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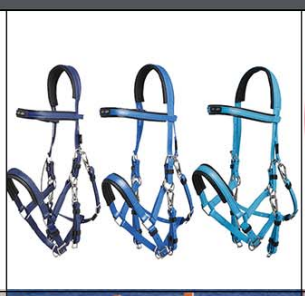

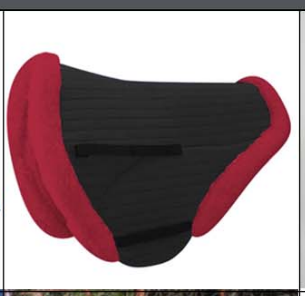

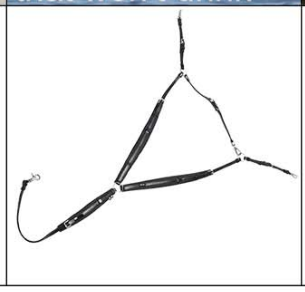

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Training Pride and two of his sons

A couple of our foals from the 2015/16 season

Colt by Suncrest Sadaqa's Pride

Filly by Littlebanks Troubadour

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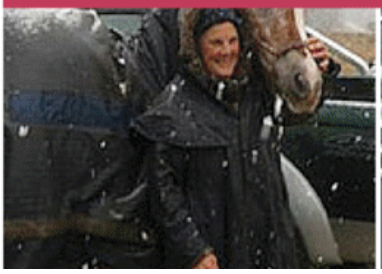

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400Km Endurance Ride & 120Km Mini Marathon

St Albans NSW

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It was great to see so many at the AGM and the award presentations in the evening. You will find a synopsis of the AGM minutes in this newsletter.

In this issue you will also find heaps of ride previews.

There is a push by ride organisers to get riders to prenominate. Prenominating helps ROs enormously when it comes to planning their vets and amenities for you the riders. Give it a go, can't hurt and will save you having to waste your relaxation time, filling in forms, when you arrive at a ride base.

Front Cover shows Shannon Hill accepting her many awards at the recent NSW AGM. 2015 was Shannon's first venture into endurance, having learnt to ride only a short time earlier. Shannon's awards include:

1st Lightweight Distance Horse, 4th Lightweight Distance Rider, 2nd Lightweight Points Rider and 3rd Lightweight Points Horse. In addition Shannon was first in the NSW One Horse/One Rider and 2nd National Lightweight. As Shannon was successful in the NSW State Ride, Shahzada and the Tom Quilty Gold Cup, she also received a Big 3 Award. Photo by Animal Focus.

Inside Back Cover 'The Tragics' Jennifer Gilbertson, Carol Major, Sue Todd and Di Luker who were the successful NSW Team for 2015. Photo: Animal Focus

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President's Report

The NSWERA AGM was held at the Windsor RSL on the 6th February and was very well attended with a record number of proxies received and over 100 people going to the dinner dance afterwards.

There were 9 nominations for the SMC, possibly a record, with 110 proxy votes registered with the secretary.

The large number of candidates and proxy votes shows that the makeup of this year's SMC was important to the membership

I am delighted to announce that the following people were elected to the SMC for the next 2 years.

Talea Hasko-Stewart, Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Kerry Spratt and Peter Bice.

This team brings to the SMC a fantastic combination of experience and youth as well as a wide range of skills and knowledge.

The SMC took from the AGM the very strong message from the members that the most important thing that the Committee can do is to facilitate rides onto the calendar and not put their riding in jeopardy.

The SMC had its first meeting of the year on Friday the 19th and a number of very exciting initiatives were discussed and approved, more detail is to follow.

I would like to wish all members a safe and successful 2016.

Greg Moore

NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are currently held at
Richmond Club
Cnr. East Market and Francis Street, Richmond

Meetings commence at 6.00pm sharp.
All are invited to attend.

Next meetings:

8 April 2016.
6 May 2016
17 June 2016
29 July 2016
9 September 2016
21 October 2016
2 December 2016
13 January 2017

Track Preservation Report—Fiona Meller

Draft Plans of Management Amendments

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

Curracabundi Parks, incorporating Bretti NR, Camels Hump NR, Coneac SCA, Curracabundi NP,

Curracabundi SCA, Mernot NR, Monkeycot NR & Woko NP – north and northwest of Gloucester. An important one for horse riders. Horse riding is allowed on management trails in the relatively small section of Curracabundi NP that is not classified as wilderness area. The Bicentennial Trail crosses the parks and has been excluded from the wilderness area to maintain access, although there are some unresolved issues with private property and an alternative route is currently used. Most significantly, Curracabundi is the location of the final horse riding in wilderness trial, with access to an additional section of trail from the Karamea homestead or the BNT. Submissions close 30 May 2016.

Horse riding amendments to Bago Bluff and Coorabakh NP

NPWS failed to notify me that these amendments were open for public comment, and submissions have already closed, but NSWERA was given a special extension so that we could comment, and I have been assured that local riders were extensively consulted. The amendments are horse-friendly: for Coorabakh (north of Taree), allowing horse riders to use a road that links two adjoining state forests, and for Bago Bluff (south-west of Port Macquarie), formally permitting horse riding on a short but important link trail creating a loop ride, and removing a prohibition on large group rides and competitive events. Potentially good news for ride organisers in the area!

If you haven't already seen it, keep an eye out for the February-March edition of RM Williams Outback

NSW ERA Committee Notices

Rule No. 14.
Reminder for all riders to adhere to Rule 14:

> *"Once under the control of the vet, every horse shall remain on the ride base, except while competing in, or exercising prior to the event, and must not be removed until the vet releases the horse by signing of the horse's logbook or vet card and until the horse's logbook or vet card is released by the ride organising committee."*

AERAspace computer training course
Another AERA space computer course will probably be held at the Snowy Zone Training ride - date and venue to be discussed. Please contact Kim or myself to register interest and obtain further details.

Horse Health Declarations (*HHD*)
Horse Health Declarations – Please complete Horse Health Declarations on the form provided, one horse per form so they can be individually matched up with the rider entry form. It is also easier if the driver/rider has ONLY the HHD for the horse/s they are transporting. It is responsibility of every Ride Organising Committee to ensure these forms are collected, checked with the Head Vet and kept with the entry forms for six months. Also, PIC (Property Identification Code) numbers MUST be entered on the HHD. Details can be obtained **from http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/livestock/pics**.

Ride Previews
Ride previews need to be on the website then added to the other forums. There are people who only look at the website. Perhaps ROs could add the Ride Preview to the ride request form when sending it to the Secretariat.

Belinda Hopley for and on behalf of the NSW ERA

N.S.W. ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Balance Sheet
As of December 2015

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
CBA General A/C 28026549		$26,604.75
TD 50089766 07/04/16 2.20%		$15,000.00
TD 50081211 21/04/16 2.25%		$30,000.00
TD 50158169 12/05/16 2.35%		$20,000.00
CBA Payments Card [Sonya]		$1,011.07
Total Cash on Hand		$92,615.82
Inventory		
Stationery Stock on Hand		$1,057.52
Trading Stock on Hand		$267.94
Buckles Stock on Hand		$3,927.00
Clothing Stock on Hand		$1,318.72
TQ15 DVD		$6,485.00
TQ15 Merchandise		$4,697.00
Total Inventory		$17,753.18
Trade Debtors		$2,288.50
GST Paid on Purchases		$7,834.83
Total Current Assets		**$120,492.33**
Other Assets		
Prepayments		$545.46
Total Other Assets		$545.46
Property & Equipment		
Equipment		
Equipment at Cost		$10,695.49
Equipment Accum Dep'nc		($7,974.00)
Total Property & Equipment		$2,721.49
Total Assets		**$123,759.28**
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors		$19,726.60
Refunds Payable		$120.00
Total Current Liabilities		$19,846.60
Total Liabilities		**$19,846.60**
Net Assets		**$103,912.68**
EQUITY		
Member's Equity		
Retained Earnings		$103,247.41
Current Year Earnings		$665.27
Total Equity		**$103,912.68**

The NSW Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was held at the RSL Club in Windsor. It was well attended with over 70 people at the AGM and over 90 turned up for the Presentation dinner in the evening.

A shortened version of the AGM minutes can be found elsewhere in this newsletter with the full minutes being published just before the 2016 AGM.

The five freshly elected committee members for 2016 are Talea Hasko-Stewart, Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Peter Bice and Kerry Spratt. Kerry has taken on the position of secretary for 2016 with John retaining his portfolio as Treasurer. The portfolio allocations will be done at the next SMC meeting for 2016.

Two raffles were organised on behalf of the NSW SMC by Belinda Hopley. One was for an adult membership for 2016 and the other was for a $500 travel gift voucher from Flight Centre. The adult membership was won by Robert Catlin (see opposite accepting his Big Three Award) with Di Luker winning the travel voucher.

The RSL Club put on a three course meal and considering it was mass produced, it was well presented and good quality food.

The presentation started at 7pm and concluded just after 8pm. It was followed by dinner with a DJ with juke box music rounding out the evening. All in all it was a great event.

The SMC would like to encourage all members to try and attend the next AGM. If you want to celebrate your riding year with friends and fellow competitors, and have your say, the AGM is a great place to do that.

The awards presented were many. There were the Points Score awards for horses and riders. The ranks of the Big Three were considerably expanded at the 2016 AGM.

Prior to the end of the 2015 season 34 Big Three awards had been made to 28 riders. At the 2015 AGM a further 12 awards were made, 9 new riders were inducted into this most prestigious award and 3 riders received follow up awards. So now there are 37 riders who hold 46 Big Three awards. Considering the first qualified in 1991, it shows how hard it is to achieve this award.

The most pleasing aspect of the 2015 season was that there were so many riders who started the season with the plan of achieving a Big Three. All concerned realised how hard this would be and all worked very hard to look after their horses and to progress from stage to stage.

All three rides:-TQ15, Shahzada and the State Championship were hard. Shahzada was very wet, the State Ride, very hot and for the one who got lost, very long. The Quilty combined the usual Quilty magic with the fact that it was the 50th Quilty. For that reason alone, it will stand out in the minds and memories of everyone who participated.

The Big Three winners for 2015 were:

Robert Catlin on Copperkahn Tiara,

John Howe (2nd Award) on Ashbend Perazzi;

Carol Major (3rd Award) on Saradon;

Fiona Meller on Malu Vale Embers;

Gail Fisher on Arasarta Narhalinian;

Louise McCormack on Kintamani Silver Eclipse;

Kaliana Curtis on Blake's Heaven Carousel;

Cherry Cummins on Winter Hill Alice;

April Newman on Tarnette;

Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic on Marneross Zameel;

Shannon Hill on Burren-dah Narla;

Isabel Foster on Sharabel Kalarney

There were of course some standouts;- Shannon Hill,. It was Shannon's first year in Endurance and as she liked her partner's Big Three trophy, she went out and got her own. Robert Catlin proved that a heavyweight could win rides on his horse and get through a Big Three while also winning all 5 State pointscores.

Isabel Foster who was not having such a fantastic time at school, came out and won all 5 point scores and a Big Three. At Shahzada Isabel was spotted riding with Louise McCormack, who claimed her second Big three and Karen Rhodes, saying goodbye to Shahzada. It was obvious that Isabel was learning from Louise and Karen. A gleaming young champion drawing on the accumulated wisdom of two fantastic, older riders.

Other awards at the AGM went to the State team at the NSW State Ride. This was a new incentive created by the NSW SMC to encourage other States to put up a team and participate at our State ride. NSW won the team event and the riders were:

John Howe on Ashbend Perazzi;

Gail Fisher on Arasarta Narhalinian;

Louise McCormack on Kintamani Silver Eclipse;

Isabel Foster on Sharabel Kalarney

Stuart

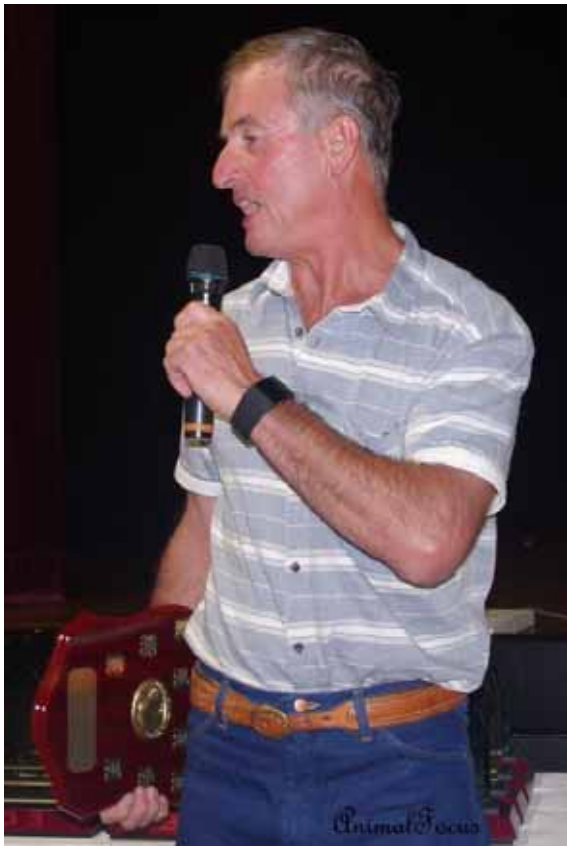
Above: Louise McCormack
Below: Heavyweight award winners: Nigel Colefax, Phil Coleman, Karen Rhodes, Robert Catlin, Sue Warren, John Howe, Stuart Lymbery, Andrew Bailey

Above Left Junior award winners, Above right, middleweight, below left lightweight, Talea Hasko-Stewart

Lymbery on Aloha Topic.

Big 3 Award Winners: Isabel Foster, Shannon Hill, Carol Major, April Newman, Robert Caitlin, Gail Fisher, Ian Curtis, John Howe, Lou McCormack, Fiona Meller, Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic, Cherry Cummins

Shahzada Awards presented at the NSW AGM



Both Karen Rhodes and Stuart Lymbery have outstanding success records when it comes to Shahzada. Both were presented with special buckles at the recent NSW AGM.

Karen Rhodes receiving her 20th Shahzada buckle trophy

Stuart Lymbery receiving his 10 Shahzada buckle trophy.

Congratulations to both of them for their

Welcome to our New Members

Clare	Fleming	Senior	Gum Flat
Jennette	Tucker	Assoc	Inverell
John	Davidson	Senior	Gum Flat
Kerry	Spratt	Senior	Kariong
Ronelle	Geldenhuys	Intermediate	Erskineville
Laura	Kelly	Senior	Lilli Pilli
Francesca	Green	Senior	Martinsville
Tacye	Bice	Assoc.	Gunderman
Kathryn	Priol	Senior	Murrumbateman
Ronald	Bancroft	Senior	Murrumbateman
Matilda	Walker	Junior	Berrima
Shaun	Jones	Senior	South Maroota
Carol	Davidson	Assoc	Tamworth
Samantha	Wenke	Senior	Culcairn
Tayla	Hadzi	Senior	TableTop
Emma	Haskins	Junior	Glen William
Chris	Gates	Senior	Hollbrook
Dagmar	Sweetland	Senior	Wentworth Falls
Nicolle	Brown	Senior	Wingham
Ian	Mepham	Senior	Bungonia
Elisa	Rout	Senior	Toormina

ACT Endurance Riders Association

Ride for Pegasus

10km Social Ride to raise money for Disabled Riders

Saturday 2nd April 2016

WHY: A great chance to see the best views of Canberra from horseback, morning tea with your equestrian friends, learn more about getting started in the sport of Endurance and raise money for disabled riders. A reminder to renew your ambulance cover. Win a woolen rug for your horse!

WHEN: Saturday morning 2nd April, office will open at 7:30am. Please arrive no later than 8am.

WHERE: Starting at Equestrian Park, Cotter Road, Curtin for entering and vetting, then a leisurely ride to and through the Arboretum on the Bicentennial Trail and back to Equestrian Park. About 10km ride.

HOW: Bring your polite horse (or a borrowed horse) to Equestrian Park by 8am. Secure your horse in a yard (email me to book one) or have a friend hold your horse while you enter. The horse does not have to have boots or shoes, barefoot is fine. Horse must be three years old or more and have been on trails before, seen bikes, cars, people and dogs already. Led ponies most welcome.

WHAT TO BRING: Your money!! Horse, saddle, saddle cloth, bridle/halter, HELMET (approved Equestrian). Bucket for water. These are just the basics. Bring a grin too! **No whips, no spurs.**

This could be the most expensive 10km social ride you will ever do BUT only $15 goes to NSWERA for administration and Day Membership, the rest is a direct donation to Pegasus either using GoFundraise or bringing the cash you have raised to the ride. $15 + $40 donation is the minimum but to win the rug riders have brought over $1000 of sponsorship!! Entry includes morning tea too and other prizes for top fundraisers.

These photos show the Disabled Riders on their 2km Endurance Ride.

The riders each received a medal at the end for completion.

The volunteers were the ones who deserved a medal!! They were the heroes .

Three per rider, one each side and one with horse control.

This ride is designed to raise money for Pegasus AND introduce new riders to Endurance. This is our 4th year and the presence of experienced riders at base and on course makes a huge difference to the new riders. Your presence is hugely appreciated.

The Pegasus riders with support of volunteers and coaches will also mount up and ride a special 2km section.

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

FILLING THE GAP

BURRAGA NO FRILLS ENDURANCE EVENT
2nd 3rd April 2016

Located 60km south of Bathurst, the village of Burraga surrounded by pine plantations and farms will hold a weekend of endurance consisting of 20/40/60 & 80km distances. This is a NO FRILLS event (no buckles) to assist NSW members with an additional event for novice and start of season horses.

The course utilises local and forestry dirt roads. We have mapped a course with ample water and feed on track with no major mountains - only a couple of hills. The 80km will be similar to the course utilised for the 2015 Copper Challenge. This course proved extremely suitable for novice horses.

Large sports ground for camping available from Friday.

Dinner Saturday night will be available only with pre- booking.

NEVER had a go at Endurance? No worries there are a variety of distances for all riders.

Pre-nomination required and additional details can be found on **www.trybooking.com.au**, link via NSW Endurance website and Facebook. Those who are unable to use this site please advise via phone 0427 031 331 or

TOORAWEENAH ENDURANCE CLUB

16 and 17 April 2016
Carnival of rides

Tooraweenah Endurance Club would like to invite you to our annual 2016 endurance ride which we are having on the weekend of 16th and 17th of April. 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. Lions Club will be catering. The track has two legs 40km each, the 2nd leg is a new leg, the track is undulating to hilly and has rocky sections, but a lovely ride.

7km Ride on Sat for the kids! and the young at heart. Starts @ 1pm

20km Social Ride on Sat, Starts @ 2pm

80km- Sunday morning, Starts@ 5.30am

40km - Sunday morning, Starts @ Daylight

20km-Sunday morning, Starts @ 9am

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

Gundagai

Note—change of date

17 April 2016

80k and 40k

Due to our inability to get help and volunteers on the Anzac Weekend, it has been necessary to change the date of our ride.

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 1pm to 5pm

Ride: Sunday.

Start Times.

6 am for the 80km

9am for the 40km

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.

Firewood will be available.

For further information and to pre nominate

Please ring Rick Owen on 69 441628

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

TERRIFIC TENTERFIELD

Endurance Riders Club Inc.

30th Annual Ride

30th April- 1st May 2016

Dual Affiliated with NSW ERA

Events: 20k, 40k & 80/100k elevator / endurance ride

Date: 30th April – 1st May 2016

Venue: Girard State Forest Ride Base

Nomination: **All bookings via www.trybooking.com**

Rides: Sat 30th April 20k & 40k

Rides: Sunday 1st May 40k & 80-100 k elevator

The Tenterfield Club in its **30th Year Anniversary** will offer a range of forest based rides in the Girard State Forest. The forest trails are interesting and varied with elevation changes that can be enjoyed at an entry level or challenge seasoned riders/horses. Riding to the conditions is a high priority at Tenterfield.

Ride Base: Open from midday Friday 29th April

Location: 1km off the Bruxner Hwy 42km east of Tenterfield and 8km west of Drake. The Base is compact with limited power, lighting, hot showers, toilets and horse water. BYO personal drinking water.

Fully Catered.

Vetting: Standard AERA vetting within 30 minutes. Maximum HR for 20k, 40k and 1st leg of 80/100k elevator is 55bpm. Second and final legs of the 80/100k elevator is 60bpm.

2016 Cost of rides – 20k $25, 40k $55, 80-100k elevator $120

Visit our web site **www.tenterfieldendurance.com.au**

Ride Secretary: Caroline Windle (02)67364612

Q60 2016

Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May
www.zone1endurancerіding.com.au
Ararat Lodge,
1055 Upper Colo Rd Upper Colo NSW

Close to Sydney, the Hunter Valley and Lithgow, the Q60 ride is on again.

5km, 20km, 40km and 80/100km elevator rides will be available.

Prenominate with full payment through our website at **www.zone1endurancerіding.com.au** will ensure we can cater adequately.

Accommodation

Ararat Lodge has fantastic facilities with open fires, dining room and ensuite rooms available for those looking for creature comforts.

Book your accommodation separately at Ararat Lodge through Jane on 02 45659224.

The Lodge offers a delicious dinner on Saturday evening in its stylish function room, which is a great opportunity to meet and chat socially with other riders.

A NSW Fire Brigade fund raising canteen will run on Saturday afternoon and Sunday offering drinks, cakes and hot food, so please support these facilities.

The at times challenging course, will be on roads, tracks and fire trails around the Colo area with an ascent to the beautiful locality of Mountain Lagoon.

The Intermediate 40km ride is ideal for fit, young or novice horses and will be leg 2 of the 100km ride. The Introductory 20km ride will be leg 3 of the 100km ride and is relatively flat and easy going following the road by the Colo River.

The Office will open on Saturday at 1pm with vetting from 2pm to 5pm. Sunday vetting begins from 6.30.

Vetting for the Training, 5 and 20km rides will be available on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday Morning.

Ride fees:

80/100km seniors $120 Juniors $80

40km $60

20km $30

5 km $10

All plus day membership – where applicable.

Prenomination

While entries will be accepted on the day there **will be a $5.00 surcharge.** This additional fee is to encourage pre nomination through the website **www.zone1endurancerіding.com.au**

Dinner should be booked when pre nominating and paid for in advance.

Bookings essential so please confirm with your pre-nom if you would like dinner.

Camping fee of $5/person and can also be pre-paid through the website

For further information, please contact Ian Dreghorn 042745643 or

Email: **zone1endurance@gmail.com**

Mudgee Ride Preview

Ray Gooley Memorial Endurance Ride

Mudgee 14/15 May 2016

The ride base at Cooyal Hall, Wollar Road, Cooyal will be open for camping from midday Friday and at the property across the road from Saturday morning.

Please bring completed horse temperature logs. One form per horse.

There will be a new track for the second leg but with the same enjoyable scenic riding and no big hills. There will also be a 7km introduction ride this year

The Progress Association is providing the usual delicious two course dinner, including tea and coffee on Saturday night and the canteen will be open from midday Saturday until late on Sunday.

Pre nominations would be appreciated by Monday 9 May. In order to assist with the catering, when prenominating, please indicate if you would like dinner on the Saturday night.

Program:

Saturday 14th

20km social ride starts at 1PM.

7km introduction ride starts at 1.30PM

Pre-ride vetting from 11AM for these rides only

Sunday 15th

80km ride starts at 6AM

40km ride starts 7AM

Pre-ride vetting from 1PM Saturday

Muster for the start of all rides is at the property across the road.

Ride fees:

80km seniors $100 Juniors $75

40km $60 20km $30 7km $20

All plus day membership – where applicable.

Prizes:

The list is headed by the Ray Gooley Memorial Trophy and there are 16 rugs to be won, thanks to our fabulous sponsors. There are successful completion awards in every event.

Entertainment:

This was popular last year so here we go again. The theme is Famous Movie Horses. Dogs do not take part in entertainment

Come to Marvellous Mudgee, get on your Hobby Horse and join in the fun.

Enquiries and bookings to Mette Sutton on 0400 308 626. Email: **mette.sutton@bigpond.com**

Or Gail Fisher phone 6373 3932. Email: **Kailaniarabians@yahoo.com.au**

Please keep dogs on a leash at all times.

2016 WINGELLO FOREST RIDE

WINGELLO STATE FOREST, WINGELLO

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

21st & 22nd May 2016

Get set for the 8th annual Wingello Forest Ride! Our newcomer-friendly format is on again, but with two important changes for 2016:

1) Entries are to be booked and pre-paid through Try Booking. You can click the 'Register Here' button on the home page of the Wingello Forest Endurance Ride website **www.highlandsendurance.com**, or type **www.trybooking.com/KIWJ** in your browser. On-line entries will close at 8pm on Wednesday 18th 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 our website.

2) And the BIG news! For all those who have been asking, there will now be a 20km ride on Sunday, as well as on Saturday. Note that whilst the 20km ride on Saturday has a very generous timeframe, the 20km ride on Sunday will have a strict maximum ride time of 3 hours 45 mins, so if you are planning a leisurely walk, then it would be best to enter the Saturday event.

Introductory Rides of 5km, 10km and 20km will be held on Saturday 21st from 12 noon. An Introductory ride of 20km, an intermediate (training) elevator 41-61km ride, and an 80km endurance ride will be held on Sunday 22nd May, from 7am.

All ride distances are daylight start. The course follows forestry roads and tracks, taking you alternately through

tall mature pine forests, natural bush, ferny gullies, and through green rolling farmland. Short sections of the 40km and 80km rides are on dirt council roads.

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

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

Vetting is standard AERA with optional early present. Head Vet is Karim Kooros.

The ride base is the same as last year – a large rolling grassy paddock. We will be providing toilets and horse water. If you are arriving on Friday, please bring enough water for your horses for the night. The RFS will be doing the rounds on Saturday with their water truck, but it is advisable to bring enough water to be able to offer your horses a drink when you first arrive, as it takes time for the Firies to get around the whole campsite. Please be patient. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept chained or on a leash at all times.

Firewood is not supplied. Please contact the ride organiser several weeks in advance of the event if you would like to make a special arrangement.

Entry fees:

80km: $120 (Jnr $90);

40-60km: $75;

All Introductory rides: $55;

Teams: $20 per 4 person team

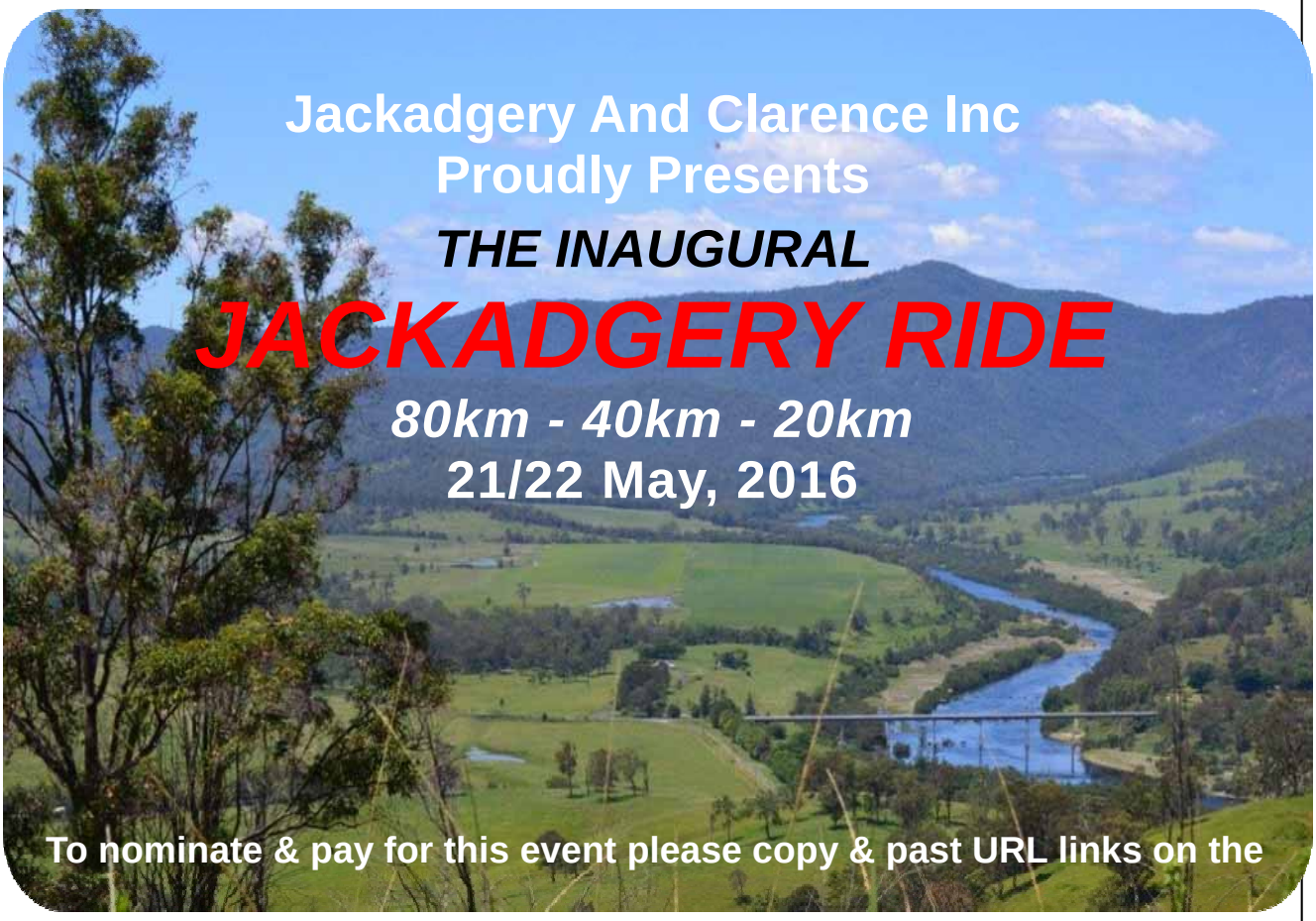
Wingello village is located just 7km off the Hume Highway by sealed road, approximately 1 hour south of Campbelltown, and ½ hour north of Goulburn. The ride base is adjacent to the Wingello State Forest, approximately 3.5km by well formed dirt/gravel road from the village of Wingello. Directions to the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

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.

Don't forget your horse health declarations. Please also print and bring your completed entry forms to the event. All forms can be downloaded from the Wingello Forest Endurance Ride website. Please, one form per horse.

Southern Highlands Endurance Ride Inc

All enquiries should be directed to:
Ride Secretary:
Bec Hogan, 0412 600 173
bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au



Face Book Event

Ride Entry Forms and Horse Health declaration forms can be found by copy and pasting the links on the FB Event page. Please complete both forms and bring them with you to make admin faster for everyone. Indemnity parts of the entry form must also be completed.

It is of extreme importance that you comply with the Hendra protocols. These can be found on the QERA site. **ALL** horses attending the grounds must have a HHD form completed and submitted on arrival.

Sunday 22nd May

80km **($110.00)** 5am start. **Vetting from 12 on Saturday.**

Junior **($80.00)**

40km **($55.00)** 6.30am start

20km **($35)** 10am start.

All non members must purchase the tickets from trybooking that include Day Membership costs. For more info on the ride & ride base please go to the **Jackadgery And Clarence Inc** Face Book page.

If you have any inquiries please contact **Tangil Kinch (02) 66472247**

2016 NSW State Championship Ride

11—13 June 2016

11th June 2016

We will be running a 20/40 on the Saturday.

Office opens at 8.00am
Pre Ride vetting for 20/40km's from 9.00am—10.00am
Pre Ride talk for 20/40 km's mounted at the gate 10 minutes before start time e.g 10.50 am for 40km's
11.00am start for the 40km's
12.00 midday start for the 20km's
With standard 30 minute vetting.

1.00pm Pre Ride vetting for the 160/80km's until 5.00 pm

Pre Ride talk for the 160/80km's will be at 6.00pm

Midnight start for the 160km's and the course will close at midnight Sunday 12th June 2016

12th June 2016

5.00am start for 80km's and course closes at 3.00pm the 12th June

Extra Trade stalls that will be attending include Mathew Spice and Equine massages. Please book your horse in for that relaxing massage before or after your ride.

Feed and Hay will be available and straw for bedding if required. Please ring Gordon with any feed requirements.

Don't forget to nominate for the 160 and 80km's through TRY BOOKING which will be up and running soon.

Yes we will take late bookings but a late fee will apply.

Hope to see you all at the State Champs. It will be a great weekend etc.

Please feel free to give me a ring regarding anything about the ride.

Cheers, Gordon.

Contact:
Gordon Smith
North Street
HARDEN NSW 2587

Currowan Endurance Ride at Nelligen

South Coast Zone Endurance 25 & 26 June 2016

10 km ride on the Sunday

80km, 40km, 20km and 10km rides

The ride base:

We have a fantastic ride base 40metres off the Kings Highway at Nelligen. Very easy to get to. Nelligen is 2 ¼ hours from Yass, 1 ½ hours from Canberra and Goulburn, towards the South Coast off the main road from Canberra to Bateman's Bay.

The ride base is on the outskirts of Nelligen off the River Rd (Shallow Crossing Road) 50mtrs off the Kings Highway. We have kindly been given permission to use a large flat paddock.

Only one kilometre away is a four star holiday park with showers and camping, cabins and villas (with spas) on the banks of the Clyde River. There's a good pub with meals across the road from the holiday park. Also at Nelligen are two great cafes overlooking the lovely Clyde River and a park with a children's playground. There will be a raffle drawn on Saturday night of fresh local oysters and prawns. There will be a canteen.

The ride:

All the legs are good under foot. With a variety of surfaces.

One 40km ride leg (second leg 80km) winds along the banks of the beautiful Clyde River. Riding along The River Road all the way to Shallow Crossing and then back. This has slight undulation less than 50mtr above sea level. Tracks are dirt road, with fresh water creeks with easy access.

You travel past farmland, forest and the river—all very pleasant scenery.

Lots of prizes thanks to our sponsors: Jon De Le Arabians, Currowan Arabians, Harrisons Horse and Rural, Hiscocks Queanbeyan, Braidwood Rural, Landmark Braidwood and Goodwoods Saddlery

The other 40km leg follows the river for a while then turns up some less used dirt roads through lovely bush and some rainforest. Still clean good tracks. Again clean fresh water creeks with easy access.

There is approximately 25km of track with slight undulation no higher than 50mtr above sea level. This leaves 6km of undulating going through rainforest then a 4km gradual climb to an elevation of around 150mtr above sea level. Then a gentle 5.7km back down to the river.

No tar road apart from a very short distance entering a couple of the creek crossings.

Top Right: Keeping it in the family, Rob Catlin BC HW and Clare Feary BC MW at the 2015 event

Above: Young rides from Currowan ride with their prizes

Above Left: Olivia De Gruchy 1st Junior and BC at the 2015 event.

Opposite: The Nickson family Daniel Madeline and Chelsea and Garry and Merinda Matthews completing the 20km Ride at Currowan 2015

The 20km social ride will follow the Clyde River before

Wandandian Endurance Ride

16th-17th July 2016
80/40/20KM

It's back! With a new ride base, but the same stunning scenery!

Set in the beautiful Yerriyong State Forest on the NSW South Coast. This ride will be held almost exclusively on forestry trails, with no tar or major urban obstacles. The terrain will be comprised of mainly undulating shaded trails with some elevations and vary from soft and sandy to rockier and harder underfoot. Those who have ridden the Wandy ride before will know this ride is fairly challenging so it's a great fitness builder for those looking to tackle Shahzada or the Quilty later in the year

All rides will involve more than one creek crossing, so ensure your horses are comfortable with this, alternatively check out it out on the Saturday.

Whereabouts: Jannung Lane Wandandian. Our new ride base has easy access straight off the Princes Highway and down a short all weather gravel road. Coming from Sydney or Canberra (via the Nerriga Road or Kangaroo Valley) simply head south through Wandandian township then turn right off the Highway just past the Sussex Inlet turn off. Wandandian has a petrol station with long opening hours, otherwise the nearest towns are ½ hour away.

Pre-nominations are essential

Please email **fearyclare@gmail.com,** phone 0413 341 270 (leave a message) or leave a

Bago Bush Ride Wauchope

ATTENTION NEW RIDE DATE 16TH & 17TH JULY

100/80km 60/40km 20km 10km

16 and 17 July 2016

This Ride is held to raise funds for the local Riding for the Disabled Centre Wauchope so we would love to see you all there . The ride base will be at the Wauchope saleyards/pony club grounds which is 4km out of town on the Oxley Highway, just follow the signs.

There are toilets and town water, but no showers or powered sites. There will be some fire wood available. The canteen will be open for lunch on Saturday and will also provide a two course meal on Saturday night then breakfast and lunch on Sunday. This is run by our local pony club mums and dads

As this is a charity ride there are completion awards only but thanks to generous sponsorship there will be best conditioned rugs for each division.

Saturday 16th

We are running a 10km social ride $20 +$5 day membership if applicable

1pm start Time allowed 2hrs

Sunday 17th

100km elevator $110 junior $95

3.30am start. Time allowed will be 10 hrs. Cut off time to elevate is 8 hours

Time allowed to complete 80km is 9 hours

60km elevator $65 + $10 Day membership if applicable

6.30am start Time allowed 7hrs cut off time to elevate is 5hrs

40km Trainer $55 + $10 Day membership if applicable

Time allowed 5hrs

20km social ride $30 +$10 day membership if applicable

Time allowed 4hrs

The course will be the same as last year. Through Bago State Forests and Bago National Park, forest roads and tracks. Most of the roads are good underfoot with a few unavoidable sections of harder ground. Plenty of water on course and well marked.

Entries will be taken from 10.30am Saturday

Vetting from 12noon till 4.30pm Saturday

Prenominate by email **seanpollard@y7mail.com** by Monday, 4 July would be appreciated for catering so come along for a pleasant and friendly ride.

Remember we are 5 weeks before Shahzada.

SHAHZADA 2016 ...

Linda Logan and Willow Valley Dartanyan Shahzada 2015

Well into the endurance season now with everyone preparing for the first rides and the State Ride in June so time to plan the rest of the year. The 36th Shahzada will be held from Monday, 22nd to Friday, 26th August in St Albans, north west of Sydney, NSW and with people already entering from WA and Queensland reserving numbers and booking camping spots, it looks as though this year will be huge.

For those on younger, less experienced horses, the Mini Marathon of 120km over three days will be held from Tuesday, 23rd to Thursday, 25th August. Both rides are held in St Albans with horses and riders camped all around town venturing out on each leg up and down the legendary tracks of the Woomera, Transmission, McKechnie's, Boyd's, Prestons and The Steps with a promise of perfect Shahzada weather, lots of fun with heaps of social events and activities to keep everyone smiling throughout the week.

We hope that all those who completed the Mini Marathon in 2015 will move up to the Shahzada and have a go and for all those seeking to complete The Big Three (State Championships, Shahzada and the Quilty on the same horse in the one year) this is definitely the time.....heaps of help from our expert and friendly vetting team not to mention all those around you - everyone wants you to be successful. This will definitely be the year that Victorian riders should have a go at The Big Three.....all very achievable from the other side of the border with our State Ride at Harden, Quilty in Victoria and Shahzada!!!

Go to the Shahzada website **www.shahzada400.com** and see what happened in 2015. There will be a 2016 Shahzada 400 Endurance Ride Facebook Page for all current information or contact Shahzada secretary, Sue Todd for information on **suetodd@activ8.net.au** or phone 0263 797218 and leave a message. There is nothing like the bond that you achieve with your horse marathon riding.....if you don't do anything else in endurance, you have to ride Shahzada!! This will be "the ride of your life"!!!!!

Peter Bice and Georgie Girl

Kaliana Curtis and Blake's Heaven Carousel Shahzada 2015

Photos by Animal Focus

NSWERA Biosecurity Guidelines
for Ride Organiser Committees.

NSWERA supports and promotes the principles and practices of the management of infectious diseases. This requires the fulfilment of certain obligations prior to and during the ride by people in charge of the horse and the ride organisers to prevent the spread of infectious disease and to track any person or animal that may have been potentially exposed during the event. All ROCs should be conversant with and promote those principles and procedures.

The NSWERA SMC requests that ride committees should abide with the following:

- Prior to the event, please ensure all riders are aware of the requirements of the Horse Health Declaration to be taken for ALL horses entering the ride base is advertised. These are to be completed by the person in charge of the horse.
- Prior to the event, the Event Director, Head Vet and Chief Steward decide on the number of days before the event the HHD is to be taken. The Biosecurity Statement details 10 day temperature logs for unvaccinated horses in Hendra Risk Zones and 3 day logs for vaccinated horses in those areas. Its 3 day logs for all other areas except if a non-vaccinated horse from a Hendra Risk Zone comes into those other areas it will require a 10 day temperature log. The exception to this are the TQ and FEI rides where the Head Vet and Biosecurity Manager can decide the temperature log period.
- Prior to the event, the Event Director, Head Vet and Chief Steward decide if the HHD's are to be taken at the point of entry to the ride base or ride entry, depending on the origin of horses attending the event. If the HHD's are to be collected at the ride base entry, ensure a quarantine area is suitably situated.
- If a quarantine area/isolation zone/treatment area is identified, then the guidelines and procedures for this area are to be strictly followed.
- Before accepting HDD's, please check with the Head Vet the temperature parameters that they wish to be notified of.
- Please ask riders to use **one form per horse** using the the form supplied (no electronic copies) so it is then matched with the rider entry form. Both forms to be kept for 6 months.
- The rider entry form must provide the person responsible for each horse.
- Ensure PIC codes are supplied on the HHD.
- At entry, please check if the horse is returning to a location other than its property of origin, and ensure the details of this property are provided before departing the event.
- Crayons for horse identification or green ribbons (proven current Hendra Vaccination) may be required by the RO/CS and will be provided by the ROC.

Trends in NSW ERA Membership 2013-2015

Table 1: Total NSWERA membership in 2013-2015 (data from AERAspace)

Membership category	2013	2014	2015
Associate	28	19	20
Newsletter only	1	17	9
Intermediate	22	31	32
Junior	39	29	50
Ordinary	413	411	438
Total	**503**	**507**	**549**

For a number of years prior to 2013, NSWERA recorded a declining membership, both overall and in riding members, which was apparently halted in 2014 and even reversed in 2015 (see Table 1). Since data on our membership has been recorded in the AERAspace database since 2013, there is an opportunity to extract those data and investigate what is actually hidden behind those overall numbers presented in the table above. For this first investigation, I have looked at (1) the age and gender distribution within the riding membership and (2) the annual turn-over or drop-out rate in various membership categories.

The first point is important, as it gives clues on where the majority of the membership is located what age and gender is concerned and whether the number of new young members attracted each year will be high enough to compensate for those who will likely retire from the sport due to increased age. Furthermore, looking at intermediate riders (those riding up to 60 km) separate from junior and ordinary riders (those potentially riding 80+ km) over this three-year time period gives clues on who actually takes out this sort of membership and how many intermediate members 'upgrade' to full membership. After all, it had been the intention of the intermediate membership category, when it was created in 2013, that it should give people interested in the sport the possibility of a cheaper entry level membership with the aim of getting them to become full members later on.

The second point gives an indication of how attractive the sport is, i.e. how many new members it can recruit each year and what proportion of those can be kept in future years. This is of high importance, because high drop-out rates would indicate that there could be one or more aspects of our sport that are unattractive to people and make them leave it. This information, together with that of age and gender distribution, will allow the association to survey and then address the needs of various groups with the aim of improving the long-term membership level.

Figure 1 presents the annual age and gender distribution of junior and ordinary members between 2013 and 2015. The following main points can be seen:

- A striking and consistent feature is the much higher female (dark grey) than male (light grey) membership in all age brackets except those older than 51-55 year in 2012-13 or 56-60 in 2015, respectively. Of course, this is nothing new, as this is there for everyone to see at rides and only reflects that for years increasingly new members have been coming from the urban fringes and no longer from rural working areas.
- Contrary to how the sport started out, there is only negligible new male recruitment within the juniors, and even if boys were members as children under 10 years of age, they seem to leave when they become teenagers.
- The age distribution of females has two peaks, separated by a dip in membership in the age brackets between 25 and 40 years, reflecting the fact that many women take a break from the sport while having children and a young family.
- In a 'well-balanced' age distribution, where new recruitment replaces retirees, one would expect to see the age group with the most members in the middle of the distribution, i.e. somewhere in the vicinity of the age bracket of 36-40 years. However, the peak age group is somewhere at 50-55 or 55 -60 among females, depending on which year you look at, and 56-60 for males. This indicates that the distribution is skewed towards older age and that new recruitment has not been replacing retiring

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members for a while.

- Even within the short time period of only three years that this report covers, it is visible that the mean age is continually shifting upwards when comparing the size of various age bracket peaks. This means that, if nothing is done to reverse this trend, the overall membership decline will accelerate in the next few years, as the older retiring year groups are stronger in numbers than the younger ones.

Figure 2 shows the development of the intermediate membership from year to year between 2013, when this category became available for the first time, and 2015. Here the main points to be seen are:

- Membership in this category appears to be fluctuating somewhat but is overall increasing.
- There is a definite trend to riders older than 40-45 years being the main group taking out this type of membership.
- Analysing the membership numbers within this membership category shows that in 2015 almost half of them belong to former ordinary members who 'downgraded' to this type of membership. Furthermore, it also shows that less than 5 of the 2013 and 2014 intermediate members 'upgraded' to ordinary membership in the subsequent year(s). This means that the original purpose of this membership category is not fulfilled. It may help to keep older members in the sport and help them to save some money on membership fees. Indications are that younger riders, if they have ambitions to move 'upwards' in the distance they want to ride, immediately take out full ordinary membership.

The points described above are concerning, but looking at the proportion of members that carries over from year to year and continues to be involved in the sport in any way is even more so. Figure 3 illustrates the annual carry-over of the whole membership, while Tables 2 and 3 show the carry-over from each membership category into any other one. I have chosen these figures, as they show what proportion of members keeps involved in the sport to the degree that a formal 'bond' via membership is maintained.

The three columns in Figure 3 represent the total membership in all categories in the last three years. The darkest grey represents the persons who were members in 2013, the medium grey those who became members in 2014 and the lightest grey those who became members in 2015. It shows that

- Of the 503 members in 2013, only 350 were still present in 2014, a reduction by 153 or almost one third. Table 2 shows that these losses were particularly from the associate, intermediate and junior categories.
- In 2014, luckily 157 new members decided to join up and balanced the loss. However, further analysis showed that 70 of these 'new' members were actually persons who had been members at some stage before 2013 (evident from their 5-digit membership numbers). The logical explanation in the historical context is that a large proportion (66 persons) of them rejoined to try to get themselves and their horse back into shape for participation at the 2015 Tom Quilty.
- In 2015, only 295 of the original 503 members present in 2013 remained and 96 of the 157 that had joined in 2014. Again a loss of about one third with the greatest losses coming from the non-ordinary membership. However, again the loss was compensated for by 158 new members signing up , 59 of those having been members at some stage before 2013, though. Of those 59, 52 were ordinary members who possibly tried to still get ready for the TQ15.
- Looking at the retention rate of completely new riders (and I have only concentrated on those; results not tabulated) the figures do not look any better: of 11 completely new intermediate members in 2013, 5 (=45.5%) were left in 2014 and only 4 (=36.4%) in 2015; of 14 completely new juniors, 7 (=50%) were left in 2014 and 5 (=33.3%) in 2015; of 39 completely new ordinary members, 22 (=56.4%) were left in 2014 and 15 (=38.5%) in 2015. In 2014, 12 first-time intermediate members joined and 7 (=58.3%) were left in 2015; 9 completely new juniors joined and 5 (55.5%) of those kept going in 2015; 53 persons took out an ordinary membership as their first ever membership and 27 (=50.9%) of those renewed it in any form in 2015. In 2015, there were 12 completely new intermediate memberships, 27 new juniors and 58 new ordinary members. Their intentions for 2016 remain to be seen.
- The figures presented in the previous dot point show that the retention rate of riders coming new into the sport is even lower than that of all members.

Summarizing all of the above, it is clear that the sport faces two major problems that need to urgently be addressed, should it remain viable into the future: (1) the continued aging of its membership with the current dominant membership years nearing retirement age, and (2) the high drop-out rate in the riding membership and the failure of the association to retain a large proportion of new members for longer than a year.

Of course, the management committee of our association is in a leading position to address the second point and carry out surveys and similar to find out why many new members leave again after only one year.

Figure 1: Age and gender distribution of ordinary and junior NSWERA members from 2013 to 2015.

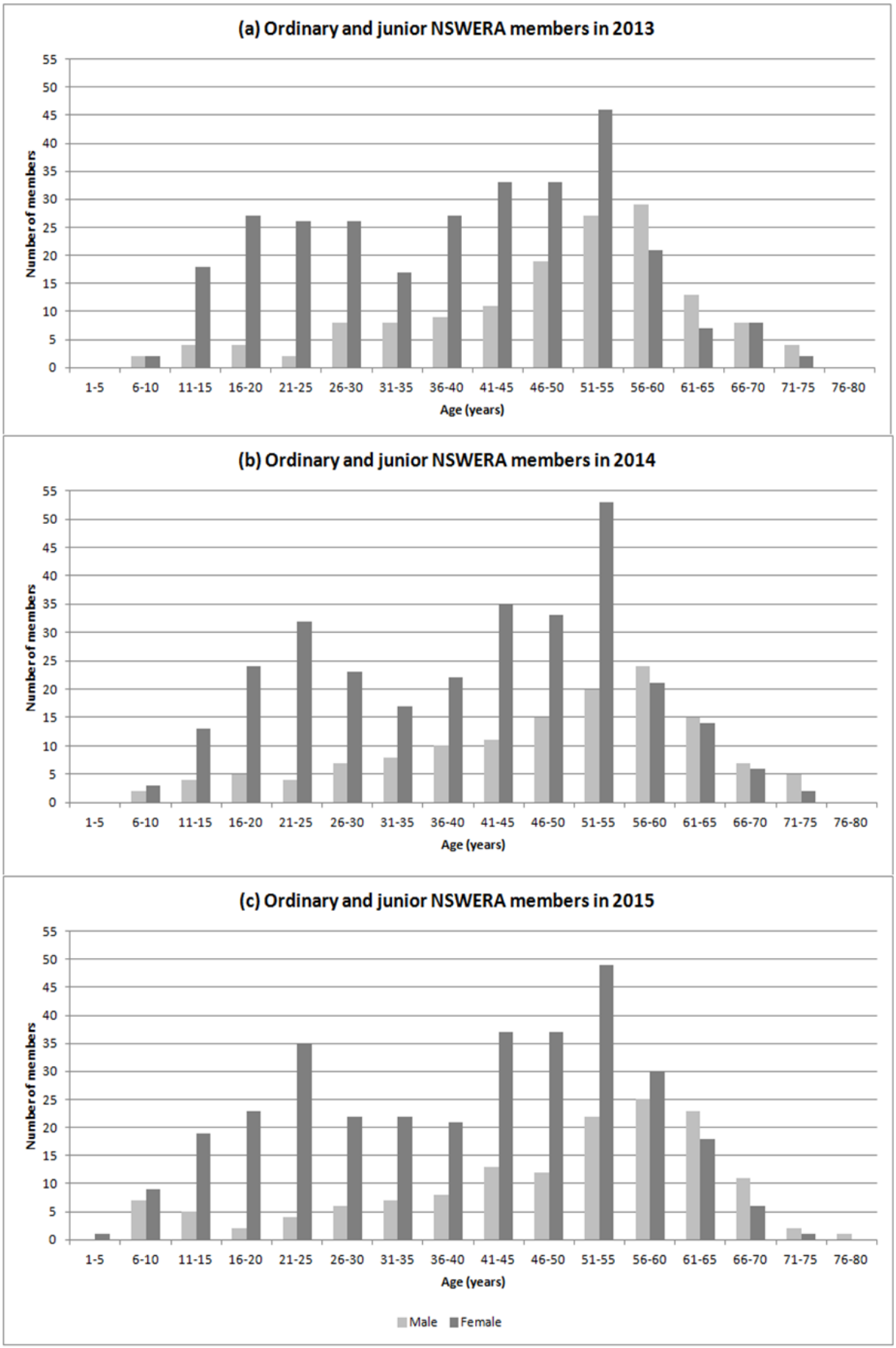

Figure 2: Age distribution of intermediate NSWERA members from 2013 to 2015

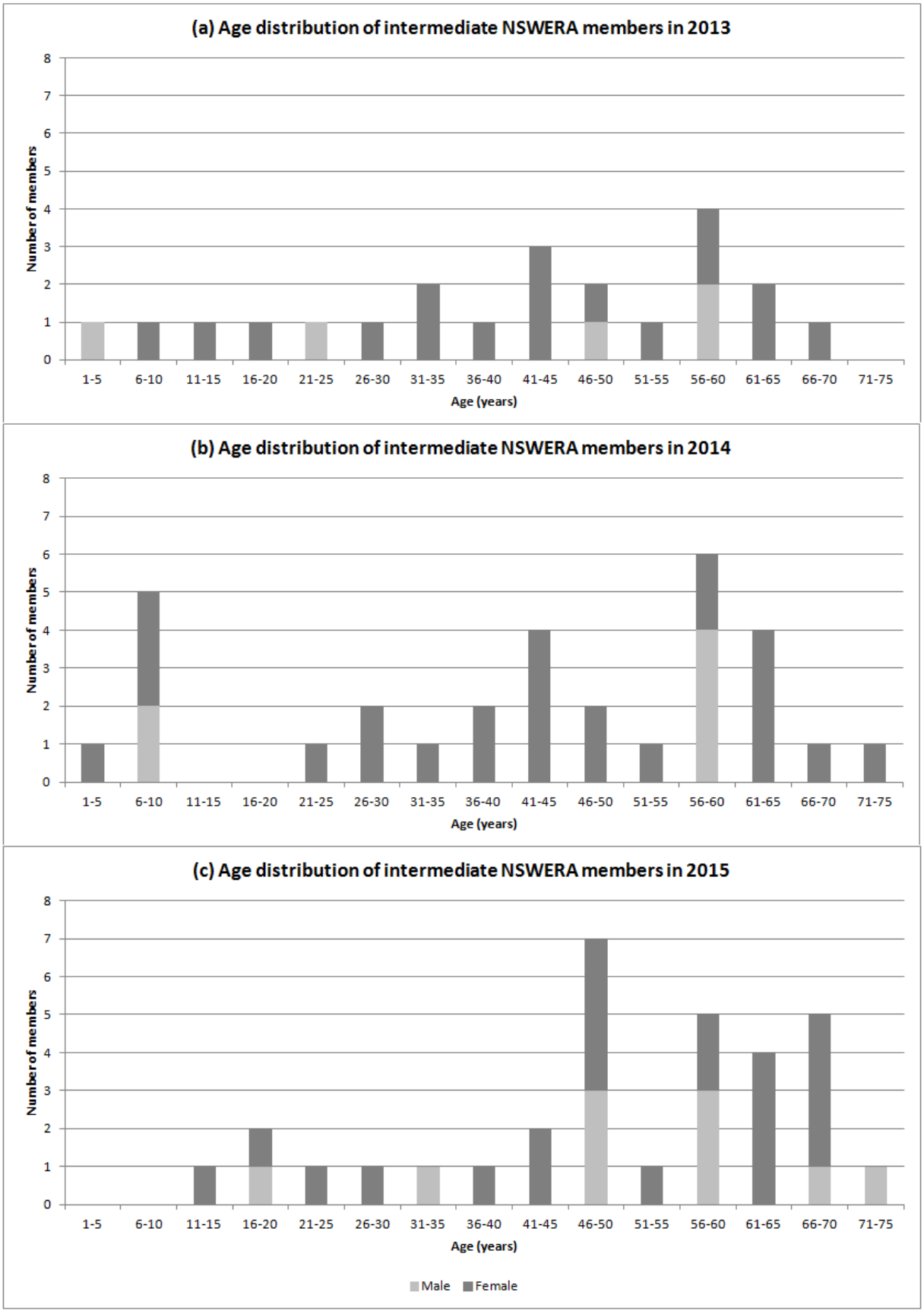

Figure 3: Annual carry-over of total membership of all categories form 2013 to 2015

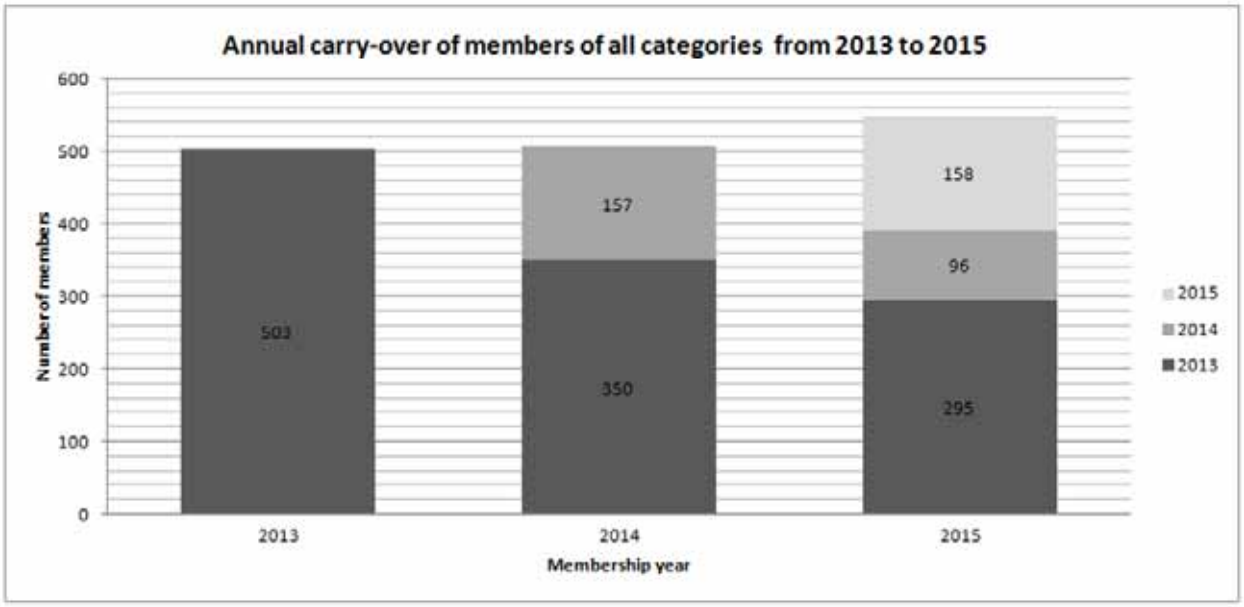

Table 2: Carry-over of members from 2013 into 2014 and 2015

Membership category	2013	2013 members who carried over into any membership category in 2014	2013 members who carried over into any membership category in 2015
Associate	28	14 (50%)	9 (32%)
Newsletter only	1	1 (100%)	1 (100%)
Intermediate	22	12 (55%)	9 (41%)
Junior	39	21 (54%)	17 (44%)
Ordinary	413	302 (73%)	259 (63%)
Total	**503**	**350 (70%)**	**295 (59%)**

Table 3: Carry-over of members from 2014 into 2015

Membership category	2014	2014 members who carried over into any membership category in 2015	2014 members who carried over into any membership category in 2016
Associate	19	12 (63%)	to be determined
Newsletter only	17	11 (65%)	to be determined
Intermediate	31	19 (61%)	to be determined
Junior	29	22 (76%)	to be determined
Ordinary	411	327 (80%)	to be determined
Total	**507**	**391 (77%)**	to be determined

Synopsis of the Minutes of the AGM of the NSW Endurance Riders Association Inc. held at Windsor RSL, Windsor on Saturday, 6 February 2015

Attendance

Present: Greg Moore (Chairman), Gertraud Norton, Belinda Hopley, John Howe, Deanna Trevena, Roy Barsby, Tony Warren, Brad Dillon, Emily Streckfuss, Simon Bain, Jacque Wright, Jack Johnson,
Apologies: John Dawson, Colleen Clancy, Roz Edmunds, Maxine McArthur, Cathy Barnwell, Dean Walkom, David Player, Vicky and Chris Noonan, Jeff and Gay Bonham,
In attendance: Johanne Gardiner, Greg Moore, Belinda Hopley, Peter Bice, Victoria Bice, Tacye Bice, Helen Rich, Faith Robinson, Deanna Trevena, Karin Santoso, Emily Streckfuss, Ian Curtis, Adeline Gibson, Jill Rosser, Tom McCormack, Julie Brooks, Mathew Walker, April Newman, Allison Kninincki, John Howe, Peter Kelly, Sonya Ruprecht, Mark Norton, Gertraud Norton, Gavin Peacock, Andrew Kettlewell, Amanda Kettlewell, Sue Todd, Jennifer Gilbertson, Graeme Gilbertson, Gordon Smith, Neil Clarkson, Robert Catlin, Clare Feary, Jo Davis, Garry Matthews, Jacque Wright, Michele Hall, Carol Major, Steven Roberts, Kerry Spratt, Simon Bain, Allana Rempel, Sonia Holdswork, Peter Holdswork, Val Males, Ron Males, Karen Rhodes, Ray Rhodes, Jack Johnson, Charlie Gauci, Garry Weiss, Roy Barsby, Peter Grelek, Sue Warren, Tony Warren, Shan Symons, Tony Parker, Fia Haskow-Stewart, Talea Haskow-Stewart, Fiona Meller, Louise McCormack, Anne Lymbery, Stuart Lymbery, Steve Brooks, Ros Ryan, Phil Coleman, Raelene French, Annette Bailey, Andrew Bailey, Ava Pellizzari

The number of proxies recorded was 110.

Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the AGM held 7 February 2015 had been previously published in the New South Wales Endurance Newsletter, in the AGM booklet for this meeting and on the website.

MOVED Allana Rempel, Belinda Hopley
THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 February 2015 be accepted.
CARRIED Unanimous

Confirmation of Honorary Members

Ron and Val Males.
Lyn and Adrian Bailey.
Jeff and Gay Bonham.
Searle Johnson.
Kieron Power.
MOVED Kerry Spratt, Fiona Meller
THAT Ron and Val Males, Lyn and Adrian Bailey, Searle Johnson, Jeff and Gay Bonham, Kieron Power be confirmed as honorary members of the NSW ERA
Carried **Unanimous**

Executive Reports

The chairman said that he would not be asking for SMC members to repeat their reports as they were previously published in the AGM booklet. Reports previously published are not reproduced below but will be included in the complete set of AGM minutes published in early 2017.

Greg Moore, NSWERA President

Report previously published.

Questions: Neil Clarkson enquired as to whether there was an outcome on the Northern Rivers situation. Greg said that AERA agreed that the people living in NRZ can now choose which State they wish to belong to. Each ride will be dual affiliated. Hoping for a 50/50 split on of the fees.

Query as to the exact line for the Northern Rivers Zone. Some thought it was north of Grafton. Gertraud Norton said that the accepted line was north of Coffs Harbour.

John Howe – NSWERA Treasurer, IDP Liaison

Report previously published.

Copies of the balance sheet have been sent to the SMC. Hard copies are by the entry door. If you want your own copy, email John on Monday and he will send a copy of the financial reports to you.

Thanks to Adeline Gibson for producing the DVD. It will be on sale later today. In the last year we made a small profit but during the year we spent a lot of money, particularly on the TQ15. Our income increased with our expenses remaining relatively the same. One big expense was the medication control for the TQ15. Over $4000 spent in this regard. The net profit from TQ15 was small but we did produce a very well run exceptional ride. While we only made a small profit for the year we are beginning 2016 on a good financial footing. There is also a BASF to come back to us. No body owes us any money for the year.

$7150 grant received from Sport and Recreation. Got notification of that yesterday. Fees for 2016 to remain the same.

Questions from Neil Clarkson. Queried the TQ15 figure. They handed back around $13,000 back how does that decrease to $2,000. Tom McCormack replied that the auditor downgraded this figure by moving the money around. John said that we used the money on Gordon's ride earlier in the year as a qualifier ride. The money spent on this ride was laid off against the TQ15 profit.

Gertraud Norton – NSWERA Secretary, Public Officer

Report previously published.

In general business Gertraud said she will raise her report on data with regard to our membership turnover figures. We need to look at that as the current position is not sustainable over time. She made mention of AERAspace data. Commented

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on the age structure in our sport and in the next 5 to 10 years, things will change. We need to increase our membership by increasing people who will stay in the sport.

Comments on the ride calendar. We have fewer rides. We have a few intermediate and introductory rides. It is a problem if people cannot go to rides; we need rides during the winter months. Need to discuss what we can do in future to keep rides on the calendar.

Insurance. You will have heard that we have a new insurance provider. All insurance covers riders aged between 5 and 80. This is personal accident but the Public Liability insurance that AERA has covers everyone who participates in the sport. This is contrary to what was written in the AGM booklet.

Questions: Fia Hasko-Stewart. She asked for clarification of the charts in Gertraud's report. Fia thought the ride participants looked good. Gertraud said previous members re-joined and they had not been members the year before. Obviously people wanted to qualify for the Quilty. Gertraud said last year was a high participation rate. She does not feel people will stay members this year.

Fia referred to page 31 of the AGM booklet. Gertraud – listed the rides. Gertraud said that she does not feel that this year looks very healthy. Last year there were many more rides on the calendar. Not so many this year.

Karen Rhodes – said there were 438 adult members for last year. She queried Gertraud's figures. Perhaps the figures relate to participation not the membership.

Committee Reports

Emily Streckfuss – VP, Ride Standards

The ride standards portfolio was a new one developed in 2015. The perceived role of this portfolio is to: provide assistance to ride organisers to run events in NSW; liaise with ride organisers to maintain a high level of event standard and provide feedback to ride organisers

The NSW SMC recognises that event organisers are volunteers and appreciates the effort that goes into the running of rides. We would like to provide more support to ride organisers. We would like to see an increased co-ordination of NSW events and as such would like to see zone committees provide assistance to rides within their zone. The majority of rides in NSW in 2015 were run at a good standard. Thank you to all our hard working ride organisers.

Problem areas identified in ride organisation have been volunteer co-ordination, course marking, water on course and unexpected numbers (not having enough vets etc.). We have also seen some problems around ride sponsorship, inappropriate use of materials/ funds supplied and lack of appropriate recognition.

A lot of the issues with ride standards could and would be addressed if event organisers knew how many competitors they are expecting. A compulsory pre-nomination system (that is consistent and fair) is something that I think needs investigating in the future.

I would like to encourage riders to fill out the ride feedback forms available on the website. The forms are looked at and the feedback will be passed on anonymously to the event organisers.

I hope everyone has a fantastic 2016 season.

Fia – said they had pre nominations at Scenic City and they are happy to provide a report to the SMC. The introductory riders loved the pre entry and it worked very well at Scenic City. It gave our entrants information that they needed to participate at the ride. Gertraud said she was very happy with the pre nomination as well. The endurance riders were the greatest offenders by either not turning up or just not pre nominating in the first place, when they were asked to.

Should push very hard to use Trybooking. If you come in without pre booking you will be hit with a heavy fee. Shan Simons said in WA they use pre nominate very successfully.

Move this over to General Business for further discussion.

Emily commented further on the Ride Standards portfolio which is a new portfolio with an aim to provide assistance to ride organisers in NSW and to provide a consistent high standard in the rides. There have been a few issues this year. Problems with not enough vets, not properly organising volunteers. Not all rides, just some.

Encourage people to fill out their feedback forms. We need these forms as the SMC cannot physically get to every ride. Overall ROs are doing a good job in this area.

A lot of the problems are that people are not pre nominating and then turning up. There are others who do pre nominate and then don't turn up. This is something that needs to be sorted.

Deanna Trevena – Merchandise, Promotions and Feedback

Report previously published

Questions: Deanna said she has all the TQ15 merchandise.

John offered a vote of thanks to Deanna for the fantastic job she has done with the merchandise over the year.

Roy Barsby – Ride Calendar

Report previously published.

Questions: Neil – are there only 12 rides on the calendar? Roy said there are more rides as of today. John said in the newsletter we have 21 endurance events. Gertraud said we only have 13 x 80 km rides listed.

Karen Rhodes enquired about the Tooraweenah

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and Gundagai rides. Roy said both ride organisers agreed to run their rides on the same weekend. John said Rick pushed for the change. He said it's that weekend or nothing as he cannot get help at any other time. This is the weekend of 16 and 17 April.

Peter Kelly said we have lost a couple of Zone 6 rides. Could be attributed to burn out for all the rides they ran last year. Also a bit of burn out after the TQ15. Peter said Kundabung ran for over 20 years but it will not run this year.

Belinda Hopley – Chief Stewards and TPRs

Report previously published

Tony Warren – Horse Welfare and Early Warning

Tony said his report was not in the booklet due to limited internet at the farm. Proceeded to give his report as detailed below.

Horse Welfare
Again issues have been reported with no follow up evidence to support the claims.
If you have a concern put it in writing & it can be investigated through the correct channels.
Medication Control (Drug Testing)
Swabbing was conducted at 3 rides this year those being;
Harden, 6 horses swabbed. 3 horses in the 160km ride. 2 in the 120km ride. With 1 kit unused due to damage.
TQ 15, 16 horses swabbed. Four from each division.
Williams River Zone 6 NSW State Championships, 8 horses swabbed. Distributed across the 160 km & the 80 km.
Again a very good result all swabs had negative results.
Early Warning
In the first half of the year I posted a few letters to owners & riders who managed to find themselves on the early warning list, just to make them aware of how many points they had accrued, more as a warning for those who maybe wishing to compete at the Tom Quilty.
I again as I normally do, I spoke with many riders & owners who have found themselves at the higher end of our point system.

Jacque Wright – Face book

Jacque asked for a show of hands of who is on Facebook. Who is on the NSW Facebook group? Majority show of hands are on Facebook. Jacque said there were 690 last year and now at 1,116. We are spreading our message on what NSW does across a great number of readers – more than we have as members of NSW ERA. There are also a number of ROs who are not members.

It is a good news story about endurance in this State. She has already taken a photo of today's meeting and posted it to Facebook.

Ride Organisers can put information about their ride up on Facebook. They can take a video of their track and put it up. This gives a lot of comfort to people who haven't been to that event as they can see what's involved with that particular track. There is no cost for this.

There are 13 events listed. Not all endurance rides. List TPR schools. Currently the vet course is listed. ROs should use this group to their advantage. This is particularly important when we are trying to increase participation in our sport.

Other things Jacque has added include American Endurance links.

You can pin a post. New rides will be the first thing that shows up. She has also worked with Deanna on promotions – did an advertisement with the Land.

The SMC gave approval to purchase an SM radio transmitter so we now have an FM radio station. We no longer need a PA. As people arrive on course they can set their radio to FM90, which is the current station. From there everybody can be kept up to date with what's going on.

Greg said that the radio was Jacque's idea and it works really well.

Question: Is there only one unit? Greg said yes, there is. We plan to see how this gets taken up. If there is a need we will purchase another one. Unit costs around $500. Jacque said you can add to this radio. Can have a lot of fun with it.

Fia said this is a very positive idea. People can come along and find out what's going on. Currently there is no way of seeing what's actually happening.

Jacque said a leader board can work in conjunction as well. The antenna is set for 1km. The higher you set it the better. At the NSW State Ride it worked very well. There is no radio licence required as it only has a 1km radius. Could be used at Shahzada.

Karen Rhodes asked if the SMC could purchase units and then sell to the clubs. Yes, this is a possibility.

Alamdar Dastani – International

2015 has been positive year for NSWERA on the international front. We managed to bag an exchange with Malaysian counterparts. The president and the vice president of NSW ERA were invited to have talks along with personal invites for 3 riders.

The ride attended in Malaysia was good, very positive although the president and the vice president could not have talks because of the outbreak of EI hence the meeting has been postponed until further notice.

In March I will be going to Malaysia and will meet officials and plan out the meeting.

I ask our NSWERA members to help me get our

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international exchange to become a success by letting me know who can supply horses at rides (for 80kms or more) for our international riders. This will put us, as a State and country as whole, on the map. In exchange you or your riders can have a ride overseas.

Once this first ride exchange happens I would like to extend the exchange of officials, I believe this will help us to be aware of what happens internationally and acquire new ideas.

On the domestic side:

A few months ago I attended the EA NSW AGM and the board members were happy to collaborate with NSWERA to assist and help where needed.

I want to thank all the NSWERA members for your support and I request every one of you to assist/ help me where ever possible with the international exchange so we can start a trend where nationally and overseas people ask if we are from NSWERA.

If anyone has any questions please contact me. Best wishes to you all for the new endurance season and looking forward to seeing you all out at rides.
Cheers, Alamdar Dastani (Alam)

Simon Bain – Vet Liaison and Biosecurity

Report previously published

Simon said he is disappointed in the number of vets lining up for accreditation.
Questions: Neil. The health declaration – is this the new form coming out? Most of the country in the south is 3 day temperature log. In the NRZ it's a 10 day log once a day. Neil asked if the court case in Qld get resolved. Simon said the vets are being taken to the court because of a Work Health & Safety position. What happened was that the WH&S person didn't attend the court case.
Emily – question for Simon. The EVA sent out a form to all equestrian vets seeking to clear vets of indemnity. Originally the advice from AERA was not to sign this form. As a ride organiser you may be given a form by the vet from EVA and asked to sign it. The form basically seeks to waiver the liability from the vet back to the ride organisers. The advice currently given is for ROs not to sign. Question on why this form shouldn't be signed.
Emily – said she thinks the form is about an outbreak of Hendra - AERA legal advice is that it's covered by their insurance. Vets are scared. It relates to conflicting legal advice. Advice for the vets and advice for the AERA. Emily said the advice that they have received is not to sign the form.
Kerry Spratt. Working from her memory of what happened with the TQ15. She said she would not sign that document. We need to have a bio security plan in place and stick to it. If an RO signs the form they are responsible. Follow the bio security plan.

Peter Kelly – Pub with no Beer. Vet asked him to sign the form. He is the third vet and we need three vets. He would like the vet not to be responsible. Would not like to have a vet turn up and be responsible. Peter would like to think that our Association would back him up. Would the Association carry the can as long as we have followed the bio security plan as in place? Emily said that as soon as there is a sick horse – it then becomes the vet's work place. Peter feels that if he does not sign the form, this vet will not work at his ride.

Matt Walker queried the waiver that is signed at pre ride. What is that for? Answer: It covers lock downs and problems on track. Covers Hendra, in the event of a lock down. Personal accident covers you if you have taken it out.
Simon said the bio security document presented to AERA is encouraging everyone to vaccinate.
Tom McCormack said we are discussing this from a riders point of view. But, it relates to vets. If they are not comfortable with the bio security in place, you need to be prepared for vets not to attend your ride. This is a challenging issue that is getting more attention.
Sue Todd – AERA – what is their reason for telling ROs not to sign the form? Tom McCormack said that he suspects it's the insurance company advising that the form not be signed. They probably told the AERA not to have members sign. Six lawyers will argue one way – another six will argue the other way.

Charlie Gauci – Zone One Report.

Zone one has had another great year with another cohesive committee, under the direction of Greg Moore, dedicated to promoting the sport of Endurance to the people of Sydney and environs. The zone hosted the Zone one trainers along with the Q60 and St Albans with the St Albans ride also being the Zone Championship.
The Zone one champion for 2015/16 is Georgia Curry who rode Mountain Breeze Mingha around the 100km course in a time of 5 hours 35 min. This year Zone one was not only home to Shahzada but also home for the 50th anniversary Tom Quilty. Both these rides extensively use the resources of Zone one. Zone one is in the process of purchasing a larger zone trailer to better cope with the storage of our ride material. The Zone AGM was well attended in January where a new committee was elected. The new Zone One President is Ian Dreghorn with Alanna Rempel taking over the role of Zone delegate. The Zone is financially stable and with a new dedicated committee things bode well for Zone One in 2016.
Charlie Gauci, 2015 Zone One Delegate
The report above was read by Allana Rempel who is the 2016 Zone One delegate.

Sue Warren - Query about the Zone One Australian championships – it is not on the calendar.

Dianna Trevena – Zone 2 Central West

Report previously published.

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Belinda Hopley – Zone 4 Snowy

Report previously published.

Brad Dillon – Zone 6 Mid-North Coast

Report previously published.

Fiona Meller - Track Preservation Report – NSWERA AGM 6 February 2016

Report previously published.

Fiona said her report went into the last newsletter for 2015. Not going to repeat the entire report here. It was also published in the AGM booklet. Things move very slowly. Tiny changes being made. Plans of Management run for years. We still need people to make submissions. This demonstrates that we are still there and we need changes to be made. We keep in their faces, yes we are out there and yes, we are not going away. Put in submissions – individual submissions carry more weight than one submission from her. There are eight priority regions. If you have an access that doesn't fall under that umbrella – there is just a different process. Approach your local Parks person and have a chat about a particular trail. If you have a problem, contact Fiona for assistance. Wilderness Area is drawing to a close. Not sure what is going to happen there.

Thanks to Charlie Gauci for taking on the understudy role so there are now two of us working in this area? Fiona is still attending the State wide advisory meetings. Get to go on field trips, get to meet local staff and to network.

Fiona said she was approached at the Quilty about the NP issue. There is an article in the current RM Williams Outback magazine. So, go out and buy the magazine.

Vote of thanks to Fiona, for the great work she does, from everyone present.

Jack Johnson

Jack said he came on to the NSW SMC to fill a casual vacancy. Referred to bio security and Hendra. We live in an adversarial legal world and advice is tricky. No one generally can waiver statutory obligations. For example someone held by the WP&S laws, cannot waiver them away. Our vets are coming to us and being paid. If any vet wants to volunteer an RO should grab them but where they are being paid, they will be as a contractor. Normally contractors come with their own Personal Liability Insurance and that's what they are trying to waiver. It is unlikely our insurer will allow an RO to waive this away. Be careful, if you consider wavering, you should talk to the insurance company first. They are only a phone call away. You need to contact the insurer. In general, you can't waiver statutory obligations. The law says you can't pass the buck. Vets are generally coming in as a contractor but it's a complex issue and won't be readily resolved. If the vets make us get Hendra vaccinations, this will not protect us in time against the next problem.

TQ5 Report from Neil Clarkson

There were 470 nominations for TQ15. We ended up having 342 starters. There were 215 completions – which was bad for the point of view of the bottom line from a profit point of view, but great for the riders. In WA the completion rate was 35%. TQ15 handed around $12,000 back to NSW ERA.

A week before the ride, it was pretty scary from a financial point of view. To come out with a profit of around $13,000 – makes us very happy with that.

The committee put on a world class event. We need to be very proud of that. Gave AERA $45,000 for their fees and buckles. Budget was $250,000. 30 vets in total. 21 line vets. 9 horses went through the vet hospital and only one was serious. Super low problems with the horses. Shahzada tubs were stolen.

Sponsorship - $107,000 in cash sponsorship. One common theme was that endurance as a whole does not take care of its sponsors very well. This is an area we need to work on. The feedback was that they didn't get value for money, didn't get thanked properly.

Suggest photos go back to the sponsor. The recipients – contact the sponsor and say 'thanks'. It was a serious problem at the Quilty. We got knocked back a lot. Heaps of emails, heaps of bank transactions. As a subcommittee of NSW SMC, AERA and others. Few little issues but all sorted out in the end. Everyone pulled together. More positives than negatives.

Questions: Matthew – Facebook – is there an advertising presence on the Facebook site? The advertising may still be on the web. The Facebook site is still up. Bec Hogan did a really fantastic job as did the rest of the committee.

MOVED Fiona Meller, seconded Shan Symons
THAT we extend a formal vote of thanks to the TQ15 committee for putting on a great event.
CARRIED Unanimous

Jacque said we do not have advertising on Facebook by those who do not support our sport.

As riders we need to thank the sponsors. If you win a saddle – take a photo and thank them for their sponsorship. The sponsors have problems with the riders not being appreciative enough.

Tony Warren – we have Andrew and Amanda from Oso who were the major sponsors of the TQ15. We need to give them a huge vote of thanks.

Annette Bailey. Congratulations to Ben Hudson – we should be proud of him. This is what we should use to promote endurance riding.

Jennifer Gilbertson – thanks to everyone who was involved in the TQ15. Peter Bice, Ron Males, Charlie Gauci, Helen Lindsay. Thanks to IRT – as well. Ride bibs for Shahzada – they need to get heaps of thanks too.

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MOVED John Howe, Greg Moore
THAT the reports of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 February 2015 be accepted.
CARRIED Unanimous

Election of Committee Vacancies

The following members have nominated for five committee positions:

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: Peter Bice M'Ship No. 20657
Nominated by: Greg Moore M'Ship No. 21631
Seconded by: John Howe M'Ship No. 20080

Profile: I started endurance riding in 1986. Over the years amongst the dozen of buckles I have received, I have successfully completed two State Championship rides, one Quilty and 5 Shahzada rides. Totalling over 6,000 km. I was also on the organising committee for the 2015 Tom Quilty as course director/designer.

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: Jo Davis M'ship No. 23585
Nominated by: Garry Matthews M'ship No. 23647
Seconded by: Louise Piddington M'ship No. 23620

Been involved with endurance for six years, both as a rider and a previous committee member of Zone One. I have also been actively involved in committees for horse riding clubs in the Hawkesbury. My parents and grandmother were involved with the 1966 Tom Quilty.

Having been involved with Arabians my whole life, my parents started breeding in 1958. Wongaburra Stud bred and competed in a variety of disciplines throughout the 60s, 70's and 80's in both Penrith and Bathurst.

Due to the sale of the family farm Wongaburra went into hiatus until 2008 when I bred a Wongaburra mare to Ralvon Mark. We've bred six foals since then.

I would like to ensure that NSW endurance continues to more forward into the future and embraces change.

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: Talea Hasko-Steward M'Ship . 22675
Nominated : Fia Hasko-Stewart M'Ship No. 22482
Seconded : Adeline Gibson M'Ship No. 22483

Profile. Despite my age, I have been competing in endurance riding for almost 15 years. During this time I have accumulated over 15,000 km. This includes wins over every distance, and overall yearly wins at State and National level.

I have also represented Australia overseas on three occasions. Over the years I have become very familiar with both AERA regulations as well as FEI. As a competitor who likes to compete competitively, I hold a massive interest in the way the sport is run with respect to regulations, management and encouraging new participants into the sport.

For these reasons I believe I could make a meaningful contribution to the NSW committee whilst providing a youthful and fresh perspective.

Nomination for Committee

Name Belinda Hopley. M'ship No. 20151
Nominated John Howe M'ship No. 20080
Seconded Gertraud Norton M'ship No. 23322

Profile: I have been an active riding member for 30 years, an active TPR for nearly 20 years and an active CS for 15 years. I have represented the Snowy and South Coast Zones at various times over the last 10 years and been a committee member. During the last seven years I have also carried out Medication Control Procedures. I have travelled to many Tom Quilty's and NSW ERA State Champs to assist in the running of that event.

I have been active in recruiting and promoting Chief Stewards and TPR stewards and recognising their valuable contributions and achievements by instituting the CS and TPR awards. I have also organised the purchase of equipment that can be shared by Ride Organisers within the Zone such as vests and scanners.

With the new protocols and rulebook being implemented by AERA this year, I have been writing procedures for clarification and discussion with Ride Committees such as Horse Health Declarations, the Ride Pre-nomination Guidelines and Bio-security Procedures. I have also updated the Team Nomination Selection form and written guidelines for the State of Origin Team Competition. I also updated the 'Getting Started in Endurance" document and am endeavouring to get more "Getting 'Round" articles written. I am gathering information on the vast range of topics that newcomers to our sport will find essential, very helpful or just good general information.

I hope that my contribution will promote and grow our sport, beg useful to all riders, officials and ride organisers alike, and I welcome any suggestions you may have.

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: John Howe M'ship No. 20080
Nominated : Tom McCormack M'ship No. 22507
Seconded : Greg Moore M'ship No. 21631

Profile: I commenced endurance riding in 1983. Since then I have successfully completed 12,000 km. Included in this total are three Quilties, 11 Shahzada and four State Championship buckles. I have served on the NSW SMC for over fifteen years. As well as this I have worked on numerous ride organising committees, been a Zone Delegate and an active chief steward and was the driving force behind the Big Three Awards. I continue to be the Registrar of this award.
Currently I'm the NSW SMC Treasurer as well as

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March 2016			
5&6	**Sussex Inlet** 20km (Saturday) 40/80km (Sunday)	Jenny Shepheard 44781089 currowan@hotmail.com	5
12&13	**Zone One Training Ride Weekend** 2x40km/ 2x20km/ 2x5km	Ian Dreghorn 0427456436 ian.dreghorn@gmail.com	1
12&13	**Pub with No Beer training ride weekend** 2x20km / 2x40km	Peter Kelly 0448143682 carolyn.kelly@activ8.net.au	6
19&20	**Bumbaldry** (Saturday-5/20&40km $10/$30/ $55) (Sunday 20/40&80km $30/$55/$95)	Linda Jonkers 63429238 or 0407663314 lerclub@yahoo.com	4
April 2016			
2-3	**Extra 80 Burraga** (Saturday 20&40km)(Sunday 60&80km)	Jacque Wright 0427031331 jacquelwright@gmail.com	2
2	**Ride for Pegasus** 10km $55	Roz Edmunds 0403150476 redmunds@netspace.net.au	4
9&10	**Homewood Memorial Ride** (Saturday 20/40km) (Sunday 20/40/80km)	Sonya Ruprecht 0409539523 nswera@westnet.com.au	6
16-17	**Tooraweenah**- 80/40/20/7km $90/$50/$30/$20	Sonia Bonham 68485345 gavinandsonia@bigpond.com	2
17	**Gundagai** – 80/40km $100/$55	Rick Owen 69441628	4
29-30	**Tabletop FEI Endurance Ride 80*/120** FEI only**	Kim Stephens 0488473701 admin@osoarabians.com.au	4
30	**Terrific Tenterfield (Saturday 40km/20km)**	Caroline Windle 67364612 maxwell@harboursat.net.au	QERA NRZ
May 2016			
30	**Terrific Tenterfield (Sunday 100-80 40km/20km)**	Caroline Windle 67364612 maxwell@harboursat.net.au	QERA NRZ
1	**Q60 – Upper Colo** 100/40/20&5km	Ian Dreghorn 0427456436 ian.dreghorn@gmail.com	1
14&15	**Mudgee Ray Gooley Memorial Ride** 80/40/20km	Mette Sutton 0400308626 63724960 mette.sutton@bigpond.com	2
21&22	**Wingello Forest Ride** 80/62-42/20/10/5km $110S/$85Jnr/$65/$45	Bec Hogan 0412600173 bechogan@newmoonstud.com.au	5
21 & 22	**Jackadgery Ride –Grange State Forest** 80/40/20km $110/55/$35	Tangil Kinch 66472247 stroslla.parc@bigpond.com	QERA NRZ

June 2016			
11-12	**NSW State Championships at Harden 160/80km plus (40/20km Saturday)**	Kate Smith 0459412133 or Gordon Smith 0432605928	4
25&26	**Currowan Endurance Rider (**10kmSaturday) 80/40/20km Sunday	Jenny Shepheard 44781089 currowan@hotmail.com	5
July 2016			
3	**St.Albans** 100/40/20/5km	Ian Dreghorn 0427456436 ian.dreghorn@gmail.com	1
16-17	**Wandandian** 80/40/20km	Clare Feary 0413341270 fearyclare@gmail.com	5
16&17	**Bago Bush Ride** 10km (Saturday) 20/40-60/80-100km (Sunday)	Sean Pollard 0439905942 seanpollard@y7mail.com	6
31	**New Italy** 80/40km (dual affiliated QERA/ NSWERA) $105/$65	Julie Haigh 66888276 jhaigh2@bigpond.com	QERA NRZ
August 2016			
6&7	**Ride Around The Rock** 120/80/40/20KM	Col Lewis 0415453434 dlew8323@bigpond.net.au	4
13&14	~~**M.E.C.C.A. Quirindi Ride**~~ **Cancelled**	Renee Kirk 67861426 garneeara-bians@skymesh.com.au	2
22-26	**Shahzada** 400km / 120km	Sue Todd 63797218 suetodd@activ8.net.au	1
September 2016			
3&4	**QLD State Champs Wiangaree** 160/80km	HannahMcQueen 0447442662 hannahmcqueen@hotmail.com	QERA NRZ
3-4	**National Capital Brookvale** (Saturday 30/22/13km) (Sunday 80/40/22/13km)	Gertraud Norton 62271378 or 0427617114	4
17-18	**Woodstock** 80/40/20KM $100/$60/$35	Helen Lindsay 63429289 kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com	4
October 2016			
29&30	**Neville Endurance Ride** 80/40Sunday 40&20kmSaturday $100/$60&$40	Helen Lindsay 63429289 kintamaniarabs@bigpond.com	4

Zone 1—N/W Sydney & Environs
Zone 2—Central West
Zone 3—Riverina
Zone 4—Snowy
Zone 5—South Coast
Zone 6—Mid North Coast

Bumbaldry Endurance Ride

19th & 20th of March 2016

Attention PLEASE - NEW Distances added.

Bumbaldry Endurance ride (LERC) are now adding to the weekend's program by running 40, 20, 10 and 5km distances on the Saturday followed by 20, 40 and the main event 80km distances on the Sunday. Come and join us for a weekend of riding in the beautiful and bushy hills of Bumbaldry.

With the course travelling over quiet dirt roads and sandy trails, through open paddocks and shady bushland, through some rocky picturesque country; arriving back at a spacious tranquil ride base.

We are designing the course with novice horses in mind; however it will not be an easy course by any stretch. It will be its usual thinking type course, with the country around here rising slightly or falling slightly as a norm. There will also be a few decent hills to climb or come down, but there will also be ample resting time in between. Our whole ride structure will be changed but many of the same tracks will be included. There will be portable toilets on site, but no showers.

There is an amazing dam on the property, which is very pretty, surrounded by trees. Any children swimming MUST be supervised. Being March we know that it will be far too tempting not to jump in so please be aware there will be rules for accessing the dam, for personal safety etc. We have in the past designed Bumbaldry as an old style bush ride, emphasising the fun to be had. There will be goat tracks you need to tuck your knees in for; there will be get off and lead tracks; there will be many creek crossings and dams available and of course many drop bears or quirky signs along the way to keep you smiling.

The country of Bumbaldry can go from beautiful and sandy to rocky and rough underfoot in a heartbeat. Riders need to ride to the conditions and be aware of same. Our rides rely heavily on volunteers and we are forever grateful to them for donating their time to come and help. Please remember to thank them for being there for you!!

Top: Alizah Walker on Geliza lead by Stuart Walker (dad)
Below: Kylie Jonkers on Girilambone Aurora and Linda Jonkers on Girilambone Venus.
Photos: Animal Focus

Zone 1 AGM and Presentation

Where better to have the Sydney & Environs [Zone 1] AGM - than on the banks of the very beautiful Hawkesbury River on a lovely January afternoon.

In true endurance style about 50 enthusiasts attended, and chairs and tables were set up in no time at all, whilst we all indulged in stories of the year that was, and gossiped over beer and iced wine.

The meeting was called to order, revisionism of 2015 was first on the agenda, then there was a change of guard as Greg Moore stepped away from his presidency, after many years of service handing the keys over to Ian Dreghorne.

The committee remains the same but we welcome Allana Rempel as Secretary and bid farewell to Elaine Kirby & Jo Arblaster.

Faith Robinson with Sheryl Rothwell.

Now everyone knows Ian as he has been involved in endurance riding for many years and is a very familiar face at rides, so not only are we glad to have his lengthy experience but also his professional dexterity in battling council paperwork.

The helper "awards" was run as a raffle / lucky door prize and yes, Sheryl Rothwell, Viki Winton and Margaret Ross were the winners.
Then over to the zone winners of the one horse one rider awards: John Howe and Ashbend Perazzi in the heavyweight division, Carol Major and Saradon in the middleweight division, Victoria Bice and Webbs Creek Cattle Baron in the lightweight division. Each received framed photographs courtesy of Animal Focus: Unfortunately this year, there was no junior division winner. .

Without exception the best part of the evening was the presentation of a beautifully thought out gift for Sue Todd - a bespoke horsehair and silver bracelet lovingly crafted from the tail of her much cherished Shakista who recently passed away. The bracelet was beautifully made by April Bonham.

Thomas Herman with Wendy Humphrey at the Zone One AGM

Photographs of the 2015 Zone One president, Greg Moore handing out the pointscore photographs to the winners for 2015.

Top: Taycee Bice
Top Right: John Howe
Opposite: Carol Major
Below: Veterinarian Tony Parker with Greg Moore.

Zone 2 AGM and Presentation

Zone 2 held its annual AGM and Presentation on Sunday the 17th of January 2016. It was great to see a really good roll up of both old and new members to the Gulgong Bowls Club.

The retiring committee gave their closing reports before stepping down. The Presentation of the prizes then followed. Main prize winners for Pointscore and One Horse One Rider where as follows:

Heavy Weight
1st Gavin Peacock
2nd Rod Mitchell
Equal 3rd Dallas Blakley, Scott Davenport and Tami Parnell

Middle Weight
1st Darryl King
Equal 2nd Sonia Bonham, Carol Major, Bernice King, Victoria Bonham

Light Weight
1st Dianne Luker
2nd Sue Todd
Equal 3rd Linda Logan, Allix Jones, Wendy Jones

Junior
Equal 1st Isabella Circosta, Mikayla Circosta
3rd Sam Duff

One Horse One Rider

Heavyweight – Roy Barsby and Baranne Spirit

Middleweight - Bernice King and Deneldan Shacaargo

Lightweight – Wendy Jones and Larntainey Gold N Treasure, Linda Logan and Willow Valley Dartanyan, Allix Jones and Wondjina Stardust

Above:
2015 First Pointscore LW Dianne Luker with Paul Mercieca

Far Left: 2015 One horse one rider MW Bernice King with Paul Mercieca

2015 First Pointscore MW Darryl King with Paul Mercieca

No Junior completions

Pointscore compiled by Gail Fisher

The incoming committee was then elected.

The committee for 2016 is:

Paul Mercieca President
Renee Kirk Vice President
Deanna Trevena Secretary
Karen Hocking Treasurer
Point Score Michelle Mercieca
Zone 2 Delegate – John Howe

One major change to Zone 2 is that you must be a member of the Zone to be eligible for any prize at the end of the year presentation. Membership must be done either before or at the Mudgee Ride. Anyone joining after that will not be eligible for a prize.

Membership forms are available from the Zone 2 website or see one of the committee at any of the upcoming Zone 2 rides.

Please use the web site and FB page for more information or contact a Zone 2 committee person

Our next Zone 2 Meeting will be held at Tooraweenah ride

Top: Second lightweight, Sue Todd.

2015 Pointscore Equal First Jnr Isabella Circosta and Mikayla Circosta with Paul Mercieca

2015 One Horse One Rider LW Wendy Jones, Allix Jones and Linda Logan with Paul Mercieca
2015 One horse one rider HW Roy Barsby with Paul Mercieca

Snowy Zone 4 AGM and Presentation

Hi Everyone, We have had a very successful year within our large zone, holding 9 endurance weekends. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who give so freely of their time. Also a big thank you to the sponsors who kindly dip into their pockets and help the ride organisers cover the ride costs, which seem to get bigger and bigger as each year goes by.

Last year Snowy Zone decided to have a lucky draw of a $50 fuel voucher for each of our rides for Snowy Zone members and volunteers. The lucky recipients were: Gordon Smith - Bumbaldry ride, Kira Whitehead - Gundagai ride, Sue Todd - Harden ride, Karen Rhodes - The Rock, Heidi Wade - Woodstock, Chris Driver (Volunteer) - Brookvale, Louise McCormack - Neville Ride, Noni Seagrim - Scenic City.

Congratulations to the Snowy Zone Points Score winners: Presentation for the 2015 season are as follows

Heavyweight
1st Stuart Lymbery 480kms
2nd Heidi Wade 400
= 3rd Chris Magnabosco 240
= 3rd Andrew Jonkers 240

Middleweight
1st Anita Ashby 660
2nd Talea Hasko-Stewart 620
3rd Anne Lymbery 480

Lightweight
1st Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic 540
2nd Sue Todd 460
3rd Adeline Gibson 440

Junior
1st Celia Hodgson 460
2nd Gabrielle Worth 340
3rd Harrison Berg 320

One Horse One Rider
Lentara Park Heather - Anita Ashby 660kms

Trainer & Social Distance Rider
Maddy Collins 160kms
1 Horse 1 Rider = Destiny - Ninky Miles 120kms
= Zemzem Raya - Mark Norton 120kms

This year Snowy Zone are going to trial a Best Managed Novice Horse Award in the

Snowy Zone office bearers for 2016

President – Andrew Kettlewell

Vice President – Rick Owen

Secretary/Membership – Ellen Vine

Treasurer – Kim Stephens

Points Score – Louise McCormack

Sponsorship/Publicity – Amanda Kettlewell

Zone Delegate – Adeline Gibson

Intermediate rides. We will be using certain criteria as put forward by an enthusiastic member, Gertraud Norton.

being the IDP portfolio holder.
I enjoy being on the SMC, promoting our sport in the most positive manner and hope to be able to represent the membership well into the future.

Nomination for Committee

Name: Mark (Jack) Johnson M'ship No. 23444
Nominated Scott Peters M'ship No. 23678
Seconded Michele Hall M'ship No. 23445

Profile: Jack said he is an Aboriginal. Has worked as a horse breaker. Late in life he went back to school and came out the other end with a Master of Law. What do I Bring to the SMC? Ridden a lot of miles. Haven't won a Quilty. He is a dedicated rider but the lawyer in him brings expertise. He specialised in corporate law. Believer in the five streams of endurance. 60, 80, 120, 160 where there is a winner and the marathon ride. He believes in supporting people moving onto FEI. If I don't fit the mix of what you want, I would put my support towards a young female president? The Association is due for a female president.

Nomination for Committee

Name: Gertraud Norton M'ship No. 23322
Nominated Kim Stephens M'ship No. 20180
Seconded Talea Hasko-Stewart M'ship No. 22675

Profile: My involvement in endurance commenced in 2004 by volunteering at the Brookvale ride. I have contributed to this ride ever since and been its ride secretary for the last few years. Since 2013 I have been a member of the NSW SMC and for the past two years, its secretary and also the NSW representative on the AERA rule book sub-committee. Due to initially only being able to ride short distances for a number of years, my major concerns are the needs of the intermediate riders. I am also very interested in statistics and would like to see data mining of AERAspace enabled. This would allow us to better understand membership changes and support or otherwise horse welfare related rule introductions.

Not enjoyed being the secretary. Would like to get involved in initiatives to change the sport and progress. I am a scientist and interested in statistics. We have to make some changes.

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: Kerry Spratt M'Ship No. 21530

Nominated by: Sonya Ruprecht M'Ship No. 21683
Seconded by: Roz Ryan M'Ship No. 21274

Profile.

- Ready to re-join the SMC after a break of a few years.
- Keen to help manage and advance our great sport
- NSW ERA member since 1991 (except the previous 12 months)
- NSW ERA SMC from 1998 to 2011. Secretary for four years.
- AERA delegate from 1999 to 2011. Vice President for four years.
- Helped to run many rides at all levels including Tom Quilty; Shahzada, State Championships and 80 km FEI.

Successful track record of applying for government grants and keen to help out again.
Out of the above experience comes a good idea of the challenges facing our sport. Not particularly proud that I was involved in writing the current constitution. We need our rules but shouldn't be hamstrung by them. Been involved as a strapper. She is a qualified endurance rider. Enjoyed her committee time and ready to go back.

Nomination for Committee

Nominee: Jacque Wright M'Ship No. 108554
Nominated Gertraud Norton M'Ship No. 23322

Seconded Alam Dastani M'Ship 103060

Profile: Have enjoyed the past 12 months being part of the SMC and hopefully members see some of the changes. There is still much to do to increase communication and promotion of the sport and I would like to be part of making that happen.

My sales background and IT experience has been advantageous with a constant increase throughout the year of membership of the NSW Endurance Facebook group. The season finished with a high with the purchase of equipment so every RO can set up a "Ride Base Radio Station". I look forward to many ROs taking advantage of the gear improving communications at rides.

Been on the SMC for 12 months. Comes from Queensland. In the past 12 months she has jumped in with both feet. At the Tom Quilty helping with the heritage committee and during the event. Also the State Ride and using her experience with sales and promotion. She is not associated with any Zone; she is interested in the sport as a whole.

The chairman called for scrutineers.

MOVED John Howe, Simon Baine
THAT Graeme Gilbertson, Miles Fellows be accepted as scrutineers
CARRIED Unanimous

The scrutineers proceeded to take up voting slips and commence the counting.

The nominees elected to the SMC for 2016 in no particular order are: John Howe, Belinda Hopley, Peter Bice, Talea Hasko-Stewart, and Kerry Spratt.

MOVED Peter Gerlek, Belinda Hopley
THAT the voting slips be destroyed
CARRIED Unanimous

Notice of Motion

The motion under discussion was published previously and concerns the way we elect life or honorary members. General discussion on the motion shown took place.

Greg gave the reasons for this motion in more detail. Asked if there were any questions. Anyone who would like to speak for or against the motion, please do so. By way of explanation the current honorary members would become life members.

John said this is our way of having a Hall of Fame. We can look at these people as icons of our sport and it gives us something to aim for in the future.

Fiona mentioned that it was originally a 12 month motion and it referred to a financial matter. Compromise was to cover the income to the sport so that members pay each year.

Neil said he has one concern. What if one of our life members commits a crime. How can we remove them? It was noted that Rolf Harris had his awards removed.

Karen feels that Honorary Members should be put up as life members – she feels that it will not happen until next year and the current people should be put up for nomination again next year. Amendments to the motion were suggested. It was pointed out that amendments to this motion cannot be made, at this time, as it is something that will change the Constitution. It can only be voted on as originally presented to the meeting.

Kerry would like to see capacity for persons to become past lift members.

Suggestion that we pass this motion as it is and then put a new motion up for the next AGM with appropriate amendments to cover posthumous awards.

Neil asked that the NSW SMC make the amendments as discussed at this meeting. Greg said if the motion is passed today then a motion should be put up before the next AGM, covering the changes suggested. Make this a motion so that it doesn't just get forgotten over the next 12 months.

Prior to the next AGM the committee consider the amendments suggested at this meeting and also the process covering existing honorary members.

Consider and resolve the following issues

- Removal of a recipient for gross misconduct.
- Award of life membership posthumously.
- Consideration of current honorary members being renominated for life membership.

The chairman called for the vote to be taken. The voting slips were taken up by the scrutineers with the result as follows: The motion was duly passed. Voting was 146 for the motion with 26 against

MOVED Tom McCormack, Allana Rempel
THAT the voting slips be destroyed
CARRIED Unanimous

General Business

NSW State Ride – Gordon Smith.

Gordon said he wanted to run a training ride at the 2016 State Ride. He wants to put on a 40 and a 20 on the Saturday. They need this for financial reasons. The locals want this too.

It was noted that there is a need to rescind the motion currently in place which doesn't allow the running of training rides at the State Championships. General discussion took place.

Neil gave an explanation of why the original motion was put in place. He feels that the State Championship should have a certain status that is not lowered by the running of training rides at the event.

Annette spoke in favour of the motion but it needs to be carefully handled. In the beginning when the original motion was introduced, the membership numbers were a lot greater than they are today. Anything to make a State Ride viable should be put in place. It needs the chance to be profitable.

John – we need to promote our sport. Our State ride is our premier ride. When people come to do a trainer at State ride, it shows people what they can aspire to. Gives us an opportunity to showcase our sport.

Tony said he was the CS at the last State Ride. There were three CS at that ride. He believes that as a CS it will be very hard to police a trainer on the Saturday.

Roy said the NSW SMC is backing Gordon in his venture. We have already put in a lot of work to make this a number one event in our State.

MOVED Roy Barsby, Peter Gerlek
THAT The existing motion which prohibits the running of 20km and 40km rides in conjunction with a State Championship ride be rescinded and that a 20km and 40km ride be allowed to run in conjunction with the NSW State Championship ride but not on the same day as the championship event.
CARRIED Unanimous with the exception of Tony Warren who voted against the motion.

Compulsory pre nominations – Belinda Hopley

Belinda said she had this put on the Agenda. She gave an explanation of the reasons for pushing for pre nominations. ROs need to know how many riders are coming so that they can work out what is needed for that particular ride. Belinda asked for feedback on this idea.

Adeline spoke for this idea. Great to see the SMC supporting it. For the NSW SMC to say this is the way we are going to do it, riders need to know what is expected. Gordon may not like to use this system so it shouldn't be mandatory. There is a need for flexibility but general support for the pre-paid system. She said no one turned up at her ride who hadn't pre nominated. The organisers made sure that they got the word out. You need to publicise the fact that riders need to pre nominate. They did accept nominations from those without Internet.

Emily said she feels that we either need a policy in place or not. We need a fair and equitable system for all. One in all in.

Faith feels that it is a great idea. Very happy with it. Scenic City ran seamlessly. You turn up and there are a lot of steps that you don't have to deal with. Don't limit this to 80k rides.

Andrew – if someone turns up who hasn't pre nominated, are we going to turn them away? Answer no. This needs to be worked out.

Michelle Hall – seems to be an assumption that every place in NSW has Internet. That does not happen in various parts of our State. Even some places in the wider urban area in Sydney. We should think carefully before putting a hard and fast rule in place. We need flexibility to consider people and must consider the membership in general.

Belinda – has sent cheques in the past. What she is trying to do is get guidelines in place. If someone turns up late - extra $20 or whatever. The ROs need numbers to properly organise their ride. It was noted that if you don't prenominate for the Quilty, you didn't get a start. It should depend on the ride. Could we put an entry form into the newsletter so people could send it off with a cheque? It was noted that this is a pre nomination policy not an Internet entry policy. It could be paper based rather than Internet based. Or, it could be both.

Michelle Hall said we need to define the terms. Have a look at what guidelines are saying in regard to what we do or don't do.

Questions: Is there a flexible policy of refunds? General agreement there is. This was a general discussion item. Please send in your suggestions and opinions to Belinda.

Simon on the Bio Security measures.

Simon enlarged on his previous comments on bio security at rides. Discussing things that happen at rides. He gave a slide presentation on bio security in general. Discussing the fact that there are some vets who will refuse to vet at rides. If Henda

occurs at a ride it will be a lock down situation. There is a responsibility on riders not to being an unwell horse onto a ride base. Gave an explanation on how we can rely on temperature charts with regard to the health of the horse. Generally 3 days temperature chart but horses in a designated area would be required to have a 10 day temperature log. Most of Queensland and Kempsey and above, on coastal NSW, fall into this category. We are trying to encourage horses to be vaccinated. There is a lot of disinformation being thrown around about horses having a reaction to the Hendra vaccinations.

Trying to cover the risks to vets and cover riders concerns as well. Simon feels that the bio security form as presented is a good way to start.

Questions: Roy Barsby – how do you propose to implement the receiving of the temperature logs as people arrive at a ride base? Simon said the responsibility is with the ROs. Depends on the perception of risk. Accept at the gate for the northern based rides.

Fia feels that this would also be a good additional reason for pre nominations. People would know what is expected.

Belinda asked for one horse per form. Explained what she will be expecting of Gordon at the upcoming State Ride. Sue Todd doesn't see the point of having temperature logs if they are not collected at the entry gate to the ride base.

Matthew Walker – suggested segregation of the horses from risk zones as well as temperature logs as a way of providing additional security. Peter – Zone 6 – asked whether there have been any Hendra outbreaks recorded during the summer months. Answer - No.

General discussion continued to take place with Simon answering the questions as they were presented. Need to consider gloves for TPRs etc. at rides in an at risk area. Not just for the vets.

Tom McCormack - AERA

In the extract of the minutes in the NSW ERA October November Newsletter, there is a motion of some concern. Tom read the motion out.

This is the motion relating to withholding money from the AERA. Tom said he has a fundamental objection to withholding money from the national body. It's called blackmail. There is a correct way to deal with this. And an incorrect way. Do the members appreciate the impact on us of this motion? If this motion continues and NSW does hold the AERA to ransom, the AERA can disaffiliate this Association. We would no longer be part of the AERA, we wouldn't have insurance. Tom McCormack asked for a motion to be put to rescind the motion passed at a SMC meeting.

Peter referred to the NRZ and said that we considered it a win that people could now choose which zone to belong to. But the motion under discussion was to force people to join NSW. Discussing the current situation. Roy Barsby said at this time, all the fees go to Queensland. NSW needs to see what can be done to sort out the fees issue.

Jack – the issue of the members paying a price. If Tom has a vested interest he should declare it. Is he on the AERA payroll? Tom said the way NSW is going about this matter is wrong. Jack asked for Tom to explain where he is getting his ideas from.

John said that if we were disaffiliated, anyone who wanted to go to Victoria for the Quilty would not be allowed, our insurance policy would lapse. Those of our members who wish to ride in other States would not be able to go. He is in favour of paying our bills.

Neil feels that as it currently stands, the NRZ matter is a victory for NSW. Now, at least we have had something of a win.

Further discussion on the NRZ took place. Agreement we cannot afford to have the second biggest state at war with the biggest state and the national body. The people who live in the area now have a choice.

Gertraud – it is not only the membership of this area which is at stake it's the boundary of the State. NSW completely loses out on any affiliation fees. We are obliged to dual affiliate all of their rides but on the other hand QERA are obliged to pay us nothing. All the money goes to Queensland. We have to discuss how these fees are divvied up. $10,000 to QERA.

MOVED Tom McCormack, Neil Clarkson
THAT the NSW ERA SMC are instructed to revoke the following motion which appeared in the Meeting Minutes published in the January-February 2016 edition of the Newsletter.

> '*That NSW withholds all payments to AERA until the Northern Rivers matter is resolved in a fashion that is agreeable to NSW ERA*.'

Furthermore, the NSW ERA SMC is instructed not to undertake any similar action of withholding or delaying payment of invoices to the AERA unless approved by a Special General Meeting of the Association duly called under the NSW ERA Constitution.
The motion was duly passed by the majority of those present.
Against: Jack Johnson, Jacque Wright and Michelle Hall. Gertraud Norton – abstained.

Steve Roberts – NSW Governance Manual

Steve Roberts referred to an SMC motion to change the SMC Governance Manual [***GM***]. He said the GM was there to protect the rights of members as it relates to casual vacancies on the SMC. The NSW SMC put another clause into the GM that originally said '*casual vacancies are filled in order by the next unsuccessful candidate*'.

Steve wants the voting numbers from the

committee election held so that the next person in line gets the spot. Steve says it takes away the members right to select the SMC. Andrew Bailey said he supported a motion put up by Steve.

Tony Warren said that there was nothing in writing which forces the NSW SMC to select a person to fill a casual vacancy.

The GM is where this clause is found. Therefore the voting slips should not be destroyed.

Michelle Hall said this links to the code of conduct of the organisation. There is a procedure there that supports the code of conduct of this organisation.

Kerry said the Governance Manual is in conflict with the Constitution. There was no malice at the time it was designed. It's not fair to say that this involved nepotism or anything like that. Jack said that members have a motion on the floor that we should get back to discussing that.

MOVED Steve Roberts, Andrew Bailey
THAT this Annual General Meeting instructs the SMC to rescind the motion passed at the meeting of 4 May 2015 that altered the mechanism for filling casual vacancies on the SMC
CARRIED The motion was passed by agreement of the majority of members present**.**

At this point the Chairman asked one of the scrutineers for the number count with regard to the election of members to the SMC. The voting was as follows: Talea Hasko-Stewart - 147; Belinda Hopley - 138; John Howe - 124; Kerry Spratt - 122; Peter Bice - 101; Jacque Wright - 66; Jack Johnson - 64; Jo Davis - 44; Gertrude Norton - 43.

General Items

Neil Clarkson asked if anything had happened on the National newsletter. No.

Ron Males said he wanted to speak about the Quilty coffee table book. It was absolutely fantastic. The entire book is reproduced in black and white. Particular thanks to Lou McCormack, Jo Arblaster and Neil Clarkson for putting it together. The quality of the paper in unreal. So worthwhile. He and Val have it at home on their table. Everyone loves it. Are there any more copies available? It was noted that the AERA have 25 books. It is up to them how they distribute these. The price would have to go up. There may be a reprint, there may not. Up to the AERA.

Tabletop Endurance FEI rides

Andrew Kettlewell spoke about a new ride which is FEI only. He said he wanted to give an explanation of why this ride was being put on. There is minimal track available. It will be FEI only. Also holding a camp the week running up to this event. For nominated horses and people only. If you know any youth riders who need some help, please get them to get in touch with us.

FEI needs to be user pays. Entry fees for this ride will be from around $1,000 to $1500. This is solely to try to cover the cost of running the FEI ride. It's very expensive. Vets need to be flown in. Just doing this for this year to get people qualified. Wants members to understand we are not trying to create a divide in the sport in any way.

FEI is close to our heart. Want to run AERA rides at OSO in the future. We need the support from the members. If people want to come and help, we will run AERA rides from OSO. They are trying to get behind the young riders. If there are any ROs who are interested in running an FEI ride, we can help you.

If you can offer a track they can help to bridge the gap between FEI and AERA. It has to be user

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

The story of Chop Chop

In early August of 2012, I embarked on a charity horse ride to raise money for The Cancer Council of Australia. As I had recently retired and had beaten the dreaded disease myself, I wanted to put something back.

The ride started in Mildura S.A. We had about three months to get to Redland Bay (south of Brisbane) a distance of about 2,400km.

I started the journey on Eclipse my first endurance horse. To this day, "Clip" was the only horse to do South Australia, Victoria and half of NSW and I'm very proud about that.

By the time we had reached Bylong (near Canberra) poor Clip was pretty tired and sore. We were on our own riding into Bylong and a horse kept galloping up and down the fence line. Clip never gave the horse a glance but I thought "*fresh horse – how good would that be*".

On the ride the horses had to have vet checks at least once a week. All completely voluntary. Anyway one vet suggested Clip had had enough and I totally agreed. So I now found myself in a situation where I needed another horse. The word got around among the helpers and riders at Bylong and I was offered another horse.

On the way to pick the horse up, I was informed that he was a fantastic walker but had a few issues! Mainly he tended to buck when you least expected it! Then there he was. My fresh horse was the woolly grey that had been galloping beside us a few days previously.

Gavin and Chop Chop in action.
Photo Animal Focus

By now a few other endurance riders had joined us on our trek to get the new horse and everybody was keen for me to get on the horse they called "Chopper".

No round yard – just an open paddock. Anyway, on I got and off we went then all of a sudden, down went the head. I was lucky enough to stay on and so we were on our way to Redland Bay.

As time went by, Chopper became known to everyone as Chop Chop. The dream horse.

At the end of the adventure, I just couldn't give him back so I made an offer and Chop Chop became mine or, I became his. Depends on how you look at it. He is such a character.

Our endurance career had a pretty shaky start. One more vet out and we were out for 13 months! Fortunately, we avoided that by getting through the next ride.

On my birthday, late last year, I took Chop out for a ride and a dog runs up behind us. Yep, you guessed it, down goes the head and I'm airborne. Chop just stands there looking at me. "*What are you doing down there*"? "*Get back on you're OK*".

To see Chop Chop make the front cover of the Endurance newsletter was such a thrill

From what I thought was a grey to Palomino, he just looked awesome. He had come a long way. Go Chop Chop.

Extract from the Minutes of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Committee meeting held at the Richmond Club in Richmond on 13 November 2015 commencing at 6.12 pm

Present: Greg Moore, (Chair), Simon Bain, Roy Barsby (6.42), Deanna Trevena (6.41), Belinda Hopley (6.54), Jack (Mark) Johnson, Gertraud Norton, Jacque Wright, Charlie Gauci (6.31), Brad Dillon (6.25), Emily Streckfuss, John Howe

Apologies: Alamdar Dastani, Tony Warren,
In attendance: Helen Rich (minutes), Sonya Ruprecht, Chris Geddies, Peter Bice (6.39)

TQ15 Wash-up

Gertraud said that the only things outstanding were the questions sent to Neil. Emily said she didn't fully understand the answers. It was agreed that the answers to the questions asked, did not fully cover or answer the questions asked. John said he has spoken to Neil and they discussed the TQ15 wash up. Neil said this will be sorted by the end of December. Money still to go into this account. Also $6518 BAS return still to come. Neil asks that the cheques be cashed otherwise they won't be honoured. Everything will eventually go to our accountants, Lamb Lowe and Associates.

Jacque enquired as to whether we could make a direct deposit to creditors? Noted it is not our responsibility to do this. Paperwork will be going to Tom McCormack. We need to finalise this by the end of this year so that it remains in 2015 and does not go over into 2016. If it goes over into 2016 this would cause problems for the Association.

TQ15 is responsible for writing the cheques in relation to the Tom Quilty. Jack wanted to know where we got our advice on not honouring cheques from. John said the majority of the cheques would have come from June 2015.

Our advice is that we should close this account in 2015. We need an audit trail from TQ15 to this committee– no creditors or debtors will be disadvantaged after TQ15 is wrapped up and NSW ERA takes full responsibility from 31 December 2015. Jacque confirmed that her business had paid its sponsorship.

AGM 2016 (including voting procedures)

Greg read from Constitution part 3 section 17 sub section 6 – Election of Members. Discussing the section on voting.

AGM has been confirmed in the newsletter. All the paperwork needs to be with Neil by 11 January so that he can print as soon as he goes back to work.

Jacque asked whether the venue had power point facilities. Yes, it does. Jacque was offering to do a PowerPoint presentation at the dinner. Would the SMC be happy with this? Yes, great idea.

Entertainment for the event. Emily's husband Jake plays good music. Are there any objections to using Jake? Jack asked whether there was any conflict of interest here. Emily declared a conflict of interest and left the room at this point. Brief discussion on music for the AGM. Used a disco last year. Jake had a good band, played at Shahzada. **Resolved**: Subject to the cost, Jake (Emily's husband) be asked to play at the AGM.

Jack said Greg was to get written advice from Fair Trading. Did he do this? Greg said no he didn't, he relied on his interpretation of the Constitution. Noted that Greg and Jack do not agree on the interpretation of the voting at the AGM. Jack said he will get advice from Fair Trading.

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

Membership for 2015. Adult 437, Junior 50, Intermediate 32, Associate 20 with Honorary of 6. Total 545. Newsletter 226.

RIDE BOOKINGS FOR APPROVAL

Tenterfield 2x20km/ 2x40km/ 80-100km 30April/1May 2016 Resolved to accept dual affiliation for Tenterfield.

Wandandian 80/40/20km 16/17 July 2016 – alternate 23/24 July 2016 – Accepted.

NSW State Champs 80/160km 11&12 June 2016 (long weekend).

Booking has been received from Harden. Roy said he would ring Gordon tonight.

Roy commented on the 2016 State ride. He wanted to know whether NSW ERA was going to run the State Ride with Gordon who in return was to only supply the ride base and course. Jack enquired of Roy's conversations with Gordon. Are we to assist him or are we to run the State Ride? Emily recalls a discussion but no vote was taken. She thought it would be run by a subcommittee rather than NSW ERA physically running the ride. Gertraud said she had told Gordon she would help with the track marking. Greg said we need to know exactly what was discussed with Gordon. What was he promised?

Roy said that what he tried to relay to Gordon was that NSW ERA will seed fund the State Ride. We would also help with the clerical and the vet area management of the ride. Gordon to provide the venue, catering, water, lights and the track but NSW ERA would manage the ride. Gordon said he has Belinda Hopley listed as the CS but he told Roy he had Sandy Little. Turns out Sandy is unavailable.

John Howe to speak to Gordon on Monday. Charlie brought up the idea of seed funding but John said we never voted on it. Seed funding – any profits come back to this table. Currently the ride organisers keep any profit.

We need to define what we mean by assistance? We need a written contract setting out the rules

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and regulations so that there is no grey area. Greg asked Roy whether he would do this. Charlie said he could use the Quilty Agreement. We need to know exactly what the expectations are from both sides.

Roy - Do we want to just give Gordon the $6,000 and say you run it?

Roy – said Gordon wants to run other rides on the day before the State ride. Roy suggested a motion go to the AGM to run other rides in conjunction with the State Ride. By him being able to run a 40 and 20 – Gordon would get the money.

Emily says that she feels that the proposal given by Roy to Gordon was not what was discussed at this table. Yes, it was discussed, but nothing was voted on. Greg said it appears Roy has given Gordon certain undertakings and we need to know exactly what Gordon is expecting before a decision can be made on the State Ride. Jack offered to set up a conference call with Gordon and Roy and Jack would take notes. Charlie: What we need to know is exactly what Gordon is expecting. Jack – we need it documented. Jack feels there is plenty of time to organise this. He doesn't think Gordon is expecting total funding. Greg said we need to know exactly what Gordon is expecting.
Jack asked for an explanation as to the detriment of running additional rides at the State Ride. Charlie said this was a motion from an AGM. We cannot ignore it. This discussion went on for some time. Jacque said she has been involved with running three events. Full FEI calendar event. The numbers of riders was tremendous. She said this does help run our sport.

Roy said Gordon has Belinda Hopley as chief steward and Robyn Mather as head vet. Victoria is running their State Ride on the same weekend as NSW. Discussing seed money. What are we offering? What is the worst case? $6,000? We do not just keep handing over $6,000 every year and getting nothing back.

Roy said he offered three people to help in the office. A Ride secretary and two others. Also offered to fund a chief steward – and vets. This is what Roy suggested we would do. Roy said we would organise the vets for the State ride and we might pay for two of them.

National Capital Brookvale 80/40/30/22/13 & 22/13 3&4 September 2016. Approved.
General business – pre nominations to rides. On line bookings from membership

New initiative for ride series

Gertraud put this on the agenda. Brad said a ride booking approval from AERA has not been sought. We need something official to proceed. **Resolved** that Gertraud write to Renee Kirk and ask for more details. Gertraud said we possibly need to give her some guidance. Jacque said that she recalls that this involves rides that are already on the calendar. John Dawson has another concept in mind. He has control of the sponsorship and the 3 x 100 is not set in stone. The sponsorship is from a tyre company from China.

Resolved to seek clarification of what is proposed. We need a lot more information and detail before this could move forward.

Jacque Wright's letter

In camera discussion on a letter received.

MOVED	Jack Johnson, Gertraud Norton
THAT	Greg Moore step down from the chair as he was directly involved in this matter.
Carried	Unanimous

At this time Emily took over as chair of the meeting and the discussion continued.

PA's at rides

Peter Bice said that something that lets rides down is the lack of a viable PA system. Has this been investigated by the NSW SMC? Jacque said they now have an FM transmitter available. It was set up at the State Ride. Discussing a sign for rides. It would announce to riders how to assess this radio frequency. Could we have a banner to go to rides. Currently on frequency 90. It comes with instructions on how to change the frequency.

New rulebook

Gertraud – second vote – draft 17 is out for comment. Two comments only from NSW. Lyn Taylor sent in a query on people taking a different track. She is not happy with the way this rule is currently written. This will be discussed. Belinda says she has stuff at home but she needs to send this to Gertraud this weekend.

Brad said this had gone back to the members. Why now? General discussion took place. How many changes are there? Can AERA have a second vote on it at this stage? If the proposal has changed how can a second vote be taken? Is the mandatory rest rule in it? Brad wanted to know what has gone on since the last AERA meeting. Gertraud said there were a number of things discussed. Greg said there have been amendments sent through on the accepted rule book. Gertraud said the Rule book was accepted subject to a list of changes. Gertraud was asked whether there had been any other changes and she said no, not really. Were there any exceptions? Look at draft 17 with regard to tracks. Was this in the original version?

Greg – was anything added over and above what was previously approved? Gertraud said no but there was a request for clarification. Charlie - In

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the Rule book does it refer to States or Divisions? Gertraud said yes, it now refers to Divisions. It appears that there has been a change since the first vote.

There was a motion on the table that said members must join the State in which they live. Seven months ago. State borders were borders. We put a motion on the table. Greg wanted to know if this was voted on. Brad said he thought it was voted down.

Jack – who are the delegates. How can NSW delegates be asked to leave the room for voting? Personally our delegates do not derive any benefit from voting on our NSW motions.

It appears that the Rule book has had a large change with the removal of the word "State" because they have changed this to "Division".

Jack handed around page 1 of our Constitution. Clause 2 – read out. It uses the word "State". He also made mention of the QERA constitution on 3 (b) which states "To act as the controlling body in Queensland on behalf of its members as a division of AERA". NSW and QERA cannot argue on the State boundary. AERA is incorporated in NSW.

Resolved: Our delegates reject the rule book stating that the first vote is null and void because there have been significant changes since the first vote.

Ride distances advertised vs real

This related to rides in other States where ride distances are changed at the time of the ride. Sue Todd was 6km behind someone from Tasmania because the distance was changed. Gertraud said that in the new rule book the technology is now good enough to have an accurate ride distance. QERA had a meeting where a rider did an 81km ride and he now wins the point score for the year. In the Rule book all rides have to be advertised and credited with the distance. It cannot be changed at the time of the ride.

Brad suggests that we write to the AERA commenting on the adjustment of ride distances after advertisement. This is misleading and deceptive advertising. It needs to be sorted. **Resolved**: That the motion be found in the AERA minutes. Belinda to chase this up and see if she can find it.

AERA Draft Biosecurity Strategy

Simon reported on this. AERA draft agenda came out with a bio security statement. Simon was one of the authors of this. The first part puts the emphasis on horse riders. It was used at TQ15 and Red Range. Second part concerns ride organisers. Total of 21 pages in the document. Sets out how to handle a major problem. Lots of conversation by OH&S. Vets feel that AON won't cover them. Simon said they were trying for a middle ground approach. He thinks we have a good start on this. More stringent requirements for horses and riders within QERA and the Northern Rivers. Covers all diseases, not just Hendra. Trying to encourage Hendra vaccination. Ten day temperature log for people in certain areas. It is not designed to rule out horses that are not vaccinated. Simon feels the document is reasonable.

Roy wanted to know why one equine discipline can enforce this on its members when there are lots of other disciplines where it is not required. Simon said that our sport has a lot more hands on contact with horses. Simon said other disciplines are now seeking vaccination. Emily said it is about more than just the vets. If there was a Hendra outbreak at a ride, we need to have bio security in place in order to minimise the fallout if there was any suing. Charlie said they had something from the Quilty from AON which said vets were covered. At this time, the matter of vets' liability has not been resolved in court.

Belinda discussed health declarations. We need to keep these for six months. Need to be kept on paper. We need PIC numbers too. One horse per form. Change the form so only one horse fits on there. Greg has asked Belinda to draft some guidelines reflecting these points. Belinda said this is Tony's portfolio. Greg indicated it needs to be done soon.

Gertraud – each State will have different rules, this is something that the States need to deal with. Gertraud said this bio security matter needs to include TPRs and ride organisers.

EA Agreement

Ieva sent this out. Why has she asked for this to be done? Gertraud said this was sent out prior to the next AERA meeting that State divisions could have a look at this. The current agreement expired in October 2016. Start to look at this now. Question: What has EA done for us? Brad - This year there were more FEI rides. To date we have not been invoiced. EA sponsored the Glen Innes ride. Possibly, also the Rock ride. FEI should be pushing their rides. There doesn't seem to be accountability back to AERA.

Ratification of decisions between meetings

Belinda had this put onto the agenda. Sometimes there are things decided between meetings, done on email but nothing is recorded in the minutes. She feels that these things need to be ratified at the next meeting.

Agreed that matters that are decided between meetings need to be ratified at the next meeting. **Resolved** that this should be put on the Agenda for each meeting.

Greg Moore – President, Website, Governance

The NSW ERA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 6th February at the Windsor RSL Club, 36 Argyle St South Windsor. The AGM will be

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followed by the presentation and dinner/dance. I would strongly encourage all members to consider attending. This is your opportunity to meet and talk to the Committee and have your say in the running of your sport. The presentation after the AGM will see all of the points and distance winners for 2015 receive their awards and it is an opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate your friends and fellow riders. After the presentation of awards will be a 3 course dinner followed by dancing into the night. Further details about how to book for dinner etc. are in the newsletter.

NSW ERA delegates, following a narrowly won resolution, have once again been instructed to raise the NRZ at the next AERA meeting that will be held on the 21/11/2015. A resolution to this issue was voted on and passed at the AERA meeting in July and is currently in force. That resolution states that the residents of the NRZ can choose which State they join, Qld or NSW. This motion marked a significant shift in what had been the hard line position Queensland had always held.

NSW will be releasing a DVD of the Quilty that will tell the story of this amazing event. Details to follow soon.

There have been no upgrades or changes to the website since the last meeting.

I would like to really encourage all Zone Delegates to send through any news, photos, announcements and meeting minutes to the website administrator at ***gregoryamoore@hotmail.com*** *to be added to the relevant Zone tab on the new website*

There have been 2,378 sessions from 1179 users with 8,488 pages viewed. The average number of pages per user is 3.57 per session with an average session time of 3 minutes 4 seconds. There have been 50 hits from the USA, 12 from China and 10 from the United Kingdom.
http://www.nswera.asn.au

Greg noted that Dave Porter has resigned.

Emily Streckfuss – Vice President, Ride Standards

Ride Standards are pretty good. Problem with the arrows. Woodstock did not have enough vets. The event ran in breach of our rules. Doesn't know how to deal with this. Noted that the number of vets at a ride is not a rule, it is a recommendation. On line nominations – Emily feels this would be fixed if we knew how many riders coming to an event.

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

Letter from Lou McCormack who was included in the State team, expressing her thanks. The team members were proud of their uniforms. Gertraud said she has heaps of things still to do– about 90 emails to be read. Computer was down for some time.

Common C signs in the Rule book. Not discussed. She thinks they want to make them all black. Jacque said that there are problems with the use of this Common C. Cannot see them. Concept might be Ok but they are very hard to distinguish. Gertraud said she has been asked by Steve Swan to upload our vet list, TPR list. We shouldn't have to do this. It takes up a lot of time.

John Howe – Treasurer, IDP, Child Protection

Financials for period up to 11 November attached. The invoices for approval are a total of all monies expended from 1 January 2015 to date. Please look through this section as I won't be reading the cheque book tomorrow night. Naturally if anyone has any questions re cheques please bring this up at the meeting or email me today.
To date we are running a profit of $2,643.61 which is down by $13,678.10 over the same period last year. However we did have a one off expense of $10,000, our donation to TQ15. We have expended an extra $3,773.14 on medication control, largely used at the TQ15 event. These two one offs totalled $13,773.14 which is a variance of $95.04 less profit than this time last year.
The positives are the profit from TQ15 is to come in, Tom McCormack has told me that when TQ15's latest BAS is completed here will be a refund due to TQ15 of some $6518 thus increasing the profit margin.
Outstanding monies yet to come in from rides: Harden still owes $5,205.00, an invoice is being raised. The NSW State champs will bank $2,940 today or tomorrow. Affiliation fees are due from Red Range, Neville, Burraga and the upcoming Canberra ride.

Bottom line, we are in a very good position. TQ15 was the best ever Quilty and has done us proud. It has been a fantastic show case for the sport and the DVD that has resulted will bring in a steady cash flow and of course be useful as an educational tool.

Child Welfare: Nothing to report.

Jacque Wright – Facebook, Ride Previews and Reviews, Promotions

Jacque said that with the Burraga ride, the computer upload onto the system isn't good. Noted that we cannot change the program. Gertraud asks that our delegates press for the dashboard. It is difficult to do any search or enquiries through this database. Steve Swan has some knowledge of it. He seems to be the only who is the keeper of information – we have to go through him. Noted that he is paid an honorarium for this work.

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

Zone 6 had a successful year ending with the State Ride. AGM was held on Monday at Nabiac. About 20 people there. All office bearers remain

the same. Peter Kelly will be the Zone Delegate for Zone 6. Greg asked that the minutes please reflect the gratitude of this SMC, to Brad for his contribution to the sport. We should also express our thanks to Brad for putting on a great State Championship ride. He and his team put on a great ride. Brad and his family require a massive vote of thanks.

Tony Warren – Horse Welfare and Early Warning

Early Warning

Horse: We have 15 horses on the list this month, with only one of them above the 18 points. Great news considering we are at the end of a very busy season, the horse which is above the 18 points is one I have been monitoring this year in consultation with its owner.
Rider: This list is again confusing, will have to email Steve Swan and get some insight as to how or why it has printed some of these.

Simon Bain – Vet Liaison, Biosecurity, AERA Delegate

One veterinarian, Darien Feary, has met the accreditation criteria having attended an accreditation course in 2011 and attending five rides since then. An accreditation course will be run in Canberra by Steve Roberts in Canberra in January 2016.

The National Veterinary Panel has sent as a requirement to AERA, to commence January 1 2016: " ***Hendra vaccination is mandatory for attendance at endurance rides for all horses which have, for any time in the preceding 20 days, been within 300 km of any previous case of Hendra disease, or which have had contact in that time with unvaccinated horses that have been in those areas for any time in the preceding 20 days.****"*

Meanwhile commencing in October a four person panel had been asked by AERA to produce a biosecurity plan. That document was close to completion at the time the NVP requirement was sent to AERA. Modifications were made to the AERA document following consultation with Biosecurity Queensland and the determination by the latter that the use of the term "endemic zones" was inadvisable due to the unpredictable nature of vector bat movement. The completed Statement has been forwarded to the AERA Secretary for circulation.

The AERA Biosecurity Statement pertains to the management of all equine infectious diseases. Broadly it has two major sections, the responsibilities of people in charge of horses, and the ride biosecurity plan and the responsibility of ride organisers. It includes information relative to the management of Hendra virus risk. It states that the single most effective way of controlling the disease is by vaccination of horses. It identifies known areas of Hendra incidence (by local government area) in Queensland and NSW and areas conjoining those as buffer areas, together to form Hendra Risk Zones. Horse Health Declarations and Temperature Logs remain obligatory. For a horse not in the Hendra Risk Zone or a vaccinated horse in the Hendra Risk Zone, the temperature log is of 3 days duration. For an unvaccinated horse going to a ride in a Hendra Risk Zone or an unvaccinated horse from a Hendra Risk Zone going to a ride in other areas, the temperature log needs to be of ten days duration. For National Championship and FEI rides the temperature log duration is at the discretion of the Head Veterinarian and the Biosecurity manager and will generally be of longer duration. The Statement is necessarily comprehensive to cover all eventualities and to satisfy state and local government authorities.

The NVP has also sent to the AERA secretary a motion re mandatory rest periods for AERA rides based broadly on the FEI rules pertaining to mandatory rest periods.

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

I have no new news with the Youth Camp. I haven't done much more than think about it. I haven't been well and typing/computer screens are no good for the migraine head. Just need to get 100% confirmation with insurance for us if it's held at farm.
Newbie Weekend- Charlie was I think getting the date confirmed of Arabian Championships
PCA MOU - is this a work in progress
Arabian Youth Development Project - going on FB, magazine
If these four items are held over or just updated via email it might free up a bit more time.

Charlie Gauci – Zone 1 Delegate, Track Preservation

Zone one

Zone one has now put down a deposit on a new ride trailer. It is expected to be delivered sometime in January 2016 in time for our new ride season.

The newbie day down at SIAC held in conjunction with the Arab Horse Society will be on April the 2nd.

Pony Club MOU

As per the minutes of our last meeting Jack is going to write a paragraph in regards to what Pony club can do for us and send it to Gertrude

Track Preservation

I attended a National parks meeting on 10/11/15
It will be Dec 2016 before the report on the wilderness trial report goes to the minister for determination. Riding in wilderness areas under the trial program will cease at the end of the trial period until a decision has been made by the minister.

Belinda Hopley – Zone 4 Delegate, Chief

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Stewards and TPRs

Burraga 17-18/10/15, 80k & 40k.

Ride base was excellent – shade, good amenities and well catered for. Well set out area, with TPR/ Vet/time keepers together that greatly reduced log book problems and no of runners needed. Rider conduct excellent, with good track marking.

One rider withdrew his horse due to respiratory problems after successfully vetting thru' pre-ride. Follow up with owner after with owner confirmed a cold. One rider fell off and his horse escaped. Rider was brought in off track and seen by 1st aid officer. He refused to go to hospital. The horse was found much later, brought in off track, vetted thru' and withdrawn. One invasive treatment for lameness.

One major problem was that AERAspace continually would not allow information input so BC was done manually.

Neville 31/10-1/12/15, 20k Sat & 100k, 80k, 40k & 20k Sun.

The ride was held at the Neville Showground, with plenty of room. Although storms were predicted for most of the weekend, only a couple of steady showers occurred on Saturday.

The rain softened the track somewhat. The track was around the State Forest, however, where possible, bridle tracks were used to add variety. It was a technical ride – both 40k legs had a 12k climb out of the forest after an undulating run around the forest. Riders were concerned the 10 hrs (100k) & 8 hrs (80k) given may be pushing it if it became steamy or rained, but the rain held off and both rides were completed well within the max times. It was well marked with no lost riders. About 25 riders rode in each of the main rides.

Despite the rain and a tough course, riders seemed to enjoy the weekend, with many friends catching up and relaxing.

There was a mix up with the caterers for Saturday, but as the pre-ride and dinner were held at the pub, all was good.

One horse was given treatment for colic and has a rest order for 3 weeks. The treating vet advised fluids, but this was declined by the rider, wishing to get the horse home to their own vet. This was noted on an incident form, and a Rest Order was issued.

Wingello, Bago and The Rock are outstanding.

CS/TPR-

Gillian Pierce is now an Accredited TPR! Congratulations! 2 TPR's now for AERA ratification.

Greg has completed 3 rides as a Provisional CS. If the SMC approves, I shall send Greg's documents for final accreditation to AERA.

Other Stuff-

Can we please ensure that the SMC list is correct when posting?

Decisions that are made between meetings need to be ratified at the next meeting.

Kim Stephens is happy to run another AERA space computer course. It will probably be at the Snowy Zone Training ride - date and venue to be discussed.

AERA –

Minutes and reports from AERA need to be given more comprehensively. Despite requests, I have not yet received a CS report from the TQ'15. There are also 2 TPR's needing ratification.

Newsletter/Website/Facebook –

Reminder for all riders of Rule 14 "Once under the control of the vet, every horse shall remain on the ride base, except while competing in, or exercising prior to the event, and must not be removed until the vet releases the horse by signing of the horse's logbook or net card and until the horse's logbook or vet card is released by the ride organising committee."

Another AERA space computer course will probably be held at the Snowy Zone Training ride - date and venue to be discussed. Please contact Kim or myself to register interest and further details. We are hoping for 2 people from each zone and NSWERA will assist with costs.

New rulebook next year. AERA wants to ensure all CS's are on the same page and increase accountability and professionalism. The CS exam and requirements may change next year. I would like to spend some time at the AGM with the CS going over some of the rule changes. Please contact me if interested and for further details.

Horse Health Declarations – Please complete Horse Health Declarations on the form provided, preferably 1 horse per form so they can be individually matched up with the rider entry form. It is also easier if the driver/rider has ONLY the HHD for those horse/s they are transporting. It is every ROC responsibility to ensure these are collected, checked with the Head Vet and kept with the entry form for 6 months. Also, PIC (Property Identification Code) numbers MUST be entered on the HHD. Details can be obtained from ***http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/livestock/pics.***

Ride reviews need to be on the website 1st then the other forums, as there are still people that only look at the website. Perhaps add the review to the ride request form.

If we can have the ride procedure and request forms ready to put out for the New Year we will make things much easier for ROC's and ourselves.

Belinda said when the State Champs report came out there was a tie up that wasn't in the report. She is to send another copy of the above for the minutes and part of it is to go into the newsletter.

Pre Nominations

Scenic City Ride. Greg had a discussion on two

members who rang and complained about the way pre nomination process was set up. The refund policy was 100% up until 3 days out.

Scenic City people obviously believe that everybody should be *on* Facebook. Should we not put together a clear policy for using on line bookings. Emily believes online nominations is the way to go.

Charlie said the liability sits with the ride organiser. The RO takes the risk with toilets, etc., why shouldn't the responsibility for not turning up lie with the rider. Charlie explained to Jack that the rides do not make a profit. Last year Zone One did not make a profit. It lost money on its rides.

Paid pre nominations are the way to go. We must go down that path. Eventually every RO will be pushing for pre nominations. It was suggested that Charlie put pen to paper setting out how pre nominations should work.

General discussion went back on forth. Different opinions as regards ride organisers and riders. Riders do not want to pay the money up front. Riders want the RO to take the risk. Let the RO take all the risks and then rider may then decide not to turn up. There is the three day temperature log requirement. There would need to be a blanket rule for all rides. You cannot allow some rides to use pre nomination and others to not use it.

Jacque said she has written out a set of guidelines. She was asked to send this around to the committee.

State Champs in QLD and State Champs in Victoria. Roy suggesting that we offer people from QERA and VERA the right to use their State Ride in order to qualify for NSW Big Three. Victoria is going to have their State Ride on the same weekend as the NSW State Championships. Do we allow them to participate in the Big 3. John said that the Big 3 Award was a NSW invention and as such, that's where it should stay. With NSW rides. Other States can initiate their own awards.

The AGM and proxy votes were discussed. Unless we get people there – it would be the same old same old – what about a lucky draw. It could be drawn for those people who purchase dinner tickets – they would be eligible for the draw. Alternatively, give it to the people who attend the AGM. Why do we care who attends the dinner. Need a decent prize – what do we have in mind? Consider a monetary travel voucher. Maybe $200 to $500 voucher. **Resolved**: to purchase a $500 travel voucher to be decided as shown above.

Resolved: to have a paid raffle with the prize offered of an adult membership for 2016.

Woodlands Park Pony Club Presentation— An Introduction to Endurance

Woodlands Park Pony Club Presentation

On Sunday, 21 February, Faith Robinson ably assisted by Casey Holtom, Tony Parker and John Howe (see photograph above and below), gave a presentation to the young members of Woodlands Park Pony Club and some of their parents.

The presentation was an introduction to endurance riding and was organised to fit in during the lunch time break in the PC training day proceedings.

Faith gave the introduction with Casey following up with a presentation on what to do when you arrive in camp, what you should bring and generally what to expect at your first endurance ride.

One of the young riders volunteered to be the rider presenting her horse at her first endurance ride.

John gave a talk from the perspective of a TPR steward and a Chief Steward advising the young people what was expected of them and their horse, expounding on the joys of riding through the bush, seeing sights and hearing sounds they would not usually have access to.

The young lady with her pony went through a mock up pre ride vetting procedure with Tony explaining the importance of getting your pony used to being touched, having its temperature taken, what he was checking and why. Tony was checking gut sounds, legs and capillary refill. The young lady then saddled her pony ready for her ride.

Faith took over and explained the course, use of arrows and the track also elaborating on the minimum riding time. Faith had previously set up a track within the PC grounds complete with arrows on the trees. The rider then set off with her pony to complete the course.

Shortly after the rider left 'base' the other members of the PC then took part in a walk/run around another track, previously set up by Faith. Prior to leaving they were all given ride bibs. On the return of the rider and the walkers, time slips were given out and the pony was strapped and then presented to the vet.

At the end of the event, a 'presentation' was held with lucky draw prizes for successful participants. Needless to say, all participants 'vetted' through their first endurance ride.

All in all it was a very well run and designed introduction to endurance. It is hoped that Faith's hard work results in a number of these young people persuading their parents to take them to a training ride in the near future with a view to these young people progressing to take on endurance when they move on from PC.

Ride Results

Ride Name: Burraga Copper Challenge

Distance: 80.0km
Start Date:18/10/2015
Ride Type: Endurance
Head Vet: Chief Steward:

Heavyweight

1	Scott Davenport	Alhambra Pierrot	2	4:47:00	35, 50, 52 (Avg:51)
2	Gavin Peacock	Chop Chop	2	5:58:00	34, 46, 55 (Avg:50)
3	Con Bouzianis	Conderosa Zaheera	2	6:25:00	39, 44, 45 (Avg:44)
4	Jolene Cole	Prince Nakeel Spa	2	6:43:00	34, 44, 50 (Avg:47)
4	Gary Pevy	Future Dreams Maximus	2	6:43:00	44, 48, 49 (Avg:48)
6	Alan West	Tollarta	2	7:00:00	33, 40, 50 (Avg:45)
7	John Dawson	Jon De Le Tison	2	8:43:00	51, 41, 55 (Avg:48)
8	Ian Dreghorn	Ausden Nile Prins	2	9:01:00	40, 43, 55 (Avg:49)
9	Mark Johnson	Krishlah All Klass	2	9:35:00	39, 45, 52 (Avg:48)
9	Scott Peters	Askari's Harmony	2	9:35:00	38, 48, 52 (Avg:50)
54	John Robertson	Karabil Asis	1	Withdrawn L1	35, 55 (Avg:55)

Middleweight

1	David Player	Mirakhani Saa'meer	2	5:11:00	44, 44, 54 (Avg:49)
1	Nicole Smith	Skittles	2	5:11:00	31, 52, 56 (Avg:54)
3	Simon Bain	Dunollie Muscat	2	5:52:00	36, 46, 48 (Avg:47)
4	Gertraud Norton	Scarlet Oaks Amica	2	6:23:00	35, 45, 44 (Avg:44)
5	Ian Curtis	BH Summer Reign	2	6:29:00	36, 41, 44 (Avg:42)
6	Jo Davis	Immortelle	2	6:43:00	42, 45, 48 (Avg:46)
7	Debbie Pevy	Galaxy Mi	2	7:02:00	39, 48, 50 (Avg:49)
8	Noni Seagrim	Turingal Park Vassili	2	7:05:00	37, 44, 49 (Avg:46)
9	Ben Hudson	Littlebanks Integrity	2	7:45:00	37, 38, 40 (Avg:39)
10	April Bonham	Lyndrian Genesis	2	8:00:00	34, 39, 50 (Avg:44)
11	Talea Hasko-Stewart	Blake's Heaven Bombora	2	8:03:00	38, 44, 50 (Avg:47)
11	Katrina Newitt	Brookleigh Shiralee	2	8:03:00	36, 42, 51 (Avg:46)
13	Karin Santoso	Nasnirak Wasaabii	2	8:14:00	40, 41, 47 (Avg:44)
14	Fiona Meller	Maxwell Eve	2	8:23:00	31, 43, 46 (Avg:44)
27	Tom Bouzianis	Nelson Withdrawn			30
47	Garry Weis	Ejen Park Silver Flash			Not started

Lightweight

1	Adeline Gibson	Blake's Heaven Carousel	2	6:29:00	35, 48, 42 (Avg:45)
2	Sue Todd	Shakista	2	7:34:00	40, 54, 52 (Avg:53)
3	Cherry Cummins	Winter Hill Alice	2	7:45:00	32, 40, 40 (Avg:40)
3	Matthew Dunne	Holly	2	7:45:00	36, 44, 51 (Avg:47)
3	Sorsha Stuart-Rokvic	Windradyne Sterling	2	7:45:00	36, 38, 42 (Avg:40)
6	Monika Ballard	Blake	2	8:03:00	36, 44, 55 (Avg:49)
7	Shan Symons	Dashanda Serene	2	8:14:00	31, 34, 38 (Avg:36)
8	April Newman	Valinor Park Vatel	2	8:23:00	40, 38, 39 (Avg:38)
62	Sally Fenner	Mountain Breeze Mingha	2	Lame L2	33, 44, 36 (Avg:40)
37	Leslee Burrell	Odyssey Golden Phoenix	1	Withdrawn L1	37, 44, 94 (Avg:69)
44	Louise Piddington	Koda	1	Lame L1	48, 40 (Avg:40)

Junior

1	Gabrielle Worth	Douglas	2	7:03:00	36, 49, 40 (Avg:44)
2	Annabelle Cummins	Eminem Vyper	2	7:05:00	35, 40, 49 (Avg:44)
3	Tomeika Bond-Pevy	Mr Bo-Jangles	2	7:52:00	42, 45, 56 (Avg:50)
4	Charlene Malone	Taeaura Shayarnah	2	8:43:00	36, 40, 42 (Avg:41)

Ride results reproduced above as there was a problem in the last newsletter where part of the results did not reproduce in a form that could be read.

These are the riders that have TPR'd at a ride 1/1/13 to 1/12/15. Please ensure your name is on the CS Ride Report. When you have accumulated 20 full days of TPRing, you are issued with your own vest, stethoscope, thermometer and stopwatch. If your name is missing, contact Belinda Hopley. ***P – Prov TPR.***

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

TPR List Continued					
Freeman	Mark	Nelson	Janette	Warren	Tony ***CS***
Freeman	Courtney	Noonan	Chris	Weis	Gary
Freeman	Blake	Norton	Gertraud	White	Carol
Freeman	Brodie	Owen	Rick	Wright	Jacqui
Freeman	Lesley ***CS***	Parish	Georgie ***P***		

NSW ERA Ride Booking Procedures

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

Logbook & Identification Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sonya Ruprecht, Log Book Registrar, NSWERA

(02) 6553 8640

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AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC.
MEMBERS DANGEROUS ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

This agreement is compulsory and is entered into by:

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

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

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

I understand that –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I agree –

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

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

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

I have read and understood the above document

Signature of Participant 1: ……Medical Conditions: ……
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Signature of Participant 2: ……Medical Conditions: ……
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Declaration by guardian:

As guardian of the participant:
I warrant the accuracy of the assurances and warranties given above on behalf of the participant;
I provide the above undertakings both on my own behalf, and, to the extent permitted by law, on behalf of the participant; and I indemnify the Association and all the persons specified above against all liability and claims brought by or on behalf of the participant arising out of or in any way associated with the activity.

Name of Participant: ……..

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, PO Box 6627 CHATHAM NSW 2430.

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____Postcode: _____

Membership Number: _____

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

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

Name of Horse	AERA No.	Reason

AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

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

I wish to apply for a **……km** scroll for the horse listed below, I have enclosed the appropriate fee (if applicable)

Horse Details

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

Scrolls are available as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jo Bailey
3008 Abercrombie Road
BLACK SPRINGS NSW 2787 Phone: (02) 63358121 ah
Email: jo@ipstarmail.com.au

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 with inaugural awards commencing in 2015.

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

APPLICANTS DETAILS			
Name:			
Membership No:		Telephone:	
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
NOTES FOR REGISTRAR (IF REQUIRED):					

Send your completed forms to the AERA Registrar by 15th April 2015:

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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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TPR Notice

All TPR's are now accredited for life, regardless of when you qualified. All the known TPR's are being put on the NSWERA website (Horse Welfare, TPR) and AERAspace. If you go to a ride to TPR and are not on the list, the CS at that ride will check your abilities and knowledge of the current rules and will re-accredit you on the spot. Your name is then added to this list. If you are not on this list, then please contact me.

NSW Committee

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