

R&M Horse Trail Riders Club

Newsletter January 2011

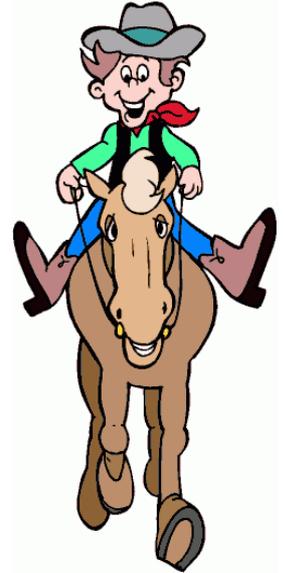
And here we are again at the beginning of another year. I don't think anyone could argue that we haven't had a fantastic year of riding, eating and socialising!

December 11th & 12th saw the final trail ride for 2010 at Lake Bonney, can I say I have lived in the town for over 10 years and I haven't ever camped down at the lake....WHAT HAVE I BEEN MISSING!!!!

On the Saturday we held the clubs AGM. Thank you to Dereck Clark, Anne Martin and Kiralee Melhuish our outgoing President, Vice and Editor. An EXTRA big thank you going to John Dyer and Jo Beccaris who have continued on their roles as ~~secretary~~, sorry, I mean secretary and treasurer.

Our 2011 Executives are:

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If you have any questions about our club please do not hesitate to contact any of the people above.

Saturday's Trail ride took us along the lake front to Apex park, along the way we found some fantastic sand hills, creek crossings (we did have to convince some of the horses/and riders that it was only a creek and not an evil wet horse eating monster), and of course logs, lots and lots of logs ☺ We got back and there were a couple of eager beavers who took their horses for a swim

That night's camp was a pretty quiet one with everyone eager to rest up for the OC pub lunch to follow the next day.

Sunday's ride was again fantastic the weather gods were definitely shining on us, though the rain from the previous week did create a couple of spotty horse sink holes that we had to watch out for.....secretly I think Tania was trying to see if she could make it to china! We got to the pub a little quicker than anticipated so a few of us decided to check out the OC walking trail (on horseback) the views were stunning and it was great to see all the water through the back channels again. We were at the Overland Corner Pub by 12pm and as usual we have great service and awesome meals. A big thank you to Andrew, Kate and the rest of the crew for putting up with us rowdy bunch!

It was then time to saddle up and head back to camp, which all were a little sluggish about! We made it home without incident and as the sun had kept us all quite warm we splashed about in the lake which all the horses thoroughly enjoyed.

FEES:

This year's fees will be
Riding Member - \$55.00
Junior Member - \$45.00
Social Member (non-rider)- \$35.00
Ride charge - \$5.00



Fees for 2011 are now due and are to be paid **PRIOR** to your first ride of the year. If payments are not received you will NOT be able to ride. This is for insurance reasons so please everyone make sure you see Jo Beccaris before you ride.

NO PAY = NO RIDE.

VISITORS:

Visitor fees are \$25.00, a visitor is a person that is NOT a member of ATHRA and attends a club ride – either as a rider or just as a spectator. **This is for insurance purposes.** All Visitors must be sponsored by an ATHRA member and can attend 2 rides before they need to join.

HORSEMANSHIP PRACTISE DAY'S

Due to the closure of the Bonneyview Farm Trail Riding Business, R&M will be taking over the running of the monthly practise days. The first one will be held on 29th January at Chlanda's Palace at 5pm. The following months practise day date will be set at the training day. Further details will be emailed out in the coming weeks. Contact Gill on 0410 221408 if you are attending.

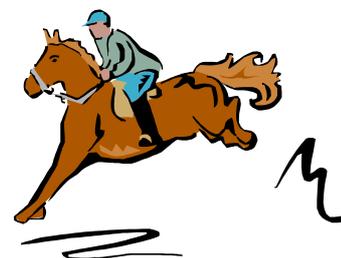
NEXT TRAIL RIDE:

Our calendar was also set at the AGM and Jo Beccaris will be hosting January's trail ride on the 30th. We are aiming to ride the old Gurra Hunt course however this will depend on River levels and weather. An email will be sent out closer to the time confirming all the details.

NEW MEMBERS:

A big G'day and welcome goes out to our new R&M members

Olivia Wade & BJ – Olivia is a local vet at the Riverland Vet Clinic and has been a yokel Riverlander for a number of years. Olivia "stole" BJ from the Bonneyview Farm team a couple of months ago, and they make a perfect match (even if I do say so myself). Olivia's partner Fred is just new to the horsey scene but don't be surprised if you see him cruising along on a ride before the end of next year!



MERCHANDISE:

Please let Cara know if you are interested in purchasing any R&M merchandise. If we have the interest we can do a bulk order of shirts/jumpers etc. We do still have a couple of caps available for \$15 each.

2010 CALANDER:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
30 January	Gurra Hunt Course	Jo Beccaris
27 February	Renmark SA	Jamie Butters
TBA March	Burra	Graham Radford
30 April	Shaw's Property (Overland Corner)	Gill Beeson
28 May	Waikerie	Peter Hopewell
TBA June	Waikerie	Ken Nitschke
31 July	Cooltong	John Dyer
28 August	Mystery Ride	Cara Beeson
24 September	Burra	Graham Radford
22 October	Kuitpo Forest	Tania Wooley
26 November	Spec's lakes Loveday	Anne Martin
10 December	Lake Bonney (AGM)	Gill Beeson

Please note: dates & venues subject to change
An email will be sent out 1 week prior to each ride confirming all details

