



## Australian Capital Territory Endurance Riders Association Inc

### National Capital Ride – *Brookvale* Sunday 19 September 2010

#### INFORMATION FOR RIDERS AND STRAPPERS

*Welcome to our ride. Please take a few minutes to read this leaflet before entering.*

**DOGS:** The ride base is on private property and there are stock in the area. **Any dogs brought to the ride base MUST BE ON A LEAD at all times.**

**HORSES:** All horses in the 40km and 80km rides **must** be entered and have their pre-ride vet check on Saturday and remain at the ride base overnight. Horses in the 20km ride **may** be entered and vetted on Saturday but if so, must remain at the ride base overnight. Horses must be **securely contained**, in either a metal yard or solidly-constructed electric yard. Electric fences should be made from two strands of tape, with the top tape 1.2–1.4 metres above the ground; posts should be of substantial material (steel pickets); the tape should not sag and needs to be energised at all times the horse is in the yard. Ground tethering or hobbling is not allowed. **Note:** *The cattle yards at the ride base can be used for only one horse at a time and only by prior arrangement with the Ride Secretary: preference is given to stallions.*

**RIDE COURSE:** The track through the campsite from the gate to the creek is part of the course and must be kept clear. Riders and strappers are requested not to bring vehicles across the creek. Much of the course is on roads: please keep to the left and follow road rules, including when exercising your horse.

**RUBBISH:** Please take all rubbish, including any excess feed, home with you. Manure can be left at your campsite, but please scatter it.

#### ENTRIES AND VETTING:

**Where:** Across the creek from the camping area.

**When:** Entries taken 1.00–5.00 pm on Saturday (and 7.30–9.00 am Sunday for social ride only).

Vetting is 1.00–5.30 pm Saturday (and 8.00–9.30 am Sunday for social ride).

**Entry fees:** Main (80km) ride \$90 (juniors \$70); Training (40km) ride \$50\*; Social (20km) ride \$25^  
(\*plus \$10 day membership fee for training ride if applicable)  
(^plus \$5 day membership fee for social ride if applicable)

If you didn't **prenominate** by the cut-off, there will be a \$5 late fee for the 80 km & 40 km rides.

**ACTERA and Snowy Zone concessions:** Current financial members of ACTERA can claim a \$5 concession on the entry fee for any of the rides. Snowy Zone members can claim a \$5 concession on the entry fee for the 80km ride only. Dual (ACTERA/Zone) members can claim only one concession.

#### Entry procedures

**80 km ride: Riders** must be full members of NSWERA (or another state ERA) and provide their membership card when entering, and their **horse** must have a logbook. Riders that have not previously entered an 80 km ride must have proof of successful completion of two training rides.

**20km and 40km rides: Riders** who are not full ERA members must pay a day membership fee as well as the entry fee. If a **horse** being entered in the 40 km ride has a logbook, it must be used.

**Juniors** (riders under 18 years of age) must have their entry form signed by a parent/guardian, and riders 18 or over can be asked to provide proof of age.

**Pre-ride vet check:** After you have entered, take your horse and logbook/card to the vetting area.

**CAMPSITE LOCATION:** Please write your campsite location (see the campsite map at the admin tent), your car rego and the name of your strapper (if you have one) on your entry form. This will help us to find you or your strapper quickly if we need to do so during the ride.

**WEIGHING:** Riders in the 80 km ride must weigh in with their riding gear (excluding bridle) prior to entering – bring your gear with you. Riders weighing in as middle or heavyweight must remain within the range of their weight division for the ride or they will not receive a successful completion.

Heavyweight = 91 kg and over | Middleweight = 73 kg to under 91 kg | Lightweight = less than 73 kg

**COMPULSORY THINGS:**

- **Helmets:** All riders must wear a safety standards approved equestrian helmet.
- **Riders under 10** years of age must be supervised by an adult rider at all times (also recommended for riders between 10 and 12).
- **Stallions** must not be handled or ridden by people under 18 and must wear a blue tail ribbon.

**PRE-RIDE TALKS:** All riders are required to attend the pre-ride talk for their ride.

- **80 and 40km rides:** Saturday evening, around 6.00 pm at the admin tent.
- **20 km ride:** Sunday morning at 9.45 am (shortly before the start of the ride).

**FOOD:** Hot meals, drinks and snacks are on sale by the creek crossing on the camping side.

**WAKE-UP CALL:** Sunday 5.00 am for the main ride.

**STARTING TIMES (SUNDAY):** All rides start outside the entry gate to the camping area. Unless otherwise announced at the pre-ride talk, start times will be:

80 km endurance ride: **6.00 am** | 40 km trainer: **7.30 am** | 20 km social ride: **10.00 am**.

If you intend to start a little behind the main group, please advise the starter or ride secretary.

**PRESENTATION:** Sunday about 3.00 pm. Successful 80 km completions will receive a buckle. The Bruce Neal Memorial Trophy (an encouragement award) will be presented to a junior rider in the 80 km ride. All riders who successfully complete the 20 km or 40 km rides will receive a completion award and certificate.

**LOG BOOKS:** Return your ride number to collect your logbook/card after the ride.

**PHOTOS:** Local photographer Andrew Hennell will be taking photos on the course. Photos can be ordered after the ride at <http://hennell.com.au>.

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**THANK YOU**

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Many people contribute to the success of this ride. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Judy Blundell and the Blundell family of *Brookvale* for allowing us to camp on and ride through their property, and John Tait, Mike Wignall and John Newman for giving us access to their properties. Much of the course is on public land and roads and we also acknowledge and appreciate the support of the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services, New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change and Yass Valley Council. Special thanks to head vet Steve Roberts and the other members of the vetting team; Chief Steward Tom McCormack; CRARC for providing radio communications; and the many volunteers without whom we could not run the ride.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 40 AND 80KM RIDERS

Some important ride-specific conditions now apply to the second leg of the 80 km ride and to the 40 km ride. Part of the course is through the catchment of the Cotter Dam. Since the ACT fires in 2003, the Cotter Dam catchment has been increasingly relied upon as a drinking water supply catchment. For this reason protecting this water supply from any risks of contamination is now the predominant consideration in managing the Lower Cotter Catchment (LCC). The major concerns for horse riding recreational events are pathogens from human and animal faeces contaminating the catchment area and erosion that may cause sediment to enter the source water. Ensuring that the Cotter Catchment is managed as a drinking water catchment has resulted in restrictions on some recreational activities previously allowed in the LCC.

Generally, horse riding in the LCC is no longer allowed. The ACTERA has permission to hold this ride in the LCC under strict conditions, which include:

- **NO** watering or washing of horses from natural water sources within the LCC.
- Organisers to provide water points at agreed locations well away from streams in the LCC.
- Organisers to remove horse droppings from defined areas of the LCC immediately after the ride.
- Organisers to provide toilet facilities for riders in the vicinity of the LCC.
- If over 40 mm of rain falls in the 24 hours to 6.00 am on the day of the ride, the organisers must re-route the ride to avoid the LCC entirely. (If this appears likely, details will be provided at the pre-ride talk).

Complying with these conditions will not be onerous for riders. Signs will tell you when you are entering and leaving the LCC. Water for both drinking and strapping will be provided at several points on the course close to but outside the catchment. In the unlikely event that any riders need toilet facilities while on-course, the toilet at Blue Range Hut will be open and signposted. An alternative course is available if the ride needs to be re-routed. **NOT complying with the conditions will jeopardise the future of the *Brookvale* ride and we are seeking your cooperation in helping us to meet them.**



### Interesting trivia: Historic Sherwood

*About 7km from the start of the second leg (and also from the start of the 20km and 40km rides), you will pass a grove of large exotic trees to the left of the track. This is the site of the old Sherwood homestead, which was the home of Henry and Eliza Phillips and family from the 1860s to 1920s. The house, made of slabs with a bark roof later replaced by galvanised iron, was demolished after becoming dilapidated. The trees are the remnants of the shade trees that included willows, oaks, elms and white cedars, and an extensive orchard that included apples, pears, quinces, cherries and walnuts. A mass of daffodils blooms in the old garden in early spring. Mr and Mrs Phillips are buried on the hill to the right of the track. After their deaths, Sherwood was bought by the owners of nearby Uriarra Station and about 30 years ago it was taken over by the ACT Government for use as a pine plantation.*