

# W.A. HORSE TREKKERS CLUB INC. Website: www.watrekkers.info/

### SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

#### 2014, - DARLING DOWNS RIDE

Our next ride is to be hosted by Trevor and Janice Hayes and their daughter Karen Hayes as we will be camping at their property in Darling Downs.

Venue Hayes Place, 112 Wungong South Road, Darling Downs

Directions

From South West Highway – Heading South from Armadale, turn left into Eleventh Road, Armadale. If heading North from Byford, turn left into Eleventh Road, Armadale. Cross over Railway line and travel down to roundabout, turn left at roundabout into Rowley Road. Travel over bridge and turn left at next road, Phar Lap Drive. Travel to T junction and turn right into Wungong South Road. House is a couple of hundred metres down the road on right hand side. Enter through gate.

## From Tonkin Highway -

Heading South on Tonkin Highway from Armadale Road, turn left into Rowley Road at traffic lights, if heading North on Tonkin Highway from Thomas Road, turn right into Rowley Road. Follow Rowley Road around tight right hand bend into Hopkinson Road and turn left at next road, which is again Rowley Road. Travel 1.9km down to Phal Lap Drive and turn right. Travel to T junction and turn right into Wungong South Road. House is a couple of hundred metres down the road on right hand side Enter through gate.

See attached Map.

#### **RIDE DETAILS -**

#### SATURDAY – TRAIL RIDE CHALLENGE TRAINING DAY

– The weekend will commence at 1.00 pm with a pre-ride briefing at the Haye's property. We will then ride out their back gate to the arena in the nearby public open space where different challenges/obstacles will be set up and organised for



riders to try out. We had a similar day last year which was good training for new horses and riders along with a lot of fun. For those wanting to try out some of

the ATHRA Trail Ride Challenges, this will also be available. Go to <a href="https://www.athra.com.au">www.athra.com.au</a> for details.

**SUNDAY – HALF DAY RIDE - DARLING DOWNS BRIDLE TRAILS** - This event will commence at 8.00am with a pre-ride briefing and will include a ride around the Bridle trails in the beautiful Darling Downs, a wonderfully planned peri-urban network of bridle trails which are maintained by the local community. On this ride it is most likely the following may be encountered – Alpaca's, Camels, dogs, other riders, vehicles when crossing and riding down roads on verge, other horses, sheep, cattle, bike riders and walkers plus a possible water crossing. We just want to let you know this, so there are no surprises on the day. Tracks are fine gravel and fairly soft. It is planned for this ride to finish at about lunch time before it get's too hot.

For the afternoon we have a "**Trails Tips and Tack**" time planned, where newbies to Trail riding can pick the brains of the old hands, as well as see the equipment favoured by seasoned trekkers etc. Please Trekkers bring along your "Share and Care" hat and the equipment you love the most for trekking, thanks. This will be a time to share our experiences, good and bad, and encourage those new to trekking, who will hear some great stories I am sure!

**MONDAY - OAKFORD TRAILS – HALF DAY RIDE –** This will commence at 8.00am with a pre-ride briefing and will follow the Bridle Trail to the Tonkin Highway Horse underpass and on to the Oakford Bridle trails for morning tea, returning around lunch time. Tracks will be similar to Saturday.

If anyone is intending to bring a horse drawn cart, please let Trevor or Anna know, as some alternative routes and keys for gates will need to be organised.

It is recommended horses are shod or booted (at least on front) for Saturday and Sunday ride.

People are welcome to stay Friday night and Sunday night before and after the ride, if required. Please contact Janice or Trevor to let them know if you are arriving early or leaving late.

Water Horse and human water available

Hay Oaten/Wheaten and Lucerne Hay OK. NO meadow hay.

Fires BBQ available, no open fires, so bring your gas stoves.

Yards BYO

Ablutions Toilet and Shower available.

Meals BYO everything

Children This event is suitable for children (12 years and over).

Further ride information from Trevor and Janice Hayes – 9498 2633 or Anna Sheehan - 0412 926 932

RIDE FEES \$5.00 members - riding/non-riding for whole weekend

\$25.00 for the day non members - riding/non-riding (Maximum as a visitor is two days in one year)

\$5.00 extra for late payment on the day.

RIDE ENTRIES MUST BE IN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO RIDE. LATE ENTRIES WILL INCUR A LATE FEE. Please adhere to this so that proper planning can be finalised by the ride dates.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are becoming a member for this ride you must complete the Membership Event form as well as the Waiver form which are all available at the website, www.watrekkers.info

If you are already a member and have completed the new Waiver you only need to complete the current Membership Event Form.

#### Address to post entries:

Anna Sheehan, PO Box 335, Mundijong WA 6122

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROGRAM FOR THIS RIDE COULD CHANGE DUE TO THE WEATHER. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING.