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## **RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB** **MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER**

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
(Queens Birthday)

**ELDORADO CAMP**  
**RIDE FULL**

**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**XMAS IN JULY - TOOLLEEN**  
(Ride notice – March) **Nominations by 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**A.G.M.**  
**Railway Hotel Macedon 7.30pm**

**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**NEWBURY**  
(Ride notice – Attached)

**AUGUST**

**BOOMERANG RANCH – DAYLESFORD**  
**RIDE FULL**

***Hi everyone,***

Half way through the year already! We've already booked out two of the most popular weekend rides on the calendar so for those that have got a place...lucky buggers! For those that missed out, look forward to the November Barmah ride which is open to numbers and a spectacular riding weekend.

Toolleen ride is set to be a blast with bands, costumes (yes costumes!) and a car boot sale – see Lloyd's secretary report for further info.

Allison has kindly updated our Ride Calender for you to use on the fridge or notice board. We'll send this separately to make it easy to print off and keep.

AGM folks! This means **you**. Looking forward to seeing everyone there to have **your** say, elect **your** committee and to meet **your** fellow members, mark it on the calendar and make an effort for **your** club.

See you on the trail  
*Enjoy ☺*

## SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

The committee would like to welcome Kim Sinclair on to the committee as our Raffle/Auction prize person (Appropriations Officer), so if any member has a donation they would like to donate to one of our rides please contact Kim or Brenda.

Thanks Kim, it's GR8 to have a new face on the committee.

**Kim Sinclair 0400 181 539**

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### Committee/Club Meeting.

**Wednesday, May 7th, 7.30pm at the Railway Hotel - Macedon**

I would like to thank the enthusiastic members that attended on what was a cold windy night, unfortunately we didn't get as many members as our previous meeting, which is a shame as it is after all YOUR club, the input and enthusiasm shown on the night is the reason we have such a strong and successful club. THANK YOU to all that attended.

I sincerely hope the attendance is better at the upcoming Club AGM.

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## 2014 RCTHRC AGM

Wednesday August 6th

Yes, it's nearly that time of the year again when you, the members need to decide who you would like holding the club reins for the following year, hopefully we will get a good number of members attending, after all it is YOUR club. All positions on the committee will become vacant.

Macedon Railway Hotel,

33 Smith St, Macedon.

7-30pm

6-00pm for those of you that wish to join us for a meal.

**Please, mark it on your calendar, so you don't forget.**

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## "Cobaws Port and Pikelet Ride 18/5/2014."

Once again our **Port & Pikelets** ride was a huge success with 60 members attending including several new members, I'm certain everybody enjoyed themselves as I noticed there was a constant gathering around the tables for the YUMMY Pikelets, jam & cream and I'm not sure how much port Rob had dispensed, but I did notice some of the members going back for seconds or was that thirds. I would like to THANK Brenda & Petra for the HUGE amount of Pikelets they had made and Rob for the Port; I'm told it was quite nice so early in the morning, thanks also to Chris for getting there really early to get the fire going before all the members arrived.

*THANKS Guy's.*

Tanya's ride report attached.

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## "Christmas in JULY." @ Toolleen

We will be celebrating Xmas in July at the "Toolleen Hotel" in 2014 as a new camp/ride, this promises to be another FUN weekend at the Toolleen pub, fully catered Saturday night meal. For those that will be arriving on the Friday we will have the shed available for counter meals ( at your cost) and entertainment will be **Adam Toms**, and we are delighted to have the services of "Jefferson Smith and Band" to entertain us on Saturday night.

The committee has not only decided to make the Saturday Night a "**Fancy Dress**" affair, so get in the spirit and get creative with your costumes, we have also elected to hold a HUGE "**Tack Swap Meet**", I'm sure you ALL have some horse and or camping gear lying around that will never get used, so here is your chance to not only have a bit of FUN but maybe turn it into a bit of cash, so clean out your tack room and bring it along.

If you have already nominated or are about to and you are a Vegetarian, Please let me know so the appropriate meal can be organised.

Prizes will be given to the 3 Best/Creative costumes.

Nominations are a MUST for this weekend.

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## "Boomerang Ranch weekend"

Due to the incredible response to the announcement in the last 2 newsletters that we were holding this ride again in 2014 the nominations came in so fast that the ride is now full, in fact I received so many nominations that we are slightly over booked.

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## NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

David & Susanne Mueller, Lane Browne, Brian & Darcy Wendt & Sandra Eberle.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 175 Financial Members.

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I came across this poem the other day and thought, this has to be shared with our members, I'm sure you will all agree with me how good it is, enjoy the read and feel free to share it with all your horsey friends because it really is worth sharing.

***“The horse is flesh and blood on a noble scale”***

*We ask all members were possible to support our FANTASTIC club sponsors listed in this newsletter.*

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## JUST A HORSE

From time to time, someone will comment how they don't understand my passion for horses. When I try to explain they will generally reply by saying something like "...but it's just a horse!" I know then that I can't justify in their minds the distances traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved with owning "just a horse."

- Many of my proudest moments have happened with "just a horse."
- Some of my most peaceful and soulful memories have occurred when my only company was "just a horse."
- Some of my saddest times have involved "just a horse."
- Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, work hard and look longingly to the future
- In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse" will give me comfort, understanding and love that will put my soul at ease.
- "Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.
- "Just a horse" diverts my thoughts away from myself and the often trivial worries of the day.
- "Just a horse" is an embodiment of many of my hopes and dreams for the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of living in the moment.
- "Just a horse" is the thing that keeps me from being "just a person."

So the next time someone says to me it's "just a horse" I smile because "they" just don't understand.

## PORT & PIKELETS RIDE - COBAWS

Howdy all,

We all arrived bright and early at Cobaw State Forest, so we wouldn't miss out on some yummy pikelets, but what we didn't know was Petra and Brenda had made 160 pikelets 2 huge bowls of whipped cream and 4 assorted jams, what a huge effort and a very big thank you Brenda and Petra. We gathered around while eating the Pikelets and chatting away with hot cups of tea and coffee and some port, Brenda and Petra sure enjoyed their port after making the pikelets and Lloyd even tried a glass of port and also agreed that the port was enjoyable even tho he says he doesn't drink.

We all saddled up pretty quickly and set out on the ride, the weather was sunny and warmer than last years weather, it was a very chilly that day. I heard a few people talking how delicious the pikelets were and couldn't wait to arrive back for the other container filled with pikelets, everyone had smiles and they were laughing and joking, I think the port had something to do with it.

As we walked our horses along the rocky tracks with deep wide trenches uphill and downhill, this sure did test some horses to be really sure footed and it did make some riders a little concerned with their new horses, as you had to choose your paths very wisely.

We felt sorry for young Cooper as he kept loosing his stirrups along the way and we had to stop a couple of times for him, then someone broke their reins but was quickly repaired with the good ole cable ties.

We did have a rider who slipped out of their saddle due to their horse deciding to cat leap over a small log (it might have even been me!), They were quickly back in the saddle as quick as they hit the ground, Robbie didn't know if it was true or not, he is still in amazement as he got a call that a rider is off and to stop the ride, then the next second they said keep going they are back in the saddle and the ride wasn't stopped

We had lunch by a huge dam, everyone was chatting about how great the first half of the ride was. We also had a Boot Fashion parade by Lane, Cooper and our Lovely Miss Trina all wearing the same boots.

We continued along rocky tracks and then some sand tracks which made the ride interesting. We came across some huge boulders in the lovely scenery amongst the hills, a few of us over heard Rob say the track ahead is very interesting and we have to take care, a few of us just looked and said "interesting", we knew we were coming into some excitement. We also had

Lloyd who thought he was in high country with his horse, then we had Joe the eventer, we had a few horses playing up on the way back, I don't know if the horses or their riders were eager to get back for the left over pikelets.

We finally arrived back for the rest of the scrumptious pikelets, I think everyone worked up an appetite, the last container of the pikelets were quickly eaten by all, not one was unloved or wasted. Everyone stayed for a chat, port and a cuppa even the hot water was going before it boiled. Jan and a few people didn't help the billy boiling any faster - as they were watching it

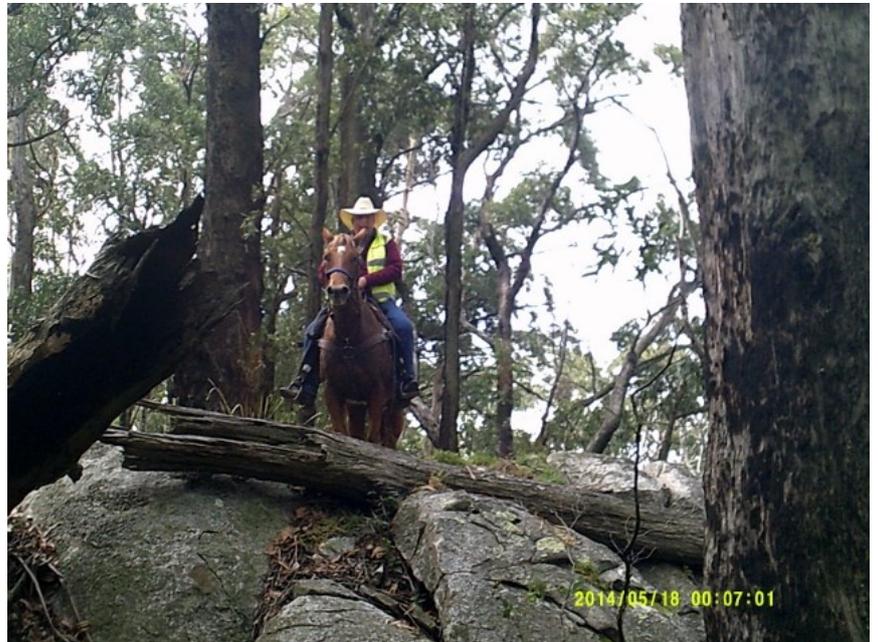
Everyone one had great smiles as they were leaving, it was a fantastic ride with great friends and with steep hills up and down.

I want to say a Big Thank You to Robbie for taking us on these great rides

Cheers

Tanya Prior





**Cobaw Forest Ride 2014**

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## "Christmas in JULY" @

Toolleen

July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Nominations/Enquiries: Lloyd Fletcher ph.  
0400 668 020

Email: [rcthrc1@hotmail.com](mailto:rcthrc1@hotmail.com)

or

Chris Haber: 0437 852 869 (Enquires)

**This ride is ONLY open to current RCTHRC members.**

**Non-Riding Family & friends welcome!**

**RCTHRC ride rules apply**

**Numbers are limited, so PLEASE get your nominations in early**

*You can arrive Friday afternoon if you wish. We'll be camping across the road from the Toolleen pub on the public reserve, so please be self-sufficient for a full weekend of camping for both you & your horse, including drinking water. Water for the horses, flushing toilets and a small undercover area with a BBQ are available at the reserve, we also have the use of the 'Big Shed' behind the pub for the dinner on Saturday night. Please let us know if you plan to have a meal at the pub Friday night so that we can give the publican a heads-up on numbers. There are trees on the reserve should you wish to night-line your horse, otherwise it's b.y.o. yards (hot or hard). If your horse is un-accustomed to hot-tape yards, RCTHRC recommends you familiarise your horse with it prior to arriving, as the reserve is on the corner of the main road and there is no fencing around the reserve should your horse escape. Manure must be spread and any rubbish taken home with you.*

**Please do not use the hard-yards on the corner opposite the pub.**

**What's included:**

## **NEWSFLASH**

**Fancy Dress for Saturday Night**  
**AND SUNDAY Tack Swap Meet.**

- Saturday trail ride.
- Saturday night 3 course meal of Bush Steak or Parma & home-made desserts.
- Live Saturday night entertainment & as much Fun as you can handle.
- Please don't forget to indicate if you are **Vegetarian** when nominating.

## Saturday trail ride

Horseless muster @ 9.30am, ride out 10.00am (Saddle Bag Lunch)

- *Horses that are known to kick MUST wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Horses must be reasonably fit and well-shod or have suitably conditioned hooves.*
- *Do not pass the ride leader or fall behind the drag rider without his/her permission.*
- *Always leave one horse length in between each horse.*
- *Always ensure to keep the horse in front of you in sight.*
- *Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult and wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *It is the rider's responsibility to inform the ride leader/organizer of any medical conditions that he/she may have.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*
- *No Stallions*
- *Dogs are permitted at your camp but must be kept on a lead & under control at all times.*

Feel free to ride Sunday; however this will not be an ATHRA sanctioned ride, so you will be riding at your own risk.

### Cost

\$50 RCTHRC Members (Riders & or Campers/Non-Riders)  
\$25 RCTHRC Members under 15 (child) (Riders & or Campers/Non-Riders)

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**For catering purposes nominations are required by  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.**

### Directions

MELWAYS REF. Map 609 H2

The Toolleen Hotel is on the Northern Highway approx. 25kms from Heathcote heading towards Elmore/Echuca.

**. Toolleen Hotel, TOOLLEEN, VIC  
Cnr Northern Hwy and Cornella Rd  
Toolleen VIC 3551. Ph. 5433 6220**



I/we will be attending the **RCTHRC "Christmas in JULY"**  
at Toolleen - July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

Name/s.....

Contact Number.....

Friday night meal at pub at your cost – yes / no

Vegetarian – yes / no

Non-Riding Attendee - yes / no.

Riding Saturday trail ride – yes / no.

Amount enclosed (if applicable) .....or

Date of DirectDeposit - .....

**Direct Bank Deposit info:**

**A/C Name: RCTHRC**

**Bank: CBA. BSB: 063 840 A/C: 1028 9173**

***Please insert your Surname & Christmas in the Reference Column***

**Or post to**

**RCTHRC  
3 Kevin Crt,  
Melton Sth, 3338**



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## **Newbury Ride - August 17<sup>th</sup> 2014**

This ride will start from Old Blackwood road Newbury in the Wombat Forest, with riding in the Newbury / Trentham area. Terrain will be mainly undulating with some hilly sections. Tracks and roads will be sandy with some gravel sections and there will be a need to cross bitumen roads a couple of times . Anticipated return to floats will be around 2:30pm where tea and coffee will be available.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.*
- *Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the float parking area must be on a lead at all times.*
- *All riders must adhere to the RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*

**Ride out time 10:00am.**

**BYO saddle bag lunch and drink.**

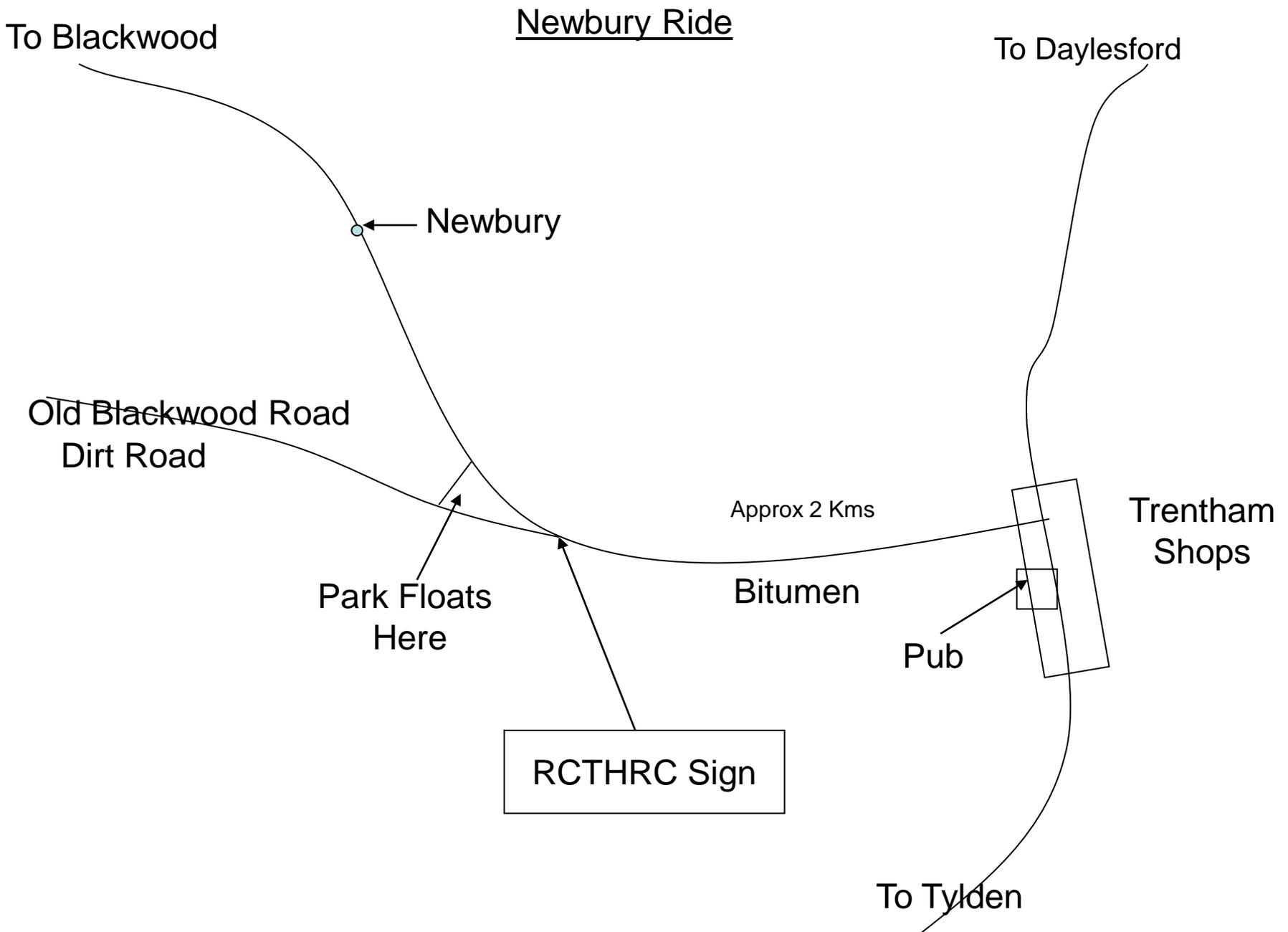
**Ride Leader: Rob Stephens**

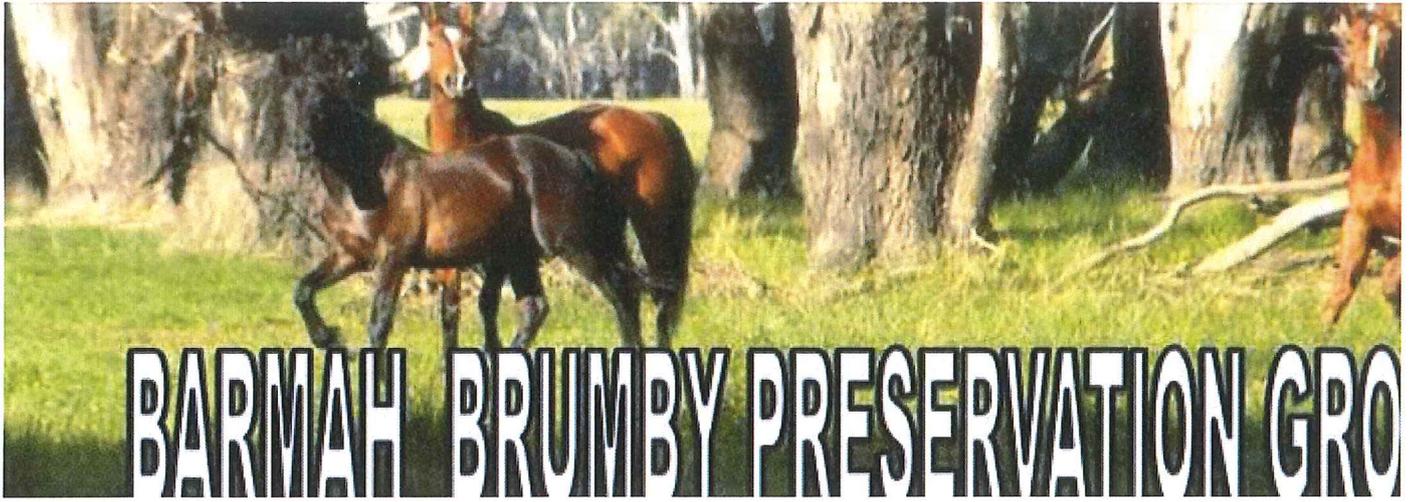
**Cost:** \$2.00 Members

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance

Enquiries: Rob Stephens 54282626 or 0437226266





**SAVE THE DATE – 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> August 2014 (tentative)**

**Currently in planning; Street Parade (ride your horse down the main street of Echuca), Entertainment, Education & Camp over in Echuca, to support the preservation of the Barmah Brumbies**

**Background Info:**

The Barmah Forest Heritage Horses are under serious threat as Parks Victoria has decided to remove them from the Barmah Forest National Park where they have lived for over 150 years.

ABA recently posted a Call for Action for people to complete a survey on Parks Victoria's website in regard to the Barmah Forest Brumbies. It was understood by ABA that no decision would be made on removing the horses until the stakeholders steering committee consultation process and final report were completed. However the stakeholders committee was informed late 2013, before their review was completed, that Parks Victoria had now made the decision to remove Barmah's Brumbies.

In collaboration with other interest groups, ABA has launched a campaign to save this important part of our history and culture.

Your support and help is needed to stop the removal of these amazing horses from the Barmah Forest that our club has enjoyed for many years.

Keep up to date with this fight and how you can support **Barmah Brumby Preservation Group** "face book page". <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640063936071221/>

# FEEDPLUS

## STOCKFEEDS

1486 Diggers Rest Rd ToolernVale

(Behind General Store)



### Hours

Monday 9am 5.30pm

Tuesday 9am 5.30pm

Wednesday 9am 5.30pm

Thursday 9am 5.30pm

Friday 9am 5.30pm

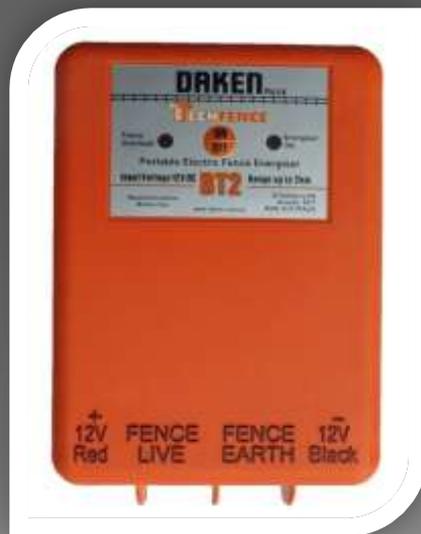
Saturday 9am-1pm

Sunday CLOSED

- Chaff/Pellets & sweet feed
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Creams/Bandages & Sprays
- Dog/Cat/Rabbit & Bird food
- Poultry Food
- Wormers & Molasses
- Rug Repair Service
- Hay/Straw & Bedding
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