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September/October 2006

Congratulations to our winners!

July saw Have Horse ... Will Travel celebrate our first birthday. Throughout the month of July we gave away some great birthday gifts thanks to the following sponsors ...

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Congratulations to the following lucky winners ...

GIFT	WINNER
Zilco Deluxe Endurance Bridle	Clea Ralph of Oberon, NSW
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1.5kg Equimin supplement from Greenpet	Belinda Kew of West Hoxton, NSW
Zilco Travel Rug and Bandages	Andrew Blakely of West Armidale, NSW

... and thanks to all our site visitors who entered our Birthday draws.

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Horses in Drought

<http://www.horsesindrought.org.au/>

The main aim of Horses in Drought Incorporated is to provide farmers with an alternative to euthanasing or selling horses, by giving them the opportunity to move horses to temporary homes with good pasture (kindly provided in good faith). They have also extended their aims to providing assistance with sourcing fodder. Horses in Drought would like all Australian Horse owners to know that they can help if they are in genuine strife. Horses in Drought promote responsible horse ownership and encourage owners to take action before it is too late. A nationwide battle to save the lives of horses affected by drought is growing at an alarming rate.

Volunteers from Horses In Drought Incorporated advise that there are thousands of horses affected by the drought. Some have already been put down by distressed owners who are unable to feed them.

President, Nicole Pearce said "over the past four years, volunteers all over Australia have offered to accommodate or feed starving horses at their own expense".

"Horses are relatively high maintenance and in these tough times, property owners were often forced to get rid of them before sheep and cattle."

Horses In Drought Incorporated has placed many horses in temporary homes and several feed stores and individuals have donated feed. The group is also involved in a number of fund raising initiatives with all proceeds going towards helping feed drought affected horses.

"Our major problem is finding transport for donated feed to where it is really needed," said Ms Pearce.

Anyone who is able to provide help, or who needs assistance to care for drought affected horses is urged to contact Horses In Drought Incorporated on 0410 573 124 or for (via email to horsesindrought@horsemagazine.com)

Horses In Drought will be attending the Holroyd City Council NSW Pet Fest in September – see details below under NSW heading below.



Buying or selling a Horse – use the link from our home page ...

Our **Buy/Sell a Horse** link from our **Useful Resources** list on the www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au Home Page has proved very popular since its introduction late last year. If you are looking for a horse, or wanting to sell one, take a look at the link to see your options.

Mid year break

Here comes yet more school holidays (and those kids EVER at school?)

TAS	9 September to 24 September
VIC	16 September to 1 October
ACT	30 September to 15 October
SA	30 September to 15 October

QLD	23 September to 8 October
NSW	30 September to 15 October
WA	30 September to 15 October
NT	30 September to 8 October

Whether you want to go away for a weekend, a week, or take a big break, checkout the great properties, trails and events at www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au.

Product Review

Zilco Deluxe Endurance Bridle

www.zilco.com.au



Made from durable, easy maintenance PVC, this bridle is not just for endurance – it is a brilliant bridle for anyone who wants the convenience of wearing a halter and bridle at all times. You can easily remove the brow and cheeks (bridle part) whilst leaving the halter part in place – then unclip your reins and attach to the halter and you have a halter and lead. It is perfect for trail riding or any situation you want to easily remove the bit from the horse's mouth. It comes in some really funky colours (as well as the standard brown or black). You can mix and match colours (bridle in one colour, halter in another). Contact Zilco for your closest stockist –

zilco@zilco.com.au

victoria

Hoof over Hills

21 to 22 October 2006

A fundraiser for the Flowerdale Primary school, this annual family based ride is held from "Kinlocheil" 320 Moores Road, Flowerdale. Taking in spectacular views and offering great camping and catering, further information is available by phoning (03) 5780 2300 or (03) 5780 1312.

Wilkes Creek Camp (camping at BNT campsite)

4 to 7 November 2006

(Melbourne Trail Horse Riders Club)

Join the Melbourne Trail Horse Riders for a great long weekend of camping and riding. Anyone interested in more information on the Melbourne Trial Horse Riders Club or details of this camp can contact them via their website at

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mthrc>

queensland

Kandanga 1000

16 and 17 September 2006

Kandanga is a quaint country town situated 160 kilometres north of Brisbane and is at the hub of the controversial Queensland State Government's proposed 'mega dam'.

It is hoped to gather 1000 horse riders from the area (and further afield) to protest the planned destruction of up to 1000 homes.

The ride fee is \$5 children/\$10 adults/\$20 families.

There will be serviced camp sites, entertainment, and food and drinks available.

For further information please contact:

Peter 5484 3040

Brett 5484 3532

Neville 5484 3697

ATHRA September Camp 2006 (23 September - 1 October 2006)

This 7 day camp provides the options of one, three and seven day rides. It will take in the hills surrounding Moogerah in the Boonah Shire. All meals are provided, hay and ice will be on sale, please BYO refreshments. Nominations close 11 September. This ATHRA ride requires participants to be a member of an affiliated ATHRA club. Phone: (07) 5533 1061 (a/h) or (07) 5583 7879 (b/h) Mob: 0418 767 835. Email athraqld@optusnet.com.au for more information.

The Tick Line ...

Do you know where the Tick Line is? If you are planning to travel with your horse, make sure you know at what point(s) your horse needs to be inspected. There is a "Cattle Tick Protected Area" in Queensland WELL BEFORE the border. Your horse must be inspected/treated BEFORE entering this area - even if you aren't planning to cross into NSW (and you should be carrying a Waybill - talk to the DPI if you need to arrange one). You should make prior arrangements for inspection/treatment. Once your horse has been treated you will be issued with a permit - don't get caught without one!

For further information on entering the "Protected Area" and arranging inspection please contact:

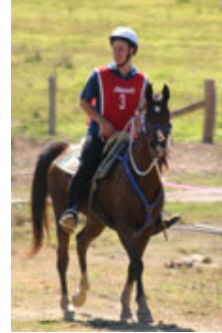
NSW Agriculture at Kirra (07) 55361290 or Mt Lindsay (02) 6635 1312
Queensland DPI Call Centre on (07) 3404 6999
Queensland DPI at Aratula (07) 5463 8368 or 0427 133388 or Helidon (07) 5465 4057 or 0423 631766

Please – do your bit to keep Cattle Tick out of NSW

Trans Tasman Style Competitive Trail Ride

The Inaugural Trans Tasman Style Competitive Trail Ride was held at the end of August in the West Cooroy Forestry on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The event was a great success with competitors vying for some excellent prizes. The 30km ride through some beautiful forestry required competitors to complete the ride as close to 3 hours as possible – penalties for coming in early were greater than coming in late. Full results are available at

www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au/scater.htm



south australia

Mt Crawford Forest Trail Ride/Camp

29 Sept to 2 Oct 2006

(Adelaide Trail Horse Riders Club)

The Adelaide Trail Horse Riders Club will be hosting a camp at Mount Crawford Forest at the end of September – further information is available from equiries@athrc.org or visit www.athrc.org for more information on the club.

new south wales

(and australian capital territory)

Horses in Drought to attend PetFest

17 September 2006

Horses in Drought Inc will once again be attending the annual Holroyd City Council NSW Pet Fest. They will have on sale eco2000 products, halters and will be running a raffle. Anyone wishing to assist on the stand on this day, or wanting further information, please contact Nicole Pearce, President on 0410 573 124. The day is all about promoting responsible animal ownership. Please visit the stand and support this worthy cause. For more information on PetFest visit <http://www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/html/eps/health/animals/petfest2006/petfest2006.htm>

MS Horseride (Gundagai)

23 to 30 September 2006

This annual ride is a fully-supported, professionally organised event where riders and their mounts are provided with well marked trails, all meals, horse feed, yarding options, fully equipped camps (including toilet/shower facilities), licensed brasserie, general store, first aid, vet and farrier.



In 2006 the Multiple Sclerosis Society plans to take you on the track winding back to an old-fashioned shack on trails around Gundagai.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.msevents.org.au/> or email events@msnsw.org.au

tasmania

Tasman Peninsula Trail Ride

17 September 2006

(Tasmania Paint Horse Association Inc)

The Tasmania Paint Horse Association will host a Trail Ride in September. Everyone is welcome.

For more information phone 6250 1031 or email lhantke@gmail.com.

northern territory

Masters Games

21 to 28 October 2006

The **Alice Springs** Masters Games are held every two years with thousands of mature aged people taking part in more than 30 sports. The Games have earned a reputation as being Australia's friendliest masters competition.



Equestrian events will be held at Blatherskite Park and competitors must be a minimum of 30 years of age. Events include Dressage, Western Events, Showjumping, Harness, Novelties, Riding & Hacking. The Equestrian events are being organised by Equestrian Management Group. Visit the Masters Games website for more information - <http://www.alicespringmasters.nt.gov.au/>

Travel Report

Last issue we continued to share **Liz Siewert's** (Mount Bulla) travelling experience of last year. We covered day 2 and 3 of her 9 day float trip to Merrijig in Victoria. Below we have again published their itinerary – and a continuation of their travels

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Their itinerary

Day 1 – El Questro/Kununurra (WA) to Katherine (NT)

Day 2 - Katherine to Tennant Creek (NT)

Day 3 - Tennant Creek to Alice Springs (NT)

Day 4 - Alice Springs to Coober Pedy (NT)

Day 5 - Coober Pedy to Port Augusta (SA)

Day 6 - Port Augusta to Barossa Valley - Mt Crawford State Forest (SA)

Day 7 - Mt Crawford State Forest

Day 8 - Mt Crawford State Forest to Bendigo

Day 9 - Bendigo to Merrijig

Day 4, Wednesday 11th August - Alice Springs to Coober Pedy (NT) (690)

This leg is the longest so it is wise to leave early and there is not a lot of different scenery to keep you amused. The turnoff to Uluru and Kings Canyon is about 200kms south of Alice Springs - a not-to-be-missed side trip if you have time and are not travelling with horses. The turnoff is at Eraldunda and the roadhouse is a good first stop to water the horses and stretch their legs although not a lot of grass around. From here you cross the border into South Australia.

Coober Pedy is the only place to stop with any sort of facilities. The landscape is really unique and you can stock up on provisions as well as see a few tourist attractions in the opal centre of Australia. We organised to stay at the Coober Pedy Race Course. They sometimes hold meetings so we were told to ring ahead to make sure there was nothing on at the time we were passing through. The contact I had was Ross Sawers (08) 8672 5579, (m) 0429 675 159, the president of the Turf Club (I think). Ross came out to meet us when we arrived and organised for the water to be turned on - water is at a premium here and basically the charges we were asked to pay are to pay for the water. I think it was around about \$20 each horse, and camping was free. There is no official camp area - we could roll out our swag wherever we pleased. There was a toilet, but no shower facilities. Of course, the horses could stay in the race yards which are a good size and safe.

Day 5, Thursday 12th August - Coober Pedy to Port Augusta (SA) (540)

Here is something to try - wake up at dawn and take the horses for a spin around the Coober Pedy race track. This is definitely the first time I have ever seen a race track made of rock. I think they only hold stock horse races now but I believe the meetings are very popular.

It's another day of desert views with hardly a roadhouse in sight, so make sure you have plenty of water and munchies on board for both human and horse. Between Coober Pedy and Woomera you are basically travelling through the Woomera Prohibited Area where entry is by permit only except in the immediate corridors of the Stuart Highway. At about the 300km mark from Coober Pedy, you start to see lots of salt lakes and hills. We found a great road stop at Lake Hart where you can unload the horses, cross the railway line (look out for long trains) and go for a ride on the salt lake. I have no idea whether we were allowed to do this or what the pitfalls are of riding a horse on the salt lakes, but we had fun.

Not very far down the road is Pimba Roadhouse, where you can get a cold drink and roadhouse food to carry you the last 170 odd kms to Port Augusta. This is also the turn off to Woomera and Roxby Downs and you can read up on the history nuclear testing that went on in the area years ago.

On the way to Port Augusta you get magnificent distant views of the Flinders Ranges and we couldn't help but wish we had a few extra days up our sleeves to do a spot of riding in there. We were very lucky at Port Augusta. When I was ringing the local council trying to find some contacts for the show grounds or race course, the helpful assistant gave me the number of the local animal officer. She knew of a friend of hers that used to have Show Jumpers and he had two stables free that we could use. So that's how we met Darren and he put us up for the night. If you are not as lucky as us, we were recommended to contact the local Port Augusta Pony Club. I do not know the contact phone number but it should be listed in the White Pages. If not, ring the local Port Augusta Town Council (08) 8641 9100 and see if they can help you. If you are looking for a Feed Merchant, try "Rural Fodder" on Footner Road (m) 0428 424 157, just on the east side of Port Augusta. He runs the business part time so you need to call before you get there. They sell excellent cereal hay and any other feed you are after.

stay tuned for the next instalment in our November/December e-news ...

western australia

The Outback Heritage Horse Association of Western Australia

They need your help – this project so far has been made possible by the extreme generosity of a few dedicated individuals. With more horses on the brink of starvation and dehydration another rescue is being planned. With this in mind the **Outback Heritage Horse Association of Western Australia** has been formed and has recently gained incorporation status.



The association's aims are to raise the necessary funds to rescue and manage these very special horses that are a part of Western Australian history. The primary objective of the Association is to preserve and promote the Western Australian Heritage Horse in all its diverse environments. It will achieve this through planning, promotion, collaboration, establishment of a studbook, research, fund-raising and representation, and any other activities deemed necessary to ensure the survival of the outback heritage horses at risk. *(extract from the constitution of the OHHAWA)*

Membership of the Association:

- Single Member \$30.00 (au)
- Family Member \$50.00 (au)

Contact wadifarm@westnet.com.au for further information.

Wild Horses Kimberley



The time is drawing near for the first trapping of the horses in the Lake Gregory area. Libby is compiling a list of those interested in buying one of these magnificent horses when they have been brought in to Broome and trained? If you are interested please let Libby know via

wildhorseskimberley@yahoo.com.au. More photos are available on the website at www.wildhorseskimberley.com

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