



TREKKERS TRIBUNE

June 2011

Hi Everyone

What a welcome relief the rain has been for us here in Perth and no doubt in other areas of the state as well. The pastures are now green in Mundijong and the feed bill reduced. We are pleased to welcome several new members to our club, some of whom joined us at Lewana and some we hope to see at our place at Whitby- Mundijong in July. This is an exciting time as our ranks swell and we make new friends that we hope to share many miles in the saddle together.

Starting out in trekking can be a bit daunting (I remember) with so much unknown about how the rides run etc until you actually experience it. Although we all like to be as self sufficient as possible rest assured new members will have the support of those who are seasoned. There are no "dumb" questions and "mistakes" are quickly forgiven & forgotten (unless of course they are good for a giggle, then they may be relayed around the campfire for years to come). Although there are rules and guidelines as a club WAHTC will be as flexible as safely possible to enable new members and their horses to enjoy the ride and achieve their trekking goals.

- **Previous Ride**

- Lewana (Balingup area)**

- Our last ride was on the June long weekend on 4th, 5th and 6th June at Lewana Cottages which has become something of a tradition for the club. We welcome new members Alison Fergie, Rhonda Sweeney, and Maidie_Brockman who rode with us for the first time.

The Balingup hills and forest once again did not disappoint and the weather was very kind to us. The first evening was a bit chilly though and the fireplace in the cottage was much appreciated as a committee meeting regarding the Challa trek was held to progress some of the fine tuning. Full notes will be available in the next few days once a few final details are nussed out.

Red Ribbons were given out to those of us who contributed to the Brumby Ride on the Saturday by paying \$10 each. This event has been organised with the Australian Brumby Alliance by Athra and Cavallo to assist in the recognition, management, preservation and welfare of the Australian Brumby. It is also in conjunction with the American Competitive Trail Horse Association to be part of the biggest trail ride in history.

Many thanks to Irene and Margaret for their planning and management of this ride. The owners of Lewana Cottages were, as always gracious hosts, and many people commented on their generosity in allowing trekkers and horses to camp on site in such a great riding area.

- **Annual Two Week Trek**

As previously mentioned the annual two week trek will be held at Challa Station out of Mt Magnet this year. The official date for the trek is from **Monday 5th Sept to Friday 16th September**. Standby for the updated Annual Trek notes which will be out shortly.

All trek meals / food will be supplied. The club trailer and cooking equipment will go. We are still not sure who the Trek cook is at this time but it does appear that there will be one with trekkers helping out in preparation and clean up.

- **July & August Treks**

Whitby/Mundijong – 9th & 10th of July.

Hosts: Richard and Karen

Address: Lot 111 Keirnan Street Whitby/Mundijong Perth area.

Two rides of approximately 10 - 15kms each on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday's ride can be made longer if people can stay later into the day. The current plan is to ride out from the property around the Mundijong Cardup area. The Sunday will be a ride in a different direction or a 10 minute float ride to set out through the beautiful Wungong Valley. Another option for Sunday is a ride up the scarp in Jarrahdale but we will need to do a recce on this to check it out.

The ride on Saturday will be down on the flats and will be mostly sandy ground. We are relatively new in this area and so the exact route is still being determined.

The Sunday ride, if we choose to do Wungong valley, will involve a convoy of horse and floats for about 10 minutes where we can park and saddle up at the entrance to Wungong Valley. This is a picturesque ride that will be harder ground and some hill work ... at least front shoes or boots would be recommended for this days ride.

- There will be camping in a large paddock on the property
- Horse water is available reasonably close by in troughs and a hose.
- No meadow hay please.
- Some firewood is available for a campfire if desired. You are most welcome to use the bathroom and toilet in the house,
- Two BBQ's, one gas & one wood fired, are available for cooking if desired.
- Use of kitchen for clean-up after the evening meal is also fine.
- Our bore water is drinkable straight from the tap we are told although for drinking water we tend to filter it and you are welcome to use our filtered water in the house if you would like. The water is entirely suitable for cooking, tea/ coffee etc straight from the taps around the property.

Directions:

First bit of advice is DO NOT rely on a GPS to get here. Past experience tells us that you will be taken right out of your way and probably still not find it☹! The Lot numbers are not sequential so the following directions will be important.

For those coming up from down south using the new John Forest Highway and shortly after turning into the Kwinana freeway and the speed limit dropping to 100 take the Mundijong Road exit and turn right. Travel down Mundijong Road about 22 kms until the speed limit drops to 80km which indicates you are close to Mundijong. Turn right into Paterson Street and drive through the town site and out the other side. You will reach a round-about approx 1.5 kms past the town and you need to turn right there. Travel another km or so until you pass a street on your right called Evelyn. As you round the corner you will see a two storey house with an A frame roof and that is us.

The property is marked with lot 111 on the letter box and property name "Pasture Prime" on the gate. We will leave the gates open and you can drive on through into the large paddock

For those coming up South West Highway (or down if coming from the North) it is a little more simple. Keirnan Street is just past Mundijong Road on the left and has Whitby Coach House and Whitby Stock feeds on the Corner. If you are travelling south on Sth West Highway you will approach the Mandejal Brook and Bridge and the turn is just around a blind corner to the right ... it is a good idea to indicate as soon as you enter that corner to give traffic behind (travelling at 110) time to see you are turning. Then travel down Keirnan Street for about 1.2 kms and you will see our A frame house on the right.

Start times

Saturday: A pre ride brief will be happening at 1pm for a 1:30 ride out

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Trekkers are welcome to arrive anytime on Saturday morning or, if they prefer, Friday night.

Fees:

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

\$25.00 per 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

Please send forms and payment to Karen Singleton, Lot 111 Keirnan Street Mundijong 6123 at least one week prior to the ride.

**Please note that anyone planning to come on the Challa trek should come to this ride and the August ride. This will be essential if you have not ridden with the club at all yet as per the club rules.

The tracks should be suitable for children over 12 but not for carts as they are not permitted in Wungong Valley unfortunately.

Look forward to seeing you there.

• Byford - 13th & 14th of August

? Darling Downs More details in the next newsletter

- **A note from the Acting Secretary**

I will continue keeping Anna's seat warm for as long as needed so any correspondence or enquiries can be directed to me for the time being on healingwithhorses@hotmail.com or 9525 5165. My mobile is 0404 486 360.

Anna's son is recovering from his car accident although he will have quite a road ahead. I know those of us who know Anna, her generous nature and her tireless efforts for our club extend our best wishes to them all. We look forward to seeing you again soon Anna.

Well that's all Folks.

Keep on Trekkin'!!!

Regards

Karen Singleton (A/Secretary)

Tracey Hawken (Assistant Secretary)