

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: HVHRC Newsletter August 2007

Ride Reports

Stroud 27th May 2007

Convenor :- Caroline Lawrence

A total of eight riders, including one visitor, commenced the ride from the Stroud showground almost on time (sorry everyone!!) and headed along some open dirt roads towards the forest. Once amongst the trees the tracks became slightly smaller and some close vegetation observations could be made. The ride sheltered at the top of the hill for morning tea before continuing through the forest. A large hill made a gallop too inviting for most riders and lunch was held beside our own campfire surrounded by steaming horses. The remainder of the ride was undertaken at a less hectic pace and returned to the showground with plenty of time for the raffle and chat. Thanks to Caroline for taking the Club around.

Fiona

Lavis Lane 24th June 2007

Convenor :- Joe Engel

A total of ten riders, including four visitors, commenced the ride from Lavis Lane despite the amount of rain that the area had recently received. The drive into the start certainly indicated the results of the severe weather, but the tracks were all firm underfoot. The weather had altered the landscape slightly as evidenced by fallen trees and debris, but the ride went well for the first section through bush tracks running parallel with the road. The recently berthed Pasha Bulka was observed from one vantage point before the ride headed into the dunes, with the brave smiles of several whose horses were used to training (at extreme speed) on the sand. To the surprise of some the ride came out exactly where planned at the Sigma and some riders tried their horses near the waves while others were content to wander along the beach for a while. Most enjoyed a bit of a gallop across the dunes

back towards the bush where there was a very large, but shallow water crossing. The weather here dealt another variation to the ride as the normal 'exit' from the dunes was encountered adjacent a very steep sand dune and all declined the path. Some exploring was required parallel to the shore before a suitable path was finally discovered and the ride was returned to the floats in early afternoon. Thanks to Joe for taking the Club around.

Fiona

Abermain 29th July 2007

Convenor :- Joyce Bristow

A total of nine riders, including two visitors, commenced the ride from Joyce's place at an earlier starting time. The ride almost looked like it had finished before it had begun as the standard creek crossing had been under approximately 10m of water which looked to have altered the path. However the crossing was located and the ride progressed through private property and into forest and along fire trails towards Nulkaba. The ride arrived at approximately the planned time at the Nulkaba sporting day, however there was a booming crowd and cattle events were still in progress. Riders amused themselves watching this and availed themselves of the refreshments from the canteen. There was a delay in proceedings and unfortunately the remainder of the sporting events (bending and flags) had only just commenced by the time the ride needed to return to get everyone home, so we didn't get to see HVHRC participation. Maybe next time. Thanks to Joyce for taking the Club around.

Fiona

Notices

HVHRC will be issuing agendas for upcoming meetings with minutes of the previous meeting by e-mail the week before the meeting. This is to enable members to see what is to be discussed and come to the meeting with ideas about the various topics. As such, if you have anything you wish to discuss, please let me know the Friday the week before the meeting (i.e 10 days before the meeting) so that I can incorporate it into the agenda. Anything not in the agenda can still be brought up in general business. There will be hard copies available at each meeting for the information of those without e-mail.

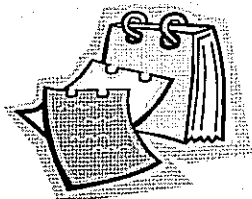
The Club is experiencing a high number of newsletters 'bouncing' from overfull e-mail boxes. Please be aware that newsletters are quite large (>1MB) due to the need to scan in maps etc. If your mail box is not one that can handle this please note that newsletters are placed on the ATHRA website and can be downloaded from there. www.athra.com.au

Posting of newsletters will be kept to a minimum (members without internet facilities, other clubs and visitors who show a continued interest in the Club) to reduce the posting costs. If you find yourself off the mailing list and want a copy of the newsletter, please let me or Joe know so that we may correct it.

Can all members please supply me with their contact details (address, email, phone/mobile) and let me know your preference for contact. Email is preferred for newsletters, minutes and agendas but a more direct contact such as mobile may be needed in the event of ride cancellation. Enjoy riding!

Fiona Brooker
Acting Secretary

Upcoming HVHRC Rides



26th August 2007 – Buttai Barn

16th September 2007 – Woerdens Road

29th Sept – 1st Oct 2007 Long Weekend
“Eagle Hawk” Campout

28th October 2007 – TBA

11th November 2007 – TBA

8th December 2007 – Xmas Party

HVHRC Meetings

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm for those members wishing to have dinner prior to the meeting 6.30pm

Meals average cost around \$15 table is booked under HVHRC and will have a sign on it (just remember these are not Chinese meals and may take a little longer to prepare so please leave yourself enough time.)

Meetings now being held at the Hunter River Hotel East Maitland

Upcoming HVHRC Club Meetings

Tuesday 11th September 2007

Tuesday 9th October 2007

Tuesday 13th November 2007 (AGM)

Tuesday 11th December 2007

**That's All Folks !!!!!!!!!!!!!
Happy Trails !!!!!!!**



Winter Valley Horse Riders Club Inc

Date :- 26th August 2007

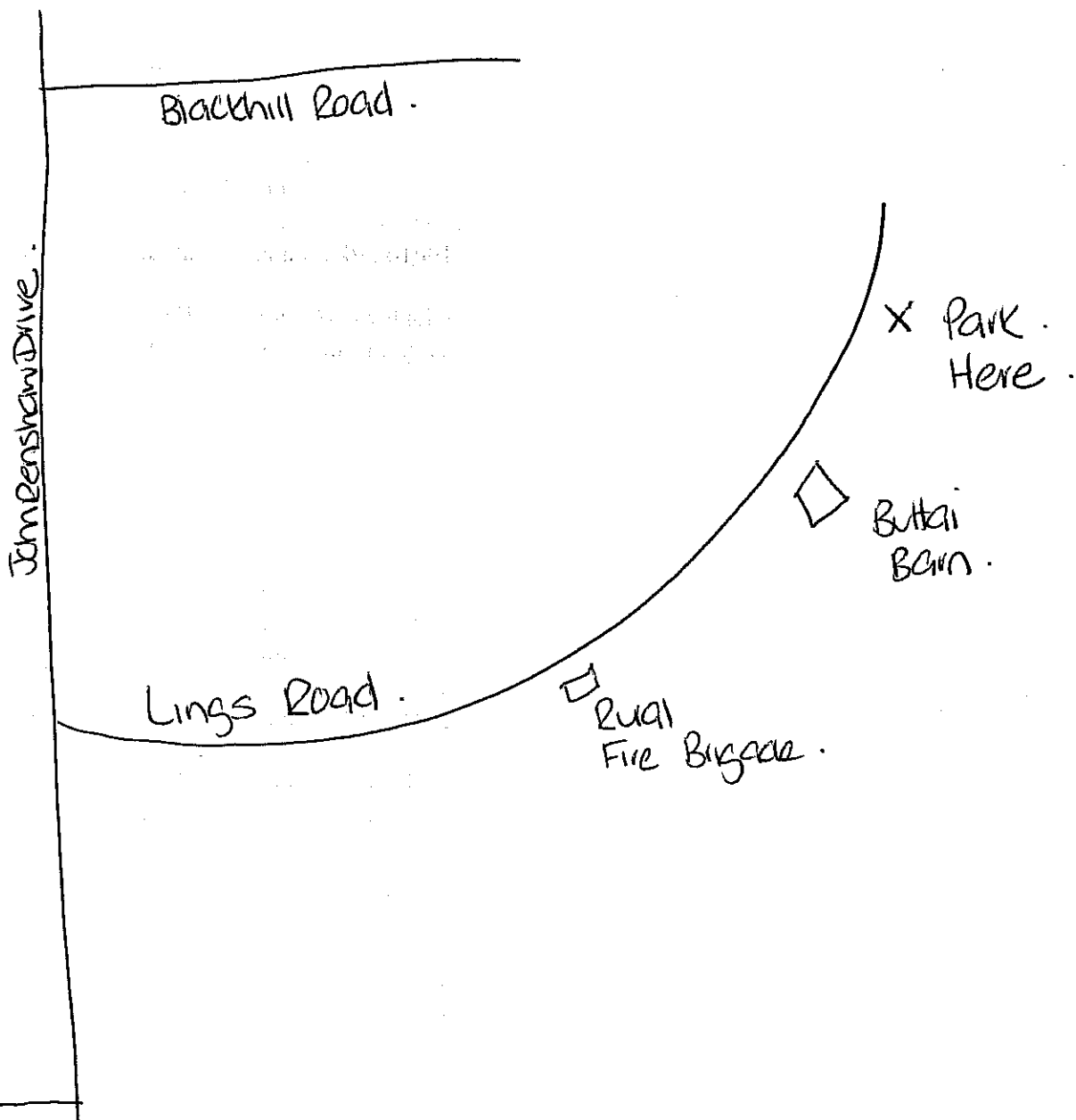
Ride :- Buttai

Time :- Ride departs 9.30 am

Convenor :- Hans & Pam Banek Ph 49 361661

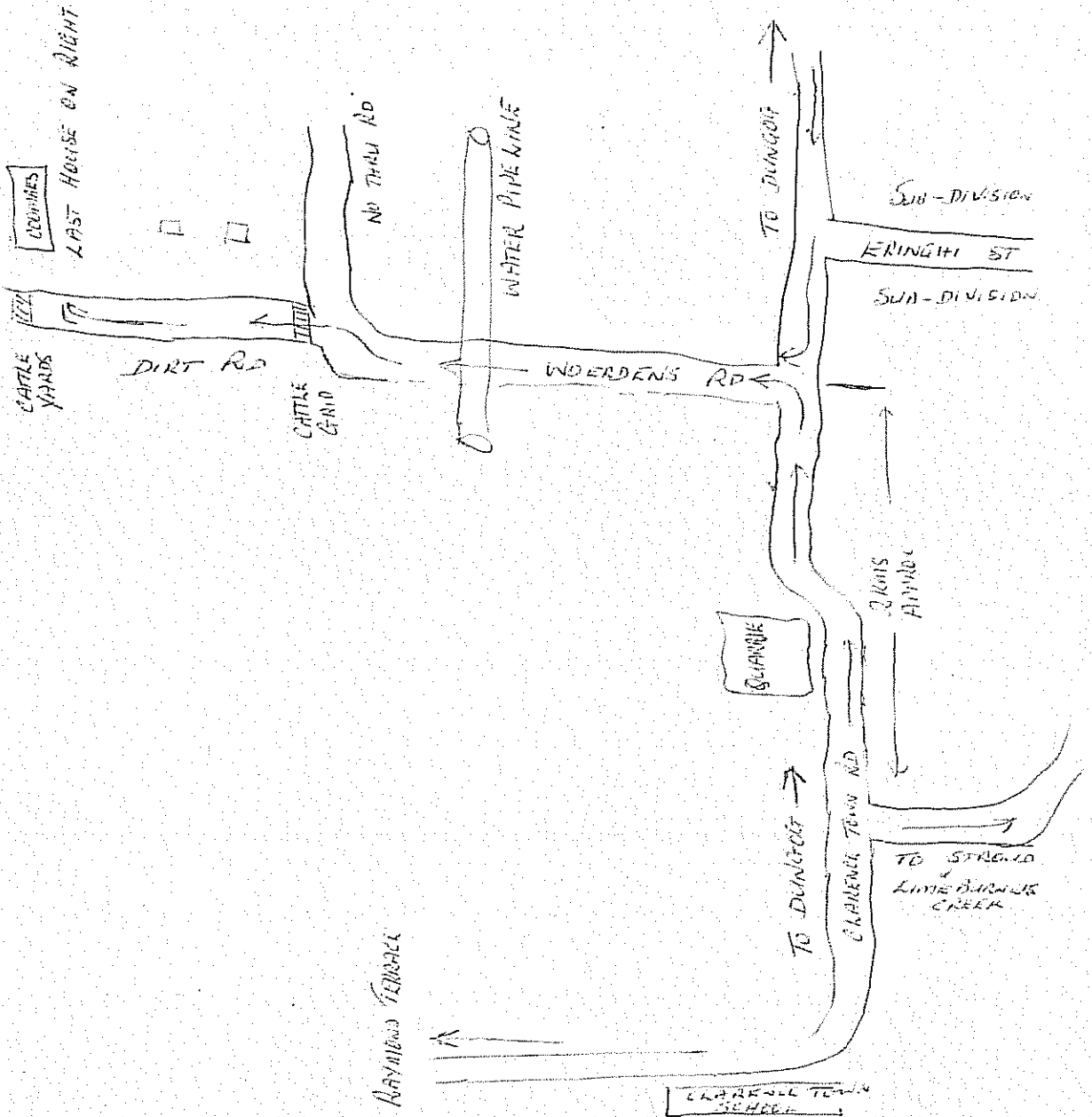
Details :- Parking OK for non 4WD vehicles. Horses must be shod, bring own water for horses. Lunch and morning tea on the trail

Newcastle



Hunter Valley Horse Riders Club Inc

- Date :- 16th September 2007
Ride :- Woerdens Road
Time :- Ride departs 9.30 am
Convenor :- Jeff Coombes Ph 49511232
Details :- Lunch & morning tea on the trail.



Yukon Valley Horse Riders Club Inc

Date :- 29th, 30th Sept 1st October 2007

Ride :- "Eaglehawk" Clarence Town

Time :- Weekend campout Ride 2.30pm Saturday 9.30am Sunday & Monday morning if keen

Convenors :- Geoff Parkes & Narelle Merritt Ph 49 964119 Mobile 0400304456

Details :- Camping available from Friday communal paddock for horses or bring your own electric yards. Otherwise bring your own everything. Bbq available for cooking at all other times, also fridge and freezer. club toilet and shower will be set up.

Special note :- Due to a shortage of drinking water you will need to bring your own unless we get good rain in the meantime please check with Geoff & Narelle prior to the weekend !!!

