



MONARO HORSE TREKKERS INC

Australian Trail Horse Riders Association information

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This is an extract from the last newsletter providing details of the club's last rides. If you are not an MHT member and would like to request the full newsletter, email susan.mackenzie@ipaaustralia.gov.au

RIDE & EVENT REPORTS September 2011 – January 2012

“Wattle ride” Mt Majura - 3 September 2011

14 attended this ride to kick off the spring season. More were coming, with new inexperienced horses, so opted out to ride elsewhere. It was great to meet so many people who have been on the email list, but not seen regularly on the rides.

Thanks to Beth's hospitality the ride went well in still warm weather. There were a variety of wattles blooming, aside from the usual acacias (which is all I can recognise). The new horses handled the pistol range, busy road crossings, & higher than usual cavaleties without incident. We had the trail to ourselves which made it even better.

Thank you to all riders for making the day so pleasant. It was good to meet you, but frustrating that my fresh horse prevented me from getting close to you so I could have a decent conversation.

Sally Willoughby.

Cook to Dunlop loop - 17th September 2011

6 riders enjoyed an easy but long ride in beautiful spring weather with a slight breeze to keep us cool. We started off from Tulley's paddocks, & followed the BNT through the top part of the Pinnacles, past vineyards, a golf course & paddocks soon to be covered with suburbs, (enjoy the country while we can).

We reached Dunlop ponds where our coffee & tea person was waiting for us (such bliss). Amanda's little hardy mare kept up with Keven's big quarter horse as we made a fast return to Cook. Thankyou to Keven, Jenny, Amanda, Lynda & Ian for making an ordinary ride into good fun.

Sally Willoughby

Tallaganda Forest, Forbes Creek - 23 October 2011

This was a wonderful ride organised by our highly valued and dedicated trekker and trail boss, Angela Dulhanty. It was a rather warm but picture perfect spring day with 5 riders in attendance (Angela, Sue, Nic, Jenny & Simon), all but one with fairly green horses. This was a beautiful 15km loop mainly on quiet trails through native forest starting from Forbes Creek. Angela has befriended a local who very kindly allowed us to park our floats in an area adjacent his property. All horses behaved splendidly given their level of experience. For Nic and I, this was our horses 1st trekkers ride so we both felt relieved it had gone well



Thanks Angela for organising a lovely half day ride.

Sue

Forbes Creek, Tallaganda Forest Ride, 23 Oct 2011. From L, Simon, Jenny, Angela, Nic. Sue is taking the photo.

Tallaganda Forest – 27 November 2011

This ride was another wonderful ride organised by our dedicated trail boss Angela. There were I think 11 in attendance.

This was originally planned as a 20km loop via the historic Tallaganda Forest water wheel. However due to a large tree blocking our access, we investigated an interesting detour.

We followed minor tracks and forestry roads which led us through contrasting parts of the forest from exposed felled areas adjacent forest, to luscious temperate rain forest and fern trees. We rode approximately 20km according to my GPS.



Although there were no incidents, please remember to bring your boots if your horse is barefoot and tender-footed. Shoes or boots are recommended on all trekkers rides for the welfare of your horse. More information on this issue under reminders.

Tallaganda Forest ride - from Left Sally, Ian, Lynda, Angela & Hilary

Schofields Hut Working Party, 21-22 January 2012

As indicated in the last newsletter, MHT have agreed to be caretakers of Schofields Hut in KNP in collaboration with the KHA.

Hut History:

Schofields Hut was constructed around 1943 by Stan and Wally Schofield from second-hand materials on snow lease 50-65 of 1,240 acres. It was constructed for use by stockmen as part of the grazing activities of the area. There are old fence lines and stockyards within this area associated with the past use of the hut. It is a simple gable ended corrugated iron hut with a single room, with dimensions of approximately 6 metres by 3 metres. It has a fireplace and chimney which have recently been restored. The hut is located in the Tantangara area in the northern part of KNP.

Thanks Nic for volunteering again this year to co-ordinate this activity for the club. This is likely to be an annual event for the club for general maintenance. Any specialised structural work is done by KHA or national parks experts or contactors, while we will look after the easy stuff once a year.

Our first working party was held early this year over the weekend 21-22 January 2012. This was a popular weekend with about 10 keen MHT members. We attended to some general maintenance including 2 coats of paint on exterior woodwork. All of the work we do on the hut is approved before hand with the NPWLS, and done with the guidance of our KHA co-ordinator David Mitchell in accordance with the Heritage Action Statement. Nic looks after all the paperwork and approvals which is a rather arduous task. If you'd like any further info, Nic is the one to contact.

Thanks also goes to Karen and Mick who led a ride into Schofields on Saturday to help out with the working party. Karen also led a most excellent ride from Wares yards on the Sunday. There were 5 riders, including Adele and Andrew from Cumberland Club.



Left: Karen & Mick painting the gables of Schofields hut. Right: Schofields Hut briefing prior to work on Schofields. Photos provided by Nic Webb

See more photos of the Schofields working party weekend on the trekkers website.