

HASTINGS TRAIL RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



Upcoming Rides

**Training Day Sunday 16th February
Wauchope Showground followed by AGM
and General Meeting**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Hastings Trail Riding Club (HTRC)

Hi Members and readers on our mailing list

Over the last few days I have been asked, by members and non members, questions about renewing their ATHRA and HTRC memberships, joining our Club, Day Memberships and Family Memberships.

Below I have categorized these areas and hopefully have explained the procedures for rejoining, joining and Day Memberships and answered some questions and queries.

Please read this and contact me if there are still questions. If I cannot answer them I will contact ATHRA and obtain the answers. Contact Margaret Bentley, Secretary margaretrichard@optusnet.com.au mobile 0402009432

Firstly, the ATHRA “year” and the HTRC “year” are the same – January 1st to December 31st. (I will cover the ‘October’ incentive in a section below)

That means if you join HTRC in, for example, April, you have eight (8) months membership until it finishes on 31st December. From the day you join you are also covered by the ATHRA Insurance, but only while you are a member. So on 31st December your membership and insurance ends and won’t start again until you rejoin.

Now the “October” bit – many years ago ATHRA started an incentive programme to encourage new riders to join. They call it “Three for free” – you will have read about this in our Newsletters. It means that if you join in October you have 15 months membership and you are covered by the insurance which starts the new year on 1st January. It is not just for new riders but also ex club members who would like to rejoin.

CURRENT ATHRA MEMBERSHIP FEES

Adult – riding member 18 years to 79 years - \$100

Junior - riding member 5 years of age to 17 years of age - \$40

Child – riding members under 5 years of age - \$20

Senior – riding member 80 years of age and over - \$60

Social – non riding member - \$30

Current HTRC Fee – Adults \$10

PROCEDURE IN SUMMARY

1. Current members must rejoin ATHRA ‘on line’ using the “Renewal” tab and pay the fee (see schedule) then put \$10 into the HTRC Bank Account
2. Family Membership \$100 to ATHRA and \$10 to HTRC
3. New members must join ATHRA ‘on line’ using the “New Membership” tab

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(see fee schedule) then put \$10 in the HTRC Bank Account

4. Day Members must register with ATHRA using "Day membership" tab and pay \$15. No payment to HTRC

PROCEDURE IN FULL

1. **Current members 'renewing' their membership**

Make your membership renewal using the ATHRA 'on line' website www.athra.com.au. Go to the 'Member Login and Renewal' tab and enter your existing membership number (if you don't know it contact the HTRC Secretary who has a list) which will then take you to your membership profile. Complete your payment, \$100 or \$60 for adults or \$40 for Juniors and the ATHRA on line membership registration system will send you a confirmation email. Please keep this as proof of membership.

2. **Family Membership**

A "family" is one adult riding member who is the parent or legal guardian and one riding child junior when registered or renewed at the same time. The cost is \$100. The Junior child is free.

Renew or join on line using the 'Family Membership' tab and two on line email confirmations will be sent out to you.

3. **New Members**

The same as above but use the "New Member" tab. This will create a new ATHRA membership number. Pay the schedule fee and confirmation will be sent to you.

***Finally – the HTRC deposit**

The second payment for ADULTS only. Juniors are free.

All adults that are renewing or new members need to make a Direct Deposit of \$10 into the Hastings Trail Riding Club bank account BSB 93200 Account No 132063 and send the Treasurer Sarah Glover a copy of your transfer receipt to sarahcando@hotmail.com

4. **Day Membership**

Limited to two (2) visits per calendar year, that is from 1st January to 31st December. There is a Day Membership page on the ATHRA website but in summary:

Two (2) visits per calendar year at \$15 a visit. The cost of one Day Membership registration can be credited towards a full ATHRA membership if paid for within seven (7) days of the date of your Day Membership. If the ride you have registered for is postponed for any reason by the Club you have registered to ride with, you will be required to have the date of the ride re-validated by ATHRA. That is, you must notify ATHRA within seven (7) days so that the Day Membership can be transferred as long as it is in the calendar year. HTRC must also notify ATHRA within seven (7) days.

There is no payment required to HTRC.

Hastings Trail Riding Club "Activities" Fee

Horsemanship/Training Day Fees

Attendance cost is \$5 per riding adult which will go towards hire of the venue. There is no charge for Juniors 5 years to under 18 years.

Trail ride

There is no fee charged to attend a Trail Ride.

UPCOMING RIDES

**TRAINING DAY SUNDAY 16th
FEBRUARY Wauchope Showground
followed by the AGM and General Meeting
Time: 8.00 for 8.30 am Start**

Enter via Wade Street off High Street Wauchope. *BlazeAid volunteers are camping near the stables so parking of trucks and floats

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can be either on the bitumen carpark or in the Centre Arena, preferably on the outside track.

What to expect: We will start with a short troop drill to get our horses settled and working in the covered arena situation with other horses.

We will then set up our Challenge course which will consist of going over the bridge, opening and closing the “noodle” rope gate, practising picking up garoche from a barrel, spearing the ring on the bull and placing the garoche in the second barrel and jumping over two jumps.

These may be practiced on the ground first to get your horse comfortable with these obstacles and then mounted.

If there are any issues with your horses that you would like covered on this training day please let me know and we will endeavor to help you.

Please let Denise know if you will be attending
Denise.wagner@bigpond.com
mobile 0427501006

RIDE REPORT

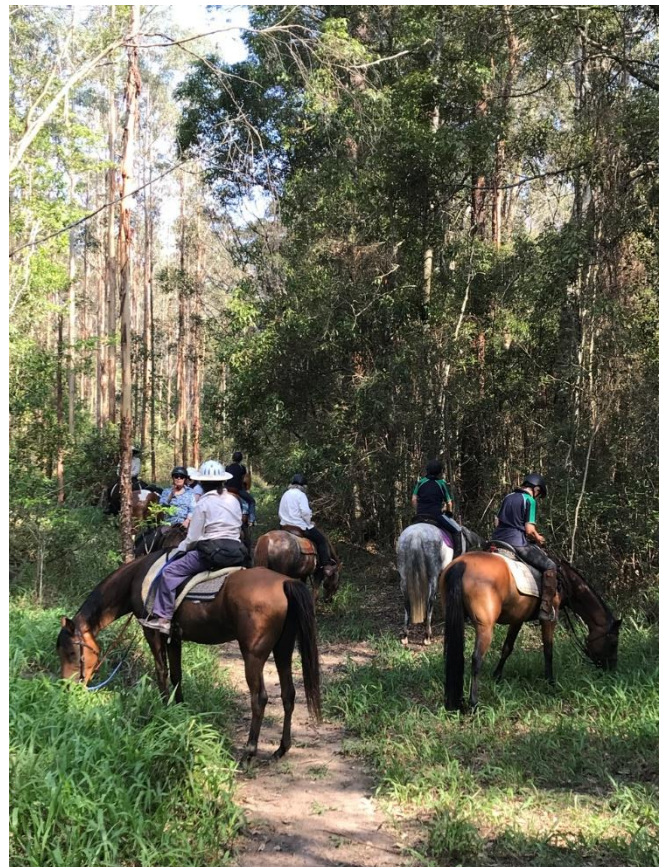
SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020

CAIRNCROSS STATE FOREST

This was the first ride of the year and we had 15 keen riders – Karen, Bridget, Warren, Hayley, Lesley, Gary, Chris, Kathy, Sarah, Margaret, Robyn C, Sorell, Robyn B, Emia, and Denise.

We had an early start to beat the heat which worked well. Margaret did a pre-ride talk and welcomed Kathy as a new member and visitors Sorell and Chris. We headed out in a group down 18.1 trail led by Gary who was following directions from our trusty navigator Robyn Coombes. Sarah wanted to give being drag rider a try and she was very happy with the way Delta settled at the back of such a big group. Margaret was a great trail boss with the always

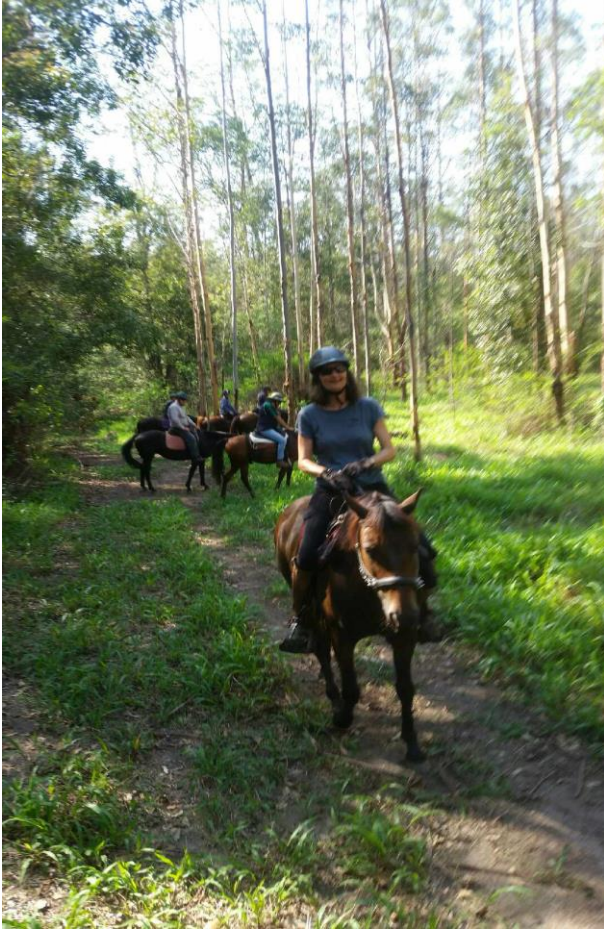
reliable Gemma and checking all were ok. The trails are great having recently been cleared, luckily they had not been impacted by the bushfires. There was lots of chatter while the horses settled, as many riders hadn't caught up due to the bushfires over the last three months. Although the trails were mostly shady, it was a very hot day so after 1 3/3 hours we broke off into two groups with some riders heading home and the other group led by Warren for a trot and canter. Visitor Chris joined this group and his horse went well. Kathy's lovely brumby came back with the first group and he was such a sensible boy. Both groups returned to the floats at about the same time where we rested our horses in the shade and had a welcome cold drink and our usual natter over morning tea. It was great to see everyone back riding again and we look forward to many more rides in our great forests this year.



Horses enjoying the lovely green grass, Sorell with Abbie, Margaret with Gemma in foreground

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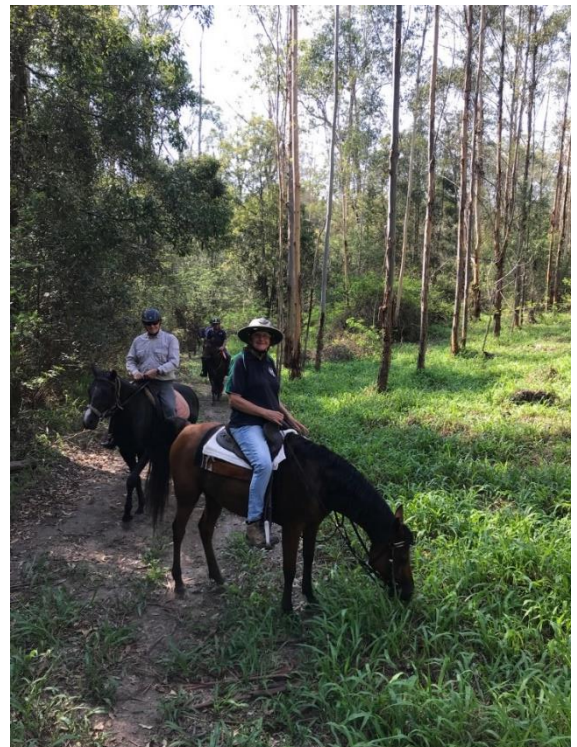
Kathy and beautiful Brumby Dodge



Karen and Skeet in foreground with Robyn C and Jaffa and Robyn B in background with Peaches



Beautiful Cairncross SF!



Lesley and George enjoying the green grass

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Visitor Chris enjoying the shady trail with the group taking a break



Bridget and Charlie and Denise with Trinity And Gemma's ears!