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## Cover:

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**Photographer:** Kieron Power

**Editor:** Helen Rich



Congratulations to Talea Hasko-Stewart (cover) and everyone else who was successful in the 2008 point score awards.

Talea cleaned up in the junior ranks in 2008. 1st and 2nd Distance horse, 1st junior distance rider, 1st and 2nd junior points horse, 1st junior points rider and 1st and 2nd in the One Horse—One Rider Combination.

Apologies to Len Derkecz for not putting his name on the cover of the last issue. This was an unfortunate oversight.

Ride Secretaries list has been redone. If you find a mistake with your name or contact details, please contact me immediately.

Have a great and successful riding year in 2009.

Ed.

# President's Report



It's hard to believe we are already into the 3rd month, where does the time go!!

Our AGM was well attended and was very productive. Special thanks must go to Brad and Wendy Jones for organising the venue, Kym Hagon for being the MC during a very entertaining awards presentation and to Brad Dillon our own endurance rider DJ.

We have just held a ride Organisers Forum in which approx 20 of our clubs attended to discuss several aspects on how the NSW SMC can help them. All in all it was a very positive day with several new ideas being tabled, as well as a fair few issues being resolved.

The three events already run in NSW have all been successful and with the temperatures starting to cool down we are approaching the busy part of our ride calendar. So for those that have just started training (like me) or are starting to think about getting in the saddle, it's time to get a hurry along and attend a few rides.

At the time of writing this report our membership stands at 370 and Jacky tells me memberships are still pouring in to the tune of about 25 per week at the moment. It's very pleasing to note that we have had over 30 new members joining so far this year.

For those members on yearly horse registration please remember to renew your horses Registration. No horse registration = no ride.

Our teams pointscore competition is proving popular this year and so far has 12 teams involved. For more information about the teams competition visit the forms page on our website or contact Jacky.

Your SMC is looking for anyone interested in doing an FEI officials accreditation course or a drug testing stewards course. For more information on what is involved please contact Kerry Spratt.

Have Fun Riding  
Neil

## **NSW ERA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Meetings are held upstairs at the Arabian Horse Society Building,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 226 George Street, Windsor: Next door to Coles.**

Meetings commence at 6:30 sharp.

All are invited to attend.

Details of meeting dates will be listed in the next edition.

# Course Preservation Report

The Australian Horse Alliance recently held its AGM, and I continue to represent NSWERA on that committee.

It was decided to restructure the organisation of the AHA from a company to an association, thus reducing the red tape and associated costs, and broadening the scope of the AHA committee. For this reason membership renewals will not be sought until after the restructure has taken place.

Once the new structure is in place, I encourage all of you to show your support for the incredible work that this committee does, by joining as an individual member. Or even better, starting to play an active role in keeping our trails open, whether by making submissions on plans of management, coming along to AHA committee meetings, or making contact with your local NPWS office or rangers.

## **Draft Plans of Management**

Note: all National Parks & Wildlife Service Plans of Management, whether draft or finalised, can be viewed at the NPWS website - [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

You can make submissions directly from the website. A submission is simply your comments on the plan of management, whether agreeing or disagreeing with what is being proposed.

**Watagans National Park & Jilliby State Conservation Area** - South-west of Newcastle. These parks provide most of the course for the Watagan Mountains endurance ride.

This plan of management has been many years in the making and Kerry Spratt has been closely involved with it from the start. It reflects the new thinking in NPWS whereby user groups are asked for their views prior to a draft plan being prepared, as well as afterwards. The maps are high quality making it possible to interpret the text effectively.

Preliminary feedback from local riders indicates that the document does not close any key horse trails or have any negative impact on current horse riding activity. A number of trails are to be closed to vehicles but will remain open to horses. The Watagans ride is specifically mentioned as having permission to continue.

It is critical that riders write to NPWS supporting horse riding in Watagans NP and Jilliby SCA to guard against the extreme Greens undermining it and having the positive aspects reversed. The address to write to is:

Planning Officer, NPWS, PO Box 1477, Gosford NSW 2250, or by email to

[CCHR.Plans@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CCHR.Plans@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Feel free to call me if you would like advice on what to put in your letter. Submissions close 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**Clyde River National Park** –near Batemans Bay. Horse riding permitted on park roads and management trails, even though these are described as "not generally suitable for horse riding". However, "Closure of some trails to public vehicle use but retention for management vehicle access may make the park more attractive to riders." Here is the proof that at last NPWS is trying to encourage horse riders rather than lock us out. Submissions close 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**Budelah Nature Reserve** – north-east of Mungindi on the Queensland border. Horse riding prohibited, even though the reserve was formerly sheep and cattle properties. Submissions close 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.

**Paroo-Darling National Park & SCA** – near Whitecliffs and Wilcannia. Horse riding not mentioned therefore not permitted, even though there is a campsite called the Coach and Horses campground, and several Travelling Stock Routes cross the park. Submissions close 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**Moonee Beach NR** – north of Coffs Harbour. Horse riding not mentioned therefore not permitted. Submissions close 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**Yaegl and Warragai Creek NRs** – both north-east of Grafton. Horse riding not mentioned therefore not permitted. Submissions close 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

## **NOTICE**

### **Bumper Stickers**

If you didn't receive your bumper sticker at the AGM or haven't received one since and are not in receipt of a hard copy of the Newsletter, please contact Jacky Barlow at the Secretariat and she will arrange for you to receive a copy.



## **New Members**

Alanna Byrne – Mudgee - Junior  
Heath Cole - Tomerong - Senior  
Isabel Foster – Bellingen - Junior  
Glen Hubbard – Wagga Wagga - Senior  
Roger Nicol – Moruya - Senior  
Christopher Schofields – Bellingen – Senior  
Monique Unwin – Gulgong – Associate  
Tomeika Bond – Bringelly – Junior  
Tammie Spackman – Carwoola – Senior  
Carla Mead – Braidwood - Senior

## N.S.W. ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION INC

### Profit & Loss Statement 1st January 2008 - 31st December 2008

	Gross	COGS	AERA Remitted	Net	%
<b>Income</b>					
Ride Fees	\$44,701.82			\$44,701.82	50%
Membership Fees	\$74,731.79		\$56,308.86	\$18,422.93	21%
Grants	\$16,500.00			\$16,500.00	18%
Sale of Merchandise	\$14,580.21	\$8,898.20		\$5,682.01	6%
Interest Received	\$4,053.39			\$4,053.39	5%
Dinner Dance Ticket Sales	\$3,785.00	\$3,578.18		\$206.82	0%
Miscellaneous	\$95.45			\$95.45	0%
AERA Collections - End Horse Reg. Transfers	\$4,174.54	\$4,095.46		\$79.08	0%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$16,571.84</b>	<b>\$56,308.86</b>	<b>\$89,741.50</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Secretarial Expenses	\$23,935.81			\$23,935.81	30%
Newsletter Expenses	\$14,877.87	\$2,329.55		\$12,548.32	15%
AERA Meeting Expenses	\$9,631.05			\$9,631.05	12%
SMC Meeting Expenses	\$8,796.22			\$8,796.22	11%
State Ride Expenses	\$7,425.50			\$7,425.50	9%
Annual Presentations (Trophies & Prizes)	\$4,933.86			\$4,933.86	6%
Depreciation	\$2,066.00			\$2,066.00	3%
Audit Fees	\$1,620.00			\$1,620.00	2%
Quilty Expenses	\$1,464.12			\$1,464.12	2%
Volunteers Lucky Draws	\$1,170.00			\$1,170.00	1%
Insurance - Directors Liability	\$1,065.28			\$1,065.28	1%
Promotional Expenditure	\$1,029.76			\$1,029.76	1%
Swabbing & Autopsy Expenses	\$1,012.90			\$1,012.90	1%
Internet Expenses - Website	\$961.59			\$961.59	1%
Card Merchant Fees	\$598.97			\$598.97	1%
Database Royalty	\$587.50			\$587.50	1%
Ride Grants	\$500.00			\$500.00	1%
IDP Meeting Expenses	\$412.08			\$412.08	1%
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$406.69			\$406.69	1%
Computer Software Expenses	\$290.00			\$290.00	0%
Refund TPR & CS Memberships	\$150.00			\$150.00	0%
Interest Paid	\$105.03			\$105.03	0%
Bookkeeping	\$93.00			\$93.00	0%
Statutory Fees	\$72.00			\$72.00	0%
Bank Charges	\$70.49			\$70.49	0%
Seminars Attended	\$60.91			\$60.91	0%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$41.79			\$41.79	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,329.55</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$81,048.87</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>				<b>\$8,692.63</b>	



# AGM Photos



Left: Jan Wade receiving her Big Three award from Neil Clarkson, Jan now has two Big 3 awards.

Below: Mette Sutton First in the Points Middleweight Rider receiving her award.



Below: Garry Bennett 9th Distance Rider in the Middleweight Division receiving his award from Neil Clarkson.



# AGM photos



Left: Emily Streckfuss 2nd Points middleweight Rider receiving Her award from Neil Clarkson

Below: Mark Cameron, Patracia Waddell, Annette Bailey, Sue Todd, Lou McCormack (barefoot campainer) and Sonia Ruprecht all playing the part of the Horse and attempting to be first to eat their carrot.

Mark thought he had it won but had trouble getting it all down when inspected by Kym Hagon (MC) at the Dinner Dance.



# Point Score Winners



**Paddy Smith**



**Bruce Carter**

Top Left: Paddy Smith—Second points heavyweight rider and 6th heavyweight distance rider.  
Top Right: Bruce Carter another point score winner seen here riding at Shahzada  
Photos by Kieron Power.

Right: Gary Tweedie with Rowena Robinson shown here riding at Shahzada. They rode together all week - this is at the finish.



**Gary Tweedie and Rowena Robinson**

# Point Score Winners



Con Bouzianis



Allix Jones &  
Cattle King Flyte

# Q60

## Trainer/Social/Intro Ride

**Sunday, 15th March 2009**

The Zone One Committee will be running their usual 40km Trainer, 20km Social & 5km Intro Ride at the Q60 ride base in the Upper Colo Reserve, Upper Colo which is located on the beautiful Colo River, approx 12kms from the Putty Road on Sunday, 15th March 2009.

The vetting will commence at 7am with the office open a little before that for entries. The Training Ride will have a staggered start for your convenience, being 8am/9am or 10am with the Social and Intro rides starting around 10am - there will be plenty of water provided out on track for your horses.

The 40km Training Ride will be heading up Commleroy Road to Mountain Lagoon, a loop around Sams Way and down Wards Track to the fire station before turning right onto Upper Colo Road and heading back into base, the same as last year's 80/100km second leg with a bit extra thrown in to make the distance. We will also be conducting a Heart Rate Gate at the top of Mountain Lagoon, to ensure all horses are being managed appropriately.

The 20km Social Ride will be turning right off the bridge out on to the Upper Colo Road which will lead you to a turn around check point and back into base again. The track will be a dirt road the whole way and flat.

The 5km Intro Ride will take you in the same direction as the 40km Training & 20km Social Rides to a turn around point and back into base again. Flat and easy going also!

The wonderful volunteers from the Upper Colo Fire Brigade will also be providing the canteen goodies on the day, so please support them!

There will be completion prizes awarded and a lucky draw available on the day.

Volunteer track stewards and TPRs would be greatly appreciated – please let Faith Robinson know if you are able to assist us on the day.

Faith can be reached via email at [faithbob@aapt.net.au](mailto:faithbob@aapt.net.au) or alternatively by phone (02) 4579 0338 / 0418 220 927.

Training Ride - \$50 for Members add \$10 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Social Ride - \$25 for Members add \$5 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Intro Ride - \$15 for Members add \$5 for Non-Member NSWERA Day Membership

Please contact our Ride Secretary Denise Trollope on (02) 4573 6422 or email [churinga@ozemail.com.au](mailto:churinga@ozemail.com.au) for further information.

Prenominations would be appreciated so that we can arrange enough Vets on the day as well as allowing the Canteen to provide enough food for you.

Camping overnight is at your own discretion - National Parks will collect a \$5 Camping Fee from you directly. The Zone One Committee is not involved in this transaction at all.

Thanks on behalf of the Zone One Committee

Annette 22296

Terrific Tenterfield Proudly Presents  
*our One & Only 2009 ride:*

**Mad as 3 March Hares ~ March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**



You know it will be fun; you know you will love the forest so  
come and kick off your 2009 riding season with us!!!

**We are dual affiliated so all your points and distances will be  
credited for you whichever side of the border you are from!!**

We will present several options: an Intro 20km fun ride  
plus 2 x 40km rides & our great 80k Open Ride

**Venue: Girard State Forest off the Bruxner H'way 42km east of  
Tenterfield towards Casino and 8km west of Drake.**

**Sat March 14<sup>th</sup>: Intro ride 20km & 40km T/Ride: mid-day start.**

**Sun March 15<sup>th</sup>: 40km T/Ride & 80km Open ride early am starts.**

*Our base in the Girard State Forest is a beautiful bush setting with lovely shady camping areas  
and plenty of water for horses. Hot showers available. BYO drinking water. Catering TBA.*

*The rides run through the Girard Forest taking in some of the National Trail. NO TAR ROADS.*

**Pre-nominations are essential: PLEASE! It's only an email or phone call away and will ensure  
we have the right number of vets and fabulous completion prizes for everyone.**

**Ride Sec: Philippa Lillyman (02) 67375438 / [jimpip@activ8.net.au](mailto:jimpip@activ8.net.au)**

Or

**President: Caroline Windle (02) 67364612 [combe10@bigpond.com](mailto:combe10@bigpond.com)**

20km \$ 25; 40km \$45; 80km \$85

**Remember the Motto: To complete is to win (Whilst having a good time!)**

# Kiwarrak Ride

**21st & 22nd of March 2009**

The Kiwarrak ride will be held on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of March holding an 80k and the usual 40k and 20k rides. This ride (near Taree) is only a couple of easy hours drive from Sydney on the new and constantly improving Pacific Highway with no mountains to cross!

The ride base is at 215 Careys Road; Hillville. There is tons of camping room and shade, with horse water supplied. The base will be sign posted from the Pacific Highway and the Bucketts Way.

The ride will be run over dirt roads and well-maintained and wide fire trails. The terrain is undulating with plenty of open going and the tracks are good underfoot and there is plenty of water on track.

The first 5k are totally flat.

The canteen will be open from Saturday lunch until Sunday afternoon with a mouth-watering menu to choose from. There will be Best Conditioned prizes in all 4 divisions and a pre-nom prize.

If you haven't yet been to a Kiwarrak, warm, friendly, grass roots ride, then you should mark in your calendar, the 21st and 22nd of March for the Kiwarrak Ride.

Any T.P.R's on the day would be appreciated.

Directions: If you are coming from the south, stay on the Pacific Highway until the Taree exit.

If you are coming from the north, stay on the Pacific Highway until the second Taree exit.

For more information contact the club secretary Abby McMurrich on (02) 6550 6337 or email [abby.mcmurrich@bluemaxx.com.au](mailto:abby.mcmurrich@bluemaxx.com.au)



## **AERA 80/120 Elevator & 40 Training Ride 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Oberon**

Cedar Ridge Stables will be hosting a 80/120km Elevator ride and a 40km Training ride at its' Oberon ride base on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The ride base is located at 1304 Beaconsfield Rd, Oberon. See NSWERA website for ride base locator.

The main ride will be a 80/120km Elevator ride comprised of four (4) legs being: 40km, 40km, 20km & 20km. The ride for the most part will be undulating with scattered hills and will largely traverse State Forest, with some grassy paddocks and dirt roads. The usual dams, plus additional water points will be added on track. The vetting system that will be used is Vet Gate Into Hold (VGIH).

Those that are new to the VGIH system are encouraged to attend to experience the benefits it relays to the horse and rider. A walk through explaining the VGIH system will be happily provided to any group or individual who is unsure about the procedure. In addition, measures will be taken to make the strapping procedure easier, this will be particularly useful for those riders without strappers.

Pre-ride Vetting for the 80/120 elevator ride will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm through to 5pm. Pre-ride vetting for the Training Ride will be on the Saturday afternoon.

Entry fees are \$95 for the 80/120km elevator and \$50 for the training ride.

The recently built flushing toilets and showers are now operational. Catering will be available on the Saturday and Sunday. The town of Oberon is only 10 minutes away which has motels, cafes, supermarket etc.

Powered sites are available to hire for the weekend for \$20. Please advise if one is required when pre-nominating.

### ***Pre-nomination is essential- No fee is required.***

Pre-nominations are to be directed to [prenoms@cedarridgestables.com.au](mailto:prenoms@cedarridgestables.com.au) or 0417 248 172 by **no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

For further enquiries, please contact [info@cedarridgestables.com.au](mailto:info@cedarridgestables.com.au) or 0417 248 172.





# TUMBARUMBA

## EASTER Weekend

12<sup>TH</sup> April 2009

Venue – Tumbarumba Racecourse

Once again the Tumbarumba ride organisers are putting on a weekend that has something for everyone.

We aim to please.

- 40KM TRAINING RIDE
- 80 KM NORM BRADLEY MEMORIAL AERA RIDE
- 100KM FEI 1 \* INCLUDING THE YOUNG HORSE CHALLENGE SERIES.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April -**

Entries 10am & Pre ride vetting 1pm - 5 pm - All Events

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April -**

100KM FEI 1\* including the Young Horse Challenge.

80KM AERA Norm Bradley Memorial

40KM Training Ride

The 40KM and 80KM Norm Bradley Memorial will be run under the standard AERA ride rules.

The FEI 1\* 100KM will be run under FEI gate into hold rules. Any one can enter the 100KM ride as long as they meet the FEI Rules for Endurance Events, effective 2009.

The horse and rider are to be Endurance qualified to enter and have a FEI registration number for both.

The FEI rules 2009 can be found on the AERA website along with the form for FEI registration.

The Schedule for this ride will be made available ASAP and will be posted on the NSWERA website as well as the AERA International website. The pre nomination form is now available on the website.

The 100KM ride will also include the second in the series for the Young Horse Challenge. (The first being held in Victoria in March 2009).

This is an exciting new concept to Australian endurance which specifically encourages the development of the younger horse (6 – 8). The horse will enter a number of rides throughout the year and, if it meets the qualifying criteria, will then be eligible to enter the final at the end of the series.

NOTE - The up to date details for the Young Horse Challenge are in this newsletter and can also be found on the AERA website. The entry forms and fees to enter the YHC series are to be directed to the Manager - Australian Endurance Squad – Barb Timms. This must be done before the series has started .

PLUS Tumbarumba will also be the first ride in 2009 for the Snowy Zone

Become a Snowy Zone member and receive a \$ 5.00 Discount when you pay your entry fee as well as being entered in the point score with great prizes at the end of the year. You can become a Snowy Zone member or renew your membership on the day at Tumbarumba or contact Angelina Patterson or Anne Lymbery for a membership form.

There will be placing prizes and completion buckles for both the 80KM and 100KM rides as well as Best Condition awards. . The 40KM will have a successful completion trophy.

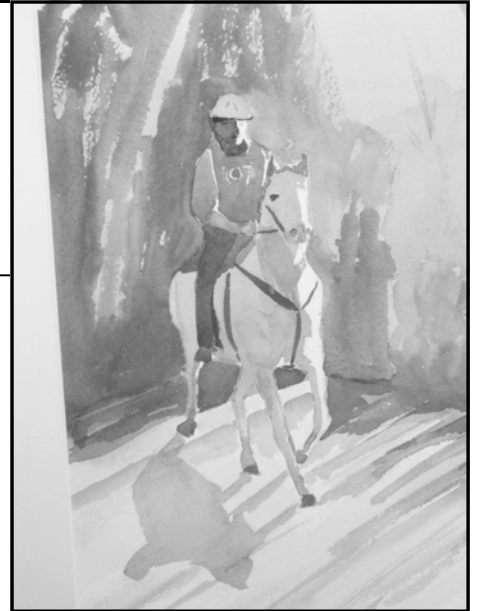
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## Tumbarumba Ride—2009 raffle

' Endurance Rider'

Framed watercolour by local artist Susie a'Beckett. Susie and her husband help out on a check point every year at the Tumbarumba ride. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Contact Catherine 02 6948 8285 or Angelina 02 6948 5188.

To be drawn Easter 2009 Tumbarumba ride.



*(Continued from page 14)*

The course will be a challenging but sensible and interesting Tumbarumba ride.

A canteen will be run over the weekend with an evening meal available on the Saturday night.

NOTE - Please make sure you prenominate for which ever event you wish to do as this helps us greatly with our organising.

Prenomination for the AERA 80KM & 40KM please go to the NSWERA website .

Prenomination form for the 100KM FEI 1\* is available on the NSWERA website ( click on Tumbarumba 100KM FEI 1\*). Also at the back of this newsletter.

Any further information please contact Angelina Patterson, Secretary, Ph/Fax 02 6948 5188 or email: [marsto@bordernet.com.au](mailto:marsto@bordernet.com.au).

### ATTENTI ON ALL ENDURANCE RIDERS

**Due to the recent tragic bushfires the Committee of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2009 have regretfully decided to cancel the Victorian Endurance Riders Association (VERA) State Championships scheduled for March 2009 at Tonimbuk, Victoria.**

Enquiries should be directed to Helen Ward, Communications Officer, Tom Quilty Gold Cup Inc, at [hiward@bigpond.com](mailto:hiward@bigpond.com) or on mob 0438 594285



# Tooraweenah

19<sup>th</sup> April 2009

The Tooraweenah Endurance club would like to invite you to our annual endurance ride on the 18<sup>th</sup>-19th April 09. Situated at the base of the Warrumbungle Mountains just off the highway between Coonabarabran and Gilgandra.

The 40 and 80 kilometre rides will take you through some of our spectacular mountain views and through plenty of our kind property owners land, including little amount of roadwork. The track under foot is its usual dry and in parts rocky over some mountians.

The 40km ride will follow one of the legs as that of the 80km ride. The rides will start at 5am and 6am unless otherwise changed due to weather conditions.

Hot showers and amenities will be available. A very tasty and enjoyable BBQ with hot dishes and a bar on Saturday night are also available.

**For more information please contact:** Anthony Blessing: (02) 6887 3279 OR Sonia Bonham: (02) 6848 5345

## Notice

**Don't forget to renew your  
Endurance horse registration!**

**No rego sticker in your log book**

**No ride.**

**Novice Horses don't need to register.**

NSW ERA Committee

# Gundagai

## 80KM & 40KM RIDE

26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009

**Ride Base** – “Idylway” Tarrabandra Road, Gundagai. Firewood provided – fires will be permissible depending on weather conditions at the time. Canteen operating from Saturday lunchtime and all day Sunday.

**Pre Ride Vetting** - Commencing 1pm to 5pm

**Ride Starting** - 80km - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - 6am  
(subject to change)

40km - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – start time advised at pre ride.

**Course** - Undulating with some more challenging climbs. Extremely scenic ride on both legs, following the Murrumbidgee River and climbing to look over the township of Gundagai.

Good underfoot for the most part.

Another great Snowy Zone ride providing great location, course and old fashioned hospitality.

**Contact** Rick Owen – Tel 0269 475752 for any information.

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### The 13 Month Rule

Please remember that if your horse does not successfully complete an endurance ride for 13 months, it's status reverts to Novice and you must complete your next ride in novice time.

Should you complete a ride outside the novice times— you face disqualification and your points and mileage disallowed.

**Remember—ignorance of this rule is no excuse.**

NSW ERA Committee

# New Italy “Doubleduke Dash”

25th / 26th APRIL 2009

40/80 KM—Dual Affiliated QERA / NSWERA

Ride base at Northern Rivers Equestrian Centre, Swan Bay – New Italy Rd,  
NEW ITALY via WOODBURN (Northern Rivers NSW)

Run by RICHMOND RIVER ENDURANCE RIDERS

**FACILITIES:** Plenty of shady camp sites but NO POWER. Catering from Saturday afternoon. **BYO yards and drinking water**, plenty of dam water for horses available. Dogs to be on leads at all times. **CAMPING FEE - \$5.00 PER HORSE / per night.**

**TRACK:** suitable for Novice horses

**OPEN RIDE – 80 km** start 4.30am Sunday morning entry \$80 (+ camping)

**TRAINING RIDE – 40km** start 6am Sunday morning entry \$40 (+ camping)

Day members only: day membership fee extra \$15.

**VETTING:** from 1pm Saturday. Head vet Ross Brown. Please ring Julie Haig 02 66888276 or Debbie Thompson 02 66822209

(email: [debarabians@iprimus.com.au](mailto:debarabians@iprimus.com.au)) if you are able to help with TPRing.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Pacific Highway, turn at the “New Italy Museum” tourist stop, 10km south of Woodburn – ride base is 4km down this dirt road.

From north inland, Kyogle and Casino, take the Coraki road – continue 9km past Coraki on the road to Woodburn, turn right into Reardons Lane for 4kms, turn left into Darke Lane for 1km then right into Swan Bay – New Italy road – ride base is 5km down this dirt road.

**GOOD COMPLETION PRIZES AND BEST CONDITIONED FOR ALL DIVISIONS, hope to see you all there, please don't bring the rain with you this time!!**

Services available in the local town of Woodburn include IFS fuel ( at very competitive prices), IGA supermarket and liquor store, butcher, baker, newsagent and **24 hour** café.

**ENQUIRES and NOMINATIONS (by 18<sup>th</sup> April please);**

Debbie Thompson 02 66822209 or email; [debarabians@iprimus.com.au](mailto:debarabians@iprimus.com.au)

Julie Haigh 02 66888276 or email; [jhaigh2@bigpond.com](mailto:jhaigh2@bigpond.com)

# Ride Around The Rock

10 May 2009

Once again The Rock Endurance Club in association with The Rock Pony Club will be holding their annual endurance ride on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The track will be similar to previous years running along country roads and lanes, stock routes, private properties and across flat to undulating country which is ideal for novice horses.

There will be an 80 km, a 40 km trainer, 20km social and pony clubbers rides, camping as usual under the shadow of the big hill at The Rock showground on the Lockhart Rd, canteen will be operating most of the weekend by The Rock Pony Club. There will be showers with plenty of hot water, toilet facilities available and firewood supplied. The town has a supermarket, butcher shop, take away and pub all of which support the ride.

Vetting will commence at 12 noon Saturday and finish at 5.00pm, to assist with the organisation could riders please pre-nom or a late fee may incur.

Please note: The Rock Endurance Club is now included in Zone 4 Snowy Zone point score.

So come down to The Rock in May for a great weekend and some Riverina hospitality, Contact:

Dave Edgar 02 69201203(leave message if not answered)  
email [baranne@dodo.com.au](mailto:baranne@dodo.com.au) or

Col Lewis 0415 453434, (leave message if not answered)  
email [dlew8323@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dlew8323@bigpond.net.au)

# Mudgee

17<sup>th</sup> May 2008

All over red rover!

As everyone knows, E.I. has not been eliminated and you no longer need a Travelling Horse Statement. Horray!

The new committee welcomes you all to Cooyal ride base. For those of you who are coming for the first time, ride base is 23 klm from Mudgee on the Wollar Road, which goes off Cassilis Road to the right, 10klm north-east of Mudgee. From the Hunter Region take Mudgee Road off the Golden Highway, go past Ulan Mine and turn left into Linburn Lane, which is about 20 klm past the Ulan village turnoff. There will be signs out.

Camping will be open from midday on Friday. A reminder to anyone camping next to the fence line is to please leave a laneway between your horse yard and the fence, so that the property owner's horses are not in contact with yours. Last year someone closed gates and John's horses were locked away from their water. This should not happen again as it would be very overcrowded if we were refused permission to use the extra camping space next door.

The course is identical to last year, utilizing the same private property at the start and finish of both legs and is an excellent track for novice horses with no big hills – so no big thrills!

The 80 klm will start at 6am and the trainer at 7am.

Pre-nominations are essential before 13 May and should be made to Mette Sutton on 6372 4960 or email: [mette.sutton@bigpond.com](mailto:mette.sutton@bigpond.com). Unfortunately the email address in the last newsletter was incorrect.

Would you kindly indicate when pre-nominating if you require the delish two-course meal on Saturday night at a cost of \$14 per head.

The canteen will be open from lunchtime Saturday until Sunday afternoon.

If after pre-nominating, you are unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Sorry, there are no showers or fuel at Cooyal, just lots of friendly people who want to make the 37<sup>th</sup> ride an enjoyable time for everyone. It might be advisable to bring drinking water and some firewood. Fires should be OK in May but with all the dry weather, who knows?

See you on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Pat Dickinson

# Wingello Forest Ride

**May 29 2009**

80km, 40km, 10km

This brand new ride will be run over some of the prettiest trails that Wingello State Forest can offer, and possibly some new trails made especially for us! There will be plenty of soft pine needle covered trail, some sand, and some gravel roads which we are working on eliminating.

Come and experience the Southern Highlands in Autumn, enjoy the colours, our most settled weather, warm village hospitality, and the enthusiasm of a new ride committee.

The ride is being run as fundraiser for the Tallong Rural Fire Service, who will be manning checkpoints and looking after your stomachs. These guys pride themselves on their catering – for those of you who judge a ride based on its steak sandwich – this ride is a must.

Wingello village is located just 7km off the Hume Highway by sealed road, approximately 1 hour south of Campbelltown, and ½ hour north of Goulburn.

We expect this to be a full frills ride, with plenty of trophies, rugs and prizes.

More details will follow in the next newsletter ...

## **TENDER NOTICE**

### **2010 NSW State Ride**

**The NSW State Management Committee is seeking expressions of interest from clubs or individuals who may be interested in running the 2010 NSW State Championship ride.**

**Further information can be obtained either from the President or Secretary of the NSW committee.**

**NSW committee**



# Gulgong Goldrush

14 June 2009

June 14 2009 Gulgong will be holding their annual Endurance Ride, Gulgong Gold Rush!

There will be the usual 40 km training Ride with an 80km main ride. The Ride Base is again at the local Pony club/Polocrosse grounds, with the usual things, canteen, flushing toilets, hot showers, and yards - (first in best dressed).

Catering will be done by the usual happy faces.

Dinner will be available on Saturday night with a BBQ etc available all day Sunday.

The course will be flat with a only a couple of little inclines, (back roads and tracks, private property and through vineyards), easy under foot!

## PRE-NOMINATION REQUIRED

Pre-ride vetting shall commence 1pm on Saturday.

This is a Zone 2 Points Ride.

Ride Entry Fees:

S\$75-J\$50-T\$50.

PLUS A \$4.00 CAMPING FEE

## PER PERSON STAYING AT GROUNDS

Non riders included!

(This is required by the grounds Trust)

Enquiries to:

Bruce & Wendy McLehose.

President and Secretary.

Phone 02-63742800 Evenings.

PRE- NOMINATIONS

P O BOX 47

GULGONG NSW 2852

Email Address:

[bruwenic@clearmail.com.au](mailto:bruwenic@clearmail.com.au)

Happy horse'n around!

See ya's there!



Angela Molnar  
Photo by Kieron Power

# Putty Valley

## 80k Ride, 40k Trainer, 20k Social

**When:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009 – Camping is available from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Where:** Putty Hall, Putty Valley Road, Putty NSW (halfway between Singleton and Windsor on the Putty Road)

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our first ever Putty Valley Endurance Ride. The ride will be run from the Putty Hall through a mixture of beautiful private properties, wide fire trails and national park tracks. The ride base is suitable for all size rigs with tar road access all the way. For the comfort of the non-riders and strappers we will have a Leader Board running in the Hall with a cosy fireplace. Standard AERA vetting will apply.

*There will be prizes for first place and best conditioned in all four divisions of the 80k ride*

A canteen will be running from Saturday lunch through to Sunday lunch provided by the Putty Rural Fire Brigade as a fundraiser. They will also provide a sit down hot dinner on Saturday night in the Putty Hall with the comfort of a cosy fireplace. ***Please indicate in your pre-nom numbers for the Saturday night dinner to help with catering.***

**Entry Fees** – 80k ride \$75 Senior - \$60 Junior

40k trainer \$40

20k social \$20

**Pre-noms** are essential and should be made to Charlie Gauci on 0409202224 or email to [charlie@tracer.net.au](mailto:charlie@tracer.net.au) and must be in by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. A \$10 late fee will be charged for entries after this date.

Firewood will be provided. Horse water will be provided. Best to bring people water.

**Directions:** Coming from the South the last fuel stop is at Colo Heights and coming from the North the last fuel is at The Halfway Roadhouse, Garland Valley about 10kms from the Putty turnoff.

Come along and enjoy the beautiful Putty Valley scenery and hospitality. If you have any questions you can contact Charlie on 0409202224.

# Kundabung

28<sup>th</sup> June 2009

The Kundabung Macleay Endurance Pleasure Riders Club Inc is holding the 19<sup>th</sup> Kundabung Endurance Ride on the weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The Ride base will again be located at 473 Smiths Creek Rd Kundabung. Firewood is provided and the Kundabung Rural Fire Service will again be operating the canteen as they did in 2007 with a variety of takeaway & sit down meals. They will be operating from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

The track will be similar to previous years with some improvements. Overall the track is undulating and fairly good underfoot with some rocky sections but utilising good forest trails wherever possible. The track travels through well made forest trails including picturesque rainforest sections plus quiet rural dirt roads. There is no tar.

The training ride will again use the first leg of the 80k ride which includes rainforest sections and numerous creek crossings. There is normally plenty of water on track however we will add water points if dry conditions occur.

80klm, 40klm (trainer) & 20klm (social) rides will be conducted. Buckles are awarded for all 80klm completions and there are best conditioned awards in all 4 divisions.

To get to the base, turn west off the Pacific Highway at the Kundabung Motel located between Port Macquarie & Kempsey and follow the markers for approx 6 klm to the base. The highway will be signposted from Friday afternoon.

We are not insisting on pre-nomination but we ask that if you are intending to enter please contact either of the following by 'phone or email prior to the ride so we can estimate numbers:-

**Ride Secretary:** Sonya Ruprecht Ph: 6553 9523

**Club President:** Bob Locke Ph: 65615124

**Email:** [lockemob@midcoast.com.au](mailto:lockemob@midcoast.com.au)

For general ride enquiries please contact Bob Locke.

Please make an effort to support this friendly and popular ride. After conducting our ride for 18 consecutive years we regretfully cancelled last years ride due to the uncertainty/hangover from EI so we are keen to put on a successful ride this year.

Bob Locke, President,  
Kundabung Macleay Endurance & Pleasure Riders Club Inc.

# NSW 160km

## State Championships

**Hosted by Batemans Bay Endurance Riding Club**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

The Batemans Bay Endurance Riding Club is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the State Championships in 2009

The venue will be the same as used for our 2008 ride on Austin's Road at Benandarah. There will be signs turning you off the highway just south of the East Lynne store. The venue is suitable for all rigs and we are able to cope with heavy rain.

The course will be challenging, scenic, excellent underfoot, safe, well marked, bitumen free and will consist of a variety of tracks and forestry roads.

The date chosen will allow those preparing, or aiming to qualify for the Quilty, ample time for recovery. For the "Big Three" the ride is conveniently three weeks before Shahzada. There is also a very full calendar of rides in the first half of 2009 to enable horses and riders to achieve the required fitness.

The ride venue leads down to the Clyde River. Whilst it will be the middle of July our weather can be quite pleasant but of course, as we all know, be prepared for any contingency.

The entry fee for the 160km will be \$250.00.

Vetting will be gate into hold with five legs with generous hold times.

There will be an 80km event but no trainer. More entry details early in 2009.

As in the past we will be endeavouring to provide quality prizes and this is an early opportunity for sponsors of our State Ride to contact us!

Roy Counsell, President, 20208

**Enquiries to;** Secretary Lou Counsell, 44786 288 / 0411480393,  
[roy.counsell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:roy.counsell@det.nsw.edu.au)



# SHAHZADA

## The Ultimate Endurance Ride

Endurance riders are invited to the historic village of St Albans, just north west of Sydney, for the 29<sup>th</sup> 400km Shahzada marathon endurance ride from August 17 – 21, 2009, a week earlier than normal to fit in with those competing in the NSW State Champs in July and the Quilty in Victoria in September. Camping is available from 12/8 at the ride base as well as accommodation at many local venues... check out the Shahzada website.

The marathon event is run over five days on local roads and tracks – McKechnies, Woomera Path, Shepherds Gully, Johnny's Hill, The Steps and Prestons – a great deal of work has been done on the course over the last few years and, under the guidance of Brad Jones this year, we will be announcing track clearing days on the website and Aussie Endurance....if you can come and help, please contact Brad. These improved tracks with the elimination of many tarred road verges and the wonderful help and advice from the veterinary panel during the ride headed up by Kym Hagon over the last few years, has established a very good completion rate – everyone who completes receives a highly coveted Shahzada buckle.

In addition to the 400km event – “the ride of your life”, there will be a 120 km Training Ride over three days and an 80km ride on Tuesday and Thursday. Come for the fun and the challenge - be part of the excitement – apart from the riding, the social committee will ensure that it is a week to remember.

Enquiries: Sue Todd (02) 6379 7218 or email [suetodd11@bigpond.com](mailto:suetodd11@bigpond.com) Additional Shahzada information is available on [www.shahzadareults.org](http://www.shahzadareults.org). where you can see daily updates during the week of the ride.

## FORGOTTEN VALLEY CLASSIC

7th June (long weekend)

Come and enjoy the community village feel of St Albans.

On the June long weekend 2009 we will be holding a 120km completion elevating to 160km. It will be a 5 leg course with the first three legs being be run over some of the easier tracks around St Albans and will have a couple of hills, with the last two legs being flat. The course is very scenic and is suitable for horses attempting their 1st 100 miler. The terrain will have some dirt road sections then meadow flats and sandy loam on top of the ridges.

With the Quilty being held in NSW next year it will be a good ride for those needing to gain qualification, or getting a horse used to doing this distance.

In Conjunction with the 160 km ride we will be holding an AERA 80km and a 40km training ride, as well as an FEI 1\* 80km which looks like being included in the young horse series.

The 160km and 2 X 80kms will be run under the vet gate into hold system.

The ride is a Fundraiser for the St Albans bush fire Brigade, who will be supplying the water on course as well as other support like their assistance on opening up a couple of new different tracks.

We will also have WICEN communications manning the checkpoints "so we don't get lost".

There will be firewood supplied in the communal vetting area. Fire wood for personal camps is BYO or enquire and we will point you in the direction of several places where firewood can be gathered. (Bring your chainsaw!!)

Catering will be available over the whole weekend and hot showers will be available.  
Bring your own drinking water

For more information please contact Wendy.

Phone: 4982 1758

Email: wendjones11@optusnet.com.au

looking forward in spending a great weekend with you all!!

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Phone: 0408 245 939

## TEAMS EVENT RULES

If you have entered a team this year in the teams event please read the rules carefully.

Results must be submitted IN WRITING either e-mail, fax or post within 4 weeks of the date of the ride. Riders names & times MUST be supplied or the results will not be included.

Thank you  
NSW SMC

# Committee meeting report

## Meeting Report: NSWERA Committee meeting Friday 14 November 2008.

**Present:** Neil Clarkson, Graham Gilbertson, Annette Bailey, Marita Rifai, Tom McCormack, Tom Perkins, Belinda Hopley, Patricia Waddell, Gay Bonham, Jeff Bonham, Wendy Jones [7:25]

**Apologies.** Kerry Spratt, Glenda Edwards, Gary Tweedie

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (minutes), Jacky Barlow, Brad Jones

### Acceptance of previous Minutes

**MOVED** Gay Bonham, Annette Bailey

**THAT** that the minutes of the meeting of 24 October 2008 be accepted

**Carried** Unanimous

### Committee Reports

#### Neil Clarkson – President, Newsletter, AERA

Three quarters of the way through the year. Another update for the Web to be done next week. Newsletter posted today. World Endurance Championships have been successful, two Australian horses got through.

#### Jackie Barlow - Secretariat/Membership services, Secretariat communications

No new members since the last meeting.

#### Items for discussion:

No results received from Harden – chasing them up. Woodstock and Shoalhaven results received. Trophies: agreement to do all the same as last year.

Ride secretaries must keep a record of all volunteers and send in a copy of that list to NSW ERA so all volunteers go into the lucky draw. This is also needed for insurance purposes.

#### Kerry Spratt – Secretary, Governance, AERA, International, IDP, Grants (not in attendance)

*The WEC was a great experience again, and I'd really encourage anyone who is interested to go to one of these events. We met some great people; the event was fantastic in terms of its organisation and the attention to detail. There was no expense spared by the organisers in making it a success.*

*The weather was kind (for Malaysia anyway) and although it was wet for much of the ride... bit like the Quilty really... it wasn't as hot or humid as we'd feared. The Spanish horse (UAE trained) who won led all but one of the 7 legs, and looked great all the way thru. Having 7 legs was no problem, and was good for the horses, IMHO.*

*The Middle Eastern teams did really well... their crewing was fascinating to watch. The UAE team won the team's event with at least 2 Aussie horses! It was great to see the riders coming through the crew points basically together. Obviously as a team. Most of the time they dismounted and strapped the horses*

*pretty thoroughly at each crew point. (These were not the end of leg vet check points).*

*The on course crew consisted of only 4 people - Carol Wendt, Jill Burton and Pip Archer from SA and me. We had help from Peter Toft and John Simpson some of the time. I don't think the horses wanted for anything that we 4 could have given them. 2 Aussies completed... Penny Toft on Don in 18th place, and Kristie McGaffin on Tierview Maverick in 19th place, one second between them. Brooke Sample's horse was withdrawn, Derek Armitage's horse vetted out on heart rate... nothing wrong, just seemed overawed with the event. Matthew Sample and Meg Wade's horses were both lame. Overall, the Aussie horses looked fantastic, before, during and after the event.*

*NSW members, Trish Annetts as Chef D'Equipe and Robyn Mather as a team vet did a fantastic job, having travelled with the horses in mid Oct and looking after them and all the details for almost a month. Renee Saxby was the team horse physio, and worked really hard to help give the horses the best chance. Mette Sutton did a great job strapping back at the base. Brooke Warner was there as Don's groom. It was great to see her again.*

*All in all, it was a great experience. It didn't cost a fortune... just as well considering my finances, so I would really encourage anyone to go. We certainly could have done with more crewing help!! It was fun tho, and a very proud moment watching the Aussie horses and the flag at the presentation ceremony.*

*Re funding... we are getting reminders from sport and rec about funding reports. . Not due till Feb for this year, but I'd like to get on to it as soon as the accounts are done. Next years funding will be the same as this year ... \$6500.*

*Cheryl has asked for a letter re her tax so will attend to that, thanks Tom.*

*I have asked Jo for her availability for computer training so will try to organise something ASAP.*

#### Tom McCormack – Treasurer

##### 1. Commonwealth Bank Account balances.

General A/c \$17,859.85 as at 30/10/2008

No2 A/c \$13,918.18 as at 29/10/2008

##### 2. Term Deposits invested.

Amount	Rate	Matures
\$14,788.33	7.05%	22/12/08
\$33,139.53	7.05%	22/12/08
\$30,000.00	7.50%	21/02/09

Invoices for Approval are set out in Annexure A to these minutes.

**Profit and Loss and up to date financial report elsewhere in this newsletter.**

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General discussion on the accounts with the suggestion following that some of this money could be allocated into membership fees to make us more competitive with the other states.

**Moved That** **Tom McCormack, Graeme Gilbertson**  
Treasurers Report is accepted and the accounts paid

**Carried** Unanimously

**Wendy Jones – Ride Calendar –**

Shoalhaven nominating for 1 November, 2009. Rowena Robinson. Approved. 80/40/20.

Brookvale – National Capital ride. 18 October 2009. 80/40/20. Michelle Pike.

Eurobodalla - Kate Moran. 3 May 2009. \$75 J45 T45 80/40 klm 02 4473 5906. Approved.

St Albans, ie Brad and Wendy Jones with help from Neil Clarkson, would like to run a ride on the June long weekend. Suggested a 120 elevator to a 160 klm ride, giving people another chance to qualify for the Tom Quilty. Want to run in conjunction with this ride a 100 klm AERA ride and a 100 klm FEI ride so that people can start to qualify for an FEI event. Agreement given in principle. Wendy and Brad to follow up FEI booking procedures, return to the next meeting with a firmer proposal.

Call for tenders for the 2010 State Ride. Agreement the October long weekend be left free for State Rides. Shoalhaven are to be asked to put in a formal costed proposal.

Discussion on changing the rules to allow the OC of a State Championship ride to run rides in conjunction with the 160 klm event. Any 80 klm ride should be a no frills 80 klm.

**MOVED THAT** **Gay Bonham, Graeme Gilbertson**  
the Batemans Bay ride committee must submit a full proposal to the NSW ERA committee to be tabled at the December meeting.

**Carried Unanimous**

**Gay Bonham - IT, Insurance**

One insurance claim. Regarding IT - Some ride secretaries are still nervous using the computer but when shown, they find that it isn't all that hard. Need to try to get the computers to the ride secretary before a ride so that they have a chance to practice. Jo McMaha has a new update from Blucher and she will try and update the computers before any of the training weekends.

**Annette Bailey – Promotions – Report**

**Equest Magazine -**

Wendy Cohen, CEO EFA NSW, has agreed to give NSWERA 2-3 pages in the Equest Magazine, which is a quarterly publication distributed by the EFA NSW to all its members. These pages should be used to highlight profile riders in the sport; to provide previews and reviews of rides that are on the calendar; and to show a calendar with ride secretary

details and NSWERA details. The first issue that we will be in will be out in March 2009.

**Bumper Sticker Competition -**

The Bumper Sticker Competition has some very strong entries and I will forward a complete file to each committee member so that you can decide your favorites prior to the December meeting.

**DVD & Promotional Literature -**

Kieron Power has finished the Day in the Life of an Endurance Rider DVD. It is 10 minutes in duration and is a great low key introduction to our sport in NSW. I have 4 copies and have sent one to Charlie Gauci for him to show his volunteers so that they have a basic understanding of our sport. I have asked Kieron to forward an invoice to cover his costs for reimbursement.

Getting Started Notes and DL flyers have been distributed at Woodstock and Oberon Rides. Would like all Zone Delegates to have these on hand to distribute to rides in their Zones.

**Ride Survey Form -**

Have emailed all members of the Committee a draft jpeg file of the Ride Survey Form. I feel that this should also be in the Magazine for the duration of the trial period, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

To protect the integrity of the survey the following is suggested as protocol for the Ride Survey Format –

All email addresses of senders must be kept on record so that the survey cannot be falsified or false results received.

The emails will be received by the Secretariat and then all answers detailed on a purpose designed Excel sheet which is sent to the Survey Co-ordinator (at this point, being myself).

The results will then be collated in a graph format which is sent to the Ride Secretary/Committee.

No names will be supplied to the ride committees and all information will be treated in confidence by the NSW ERA Secretariat and Survey Co-ordinator.

**Glenda Edwards – Merchandise and EWS**

Jacky Barlow gave the report. Description of merchandise is to be sent to Neil.

Newsletter should say who received uniforms at the Quilty, so members know that support is given to NSW teams. Glenda to supply this information for inclusion in the Newsletter.

AGM dinner –the Club is happy to police the meals. General discussion with agreement to go with the wrist band idea. Gay to source the wrist bands. Tom McCormack to supply a projector and a screen for Kieron's slide show.

Gay said that the EWS letters have been done. Tabled and read.

**Tom Perkins & Neil Clarkson– web site**

General agreement the web is looking good. Gundagai distances need to be changed. Bush

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Capital has been cancelled. Need to go through the ride calendar and make some changes. AGM information will be added to the web.

#### **Jeff Bonham – Horse Welfare**

Jeff gave the report. Reviewed the chief stewards' lists, have 91 working TPRs over the last two years. There are 56 people who have not worked at a ride in the last two years and 17 on the active list who aren't registered as TPRs. These 17 need to be added to the TPR list. Jeff said he still needs to cross reference the TPR list with the membership list. Agreement Tom P will do this and Tom P will do the map, leave it unlisted, circulate the special code and await comments.

#### **Chief Stewards reports.**

Shoalhaven. Super ride, marking great but there were problems with some people following the wrong markers. One invasive treatment.

Woodstock. Well appointed. Only one incidence on leg one, rider fell off her horse. Riding times were adjusted. No problems.

#### **Tom Perkins – Procedures**

Work still being done on the Google maps. Google have made some major changes. Suspect there could be a few glitches in their system. Vets map is there and linked to the web. Ride secretaries have been asked to let Tom know if they want their ride on the map – ask them for a comment on their ride.

Tom has copied the AERA constitution and made it electronic. The new booking form has questions which if answered, will give lots of information that can go onto the web with reference to a particular ride.

#### **Annette Bailey / Tom McCormack – ride admin**

A number of forms were tabled. Novice Horse Application Form. Endurance Horse Application Form tabled. Similar to the Novice Form but with a few additional tick boxes to be completed.

General discussion on problems associated with micro chipping horses. Victoria and WA do not get involved with micro chipping horses. Tom McC to get hold of the WA document.

Wendy Jones arrived at the meeting (7:25). NSW ERA now have multi scanners which should read all microchips. Jacky to follow up whether we can return and get a refund on the chips in hand. Fresh Log Book Application Form was tabled. Return to the next meeting or email any problems.

Tom P sent a notice to all chief stewards on the chat line.

John Howe will organise the Big 3 trophies. Need names, horses, dates.

**Ride Rating Card** – Agreement the forms will go to Jacky who will copy and send to Annette. AB to produce a graph and email this to the committee.

Neil to make a PDF of the **Ride Organisers Book** and email to everyone.

**AHIS** idea to go to the AERA meeting next weekend. Report to be given to the next NSW meeting.

**Right to refuse membership.** Tom P asked why this was written into the constitution. Tom P wants a procedure put together and submitted for legal opinion so the committee knows what it can and can't do.

#### **Finalise 2009 membership fees**

Tom McC went though the P&L for the year to date. A profit of around \$20,000. Suggestion that we could drop the membership from \$165 to \$145 - without a newsletter. Members could print their newsletter from the Web. Discussion on what constitutes a family with reference to membership fees. A junior is 18 years and under in the year of membership. Family membership should be \$360.00.

#### **MOVED Tom McCormack – Gay Bonham.**

**THAT** Adult membership be reduced to \$145 with no hard copy newsletter. Adult membership - \$165 with a hard copy newsletter. Junior membership - \$110 and family membership (two adults and two children) \$340. An extra junior within the family membership to be an additional \$50.

#### **Carried Unanimous**

Anyone who wants a hard copy newsletter will pay an extra \$20 otherwise print from the Web. Fees are set understanding that if the AERA puts its fees up by an amount greater than 5% - 2009 membership fees will reflect this.

Discussion on the number of free newsletters that are currently posted out. There are around 50 every edition. Why so many? Examples include all AERA delegates, state secretaries, etc.

#### **November AERA Meeting**

No agenda has been received. Most discussion will be matters that will happen next year. Various new rules for 2009.

There is a WA motion on training rides. Discusses minimum riding time which shall be not less than 14 klm over the distance of the ride. Only novice horses would have to comply with this time. May come back in an amended form.

Second vote – introductory ride times. 8 klm an hour, refers to social rides. The motion is to change the rule to include a minimum and maximum times. Vote yes.

Second vote – that training rides and social rides attract non completion penalty points. NSW Vote no should this be a motion. Trying to encourage and teach riders, not discourage them.

Yellow cards. Vote no.

Vote no to the change in the heart rate and vet time. When Neil gets the agenda it will be emailed out to the committee. Kerry won't be there, this means NSW won't have a delegate on the International Committee. Agreement Neil should attend as Kerry's proxy.

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# *2008 National Point Score Results*

## Heavyweight Horse

Points	
1.	Bellarine Bozo (NSW) 90
2.	Phoenix Park Epona (VIC) 84
3.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW) 51.5
4.	West Coast Acharon (WA) 50.5
5.	Alnotarj Zhaan (TAS) 42
6.	Tuldar Saladin (QLD) 42
7.	Thowra Park Cadellac (WA) 39
8.	Saronett Fantom (QLD) 38.5
9.	Nurelee Talisman (NSW) 38
10.	Aylah (NSW) 37.5

### Distance

1.	Phoenix Park Epona (VIC) 1074
2.	Torryburn Rahal (NSW) 969
3.	Bellarine Bozo (NSW) 940
4.	Brookman Park Wizard (SA) 643
5.	Garonne Park Walker (NSW) 640
6.	West Coast Acharon (WA) 612
7.	Tequila Sunrise (QLD) 600
8.	Rupert (WA) 562.5
9.	Saronett Fantom (QLD) 562
10.	Alnotarj Statistic (NSW) 560
11.	Nurelee Talisman (NSW) 560

## Middleweight Horse

Points	
1.	Sundale Neptune (WA) 99.5
2.	Warabong Challenge (QLD) 85
3.	Ferrymaster/Webbs Creek (NSW) 84.5
4.	Sasam (QLD) 84.25
5.	Tuldar the Magician (NSW) 83.75
6.	Poseidon Moon (WA) 82.5
7.	Franshar Park K Shar (NSW) 66.5
8.	West Coast Dayan (WA) 63.5
9.	Hirstglen Zeppelin (QLD) 62.75
10.	Castlebar Kalahari (VIC) 65.5

### Distance

1.	Sundale Neptune (WA) 1438.7
2.	Tanderra Sapphire (WA) 1258.5
3.	Warabong Challenge (QLD) 1217
4.	Shadow (NSW) 1120
5.	Poseidon Moon (WA) 1113.7
6.	Shintaar (WA) 1057
7.	Big Joe (WA) 1055.5
8.	Aratahnes Impressive (NSW) 1040
9.	Ferrymaster/Webbs Creek (NSW) 1005
10.	Sasam (QLD) 962

## Lightweight Horse

Points	
1.	Shellal Cattle King Flyte (NSW) 84
2.	Ausden Kon Tiki (NSW) 81.5
3.	A'Landell Sarlee (NSW) 81
4.	Chip Chase Knight (SA) 77
5.	Hajra Leonie (NSW) 64.25
6.	Orchid Park Silver Mecca (WA) 62
7.	Anglesea Summaleas (TAS) 57
8.	Roheryn Park Khaleef (VIC) 57
9.	Shakista (NSW) 55.75
10.	Mangueira Moksha (QLD) 55

### Distance

1.	Hajra Leonie (NSW) 1285
2.	Orchid Park Silver Mecca (WA) 1146.7
3.	Shellal Cattle King Flyte (NSW) 1140
4.	A'Landell Sarlee (NSW) 1000
5.	Chip Chase Knight (SA) 990
6.	Ausden Kon Tiki (NSW) 980
7.	Anglesea Summaleas (TAS) 880
8.	Roheryn Park Khaleef (VIC) 834
9.	Hillbrae Bimbo (QLD) 740
10.	Shakista (NSW) 720
10.	Winston (TAS) 720

## Junior Horse

Points	
1.	Lockleigh Park Star (TAS) 76.25
2.	El Sherran Ricadonna (WA) 76
3.	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign (NSW) 64
4.	Carnarvon Cavalier (QLD) 63.5
5.	Judah of Glendhu (TAS) 55.75
6.	Ashwind (QLD) 51
7.	Blake's Heaven Ventura (NSW) 46.5
8.	Bindi (TAS) 44.5
8.	Tobinlee Ishmale (QLD) 42.5
10.	Golden Treasure (WA) 39

### Distance

1.	Lockleigh Park Star (TAS) 1040
2.	El Sherran Ricadonna (WA) 846.2
3.	Judah of Glendhu (TAS) 800
4.	Blake's Heaven Ventura (NSW) 764
5.	Blake's Heaven Summer Reign (NSW) 740
6.	Bindi (TAS) 640
7.	Carnarvon Cavalier (QLD) 640
8.	Tobinlee Ishmale (QLD) 582
8.	Ashwind (QLD) 562
10.	Jirrima Smooth Sailor (NSW) 520

**Heavyweight Rider**

## Points

1.	Peter Norman (NSW)	108
2.	Matthew Sample (QLD)	90.5
3.	Ken Bradley (VIC)	84
4.	Paul Lengronne (QLD)	77
5.	Noel Lockhart (TAS)	66
6.	Paddy Smith (NSW)	59.5
7.	Norbert Radny (WA)	55.5
8.	Jarrold Robinson (VIC)	55
9.	Otto Van Kampen (WA)	55
10.	Con Bouzianis (NSW)	54

## Distance

1.	Peter Norman (NSW)	1200
2.	Ken Bradley (VIC)	1154
3.	Con Bouzianis (NSW)	1080
4.	Paul Lengronne (QLD)	1024
5.	Allan Caslick (NSW)	1020
6.	Len Derkacz (NSW)	969
7.	Matthew Sample (QLD)	888
8.	Vern Berry (QLD)	866
9.	Jarrold Robinson (VIC)	834
10.	Alan Mackinder (NSW)	820

**Middleweight Rider**

## Points

1.	Meg Wade (VIC)	205.5
2.	Donna Weismann (QLD)	133.25
3.	Kristie McGaffin (VIC)	115
4.	Jennifer Gilbertson (NSW)	103.5
5.	Marion Lengronne (QLD)	102.75
6.	Natasha Ellery (WA)	99.5
7.	Mette Sutton (NSW)	90.75
8.	Gail Hamilton (QLD)	86
9.	Emily Streckfuss (NSW)	84.75
10.	.Frances Overheu (WA)	82.5

## Distance

1.	Meg Wade (VIC)	2324
2.	Donna Weismann (QLD)	2197
3.	Kristie McGaffin (VIC)	2012
4.	Jennifer Gilbertson (NSW)	1489
5.	Anne Simmons (SA)	1488
6.	Ken Moir (QLD)	1481
7.	Natasha Ellery (WA)	1438.7
8.	Ruth Van der Wegen (NSW)	1405
9.	Bruce Carter (NSW)	1360
10.	James Sheahan (VIC)	1355

**Lightweight Rider**

## Points

1.	Cheryl Bullock (SA)	113.5
2.	Robin Gossip (NSW)	95
3.	Allix Jones (NSW)	88
4.	Melanie Anderson (NSW)	81.5
5.	Clare Fleming (QLD)	81.5
6.	Jessie Aistrope (SA)	81.5
7.	Alison Dent (TAS)	75.5
8.	Shelly Ison (NSW)	71.5
9.	Brianna Bainger (SA)	68.5
10.	Angela Hawks (QLD)	65.5

## Distance

1.	Cheryl Bullock (SA)	1569
2.	Jessie Aistrope (SA)	1451
3.	Allix Jones (NSW)	1380
4.	Jan Wade (NSW)	1285
5.	Saasha Turrell (QLD)	1227
6.	Robin Gossip (NSW)	1180
7.	Brianna Bainger (SA)	1156
8.	Lyn Summerfield (WA)	1146.7
9.	Jessica Welsh (VIC)	1143
10.	Kaye Mitchell (TAS)	1120

**Junior Rider**

## Points

1.	David Anderson Jnr (QLD)	115
2.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	110.5
3.	Emma Smith (NSW)	86.5
4.	Bradley Hill (TAS)	83.25
5.	Jesse McKinnon (VIC)	80
6.	Ingrid Ambrosiussen (QLD)	79
7.	Astrid Van Kampen (WA)	76
8.	Jade Vergis (QLD)	67.5
9.	Blaine Astell (TAS)	65
10.	Shannon Hill (TAS)	59.75

## Distance

1.	Talea Hasko-Stewart (NSW)	1504
2.	David Anderson Jnr (QLD)	1478
3.	Emma Smith (NSW)	1194
4.	Bradley Hill (TAS)	1133
5.	Ingrid Ambrosiussen (QLD)	1094
6.	Jesse McKinnon (VIC)	1058
7.	Blaine Astell (TAS)	1047
8.	Jade Vergis (QLD)	882
9.	Shannon Hill (TAS)	880
10.	Astrid Van Kampen (WA)	846.2

# Bellarine Arabians

The Breeding and early History of BELLARINE BOZO 2008 Heavyweight Points Horse by Merry Robertson [robertson\\_cairns@bigpond.com](mailto:robertson_cairns@bigpond.com)

In 1997 I had a friend in the Snowy Mountains who wanted to buy a colt from my Arabian stock horse stud in Central Queensland. To make the trip worth while, he picked up the colt, but also filled up the truck with other young horses. These were all subsequently broken in and sold. The original horses went so well that in 2000 they came back for another truck load.

BOZO was an unbroken youngster in that truck.

Since 1929, the station horses were all branded with a number and their breeding recorded in a "horse Book". Bozo's dam's line goes back to horses my Grandfather bought in 1923. These horses were supposedly by an imported Arab called PASHA. I have not been able to find records of him, but I don't think they worried much about registrations in those days.

Another stallion used along the way was by the first Arab stallion registered in Australia, DARINTH. He had several crosses to Shahzada in his breeding.

In those days, my Grandfather would ride 70 MILES to go to a dance in the nearest town. Imagine riding, dancing and riding home again!!

We always bred Arab type stock horses, but every now and then we would put a thoroughbred in there to give them more height. The last one we used was of the show jumping SOUVENIR breeding.

In 1975 we put up 50 mares for classification with the ASHS and 47 were accepted. Unfortunately mention Arab to them now and they are not impressed!!

In 1993 there was a very bad drought on the station so I lent a palomino mare (Caromello) to a friend who bred her to her pure Arabian stallion PRIOR PARK PICASSO. The result was a palomino colt called PRIOR PARK BOLERO.

I then bred this colt "BO" back to some of my unrelated mares. One of the offspring was BOZO.

Caromello was bred from a mare from another property who also numbered their stock and kept their own stud book. Her breeding goes back to the 1902 drought when the owners had to walk off their property with just a handful a stock. That station also bred Anglo Arab type stock horses. She supposedly went back to an Arab called BARAK (1903).

The Bellarine Stud was relocated to Far North Q'ld in 2000. We are still breeding from Bozo's dam and her full sister, and from mares with the same breeding as his sire "BO". We have stayed with the Anglo Arab type with the current stallion being the 2008 Q'ld National Distance Award sire ALOHA GOVERNOR.

Congratulations to Peter Norman for bringing out the best in a horse that was bred to work. BOZO is probably waiting for him to have a dance and ride home again !!

# Bush Capital Ride Review

The Bush Capital Endurance Ride was the first of the year held at Equestrian Park in Canberra, with eighty two riders in total on the day, 27 in the 80km, 38 in the 40km Trainer and 16 in the 20km Social ride.

Set up on the very hot Saturday threatened the outlook of 34+degrees on Sunday, with most people grateful for the 4am start.

The first leg went through Stromlo Forrest and back over common ground through the under construction Arboretum, there was plenty of water and lovely views.

The second leg went out on the Bicentennial Trail and around some government agistment paddocks and back home again over the common ground. Most riders on return from this new second leg commented on a very enjoyable course, as it gave people the ability to ride amongst suburbia without having the stress of worrying about hazards or where they were going.

The course was marked with common ground as a separate colour which had some people who had not seen it before concerned after pre ride talk about how they would find their way. However nobody had any problems on the day and some riders obviously appreciated the benefits of this system. With the only negative comment being "I don't like Pink".

With a bridge only 3 kilometres into the ride the committee had people manning it to light the area, as they turned up to there positions they found a still burning car, giving them a BIG shock. Amazingly all horses travelled passed without to much worry, however the last horse did have some issues with the fire truck that just turned up with its lights blazing.

Equal first across the line were Wendy Dower on Castlebar Topaz and Rachel Reid on Franshar Park K Shar in 4hrs 54. With Castlebar Topaz claiming the Best Conditioned award.

First Heavyweight was Lorien Hasko-Stewart on Blake's Heaven Sombora in 5:58, followed by Charles Gauci on Charleville Jack in 6:06. Best Conditioned Heavyweight was Frank Mollema on Omani Strike A Light in 6.08.

Sue Todd on PPP Kool Pashin and Faith Robinson on Pinedale QJ Kelsey crossed the line in 6:30, with Sue's horse winning by a nose. The Best Conditioned and the Best Managed 80km horse awards (a bridle donated by Saddleworld) went to Faith.

First Junior and Catchweight honours went to Talea Hasko-Stewart on Blake's Heaven Summer Reign in a ride time of 5:58. Second junior, Phoebe Gardner on Castlebar Hot Potato in 6:09 won the Lowest Heart rate award with a 36 HR (sponsored by Horse Deals) and also claimed Best Conditioned Junior.

The unexpected overcast day (until 1pm) that had most people at base in jackets and horses travelling comfortably, helped with the excellent completion rate of only 2 non finishers in the 80km and most 40km and all of the 20km starters completing.

The committee would like to thank everyone involved in helping run this ride, including CARC (WICEN), Brian Pike providing fantastic food, all the volunteers and a big thank you to all the sponsors.

# Canberra Bush Capital photo gallery



Left: Wendy Downes with Castlebar Topaz—1st Middle-wright.

Below: Talea Hasko Stuart with Blakes Heaven Summer Reign. First Junior.



# Canberra Bush Capital photo gallery



Above: Social Riders at Canberra

Left Sue Todd with PPP Kool Pashin—1st Lightweight.

Photos by Corey Nix (on track) and Gertraud Norton (at base) took the photos



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## **STALLIONS**

**Rowallan Kasar AU\$6,000** (Glenallan Nomad x Wagga Kaskin) S21626 Bay 16.10.1998. One of Glenallan Nomads last colts. This stallion possesses height and great bloodlines.

## **STALLIONS (Maidens)**

**Rowallan Russet AU\$6,000** (Banderman x Wagga Shanara (Wagga Deakin)) S22040 Bay 6.11.99. A well conformed, balanced, beautifully mannered stallion. Well handled. He is the last entire of the Bandaman lines.

**Rowallan Sovereign AU\$5,000** (Wagga Ambassador x Wagga Simone (Wagga Deakin)) S24248 Chestnut 20.9.2003. Should make a great competitor and sire, he has a fantastic nature.

**Rowallan Embassy AU\$5,000** (Wagga Ambassador x Wagga Monique (Delos) C5874 Chestnut 3.11.03. A rare opportunity to purchase a well-conformed stallion of his pedigree. Both his dam and sire are deceased.

The last two stallions are the last entires of Wagga Ambassador. We will consider a half share basis of the stallions to the right home.

## **MARES**

**Rowallan Dark Red AU\$4500** (Poldark x Wagga Shanara (Wagga Deakin)) F 22624 Chestnut 5.10.97A rare opportunity to purchase a Poldark mare. She is a very reliable brood mare.

**Rowallan Topaz AU\$3,000** (Arabian Park Telesein x Wagga Crystal) F 26804 Grey. 1/2 sister to Zakah Zahara's mother. She is a gentle filly with good clean legs.

**Rowallan Jade AU\$2000** (Arabian Park Telesein X Wagga Opal) A lovely, correct mare. She is the last foal out of Wagga Opal and a full sister to Rowallan Ironstone. Brood mare due to injury.

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# Bellarine Arabians—Offers For Sale

**FOR SALE:** from Cairns in Far North Q'ld.

"Bellarine Cashmere" grey mare foaled 18.11.05 out of Bellarine Pazzaz - the dam of 2008 Heavyweight Points horse Bellarine BOZO. \$4000

**"Bellarine Commando"** chestnut gelding foaled 24.3.05 out of a full sister to Bellarine Pazazz. \$2000 Commando's full sister Bellarine Faith is now successfully competing in Abu Dhabi.

**"Bellarine Moselle"** a big grey mare foaled 6.8.04. \$4000 This mare is a full sister to "Bellarine Spechelle" who completed two 160 km rides including the Quilty in 2008.

These young horses are by the 2008 Q'ld Distance Sire award winner Aloha Governor. His progeny are very sensible and have extremely low heartrates.

These three horses have not been broken to ride, but they have been handled since birth as we have to spray or check them weekly for paralysis scrub ticks. All Governor's progeny are well grown and range from 14.3 to 16 hands. All progeny are either registered or eligible for registration with the Arabian Society and the Australian Stock Horse Society. There are several others for sale of similar breeding. Prices are negotiable for multi buys. For a full sale list and more details contact Merry Robertson at [robertson\\_cairns@bigpond.com](mailto:robertson_cairns@bigpond.com)



**Peter Norman and the mighty Bellarine Bozo at Q60 Fittest Horse workout.  
Photo by Kieron Power**

# Kintamani Arabians



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# Ride Calendar

## March

1	Cedar Ridge Oberon	120 ** 90 * 80/40	S\$85 J\$65 T\$50	Courtney Freeman 0417 248 172	2
15	Q60 Trainer	TBA	TBA	Denise Trollope 4573 6244 or Marita Rifai 4573 1172	1
14-15	Tenterfield (Qld) Dual affiliate	80, 2 x 40, 1 x 20	S\$85, \$45, \$25	Phillipa Lillyman (2) 6737 5438	NRZ
22	Kirrawak	80/40	TBA	Abbie McMurrich (02) 6550 6337	6
29	Cedar Ridge Oberon	120/80/40	S\$85 J\$65 T\$50	Courtney Freeman 0417 248 172	2

## April

12	Tumbarumba – Young Horse Chal- lenge	FEI 100 **	\$130	Angelina Patterson (02)6948 5188	4
12	Tumbarumba Norm Bradley Memorial	80/40 AERA	S\$70 J\$50 T\$30	Angelina Patterson (02) 6948 5188	4
19	Tooraweenah	80/40	TBA	Jenny Standford (02) 6825 4394	2
26	Gundagai	80/40	TBA	Rick Owens (02) 6944 1628	4
26	New Italy (Qld) Dual affiliate	80/40	TBA	Julie Haigh (02) 6688 8276	NR Z

## May

2	Bendemeer	15 Social	TBA	Gay Bonham 6785 2055	2
3	Bendemeer	80/40	TBA	Gay Bonham 6785 2055	2
3	Eurobodalla	100-80/40/20	S\$75 J\$45 T\$45	Kate Moran (02) 4473 5906	5
10	The Rock	80/40/20	TBA	Dave Edgar 6920 1203	4
17	Mudgee Nomina- tions. required	80/40	S\$75, J\$50, T\$50 Late Fee + \$30	Mette Sutton 6372 4960 (ah) 0400 308 626	2
24	Q60	80/100 elev/40	TBA	Denise Trollope 4573 6244	1
30	Wingello Forest	80/40	TBA	Rebecca Hayes 0412 600 173	5

# Ride Calendar

## June

7	St Albans	120 – 160 El. 80/40/20	TBA	Wendy Jones 4982 1758	1
7	St Albans	80 * FEI	TBA	Wendy Jones 4982 1758	1
14	Gulgong	80/40	TBA	Wendy McLehose 6374 2800.	2
21	Putty Valley	80/40/20	S\$75 J\$60 T\$40 S\$20	Charlie Gauci 4735 3014, Mobile 0409 202 224	1
28	Kundabung	80/40/20	TBA	Sonia Ruprecht: 6553 9523.	

## July

18-19	Batemans Bay State Champs	160/80	160 - \$250	Louise Counsell 4478 6288 0411 480 393	5
26	Bago Bush Ride Wauchope	80/40/20	TBA	Robyn Coombes (02) 6585 6761	6
26	Coolamon	80/40/20	\$65, \$45, \$45, \$20	Michael Leary (02) 6927 3427	3

## August

2	Freemantle Ride	80/40/20	S\$80 J\$50 T\$40 S\$20	Lee Curtis, 02 63374195	2
17/21	Shahzada	400/120/80	TBA	Sue Todd	2

## September

5/6	Manilla	80/40	TBA	Gay Bonham 6785 2055	2
18/19/20	Tom Quilty Victoria	160 km	S\$360 J\$200 Late Fee \$100	Lissy Verity 03 5625 3555	VIC

## October

4	Harden Light Horse	110 elev plus 40/20	TBA	Kate Smith 0411 795 278	4
10/11	Kirrawak	80/100 elev	TBA	Abby McMurrich (02) 6550 6337	6
17/18	Green Valley Tingha	110/80/40/10	\$140 S\$100 J\$50 T\$60 S\$25	Clare Fleming 0400 890 446 Tania Mills (02) 6723 3259	6

# Ride Calendar

18	Brookvale – National Capital	80/40/20	TBA	Michelle O'Leary (02) 6454 4077 0416 253 981	5
25	Woodstock	80/40/20	TBA	Dianne Cameron (02)6345 0044	4

## November

1	W. Cambewarra (Shoalhaven)	80/40/20	TBA	Rowena Robinson (02) 4447 8814	5
8	Cedar Ridge Stables	FEI 120 x 2* 90 x 1* +	TBA	Courtney Freeman 0417 248 172	2
15	Blowering Dam Challenge	100/40/20	S\$75 J\$55 T\$45 S\$20	Louise Stevens 6949 2507	4
29	Cedar Ridge Stables	80 elev to 120	TBA	Courtney Freeman 0417 248 172	2

## December

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**Zone 1**—N/W Sydney & Environs **Zone 2**—Central West **Zone 3**—Riverina  
**Zone 4**—Snowy **Zone 5**—South Coast **Zone 6**—Mid North Coast

## Microchipping

At the recent AERA meeting the following motion was passed:

***That as from 1st January 2010, all horses qualifying to endurance status must be microchipped to be eligible to compete***

The AERA Veterinary Panel made recommendations to AERA to have all horses microchipped, novice and endurance, including horses currently competing.

The AERA would like to encourage members to have all their horses microchipped irrespective of their status.

Anne Jones, AERA Secretary

# Classified advertisements

## FOR SALE

14 year old Grey Mare, 13.5hh Snowy Mountain Mirage mare, She is a beautiful "nuggetty" mare with blood lines to Mustafa, Banderol and Crystal Count. She has done 40km and 80km rides has a yellow log book. She is a tough mountain pony, born in the high country. She would suit a cooler climate as she suffers from the itch. Very quiet to catch, handle, shoe, float, dependable, reliable has done PC, team penning and stock work. Keeps her weight on. Regrettable sale as property sold.  
\$2,500. neg Phone Haidi on 6562 3830, mobile 0401 660 050

## FOR SALE

Anglo Arab 4 old, 15.2hh. Green broken. Great temperament, easy to catch, lead, trim, float, rug. Big strides forward moving, snaffle bit. Sad sale. Not for beginner. In paddock condition Bred for endurance from a 100% Crabbit Stallion, Leshal Indiana. The stallion has a Yellow book with no vet out's, is ridden in a halter. The mare is a 16.2 hh Wympala Blue Thoroughbred.  
\$2,500 neg. Phone: Haidi 6562 3830 mobile 0401 660 050

## Purebred Arabian Gelding.

'Kie-Al Sirhan', 10 years, 15hh bay, bluebook. Competitive heart rate, forward ground covering stride. Completed 2 x 80s. Winning Lowest Heart Rate Award Overall at Kundabung. Has great manners. A true gentleman. Self loads onto float. In fat paddock condition. Seeking endurance home, also advertised in February Horse Deals. \$5000 on.o. Phone Karina (02) 6552 9041, mobile 0419 204 816

## FOR SALE

Saddle - Barefoot Cheyenne Treeless, German made w/ nubuck leather. Complete. Great to ride in Hardly used - no longer doing Endurance. \$1200 ono Janet Hurt 4978 1140 ah 4959 1444 bh

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Chris Anderson 0427 664 527.

## RIDE WANTED

Fit, experienced lightweight lady rider is looking for a horse to ride the 160km ride at St Albans in 2009.  
Phone at night Belle Bollard (M'Ship 22213) Phone. 6760 3638

## FOR SALE

Australian made Stock Saddle by John Baker. An oldie but a goodie. Structurally sound and in good condition but lacks a little in the cosmetic department. Make a great work or second saddle. Medium size. At \$300 ono this is good value for an Australian made leather stock saddle. (02) 9230 4515 BH or (02) 4576 3388 AH.

# Letter to the Editor

Endurance Riding in Australia

Having attended the 2008 Tom Quilty, I am wondering what has happened to our traditional Tom Quilty event that was instigated by two very famous Australians, Tom Quilty and RM Williams and their dedicated helpers, to be the equivalents of the Tevis Cup in the USA. 100 miles, in one day, midnight start, 4 legs, with all vetting etc. This scenario has worked here in Australia for many years very successfully and I see no need for change. The Tom Quilty is an iconic ride known to all endurance riders the world over as the great Australian 100 miler.

I saw changes at the last Tom Quilty – a 4am start so that the first ones home were in the dark. There were 4 hours of beautiful riding time lost because of it. The spectacle of all other riders coming home in the dark was not conducive to a spectator sport and 6 legs does not throw out the challenge of a 4 legged ride. Riders have to slow down to meet the challenge of longer legs. Endurance riding is not a 'dash for cash'. It is an endurance ride. We used to ride 4 legged Quiltys, the challenges haven't changed, we still need to ride to the conditions.

I can accept the Vet Gate into Hold and 'compulsory re-present' before going back on track, and even maybe 5 legs but that is all. I do not like, that the Tom Quilty challenge has become just another 100 mile ride like all the rest. It has to be **THE** Tom Quilty, open to all. I cannot and will not accept the need to change the heart rate criteria to 64 beats per minute or under. This was tried many years ago in Australia and the decision was made to use 60 bpm – this has traditionally worked well.

The Tom Quilty should be the showcase of Australian endurance riding in Australia. We do not have to follow the rest of the world. We are Australians, let the Australian tradition continue. This is why Tom Quilty and RM Williams put the ride on in the first place.

If any of you feel as strongly as I do about the future of the Quilty, please get in contact with your State Management Committee/delegate and do something about it.

Yours sincerely

Jill Ross  
Membership number 5057

## RIDE FLARES NOW AVAILABLE

The NSW SMC has available for ride committees 12 hour flares (glow sticks) at \$1.00 each. There is a supply of orange and green flares available at cost price. Just contact Jeff Bonham on .6785 2055. Ride organisers are encouraged to use these flares as an alternative to flashing lights on danger spots.



## Australian Endurance Squad

### The Southern Stars Young Horse Championships Guidelines and Rules Governing these events.

#### The Event

The Australian Young Horse Endurance Challenge will be conducted as an annual series. The Series will start on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year and will finish with the staging of the Final Challenge Event to be held during the month of December of the same year.

#### The Horse

The horse must be registered with a breed society

Age Minimum age: Must be 6yo on Jan the 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of nomination

Maximum age: Not to have reached its 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day of the final Challenge event.

Proof of Age: To be determined by an Australian recognised breed registration certificate.

Horse Welfare: All relevant AERA and FEI horse welfare rules will apply including the FEI Horse welfare Code of Conduct.

Elimination: Any horse that is entered in this series and requires invasive treatment that is directed by the Ride or Treatment Veterinarian at any AERA or FEI ride within Australia during the Series year will be eliminated from the series. Horses that receive preventative treatment at the request of the rider/responsible person will not be eliminated from the Series.

Any horse that vets out for any reason at two qualifiers is eliminated from the series.

#### The Rider

In all Divisions and Sections of these events, the Rider must be of Endurance Status, as defined in the AERA Members Handbook.

#### Qualifying Standards

All qualifying rides will be FEI 1\* with distances to be of 80 km – 119km

The Final of the Championship will be 2\* 120kms

Heart Rates: As per the FEI Veterinary rules for 1\* and 2\* rides

Weights: Minimum weight will be 70kgs in all Divisions and events.

#### Qualifications for Final:

- a) Horses must successfully complete one 1\* Ride in the calendar year leading up to the final. Those eligible for the Final will be:
- b) The top 10 horses placed in each qualifying ride will be eligible to enter the Championships.
- c) Horses may compete at one or more Qualifiers even if already qualified, however only one qualifying time will count towards the final.
- d) Only qualified Series Young Horses are permitted to enter the Final event. Non Series horses will not be permitted to enter

#### Organizer and Beneficiary

The Australian Endurance Squad

Entry Information – Nomination for the Series is to be paid in full not later than 4 weeks prior to the first qualifying event in the Series. This nomination will be non refundable A late nomination fee will be charged if fees not paid by the due date.

Completion of applications will include copies of Log Book ID and summary of ride history together



with copies of breed registration certificates will be required with nomination payments

#### **Fees payable for entry to the SSYHC Series**

Squad Members/Horses: \$60.00 per horse

Non Squad Members \$80.00 per horse

Any late fees \$20.00 per horse

The above amounts do not include entry to the rides

#### *Young Riders –*

Where a Young Riders Division is run by the Ride Organiser, those nominated Challenge horses in that Division may participate in the Young Horse Challenge provided they carry the min. weight of 70kg. The Young Rider participants will be ranked with the Open Division horses for Qualification for entry into the Final. The Final will not include a Young Riders Division.

For inquiries and information

Contact:

Barbara Timms

Manager- Australian Endurance Squad

[barbt35@bigpond.net.au](mailto:barbt35@bigpond.net.au)

Ph: 07 4163 1568

## **Documentation Required to Enter FEI Rides 2009**

The horse must be in possession of a yellow log book, i.e. It must be an Endurance Horse. All horses and riders entering FEI rides must be registered with the FEI. This is done by filling in the required form which is available on the AERA website and sending to the Equestrian Federation of Australia (EFA), see address on the form, with the required fee. (currently \$22 per horse and \$22 per rider.) This registration is valid for 12 calendar months, due each January. It is the responsibility of each rider to present to the Ride Secretary at time of entry the FEI registration of themselves and their horse. These numbers can be sourced from the FEI website [www.horseport.org](http://www.horseport.org) under "Lists" Horses and Riders.

To enter a 1\* and a 2\* ride the horse and rider must be registered with the FEI.

3.To enter a 3\* ride the horse must have a National Identity Document (NID) or an FEI passport. These documents are obtained from the national office of the EFA. The forms are available on the AERA website.

The National Identity Document will cost the owner of the horse \$88 and is current for 4 years. It requires veterinary identification of the horse and then it has to be returned to the EFA for stamping before it can be valid. A horse may not enter a 3\* ride without this NID or an FEI passport. FEI registration is required as per items 1 and 2.

The FEI Recognition card is required if a horse with a NID is going to compete overseas. The cost is \$245.00 and is valid for 4 years

The FEI Passport is required when the horse is competing overseas. If it is known the horse will be competing overseas it is prudent to obtain the FEI Passport instead of the NID. The cost of the passport is \$285.00 and is valid for 4 years.

For all these documents the horse is required to be identified, in the case of the FEI passport, the veterinarian doing the ID may be an accredited AERA veterinarian.

The above documents are all available from the national office of the EFA and are currently on the AERA website. Please allow a 3 week turnaround when ordering these documents



## SOUTHERN STARS YOUNG HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### NOMINATION FROM

#### APPLICANT DETAILS

<b>Owner/Agent</b>				<b>Membership No.</b>	
<b>Address</b>					
		<b>State</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Fax</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Email</b>				<b>DOB</b>	

#### HORSE DETAILS (attach copy of breed certificate and Log Book ID )

<b>Horse Name</b>			<b>AERA No.</b>		
<b>Breed Regn. No.</b>		<b>D.O.B.</b>		<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Colour</b>		<b>Height</b>		<b>Breed</b>	
<b>Sire</b>				<b>Regn. No.</b>	
<b>Dam</b>				<b>Regn. No.</b>	

#### FEES

<b>Squad Members/Horses</b>	<b>\$60 per horse</b>
<b>Non Squad Members</b>	<b>\$80 per horse</b>
<b>Late Fees</b>	<b>\$20 per horse</b>

The above amounts do not include entry to the rides.

Nomination for the series is to be paid in full not later than 4 weeks prior to the first qualifying event in the Series. This nomination will be non refundable. A late nomination fee will be charged if fees not paid by the due date.

I agree to the terms of nomination of my horse to the Australian Young Horse Challenge and promise to adhere to all terms and conditions of my horse entered in the series. I acknowledge that these terms and conditions may be changed from time to time.

<b>Owner/Agent Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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#### Post to:

The Manager, Ms Barbara Timms, P O Box 144, NANANGO QLD 4615

Amended 02/09

# FEI Procedures

## Ride distances

FEI*	80 – 119 km	(one star, 1*)
FEI**	120 - 139km	(two star, 2*)
FEI***	140 – 160km	(three star, 3*)

## RIDERS IN FEI RIDES

1. Must complete 2 x 40km rides and 3 x 80km rides as per AERA rules to become a qualified endurance rider, then
2. Must complete at least 1 x 1\* ride, then
3. Must complete at least 1 x 2\* ride, then
4. Can enter 3\* rides, weight 75 kg.

If you have already completed a FEI ride, you will start at the next star level. This is based on mileage, not star rating, as follows:

For example,

- If you have already completed a FEI\*\* (2\*) 107 km ride, you are rated as a 1\* rider, but can now compete at 2\* level.
- If you have already completed a FEI\*\*\* (3\*) 120 km ride, you are rated as a 2\* rider, but can now compete at 3\* level.

Star system qualifications for riders are for life.

## HORSES IN FEI RIDES

1. Must complete 3 x 80km rides as per AERA rules to become an endurance horse,  
Then:
2. Must be at least 6 years old
3. Must complete at least 1 x 1\* ride, then
4. Must complete at least 1 x 2\* ride, then
5. Must be at least 7 years old, then
6. Can enter 3\* rides.

➤ If your horse has already completed a FEI ride within the past 24 months, it will start at the next star level. This is based on mileage, not star rating, as follows:

For example,

- If your horse has already completed a FEI\*\* (2\*) 107 km ride, it is rated as a 1\* horse, but can now compete at 2\* level.
- If your horse has already completed a FEI\*\*\* (3\*) 120 km ride, it is rated as a 2\* horse, and can now compete at 3\* level.
- If your horse fails to compete at the next star level within 24 months of qualifying, it must re qualify for its existing level in order to progress further.

After each FEI ride there is a mandatory rest period before it can enter another FEI ride. The rest period for up to 80 km is 13 days and from 81 km upwards is 20 days.

If your horse incurs a metabolic vet out that requires invasive treatment, your horse will have a mandatory 60 day rest period before it can be entered in another FEI Ride.



**Life after the AGM!!**

**Going fishing with  
Brad Jones**

**Photos by Kieron  
Power**



# December Committee meeting report

**NSW ERA Friday 12 December 2008.**

**Present:** Neil Clarkson, Graeme Gilbertson, Annette Bailey, Marita Rafai, Tom McCormack, Tom Perkins, Belinda Hopley, Jeff Bonham, Wendy Jones [7.40], Gary Tweedie, Kerry Spratt, Glenda Edwards,

**Apologies.** Gay Bonham, Patricia Waddell,

**In attendance:** Helen Rich (minutes), Jacky Barlow, Jennifer Gilbertson, Mark Freeman, Lesley Freeman, Brodie Freeman [part meeting], Brad Jones, Allix Jones

**Acceptance of previous Minutes**

**MOVED Belinda Hopley, Annette Bailey**

**THAT** that the minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2008 be accepted

**Carried Unanimous**

## Committee Reports

**Neil Clarkson – President, Newsletter, AERA**

Last ride of the year has been held. Attended five meetings, had over 240 emails in the last month. Spent 60 to 70 hours doing endurance stuff.

Newsletter is underway. Wishes the committee happy Christmas and great New Year.

**Graeme Gilbertson – Vice President**

GG said this will be his last meeting. GG and Jen will be overseas in January and February and will miss the AGM. All the best for the years to come.

Jennifer is not retiring – only GG.

**Jackie Barlow**

No new members. Total membership for 2008 is 545 adults, 29 juniors, 7 TPR and 25 associates.

**Harden Ride results** - took five weeks to arrive and were then incomplete. This holds the whole system up. KS to write asking this committee to get their results in on time. All ride results should be back within two weeks of a ride being held.

**Data base problems with Canberra Ride** - problems with the data but that has all been rectified.

**Log Book returns with membership** – e-mail from Anne Jones advising that all states should be putting in log book returns. Jacky to clean up the database. KS to supply a form for the newsletter

**Extra ribbons for juniors needed.** Several equal on 10<sup>th</sup> place. Suggested all get ribbons up to 16<sup>th</sup> rather than stopping at 8<sup>th</sup>. Agreed.

**Bozo – name change** - This horse won the pointscore. It has a registered name, including the stud **prefix**. The horse's name should be changed to include the stud prefix. Agreed this be done.

**Ownership stickers in logbooks.** A NSW rider went to a Victorian ride. The CS queried why her logbook **didn't** have an ownership sticker in it. NSW puts a stamp inside the log book, not a sticker. NSW could change to stickers if the committee wished. Agreement that NSW stay with the stamp. KS to

email Anne Jones asking that she notify the other State secretaries and ride committees that NSW members will have a stamp inside the front cover of their logbooks, rather than a sticker. NSW members should be made aware that their ownership notice is in the front of their logbook.

**Kerry Spratt – Secretary, Governance, AERA, International, IDP, Grants**

Correspondence in and out as tabled. :

**Drug swab results.** Jeff to follow up on non receipt of results.

**Country Athletes** scheme. If anyone knows anyone who may be eligible, get them to put in an application. Form is on the Sport and Rec website. AERA has a start-up grant of around \$2000 in reimbursement for running an FEI ride. It's not automatic – committees must apply - payable on application.

**Vet panel** recommendations for fees. Tabled. Jacky to change the ride paperwork advising that the fees are recommendations.

Email from Anne Jones - In the logbooks the words – 'anal tone' are to be removed and 'body score' substituted. This wording goes on every page of the logbooks.

**Ride Calendar.** Letter from Tumbarumba committee expressing unhappiness with what they believe is congestion in the 2009 ride calendar surrounding their Easter ride. Also commenting on the drop in the number of NSW members. Asking that existing rides be automatically given the same date each year. Wendy gave a report on the discussions that took place at the Upper Murray ride concerning the ride calendar. It is possible to move the Cedar Ridge ride to 29 March. That would be the week after Kirrawak.

**MOVED Wendy Jones, Marita Rafai**

**THAT** the Cedar Ridge 120 km elevator AERA ride be moved from 5<sup>th</sup> April to 29 March and the Cedar Ridge ride that was booked on 8<sup>th</sup> March be moved to 1<sup>st</sup> March FEI – 120 x 2\*\*, 1\* x 90 and the AERA ride is an 80 and a 40 km.

**Carried Unanimous**

KS to write to Tony Marshall advising that the Cedar Ridge Committee has agreed to change their ride date. Advised him that there is a ride organiser's forum coming up which he might like to attend and he can voice his concerns there.

Email from Jeff and Gay attaching a motion to go to the AGM.

AERA letter, concerning drug policies and the EFA/FEI, was handed out at the meeting for reading and future discussion. It is possible people may be swabbed for drugs. Committee members were advised to go to the EFA website and look up the medication control policy for humans. There is a

list of substances and levels. Return to the next meeting with comments.

KS to enquire as to when EFA drug testing courses are to be run. Testing is to be done in Sydney.

#### **Tom McCormack – Treasurer**

Reports emailed to the committee previously. A surplus of \$22,000. Accounts were lodged for payment. Full profit and loss statement is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Purchased MYOB and registered it in the name of NSW ERA. Renewal notices received for term deposits. One \$15,000 and one \$34,000. Suggest sums be split so money matures every three months or so. Suggest the interest return to the cheque account. Currently compounding. Jeff and Glenda to do a stock report and send to Tom McCormack.

**MOVED** **Tom McCormack, Wendy Jones.**  
**THAT** the term deposit for \$34,000 is amended to a three month term and the term deposit for \$15,000 is amended to a five month term.

**Carried Unanimous**

#### **Wendy Jones – Ride Calendar –**

Batemans Bay State Ride committee – submitted their proposal. This was tabled and read.

Letter from Fia Haskow-Stewart – re running the Canberra ride, 80/40km. Belinda advised the long weekend, Jan 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> would be preferred. Cory Nix will be doing the track. Want to start the ride early, around 4 am. Working on the issues of communications on track. The importance of having water on course was emphasised. No vets organised yet. Some of the approvals from the previous ride are still valid. This ride was booked on this date by another person and Fia Haskow-Stewart taking is over from the previous ride secretary. Belinda said the ride committee would be quite happy to use the ride survey cards.

**MOVED** **Wendy Jones, Belinda Hopley**  
**THAT** NSW ERA issue conditional approval for the running of the Canberra ride on the long weekend in January, such approval conditional upon on satisfactory arrangements being made for the provision of water, vets etc

**Carried Unanimous**

Woodstock – 25 October 2009 – 80/40/20. Week after Brookvale. Approved.

Harden – want 4<sup>th</sup> October. 110 klm elevator 40/20. Kate Smith secretary. Approved.

Blowering Dam Challenge – 100 klm 40 & 20. 15<sup>th</sup> November. Paperwork still to come. Approved.  
West Cambewarra (Shoalhaven)– Rowena Robinson – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Already approved.

St Albans ride. Has the support of the Furies and the locals. Planning a 120 to a 160 elevator. Also an 80/40. The Jones family, with help from Neil Clarkson, to run the ride. Agreement to run a 20 klm

also. Obtained sponsorship from Cedar Ridge to run a one star FEI for 90 klm. Kerry Spratt would be an official. Approached Denise Trollope but she is not available. Also need an FEI Chief Steward and FEI Vet – spoke to Ilona Hudson and Robyn Mather. June long weekend. 7<sup>th</sup> June. Approved.

Wandandian – cancelled their ride. Was 28<sup>th</sup> June. Coolamon to swap to June 28. Approved.

KS advised that the FEI rules have changed concerning One Star events. To do a two star you have to have done a one star event. One star events cannot be entered unless the national (AERA) novice system has been completed, ie the FEI have created a novice system. This is why the One Star events are important.

#### **Annette Bailey – Promotions**

##### **BUMPER STICKER COMPETITION –**

*I would like to see the winning sticker being distributed to all renewing members, including juniors, and to all new members free of charge. My justification for this is that we have funds available and this is a very good way to promote our sport by utilizing every float to promote endurance riding.*

*The winner will be acknowledged in the next newsletter and I would like to see the winning caption and winner's name put up on the front page of the website. I will also do a covering letter to the winner, asking them to provide the signed Membership Application & Disclaimer for the free membership, which will come from NSW ERA Secretariat.*

##### **RIDE SURVEY CARD –**

*I hope to finalise this tonight and would like to see it up on the website commencing January 2009 and in each newsletter as a page in the contents that can be photocopied and utilized by members for the 12 month trial period. There has been a lot of "chat" about the reintroduction of this and I believe members are looking forward to providing feedback re rides they attend in a positive format.*

*I have designed an Excel file which I will demonstrate tonight, that will process the data as percentages and graph the results for the ride committees but will not show respondents' details.*

*I would like all email responses to come direct to my email. The mailed surveys will have to go to the Secretariat for forwarding on to me. By having at least the emails come to me direct I can process as they come to hand and it will save double handling and the chances of things going astray "through the ether".*

*I provided Carole Dixon with promotional literature regarding NSWERA to be displayed at her Equitana Stand. I have requested feedback, which I will advise the committee as soon as this is to hand.*

*Looking forward to the AGM and would like to run the promotional DVD as part of my promotions report to the meeting. To do this, I will require a screen and audio facilities, so am hoping*

*this will be available.*

*Annette Bailey*

Karen Rhodes submitted the winning slogan for the Bumper Sticker competition. AB to take up the idea of a calendar for 2010 with Kieron. .  
Ride Survey form upgraded. Agreement that forms be returned to the Secretariat for on forwarding to Annette.

#### **Glenda Edwards – Merchandise and EWS**

EWS – six horses above 30 points. Two x 33, 2 x 36 and two x 30. One rider Rider is on 36 points – but there are a further 18 points to add to this. Letter to be sent to this girl – she is currently on 54 points.

**MOVED** Kerry Spratt, Wendy Jones.  
**THAT** NSW ERA not send an early warning letter to member no. 22884 as NSW ERA SMC is aware the horse was involved in an accident.

**Carried** Unanimous

KS – to arrange to send Ruth van der Wegen a small jacket for competing at the Quilty.

#### **Jeff Bonham – Horse Welfare**

Three chief steward reports. Harden no problems. Blowering Dam – Tom P, CS. Good ride. No treatments. one horse – given three months rest order.

Oberon – John Howe CS - no horses treated. One incident with a rider coming off her horse.

#### **Tom Perkins – Procedures**

Working on the maps. Not much feedback from ride organisers. Membership may be completed before the end of the year. Kicked off the chat page some months ago. Sent out invitations to all chief stewards from the NSW SMC to join it.

#### **Gary Tweedie – Zone Liaison**

Been spreading the word about changing zone boundaries. Fair bit of interest expressed.

#### **Tom McCormack – ride administration**

KS advised that a Draft plan of management for the Watagan has finally been received after ten years.

#### **Action List from previous meetings**

Went through the action list and marking as appropriate.

Lucky draw for helpers was done by Jennifer Gilbertson. Winners are: Pat Bourke, Dawn Cummings, Pam Cowan. Chief Steward and TPRs: Ben Caslick.

Ride Booking procedure report for the AGM. Query whether the committee is going to proceed with this. TPR list ongoing. Tom P has put the list on the web. Currently unlisted and can only be accessed by an access code. No addresses shown.. Tom P to talk to Neil about making the site active.

Discussion on Karen Rhodes letter concerning the Quilty. Agreement the letter should be written.

2009 State Ride Budget. Belinda to discuss later. Jacky reported that the company will buy back the

old microchips.

**MOVED** **Annette Bailey, Belinda Hopley**  
**THAT** from 1 January 2009, NSW ERA will no longer supply microchips with Jacky Barlow to return the unused microchips to the supplier for a credit.  
**Carried** **For the motion:** Neil Clarkson, Graeme Gilbertson, Annette Bailey, Tom McCormack, Tom Perkins, Belinda Hopley, Gary Tweedie, Wendy Jones. **Against** Kerry Spratt, Glenda Edwards, Jeffrey Bonham and Marita Rifai

AERA – set date for the Quilty. Apparently no other State has a problem with the Quilty date moving. Zones delegates should canvass their members to suggest that those who are concerned should put pen to paper. As a committee, NSW want the Quilty to have a fixed date as it interferes with NSW ride calendar. Tas and SA do not want June. Put it up as a discussion for the AGM. Annette and Belinda undertake to do this.

Tom Mc gave the report on the AERA meeting concerning insurance. Some members are starting to query the benefits of having PA insurance. There was no specific data available. NSW doesn't charge stamp duty on insurance policies – there may be a small refund to come from the Insurance company via the AERA.

Member expenses policy. Tom Mc has sent out a document for perusal and comment.

#### **AERA meeting – AHIC report etc**

Email had been received from Ieva Peters, AERA President, and previously distributed to the committee. Tabled and read by KS. GG to send letter to the AERA stating that the NSW delegates have the full support of the NSW SMC.

**MOVED** **Wendy Jones, Graeme Gilbertson**  
**THAT** the NSW AERA delegates have the support of the members of the SMC and a letter be sent to the AERA to that effect.

**Carried** **by majority.**  
**Kerry Spratt and Neil Clarkson abstained**  
Motion 158 of 15/08/2008 concerning a letter to the AERA should be rescinded:

**MOVED** **Belinda Hopley, Tom Perkins**  
**THAT** motion 158 of the 15 August 2008 be rescinded

**Carried** **Unanimous**  
Special resolution for the AGM – age of juniors KS submitted a written list of motions and circulated the document to the committee. Need to amend Constitution sections 10.2 and 10.5 to allow age change.

**MOVED** **Belinda Hopley, Wendy Jones.**  
**THAT** the special resolution as submitted by Kerry Spratt be put the NSW AGM.

**Carried** **Unanimous**

### **NSW pointscore/distance award guidelines**

State pointscore discussed with various scenarios put forward on NSW riders with inter state **horses** etc. The **data** base doesn't recognise the horses from other states. It is a problem which needs to be rectified.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.



**Sue Todd and Jan Wade rode Shahzada together all week. Photo Kieron Power**

**Don't forget to renew registration!**

No rego sticker in your log book—no ride.

### **Horse Registration**

If you are going to register your Endurance Horse please fill out the correct form which can be downloaded from the web site or obtained from the Secretariat via fax or post.

Horse registration applications will be returned if they are not on the correct form.

Thank you  
NSW SMC



**Extract of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Endurance Riders Association Inc. held at the RSL Club Nelsons Bay on Saturday, 7 February 2009, commencing at 1.25 pm.**

**Complete set of minutes will be available on the web shortly. If you would like a printed copy please contact the Secretary.**

**Present:** Neil Clarkson (Chairman), Tom Perkins Snr, Tom McCormack, Gary Tweedie (Zone 5), Glenda Edwards, Annette Bailey, Marita Rafai (Zone One), Jeff Bonham, Kerry Spratt, Wendy Jones, Gay Bonham, Patricia Waddell (Zone 2)

**In attendance:**

Helen Rich (minutes), Kym Hagon, Sue Warren, Louise McCormack, Karen Rhodes, Andrew Bailey, Sonya Ruprecht, Carol Layton, Sue Todd, Mark Freeman, Lesley Freeman, Kylie Anthony, Jacky Barlow, Peter Cooper, Neroli Mitchell Cooper, Glen Hewett, Shelly Ison, Kieron Power, Jessica Taylor, Mark Cameron, Deanne Trevera, Rowena Robinson, Les Robinson, Phil Coleman, Brad Dillon, Lyn Dillon, Bruce Carter, Jan Wade, Sue Todd, Tom Perkins Jnr. Tony Warren, Ros Ryan, Virginia Dodson, Martin Flippance, Ray Rhodes, Karen Rhodes, Angelina Patterson, Peter Strickland, Gary Weis, Charlie Gauci, S Pritchard, Ray Griffiths, Marg Boland, Mick Boland, Tracy Haack, Ruth van der Wegen, Alison Knihinicki, Michael Knihinicki, Terry Wood, Keith Sutton, Roy Barsby, Gay Bonham, Jeff Bonham' Peter Grelck, Deanna Travena, Alan Caslick  
The Chairman opened the meeting and called for apologies.

**Apologies:** Graeme Gilbertson, Belinda Hopley, Fia and Talea Haskow Stewart, Dallas and Andrew Blakely, Robin Gossip, Faith Robinson, Gail Pound, Norm Leanei, Rachel Reid, Rachel Barnett, Robin Coombes, Dianne Luker, Helen and Alan Lindsay, Dianne Cameron, Kirsten Proudfoot  
Proxies. 12.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the AGM held 9 February 2008 had been previously published in the New South Wales Endurance Newsletter.

**Corrections and amendments to the minutes:**

Searle Johnson was nominated for honorary membership last year but not in accordance with the Constitution.

Glen Hewett attended last year's meeting.

Request that the minutes reflect this.

**MOVED** Tom Perkins Jnr, Karen Rhodes.

**THAT** the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 February 2008 be accepted.

**CARRIED** Unanimous

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Northern Rivers Zone – review given by Tom Perkins Snr**

*The Endurance riders of North East NSW saw integration of their activities with South East Queensland as a more viable alternative to trying to attract NSW riders north.*

*In Feb '83 the Northern Rivers Endurance Riders Association (NRERA) resolved to affiliate with QERA. Chuck Stevens, the then President of NSWERA opposed the move. The AERA left the matter to NSWERA and NRERA to negotiate. In Nov '85 the AERA ratified the affiliation of NRERA with QERA.*

*The area of NSW claimed by QERA as part of this affiliation was defined as the area contained within Coffs Harbour, Inverell, Tenterfield, and the coast, which roughly aligned with the Tick Quarantine Area in place at the time.*

*Any strategy for winning back the North East of the state would have to be a non threatening evolutionary process.*

With the growth of the sport, the increasing cost of travel, and the congestion of a single ride calendar we will need to address some sort of decentralising restructure in the near future regardless of NRERA considerations, however inclusion of NRERA could give us a much more positive outcome.

Questions from the floor – how many members? Approximately 100 members. For the purpose of endurance riding and within the AERA, the boundary is an endurance boundary, it is not a state boundary.

View presented that: NSW really doesn't want members who do not want to be members of NSW. There would be point score problems as well. NSW needs more rides up north to offer these riders. There is a problem for NSW rides

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which are being run up towards the border because of clashes with the Qld dates and Qld is giving absolutely no consideration to these NSW rides when setting their ride calendar.

The meeting agreed that NSW AERA delegates will take the problem of northern NSW ride dates clashing with Qld dates, to the next AERA meeting and see if some agreement can be reached to ensure that Qld takes the NSW ride dates into account when setting its ride calendar. NSW delegates to seek to have ride calendar dates listed as a discussion item for the next AERA meeting.

Gary Tweedie gave a very brief overview of the concept of changing the NSW Zone boundaries, detailed review will be given in his report. Agreement Zone 6 needs a Zone delegate on the NSW committee

### **Honorary membership.**

Tom Perkins spoke on the need for formalising a procedure for the granting of honorary membership. Honorary Membership is bestowed on a member who has been recognized by the Association as having provided special services to the sport of Endurance Horse Riding.

Special Services are not limited to any particular activity but the merit of the nomination must rest with the membership present at the AGM.

A procedure for the nomination of life members was suggested by Tom Perkins and this is still to be finalised.

There is no such thing as Life Membership. Honorary membership is an annual thing and is to be reaffirmed each year. Suggestion that thought should be given to transferring our deceased members over to some type of honour role so that they do not need to be reaffirmed each year.

**MOVED Kerry Spratt, Peter Cooper**  
**THAT** Ron and Val Males, Lyn and Adrian Bailey be confirmed as honorary members of the NSW ERA

**Carried Unanimous**

### **Voting on the nomination of Searle Johnson for Honorary Membership**

The written nomination for Searle Johnson was previously published in the newsletter. Voting slips were handed up. Collected by Jacky Barlow and counted. Searle Johnson is now accepted as an Honorary Member of NSW ERA.

Motion to destroy the voting slips was passed.

### **PRESIDENT – Neil Clarkson**

Couple of birthdays to note, Jan Wade, Brad Jones. Brad Dillon who was 21 yesterday.

Neil has enjoyed his first year as president. Would like to thank the committee, pleasure to be associated with them. The SMC is there to help run the sport. When the SMC hear things third and fourth hand, it is irritating when that problem could have come directly to the committee to solve. Rather than going through camp fires complaining, please come to the SMC. That's what we are here for.

NSW ERA has a full ride calendar this year. Would like to urge everyone to get to as many rides as possible this year. A lot of work goes into the ride calendar. Neil feels it has worked out quite well. The Website is going well. Would like to thank to Helen Rich for the newsletter. Many thanks to Lyn Byrne for the Website. The newsletter is now on the Web, a small file that is easily downloaded. Like to see more member input.

### **Treasurer – Tom McCormack**

*I am pleased to present to the meeting the Financial Accounts for the year 2008. Attached to my report is the Independent Audit Report as undertaken by Lamb Lowe & Partners of Richmond. 2007/2008 comparison chart was tabled.*

*I refer members to attachment 1 which presents the 2008 Trading Result in a more user friendly format. This report "nets off" related expenditure against related income, for example, the Newsletter advertising income of \$2329 has been offset against total Newsletter expenses of \$14877 to provide a net cost to the association of \$12548 to provide the Newsletter.*

*Attachment 2 highlights graphically that 90% of our (net) income is sourced from ride fees, membership fees and government grants.*

*In relation to expenditure, Secretariat expenses, Newsletter expenses, AERA meeting expenses, SMC meeting expenses, State ride expenses and our annual trophy presentations absorb 83%.*

*This confirms and highlights that the financial viability of our Association revolves around 3 critical sources of income whilst 6 major activities incur 83% of our expenditure. Our ability to manage these key areas is critical to the long term viability of our Association. Your State Management Committee is cognitive of*

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*these issues in the day-to-day management of your sport.*

*Each year, membership fees are topical and the SMC agreed that all membership fees and charges remain unchanged for 2009. With the advent of our on-line newsletter, membership fees were reduced by \$20 to allow members the option to either purchase a hardcopy newsletter for \$20 or view the on-line newsletter for free. The AERA has confirmed that their charges to the Divisions will remain unchanged for 2009.*

*NSW charges less than the national average in all categories with regard to membership fees. As for ride fees, we are \$0.40 dearer than Qld for Endurance rides, whilst for Training and Intro rides we provide our members with the cheapest participation fees.*

*In summary, 2008 was challenging, the sport needed to recover from EI, and from my perspective, 2008 confirmed that our SMC could benefit from taking a more business-based approach. For example, I have drafted a SMC member expenses policy that is currently before the SMC for review and adoption in 2009. It is my hope that by the end of 2009 we will have a SMC member handbook, which will contain all the policies procedures and processes of our sport encased in one bound document that then becomes the base reference point for all SMC members.*

*I see no reason why your SMC cannot deliver a stronger trading surplus for 2009.*

*Query from a member on the analysis given on the number of people who attend rides. Could NSW reduce the amount of ride fees that are paid by the smaller rides? Tom in reply made mention of the proposed Ride Organiser's Forum. This is sort of thing that should be discussed there.*

*Thanks to Kerry Spratt for her devotion to the sport. A gift of a clock was given to Kerry for her 10 years service to the sport of NSW ERA. A similar gift is being organised for Graeme Gilbertson.*

**Kerry Spratt – Secretary, Governance, IDP, Grants, International, AERA delegate**

*Firstly, some thank you's. Graeme Gilbertson has retired from the committee after many years, and I'd like to acknowledge Graeme's tremendous contribution to endurance, as a committee member, President, AERA delegate, Chief Steward, TPR, and ride organiser. The other person I'd like to acknowledge is Neil. Neil's contribution to our sport is over and above*

*the call of duty, and is mostly behind the scenes. Thank you Neil and GG.*

*Your AERA delegates have continued this year to try and represent the views and wishes of the NSW membership. Please keep in touch with your committee and let us know what you think, and what you might be concerned about. The AERA has introduced some new rules this year. A very significant concept is the proposed change to junior membership which we will be voting on at this meeting. The AERA has also signed a new agreement with Equestrian Australia. The significant issue there is the adoption of the (old) EFA Anti-doping and Medication Control policies.*

*On the international scene, the major event was the World Endurance championship in Malaysia. Several NSW members participated, although unfortunately there were no NSW riders. Please give some serious thought to becoming involved in the Australian Endurance Squad, at any level you wish.....aspiring international rider, horse, groom, official or crew. I'm pleased to say that NSW member, Trish Annetts Mackay has been reappointed as the Australian Chef D'Equipe for the next two years.*

*The international scene includes FEI events held in Australia too of course. The FEI has introduced a new set of endurance rules from 2009. Horses and riders are now required to complete their own national novice program before they can enter the starting level of FEI competition, one star rides. They must complete one star rides before they can enter 2 star rides and so on. An exciting concept starting in 2009 is the Southern Stars Young Horse Challenge. This is a series of Australian FEI rides for horses between the ages of 6 and 8. Please contact me for more detail if you are interested.*

*Most people are aware that we have an Independent Disciplinary Panel, which can be called on to investigate and determine any disciplinary matters. The IDP was called on to deal with only one matter in 2008. Thank you sincerely to the IDP members for your work. The IDP is made up from the random selection of 3 people from a list of people who have made themselves available. Please consider putting your name forward. .*

*One other issue I'd like to discuss is our obligation in the area of Child Protection. Legislation requires us to provide an environment which is safe for our junior*

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members. We have a child protection policy which is under review, and when completed, will be provided to all members. As an organisation, we need to manage the way in which our volunteers and other representatives interact with children and young people at our events. The legislation applies to a situation where these people are working on our behalf and have unsupervised contact with children. We strongly suggest that ride volunteers such as checkpoint officials and rescue float drivers who may be in unsupervised contact with children, should be in pairs.

Lastly, once again in 2008 we have benefited from a Sports Development Grant of \$6500 from the NSW Department of Arts, Sport and Recreation. Please remember to acknowledge the Department in your ride paperwork, promotional material and anywhere else you can. Some of these funds have been used to enable committee members to attend various development courses. If you are interested in attending any courses, please contact me. Many of them are useful at Club and Zone level, as well as your state committee.

### **Gay Bonham – IT, Insurance**

My portfolio this year has been insurance and IT.

There have been a number of NSW riders lodging claims with AON for expenses related to injuries sustained whilst riding their horses at rides and also during training at home. There has been a lot of talk about whether it is worth it or not for our membership to include a personal accident component. We are currently gathering details from members who have had claims and those who are waiting the outcome of some of the longer term claims. This is something that will be looked into with the new committee, however at this stage our insurance renewal is negotiated through the AERA and with our findings we may be able to make some submissions to the AERA when renewing our policy for next year.

One of the biggest challenges facing ride committees last year was getting vets. We have had lots of ride committees asking us for assistance as their rides get closer and they have still not been able to get enough vets. Various circumstances have meant that quite a few rides in 2008 went ahead without the desired number of vets for the number of entries.

Last September we started a vet recruitment

campaign and have made a number of good contacts through the Sydney Uni and the Equine Vet Association. Hopefully these contacts will generate some new interest.

We now have four laptop computers and most ride committees are becoming more confident using them. Hopefully with lots of support and a simplified instruction manual written by Jessica Taylor and Jo McMaha, most ride committees will have someone on their committee able to use the database system and get all their reports to Jacky on time with the information completed correctly.

Looking forward to 2009 working with the new and old committee, with full steam ahead in the planning for the exciting lead up to the NSW Quilty at Manilla in 2010.

### **Jeff Bonham – Horse welfare, Chief Stewards, TPR's, drug swabbing**

My Portfolio is Chief Stewards, TPRs, Drug Testing, Ride Standards and Horse Welfare.

Chief Stewards – We have had 2 new Chief Stewards accredited and 2 more to finish their provisional rides to become accredited.

TPR – In 2008 we ran five courses with around 30 new TPRs being issued with their provisional cards.

Drug Testing – 13 horses were tested with none returning a positive test.

Ride Standards – Most rides have been of a great standard last year. Some committees asked for help and hopefully the committee was able to help them.

### **Wendy Jones – Ride Calendar**

The ride calendar is very full for 2009. Already had our first ride. Last ride of the year will be on 29 November at Cedar Ridge. We have had one cancellation – Watagan not going ahead this year.

It is hard to keep everyone happy with the ride calendar. It is a juggling system in which long standing rides take precedence, you need to be patient – we just try to do the best we can.

### **Glenda Edwards – Early Warning System, Merchandising**

This year we have found a few errors in the early warning system, for example, if no heart rate was put down on the final vet check this horse and rider did not come up on the EWS, also it sometimes put the first lameness as

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double points so these and a few other hiccups were and are being sorted out.

I would like to thank Jackie and Jo Mac for all the work they have put into this with emails back and forth to Ian Blutchter who originally set the program up, this is not just a NSW problem but nationally, so a lot of horses and riders have been undetected, hopefully this will be resolved.

If and when someone reaches 20-25 points I will be sending a courtesy letter to let them know what they are on. This has taken nearly 12 months to organise as each ride sheet had to be checked each vet out had to be checked so you can imagine the paperwork involved.

I have enjoyed this past year and hope to see you all around the rides this year, I would like to personally thank GG for his contribution as president and committee member for the past 10 years, that's a lot of late nights or early mornings of meetings.

### **Annette Bailey – Promotions**

It has been small steps taken this year that will hopefully lead to improved promotion of Endurance Riding in NSW.

Members going out and promoting the sport is the biggest marketing opportunity for Endurance Riding. Knowing this, the bumper sticker competition was a resounding success with Karen Rhodes being the ultimate winner. This sticker will be used by every NSW member to promote the sport on their floats and vehicles.

Another implementation achieved is the "Getting Started Notes" which appear on our website. It provides contacts for the Secretariat and is available for easy download or in hardcopy.

To compliment these notes, we have also printed up DL sized flyers that have photos showing all facets of endurance and on the back are the contact details for the Association. These are being placed in saddleries and feed merchants all over our State.

All this is packaged up with the DVD "A Day in the Life of an Endurance Rider". Thanks to Kieron Power for his help in putting this DVD together.

Thanks to sponsorship from Lachlan Endurance Riders Club, the Association has purchased an integrated DVD Digital TV for clubs, pony clubs, riding groups and individuals to use to market our sport.

Some here today would remember the old ride

grading cards used in the late 1980s. The Ride Survey that has been established on a 12 month trial is a new aged version of the old grading cards. The results are confidential. The idea is to provide feed back to the ride committees. It will be reviewed at the end of 2009 to determine if this becomes a permanent fixture on the Website and in the Newsletter. This will hopefully be another tool to help make NSW Rides the best on the National Calendar.

I believe that the future to marketing our sport is through training and social rides. Our lives are becoming time hungry and it is easier for people to attempt 40kms or 20kms than to think about preparing for an 80km ride. Next year's project is to develop strategies for ride committees to promote these events.

If every member introduced one new person to our sport, our membership would automatically double.

Finally, the majority feeling of the NSW SMC is to foster better communication channels with the membership, this would include issues that are being discussed at AERA level. Such topics could include a set date for the Quilty, a national newsletter, venues for the NSW AGM, issues that you would like your SMC to discuss.

Thanks to internet technology, communications channels such as on line forums or even a designated chat line specifically for NSWERA Members could be established. To assist those who are not so computer savvy, these forum/survey/chat line scenarios could be placed in the Newsletter as well.

### **Tom Perkins Snr – Procedures and Website Procedures.**

Traditionally the role for the procedures portfolio has been to maintain a register for all procedural and policy motions.

I have maintained that function, however, during my first 12 months on committee it has become obvious that the SMC needs a Policy & Procedures Manual. A single, controlled document that details guidelines, standards, and procedures for all management activities and ensures all of the management and control functions are conducted in an orderly, transparent, regulated manner.

Drafting a Policy and Procedures manual will be my priority for 2009.

### **Chief Stewards Chat Page.**

A Chief Stewards chat page, a forum for

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discussing rule and procedure interpretations and generating ideas has been established and all Chief Stewards across all divisions are soon to be invited to join.

During 2008 two projects were undertaken:- Condensed Riding Rules, which did not receive SMC support, and a review of the Northern Rivers Zone.

A review of the circumstances and history of the affiliation of the Northern Rivers region of NSW with QERA was conducted to deliver on an undertaking given at the 2008 AGM. A summary on this subject has been produced and is published elsewhere in these minutes.

### **Google Maps.**

Responding to a need, identified within the committee, for the ability to be able to take a 'Helicopter' view of our sport for such things as ride location and separation, membership concentrations, etc, I explored the possibilities within Google Mapping and have produced a number of on line 'live' maps.

The following Google maps have been built and are, or soon to be, linked to the web page.

**Ride Bases Map** - Linked to the Web Page with wide spread acceptance, 'hit' counter now over 18,000 viewings. Need more input from ride organisers particularly in the final approaches to the ride base.

**Veterinary Support Map** - Linked to the web page but now needs ride organisers to nominate the clinics that are on standby during their rides. Accredited Vets are invited to submit a profile of their practices for inclusion.

**Chief Stewards and TPR's** - This map, soon to be linked to the web page, shows the location of Chief Stewards and the more active TPR's across the state for the convenience of ride organisers.

**NSWERA Membership** - This map shows the distribution of membership for 2008.

To protect privacy the individual markers will only show membership number at a town location and the location of individual markers is only approximate.

The membership map is in 3 parts which roughly gives us 3 generations of membership to look at. Map #1, oldest 200 members, map #2, next 200 members and map #3 newest members. Ride base locations have also been included in map#3.

**Fiona Meller – Course Preservation – read by**

### **Tom McCormack**

I continue to represent NSWERA with the National Parks & Wildlife Service and on the committee of the Australian Horse Alliance.

At the recent Horse Alliance AGM, it was decided to restructure the organisation from a company to an association, thus broadening the scope of the Horse Alliance committee.

The Horse Alliance committee continues to negotiate and liaise with NPWS, and increasingly we are seeing more positive outcomes as NPWS recognises the need to balance conservation with visitation.

However NPWS is also aiming to increase revenue so our next challenge will be to avoid becoming an easily identifiable target for increased fees and charges. We have been informed that park usage fees of around \$2.20 per head per day are already considered normal for recreational activities, so those rides already being charged per head fees are likely to be stuck with them.

The provisions of the Commercial Activities Licensing Review had the potential to paralyse endurance ride organisers with a mass of paperwork and large fees. NPWS has assured us that the Review is not intended to apply to non-profit sporting or recreational activities. However the wording could be interpreted to include us.

At previous AGMs many of you have heard me refer to the issue of Nature Reserves. Our first victory was regaining access to some existing riding routes, and seeing others specifically excluded from Nature Reserves so that horse riding could legally continue. Now most of Karuah Nature Reserve and all of Wallaroo Nature Reserve in the Hunter district have been reclassified as Karuah National Park and horse riders once again have access to their traditional trails. However the main Reclassifications Bill continues to wait for Ministerial approval.

Procrastinating politicians have also affected the regional Advisory Committees. These committees are crucial for influencing park managers and decision makers towards a more positive attitude towards horse riding. The previous committee terms expired in June 2008, the current Minister for the Environment has asked the old committees to return for another twelve months. Apparently the previous Minister was keen to see more women represented. This

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*virtually guarantees that I will be reappointed together with Rebecca Hayes for the South Coast.*

*NPWS continues to produce new Plans of Management which are the documents that control what activities are permitted in each park. The Watagans National Park draft plan of management, recently released for public comment, is a tremendous example of how proactive involvement by local horse riders in negotiations with NPWS can obtain a positive result. Local riders, notably Kerry Spratt from NSWERA, took a leading role in ensuring that horse riders would not lose access to trails.*

*During the past 12 months on behalf of NSWERA I have sent written submissions on Jervis Bay National Park and Woollamia Nature Reserve  
Barrington Tops & Mt Royal National Parks and Barrington Tops State Conservation Area  
Avondale State Conservation Area  
Corramy State Conservation Area  
The Taskforce for Tourism and National Parks  
The Recreational Horse Riding Code*

*I urge you all to keep an eye on the list of draft Plans of Management which appears in each newsletter. If you see the name of a park that you use, ring me so that I can help you make your own submission.*

*In conclusion, we are winning the fight to keep our trails open but we cannot afford to become complacent against the highly organised opposition of the extreme Greens. The Australian Horse Alliance has become a powerful force in influencing NPWS, but all its committee members have been fighting this battle for at least ten years, and we're getting weary. It's time for new faces to take up the challenge and become involved. Any takers?*

*Fiona Meller*

### **Zone 1 Marita Rifai**

*In 2008, Zone One grew stronger and stronger. This was because there are a few people that are very passionate about giving their time, energy and money to the sport of endurance.*

*Zone One has a few new committee members for 2009. Sue Todd has stood down as our president. Sue will still be on the committee so we can still all feed off her energy and enthusiasm. Denise Trollope is the new president and Ride Secretary.*

*Charlie Gauci who along with being instrumental in the success of the Q60 has also organized the Putty ride which will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2009. Charlie would like to organize a tri series in 2010.*

*Margot Shore stood down as our secretary and Annette Truman is taking on secretarial duties along with promotions which she handled very competently in 2008.*

*We also have extra committee members in Garry Weiss, Tony Warren and Len Derkacz so now Charlie Gauci won't be the only male at the meetings.*

*There are six rides in Zone One on the 2009 calendar with the first ride being the Q60 trainer on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Considering the majority of NSW members reside in Zone One it will be of great benefit to have so many rides in easy driving distance.*

### **Zone 2 Patricia Waddell**

*It has been a great year socialising and riding with everyone around various tracks.*

*Zone 2 Pointscore Results were*

*Middleweight : 1st Garry Bennett, 2nd Neroli Mitchell, 3rd Bernice King and Patricia Waddell*

*One Horse One Rider = Garry Bennett riding Karabil Yaningi*

*Heavyweight: 1st Paddy Smith, 2nd Berny Harvey, 3rd Rod Mitchell*

*One Horse One Rider = Paddy Smith riding Nurelee Talisman*

*Lightweight: 1<sup>st</sup> Dianne Luker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Logan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alix Jones*

*One Horse One Rider = Linda Logan riding Follydown Topaz*

*Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jasmine Shields, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Hudson*

*One Horse One Rider = Jasmine Shields riding Woodburn Betty*

*Also this year we had our Zone Championships in August 2008 at Gulgong.*

*It was an 85km ride elevated to 110km's. The ride started on a bad note with an unfortunate accident resulting in the death of a horse. Full credit to the ride committee, who handled this well with minimal affect on the ride and its competitors, and a special mention of thanks to all those who assisted with and around the incident to ensure it was dealt with as quickly*

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and amicably as possible. The full results were published in the September / October newsletter.

The Zone 2 AGM was held at Gulgong Bowling on 18<sup>th</sup> January. A new committee was elected on the day and our new committee President is John Howe, Vice President Bruce McLehose, Secretary/Treasurer Wendy McLehose, Public Officer Peter Bonham, Zone 2 Delegate Trish Waddell and Pointscore Dianne Luker.

I look forward to another year with Zone 2 rides including hopefully a few more than last year with invites being sent to Oberon ride and a new ride at Mt York (Bathurst)

### **Zone 5 – Gary Tweedie**

It has been a great year for me as the South coast Zone delegate and holding the Zone liaison portfolio on the State management committee.

2008 is the first year in recent times that zone delegates have had a vote at committee level following the change to our constitution. Zone delegates now have a more important roll in the management and administration of Endurance Riding in NSW and given this I believe that the membership is much better represented at the grass roots level.

As part of the Zone delegates now being a formal committee member we are now able to take on portfolio positions and actively participate in the administration of Endurance riding in NSW.

Last year my initiation to the committee was to take on the Zone Liaison portfolio. Doing this portfolio has given me a better understanding of the zones setup. The need for zones to once again be strong and increase their significance in NSW. As part of this I have discussed with our other zone delegates, the committee as well as quite a few members the idea of realigning the zone boundaries and even the possibility of reducing the number of Zones in NSW.

Since the original boundaries were drawn up nearly 20 years ago the demographics of endurance riding in NSW has changed. I have prepared some options for consideration and if at all we need to look at zone boundary realignment. The committee is seeking membership comment on this proposal so as we can move forward and build strong zones with strong committee representation and in turn ensure a strong representation at AERA level.

In my other roll as South Coast Zone delegate, I

have been able to channel information from committee level back to our zone membership and also take members concerns and issues directly to the state management committee.

The south coast zone has remained strong and competitive during the past year. The Batemans Bay club is hosting the NSW State championships in July. This promises to be a great and challenging ride.

It has been a pleasure to work with the current NSW committee.

### **Election of Committee vacancies**

Gary Tweedie was the only nominee for committee. There was no election. Kerry Spratt, Glenda Edwards, Wendy Jones and Neil Clarkson renominated.

### **Notices of Motion**

There are two motions up for discussion and they concern the running of a ride in conjunction with a State Ride. A motion which was passed by the NSW AGM on 7 February 1999 needs to be rescinded and if that happens then a motion will be put up concerning the type of ride that can be run in conjunction with a State Ride. This motion is set out on page 11 of the January February 2009 newsletter

Some little discussion took place with the recession motion being put to the meeting.

The voting was 57 for and 8 against. The motion was passed.

The second motion then came into play and read as follows:

**That any ride run in conjunction with the NSW State Championship 160 km ride is to be run as a “no frills” ride so as to not detract from the prestige of the NSW State Championship.**

The voting was 59 for 6 against. The motion was passed.

A motion to destroy the voting slips was passed.

### **Special Resolutions.**

There are two Special Resolutions to go before the meeting and these are set out on page 10 of the January February 2009 newsletter. They concern the changing age for juniors.

The chairman called for discussion on the changing of the age for juniors. It was pointed out that since this is a constitutional change, the vote needs to be by 75% majority.

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General discussion on the reasons behind the changing of the junior's age. Horses don't lose their kilometres.

The motions were then put to the meeting. Voting counted. 59 voted yes with 8 no. This count exceeds the 75% criteria so the motion was effectively passed. Motion was moved and passed to destroy the voting slips.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **64 bpm heart rate**

The Chairman gave the reasons behind this envisaged change to the rules. This is for VGIH rides at AERA level.

Various members spoke for and against the motion with a number of different views expressed.

Kerry Spratt said the AERA is not trying to say that you must do one thing or the other. The whole thing is discretionary. This is an option to open up one part of the process.

Rule A12 1 on page 6 of our rule books. The idea was put to a show of hands.

**Result: 24 for the change to 64 bpm with 22 against. Therefore the majority want NSW delegates to vote for a change to 64.**

### **Present times**

V8.8 on page 38. 20 minutes to present. This would be mandatory if passed.

The matter was discussed and then put to a show of hands. Result was 5 for the change with the rest against the proposed change from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. The decision is to vote against the proposed change at the AERA meeting.

**Removing '30 minutes' from the rules** - V8.12 be amended by removing the words '30 minutes'. On a show of hands - Vote no.

**Represent – change V8.15** - Put to the show of hands with the majority decision to vote no at the AERA meeting.

**Yellow Card System** - Queensland want to bring in a yellow card system. On a show of hands, NSW delegates to vote no.

**Best conditioned sheet changes** - This is a SA suggestion. They want to include the present time in the calculations for best presented. Show of hands – majority vote no at the next AERA meeting.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion on the cost of NSW membership

fees – thought to be still too high. Should not have to pay for a newsletter. Thanks to Tom McCormack and Tom Perkins for the detailed reports they gave. Concern expressed about the minimum ride time being lifted to 14 klm an hour for a social ride.

Lou McCormack - Bob Luke passed away. Also Helen and Alan Lindsay lost Bindo last night.

International. Dissatisfaction expressed with the AERA allocating general member funds to international events. The AERA pays for the meeting costs of the international committee.

**MOVED** **Mark Freeman, Peter Cooper**  
**THAT** NSW AERA delegates be instructed to put a motion to the AERA that no funding **from the general account** of the AERA be directed to the international arm of the sport

**Carried** **The motion was passed by a large majority vote**

General discussion on international events and riders.

How much money has been raised from the log book levy? How much has been spent on the data base? Jeff Bonham said approximately \$45,000 has been raised. It's close to being up and running.

It was pointed out that AERA financial records are published in the newsletter. The next AERA AGM will be on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.45 pm



Bernice King & Noble Navaar Destiny

## New Hoof Boot styles – Now available for Australian Endurance Riders.



Endurance riders more than other riders are aware of the devastating cumulative effects of concussion on their horses joints, tendons and bones. Many have turned to hoof boots to avoid this but were frustrated by the fastening systems on early boot styles. Those riders will be pleased to know that several new boot styles will be available this month in Australia that should solve that problem.

Mike Ware, Manager of Easycare Down Under says that he has trialled The Glove boot himself on his Arabians and is exceptionally pleased with this boot. He says it would be his no. one choice for endurance. Mike was a keen endurance rider for many years so understands the needs of endurance riders for easy to apply, problem free boots.

Mike is also an Equine Podiotherapist and says he is enthusiastic to see new really good hoof wear evolve that enables the horse to work in harmony with its natural biomechanics and still enables it to avoid the hoof deformation issues caused by steel shoes.

**The Glove:** The new Glove boot is a form fitting shell that has a gaiter to wrap around the pastern for security but no other fastening system is necessary. There are no cables, buckles or wires. The light weight shell has thin walls that allow the boot to stretch and form to the hoof. The V in the front of the boot enables it to flex at that point. The end result is a seamless one-to-one fit that resembles a second skin over the hoof. It has proven highly successful in endurance trials in the U.S.

**The Glue On shell system:** The “half brother” to the Glove is the Glue On shell. The shell is exactly the same size and shape as the Glove but it is designed so that you do not use a gaiter. You apply it with a two pac glue product. Once applied to the hoof you have nothing around the pastern at all. It is ideal for competitors in multi day rides such as the Shahzada.

Mike stresses that it is important to get correct sizing for both these boot styles. In fact all boot styles, as most problems stem from either poorly trimmed hoof shapes or incorrect sizing.

The effectiveness of The Glove depends on a really close fit and a healthy hoof shape. There is information on the Easycare Down Under website [www.easycaredownunder.com.au](http://www.easycaredownunder.com.au) that will help horse owners determine if your horse’s hoof shape would work well with The Glove or The Glue On.

If you find that your horse’s sizing falls outside the range for the Glove then at the end of February the “Edge” boot will also be released in Australia too which may work for better for you.



**The Edge:** The Edge is similar to the Bare style already on the market but has a new sole pattern to offer more grip and a unique new worm screw fastening system using a key that causes the fastener to “walk” along a track to tighten the boot firmly in place. This is a much easier system than the bungee system used for the older Bare style boots.

Mike says there are members of Team Easyboot out at rides now sporting the new boots, so if you are interested in looking at them all you need to do is look down at their horses’ hooves. They would be more than happy to talk to you about them as you trot along!

## Mike Ware onboard Sienna Jubilation enjoying the Glove Boot.



## AERA Notice

### IMPORTANT REMINDER - Junior Age

The AERA would like to remind everyone that the age of Juniors has been increased commencing on 1st January, 2009

<b>R5.1</b> (Amendment )	<b>RIDING DIVISIONS</b> Junior - Riders who are 17 years or under in the year of the ride.
<b>R5.6</b> (Amendment )	<b>RIDING DIVISIONS</b> A rider in the Youth Division of an FEI Ride will not receive National Points/kilometres unless they are 18 years or older in the year of the ride and weigh a minimum of 73kgs i.e. no points/kilometres for Lightweights and Juniors. <b>Note: this rule does not apply if an AERA Lightweight and AERA Junior division is held at the same event.</b>

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**MOVED** Annette Bailey, Tom McCormack

**THAT** Neil Clarkson attend the International committee meeting in November

**Carried** Unanimous

#### **Discuss concept of a set date for the Quilty**

Tom Mc Cormack: Should NSW go to the AERA and try to lock in a date for the Quilty? If the Quilty keeps moving, no one knows what they are doing. Pick a set date and stick to it?. Agreement to take this to the AERA meeting as a discussion item.

#### **Personal Accident Insurance**

Ask the AERA to prepare a table as to how many people lodged a claim for insurance and how many were successful in that claim. AN AON representatives may be attending this AERA meeting.

#### **Zone One Report**

*The Zone One AGM and presentation night will be held at Stephanie Grolimund and Peter Brown's house once again 17th January, 2009. I have sent a notice for Helen to put into the next newsletter and just have to hope newsletter is sent out in time for members to see it.*

*We have fast forwarded our plans for Q60 in 2009 to accommodate the new ride date in May. As Q60 will now be held two months earlier, plans have to be given to council at an earlier date. Denise has proposed a new track there isn't as much road work.*

*Next meeting is 2nd December, 2008. Have a happy day. Marita.*

#### **Belinda Hopley – Zone 4 Snowy**

Harden was a good ride. Nice and green. Gordon did a great job and it was disappointing that they didn't get a lot of rider. Woodstock was great also.

Tom McCormack explained to those who didn't attend the last committee meeting the concept of a proposal for a ride organiser's forum at the AGM. Hope to run this after the AGM – probably in February or March.

#### **General Business**

Discussion on a proposed vet accreditation weekend. Try to hold one in February. Zone delegates should check in their zones and see if they have any one who is interested.

Tom McCormack tabled his guidelines for a member expenditure policy. Members should bring their thoughts back to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.20 pm



Allison Knihinicki up against the Boys in the Beauty Contest, it was a close call but Jeff Bonham with a little more leg showing getting 1st (maybe) Charlie Gauci, Keith Sutton and Tom McCormack reckon it was rigged

## TUMBARUMBA 100KM FEI 1\* ( Including YHC series )

### PRE-NOMINATION FORM

Event Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Location: Tumbarumba Racecourse Reserve  
TUMBARUMBA. NSW 2653

Nominations to: Angelina Patterson  
Ride Secretary  
Ercildoune ,Munderoo West Rd.,  
Tumbarumba. NSW. 2653  
Phone: 02 6948 5188  
Fax: 02 6948 5188  
Email: marsto@bordernet.com.au

Entry Close Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Entry Conditions: **All entry conditions must be strictly adhered to.**

All entries to the event must be pre-nominated. ( Pre nom fee - \$ 30, Ride entry - \$ 100 ; Total Ride Fee = \$ 130.00)

The Pre-Nomination Form must be returned by the entry closing date or entry will not be accepted.  
Approved safety helmets must be worn (properly fastened) at all times when riding on the venue grounds.

The Organising Committee reserve the right to cancel the event at any point.

Name of Entrant	
Address	
Contact Phone	
Email	
Membership No.	
FEI Registration No.	
Event	100KM FEI 1*
Nationality	

#### Entrant's Declaration:

I,  
.....  
declare that I agree to the conditions of entry as specified within the Entry Form document.

Signature ..... Date .....

## TUMBARUMBA 100KM FEI 1\* ( Including YHC series )

### Horse Event Participation Declaration

Event: TUMBARUMBA 100KM FEI 1\* ( Including YHC series)

Event Date: 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Name of Horse Owner *		
Address		
Contact Phone No.		
Name of Horse		
AERA Logbook No.		
Horse Passport No/EFA National ID Document No. (3* horses only)		
FEI Registration No.		
Breed		
Colour		
Sex		
Year of Birth		

\* Where more than one owner for the horse please complete a separate form

### Horse Event Agreement

I understand that due to diseases such as equine influenza, the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, or other State or Commonwealth government body, may restrict or prevent the movement of horses, vehicles and personnel for a period of time otherwise known as a "standstill".

I acknowledge that a Standstill is a risk of competing in the *Tumbarumba 100KM FEI 1\* 2009* and agree to pay any reasonable costs or expenses incurred by any person or organisation for and on behalf of my horse(s) as a result of the standstill.

Name of Competitor

.....

Signed ..... Date

.....

Post/fax/ email to:  
Angelina Patterson

Cheques to be made payable to:  
TUMBARUMBA ENDURANCE INC.

# *Bush Capital Ride Results*

25 January 2009

Head Vet:

Chief Steward: John Howe

## **Middleweight Results:**

=1st.	Wendy Dower /	Castlebar Topaz /	4:54
=1st.	Rachel Reid /	Fransher Park K Shar /	4:54
3rd.	Jamie Mollema /	Littlebanks Tic Tac Toe /	5:39
4th.	James Sheahan /	Castlebar Blue Jeanns /	6:09
=5th.	Marita Rifai /	A'Lamdell Spirit /	6:30
=5th.	Garry Weis /	Tuldar Slingshot /	6:30
=7th.	Sarah Monaghan /	Classic Taste /	6:52
=7th.	Robyn Albers /	Black Jack /	6:52
9th.	Blake Freeman /	Quinta Essentia /	7:55
10th.	Debbie Bugden /	Dasstroyer /	8:05
- Colleen Clancy / Withdrawn L1			

## **Heavyweight Results:**

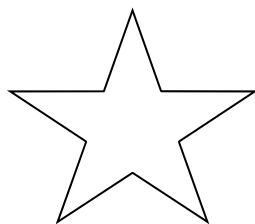
1st.	Lorien Hasko-Stewart /	Blake's Heaven Sombora /	5:58
2nd.	Charles Gauci /	Charleville Jack /	6:06
3rd.	Frank Mollema /	Omani Strike A Light /	6:08 BC
4th.	Allan Watts /	Foxridge Kalypso Kng /	6:23
5th.	Christopher Bailey /	Bullio Titon /	7:37
6th.	Matthew Walker /	Razorback Gold Rush /	7:37
7th.	Garry Pevy /	Shemaih Bey Bert /	8:05
- Brodee Freeman /			Lame L1

## **Lightweight Results:**

1st.	Sue Todd / PPP	Kool Pashin /	6:03
= 1st.	Faith Robinson /	Pinedale OJ Kelsey /	6:03
3rd.	Courtney Freeman /	Flametree Lady Penelope /	7:55
4th.	Virginia Dodson /	QMRIYA Raheema /	8:12
5th.	Adeline Gibson /	Blake's Heaven Dubonnet /	8:24
6th.	Fia Hasko-Stewart /	Blakes Heaven Caruso /	8:24

## **Junior Results:**

1st.		Talea Hasko-Stewart / Blake's Heven Summer Reign /	5:58
2nd.		Phoebe Gardener / Castlebar Hot Potato /	6:09 BC



## **Attention Chief Stewards and Ride Organisers**

**Your risk Management Checklists must be completed and sent to Kerry Spratt.**

**Fax (02) 4340 5881.**

**For other contact details please see back of this newsletter.  
This requirement is for insurance purposes.**

# Ride Bases Map

The NSWERA Web page now has a Google map with 'Find it' features that will show the distribution of ride bases through NSW and provide a map with directions from your home to the ride base.

To access the map just go to [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au). When you get there just click on the "NSW Ride Base Map" towards the top of the screen.

## To use the map: -

- Click on the ride base in the list on the left.
- A text box will pop up near the flag for the ride base.
- Click on get directions 'to here'.
- Enter your hometown in the start address.

## Click 'GO' and print off the map and directions.

**If you have a navigator in your vehicle** the map coordinates are shown in the text box, but a word of caution when using a navigator to go to a map grid reference, navigators are programmed to find the most direct route (as the crow flies), and as you get close to your destination they sometimes want to turn you down a side road or even a forest trail.

## Ride organisers

### To have a ride base added to the map,

1. Go to Google on the internet.
2. Select 'Maps' from the menu bar at the top.
3. With a map of Australia showing.
4. the curser (a little hand) on the area you're interested in, right click and select 'Center map here'.
5. Slide the up the scale ladder a little.
6. Repeat 4&5 until you have zoomed in on the area.
7. Now select 'Satellite' to see an overhead picture of the area.
8. Put the 'Little Hand' on the gateway to the ride base, right click and select 'Directions from Here'.
9. A green flag will appear at the spot and a 'Get directions' box will appear in the top left corner.
10. If the flag is not quite right, click and drag it.
11. In the 'Get directions' box against flag 'A' will be the map grid reference for the spot chosen, it will look like ( -30.294007,147.498579)
12. Jot down that reference with the ride name and email it to me at 'vpe63190@bigpond.net.au'.

**To check we have located the marker correctly, or if the ride base has been moved, zoom in on your marker on the Ride Bases Map as described above, switch to Satellite and check the position of the marker. If it is in error follow the procedure above and email me the details.**

Also run some tests approaching your ride base from different directions and note any anomalies, see the Shahzada text box for an example.

**Regards, Tom Perkins snr 20435**



# DOWNLOADS AT THE NSWERA WEB SITE

[www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)

The Internet has become a wonderful tool to equip ourselves with information. This means that information is now at your finger tips regarding your sport in NSW at [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)

The "Home" page of the web site is a great place to start. It will highlight important current issues and will guide you through the rest of the website.

Tabs on your Home Page include –

**Ride Calendar** where you can find a full list of upcoming rides, contact details for ride secretaries, ride previews and ride results.

**Prenomination** where you can prenominate to ride secretaries via email

**NSW Ride Base Maps** – details how to find your way to a ride base and also how Ride Organisers can list their rides on the Map.

**Point Score for NSW**

**Contacts** to email NSWERA Secretariat, Newsletter or Secretary

**Forms** - all the forms you may need such as Membership, Logbooks, Insurance, Horse Identification, etc.

**Starting Out Guide** - Notes on Getting Started in Endurance riding.

**Committee** contacts

**NSW FEI** information

**Constitution** – print off a copy

**Links** to other Associations and the AERA

**Insurance** – Requests for Certificate of Currency from AON; Claims Procedures; etc.

New innovations that will be coming to your web site in the near future will be online Membership Forms with Credit Payment opportunities, as well as merchandise purchasing.

So, keep in touch with your sport through [www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au). You'll get a surprise at the amount of information on there for you. Remember, [this is your website, so stories, photos and articles of interest are always a welcome addition.](#)

## NOTICE

### Attention Ride Secretaries

Following a recommendation from the AERA International Committee (**AERA IC**), the AERA has agreed that a \$5.00 affiliation fee should be paid to the AERA IC for each horse entered into a FEI ride. Ride Organisers should add this amount to their ride entry fee.

# Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc.

## Transfer of Ownership Procedures

It is the responsibility of the purchaser of the horse to notify the State of the change in ownership details. It is important that the correct person be registered as the owner of the horse as this assists with the correct allocation of National and State distance and pointscore awards as well as identifying the persons responsible for the horse when disciplinary actions need to be instituted.

### Process for Changing Ownership Details

When a sale of a horse occurs and the horse has had a logbook issued it is the responsibility of the new owner to notify the State of the change of ownership. A transfer of ownership form must be completed and forwarded to the State, together with a cheque for \$11 and the logbook.

Once the transfer of ownership form is received the logbook can be amended with the change in owners and the transfer verified by the Logbook Secretary/Registrar.

#### Procedure for Recording Change of Ownership

Transfer of ownership forms are to be made readily available to all members, preferably through the State Newsletters or upon application to the Logbook Secretary/Registrar.

Once a logbook, transfer of ownership form and fee are received the Logbook Secretary/Registrar will:

1. Record the ownership transfer into the logbook.
2. Verify the transfer.
3. Return the logbook.
4. Record the ownership transfer into the computer records of the State Division.
5. Keep a copy of the ownership transfer form and forward the original to the AERA Registrar.
6. Forward the \$5 fee to AERA.

## RIDE SECRETARIES

If you intend to change your ride details these changes **MUST** come in the form of a new application for approval by NSW ERA through the proper channels. No ride change requests are to be made direct to the newsletter.

NSW ERA Committee.

# NSW ERA Ride Booking Procedures

1. A ride must be booked a minimum of three months prior to the proposed date for the ride. This requirement may only be waived with the consent of the State Management Committee (**SMC**) under exceptional circumstances.
2. Ride Committees must be incorporated with the Department of Fair Trading and a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation forwarded with Booking Form.
3. Entry fees for all sections of the ride must be shown on the Booking Form and advertised in the Newsletter when inserted in the Ride Calendar.
4. Rides being conducted to replace cancelled rides must have permission from the NSW ERA SMC before the ride is advertised ANYWHERE.
5. Existing rides that have run on the same date for consecutive years will have preference for that date over new rides to protect the survival of the existing rides.
6. If a new ride is allocated a date other than as requested, that Ride Committee must change their date in accordance with the Committees decision.
7. A \$10.00 Booking Fee is payable when lodging the Ride Booking Form.
8. A \$50.00 Bond is payable if this is not already held on behalf of the ride Committee. This bond may be used for the next ride by that Committee if all paperwork is in on time.
9. The Ride Booking Form will indicate the Ride Committee's request for their ride to be dual-affiliated with another State.
10. A letter will be forwarded to Ride Committees one month prior to their ride requesting confirmation of the ride's Head Vet and Accredited Chief Steward.

## Logbook & Identification Procedures

A horse is a novice for a minimum of 90 days from the date on which it successfully completes its first affiliated endurance ride and may only attempt four rides during this period, ie if a horse successfully completes its first ride on 1st July, it cannot upgrade to endurance status until after 28th September and may only enter four rides during this period. There is no limit on the time it takes to reach endurance status. Your horse can be a novice for as many months (or years) as you like.

When your horse has successfully completed 240 kms of affiliated endurance (not training) rides, it can be upgraded from novice (blue log book) to endurance (yellow log book) status.

Ensure the brands are clear. If not, have the horse re-branded or microchipped (Refer to rule H5.2(a) - (b) ) and H5.3). Microchips are available from the address below.

Have a vet complete the horse identification form (written description and diagrams) and sign it. Identification and microchipping can be done at most rides, but it is advisable to check with the ride secretary beforehand.

Complete the logbook application form and attach I.D. form, novice horse logbook and the appropriate fee.

Please allow 10 working days from date of posting for return.

It is essential to retain a copy of the I.D. form and perhaps have it laminated for the future.

PLEASE NOTE An Endurance Horse Logbook will not be issued unless a signed Veterinary Identification Form **is** enclosed with the application. The I.D. in the novice log book is NOT acceptable.

If there is anything that you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to phone me.

**Jackie Barlow, Log Book Registrar, NSWERA**

**(02) 45 650 601**

**PO Box 191 WINDSOR NSW 2756**

## AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR DISTANCE SCROLL

Applicant name:	
Postal address:	Postcode:

I wish to apply for a .....**km** scroll for the horse listed below, I have enclosed the appropriate fee (if any).

### Horse Details

Name of Horse:	
Other horse names that may have been used:	
Log Book No:	Sex: S M G (please circle)
Date of Birth:	Breed:
Breed Registration No:	
Sire:	
Dam:	
Breeder:	
Owner:	

### Scrolls are available as follows:

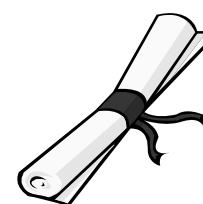
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|--------|--|
| 300km  | \$10.00 each.<br>Available to any horse that has successfully completed 300km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in <b><u>ONE</u></b> riding division or has successfully completed the Quilty in under 15 hours. |
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| 800km  | \$10.00 each.<br>Available to any horse that has successfully completed 800km of affiliated endurance rides of 80km or over in <b><u>ONE</u></b> riding division.  |
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| 1600km | Free on behalf of AERA<br>In recognition of any horse successfully completing 1600km irrespective of riding division.  |
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| 3000km | Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA.<br>In recognition of any horse successfully completing 3000km irrespective of riding division.   |
| -----  |  |
| 5000km | Scroll & Trophy free, issued on behalf of AERA.<br>In recognition of any horse successfully completing 5000km irrespective of riding division.   |

AERA Certificates of Merit are presented at 1500km intervals over and above 5000km (6500km, 8000km, 9500km etc)

Send your completed forms (plus any applicable fee) to the AERA Registrar:

Jo McMaha  
3008 Abercrombie Road  
BLACK SPRINGS NSW 2787

Phone: (02) 63358121 ah



### Notes:

- (1) Unaffiliated and training rides are **NOT** counted.
- (2) Unsuccessful rides (vet outs, withdrawals etc) are **NOT** counted.

## NSW Ride Locality Guide

<b>Ride Name</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>General Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ride Secretary</b>
Bago Bush Bash	6	North Coast	Wauchope	Robyn Coombes
Batemans Bay	5	South Coast	Batemans Bay	Louise Counsell
Bendemeer	2	Tamworth	Bendemeer	Gay Bonham
Blowering Dam	4	Snowy Mountains	Tumut	Louise Stevens
Border Challenge	2	North of Armidale	Red Range	Robyn Parnell
Brookvale	5	ACT Canberra	Brookvale	Michelle Pike
Bush Capital	5	ACT Canberra	Canberra	Michael O'Leary
Cambewarra	5	Sth Coast – Nowra	Cambewarra	Rowena Robinson
Cedar Ridge	2	South of Bathurst	Oberon	Courtney Freeman
Coolamon	4	Riverina	Coolamon	Michael Leary
Cowra	4	Central West	Cowra	Helen Brown
Eurobodalla	5	Batemans Bay	Eurobodalla	Kate Moran
Freemantle Mt York	2	Central West		Lee Curtis
Green Valley Tingha	6	Far North NSW	Tingha	Clare Fleming
Gulgong	2	Central Wst.Mudgee	Gulgong	Wendy McLehose
Gundagai	4	Riverina	Gundagai	Rick Owen
Harden	4	Riverina	Harden	Kate Smith
Kiwarra	6	Forster / Taree	Kiwarra	Abbie McMurrich
Kundabung	6	Port Macquarie	Kundabung	Sonya Ruprecht
Manilla Westpac	2	North of Tamworth	Manilla	Gay Bonham
Mudgee	2	Central West	Mudgee	Mette Sutton
Putty Valley	1	Windsor/Singleton	Putty	Charlie Gauci
Rollands Plains	6	North Coast - Taree	Rollands Plains	Robyn Coombes
Shahzada	1	McDonald Valley	St Albans	Sue Todd
Shoalhaven	5	Sth Coast, Nowra	Shoalhaven	Rowena Robinson
St Albans	1	McDonald Valley	St Albans	Wendy Jones
Q 60	1	Hawkesbury	Colo	Denise Trollope
The Rock	4	Riverina/Wagga	The Rock	Dave Edgar
Tingha	6	Northern NSW	Tingha	Claire Fleming
Tooraweenah	2	Central NSW	Tooraweenah	Jenny Sandford
Tumbarumba	4	Snowy Mountains	Tumbarumba	Angelina Patterson
Watagan Mountains	1	Morisset	Cooranbong	Carol Griffiths
Wingello Forest	5	Southern Highlands	Bundanoon	Rebecca Hayes
Woodstock	4	Cowra	Woodstock	Dianne Cameron

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