



October 2013 Newsletter

Presidents Report

Well Spring has sprung and all of the horses are not only looking good but also feeling good. Thanks Don for doing the September ride, by all reports, I hear that it went very well. Our 10th anniversary dinner was also a great night and was very well attended. Thanks Leanne and team for organising such a great night. As you may be aware, we have recently had both our club secretary and treasurer resign from committee. This has left the club in a bit of a dilemma just a couple of months out from the next AGM. At our last club meeting on the 8th of October it was decided by all present that the best way to move forward is to hold the AGM a little earlier than usual. The meeting will be held on the 29th of October at the Kalkallo hotel at 7 pm. For the club to continue to move forwards, we need club members to attend this evening and also to put up their hands for a role on the committee for 2014. Being involved on committee is a great way to ensure that we all continue to enjoy great riding and friendships. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Coming up this month's ride will be held at Pam and Horace's place in Pyalong, details and directions later in the newsletter. This will be followed by our club's Christmas ride on the weekend of the 30th of November at Yarrowonga. Kim has been working hard on the weekend and it looks to be a great way to finish the year. Please make sure that you return your nominations for the weekend to Kim (this is necessary for catering).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

Happy Trails
Alan

GDTR owns stacks of equipment that is available for the use of its members. All you have to do is apply to the Property Officer to borrow something, and then return it in the same condition as soon as you've finished with it.

Contact Simon Mason 0418 526 960

Ride Report for the Rick Bannister Charity Ride

Chris Haber you need to be congratulated. This amazing fundraising event was your brainstorm. Along with Lloyd Fletcher you pulled off one of the most absolutely fabulous weekends of all time. Over the course of the weekend it never failed to amaze me on how professional yet so relaxed the whole thing was organized. To you Chris and Lloyd and all the people that helped put this event together give yourself a pat on the back, well done

But let me start at the beginning. Friday had finally rolled around and I was really looking forward to this weekend. By the time I arrived at Toolleen, Pete had the horses sorted and our camp all set up. [On ya Pete] it was great to catch up with people I haven't seen for a while.

There was a constant flow of floats coming in and as the arvo drifted by we all headed over to the pub where we had the use of the pub's Big Shed. We all enjoyed a beautiful meal and then we were entertained by a two piece band, and ohhhhhh what a night we had, parting away into the early morning hours.

Saturday morning the sun was shining and 78 riders saddled up their horses, we had a few excited steeds but nothing to worry about. We headed down the road and into the bush. We rode along some beautiful sandy tracks and there were a few opportunities for a canter. Smiles all around as we arrived back at the pub we all lined up out the front for a photo. Some chose to go off for another ride after we had a bite to eat, others like myself just sat back and enjoyed the sun and a couple of beers. About 6 o'clock we all headed back over to the shed for dinner. And once again Jimmy Webb out did himself with the food, it was beautiful and instead of the 2 courses we thought we were getting he arranged for there to be 3 courses. Such a generous man. Thank-you Jim.

After a few words from Rick's brother Jordon which I must say brought a tear to my eye and just reminded all of us why we were there. The auction begun, well Lloyd you and your team did an amazing job to pull that all together. It was a lot of fun. With a terrific band playing some of the best ever songs we proceeded to dance and party our way through to the wee small hours of the morning again.

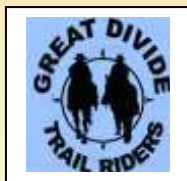
Sunday morning came around too quick, not surprisingly nobody was in a hurry to get going. As we waved goodbye to the last of you, Pete and I decided to stay another night, this had nothing to do with the amount of alcohol which we had consumed over the course of the weekend, Lol.

So in finishing, On behalf of my family we would like to say thank you **Chris Haber, Lloyd Fletcher and Riddles Creek Riding Club** for organizing such a special event, and allowing us to be part of it.

Cheers Leanne Horton.

Other upcoming rides

Date	Organiser	Location	Contact
Oct 12 th – 13 th	MTHRC	Mornington Peninsula	Denise Mazzon Ph: 0404 884 920
Oct 18 th – 20 th	RDA fundraiser	Wakiti Creek Resort, Yambuna	Wakiti Creek Resort Ph: 03 5867 3237
Nov 1 st – 5 th	RCTHRC	Barmah Muster Yards	Lloyd Fletcher Ph:0400 668 020
Nov 2 nd – 5 th	MTHRC	BNT ride, Jamieson to Toolangi	Mitch Kemp Ph: 0417 021 658
Nov 15 th – 17 th	ATHRA State Camp	Forrest	Jo Simms 0417527789 Jennifer Vasilj 0433555134
Nov 16 th – 17 th	MTHRC	Presidents BBQ – TBA	Tim Brudenell Ph: 0407 326719
Nov 24 th	RCTHRC	Camp 1, Mt Disappointment	Paul Peddie Ph: 0407 519 671
Nov 30 th – Dec 7 th	MTHRC	Mt Howitt, high country ride	Gordon Lyttle Gordon.lyttle@yahoo.com.au
December 27 th – 31 st	MTHRC	Caringal Scout Camp, Erica	Mitch Kemp Ph: 0417 021 658



GREAT DIVIDE
TRAIL HORSE RIDERS
**CHRISTMAS PARTY & RIDE
2013**

**ON THE MURRAY RIVER
YARRAWONGA REGIONAL
PARK**

NOV. 29 - DEC. 1



This is a full camping weekend. Arrive Friday if you wish.

Saturday ride out 10 am saddle bag lunch.

Saturday Xmas dinner 7.00pm 2 course meal

Cost; GDTHRC financial members FREE,

\$20.00 p/h non-members, \$5.00 non-members 5-12 Yrs.

Under 5yrs Free

Nominations are a MUST for all by November 9th.

Non-member nominations **Must** be paid in advance for your nomination to be accepted and are non-refundable.

Additional Information;

- Santa will be coming – Mum/Dad, please bring a gift with your child’s name on it for Santa to present (\$20 maximum value)
- Dinner will be followed by Raffles, Music and Dancing –**BYO plate and cutlery** as this is a take in take home rubbish policy and to be environmentally friendly.
- B.Y.O Drinks and all food for weekend except Saturday dinner
- Bring all horse feed there is limited grass. Grass hay allowed. Some night lining will be available otherwise electric/portable fence.
- Toilets are provided
- Dogs are welcome but **MUST** be under owners control **AT ALL TIMES**
- Manure to be spread into the treed area.

Due to catering being provided nominations are a **MUST** with cheque or direct deposit payable to GDTHRC by 9th November 2013 sent to:

GDTHRC Inc.

K.Fawcus PO Box 32 Strath Creek 3658

Acc Name. Great Divide Trail Horse Riding Club.

BSB 083 644 Account No-558746514 NAB

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DEPOSIT AS A REFERENCE

Note: a cancellation fee of \$15.00 applies to GDTHRC members that nominate & don’t attend

I/WE will BE ATTENDING THE GDTHRC CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER on SATURDAY.

NAMES	MEMBER Y/N	AGE IF CHILD	AMOUNT \$	Vegetarian Yes/No
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CHEQUE INCLUDED or DIRECT DEPOSIT Amount \$.....



DIRECTIONS

We will be camping on Nevins's Beach.

The turn off to the river is from the Murray Valley Highway, approx. 10 min drive from Yarrawonga.

If coming from Cobram end turn left into Nevins's Road, if coming from Yarrawonga turn right into Nevins's Rd. Come to T intersection turn left into West Wrights Road then first right into Nevins's Bend Road follow road into forest. Follow Collins Lane then onto Gravel Bend Track follow to the river. There will be Great Divide signs and tinsel on the trees to follow.

The Parks Vic Yarrawonga Regional Park map available on web site has tracks marked.

Any enquires call Kim Fawcus 0400278555 or email kimandglen02@gmail.com

RIDE CALENDAR 2013

DATE	HOST	DESTINATION
October 26 (Saturday Ride)	Pam McGuire 0431 618 111	Pyalong
Tuesday 29th October	Extraordinary AGM	Kalkallo Hotel Hume Hwy Kalkallo 7.00pm
Nov 30-Dec 1 XMAS PARTY	Kim Fawcus 0400 278 555	Yarrawonga
Dec 26-Jan 3	Simon & Al Mason 0418 526 960	Snowy Mountains
March 2014	Goulburn Options Charity Ride for Maddison Simon & Al Mason 0418 526 960	Flowerdale

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If extreme weather conditions are forecast for the day of a planned ride, it is your responsibility to phone the ride host and re-confirm that the ride is going ahead !!

Crisis Meeting.....GDTR - your club, is in trouble folks!

With the same people toiling away on the committee for the last 10 years, we need some new faces and fresh blood to take up the challenge of being on the committee and running the club in 2014. It's not hard work, and with a minimum requirement of just 4 meetings to be held a year, it won't bite into your time too much. Not to mention the added incentive of having your club membership paid-for while you're on the committee. As always, no committee – no club, so the club's future is in your hands.....

Please come to the AGM – it's on Tuesday 29/10/2013 @ 7.00pm at the Kalkallo Hotel, Hume Hwy Kalkallo – dinner from 6.00pm / meeting from 7.00pm.

**GDTR WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
& THANK OUR SPONSERS;**



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