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Tracey and Members of the Committee wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| December | 29 |Trail Ride, Patersonia |
| January | 19 |Get Together Working Bee at "The Rough Paddock" |
| February | 1-2 |Get Together |
| | 18 |General Meeting, Deloraine |
| March | 2 |Longford Blessing of the Harvest Festival |
| | 15 |Westbury St.Patrick's Day Festival |
| April | 4,5 & 6 | Members Weekend, Arm River |

FUTURE EVENTS

TRAIL RIDE – PATERSONIA

Sunday, 29th December 2013

This ride will be hosted by Craig Von Stieglitz at his property 992 Patersonia Road.

The ride will be on bush tracks at the base of Mount Arthur.

As always bring your lunch and drinks.

Riders can meet at Bunnings Straight 9 am or the venue at 10.00am.

Enquiries to Craig on 0419 539 497

GET TOGETHER WORKING BEE

Sunday 19th January, 2014

The usual jobs will be carried out including the erection of the toilets, clearing the site and setting out the race course.

Meet at JJ's Bakery Longford at 8.30am or the "the Rough Paddock", Penstock at 10am.

Enquiries to Tracey on 0419 582 580.

GENERAL MEETING

February 18th, 2014

A General Meeting will be held at the SES Headquarters in Landsdowne Place, Deloraine.

The meeting will commence at 8.00 pm and all members and friends are invited to attend.

It would be appreciated if ladies could bring a small plate of supper to share following the meeting.

Enquiries to Sandra on 6393 1771

WESTBURY ST.PATRICKS DAY

PARADE

Saturday 15th March, 2014

Meet at Westbury Showground at 9.15am.

The parade is due to leave the Town Common at 10.00am.

Additional details will be available in the March newsletter.

Enquiries to Sandra on 6393 1771

LONGFORD BLESSING OF THE HARVEST PARADE

Sunday 2nd March, 2014,

This is a popular outing for members and if you would like to join in the fun please meet at the Longford Showgrounds by 9.30.

The parade travels along the main street to the village green where the horses are tethered and riders have the opportunity to enjoy the festival.

Enquiries to Tracey on 0419 582 580

ARM RIVER CAMP – NO HORSES

Friday to Sunday, April 4th, 5th & 6th

A Members Camping Weekend is planned for Friday and Saturday night at the Forestry Tas, Arm River Reserve, south of Mole Creek.

Activities during the weekend include 4-wheel bike ride, bush walking and kayaking.

Fees are \$15.40/ adult and \$5.50/ student per night if staying in the camp or if camping with your own facilities \$5.50 person. The camp provides beds, hot and cold water, tables and chairs. You will need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, cooking utensils, bowls, cutlery etc.

Contact Craig Groom on 0417 033 0386.

Congratulations

*To Jessica Whatley & Scott Jones
on the Birth of their new son
Ned, a brother for Ruby.
Our best wishes to you all.*



Happy Birthday



To Sallie

27th ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

*“The Rough Paddock”, Penstock, Central Highlands.
1st & 2nd February, 2014*

We are very appreciative to the Glover family for proving another wonderful venue. Their continued support of the Association is very much appreciated.

Admission Prices: These remain the same as last year at: **Adults:** Weekend \$30.00; Sunday \$10.00.
Pensioners & Children 8 - 16 years inclusive: Weekend \$15.00; Sunday \$10.00.
Children under 8 years or age are admitted free.

HAY: BYO. No hay will be available for purchase at the site.

NO GLASS policy will be enforced, vehicles will be checked at the gate and **alcohol in glass containers will be confiscated.**

Water: A water tanker will provide water for the horses. Please bring water for human consumption.

Camping: The designated family camping area worked well and will be continued.

Security: A strong security team will be on site Friday and Saturday nights with no unacceptable or anti-social behaviour tolerated. A motion sensor camera will be installed at the entrance gate for nighttime surveillance.

Stallions: Stallions are to be 4 years of age or older and will only be accepted by written permission. An application form and further details can be obtained from the secretary.

New Event: There will be a high jump for dogs run at lunchtime on Saturday.

Trail Ride: As well as the usual trail ride there will be a short ride of approximately 1 hour.

Championship: Entries to be received by the 24th January. A small increase in entry fee this year: Senior - \$30; Junior - \$15.

Sheep handling has replaced the cattle handling this year with the guidelines forwarded upon entry.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. If willing to give a hand please give Sandra a call on 6393 1771 it would be very much appreciated.

Merchandise: 25th anniversary polo tops will be on sale at the Get Together at the reduced price of \$10.



Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association

Web Site

Don't forget you can keep up to date on the latest TMCA news at our website tmca.net.au

PAST EVENTS

FUN TRAINING DAY at Golden Valley

13th October

Approximately 15 riders attended the day at Glen & Mientje Whitley's property in the lovely Golden Valley and although the weather was not good early that morning it turned out to be a pleasant day.

The Cattlemen's handy stock horse gear was set up along side the property's permanent obstacles and we were very grateful to Raylene Garwood for attending with a range of interesting activities. Raylene was very helpful and provided good advice to those who were challenged by the variety on offer.

The afternoon trail ride covered some beautiful country around Quamby Bluff and was enjoyed by all who rode.

A big thank you to all the Whitley family who assisted on the day. We are very grateful to be able to enjoy such a beautiful piece of Tasmania.



Left: Anne Quinn and her granddaughter Danika McCabe test out the bridge.

Below: Brittany Hine rides through an obstacle.

Below Left: Tracey Boon and her young horse Ayton negotiate the slip rail.





In 1988, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from North-western University.

On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee, inspected the elephant's foot, and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments. Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenage son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Peter, lifted its front foot off the ground, and then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1988, Peter could not help wondering if this was the same elephant. Peter summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing, and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Peter's legs and smashed the shit out of him against the railing, killing him instantly.

Probably wasn't the same elephant.

