentlage from Germany, Tom Pankhurst and Georgie Pankhurst)

Ride Name: Bunnigalore Introductory Day Progressive Report

Distance: 20.0km

Start Date: 21 January 2018

Ride Type: Introductory Ride

Head Vet: Matthew Walker

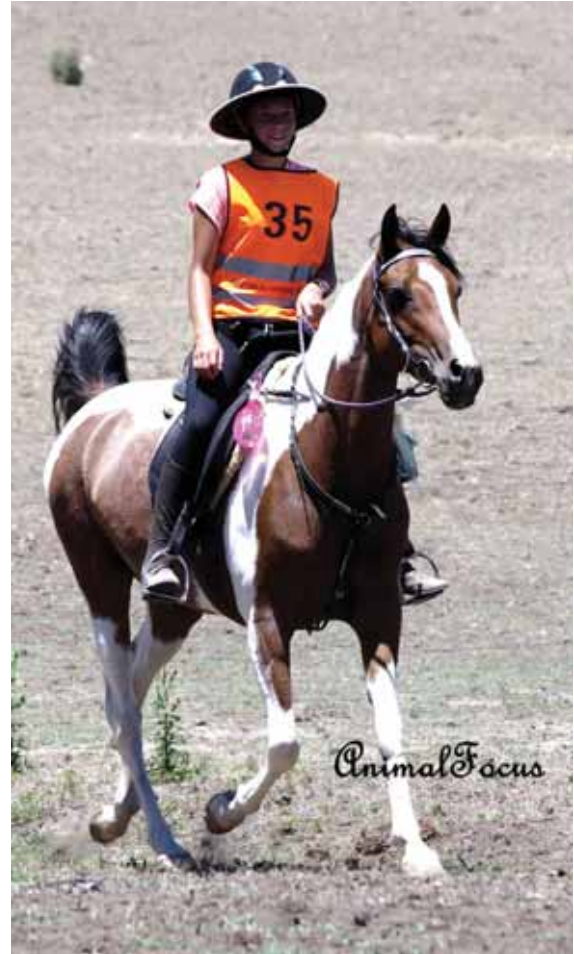
Chief Steward: Belinda Hopley

Sean Griffin	Taku	Tahlia Babic	Fairview Sweet
Sophie Ramsay	Autumn Night		Magieca
Ben Dilley	Goldmine	Nichola Mephram	Meracious Shahjih
Jasmine Zimmerman	Diesel (Tuldar Hamal)	Ian Mephram	Macquarie Park
Dagmar Sweetland	Train Moir Jasper		Dassan
Thomas Pankhurst	Jess	Tracey Wong	Earl
Noelle Bentlage	Rivernook Sadiqa	Marisa McKinnon	Fifi
Matilda Walker	Zemzem Raya	Ivy Sullivan	Curly
	Macquarie Park	Ashley Harrison	Zane
Sienna Fuller	Banjo	Todd Miklich	Startrak
Georgina Pankhurst	Bobby	Jayne Dight	Rhyn Tin Tin
Gertraud Norton	Scarlet Oaks Aziz	Louise Mingay	Winnie
	Scarlet Oaks	Joanne Lowe	Rambo
Hayley Graham	Bisharah	Samantha Burge	Bertie
Denise Graham	Chip	Lisa Gilbert	Aaliyah Rosalee
Skye Wamsey	Chuck	Jordyn MacDonald	Billy
Dorothea Lungershausen	Skate	Lisa Newton	Burren Dah Apache
Kate Barnard	Glen Lee Limestone		Lad
Sally Fenner	Arabec Jewel Thief	Sharee Lane	Brecon
	Sierra Lodge Artic	Bindi Reinhold	Sir Douglas
Jayme Cooper	Whispers	Natalie Wales	Charlotte
Nicole Horne	Tamvina Nizhoni	Grace Rimmington	Holly
Abbey Horne	kosi	Julie Frikken	Wallbrook Jette
Maria Tomlins	Coco Channel		
	Blue		



Clockwise from the top: Dagmar Sweetland riding Jess. Tom Pankhurst riding Rovernook Sadiqa. Skye Wamsey riding Skate with Dorothea Lungershausen riding Glen Lee Limestone. Leslie Johnson and Marley with Hayley Graham and Chip and Denise Graham and Chuck. Photos: Animal Focus





Clockwise from the top
Georgie Pankhurst riding Scarlet Oaks Aziz.
Jayme Cooper riding Tamvina Nizhoni.
Kayte Barnard riding Arabec Jewel Thief with Sally
Fenner riding Sierra Lodge Arctic.



Zone One AGM report

Sydney and Environs Zone 1 Endurance kicked off the 2018 season on Saturday 13 January with a Garden Party at Jo and Steve Arblaster's beautiful property at Lower Portland.

Almost 50 riders, family and friends braved the summer heat to enjoy a poolside BBQ and hear what is in store for the year.

A great start to the evening was the unveiling of the new Zone 1 Trailer with its Gary Sim Plumbing designer fit out. Now everything has a place and can be found - a great investment and well spent government grant.

Following dinner, awards were presented for distance riding achievements during the Zones 2017 season, with Faith Robinson, Tori Bice and Sue Todd all equal first LWT for clocking 480 kms - great work for both horse and riders.

This year the Zone decided to acknowledge two riders with outstanding achievement awards for their efforts in 2017.

Faith Robinson deserves accolades for not only qualifying her horse, but also completing her first 160 and first Shahzada. We hope that her 2018 season is just as successful.

Alex Bice has had a great year as he not only decided to begin riding again in July but finished 6th distance junior and 6th points junior for NSW and 3rd one horse/one rider. The Bices are certainly a tour de force !!



Zone One equal first lightweight riders, Faith Robinson and Tori Bice. Photographs kindly donated by Animal Focus.

Part of the evening's proceedings included the voting in of a new committee. We are

very pleased to have Ian Dreghorn back again as our President and Greg Moore returning after a hiatus as our Vice President. Tacye Bice is perfect in the role of treasurer and we welcome Brianna Webb as our social media/ marketing guru. Evi Thompson joins us as Secretary and thank you to Marita Rifai, Geraldine Stuart and Louise Ball for their ongoing committee support.

This year the committee is planning three rides with a trainer at Mountain Lagoon in April followed by the Upper Colo Q60 in June and St Albans in September ~ to be confirmed once approved.

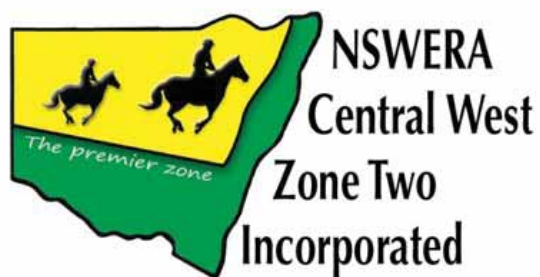
Finally, it's time to renew your membership for Zone 1.

Please support your Zone and join. Details can be found on our website at zone1enduranceriding.com.au

The membership offers discounts at various local businesses as well as the opportunity to qualify for our Zone awards and join in unaffiliated social rides.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=344774>

Best wishes
Zone 1



Zone Two Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Zone 2 was held at Gulgong Bowling Club on 3rd February at 11am. The new Committee elected for 2018 is as follows:

President - E Pilley,

Vice President - P Bonham,

Secretary/Treasurer- L. Logan, Pointscore- P. Mercieca,

Publicity Officer, website/facebook - K. Hocking.

Thank you for all who nominated and went on the new committee, we have great hopes for our Zone this year.

Join our zone to be eligible for the one horse/one rider award to be presented at next year's AGM. We also have a draw for members of \$100.00 drawn at the AGM next year, so please join and be in the running for an award or cash. Contact Linda Logan secretary/treasurer on 6886 1943 or 0427 349 666.

Pointscores will be posted at rides through the year to let you know your position in the pointscore.

Next year's AGM will be held at Windeyer, a social day with BBQ, more information later in the year.

The Zone 2 rides this year are: Tooraweenah - 21st/22nd April.

NSW State Championships: Tooraweenah - 13th-15th July.

Windeyer-TBA

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our rides.

Regards Zone 2 Committee

Left below: Jacqui Davis, the winner of the Intermediate Distance Award for 2017. Jacqui who has only been riding for four years, attended her first 40k intermediate endurance ride last year. Jacqui rode Lee Curtis' horse, Suncrest Kadenza all year. Congratulations Jacqui, well done.

Right: 'Old timers' Ray and Karen (aka Granny) Rhodes at a Shahzada ride. Karen has achieved 20 Shahzada buckles, Photos: Animal Focus





More AGM Photos

Tony Warren, Gavin Peacock and Vice President Peter Bice. Gavin receiving his ribbon for 10th place, Middleweight One Horse One Rider. Photo Animal Focus

Below: Robert Catlin took out second place in all of the heavyweight divisions. Photo Animal Focus
Bev Sutton attended the AGM with husband Keith. Photo: Jennifer Gilbertson





Memories from the recent AGM dinner dance. Everyone having a great time. Hopefully more members will attend next year's event.

Above: Keith Sutton with Jennifer and Steven Roberts

Left: , Ron Males with Val Males with Jennifer.

Photos: Jennifer Gilbertson.

Summary Report Meeting of the NSW ERA Committee held 8 December 2017

Present: Alam Dastani (chairman), John Howe, Noni Seagrim, Peter Bice, Jacque Wright, Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley, Apologies: Jo Davis, Jacky (Jax) Barlow, Kerry Spratt, Talea Hasko-Stewart.

In attendance: Helen Rich,
Alam said today will be his last day on the NSW SMC because he is moving to Victoria. Peter Bice will take over until the AGM. Alam thanks everyone who has helped him during the year. We regretfully accept Alam's resignation, and the SMC recognises that Alam has done an extremely good job. NSW loss is VIC's gain.

Business arising from last meeting (action log review) took place.

Item 134. General discussion on the Border Cup criteria. Winner to engrave perpetual trophy. Individual cups are to be provided by the State holding the ride.

Item 173 Consider Membership Portfolio for 2018. If money is involved in any portfolio it needs to go through the treasurer. Belinda spoke against this idea, saying there should not be treasurer involvement – John said we need to know where all the money comes from and goes and cash flow is the responsibility of the treasurer, not a sub-committee.

Alam said the grant subcommittee is doing a good job, thank you but the treasurer needs to know about cash flow. The subcommittee has to be accountable to the SMC and the treasurer should be able to give input. Alam proposes that all grants and subcommittees must run in conjunction with the treasurer.

Item 180. Belinda again suggested having a Saturday meeting, after a Friday night meeting. Hot air conferencing should be used (teleconferencing).

Secretariat (Jacky Barlow, John Howe/Jo Davis)
Membership for 2017: Adult 399, junior 49, intermediate 24, associate 15, honorary 7 making a total of 494. Newsletter 195.

2017 AGM 2017

Tony previously put up a proposal for the AGM prize giving, aimed at speeding up the procedure.

We call all recipients in a particular division (HW, MW, LW or Junior) in the top 10 who are eligible to receive ribbons to the front of the room, we do this by individually naming them.

We award all ribbons from 4th to 10th place, then we award 3rd down to 1st in each division (Distance, Points and One horse One rider individually) allowing all 3 time on the microphone.

We invite all persons eligible to receive an award to the AGM/Dinner, including those eligible for an Intermediate award.

Tyremax Project

Resolved that Peter Bice will write to the subcommittee asking for an update.

AERA meetings

Tele conference on Tuesday. Rule changes up for voting are as follows.

5. Rule Changes

5.1.1 New or amended rules for second vote

5.1.1 Motion: 2017/11/09 Moved: Gerard Bou / Melanie Scott

That the rule 32.1 be amended to remove clause b) so amended rule will read:

32.1 An international rider is a rider who is:

a) visiting Australia and not permanently residing in Australia, and

b) not a current adult or junior full riding member of a DA.

Voting: NSWERA – no; QERA – yes; SAERA – yes; TEERA – yes; VERA – yes; WAERA – no. NSW to vote No. Rationale – we feel there is a need to know that they have some knowledge of endurance riding.

5.1.2 Motion: 2017/11/11 Moved: Pat Hodgetts / Kim Moir

That the rule 15 Vet to Horse Ration be amended to include a new clause:

15.3 For rides of 120 kms or more a separate additional treatment veterinarian is required to be present at the ride base.

Voting: NSWERA – yes; QERA – yes; SAERA – yes; TEERA – yes; VERA – yes; WAERA – yes.

NSW to vote Yes.

5.1.3 Motion: 2017/11/13 Moved: NSWERA / WAERA

That a new rule 13.2 be added to the EADCM Rules:

13.2 Disqualification from events and forfeiture of prizes under rule 10 should not be entitled to appeal unless the adverse analytical finding is disproven.

That the current Rule 13.3 Appellant Body be amended to read:

A decision listed in Rule 13.2 may be appealed to the relevant DA which shall appoint an Appeals Committee of a minimum of 2 persons pursuant to the relevant DA Constitution to hear the appeal.

That the current rules 13.2 and 13.3 be renumbered to 13.3 and 13.4 respectively.

Voting: NSWERA – yes; QERA – yes; SAERA – yes; TEERA – yes; VERA – yes; WAERA – yes.

NSW vote yes

5.1.4 Motion: 2017/11/14 Moved: NSWERA / WAERA

That a new rule 29.2 be added to the EADCM Rules:

29.2.1 Disqualification from events and forfeiture of prizes under rule 26 should not be entitled to appeal unless the adverse analytical finding is disproven.

29.2.2 Disqualification from events and forfeiture of prizes under Rule 25.3.3 shall not be entitled to an appeal once an Administrative Procedure is applied.

That the current Rule 29.3 Appellant Body be

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amended to read:

A decision listed in Rule 29.2 may be appealed to the relevant DA which shall appoint an Appeals Committee of a minimum of 2 persons pursuant to the relevant DA Constitution to hear the appeal.

That the current rules 29.2 and 29.3 be renumbered to 29.3 and 29.4 respectively.

Voting: NSWERA – yes; QERA – yes; SAERA – yes; TEERA – yes; VERA – yes; WAERA – yes.

NSW to vote yes.

Other matters to be discussed at the tele conference are noted later in these minutes.

Peter Bice: Vice President, Ride Standards, Feedback, Governance, Child Protection

With all rides wrapped up for the year there is not a lot to report on. Tacye and I attended the Wallinga Park trainer weekend and helped with check point duties. It is amazing to see the enthusiasm from newbies and they just lapped up the talks and seminars and it was great to catch up with some old friends as well. The venue is certainly a eye opener as far as facilities go but I'm still not convinced the layout is suitable for an endurance ride.

I'm still collating the small amount of feedback received and sending out to the necessary ride secretaries. I need to develop some sort of template to get this info together, hopefully the feedback will be a lot more popular next year.

John Howe: Treasurer

Today I have cashed in a term deposit, maturing today for \$20,000.00, thus our current balance in our operating account. Our next large income stream will be the A.G.M when members re-join for 2018.

Currently we are awaiting the ride affiliation fees from Burruga ride and the \$3,770.00 for the Maxxis bibs. There will be ride affiliation fees coming in from Wallinga Park.

We have upcoming costs:- Trophies and ribbons for the annual prize giving to be paid for prior to the AGM, approx. \$6,000.00, Secretarial fees \$4,380.00, Newsletter and meeting costs \$1600.00. \$1,217.04 to Equestrian Australia to verify the positive swab, \$6,000.00 for last weekend's intro weekend from Wallinga Park. Also the cost involved with the AGM. Our Annual audit will also cost in the region of \$4,000.00.

Elsewhere, we have seen that the AERA will hold a Teleconference next Tuesday re Insurance costs.

New membership fees

I feel that in regard to our annual membership fees, we can safely set them at \$120.00 for a single Adult rider.

Family \$240.00, Junior \$85.00, Intermediate \$60.00 and Associate \$15.00. Vic currently charges \$120 for an adult. QERA have increased their fees but we don't know how much. Obviously our biggest number of members falls into the Adult riding member category.

I do not propose to increase ride affiliation fees and

NSW will have to absorb the AERA rider levy from the affiliation fees paid by R.O's. It is so expensive to run a ride today that I do not feel that we can ask any R.O to contribute any more, without them we don't have a sport.

I am basing this on the following figures:-

Our annual Affiliation fees to AERA are \$32.00 per Adult member and \$16.00 for Junior. I have looked at the proposed Insurance rises and have broken them down based on 400 adult members in 2018, in 2017 there were 399;-Division per year \$2.00 per member, event per year \$1.00 full riding member \$24.00, thus \$27.00 per year for Insurance at the top quoted rate from AERA.

Our Secretariat currently costs us \$32,000.00 per annum. The extra \$24,400.00 realised from the increased Adult membership will largely defray the Secretarial expenses. The Newsletter is largely cost neutral, however, I propose to increase the subscription rate by \$5.00.

Obviously Personal accident is an option that brings no money to NSW.

Observations to our AERA Delegates:- The Personal Accident must be standalone, no way can we get into the situation of one in all in. Secondly, please support the full Insurance Increase as advertised in the agenda, however, on the conditions that:-

a No increase in annual affiliation fees to AERA

b Decrease the ride levy from \$3.00 to \$1.00, with a sunset clause to end 31.12.2018. The levy was meant to be a stop gap to cover a shortfall in 2015, to be determined at the point that the 2015 Quilty affiliation was receipted by AERA, this stop date is now well past.

c. AERA needs to trim their expenditure especially honorariums to AERA executive members.

Profit and loss figures to follow as James is working on them as we speak.

Ride Calendar:- It's heartening to see the number of rides up for approval, especially the Bullio Cup which is new to the Calendar and thanks to Zone One for moving Q60 away from the other traditional rides:-Gundagai, Tooraweenah, Mudgee. Note that Tooraweenah is doing 2 rides next year, their usual plus the NSW State Champs to celebrate Tooraweenah's 40th Anniversary.

An R.O recently told me that they felt that there was a rule precluding any state from running an 80km ride on the Quilty weekend or the weekends either side. I was able to assure the R.O that this was not the case. The only exception being a 100 miler, same weekend and only then in adjoining States, e.g., 2018 NSW or Qld could run a 100 miler same weekend, no worry if the Quilty was in Tasmania. Please all Zone delegates and SMC members, spread the word. we need rides.

Zone Two:- Zone two AGM will be held 3rd Feb at Gulgong Sporting and Rec Club. Zone two is

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excited that the NSW State Champs will be held at Tooraweenah to mark the clubs 40th Anniversary. With Tooraweenah in April, Mudgee in May and hopefully Windeyer as well as possible n3w ride at Manilla along with the Bullio Cup, riding in the Central west looks good for 2018. Zone Two, the best in the west.

Newsletters subscription to increase to \$35.
Newsletter cost to increase to \$5.50. Our newsletter needs to be published on Facebook, we need to promote that people do not need to be members to buy our newsletter.

Resolved to vote for alternative 1 with regard to public liability insurance.

Went on to discuss personal accident insurance, agreed it must stay on a separate user pays basis.

Question: Until we have at least 550 full time adult members, we should not allow more than one ride in NSW on the same weekend? **Resolved** to put this up as a motion to the AGM. John to prepare this.

Jacque does not agree with taking this motion to the AGM. The other thing is that if the motion passes there is no sunset on it. Possibly consider trailing it. John said he would send the P&L report around when he received it from the accountant.

Kerry Spratt: Secretary

Secretary Report for the December meeting

Sorry I can't be there, the date change just doesn't work.

Please deal with these questions:

Do we want to accept Ian Curtis' offer to maintain the ride base maps on the website? Can someone please let Jax know so she can let Ian know either way.

Resolved to accept Ian's offer to update the ride maps.

Who will update the website generally? Jacque has offered.

Resolved: Noni and Jacque will update the Website and Facebook. Newsletter to go to Jacque who said she is able to put it on the website within 24 hours. Thanks to Adeline for all her help in this regard.

Will we accept Adeline's kind offer to continue with Facebook and the email blasts? Please do.

Decided to go with Jacque and Noni for updates and email blasts.

Can we ask Helen to do the AGM booklet like last year? Please do.

Resolved that Helen prepare the AGM booklet as no one else wanted to do it. Mention made of electronic voting at the AERA level, trials are already taking place.

Table Charlie's Course Preservation letters, sent previously.

No one at the meeting had these letters available.

Will we dual affiliate the Tenterfield ride in May

2018? I sent the details to John but its 5th 6th May: 20k, 40k & 80k ride on both days Sat 5th & Sunday 6th. Hendra vac only. (we have dual affiliated Hendra vac NRZ rides previously).

See earlier in the minutes where this was discussed. We do not affiliate Hendra vaccination only rides in NSW.

Will we agree to the ride application for Glen Innes? Details sent separately.

See earlier in the minutes where this was discussed. We do not affiliate Hendra vaccination only rides in NSW.

Registrar/Secretariat Sonya won't be continuing as Registrar/Secretariat so we need to proceed to tender as agreed at the October meeting. Helen has an ad for the newsletter. I suggest this is put on Facebook and the web at the same time as the newsletter is sent. **Agreed.**

January meeting date: Please set date, we'll need to sort out management of the AGM, particularly any motions on notice that come in. **Resolved** that the next meeting date will be 19th January 2018.

Cut off for notices of motion for the AGM: Can we have a closing date of 8 January for notices of motion to allow time for printing and mailing (with 21 days' notice in case there's any special resolutions). We haven't printed a date in the nov/dec newsletter, so will need to give as much time as possible for people to put motions in. We'll need to meet after the closing date.

Resolved that the cut-off date for AGM notices will be Friday, 5 Jan 2018.

Maxxis project continues concentrating on the new rider's booklet. Thanks Noni and Belinda for your input. By the time this meeting happens, we should have agreement from Maxxis to print. Bec has worked incredibly hard all year. We're very lucky to have Bec's expertise and passion on the job.

Office of Sport grants Thanks to the grants subcommittee, again, a lot of work for our benefit by a small number of people. Thanks Belinda for driving this. I hope Willinga survived the weather.

10000 km rider awards We'll need to advertise on Facebook for people eligible for the 10 000km rider awards.

Disqualifications: We received instruction from EA and the AERA to disqualify two riders/horses for breaches of the FEI mandatory rest period rule. After agreement with the exec, I spoke to the connections about this before the disqualifications were done.

AGM Presentation Tony sent an email with suggestions on improvements for the AGM presentation. Please formalise this so Jacky and the presenter know what's happening.

2018 Membership fees: Perhaps we need to decide the fees by email when we have the costs confirmed. So far we know the personal accident

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has a large increase with policy changes. In summary Personal accident policy will be \$138 for adults and \$36 for juniors (includes %10 admin fee imposed by the AERA). Full document will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

AERA teleconference: Peter and Alam will participate in a teleconference next Tuesday. Please review the agenda I sent and tell Peter and Alam what you think.

Jacque feels that if riders have PA then it should be shown on their membership card. **Resolved** to do this.

Neil asked that the SMC be thanked for their sympathies on the death of his father Alan.

Also, Belinda said we should note in the minutes that we thank Mark Johnson for his contribution to the NSW ERA SMC and for his commitment to the sport.

Belinda Hopley:

NSWERA State Championship Ride, 30/9 – 1/10/17, 160k & 80k.

Again the well experienced Lachlan Endurance riders put on the NSW State Champs at the Woodstock Showground. The ride was well organised and conducted. Electronic timing was used without issue. The course was varied and well received by riders. There were no complaints regarding the course marking. Any errors made on course were due to rider oversight. Riders were largely well behaved throughout the ride. However there were 2 incidents which deserve comment.

a) 3 horses arrived at the ride base without the applicable HHD for the event. Temperatures had been taken but were recorded on old forms and / or were not taken for the required time period for the event. The CS on duty at the time reviewed the facts, consulted the HV and the horses were permitted to enter the ride base. Belinda Hopley has the identity of the 3 members and I understand that this is not the first time for a couple of the parties. IMHO, members who continually flaunt the HHD requirements should be put on notice that they risk refusal of entry unless they comply.

b) A couple of horses were vetted out 'gait' and the decision was not taken with good grace by the rider / handler. Whilst they were not abusive at the time, they made their opinion known to anyone who would listen. Subsequent to the event I understand that a couple of riders/connections then also had a rant on social media. Is it ironic that the parties involved have commercial interests within our Sport.

Two horses received invasive treatment, one for tie-up (4 week RO) and the other for cardiac insufficiency (6 week RO). A rider had a fall with her horse on track and received a broken ankle.

Scenic City, 18-19/10/17, 100k, 80k, 40k & 20k.

The committee tried a new ride base at the base of Mt Stromlo. It was a recently cleared paddock that shows great potential. There was light rain Friday

and Saturday nights which softened the track a little and settled the dust. The committee is a great advocate of Trybooking, so entry for riders was a quick and painless affair. Electronic timing was used and again, most riders are becoming quite comfortable with it. The vetting area was reasonable considering the recent earthworks. A rider was leading her horse pre ride when it spun around and kicked her in the leg. After a warm night, the 100 and 80k rides started together at 4am to avoid a bicycle challenge later in the area. A few riders missed a turn due to a missing marker in the first leg. In the second leg 2 riders missed a turn but then were directed to complete the section missed. This was in accordance with the rule book. There were 2 riders that fell and their horses took off (separate incidents). One horse was found quickly, but the other took some hours. No injuries reported. The morning cooled quite considerably, and took some time to warm up. It became quite sticky, but a cool breeze came up in the afternoon. The marking was reasonable however, as there are a lot of turns in this area, tape was used as comfort markers. Riders were advised of the tape and the need to look for markers at pre-ride, and it should be noted that most riders had no problems. There was plenty of water on track. On the whole, the parks' bike users were very considerate of the horses with just a couple of negative comments. With the development of the area, the availability of a back entrance with less turns is being investigated. Riders and horses were very well behaved.

Willinga Park, Intro to Endurance

The South Coast Endurance Riders held an "Introduction to Endurance" last weekend at the very lovely venue of Willinga Park at Bawley Point. This was a pre-nominated event offering 10k, 20k and 40k rides on Sunday. Information sessions were given by the Head Vet Darien Feary, Chief Steward Belinda Hopley and Clare Feary giving the Rider talk. These were scheduled before the start of the rides on Sunday morning. While some entrants took advantage of camping over on Saturday night, the overcast day put a few riders off and they arrived on Sunday morning. Quite a few non-riders (and withdrawn riders) attended the info sessions and the event still had a respectable 50 riders.

The 10 and 20k courses were through Willinga Park and was a good mix of forest and paddock tracks, with the 40k having a loop in the forest. The previous rain had softened the tracks; they were well marked with plenty of water and checkpoints. There were ride nannies that accompanied each ride, and strapping and vetting fairies to assist as well. There was concern about the potential humidity on track as the day warmed, but an afternoon breeze ensured excellent riding weather.

The venue was a little spread out between the office/time gate and vetting, but once the rides were underway, the office relocated to the vet area. This was a very well-manicured polo field. Very few vet outs, mainly lameness with 2 heart rate issues. The vets were kept very busy answering questions from riders.

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Ride Calendar

March

10/11	Upper Corindi Saturday 20/40 Sunday 20/40	Pam Karner 0457 866 222 drpamkarner@gmail.com	QERA
17/18	Neville Training Weekend Saturday & Sunday 10/20/40	Helen Lindsay 02 6342 9289 kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com	4
30Mar–1 Apr	Tumut Easter Carnival Fri/Sat/Sun 120km Mini Marathon Saturday 20/40/80 Sunday 20/40/80	Kim Stephens 0488 473 701 kims5061@hotmail.com	4

April

8	Mountain Lagoon Intro Rides 5/20/40	Garry Weis 02 4576 0070 – garryweis@yahoo.com.au	1
21/22	Tooraweenah Saturday 7/20km Sunday 40/80km	Sonia Bonham 02 6848 5345 gavinandsonia@bigpond.com	2
29	Gundagai 40/80km	Rick Owen 02 6944 1628	4

May

6	Table Top 40/80/120 **postponed new date TBA**	Amanda Kettlewell 0428 849 720 aejkettlewell@bigpond.com	4
12/13	Mudgee Saturday 10/20 Sunday 40/80	Gail Fisher 0427 537 636/02 6373 3932	n/a
26/27	Wingello Saturday 5/10/20 Sunday 20/41-60/80	Bec Hogan 0412 600 173 bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au	5

June

9/10	Snowy Zone Champs @ The Rock Saturday 40 Sunday AERA 80/120/160 Sunday FEI 80*, 120**, 160*** Both 160k rides start midnight Saturday	Col Lewis 0415 453 434 bricouma1@bigpond.com.au	4
23/24	Wandandian Saturday 5/10 Sunday 20/40/80	Clare Feary 0413 341 270 – fearyclare@gmail.com	5
30Jun/1Jul	Bago Bush Ride Sunday 20/40/80	Lizzie Moir – 0409 058 733 emoir7@hotmail.com	6

July			
13/14/15	NSW State Champs @ Tooraweenah	Sonia Bonham 02 6848 5345 gavinandsonia@bigpond.com	2
28/29	Q60 – Zone 1 Champs Saturday 10/20/40 Sunday 10/20/40/80-100	Ian Dreghorn 0427 456 436 ian.dreghorn@gmail.com	1
August			
4/5	Zone 5 Champs @ Currowan Saturday 10/20/40 Sunday 20/40/80	Jenny Shepheard 0407 781 089 currowan@hotmail.com	5
11/12	Kiwarra Cup Saturday 10/20/40 Sunday 20/40/80	Keith Sumpner 0427 306 106 or Tracy Broadbent 0423 546 564	6
27-31	Shahzada 400km/120km	Sue Todd 02 6379 7218 suetodd@activ8.net.au https://www.shahzada400.com/	1
September			
15/16	Woodstock Saturday 20 Sunday 20/40/80	Helen Lindsay 02 6342 9289 kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com	4
30	National Capital Brookvale 13/22/30/52/80	Gertraud Norton 02 6227 1378/0427 617 114 gertraud.norton@activ8.net.au	4
October			
6/7	Tasmanian Quilty Gold Cup		
13/14	Windeyer - Central Ranges Saturday 20/40 Sunday 40/80	Shelley Jones 02 6373 8116 shelley.suzzanna@outlook.com	
21	St Albans Intro Rides Sunday 10/20/40	Ian Dreghorn 0427 456 436 ian.dreghorn@gmail.com	1
November			
4	Bullio Cup @ Four Mile Creek 20/40/AERA80/FEI80*	Annette Bailey 0429 326 245 acabailey@bigpond.com	2
24/25	<i>Application pending</i>		

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The Editor

NSWERA Newsletter

Dear Editor

At the NSWERA AGM, two motions were on the agenda, both of which should have been disallowed without going to a vote as they contradicted the new AERA Rule 16.5 and other provisions.

The first of these was 'That all NSWERA rides on the calendar are to remain open to all riders regardless of horse vaccination status.' Under the NSWERA constitution, any rule that contradicts an AERA rule can only be passed as a special resolution at an AGM. This motion was not put as a special resolution and therefore should have been disallowed. This was explained to the SMC and members in detail at the meeting, quoting the relevant clauses from the constitution, but the Secretary went ahead and allowed the meeting to vote on it. The motion was passed.

The second problematic motion was 'That the AERA instruct QERA that the holding of a 'Hendra vaccinated only' Tom Quilty in 2019 is not permitted and that if QERA persists in this endeavor, it will be struck off the TQ circuit.' This motion was also allowed to go to vote and was passed when it also is in clear contravention of the new Rule 16.5.

As a long-time (over 30 years) member, ride organizer, competitor and ride veterinarian, I find it very disappointing that the sensible effort by AERA in the introduction of Rule 16.5 and the addition of 14.1(e) and (f) to try and manage significant biosecurity issues is apparently being ignored by my state Division. The SMC is also ignoring its own constitution. The calling of a Special General Meeting to sort out this mess of the SMC's making is an unnecessary waste of members' time and money.

Yours sincerely

Steven Roberts, NSWERA 20160

Ride Organisers' Forum

Held at Richmond Club

Sunday 18 February 2018.

Thank you to Belinda Hopley, Kerry Spratt, Jacque Wright and Peter Bice (NSW ERA) for a very productive day especially after a full day on the Saturday with the AGM and Dinner/Presentation. Thanks to the NSW Office of Sport and Recreation for the grant which has enabled this forum as well as the intro days which have been held recently - we were asked to use their logo in promotion for our rides and on our websites.

Amazing that we have not had this Forum sooner....so much information can be shared this way and questions asked. We went through the amendments to the Rule Book with special attention to Risk Management and Biosecurity and how we should be allowing six to twelve months for planning. We need to look after our volunteers better and a strong recommendation for improving the situation for young people in our sport ie Play by The Rules website.

Charlie Gauci raised the Ride Calendar Matrix again explaining some things that had happened in the past and how it needs to be changed to cover the way the NSW Committee is now saying that there will not be two rides in NSW on the one weekend.

We discussed getting the ride booking forms in for next year at the end of this year's ride to give everyone more notice like other ride organisers and the riders, more planning and the use of electronic media for promotion as well as sponsorship and getting the best deal for rugs and prizes. Try booking and Nominate were discussed and recommended.

Definitely worth the effort....I think the fact that these Committee members are available for help at all times and from this time forward more communication will definitely take place between them and the ride organisers.

Sue Todd



Bunnigalore photos Animal Focus

Deborah Kempson riding Mylz
Louise Mingay riding Winnie
Nichola Mephram riding Meracious Shahjih at
Bunnigalore -
Marisa McKinnon riding Fifi.
Bindi Reinhold riding Douglas.



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Clare Feary gathered the SCERA troops, and, with the generous advice and assistance of other endurance riders and volunteers, ran a well-attended and organised event. It was very well received by the riders, who were very well behaved and enthusiastic, and also very keen to continue their endurance career.

NSWERA would like to thank Clare Feary and her assistants for their wonderful contribution and the NSW Office of Sports for their grant to make it happen.

CS/TPR-

The CS workshop held in Cowra in November was well attended and received.

CS Rulebook Workshop '17 report:

NSWERA held another Rulebook workshop in Cowra on the 4th & 5th Nov, '17. Tom McCormack (Chair, Rulebook Committee) and Gerard Bou (AERA Chief Steward) presented the workshop. John Howe, Peter Bonham, Renee Kirk, Tina Walker (who is a provisional CS) and Peter Bice (VP and Ride Standards) attended.

Tom commenced with a brief overview of what had changed from the previous rules and the reasoning and rationale for the change. Gerard had sent a comprehensive list of scenarios to be read in conjunction with the rulebook and our answers were discussed along with different approaches so that the rules are applied evenly and fairly. Lively discussion all involved. The workshop was intensive but thorough and informative. All participants thought it well worth the effort and were appreciative of the opportunity to participate.

The workshop was made possible by the NSW Office of Sports grant. NSWERA also thanks the Cowra Bowling and Recreational Club for the use of their meeting room.

There are a few rule changes from the recent AERA meeting that will be sent shortly to CS's and ROC's.

South Coast News: *Ran a great Intro to Endurance event last weekend at Willinga Park.*

Grants Report-

The rides so far appear to be popular and attracting interest and we need to keep the momentum up. We are awaiting confirmation about dates for a Manila/Bendemeer base next year. Matt Walker and Bec Hogan are running a 20k event on January 10 at Canyonleigh, and we also hope to do another in the west of the State.

The ROC forum that was to run in November with the CS workshop was cancelled and will run on Sunday after the AGM. The "Running an Endurance Ride" booklet has been updated and will be discussed, as will the new rules that are pertinent to the ROC and the use of AERASpace. We also want to know what works or doesn't work for your ride and how can the SMC help. Please send your issues and concerns to Peter Bice (peterbice@bigpond.com) or myself by the beginning of February '18.

There will be a vet accreditation school happening as well in the early part of next year. If you know of vets that wish to become accredited, please advise Jacque Wright (jacquelwright@gmail.com).

To date the budget has spent \$3,000 on Kiwarra, Brookvale, CS Workshop and \$5000 on Willinga Park.

The remainder money will be spent on RO Forum (AGM), Vet Accreditation, TBC—Canyonleigh and Bendemeer/Manilla.

This should leave approx. \$3000 which could be spent on another ride, i.e. Tooraweenah, and will be discussed at the next phone hook-up.

Jacque Wright: Grants, Vet Liaison, Biosecurity Biosecurity:

AERA proposes some changes to the general rule book and after reading the rational from Oct AERA meeting it disappoints that it's necessary to add to the rule book. I would like to note that line 'c' of the proposed additional section Biosecurity does not make sense and should be removed as it written for the first draft.

I would like to congratulate the LERC committee for their though approach to a whole biosecurity policy for the State Champs this year. It was not Hendra focused and took consideration of other biological problems that could enter the state such as Fire Ants from SEQLD in hay. In addition it referred to state legislation. I will ask LERC if we can share this document with every ROC as a tool to refer too.

I am trying to keep up-to date with QLD and the proposed Hendra Vac only policy QLD state wide that has gone to the members for a vote, I think. I am saddened by the Hendra vac still causing problems for the general membership, ROC and vets. It has taken a toll on the sport & membership nationwide. Frustratingly all we can do is watch the result as per vote from the membership of QLD.

Vet Liaison

My AERASPACE access has been changed so I can bring the vet list up to date. This change will allow me to ensure vets are credited for the rides they have attended and the contact details are current in AERASPACE. I will contact every ROC for the 2017 season and every vet listed in the NSW database. I started this process to try and discover who I need to approach regards gaining accreditation and now very happy with the result and look forward to having this task complete for the AGM.

Regarding Facebook posts about vet assessments particularly the state champs. The posts I am referring to have been removed but that does not remove the damage. I would ask, to try and repair some damage, those who made these posts send a letter of apology to the state champ ROC to forward to the vet team.

AERA has advised new vet fees for the 2018 season. These fees are still reasonable. I would like to thank every vet who worked during the 2017 season. Every rider knows that endurance does not

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exist without vets willing to participate.

Lastly, the correspondence regards an experienced head vet making a decision overturning a younger/newer vet. I would like to highlight rule 67.3 and 67.5, that the head vet's decision is final. The issue would be the rider was not informed of the gait status of the horse prior to leaving the vetting area. Please riders find balance and see those vets who come to endurance rides do not do it for the small fee paid by the ROC, it's because they enjoy the sport and majority of the riders as much as the membership at large. Keep in mind we do not have a sport if we (riders, trainers, strappers and horse owners) do not give vets the respect they deserve. As you can tell I am very passionate and have a huge respect for vets, that comes from my brief time working many years ago as a nurse and from the many hours pencilling at endurance events, especially those multi day or 24 hour rides.

I want to suggest the removal of the term VO lame in AERASPACE. 63.7 c, 67.7 & 67.14 refers to irregular gait and other places throughout the rule book. The term lame has many connotations and when a rider suggest their horse is not lame hence should not be vetted out, may be true but the horse may have an irregular gait.

Jo Davis: Zone 1 Delegate, Ride calendar,
Sorry I will be an apology tonight, also sorry for lateness of the report.

Ride Calendar

Many applications received, unfortunately though ROs are still sending applications in knowing there are either, already rides booked for that weekend or it is some ones traditional date. We need to reinforce the message that we will not approve more than one ride on any weekend. Perhaps we could update the ROs handbook section around Booking the Event; that ROs should consult with ride calendar organiser/s before choosing a date to ensure no other ride bookings already received.

Tumut is already approved to hold their Easter Carnival that weekend. Windeyer will need to change their date to a free weekend.

Table Top 12/13 May AERA & FEI.
Again this ride has put in their application on Mudgee's traditional weekend. Mudgee's ride booking form was received first so another date is needed for the Table Top ride. I do not support having two rides on one weekend no matter the distance, and this has been communicated to me by many members at rides also. I just don't believe that our current NSWERA membership is large enough to successfully support two rides on the same weekend.

Zone One

Ride bookings sent for Q60 and St Albans trainers. AGM in January. I will not be standing for Zone One committee again as I have moved out to the Central West so the new committee will need to elect a new zone delegate.

Stationery: Sorry I have been a little time poor but

will ensure that the ride booking form is updated ASAP, post this meeting as I think there are more things that will need to be added post tonight's meeting.

I would also like to ask that I be added as an admin, or at least be able to directly post, on the NSWERA Facebook page so I can keep the members up to date with the ride calendar and pending applications so we can try and avoid further duplicate bookings.

Noni Seagrim: Zone 4 Delegate, Merchandise Snowy Zone

Scenic City was the last ride for the 2017 SZ season, also incorporating the SZ Champs. It was quite well supported considering the big gap between rides with 18 entries in the 100km, 41 in the 80km, 20 in the 20km and also 20 in the 20km.

Quite a few rides have already been applied for within the Zone for 2018, starting off with a training weekend at Neville, closely followed by an Easter carnival at Tumut! It looks like it will be another busy year for the zone.

Merchandise: Prices need to be re-evaluated. I aim to have the store linked and operational over summer, ready for 2018.

Tony Warren: Horse Welfare, Early Warning System Horse EW

44 horses over 15 points, 5 horses at 30 points, 3 of which were metabolic, 1 from HR and 1 from lameness. We have 1 horse still at 43 points, an accumulation of lameness and HR but this horse has been retired.

Rider EW

29 riders over 15 points, 3 riders at 30 points 2 of which had metabolic issues, so they accumulate 30 points straight up, the other is from high HR this rider has not competed since the last vet out in August. 2 riders above 45 points, both these riders have not competed in the last 5 months.

The rider which was returned to Novice for two rides, has still to successfully complete one of those rides.

Belinda commented that Victoria has stickers they use to alert riders but this was rejected.

Office of Sport Active Kids Program (Kerry)

Refer to email sent 7/12/17, please endorse suggestion that we register for this program.

Most SMC members could not open this link so don't know what is involved. Relates to a grant for active kids within sport. **Resolved** that Belinda send this around to the rest of the SMC for consideration.

Intermediate membership criteria

The idea was for intermediate members to step up to full membership. Discussing intermediate membership criteria in general. **Resolution** to

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leave things as they are. **Resolved** to continue on with this award and leave it optional for ride organisers on an opt in or opt out criteria.

Teleconference

Resolved that Peter will arrange a tele conference for 8pm on 14 December, to deal with the reports lodged with this meeting, but not discussed and to report on the upcoming AERA tele conference.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:54 am.

Summary Report, Teleconference of the NSWERA Committee held 14 December 2017.

Present: Peter Bice (chairman/moderator), John Howe, Noni Seagrim, Jacque Wright (signed in at [9:09]), Tony Warren, Belinda Hopley, Kerry Spratt, Jo Davis. **Minutes:** Helen Rich,

Wallinga Park costs need to be paid, John will send a cheque but needs an invoice first.

Vice President nomination

This position is until the AGM, some 7 weeks. Belinda and Peter are the candidates, Kerry asked if they could hang up and dial back in when this matter is complete. [8:12]. The remaining committee voted. **Resolved** that the Vice President will be Tony Warren. Tony and Belinda were advised of the result on their return to the meeting.

There will be seven positions available at the AGM.

Rides up for approval.

John has made phone calls concerning ride approvals but not heard back from some people. John cannot see a five week break between The Rock and the State Ride being a problem.

Tenterfield. Carol Dixon.

Tenterfield is a Hendra vaccination only ride, the booking form has been received. Our members have said no to Hendra vaccinated only rides. [8:18] Belinda and Tony dialled back in. View of some that the point score results are skewed towards Hendra vaccinated horses and not fair to the large majority of NSW riders. While it is an 80 with National and NSW point scores John sees this as a problem and stated that it should not be approved.

Kerry said this ride is in May so it won't be critical to the point score. We have previously affiliated the Bom Bom ride, this ride date is between Gundagai and Mudgee and is attractive mainly to Zone 6 riders.

John said two wrongs don't make a right. From the point score perspective, if you can get your nose in front at any time during the year, you take it. Doesn't matter when the ride is held. This would be a ride that all of the NSW members could not attend.

Jo – Table Top have put in an application for the same weekend. Kerry said this will make Tenterfield less of a problem with regard to the NSW pointscore issue.

Peter sees John's point. If we have approved Bom Bom before, we could consider that a precedent, there is nothing stopping someone from putting a ride on at the end of the year.

Kerry said Jacky discussed the rides that are dual affiliated on AeraSpace with Steve Swan. Noted that Bom Bom should be dual affiliated in AERASpace because we agreed to it. John said this was done when he was out of the country.

There are a number of rides on AERASpace which are dual affiliated that have not come to this SMC. Steve Swan said rides in the Northern Rivers were automatically dual affiliated. Kerry rang Steve to advise that this is incorrect and that no rides are dual affiliated until NSW agrees to it. Kerry asked Steve to untick all the dual affiliated boxes. Steve advised Kerry about a mandate from the AERA that all NRZ riders are to be dual affiliated.

John believes that Jacky should be speaking to John and Jo as they have the ride calendar portfolio. Kerry said Jacky spoke to her as the secretary.

Peter brought the meeting back to discussing Tenterfield.

Vote was taken: NO: John, Tony, Belinda, Jo, Noni. Yes: Kerry and Peter. Resolved that this ride will not be dual affiliated. Jo to advise the ride committee.

Table Top

AERA only ride suggested for 5 and 6 May 2018, ride date is between Gundagai and Mudgee. 163k from Gundagai. Can we speak to Gundagai? Is that the only weekend they can get helpers? Gundagai could run first and Table Top would get riders from Victoria. They are a week apart.

Kerry said we knocked back Tenterfield; therefore we cannot approve Table Top as it is less than 200k.

Jo was asked how they chose that date. The ride committee was offered three dates, 5/6 May was the only suitable date. We have a matrix and under that, the ride should not be approved. John called Rick (Gundagai) to ascertain what he would like to do. Rick agreed to Table Top running on that date. John asked Rick to ask the Zone to put together a timetable of rides for their Zone. Resolved to approve the Table Top ride.

Ride Calendar generally

Jo said Victoria has a ride calendar policy and we should have one as well. Kerry said we have one – some of it is in the newsletter. Jo said we have nothing on the web. At the AGM we should discuss the idea of one ride only per weekend. ROs need to discuss dates amongst themselves. The ride booking policy needs to be available on the webpage.

Bumbaldry has cancelled but supplied a replacement. Still waiting on Wandandian. Gertraud Norton has provided a new booking form, Belinda to send copy to Jo and John. The date was changed.

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Noni has asked The Rock committee to update the ride booking form, also interested in a 160 if ok with Tooraweenah. The Rock will at least have a 120k for the Zone Champs. If the 160 runs it will be a standalone.

Review Belinda's report from Friday's meeting.

Wallinga Park was a success. Quite a few riders on Sunday. Good weather, new people receptive to ideas. Had nannies helping novice riders. All were happy with the event, interested and keen to know more.

State Champs report was provided on Friday. There will be new rule changes which need to be sent to the ROs.

Renee Kirk has plans, possibly March/April. Dates need to be sorted, noted that Tooraweenah and Manilla draw from the same rider pool. There are errors in the website ride calendar which Jacque will correct. Kerry asked whether Upper Corindi is the only ride we have dual affiliated? Yes, correct. Glen Innes approved for the Australia day weekend.

Wingello Ride.

Tony spoke about concerns raised with him about this ride, due to its numbers eg delays in vetting and entry. This would need to be discussed with the ride committee. Resolved that the issues be presented to the organising committee.

AERA report from Tuesday's tele conference

Insurance: Alternative two was the option that got through at the AERA meeting so John said his figures were good. Personal accident: AERA – how much is personal accident to be? Kerry said the figures remain as in her report to Friday's meeting. Peter said the price for PA did not go up. John said when he spoke to Steve Swan, who was not sure what the situation would be with personal accident. There is 'no one in all in' policy. People can opt out of the PA. John said his conversation with Steve Swan produced a different viewpoint.

AGM booklet underway.

Facebook and the Internet updates: Kerry will draft a notice for Facebook regarding the AGM.

Resolved that all members of the SMC should be able to post on Facebook.

Ribbons for the AGM: Agreed we want to put the new logo on the ribbons for this year.

Grants subcommittee :Invoice from Hot air conferencing for \$88 which was possibly the grants subcommittee meeting – **Resolved**: invoice to be forwarded to John for payment. Belinda said she was hoping to have a conference next week for the grants committee.

Rule changes

All up for second vote at the tele conference held last Tuesday.

32.1 – international rider. Tried to rescind the previous motion but found that it couldn't be rescinded so the vote was NO. The matter will be

given more consideration in the future.

15 – Vet to horse ratio. Amended to include 15.3. Separate treatment vet at ride base. Vote was YES.

13.2 new rule be added. Concerns disqualification. YES

13.3 was amended. YES

Rule book to include 15.2. Vet team to include at least two accredited vets for rides of more than 120k. YES. So when more than three vet are included, the team must include at least two accredited vets.

Correspondence from Dr Albert Sole-Guitart about research on endurance results, asking for data to conduct a retrospective study of Australian rides. Not looking for any personal information. On hold for now because AERA requires more details of what is needed. Kerry requested that AERA conform that we can review the report before publication.

Constitution.

Mel Scott working with Kerry on the constitution. Getting very close now to completion.

Distance Riding Association

Letter from NZ Distance Riding Association wanting to be recognised as an association by the AERA as well as Endurance NZ which is the official NZ National Federation. At the moment AERA cannot accept this request because the AERA can only recognise one National Federation in each country. Likewise the FEI will only recognise one body.

On line voting

Jacque – asked about On Line voting. AERA to hold over to discuss next year.

Belinda asked Peter for a list of the rule changes for the CSs. There will be a new rule book but we need to publicise the new biosecurity rules especially.

Jacque wants to also get out the change with vets and the fact that two must be accredited for larger rides. **Resolved** that Peter will get the necessary paperwork out. Once formalised Jacque will put on the website.

Kerry – rule 29. That change went through. Vote unanimous YES.

Kerry said thanks to Peter for the last tele conference.

Peter said that as NSW ERA presented Greg Moore and Emily Streckfuss with a jacket upon their resignation as President. **Resolved** that we arrange for a jacket for Alam. Noni to take care of this.

Burruga FEI ride

John asked for the overdue ride fees for the last Burruga ride which Jacque said would be forthcoming. Jacque was late tonight because her RO had their meeting. Going to apply to hold a two star event two weeks after the Bullio Cup, looking at 23/24 November, plan on running both AERA and FEI rides.

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We have a ride booking form for the Bullio Cup, for a one star event on 3 and 4 November. The difference in officials between a one star event and a two star event is quite significant. Jacque confirmed that she is aware of the officials required for a two star event.

Electronic Voting

Jacque. Queried actioning a motion towards electronic voting. We did commit at the beginning of the year to prepare such a motion. We should do this as the AERA is thinking of doing it. Kerry said the AERA may not be doing much on this. Under NSW legislation, we need to consider whether we want electronic and/or postal voting but don't have to adopt either. We should have a look at the Model Rules attached to the Association Incorporation Regulation, to see if this is going to work for us. Kerry will send it around for consideration. Kerry believes it is difficult to see how the process in the model rules would work for the AERA or NSWERA but we could devise another process, for example the app that Steve Swan is trialling for the AERA.

Intermediate Award

Noni had an email from Adeline in regard to Intermediate Rugs award. Do we want the report for the AGM? Yes, we do. Will we continue with it next year? Yes, we have agreed to go with it or next year.

Ride Calendar

Jacque had success with webpage calendar for 2018 but it was noted that some of information is incorrect.

Helen queried how many people were working on the Ride Calendar. Unfortunately Jacque needs to put the information onto the web ride by ride. Jacque said there are about 7 different boxes that she needs to fill in.

Kerry asked if the calendar be uploaded as a PDF. No, Jacque said every ride gets entered separately. Essentially the ride calendar has to be entered twice.

Horse disqualification

Kerry said she had a letter from a rider concerning a horse being disqualified. We previously wrote to this rider saying we accept that the CS made the correct decision on the day. This second letter will be held over for discussion at the January meeting.

Resolved these minutes be added as an addendum to Friday's SMC meeting minutes.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

More AGM Photos

Kerry Fowler-Smith (nee Spratt) receiving her Life Membership award from Tony Warren at the AGM.





More AGM Photos: Animal Focus

Above: Sue Warren who cleaned up with five heavyweight awards, being congratulated by her husband Tony. Below: Gary Pevy being congratulated by Tony Warren.





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Dehydration Colic and Water Quality

By Dr. John Kohnke BVSc RDA



Over the past few weeks, horse owners have reported that their horses are developing colic, which may be linked to dehydration and particularly water quality during the current drought weather in some areas of Australia.

In fact, recent studies have highlighted the relationship between the incidence of impaction colic and the combination of dry hay and inadequate water intake. For many years, Dr. John Kohnke has linked the high risk of “cold weather colic” - impaction colic when dry hay is offered to cold, hungry horses during cold weather, which is related to reduced water consumption in winter.

However, the recent reports indicate that dry hay and poor water quality during the current drought conditions are creating an increasing problem of “hot weather impaction colic”. This particularly affects horses drinking dam water, or water pumped from a dam to troughs in stables and yards.

During hot summer conditions, dams evaporate and water is lost, leaving an increasing concentration of organic matter in the dam water. In some cases, blue green algae development is facilitated by the increased organic matter as the dam dries up, leaving an unpalatable ‘soup’ of contaminants. The water becomes unattractive to horses, often develops a ‘rotting’ odour of dead plant material, algae and in some cases, contamination from droppings. The occasional heavy downpour from a thunderstorm in summer is also likely to wash soil from bare, grazed out paddocks and also faecal matter into a dam already containing water which horses are reluctant to drink.

When combined with dry grass, hay and hard feeds, reduced water intake results in drying out of the hindgut, with the risk of impaction colic and in some cases, organic and bacterial contamination in the limited amounts of water horses will drink. Some horses may also develop hindgut irritation, diarrhoea or digestive upset from drinking contaminated water.

The most important measure to avoid the problem of impaction colic is to dilute dam water with rain or town water or provide buckets of clean water. This is particularly important if you notice horses are reluctant to drink, or their water supply is not of the usual quality. Providing a salt mix such as Kohnke's Own® Cell-Salts™ in the feed will help stimulate a normal thirst response and encourage clean water consumption, as well as replace a full range of salts lost in sweat during exercise or increased sweating during hot weather.

Another key preventative measure is to dampen all hay and hard feeds with clean water. Simply, placing a biscuit of hay into a polywoven chaff bag and spraying the hay in the bag to soak it with clean water, allowing 10 minutes for it to absorb the moisture, before feeding it to your horse, is a good way of reducing the risk of impaction colic during both hot and cold weather. The dampened hay can be carried in the bag to the feed bin to minimise leaf loss and the bag recycled for the next feed.

Please note:

Dr. John Kohnke has written a new fact sheet ‘Water for Horses’ which summarises water quality, water testing and bacterial and plant contamination in dams and creeks. To register to receive the new fact sheet, please send an email to info@kohnkesown.com and we will send you a copy of the fact sheet.

Synopsis of AGM minutes

Abridged version of the draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc. held at the Windsor RSL, 36 Argyle Street, Windsor on 17 February 2017, commencing at 12:42 pm.

The full and complete set of minutes will be published prior to the 2018 AGM.

Attendance,

Present: Peter Bice (Chairman), Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Tony Warren, Kerry Spratt, Jacque Wright, Noni Seagrim, Talea Hasko-Stuart,

In attendance: Matthew Walker, John Howe, Jacky Barlow, Peter Bice, Dean Walkon, Susan Walkom, Georgina Pankhurst, Victoria Edmonds, Kerry Spratt, Victoria Bice, Alex Bice, Kim Stephens, Ellen Vine, Louise McCormack, Pamela Karner, Jo Davies, Noni Seagrim, Belinda Hopley, Helen Rich, Tony Warren, Bronwyn Monahan, Sue Todd, Gail Fisher, Clare Feary, Faith Robinson, Mark Norton, Steven Roberts, Sue Warren, Mette Sutton, Denise Trollope, Fia Hasko-Stewart, Celia Hodgson, Ian Curtis, Bec Hogan, Roz Edmunds, Tacye Bice, Graeme Gilbertson, Jennifer Gilbertson, Shan Symons, Stuart Lymbery, Darryl King, Robert Catlin, Charles Gauci, Andrew Jonkers, Kylie Jonkers, Neil Clarkson, Mindy Davies, Matthew Gadsby, Val Males, Ron Males, Dave Player, Fiona Meller, Phil Coleman, Haydn Fisher, Talea Hasko-Stewart, Jesse Buchan, Anne Lymbery, Rowena Robinson, Les Robinson, Levi Robinson, Andrew Kettlewell, Amanda Kettlewell, Ros Ryan, Jacque Wright,

Apologies: Adeline Gibson, Di Luker, Tony Parker, Linda Jonkers, Helen Thompson, Both Baileys. Tom McCormack, Helen and Alan Lindsay, Karen Rhodes, Glenda Edwards, Arthur Waghorn

Fifty Six members attended the AGM. The number of proxies recorded was 53.

Approval of previous minutes

Peter welcomed members to the meeting. The minutes of the AGM held 11 February 2017 was previously published in the New South Wales Endurance Riders AGM booklet which was posted out to members in January 2018.

MOVED THAT John Howe, Belinda Hopley the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 February 2017 be accepted.

CARRIED Unanimous

It was noted that the majority of SMC reports were previously published in the AGM booklet which was mailed out to the membership in January 2017.

The reports previously published are NOT included in this document but will be included in the official minutes document to be published prior to the next Annual General Meeting.

Executive Reports

President's Report – Peter Bice

Report Previously published.

Peter apologized for some of the negativity in his report. Sponsorship from Maxxis has been invaluable with more details to follow. NSW Government Department of Sport and Rec have allowed us to have introductory weekends that have been very well attended. The interest has been incredible. We need to harness that enthusiasm and get them to rides of 40k and above. This committee has worked well together during the year and it's been a privilege to work with this group of people.

Secretary's Report – Kerry Spratt

Report Previously published

Treasurer's Report – John Howe

Report Previously published

John expressed thanks to Peter Bice for taking over when Alan resigned. Peter has done a fantastic job as president.

We have lost riders over the year. John said that nothing in his report is meant to be critical of anyone or anybody in particular. The Association has lost over \$14,000 over the past 12 months.

Ride numbers are down, merchandise sales are down. Purchased extra trophies for our members. The AERA rider levy has cost us over \$8,000. What do we do? We need to cut costs.

This year there was a small increase in membership fees. In the past we lost a lot of members by increasing our memberships too high too quickly. We need to work our way out of this situation. Firstly the SMC will look for the cheapest most effective way of dealing with matters we need to address. We have saved on the auditor fees this year, also on the live music. We are getting the services of an actuary to our next meeting. We will formulate a business plan for the entire year and we will have budgets and assess these on a meeting by meeting basis. John said he has written to the SMC members advising that we need to look at our expenses. AERA delegates will have to go back to the AERA and ask that the AERA trim its expenses.

As of last year there are only 1600 members throughout Australia. NSW has to pay a proportion of AERA delegate cost.

Asking the members to have a look at the rides they attend during the year. John asked that each member take part in an extra ride this year. This would help the bottom line.

The report above outlines where the income comes from. The P&L Statement is Annexure A to these minutes. Enter one more ride and we could be out of trouble. We are selling raffle tickets at the AGM and the dinner. Prize being a free membership for

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the year. Buy some tickets. We have TQ15 merchandise to sell. We don't want to be taking it home.

Any questions? We are not sinking but we still have to be careful. This year your SMC will try to balance the books. We will not be cutting member services.

Fia. Suggest that the SMC consider holding virtual member meetings several times a year. John said yes, we would but the technical difficulties could be a bit hard. We will continue to try to do that. We did this during the past year and there were lots of difficulties dialing in. Fia said that what was very disappointing was the number of rides that had to be cancelled during the year, due to weather.

John said that at this point in time, we are only going to allow one ride on any one weekend. Our geographic area has changed. We are working towards the best mix to get as many burns on saddles as we can.

Committee Reports

John Howe – Ride Calendar and Zone 2 Delegate

Report Previously published

John added that he feels this year's ride calendar is one of the best for some time. Query on the ride matrix. With the ride matrix in play, we had over 700 members. When something no longer works, you need to move on, find another way. We would still like to have rides with decent gaps and we will try to spread things around.

Charlie Gauci— who said the matrix didn't work? Peter Bice said he felt that the matrix was a guide to setting up the ride calendar. There was a lot of grumblings from riders and volunteers. We are now in the position where it's not necessary for us to provide a ride clash. Feels that it is better to have a ride on each weekend. People are now willing to travel a lot further to go to a ride.

Charlie – said that the matrix was set up so that ROs would have a set of rules with regard to running their rides. You didn't have to worry who was on the SMC and if they were your mates or not. All you need to do is keep the matrix and add a footnote which says that you cannot have a ride on any one weekend. He feels that it will go back to the way it was a few years ago when it depended on who was on the SMC table.

Tony Warren said that he was also involved at the time of the matrix coming into existence. We have had no discussion around this table that the matrix be chucked out. John said we haven't chucked it out it just is no longer the be all and end all.

Peter said there is a RO forum tomorrow where the matrix will be discussed.

The following report has not been previously published and was presented to the meeting by John Howe.

Zone Two Report

A small but enthusiastic group of Zone Two members met at Gulgong on 2nd February for the 2018 AGM.

The result was a new committee consisting of:-

Woody Pilley	President
Peter Bonham	Vice President
Zone delegate	John Howe
Sec/Tres	Linda Logan
Point score	Paul Mercieca

As this year is the 40th anniversary of the Tooraweenah Club the year will be built around Tooraweenah.

First will be a "Back to Tooraweenah" dinner to be held 10th March. All riders who have any connection with Tooraweenah are invited, details are in the latest newsletter. At this event the NSWERA State Championship sponsorship cheque for \$6,000.00 will be officially handed over.

Our first Endurance event will be 21 and 22 April. This weekend will be the annual Tooraweenah ride weekend with rides on both days. Tooraweenah will also be host, that weekend to an Introduction to Endurance weekend funded by the Sport and Rec Department Introduction grant.

The NSW State Championship ride for 2018 will be held at Tooraweenah on the weekend of 13/14/15 of July. This will be a testing ride but the scenery and welcome from the people of Tooraweenah will make it more than worthwhile for you to saddle up and have a go.

Windeyer will also be running one or more rides this year, watch the Newsletter and website for details.

Please come out west and see old fashioned Endurance riding and tracks that haven't changed. Enjoy the country hospitality and friendly welcome that you'll get at all Zone Two rides.

Zone Two, The best in the west. John Howe.
Zone Delegate.

Jacque Wright - Vet Liaison, Biosecurity, Website

Report Previously published

Jacque was not present at this stage of the meeting.

Belinda Hopley - Zone 5 Delegate, Chief Stewards and TPRs.

Report Previously published

Belinda added to the report previously published. South coast ran three rides not five. Wandandian didn't run. Well organised and well run.

RIP to Peter Norman. He will be missed. Belinda expressed here sympathy to Shelly and the family.

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With reference to the use of an IDP – if you see something that you are not happy with at a ride, get your facts together and see the CS – deal with it at the time. This would be much better than dealing with the problem later.

New rules out this year. Most will be gone through with the ROs tomorrow.

The definition of 'responsible adult' has been changed. If you have anything to do with a ride or floating – have a look at Play by the Rules. There is a program you can do. Shows you what you need to be aware of when dealing with kids.

We run a Teams Competition. Get a group together and go in the teams competition.

We also have a team comp for the Border Challenge. Get a group together and take part. We have teams for the State Championship and Tom Quilty.

TPR awards for Phil Coleman and Pat Dickson will be made at the dinner this evening. Carole Dixon has sponsored these awards. She always does. Please thank her and let her know that we are grateful for her sponsorship.

Grant of \$25,000 from the Office of Sport was received this year. Very grateful for this. Ran a Chief Stewards course and also running a vet accreditation course this year. Thanks to Clare Feary, Adeline Gibson and Jacque Wright for helping with this. Thanks also to Brian, Belinda's husband, for looking after her animals while she is away.

Clare Feary spoke to the meeting. She has looked at new membership. Saw a lot of people sitting at meetings. Worked on what is stopping people becoming or not becoming members. Not enough people starting the sport.

Sent out some surveys and got 337 people responding. Only targeted NSW people. One of the things that stood out with 50 respondents, would still look roughly the same as to the issues from the rest.

Did a second survey looking at introductory weekends. This was done by Adeline Gibson.

First survey 170 people had never tried endurance before. If we could get 170 new riders that would be great.

Overwhelmingly the main response was people don't know what to do and how to do it together with where the rides are. People don't know how to do this. They want experienced riders to talk to. They want a mentor. This is how we got into endurance.

People are not particularly interested in prizes. While this may be relevant to keeping people in the sport, it isn't when it comes to getting them interested. The survey showed that realistically, less than 20% of riders want to do rides of 80k or more.

Outcome is that a lot more people are not

interested in doing longer distances. Need to have more introductory weekends – frequent education and training day rides. New riders want a mentor – ideally someone local to them.

Rewards and points are not what keeps people in the sport. Looking at a conscious investment of experiences riders to mentor new riders.

Clare can provide a copy to the SMC for them to distribute. Fiona suggested that we could use FC and Internet to avoid the formalities of coaching schemes. Need to keep it informal.

General comments then followed. Issues of insurance, responsibility etc. always comes into play. Problems can come with the use of words. Bec Hogan said that she gets a lot of enquiries as she has her contact details on the Internet. Perhaps we should mentor in an informal way.

We need a local presence within the sport. If there is a role for the Zones, they should contact local horse groups and supply a name for mentoring. There is a need to promote within their local area.

Pace riders were discussed. These were used successfully in the past. Perhaps we could do this again. Consider advising the CS that you would be happy to mentor new riders around a training ride. Consider bibs with wording on it so that novice riders would know who the experienced rider was.

Peter Bice thanked Clare Feary for her survey.

Tony Warren - Horse Welfare

Report Previously published

Tony said he had nothing much to add to the report previously published. Some of the points have changed with increases in points awarded.

EWS now applies to intermediate riders.

The new rules are on the AERA website and was in the mail out that you received.

Peter Bice - Annual Report for Ride Administration and Feedback

Report Previously published

Nothing much to add to the report previously published.

Feedback has been very slow to take off. The form is available on line. Peter will try to publicise this better this year. Peter said he doesn't want this to be seen as a complaints forum. Please give the good and the bad. Not just the bad.

Peter thanked all the ROs for their rides.

Fiona Meller Track Preservation Report 2017 AGM (17 February 2018)

Report Previously published

Fiona said she would not read the report which was previously published but would like to touch on a few important matters. Over the past 25 years there has been a gradual shift in attitude.

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Initially the NPWS did not want anyone going into the Parks. 10 to 15 years ago they encouraged tourism but now some of the strongest supporters are the local people. We now make up the largest economic use of the Parks.

We are no longer having to fight battles about horses in parks. We now have to fight individual matters.

If there is a plan of management – you need to put in a submission. This just means writing a letter.

Local PC club – six submissions on a proposed amendment.

You need to play your part. Numbers do count. Form letters are not counted. It must be your views. They do look at the arguments sent in. Any submission is better than nothing. Local knowledge can make a difference in keeping a track open. Fiona and Charlie do not have the local knowledge. You need to play your part.

There are local committees. Regional Advisory Committees. All have been thrown open for nominations in the coming year. Fiona will be encouraging people to put their names up. Horse riders need to be on these committees. NPWS thinks there are thousands of us and we all vote.

Volunteers – Why won't NPWS let people in to help work on tracks? It revolves around bureaucratic red tape. Fiona is hoping to eventually allow riders to maintain trails. Technically if you break a branch, you are breaking the law.

Question of risk and trail maintenance. Becoming more nervous about where they let us ride. We are trying to steer them into a more common sense approach.

Are we communicating with mountain bike riders? Not for now. Fiona said we are finding it better to fight for ourselves. Bike riders are facing the same issues as us.

Peter said that the last thing we need to be seen as is National Parks bashers.

Bec Hogan – Maxxis report

Maxxis sponsored us last year. You may not have seen a lot. Minor part of the sponsorship was the bibs. Main part is helping us to promote the sport. Big part was the filming at Wingello last year. Put together a 30 second TV add which will be going out shortly. Currently in draft but trying to get together with Maxxis to get their approval to get the adds out there. When you see these things coming out on social media, please share. Hoping to get it out there soon.

Please consider what websites and FB sites you frequent. If you find a non-helpful endurance site, we need to harness the interest.

The other part of the sponsorship was an updated Getting Started Endurance book. Currently on the Wingello website. It is up there to see how it goes. Links will be provided to everyone who wants to

use it. The more places it is the easier it is to find the information.

Maxxis want the bibs worn the correct way around. With the word Maxxis on the front. That was the idea of their sponsorship.

Kerry thanked Bec for her help with this. There was a subcommittee set up and Bec took this over. Kerry wanted to formally thank Bec for her help with this.

The following report has not been previously published and was read to the meeting by Faith Robinson.

Zone 1 Report to the NSW ERA 2018 AGM – Ian Dreghorn

The last year has been both strong and challenging for the zone.

Like other ROC, the approvals regime thrust upon all RO's by National Parks and other statutory bodies is extremely time consuming. However, over the last couple of years, with the tremendous assistance of Fiona Mellor and by cultivating relationships with key personnel and being able to understand their wants and bureaucratic framework, each time the process is becoming easier.

The strengths of the zone have been the number of non-ERA members attending our rides along with the great sponsorship and funding that we have received.

The largest challenges have been the small number of NSW members who still live in Sydney, the reluctance of the governing body to be provide us with contact details of any new members in Sydney, allowing us to welcome them and get them involved, and the small number of members who regularly enjoy our sport that are prepared to help.

In saying this, the support that we have received from members from other zones has been great and I take this opportunity to thank everyone for this.

Assisting us greatly last year were the two government grants that we received. The first was a Community Building Partnership Grant for the sum of \$3,763 for the fit out of our trailer, and a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation, Local Sport Grant Program for \$2,000 as a contribution towards the cost of providing vets for a ride.

For 2017 we had three rides planned, being the Zone 1 Trainer, the Q60 and the St Albans Ride. The Trainer was cancelled and the two other rides were great successes.

Endurance riding in the Sydney Region has been on a steady decline. However, through promoting our rides to other horse groups, etc. we are able to maintain good numbers in all but the longer ride distances. Whilst our passion is 80km plus rides, the shorter distance events are definitely our

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market.

Another challenge for us is the cost of running rides, in particular the cost of securing ride bases. The sourcing of cheaper ride bases will to some extent mitigate this. However, it is still a big cost. An additional challenge is due to the nature of most land holdings being relatively small; numerous land owners' approvals are needed. Working in our favour is the churn of land owners over the last couple of years ago seems to have slowed down.

The 2018 year kicked off with some 50 people gathering for our AGM. The new committee is as follows: President Ian Dreghorn, Vice President and Zone delegate Greg Moore. Secretary Louise Ball and Evi Thompson, Treasurer Tacye Bice, Social media Brianna Webb, Membership Geraldine Stuart.

With our latest membership drive we now have some 25 members with several discount benefits available. If you would like to join Zone One today, just see one of the committee.

Zone One is continuing to run its own website and Facebook page. Currently we have 1077 Facebook followers with over 700 likes in the last two and a half years.

Our committee has adopted a slightly different structure this year with the zone committee being supported by ride committees. These committees will be responsible for the planned rides, being, a Training Ride at Mountain Lagoon in April followed by the Q60 in July and the St Albans Training Ride in October.

I hope to see you all at our rides this year. Ian Dreghorn, President – Zone One.

Zone 4 report – Noni Seagrim

The following report has not been previously published.

Once again 2017 has been a busy year for the Snowy Zone with 9 clubs; Tumut, Neville, Gundagai, Table Top, The Rock, Brookvale, Burruga, Woodstock and Scenic City; hosting a total of 37 different events for 963 entries across those events! Congratulations and many thanks to these hard-working volunteers who hosted these events and the competitors that supported them, helping make this another successful year for the Snowy Zone!

Woodstock once again hosted the NSW State Championships, no strangers to running 160km rides the LERC committee once again put together and ran a wonderful event with 48 competitors contesting the State title and a further 48 in the 80km.

To finish off the year Scenic City hosted the Snowy Zone Championships event. Congratulations to all successful competitors.

Snowy Zone riders were well preformed across the point scores again with many making the top 10 in

their divisions both across the state and nationally. A special congratulations to Snowy Zone rider Sarah Lymbery and Aloha Typic on successfully earning their first "Big Three" award this year.

Wishing you all safe and happy riding for the 2018 season!

Merchandise

We supplied uniforms for four teams this year; NSW Team to the Tom Quilty in South Australia, our international NSW team to the Fauresmith 200km in South Africa, NSW team at the NSW State Championships and the NSW team to take on the Victorians in the inaugural Border Cup! All team members wore their uniforms with pride and did NSW proud with their representation in these events.

An online store has finally been launched and will hopefully make ordering easier for members. This can be found by following the links on the website or on Facebook. Ordering can still be done via email or paper forms as well.

We are always looking for input from members so if you have any suggestions on improvements the ordering system or a merchandise item that you would like to be considered for inclusion in our range please don't hesitate to contact the Merchandise representative.

Zone 6 – Phil Coleman

Last year the Zone ran three rides. Pub with no Beer was very successful. Unfortunately it will not run again. It just won't work. Everyone on the committee is too far away to run it. The local community is noncooperative.

Bago, Holmwood and Kiwarra – should all run again this year. Lost a few areas where we can run rides.

Lost a few older rides this year. Hoping to build on the longer klm rides. The Zone is situated in a growth area which is making it more difficult to find ride bases.

AERA 2017 Report to NSWERA AGM

Report Previously published

Kerry elaborated briefly on the report previously published.

AGM for AERA is in March. Melanie Scott has stood down. Nominations are not in as yet. After today's meeting we will decide who the three delegates will be from NSW.

Honorary Members

Re-appointment of honorary (life) members and consideration of new nominations.

Kerry said that the motion that was put up last year by Greg Moore removes the necessity for these people to be put up for nomination each year.

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This needs to be removed from the agenda.

New nomination for life membership for consideration.

Fiona Meller was nominated for honorary life membership of the NSW ERA. This was proposed by Andrew Jonkers and seconded by Linda Jonkers.

Various people spoke for the nomination. No one spoke against the motion. Steve Roberts spoke for the motion as did Andrew Jonkers. Fia also spoke the motion.

Scrutineers were called for: Graeme Gilbertson and Briony Jonkers accepted the position with Jacky Barlow stepping in for the count on the motion concerning Fiona Meller as that motion was proposed by Andrew Jonkers.

Voting 107 for the motion with two against.

Nominations for committee

Peter explained that we have seven positions and only have six nominations. Five are for two years and the sixth and seventh will be for a one year term.

Six people nominated prior to the election for seven positions on the SMC. Nominees were: Matthew Walker, Peter Bice, Noni Seagrim, John Howe, Kerry Spratt, Belinda Hopley. Their rationales were previously published in the AGM booklet.

Fia Hasko-Stewart nominated Talea Hasko-Stewart. This would be for a 12 months term. Ian Curtis seconded the nomination.

Therefore seven people will fill seven positions on the SMC. Voting slips were handed around in order to ascertain who would fill the second casual vacancy.

Resolved: The two members fill the casual vacancies for a one year term will be Noni Seagrim and Talea Hasko-Stewart

Notice of Special Resolution

This motion related to postal ballots. The full context of this motion was previously published in the AGM booklet and is not reproduced here. Proposed by Mark Norton and seconded by Steve Roberts.

Robust general discussion on the motion previously listed followed. It was noted that if this motion is passed it will require a change to the Constitution.

Mark Norton spoke for the motion. We had 425 members but this year the number is below 400 but according to the voting structure we currently have, the only people allowed to vote are those in this room or members who have given their proxy to the members in this room.

Last year around 50 members attended the AGM.

This means that the maximum number of votes were around 340. By definition that means that 80 odd members were disenfranchised. In a State as large as NSW, we will never have the majority of members attending an AGM.

These days we can do better than being dependant on a small number of people being involved in the sport. The AGM has the ability to direct the SMC. If we want the sport to grow, we have to empower everyone who wants to take part to have a say to have a vote, we need to do whatever is in our power to facilitate this.

The proxy system is flawed.

Andrew Jonkers spoke against the motion. He likes to see the discussion at the AGM. We need people to get into the room, allowing people to vote on the phone would not be a good thing.

Steve Roberts spoke for the motion. Andrew's argument is flawed. Proxies are given to the person and not the particular motion.

Matthew Walker asked for the number of members. How many are voting today? Kerry to check the numbers.

Tony Warren spoke against the motion. He votes proxies according to how he is instructed to vote. Tony said he does not vote in his favour. People provide their proxy to him. QERA have just had postal vote. Ended up with 54% return. If you have an issue, attend the AGM. There are locals in this area who are not here.

Talea – question: has anyone actually not found someone to take their proxy or has anyone found that a member who gave a proxy to another had the recipient vote in a way not as directed?

Mark Norton – wants the proxy form to show the year. He would argue that the date could be forged. There has been evidence of fraud in the past.

Kerry said that as the secretary, she wants to assure you all that there were no ineligible votes cast last year and no ineligible votes cast this year. A lot of time and effort goes into ensuring that the voting and proxies is correct. She does not seek proxies.

Fiona – technical comment. If postal and electronic voting was allowed, we would need to reword other sections of the Constitution.

Fia suggested a postal vote. Easy these days for people to press a button on a phone. People could post a letter and there would be no argument that it comes from another person. Would also bring us more up to date with the Act.

Peter said AERA are exploring these ideas. The biggest question about any electronic thing is security. It is being looked at. We need to get people into the room for a discussion.

There were 56 members in the room with 53 proxy votes. Total number being 109.

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At this time the scrutineers returned the counting for Fiona Meller becoming a life member. Congratulations were offered to Fiona for being elected as a life member of NSW ERA.

Those present were asked to mark the form for voting on the special resolution discussed above. The voting slips were then collected for counting.

Special resolution lost. Vote 84 against 25 against. 109

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

Motion No. 1 moved by Ros Ryan and seconded by Phil Coleman. The motion has been previously published and concerned dual affiliation of rides in the Northern Rivers Zone.

Discussion of the motion is recorded as follows:

Pam Karner said that as a vet, she realises the risk of anyone contracting Hendra at a ride is extremely small. If it happens, it's a big deal. Consequences are dire. Absolutely no research is going on for a human vaccine. Treatment is in its infancy. Is it fair legal and ethical for you to impose your view on your vets and volunteers?

Potentially there are significant ramifications. If an unvaccinated horse gets sick treatment will be withheld. There is no referral practices in their area that will take an unvaccinated horse. Lot of people and horses could be exposed. Legally the RO and head vet, bio security officer have wilfully ignored the recommendations by the AVA, and various other bodies. Workplace Health and Safety and the DPI. Puts them into a real legal nightmare. The ROs in this area have to have the autonomy on how they run their rides. Speaks to motion 1 and 2.

Matthew Walker. Said he comes from a family of vets. He is not anti-biosecurity or anti-vaccination. It's minimisation of risk. It is a minute risk. People are exaggerating the risk. Workplace Health and Safety – practicable measures, that's all they expect of people. Hendra does not spread from horse to horse. We need to get back to practical assessment. Each ride should assess its own bio security risk.

Jacque Wright arrived at the meeting at this time [3:14pm].

Pam said Hendra horses can shed before they show signs of sickness.

Talea – confirmed that all NRZ rides are QERA rides. All this is voting on is do we want our NSW members to get points. Giving our members the right to ride at these rides.

Andrew Jonkers – will this motion change the vaccination only stance for rides in NSW?

Kerry – what is the role of the NSW SMC? Two things. Anyone who knows about a risk has a duty to manage that risk. We have a statutory role. Managing the ride calendar – we have a mandate not to approve Hendra only rides. Can the SMC

override that AGM motion? Risk management plans have to be sensible and evidence based. Which ones do we dual affiliate in NSW and how do we manage the risk?

Steve Roberts – said that he thinks that the next three motions should not be able to get up as they would be in contradiction of the Constitution. He feels that the motion from last year's AGM is not valid either. All this discussion about this is invalid. Motions 1, 2 and 3 are invalid motions. Steve said temperature logs are a waste of time. Horses can show no symptoms at all and be shedding virus. Safety of the vaccination is another issue.

Fiona – asked a question of Kerry on legal justification for denying a person from entering a ride. Hendra – is this legal to not allow a horse to be entered into a ride? Kerry said there is a contradiction between rules 12 and 14. It will be interesting to see how the AERA deals with this. Legal justification is intentionally vague.

Jacque Wright spoke in favour of motion. Reason is according to what they need to get the ride happening. This problem does not affect the bulk of the membership but it affects those in the NR zone. They are trying to have events incorporating the bio security measures they need. Work with the vet teams and vet hospitals so we can move forward

Kerry spoke about obtaining legal advice, show of hands asked for this. **Resolved** to vote on motion 1 and 2.

People were asked to mark their voting slips.

Motion 1 carried. Vote for 85 to 22. Total number of votes 107

Notice of Motion 2

Motion No. 2 moved by Ros Ryan and seconded by Phil Coleman. The motion has been previously published and concerned affiliation of rides in the Northern Rivers Zone.

Various members spoke for and against the motion. Could we not help Zone 6 with the sourcing of vets? Ros was asked if she had approached NSW SMC asking for any help? Answer: No.

Jacque Wright - The SMC is asking the members to allow the SMC to make the correct decisions. Asking for the making of decisions to be returned to the SMC and not have the membership at an AGM tell the SMC what to do.

Denise Trollope said the president of their ride committee is a vet and that person has been prosecuted. The ride would like to stay with NSW and have NSW rides and have NSW riders. They recently ran a ride with bio security requirements in place. They were able to get vets without any problem.

Kerry spoke for the motion. She feels that the SMC is hamstrung because of motions from the

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AGM. The power should be returned to the SMC to make decisions. It must be evidence based.

People were asked to mark their voting slips.

Motion 2 carried. Vote for 68 to 39. Total number of votes 107

Motion No. 3

Motion No. 3 moved by Clare Fleming and seconded by John Davidson. The motion concerned rides being open to all riders regardless of vaccination status.

There was no one at the meeting to speak for the motion. It was mentioned that the motion should lapse for want of a proposed and seconder being present to put the case.

Resolved by the SMC to let the motion go to a vote.

Motion 3. Carried. Vote 56 for 40 against. Total number of votes 96.

Motion No. 4

Motion No. 4 moved by Helen Lindsay and seconded by Alan Lindsay. The motion concerned the possibly requirement by QERA for a "Hendra Vaccination Only" Tom Quilty ride in 2019.

There was no one at the meeting to speak for the motion. It was mentioned that the motion should lapse for want of a proposed and seconder being present at the meeting.

Jacque Wright spoke on the motion. She said she had spoken with a QERA member who was part of the executive. There is a lot of fear in the southern states that the Quilty could be Hendra vaccinated only. At that stage, in December, they have not looked at a bio security for 2019. There will be a risk management on where the horses travel from.

Resolved by the SMC to let the motion go to a vote.

Motion 4. Carried 65 for 39 against. Total number of votes 104.

Motion No. 5.

Motion No. 5 moved by Helen Lindsay and seconded by Alan Lindsay. The motion related to the Tom Quilty ride being restored to NSW and that it lose its National Championship status..

Noted that neither the proposer nor the seconder were present at the meeting.

General agreement that we should start a conversation on the location of the Tom Quilty ride.

Ron Males said that there is no area in the Hawkesbury to hold the Quilty. Agreement we need to come up with a plan or proposition. General discussion with motion put to establish a subcommittee to investigate future arrangements for the Tom Quilty ride. Show of hands was unanimous that this be done.

Suggested nominees for such a subcommittee include Helen Lindsay, Fia Hasko Stewart, Bec Hogan, Charlie Gauci,

Motion 5 Carried 83 for 23 against. Total number of 106

Motion No. 6

Motion No. 6 moved Bec Hogan and seconded by Matthew Walker. The motion related to investigating setting up a regional teams competition for endurance in NSW..

Bec Hogan spoke for the proposal. **Resolved:** Agree at this stage to investigate the idea and hopefully set something in place for the future.

Motion 6 Carried 92 for with 14 against. Total number of votes 106

Discussion Items on Notice

1. Should we continue to award ribbons for the top 10 rider and horse place getters in the annual points and distance awards?

General discussion on this matter. \$2,600 plus was spent of ribbons last year. Riders need recognition. Even a certificate should work. Consider a different award for endurance riders doing intermediate rides.

Resolved to explore cheaper options with regard to AGM awards.

2. NSWERA Independent Disciplinary Panel

Those present were asked to nominate to be part of any IDP that may come up during the year.

Nominations to be on a future IDP were: Fia Haskow-Stewart, Ian Curtis, Mette Sutton, Kylie Jonkers, Steve Roberts, Haydn Fisher, and Denise Trollope.

General business

- Mindi Davies said she would like to thank the NSW SMC for their help with membership. She and Matthew have provided their rates notice and licence. Address in Tweed Heads. Thanks to the committee for welcoming us.
- Question: Are FEI rides included in the point score? Yes, but these rides also attract affiliation fees.
- Andrew Kettlewell mentioned the polo ponies which died on the Spirit of Tasmania. There is an investigation going on and the word is that there is a chance that horses in the next couple of months will only be able to travel on special carriers. This could add \$1500 to the cost. If it goes through you will incur that extra cost. Peter asked that information be sent to the SMC. This could affect Quilty numbers.

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- **Sponsorship – riders acknowledging the prizes that they receive.** Jacque said that riders do not always know how to acknowledge the awards they receive. Make a phone call, FB put on a note, have a photo of you taken with a prize. Search for that business, if not on FB find them and put their website on FB. Need to give value back for the support given to a ride. As ROs we can do this but we need for the recipients acknowledge the prizes as well.
- **SMC delegates and Zone representatives.** Jacque said the zones really need an independent and separate person at the SMC table. If the zones cannot find that person, then what is the use of the Zones. It is important that we have members around the table. This can spread that workload.
- **FEI and mandatory rest periods.** Ros Edmunds - Wants to clarify the position between NSW ERA and FEI requirements. FEI riders must follow the FEI rules. She went on to discuss prizes. Problem when we are encouraging people to ride and there is no buckle. We should address this. If committees need help – ask for it but you can get a buckle for around \$10. This is what riders want. Cannot have 80k rides and no buckle.
- **Ride Organisers Forum.** Jacque said there is a RO forum tomorrow. All are welcome to attend. Hopes she found everyone to invite them. Asked what is your greatest expenses. She said volunteers are

the biggest expense. Meeting to be held at Richmond Club which will be open at 9am. Like to start at 9.15. Will be going through the new rules, AERAspace helping with tips, prizes, marketing, and working with each other. Share best practice among each other.

- **Wingello.** Bec Hogan mentioned the idea a birthday party for their 10th ride. Would have it on the Sunday night. Have a think and see whether it is something that people might be interested in attending.
- **Chief Stewards report – new criteria.** There are a heap of questions on the new form that are very difficult to fill in. A lot of it really cannot be filled in. With a PDF you just 'save as' and they fill in the form.
- **Motions that went before this meeting concerning Hendra vaccination.** General discussion on the motions that were passed. There are motions which contradict each other and one that is in contradiction with the AERA. How do we want to deal with this? The membership has said twice before that they do not want Hendra only rides.
- Consider a Special General Meeting to resolve the issue of the Northern Rivers rides and Hendra. Motions put up for consideration would be the subject of this meeting.

Neil Clarkson expressed his thanks to the SMC for their hard work during this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:53pm .

Notice—NSW ERA

NSW ERA Management Committee

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



A further selection of photos from the Bunnigalore by Animal Focus.

Lots of new riders enjoying the Bunnigalore ride.

Ivy Sullivan riding Curly.

Samantha Burge and Bertie.

Ashley Harrison riding Zane.

Maria Tomlins riding Blue





Above: Sophie Ramsay riding Autumn Night Goldmine
Below: Joanne Lowe and Rambo. Photos: Animal Focus



Ride Name: Glen Innes Australia Day Carnival

Start Date 26 January 2018
Ride Type: Intermediate Ride
Head Vet: Luke Annetts
Chief Steward: Renee Kirk

Distance: 40.0km

Kate Appleby	Bashan Bayda
David Urquhart	Danic Park Maahallo
Pamela Karner	Castlebar Link
Kaylea Maher	Tonki Dee Boo Mia
Boadicea Mountford	Saharan Moon River
Rachel Brown	Houdini
Tahnaya Mercieca	Garnee Viper
Rachel McIntyre	Hillbrook Legacy
Clare Fleming	Flemingo SS
Mikarla Bell	Bara Park Miricle Man

Distance: 5km

Alicia Smith	Bara Park Miricle Man
Rachel McIntyre	Hillbrook Legacy

Distance: 20km

Serenity Pears	Cardinal Henry
Ellen Dunger	Pepper
Karen Hicks	Farleigh Atlanta
Wendy Thompson-Rose	Roddick
Victoria Faulks	Happy Acres
Robyn MacDougall	MG
Bev Cheers	Seva
Patricia Newsome	Convoy
Kate Appleby	Bashan Bayda
Julia Morgillo	Woodbourne Kitty Hawk
Jane Davidson	Natham Park A Dynamite
Angela Ward	Summervale Raj

Distance: 40km

Kaylea Maher	Longrun Lightning
Xanthe Webb	Keiko Kashmir Sapphire
David Urquhart	Nalla Bey Al Valentine
Ben Wirth	Woodbourne Buck Brown
Tracey Hutchinson	Neularapark Prince Horatio
Pamela Karner	Castlebar Link
Louise Sundvall	Earl
Aimee Jeffrey	Red Capri
Cathy Ferguson	Al Wathba Tazmir
Clare Fleming	Monchel Park Charmed I'm Sure
Mikarla Bell	Flemingo Aragon
Brad Jones	Shellal Jive
Jason Kirk	JRK Venom
Tahnaya Mercieca	JRK Cobra

The 13 Month Rule

Please remember that if your horse does not successfully complete an endurance ride for 13 months, its 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**

TPR List

These are the current TPR's that have TPR'd at a ride 1/1/15 to 1/12/16. 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 and thermometer.

If your name is missing, contact Belinda Hopley.

P – Prov TPR.

Bailey	Annette	Gossip	Robyn	Pearce	Gillian
Bailey	Margo P	Grelk	Peter	Pollard	Sean
Beavis	Graham P	Hickey	Wayne	Porter	Wendy
Blain	Virginia	Hills	Anne P	Powell	Rhys
Blakely	Dallas	Hopley	Belinda CS	Priol	Katherine
Blessing	Anthony	Howe	John CS	Reinhold	Bindi
Bonham	Jeff CS	Jesson	Wendy P	Rich	Helen
Booth	Clint	Jones	Allix P	Robinson	Eric
Bowman	Tracey P	Jones	Wendy	Ruprecht	Sonya
Broadbent	Steve	Johnson	Jack	Seagrim	Neil
Broadbent	Tracey	Jonkers	Linda	Sinfield	Dodi
Brown	Sandi	Kelly	Peter CS	Smith	Gordon
Bush	Narelle	Kinch	Tangil	Spackman	Tammie
Bushell	Wendy	Kirk	Renee	Stockley	Faye
Carter	Bruce	Knight	Lindsay	Strachan	Cheryl
Carrick	Jo	Locke	Bob CS	Sumpner	Ruth P
Caslick	Jennifer	Locke	Marylou CS	Sumpner	Shirley P
Cobden	Tanya P	Lymbery	Sarah P	Sumpner	Keith P
Cotton	Maddi P	Manderson	Sooz	Taylor	Lynette
Counsell	Louise CS	Merceica	Paul P	Taylor	Michael
Dickinson	Patricia	Merceica	Michelle P	Thorsby	Shannen
Dillon	Lyn	Mills	Gloria	Todd	Sue
Dillon	Brad	Mitchell	Lauren P	Turnbull	Christine
Dreghorn	Ian	Moran	Marty	Turnbull	Ralph
Feary	Clare P	Moore	Greg	Wade	Martin
Feltham	Maureen	Myhill	Marty	Waldron	Peter P
Fisher	Haydn CS	Nelson	Janette	Walkom	Dean
Giddings	Barb	Owen	Rick	Walker	Tina
Gilbertson	Graeme	Pearce	Barbara	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.
10. A letter will be forwarded to Ride Committees one month prior to their ride requesting confirmation of the ride's Head Vet and Accredited Chief Steward.

Provisional Accredited Vet List, (Accreditation in Progress)

Lauren Fletcher	Clarencetown	0447 690 788
Amy Lovett	Picton	0403 664 673
Sarah Hartley	Singleton	0414 727 212
NOT ACCREDITED but willing to help		
Rachel Bailey	Sth Berry	4447 8172
Claire Dennis	Wagga Wagga	0427 003 031
Elizabeth Gale	Taree	6552 2633
Tamaryn Grimmer	Barraba	0418 269 769
Alix Haig	Dubbo	0428 142 602
Michael Healy		0424 579 245
Lisa Ryan	Sydney	0400 104 051
Lara Viney	Kundabung	0402 187 040
Nikki Hui	Tamworth	6766 3088
Chelsea Kramer	Coffs Harbour	(W) 6652 3455 0420 780 948
Amy Little	ACT	0418 458 982
Peter Launders	Cowra	6341 3113 Fax: 6342 1795
Peter Prendergast	Collaroy	9971 8487 Fax: 9971 6708
Tom Pritchard		0413 447 370
Kelly Seres	Cowra	6341 3113 Fax: 6342 1795
Hazel Steven	Wyong Ck	0427 299 935
Megan Vetter	Dubbo	0400 678 183
Alexandra Meier	Corlette	alexandrameier@outlook.com Mobile: 0423 197 503

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.

Jacky Barlow,

NSW Endurance Riders Association

(02) 4938 0081

109 Sandy Creek Rd Mt Vincent 2323



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSN. INC.

Application for Registration of a Current Endurance Horse

Horse registration fees for 2016. 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 2016. Any endurance horses not registered in 2016 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, .109 Sandy Creek Rd Mt Vincent 2323

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Membership Number: _____

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

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

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason



AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

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

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

Horse Details

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

Scrolls are available as follows:

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

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc). Send your completed forms (plus any applicable fee) to the AERA Registrar:

Jo Bailey
207 Laytons Range Road
NYMBOIDA NSW 2460

Email: baileyjo68@gmail.com

Phone: (02) 6647 7161 ah

Requests for Scrolls 3,000km and above to be presented at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Victoria must be received by no later than 31st July 2016.

Notes:

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



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.

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

APPLICANTS DETAILS

Name:			
Membership No:		Telephone:	
Postal Address:			
Email Address:			

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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NOTES FOR REGISTRAR (IF REQUIRED):

Jo Bailey
207 Laytons Range Road
NYMBOIDA NSW 2460

Email: baileyjo68@gmail.com
Phone: (02) 6647 7161 ah

Requests for Scrolls 3,000km and above to be presented at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Victoria must be received by no later than 31st July 2016.

Notes:

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

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