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March 2018 NEWSLETTER

Update from the Secretary:

Hi all, FREE FOOD!!! Do I have your attention? Its AGM time folks, and we're putting on a free BBQ for members that attend. The BBQ will be at 6pm at The Path of the Horse in Trentham followed by our AGM. So please come along! Even if you don't do the arvo ride, even if you can't stay the night, pop past and be a part of the decision making and contributions to our club. The more the merrier! Also, I'm thinking of running another High Country ride in April to Razorback Hut, riding to Mt Stirling, perhaps Craig's Hut etc. Let me know if you are interested in this and I'll try and lock in some dates. Look forward to seeing you there. Yours on trails, Amy.

Next KDTRC Committee Meeting:

The next KDTRC Committee Meeting will be held at our March Ride and Camp at The Path of the Horse on 24th & 25th of March. AGM will be at 7pm on the Saturday.

KDTRC 2018 MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships are now processed online through ATHRA. Go to their website www.athra.com.au then click on Memberships. It will give you three options, click the most appropriate for you and follow the prompts. Once you get to the end, it will tell you that you can pay the **ATHRA amount \$100 online**, but the **KDTRC \$25 is to be paid directly to us**. Complete the ATHRA online process, and then either do a bank transfer into our account for the \$25 with your online banking (log on through your banks internet banking website), or just give us the \$25 on your first ride with us. So membership is: ATHRA \$100.00, KDTRC \$25.00 = TOTAL \$125.00

To ride with us if you are NOT a KDTRC member, fees are; **ATHRA members are \$5** and non-ATHRA **Day Members pay \$35**. If you are already an ATHRA member with another club but think you might end up riding with us frequently also, you may want to join our club as well for just \$25.

Bank details for KDTRCare:

Kyneton District Trail Riders

WESTPAC BANK

BSB: 033234

ACCOUNT NO: 561506

Make sure you put your name and 'membership' in the details section e.g. 'AmyGMship'.

KDTRC Ride Calendar for 2018

Ride calendar is subject to change. Please look for updates in the newsletter.

DATE	LEADER/PHONE	WHERE	TYPE OF RIDE
28 th January	AMY G 0408 342 990	BULLARTO	Let's cruise into the new year riding through the cool Bullarto area of Wombat Forest. You may even see a wombat! Hills, bush tracks, single trail, saddle bag lunch.
25 th February	JULIE SAMSON 5424 8545 - 0427 859586	SPRING HILL	Bush tracks, walk and trot. TBC lunch
10 th , 11 th , 12 th March <i>Labour Day Long Weekend</i>	LEANNE ROMASZKO 0415 760 058	HIGH COUNTRY - TOLMIE	High Country Riding! Your horse will need to be FIT and conditioned ready to ride two to three days in a row. Camping and fun funfun.
24 th & 25 th March	DEAN MIGHELL 0418 354 362	TRENTHAM – THE PATH OF THE HORSE	Afternoon ride Sat, AGM FREE BBQ then Sunday ride at The Path of the Horse.
29 th April	AMY GROSS & SALLY BENN 0408 342 990	AIREYS INLET	Bush and Beach riding!
27 th MAY	GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433	GREENDALE	Hilly bush tracks, beautiful gullies and saddle bag lunch at old mine. Intermediate Ride.
24 th JUNE	ALISON STONE 0427 169 791	TARADALE	Bush tracks and single trail. Hills, gullies, saddle bag lunch.
29 th JULY	AMY G 0408 342 990	HEPBURN SPRINGS – PUB RIDE	New ride from Daylesford to the Old Hepburn Hotel for pub lunch! Mostly bush single trail, hills.
26 th AUGUST	GARRY FISCHER 0400 640 433	MT EDGETON/BALLAN	TBC
29 th & 30 th SEPTEMBER	ARNOLD VAN ORSOUW 0425 885 201	ENFIELD	Two day camp at Enfield. Bush riding both days.
28 th OCTOBER	DI SYMONDS 0407 486 121	KORWEINGUBOORA	Bush tracks, saddle bag lunch.
25 th & 26 th NOVEMBER	GARRY FISCHER & JULIE SAMSON 0400 640 433	NEWBURY	Two day camp and rides. BBQ celebrations, lots of fun.

NEXT RIDE: KDTRC Trentham Rides and Camp, March Ride hosted by Dean, Di & Amy.

Where – 351 Domino Rd, Trentham VIC 3458.

When – **Saturday Ride:** 1:45 horseless muster for 2pm ride out. **Sunday Ride:** 9.45 horseless muster for 10am ride out.

Come and sign in with AMY

CAMP: You have been invited to camp the night at Dean's incredible facility – The Path of the Horse. He has welcomed us to use his club house which has 6 bunk beds available for use and an indoor toilet. A hot shower and kitchen that we can all use as well. He has said that he has done a bit of work since we all visited in November so it will be great to see the progress. He has 4 separate holding yards and we can set up electric yards for horses in his sand arena as well. There is also a big indoor shed to use if we need and about 20 fold out chairs. You will need to bring food for your horse, a bucket for their water, your saddle bag lunch for the Sunday ride. If you RSVP/Nominate quickly, you can use a holding yard for your horse, otherwise bring your electric yards. Amy will bring some boxes of cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, and milk for breakfast. Please remember to clean up after your horse whilst at The Path of the Horse and chip in where you can to what will be a lovely weekend. Camping will be a \$5 donation to The Path of the Horse.

AGM: Our AGM will be run after our Saturday afternoon ride and Free BBQ around 6-7pm. Please come along and join us! Please let Amy know if you can bring a salad, nibbles or sweet to share with the BBQ.

Raffle: There will also be a raffle for a beautiful painting by a local Trentham artist – Louise Otten. Tickets will be \$5.

Rides – Di will be hosting an afternoon ride for 2 hours on **Saturday**, leaving from The Path of the Horse. As Dean will be busy hosting the weekend, he has asked me to host the **Sunday** ride which will be throughout the Trentham forest tracks between Trentham and Lyonville. It will be the usual 3-4 hours ride with a break for a saddle bag lunch.

Conditions – Bush conditions, single tracks and old logging tracks. Shoes and boots recommended at this time of the year as the surface can be hard and stony at times.

Bring – Saddle bag lunch on Sunday, drink bottle, halter and lead.

Nominations/RSVP – Amy via text message on 0408 342 990 or click that you are attending the event on Facebook. Please let me know if you are coming to the BBQ on Saturday night, and what you may be bringing to share. Any non-ATHRA members must do the on-line Day Membership before they turn up to the ride.... see the ATHRA website for details.

KDTRC extra 'Green Beans & Nervous Nellies' Ride Calendar for 2018

Okay gang! Here's the rules/guidelines for these extra 'Green Beans & Nervous Nellies' rides.

There are limited numbers on these rides of around 6 riders not including the ride leader. Riders must be KDTRC members or prospective members. Priority will go first to those that are not yet able to go on our regular rides due to confidence issues, horse green etc. Then it will be those that go to our regular rides, but have a new or green horse that they are working that they have not bought on our regular KDTRC rides yet. Then it will go to those that have been on our regular rides, with this particular horse, but they have been having trouble. This will only be an issue if more than 6 people nominate to ride, and I will have to prioritise based on the above.

What the ride leader says – goes. Be prepared to be told to stop, slow down, get back behind the ride leader, give another horse some distance etc. I'm not being bossy, this is a learning experience for people and it needs to be respected.

Be prepared to be patient with other riders. We will ride to the ability of the most inexperienced horse/rider. We may have to stop, we may have to wait, and we may have to change our plans.

Think of these rides as a 'schooling' exercise for your horse. We may be changing locations amongst the group, doing a creek crossing, trying out taking horses past an obstacle like a scary bin, or a burnt out tree stump. We might spend some time at these things.

We may try different passes such as trot and canter in short controlled distances. We will only do this if everyone agrees to it and there will be no 'peer pressure'.

Expect that other people's horses may not behave, especially the Green Beans. You are all in the same boat be patient and forgiving, everyone will be doing their best.

DATE	LEADER/PHONE	WHERE	TYPE OF RIDE
14 th January	AMY G 0408 342 990	GLENLYON	Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, riding up a back road for 1.5kms, then bush tracks. Up to 10kms.
4 th March	AMY G	DAYLESFORD	Leaving from Ajax Rd, Daylesford. Riding bush tracks and single trail loop back to floats.
13 th May	DI SYMONS OR AMY	TRENTHAM	TBA details
10 th June	AMY G	GLENLYON	Leaving from the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve, riding up a back road for 1.5kms, then bush tracks. Up to 10kms.
12 th August	TBA	TBA	TBA
14 th October	TBA	TBA	TBA

KDTRC Ride report Spring Hill Ride – February Ride

Prepared by Julie Samson

Fourteen riders rode out from my place at Spring Hill, including one Prospective Member (Jordyn Prier joining her mother Karen, and two riders from Baringhup, Leigh and Glenn Casbault). A new member from Ballarat TRC, Annette Jackson, who had ridden with us years ago, also joined KDTR on the day... welcome Annette!

It was fine but very windy when we left but we all hoped that it would be calmer in the bush.... WRONG!!! We went down Salisbury Rd and discovered some new motor-bike trails in the forest there, over a tricky creek-crossing (where we surprised two gold-prospectors) and safely across Springhill Rd. Then, breathing a sigh of relief that no-one had fallen down a digging, we followed fairly wide tracks (Chesterville and Mudlark) while the wind seemed to increase to the point that it sounded like a freight train whistling past. The group stopped for a drink and brownie break and decided to continue, despite the conditions. Apart from seeing one big tree topple, we were unscathed and came home via Trentham Rd and verge by 2 o'clock, having done 19 km.

The BBQ was well under way, thanks to Joan and Kerryn, and we had some extra visitors, Sophie Lowe brought along two friends Lyn and Malcolm and Garry and Deb also came for the committee meeting. It was a lovely lunch; special thanks to Leanne for her lemon-curd cake (we all want the recipe, so you'd better put it in the newsletter please Amy) and Leigh's figs. Thanks to the other people who brought extra afternoon tea goodies; we managed to resist most of them. We had a quick committee meeting and discussed marvellous March (the Tolmie ride and the weekend at Path of the Horse) plus a few other rides on the ride calendar.

Big thanks to Leanne for being First-aider (not needed, hooray) and Matt Bourke exceptionally good Drag-rider. Huge thanks to all those thoughtful people who helped cook and clean up after the BBQ. I just feel incredibly relieved that we survived that amazing wind!!

Julie Samson
KDTRC