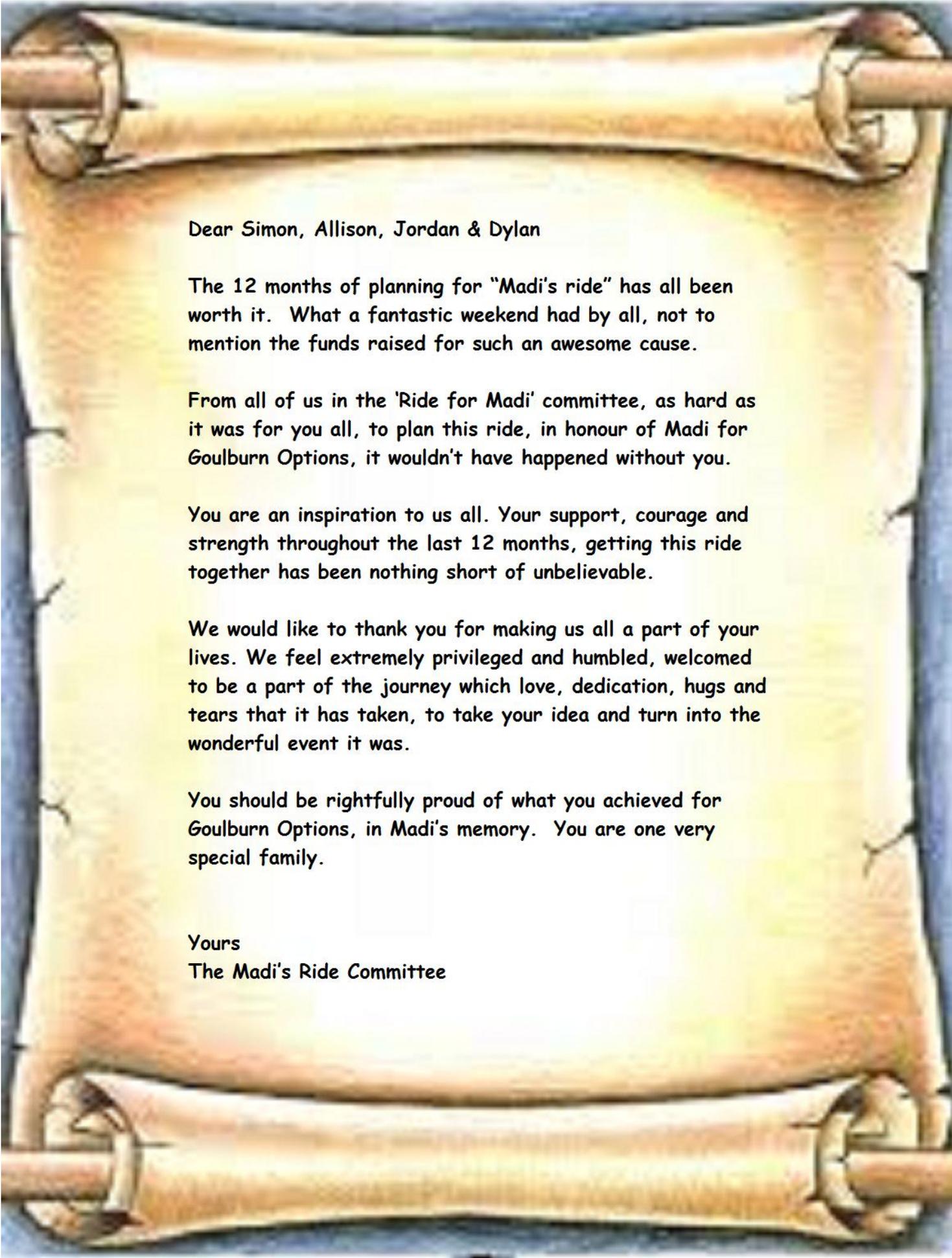




Newsletter

March 2014



A scroll with text on it, featuring a light brown parchment-like background with dark brown borders and four wooden rollers at the corners. The text is centered and reads:

Dear Simon, Allison, Jordan & Dylan

The 12 months of planning for "Madi's ride" has all been worth it. What a fantastic weekend had by all, not to mention the funds raised for such an awesome cause.

From all of us in the 'Ride for Madi' committee, as hard as it was for you all, to plan this ride, in honour of Madi for Goulburn Options, it wouldn't have happened without you.

You are an inspiration to us all. Your support, courage and strength throughout the last 12 months, getting this ride together has been nothing short of unbelievable.

We would like to thank you for making us all a part of your lives. We feel extremely privileged and humbled, welcomed to be a part of the journey which love, dedication, hugs and tears that it has taken, to take your idea and turn into the wonderful event it was.

You should be rightfully proud of what you achieved for Goulburn Options, in Madi's memory. You are one very special family.

Yours
The Madi's Ride Committee



PRESIDENTS REPORT

It seems everywhere I turn now I see pink or purple!!! The main focus of my report this month is to rave about the amazing people we have involved with this club. Over the past few months it has been a focused and supportive collective of enthusiastic people trying to make our first special event the "Ride for Madi" a huge success.

There is no doubt all of your efforts were noted and appreciated immensely from the committee, donators, collectors of donations, members and families it is a pleasure to be associated with such fantastic people.

"The Ride for Madi" was well supported by many ATHRA clubs, and we can be assured these people are out there spreading the word about GDTR and the efforts we went to, to make the weekend a huge success. The end figure hasn't been finalized but it looks like it's going to be around the \$30.000 mark!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well done to everyone!!!

There is alot still happening around the trails at the moment. Keep your ears open regarding support for the Barmah Brumbies. They are going to need our help in the very near future. Also it is fantastic to see cattle being allowed back in to the high country.

Bring on the rest of the years rides, looking forward to some great ones!!

See ya on the trail Simon



Secretary Report

What a fantastic effort by Simon and Allison and all the GDTR members who assisted and Golden Options staff and clients. I so wish I could have been there but there is always next year.

Please find in this newsletter a notice for Alteration of Association Rules. This pertains to the change of one of our rules re Junior Members and reducing the age to eight (8) years. Unfortunately when this was voted on at a general meeting on the 9th July 2013, some processes were not followed as per CAV requirements, so we will need to vote on it again. Also we need to pass a special resolution to adopt the new model rules. I am in the process of putting it all together and will have to send it out as a separate document to all members. It is quite long so hopefully I'll have it done by the next meeting. We have until May 3rd to resubmit all documents and resolutions otherwise we will need to pay the application fee again.

I will be putting together an agenda soon so if anyone has any agenda items for the next meeting please send them to me ASAP.

Thank you all.

Kim Fawcus
GDTRC - Secretary

Newsletter Stuff

Hi All

The weather has gone from scorching and burning half the State to cooler, much like Autumn conditions overnight, much better weather for riding and just doing general everyday things....let's hope, that weather is behind us and it stays like this.

 A few of us got together at the Whittlesea Rodeo and had a great night watching the action packed night of thrills n spills. Unfortunately Dermie, Manny and Mandy McDonald rode away with a 'no time' but it was great seeing them giving it a go, well done guys !!

 Our 12 month in the planning "RIDE FOR MADI"....what an awesome weekend !! Went like clockwork, a fantastic time had by all. Thank you to everyone in the committee, Goulburn Options, everyone that donated & collected the donations, Allan & Deb Schulz for their property, the stewards, everyone that turned up to make it happen, & your generosity from the auction. A total of \$30,000 was raised from the weekend. The rest of it all was said in the tribute, so I won't repeat it again...thank you Simon, Al, Jordan & Dylan. The next "Ride for Madi" will be held next March, on the Labour Day Weekend at Healesville, so make sure you pencil it in.

 Our next ride is at Eden Park hosted by Tony & Grace Maiolo. You can arrive on Saturday late afternoon, but the ride is only on Sunday March 30. Ride details attached.

 Our Easter Club Ride is in April to Fry's Hut is only opened to GDTRC Members Only. This ride will be a nominated ride, so please let Simon know you are attending.

Safe Riding,
Chris

Madi Ride Report – Flowerdale, March 2014 (written by Marshy)



The time had finally arrived for us to all head off to the Madi Ride, we had been waiting for this for 12 months. The hard work and dedication of the ride committee was going to come to a realization.

I arrived at Flowerdale at about 11am on the Friday morning to see quite a few people already settled and more floats starting to roll in. There was excitement in the air as everyone was greeting each other. I got myself and my trusty steeds settled and then went to see what needed to be organized. Of course it was pretty much all under control with plenty of helpers on hand. I then retreated to my camp which was fittingly near the driveway where everyone was arriving so I took up the position of the welcoming party for the afternoon. It was so nice to see so many people rolling up with big smiles on their faces ready for a great weekend ahead.

Friday night we were all treated to sausage sangers for dinner. The one man band kicked off early and within minutes everyone was up boogying on the dance floor. This guy really did know what songs to play to get everyone on the floor he did a fantastic job – thanks mate. I think a few of us fell into the trap of the first nights excitement and had a pretty big night partying into the weeee hours of the morning. One person in particular was enjoying the evening so much that he didn't want the band to finish and he wanted just one more last song (mind you we had already have about 5 last songs ☺) I hear he paid the guy \$100 to play one more song which was kindly then donated back to the weekends worthy cause.

Sat morning our camp was woken early by Vicky who sounded like a fog horn announcing breakfast was on – thanks Vicky ☺ then we were blasted with some early morning music from the biggest rig in town (guess who?) Up we all got, some were a bit slower than usual. We were treated to a delicious breakfast by the Mason family who were all kindly on board cooking for us.

We had our usual horseless must at 9am, it was great to see so many riders in attendance it was going to be a great day. I went to catch my horse and noticed something very different – someone had painted his hooves in hot pink, thanks guys he looked awesome along with all his other mates around him. Once saddled up we were on our way with 93 riders heading out the gate. Quite a few of the ride committee had made a great effort with getting dressed up along with their horses, they were in Madi's favorite bright colours, some horses even had purple and pink hair extensions which was an unusual sight to see. There were a few frisky horses heading up the road but the first long steep hill soon sorted them out and everyone settled down nicely. We rode through some beautiful bush with some amazing views over the ranges. We stopped for our saddle bag lunch on the trail and before long were on our way again to experience my favourite part of the ride (riding over the Flowerdale Sisters). The views are breath taking and there were camera's clicking everywhere, what a sight to see looking back behind us with a long line of riders off in the distance.



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Everyone made it home safely and settled their horses and headed off to the auction held later in the afternoon. The Auctioneer was a real character which made it even more fun. We had received some great donations from a variety of businesses and there was some fierce bidding competition going on with some of the items. After the auction there was just enough time to freshen up and dress up for our dinner and night of partying yet again. We were treated to spit roast and bbq with salads and desserts, the food was fantastic.

Before long the band was up and running and everyone got in the spirit of the night with lots of dancing including our special guests from Goulburn Options who had joined us for the evening (after all this weekend was about helping them). A few speeches were given and it was announced that we had raised in excess of \$31,000 which is a massive achievement to everyone involved. This was reason enough to party again into the weeee hours of Sunday morning ☺...

At breakfast Sunday morning there were a few more sore heads, legs and feet from sooo much dancing. I think the night got the better of a few riders as our numbers were slightly reduced as we rode out the gate with 63 in attendance (still a good effort though). We had a lovely 3 hour ride returning to camp for a BBQ lunch.

The weekend was so much fun and an absolute success. There are so many people that need to be thanked for their efforts. Firstly the ride committee you all know who you are, it was such a great team who all bonded together to support a great cause and remember our dear friend & family member Madi. The Lions Club for their catering assistance, it was a fantastic spread and very much appreciated. The Shulz family for allowing us to hold this event on your beautiful property we really appreciate your hospitality. Our other club members who collected donations and also assisted over the weekend with various jobs. Everyone who attended the weekend your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your return next year. To our sponsors whose contributions were unbelievable and without them we would not have been able to raise the amount of money we did. And most importantly to the Mason Family for coming up with the idea in the first place and taking us all along for the amazing ride.

I am already looking forward to next year's event it's on the March 2015 Labor Day weekend which is only 368 days away, save the date in your calendars guys!!!



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RIDE CALENDAR



2014

DATE	HOST	DESTINATION
March 30 (Can arrive Saturday afternoon, but ride is on Sunday 30 th)	Tony Maiolo 0418 324 360	Eden Park (Near Whittlesea)
April 18-20 EASTER 	Simon Mason 0418 526 960	Frys Hut (High Country) GDTRC MEMBERS ONLY !!
April 25-27 Anzac Day Weekend & CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING	Nikki Hearne 0401 173 042 Dave Falzon 0402 083 502 Club Meeting will be combined into this ride	Healesville
May 25	Don Todd 5780 1594	Clonbinane to Reedy Creek
June 7-9 Queens BirthdayWeekend	Dave Falzon 0402 083 502	Barmah (Weather Pending)
June 29	Kelly Palmateer 0488 540 330	Glenaroua
July 27	Jo Anderson 0408 532 332	Lighthorse Park-Seymour
August 31	Jeff Anderson 0434 185 426	Strath Creek
September 27 (Saturday)	Pam McGuire 0431 618 111 Horry Micallef 0422 805 310	Pyalong
October 26	Chris Kujus 0407 316 711	Pheasant Creek
Nov 1-4 Cup Weekend	Linda "Marshy" Bottom 0422 057 097	Eldorado
November 29-30 XMAS PARTY 		Yarrawonga
Dec 26-Jan 4, 2015	Simon & Allison Mason 0418 526 960	Snowy Mountains (Mt Kosciuszko NSW)

If you would like to Host a ride, even though the ride calendar is full.
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME - we will accept Mid Month Rides !!!
Chris Kujus 0407 316 711

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 !!



GREAT DIVIDE TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB

EDEN PARK

Sunday March 30

Ride Host – Tony Maiolo Mobile 0418 324 360

You can arrive Saturday late afternoon to camp over but you must ring Tony and advise him. The ride is only on Sunday !!

Ride Out Time 10am Sharp
BYO Saddle Bag Lunch and Drink
Ride Leader Tony Maiolo
Address Seventeenth Avenue, Eden Park
(approx 300mts up 17th Ave on top of hill, gate on LHS – follow signs)

Cost: \$ Nil GDTRC Members
\$ 5 ATHRA members (Non GDTRC members)
\$ 30 Visitors / Non ATHRA Riders

Ride Description

This ride will be an easy ride through bush terrain with bridle tracks.

Directions

*****PLEASE NOTE*** If your GPS tells you to go through Thirteenth Avenue – DO NOT TAKE THIS ROAD !! (You wont make it up)**

From Epping-Kilmore Rd, turn into Janna Road, via off to right onto Glenburnie Rd, continue on and then there is a dog leg, go to the right of the dog-leg to Glenburnie Rd, then a quick LH turn into 12th Avenue & 17th Avenue is the 2nd right.

From Wallan-Whittlesea Road, turn into Clarkes Road, this turns into Glenburnie Road, TR into 12th Ave, then 2nd right into 17th Ave.

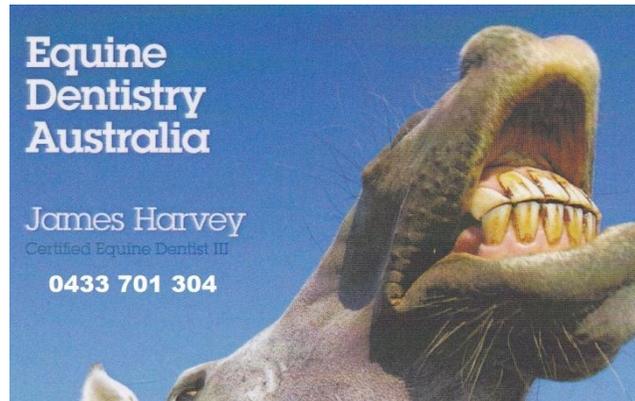
When in 17th Ave, go to the top of the hill, and the gate is on the LHS – signs will be out.

If you are camping overnight, you must be self sufficient with food and water for you and your horse.

YOU MUST COMPLY TO THE GDTRC CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS !!

Club Classifieds

If you have something to sell or advertise, contact me christine.kujus@bigpond.com
All ads must be in before the 27th of the month.



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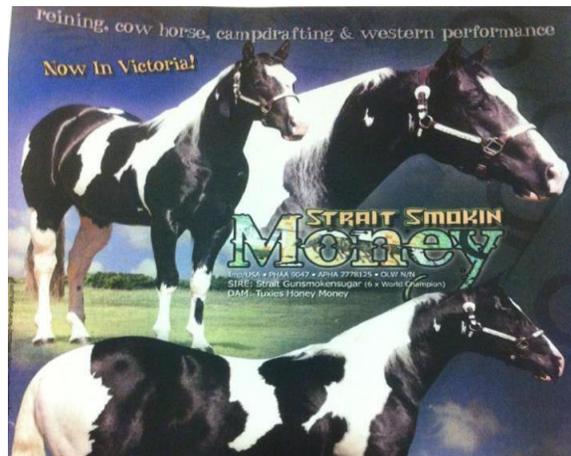


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SPECIAL RESOLUTION - AMENDMENTS TO INCORPORATION ACT & AMENDMENTS TO GDTRC CONSTITUTION

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO INCORPORATION ACT

On 26 November 2012, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* was replaced with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (and its associated regulations). The new Act includes 'transitional arrangements' to help associations adjust to the new laws. These are outlined below:

What are the changes to the Associations Incorporation Act? The main changes by the Bill are:

- **Public Officer**

The role of the 'Public Officer' and the 'Secretary' are merged, and replace simply with 'Secretary'.

- **Status of the Incorporated Association**

Any association incorporated under the old Act remains so under the new Act. The incorporation date is not affected and the certificate of incorporation remains valid.

- **Statement of Purpose**

Under the new Act the association's statement of purpose will automatically be deemed part of its rules.

If the association applies to change its rules after new legislation starts, its statement of purpose must be included in its proposed new rules.

- **Rules**

Schedule 1 of the new Act contains new items that an association's rules must address. These are:

- An association's name & Purposes
- Members' rights and obligations
- Procedures for resignation and cessation of membership
- The process for appointment and termination of the secretary
- Preparing and keeping of minutes of general and committee meetings
- Enabling members to access minutes of general meetings, including financial statements submitted at a general meeting
- Right of members' access (if any is specified in the rules) to committee meeting minutes.

- **Financial Statements**

The new Act introduced a three-tiered reporting structure. An association will be classed as tier one, two or three, depending on its revenue. For example:

- Tier One: less than \$250,000
- Tier Two: \$250,000 - \$100,000
- Tier Three: more than \$1,000,000

This new structure will replace the current 'prescribed' and 'non-prescribed' reporting structure.

Incorporated associations must understand the new structure and work out which tier they come under, as this will affect their reporting obligations. Visit consumer.vic.gov.au association for details.

- **Meeting Minutes**

The rules of an incorporated association will now be required to cover a number of new matters in relation to the keeping of, and access to, minutes of meetings. All incorporated associations will need to have rules which:

- Require that accurate minutes of all general and committee meetings must be prepared and kept;
- Provide members with access to the minutes of the general meetings of incorporated association (including accounting records and financial statements);

And

- Clarify whether or not members can have access to the minutes of meetings of the Committee of management of the incorporated association (and, if so, the terms and conditions on which such minutes are to be made available).

- **Requirement of return of documents of an incorporated association**

All office-holders, former office-holders or members of an incorporated association are now required to return any documents belonging to an incorporated association within 28 days if they cease to hold office or be members of the organisation. A failure to return documents within 28 days timeframe allows the association to apply to the Magistrates' Court to ensure performance.

- **Special Resolutions**

A notice of a proposed special resolution will have to set out the full details of the proposed special resolution and must be provided to members at least 21 days in advance. The notice will also have to make it clear that the resolution is being proposed as a special resolution. This amendment is now in force.

- **Documents provided to Registrar**

The Registrar of Incorporated Associations at Consumer Affairs Victoria ('the Registrar') now has the power to refuse to receive any document submitted by an Incorporated Association if the Registrar believes the document is not a valid document of the incorporated association. The Registrar can make inquiries to determine whether a document is legally valid. Also, if an incorporated association submits a special resolution for alteration of its rules to the Registrar (under the section 22 of the Act), the Registrar now has the power to accept some but not all, of the proposed alterations. These amendments are now in force.

- **Statutory Management**

The Registrar can investigate the affairs of an Incorporated Association, including its functioning and financial condition. Where, following such an investigation, the Registrar considers it in the interests of the Incorporated Association's members, creditors or the public, the Registrar can apply to the Victorian Magistrates' Court for the appointment of a 'statutory manager' to conduct the affairs of an incorporated association. If a statutory manager is appointed, all members of the committee of management (or governing body) of the incorporated association will immediately cease to hold office. A statutory manager will have a range of powers to deal with the affairs of the incorporated association. These amendments are now in force.

- **Magistrates' Court actions**

There are a number of new actions that can be taken to the Magistrates' Court of Victoria in relation to incorporated associations, including:

- The Registrar can apply to the Magistrates' Court for an order restraining the incorporated association from doing an act that is outside the association's statement of purposes, if the Registrar is satisfied it is in the 'public interest' to do so;

- A member (or, in more limited cases, a former member) of an incorporated association can apply directly to the Magistrates' Court for an order preventing an incorporated association from engaging in oppressive conduct. 'Oppressive Conduct' is defined as conduct that is unfairly prejudicial to, or unfairly discriminatory against, a member of an incorporated association or is contrary to the interests of the members of the incorporated association as a whole. The Victorian Magistrates' Court now has a new power to refer matters involving incorporated associations, which raise certain questions of law, to the Victorian Supreme Court for determination. These amendments are now in force.

- **Voluntary Cancellation of Registration and Voluntary Administration**

Small incorporated associations which have less than \$10,000 assets (and meet other requirements) will now be allowed to apply to the Registrar for voluntary cancellation of the registration of the association. The voluntary administration provisions of the Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) will now apply to Victorian incorporated associations. These amendments now in force.

- **Auditor Removal**

An auditor of an incorporated association can now be removed from office by a resolution of members at a general meeting. Notice of the proposed resolution must be given to members at least 2 months in advance of the meeting and copies must be provided to both the auditor and the Registrar as soon as possible. This amendment now in force.

- **Surplus Assets on Winding Up**

A new provision now prevents the surplus assets of an incorporated association from being distributed to members on voluntary winding up, unless the 'member' is a body corporate (like an association or a trust) which itself cannot distribute assets to its members.

If existing incorporated associations currently has a rule which permits distribution to

members on voluntary winding up, this rule will continue to be valid so long as it was made before 7 April 2009.

- **Other**

There are also a number of minor and consequential changes to existing provisions in the Act.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND GDTRC CONSTITUTION

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as a special resolution.

Note: A special resolution is passed if it is approved by not less than three quarters of the members voting either in person or by proxy.

Clause 5 (2) **Junior Members** shall be any persons of a minimum age of eight (8) years but under the age of eighteen (18) years participating in riding activities or events conducted by the Association on payment of the subscription or such other sum as may nominate time to time be declared upon the Association at any General Meeting

COMMITTEE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee positions are listed below. Further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of committee members may be obtained by contacting any of the current position holders.

President: Chair Committee meetings, assist with preparing meeting agendas, liaise with the workers, participate in management decisions, delegate tasks.

Vice President: Attend Committee meetings, stand in as President in President's absence, participate in management decisions.

Secretary: Attend committee meetings, record minutes of Committee meetings, assist with preparing meeting agendas, participate in management decisions and reporting requirements to CAV & other agencies as required.

Treasurer: Attend Committee meetings, keep records of all monies received and expended, ensure payment of workers' salary, taxation, Work cover and payment of accounts, prepare annual budget and financial statements, submit books to the Auditor prior to Annual General Meeting, participate in management decisions.

General Members:

Attend Committee meetings, contribute to and participate in management decisions, carry out any tasks delegated by Committee.

GDTRC COMMITTEE

2014

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- Vice President Tony Maiolo 0418 324 360
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- Assistant Secretary Allison Mason 0408 554 480
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Club Rules

- NO STALLIONS allowed on rides at any time.
- Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.
- Breastplates and cruppers are recommended.
- Riders under 18yrs of age are required to wear an approved riding helmet.
- Riders under 16yrs must be under supervision of an adult.
- Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail / or supplied stickers on their rump.
- Dogs are not permitted on the rides and must be kept securely on a lead around the float parking area.
- Drinking alcohol whilst mounted is strictly forbidden.
- ALL RIDERS must adhere to the GDTR rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.
- Permission must be obtained to ride in front of the Trail Boss or behind the Drag Boss.
- The trail must not be left without permission of a ride official at any time.
- Keep left to the roads.
- The trail must not be littered (this includes cigarette butts.) What you take with you must be brought back with you.
- GDTR recommends that ALL riders have current Ambulance cover.
- All riders must be mindful of other riders at all times.
- All gates must be left as they are found. Keep to the tracks as defined. Respect private property.
- All members are expected to abide by the club constitution, which is available on request.