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RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB **FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

MARCH 8TH – 10TH
(Labour Day)

ENFIELD – JOHN BRADY'S
(Ride notice – Attached) **Nominations by 3rd March**

APRIL 18TH – 21ST
(Easter)

ANNUAL EASTER CAMP - GLENLYON
(Ride notice & forms – Attached) **Nominations by 4th April**

MAY 18TH

PORT & PIKELETS RIDE- COBAWS
(Ride notice – Attached)

JUNE 7TH – 9TH
(Queens Birthday)

ELDORADO CAMP
(More info later)

JULY 19TH – 20TH

XMAS IN JULY - TOOLLEEN
(Ride notice – Attached) **Nominations by 14th July**

Hi everyone,

Jam packed newsletter this month with all the rides planned so far and all the news from the past 2 months. We'll be giving you plenty of time to organise your diary and ride notices will be re issued closer to the dates.

Please take note of the nomination date March 3rd for the Labour Day weekend at Enfield – haven't given you much time for this one so be quick and get your names down.

Thanks to all the members who attended the open meeting at Macedon in February, your input to the club and thoughts on future rides was most appreciated and has put some interesting ride options on the radar.

Enjoy ☺

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

I sincerely hope you all had a GR8 Xmas and welcomed in 2014 in style, 2014 is the "Year of the Horse" and the club will defiantly be running a lot of fantastic rides thru out 2014 so we can all celebrate the year of the horse with our beloved friends.

The club meeting held in February at the Macedon Railway Hotel was well attended and the committee was pleased with the member input, as a result we have a lot of GR8 rides planned for the year and look forward to enjoying them with fellow club members.

We really need some members to step up and volunteer to do the odd ride report after 1 of the rides, I'm sure you are all getting sick of reading my version of the rides and it's really not that hard to do and you would only need to do 1 a year.

Australia Day at Anglesea

The 2014 RCTHRC Anglesea Australia Day weekend was again a huge success and I'm sure all that were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

(Ride Report attached)

BULLENGAROOK TO MACEDON RAILWAY HOTEL

FEBRUARY 16TH

We had an absolutely GR8 ride and all had an enjoyable day.

(Ride Report Attached)

Labour Day Long Weekend 2014

We will be holding a Camp Ride at John Brady's property at Enfield near Ballarat, John's property is fully equipped for Horse Camps, showers, toilets, BBQ area & camp fire hut. We will be led by John and riding in the Enfield State Forest, this is a new location for the club and promises to be a GR8 weekend.

Nominations are a MUST for this weekend.

(Ride Notice Attached)

"EASTER at GLENLYON 2014"

This is will be our 22nd year at Glenlyon and we are looking forward to another GR8 Easter camp, as we will be having a catered dinner on the Saturday night we do require nominations.

Nominations are a MUST for this weekend.

"Cobaws Port and Pikelet Ride from Benloch end."

Our infamous **Port & Pikelets** ride is on again this May, this is truly a GR8 social ride/event, one not to be missed.

"Queen's Birthday" weekend - ELDORADO

This ride is for RCTHRC Members & family ONLY due to the limited number of horses allowed by the caravan park. If you plan on attending you will need to nominate **ASAP** as I already have quite a few nominations.

Nominations are a MUST for this weekend.

"Christmas in JULY."

We will be celebrating Xmas in July at the "Toolleen Hotel" in 2014 as a new ride/camp, this promises to be another FUN weekend at the Toolleen pub, catered Saturday night meal and we are happy to be able to have the services of "Jefferson Smith" to entertain us on Saturday night.

(Ride Notice Attached)

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Tania Graham, Mathew Browne, Lauren Redman, Alicja & Lawrence Milina, David Wallace, Sandra Barbara, Billie Atkinson, Tracy Kingdon, Stuart Reece, Brenda Scott, Dianne Sloley, Liz Attard, Ruth Palamountain, Jenni Walghauser, Robyn & Elle Thiessen, Leanne Romaszko, Leena Renkauskas, Jenny Mirams & Debbie Bough.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 145 Financial Members.

Membership Renewal

RCTHRC membership, is now over due for 2014, please don't leave it till the morning of a ride to renew as it makes it quite busy for me as I'm trying to saddle up.

If you have a junior to renew there is 1 additional form that must be filled out for juniors.

Please contact me if you require additional forms emailed to you.

"There is just as much horse sense as ever, but the horses have most of it."

We ask all members where possible to support our FANTASTIC club sponsors listed in this newsletter.

"Anglesea 2014"

Due to my Daughter getting married on the Friday I was not able to get to Whinbury Hill till early Saturday morning, driving down I was a bit concerned as the weather wasn't looking too good, fortunately it started looking better the closer I got and stayed that way all weekend. After arriving and saying Hi to everybody I tendered to Woopi and then had a nice cuppa, Brenda & Petra were well in control of all the paperwork so it was time to saddle up, Gill had told me that she was going to take us on a track that she hadn't used for quite while and it should be a nice change. 35 of us headed off and all was looking good for another GR8 weekend camp, we rode thru some nice trails, plenty of ferns and nice sandy tracks, there were a couple of good long cantering opportunities for those wanting to speed up the pace a bit. As we arrived at the lunch spot we could smell the snags cooking, Back-Up Bernie and his troop of assistants (Mick, Chris, Colin & Allison) had the barbie well and truly going and Gill's hubby Garry had the eskys full of nice cold beverages waiting for us. After a nice leisurely lunch we started back, at this stage Gill had said that she was going to take a new way back and it should be a good ride. Well off we set and after an hour or so I looked at Gill and she didn't look as confident as usual, she had somehow missed a turn off somewhere behind us.

After a few members had consulted their GPS's so we kept going until we came across a few dirt bike riders and after talking to them Gill decided to turn back and head back the way we had just come, not far back and she had found her turn off and all was looking good as we were back on track. We eventually made it back to camp having covered 38Km in app7hrs. some feeling a bit sore in the saddle contact area, but all in good spirits. After looking after the horses and a quick shower it was off to the Anglesea Pub for dinner then back to camp for the usual camp after party and from what I'm told they sure did party till early in the morning.

Sunday and it was decided that a shorter ride was required for today's ride, 30 riders left just after 10-00 and Gill had everybody back at camp by 1-00. The BBQ was again in full swing and after a filling lunch thanks to Bernie & Mick some of the members started a new camp game called "*The Truth Chair*" it involved someone sitting in the chair and being required to answer truthfully any & all questions, well let me just say that I learnt a whole lot more than I would have ever expected about many of our members! We had a ball and some of the questions and for that matter the answers were unbelievable, I have not heard so much laughter from so many for a long while, unfortunately you had to be there, as I believe in "*what happens at camp stays at camp*", I'm sure we haven't seen the last of "*The Truth Chair*" at our camp rides.

It was time to head off to the Mt Moriac pub for an early dinner as we had been lucky enough to get tickets (thanks Gill) to the "**Double Dan's**" show being held at the local pony club.

After the show it was back to camp for the continuation of the after party, which again run into the wee early Hrs of the morn, as I awoke Monday morning I half expected to see

members with their horses running around with no halters on trying to emulate what they had seen the night before at the Double Dan's show, thankfully this wasn't the case.

It was also encouraging to see some members stepping up and volunteering to assist on the rides and giving the usual volunteers a well-earned rest, in particular Julie (First Aid under Trina's guidance) and Kim as Drag, well done Ladies and I sincerely hope more members put their hands up in the future.

To sum up our Australia Day weekend at Whinbury Hill, I would simply say,

What a FANTASTIC weekend we all had and I would like to thank the 41 that attended and to Gill and all our members for making it another memorable camp, roll on 2015.

Lloyd.







Macedon Pub Ride.

I arrived at Water Loo Flat road about 8 and to be quite honest the weather wasn't looking the best, after saddling Woopi I started getting all the paperwork ready when Robbie arrived and from then on it was a constant stream of floats pulling up and unloading, most were wearing jackets and asking what the weather was going to do, being the ever optimist I kept answering "*it will be fine*" little did I know I was to be proven right for a change and the weather was quite kind to us, it was good to see most members shedding their jackets at the pub as it was getting quite muggy.

53 riders headed off about 10-15 after waiting for a couple of late arrivals and Robbie led us thru the Wombat Forest bush bashing as we all chatted and enjoyed the morning sun peeping out, we arrived at the pub just before 1 to be greeted by 8 family and friends and after caring for our beloved horses we all headed over to the pub for lunch and a few beverages.

It was interesting watching as everybody was quite eager to get the meal they had ordered and as the waitress' started coming out it was a bit of a juggle as to who got what, after a bit of an extended lunch break we headed back to the floats and true to his word Robbie took the quick way back and we were there in just over an hour. After tending to our horses most enjoyed a cuppa and cake and continued chatting about the GR8 ride Robbie had led us on.

It was also good to see the 6 new members had become part of the family and were enjoying themselves with their new riding buddy's.

Lloyd.



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John Brady's - Enfield **Labour Day Weekend 8th-10th March 2014**

**THIS CAMP is ONLY OPEN to current R.C.T.H.R.C. MEMBERS
and their Families.**

You can arrive Friday afternoon if you wish.

We will be camping on private property at John Brady's at Enfield, water, showers & toilets are all on site, we will have water on a trailer to deliver to your horse yards which you will need to erect for your horse or may choose to use the communal paddock.

We will be supplying a Juke Box for nightly entertainment and a Huge BBQ on the Saturday Night; all other meals are your responsibility.

We will be riding in the Enfield State Park and surrounding plantations, terrain will be flat to slightly undulating.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *No Stallions.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.*
- *Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the camp area must be on a lead at all times.*
- *All riders must adhere to the RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*

Ride out time both days, 10:00am.

Horseless Muster both days 9=30am

Saturday, BYO saddle bag lunch and drink.

Sunday, we will ride to the local hotel for BBQ style lunch (cost \$12) and a short return ride back to camp.

Ride Leader: John Brady

Trail Boss: Rob Stephens

**Cost for the WEEKEND: \$50 per Adult
 \$25.00 Children under 15
 Children under 5 FREE**

Nominations are a must for this weekend as we need to know numbers for catering purposes.

Nominations MUST close on Monday 3rd of March.

Nominations : Lloyd Fletcher 0400 668 020 or rcthrcl@hotmail.com

**John Brady's address, Lot 76 Flemings/Grubbed Road,
 Enfield.**

Proceed along the M8 to Buninyong which is to the south of Ballarat. (7 KLM from the city centre) At the cross roads, adjacent to the Buninyong hotel, take the road to the south which heads out towards Garibaldi and Mount Mercer. Proceed along this road for approx. 16 KLM till you reach Grenville, which only has a public hall on the right hand side. After passing the public hall you will come upon a road on your right called Flemings Road. Take this road and proceed along the road for approximately 6 KLM. The road has a dog leg which you will go right and left at within 50 metres of each other..

After the dog leg as you drive along Flemings Rd, you pass South Road on the left hand side. You proceed straight along Flemings Road for another 2 KLM and you will reach the front gate of the property on the left hand side, there is a big set of double gates with lot 76 on them. Proceed through the double gates, drive through the Blue Gum plantation for 1 KLM and you have arrived.

The property can also be approached from Ballarat by taking the Ballarat , Colac Road, whereby you reach the town of Enfield and on your left you will see a road called Grubbed Road, which runs through the Enfield state forest. You proceed along this road for 5.5 KLM till you arrive at the set of double gate to the property on you right hand side (as you are coming from the other direction.)

Note, these distances mentioned in the directions are approximates.



2014 EASTER CAMP – GLENLYON
BY INVITATION OF RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB INC.

- **WHERE: GLENLYON PONY CLUB GROUNDS – GLENLYON**

WHEN: EASTER – April 18th – 21st April 2014

(You are welcome to arrive on Thursday afternoon if you wish.)

RIDE OUT TIMES:

FRIDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	12:30PM
SATURDAY	FULL DAY RIDE	10:00AM
SUNDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	12:30PM
MONDAY	HALF DAY RIDE	10:00AM

COST: R.C.T.H.R.C. MEMBERS & Family \$50.00 PER PERSON,

**Non Riding visitors /ATHRA Members \$60 & all Juniors 12 and under \$25 for the weekend, includes, camping, Saturday Night Catered Dinner & all rides.
Kid's under 5 FREE.**

Saturday Night only, catered dinner & camping/ride \$25.

If you only want to ride/stay 1 night other than Saturday night cost is \$10

As we are having a catered dinner on the Saturday Night, Nominations are a MUST no later than the 4th of APRIL 2014

\$25.00 PER PERSON PER DAY FOR NON ATHRA MEMBERS

(Non ATHRA riders may only ride twice with ATHRA clubs before becoming members)

This applies whether camping/camping & riding or riding for a day only.

- There is plenty of room at the Pony club grounds for camping. There are toilets, water taps and mineral springs. A well sheltered, secure 40 acre paddock is available for the horses, or you can use your portable yards.
- There are only limited trees for night-lining.
- You will need to bring your usual camping gear, for you and your horse including food.

COME ALONG AND HAVE AN EASTER AFFAIR WITH US

This has been a very popular camp over the last 20 years with lots of riders coming from other clubs. It's a great opportunity to meet new and old faces, swap yarns, have a drink, sit around the fire or dance the night away with the Juke Box, yahoo and anything else you can think of , so come along and help us **CELEBRATE EASTER** at GLENLYON.....

Hope to SEE YOU THERE.

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *No Stallions.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have Ambulance cover.*
- *Dogs are not permitted on the ride itself but when in the camping area must be on a lead at all times.*
- *All riders must adhere to the RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition prior to the commencement of the ride.*

Information and Nominations to, [Lloyd Fletcher 0400668020/9743 5582](tel:0400668020) or rcthrc1@hotmail.com

Refer page 2 for Nomination form and map.

Please return the following section with your cheque made payable to

RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB. (Mail to 3 Kevin Court, Melton South 3338)

or Email, rcthrc1@hotmail.com

Direct Deposit, Acc Name. Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club.

Bank CBA (Commonwealth) BSB No. 063 840

Acc No. 1028 9173

Due to catering requirements NOMINATIONS required no later than the 4th of April 2014,

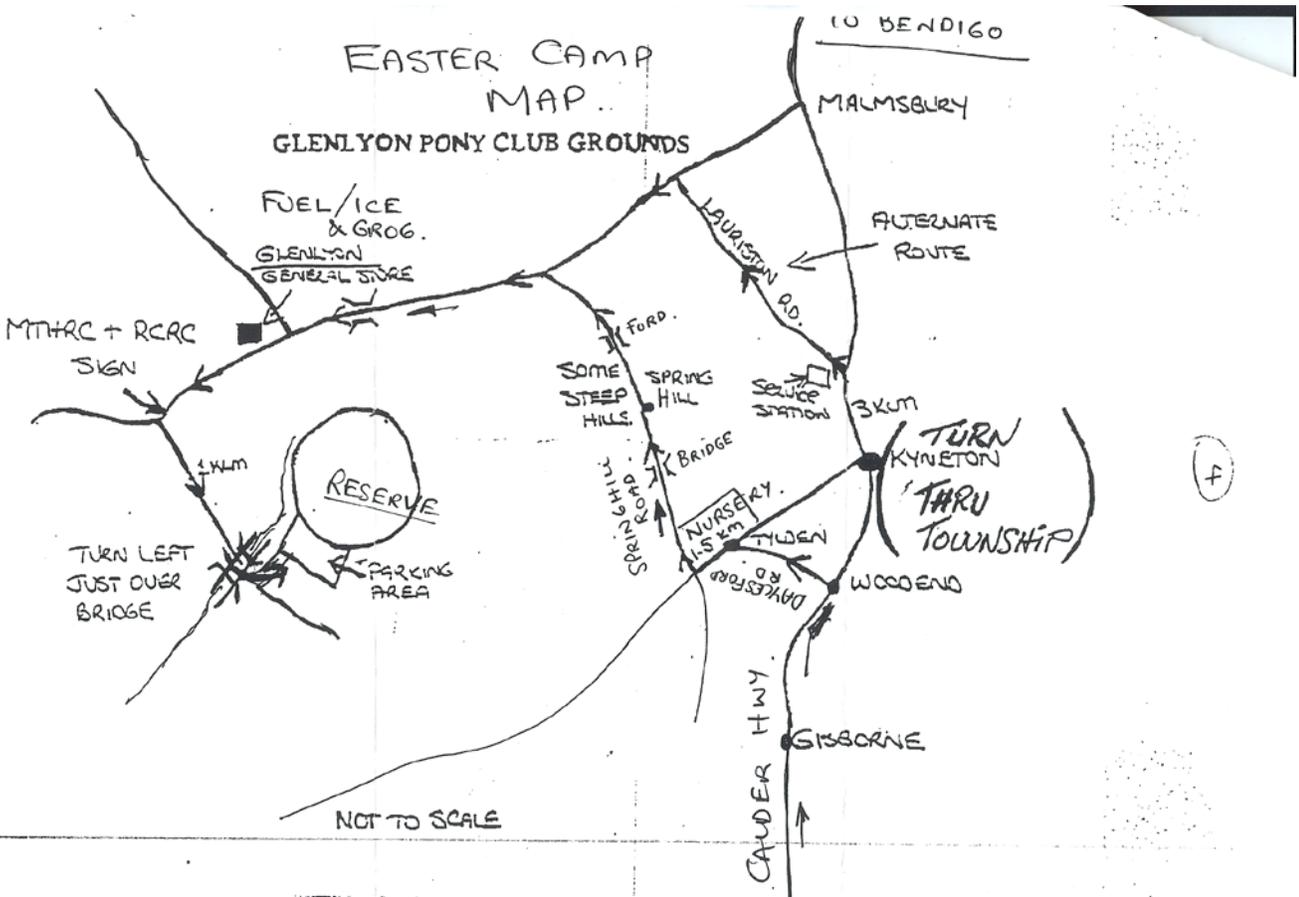
I/We will be attending Glenlyon for the 2014 EASTER Weekend.

Name/s _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Total amount payable \$ _____

****CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT CAMP****





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Cobaws Port and Pikelet Ride from Benloch end. Sun 18th May 2014

Come and join us for a lovely Port and Yummy Pikelet's with cream & jam, for those that don't drink, we will have plenty of tea & coffee to enjoy with your pikelets.

The ride will start just off the Burke and Wills track at Benloch. Parking will be a short distance from the turn off and RCTHRC signs will be displayed.

Riding will be on sandy / gravel, roads and tracks with flat to undulating terrain. There may be the odd hill but they will not be too severe.

Tea and coffee & hopefully some pikelets & cream left over from the morning will be available after the ride approx. 3:00 pm

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a Signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover*
- *All riders must adhere to RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition Prior to the commencement of the ride.*

Ride out time 10.00am but will need to be ready by 9:30 in order to enjoy the refreshments before we start.

BYO Saddle bag lunch and drink.

Ride Leader: Rob Stephens Enquiries: 0437226266

Cost: \$2.00 Members.

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance.

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance.

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Reg No A0002157C



"Christmas in JULY" @ Toolleen

July 19th -20th

Nominations/Enq: Lloyd Fletcher ph. 0400 668 020

Email: rcthrc1@hotmail.com

or

Chris Haber: 0437 852 869 (Enquires)

This ride is ONLY open to current RCTHRC members.

You can arrive Friday afternoon if you wish. We'll be camping across the road from the Toolleen pub on the public reserve, so please be self-sufficient for a full weekend of camping for both you & your horse, including drinking water. Water for the horses, flushing toilets and a small undercover area with a BBQ are available at the reserve, we also have the use of the 'Big Shed' behind the pub for the dinner on Saturday night. Please let us know if you plan to have a meal at the pub Friday night so that we can give the publican a heads-up on numbers. There are trees on the reserve should you wish to night-line your horse, otherwise it's b.y.o. yards (hot or hard). If your horse is un-accustomed to hot-tape yards, RCTHRC recommends you familiarise your horse with it prior to arriving, as the reserve is on the corner of the main road and there is no fencing around the reserve should your horse escape. Manure must be spread and any rubbish taken home with you.

Please do not use the hard-yards on the corner opposite the pub.

What's included:

- Saturday trail ride.
- Saturday night 2 course meal of Bush Steak or Parma & home-made desserts.
 - Live Saturday night entertainment & as much Fun as you can handle.
 - Please don't forget to indicate if you are **Vegetarian** when nominating.

Saturday trail ride

Horseless muster @ 9.30am, ride out 10.00am (Saddle Bag Lunch)

- *Horses that are known to kick MUST wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Horses must be reasonably fit and well-shod or have suitably conditioned hooves.*
- *Do not pass the ride leader or fall behind the drag rider without his/her permission.*
- *Always leave one horse length in between each horse.*
- *Always ensure to keep the horse in front of you in sight.*
- *Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult and wear an approved riding helmet.*
- *It is the rider's responsibility to inform the ride leader/organizer of any medical conditions that he/she may have.*

- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover.*
- *No Stallions*
- *Dogs are permitted at your camp but must be kept on a lead & under control at all times.*

Feel free to ride Sunday; however this will not be an ATHRA sanctioned ride, so you will be riding at your own risk.

Cost

\$50 RCTHRC Members (Riders & or Campers/Non-Riders)
\$25 RCTHRC Members under 15 (child) (Riders & or Campers/Non-Riders)

Numbers are limited, so PLEASE get your nominations in early

For catering purposes nominations are required by
Monday 14th July 2014.

Directions

MELWAYS REF. Map 609 H2

The Toolleen Hotel is on the Northern Highway approx. 25kms from Heathcote heading towards Elmore/Echuca.

. Toolleen Hotel, TOOLLEEN, VIC
Cnr Northern Hwy and Cornella Rd
Toolleen VIC 3551. Ph. 5433 6220



I/we will be attending the **RCTHRC "Christmas in JULY"** at Toolleen - July 19th & 20th 2014

Name/s.....

Contact Number.....

Friday night meal at pub at your cost – yes / no

Vegetarian – yes / no

Non-Riding Attendee yes / no.

Current ATHRA member No _ _ _ _ _

Riding Saturday trail ride – yes / no.

ATHRA club name

Amount enclosed (if applicable)or

Date of Direct-Deposit.....

Direct Bank Deposit info:

A/C Name: RCTHRC

Bank: CBA. BSB: 063 840 A/C: 1028 9173

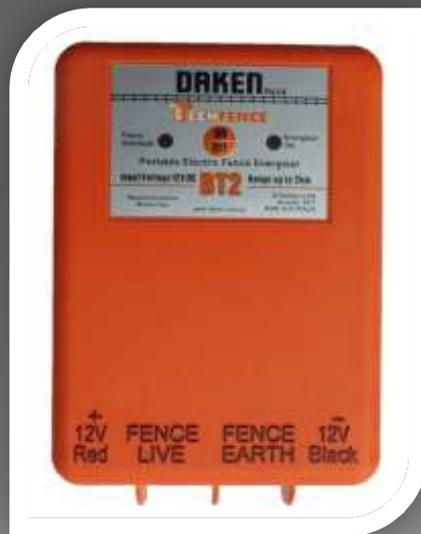
Please insert your Surname & Christmas in the reference column

Or post to

**RCTHRC
3 Kevin Crt,
Melton Sth, 3338**

Dakenag

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