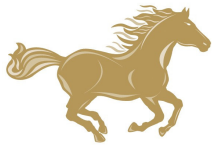


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## Horse Rush

An Australian "Horse Lifestyle Show for Television"? Sure – whilst it is exclusive to pay TV (Aurora channel 183) and series 2 has just finished airing (mid December 2005), don't despair - series 2 will soon be available on DVD and series 3 isn't far away. Visit their website at [www.horserush.com](http://www.horserush.com) to find out the latest!

## Equitana – did you get there?

For anyone not fortunate enough to get to Equitana, and in particular, those who missed "The Way of The Horse" Challenge, the full story (with photos) is online at the **Have Horse ... Will Travel** website – visit [www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au/hhwt\\_the\\_way\\_of\\_the\\_horse.htm](http://www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au/hhwt_the_way_of_the_horse.htm). Words such as *phenomenal*, *gob-smacking*, *amazing*, *sensational*, *unbelievable* only begin to describe the mixed emotions of those who witnessed this inaugural event. Not often inspired to be poetic, our editor couldn't resist penning a poem for the occasion – also seen on the website!

Congratulations to the winner of the challenge - Guy McLean – you can visit Guy's website at [www.guymclean.com.au](http://www.guymclean.com.au)



## Need a new float?

Why wait for delivery – Writco have stock floats available immediately – and these aren't just any ordinary float – check out their specs on their website at [www.writcofloats.com.au](http://www.writcofloats.com.au)! Take advantage of their latest bonus – a full set of LED lights with every float ordered (not available on stock floats)! Interstate orders are most welcome!



## Don't forget – if you want to buy or sell 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](http://www.havehorsewilltravel.com.au) Home Page has proved very popular since its introduction just over a month ago. If you are looking for a horse, or wanting to sell one, take a look at the link to see your options (and take note, **Horse Guide** have free advertising – so now is the time to advertise if you have something to sell)!

## Christmas has been and gone in the blink of an eye!

Wow – can you believe it – Christmas has been and gone, we've seen the New Year in (we wish you all a good one!) and, for those with kids, school holidays are past the half way mark. For those who managed to get away with their equine friends – we'd LOVE to hear about it. For those who didn't – it isn't too late - check out the great destinations on our website.

## Accommodation vs Agistment (while holidaying) ...

At **Have Horse ... Will Travel** we have listings in both Accommodation and Agistment for those wanting to holiday with their horse (or people travelling through). Whilst agistment properties don't offer accommodation on site, they all have great facilities and accommodation located near by. Contact them and find out where to stay – they know their areas well.

## Tell a Friend ...

Spread the word and help us to keep **Have Horse ... Will Travel** the best travel resource for horse riders in Australia – forward this newsletter to a friend now.

## victoria

### The Man From Snowy River Festival

Cooryong, Vic

**31 March to 2nd April 2006**

This Annual Festival is a celebration of the pioneering spirit which still lives "by Kosciusko's side" in the mountains of the Upper Murray district. A great weekend for the whole family to enjoy – it includes the Country Wide Challenge which is one of the ultimate tests of all round horsemanship skills in Australia (whip cracking, horses shoeing, yarn spinning and the good old fashioned "cooo-ee" are essential elements of this challenge). Go along horseless to watch the fun - or make the commitment now to take the Challenge by entering your horse (entries close 17 February 2006 – visit [www.manfromsnowyriverbushfestival.com.au](http://www.manfromsnowyriverbushfestival.com.au)).



### Riley's Ride

Preceding the Man From Snowy River Festival each year, a 5 day ride follows the footsteps of the Man From Snowy River. This annual ride is held to commemorate Jack Riley's life, and the part he played in the early days of this district, and also to laud the efforts of those who selflessly sought to rescue him under harsh and trying conditions. Jack is reputed to be "The Man from Snowy River" as immortalized in Banjo Paterson's epic ballad. Riley's Ride was instigated in 1989. The ride offers spectacular views and the chance to meet people from far and wide. The 2006 ride is full and the 2007 ride is already waitlisted so, if the idea of taking part in this ride appeals to you, get in early for 2008– visit [www.manfromsnowyriverbushfestival.com.au](http://www.manfromsnowyriverbushfestival.com.au)!

### Riding of the Bounds

On **23 April 2006**, The City of **Casey** will host the annual Riding of the Bounds. This 550-year-long celebration involves local residents riding on horseback around the Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough in a traditional ceremony to protect its borders. In 2005, 252 horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles took part in the 15 kilometre journey which started at Akoonah Park, and rode around Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield, then finished back at Akoonah Park. You're getting plenty of notice so start planning ... for more information visit



[www.casey.vic.gov.au/ridingofthebounds](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/ridingofthebounds)

## queensland

### Kilkivan Great Horse Ride

The 21<sup>st</sup> Kilkivan Great Horse Ride will be held in and around the town of **Kilkivan** on **8 April 2006** – so you've got plenty of time to plan. In excess of 1000 riders depart from various towns in the Kilkivan Shire and spend the day meandering through some spectacular countryside. They wind up in the main street of Kilkivan town at around 4.00pm for the Grand Parade before 'kicking back' to an evening of campfires and entertainment at the local showgrounds. If you can make it to this event it is well worth the effort! Visit

[www.kilkivangreathorseride.info](http://www.kilkivangreathorseride.info)

### Widebay Trail Riders – Bicentennial National Trail

**9 to 16 April 2006 (to be confirmed)**

A trail ride from **Blackbutt** to **Murphy's Creek** (Guide Book 6) along the Bicentennial National Trail is planned for early April. To participate, riders are required to be a current financial member of an ATHRA club. More details will be placed on the **Have Horse ... Will Travel** as they come to hand - or contact the club via email to express your interest – [sus36bus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sus36bus@yahoo.com.au)

### 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

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## south australia

### Kidman Horse Trail



The first section, **Willunga to Echunga**, was opened in early 2005. Ultimately the 200km (5-7 days) of sustainable, safe and scenic trail will connect McLaren Vale and the Fleurieu Peninsula to the Barossa Valley. The trail will highlight the natural beauty, cultural history and major points of interest along the Mount Lofty Ranges. It will utilise existing tracks and trails through Forest Reserves and other accessible public land, quiet roads and unmade road reserves with trail markers indicating the route. The trail does not have to be ridden in its entirety; it can be ridden in sections and loops. Many clubs are utilizing this trail – so if you don't want to ride it alone, consider joining one of the local clubs. (Permits are required for the sections passing through ForestSA land.) Contact HorseSA on (08) 8294 2460 for further information or visit the HorseSA - [www.horsesa.asn.au](http://www.horsesa.asn.au)

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## new south wales

### (and australian capital territory)

### King of the Ranges Annual Trail Ride

29 April to 4 May 2006

(Lake Macquarie Pack and Trail Horse Riders)



This ride is about 320kms north of Sydney. The ride concludes at Murrurundi in time for the Stockman's Challenge.

Cost is \$300 plus membership fees of \$55 (for insurance) - fees includes all meals.

A good variety of horse feed is sold during ride at cost price.

Support vehicles take riders' gear from camp to camp.

Ride is at walking pace.

Participants need to have their own horse/transport.

This will be the third 'King of the Ranges' trail ride, the first two (2004 and 2005) raising \$14,000 for the Rescue Helicopter

Service. For further information contact Jackie Mann on (02) 4947 4356 or 0438-574356, or by email ([jmann@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jmann@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)).

### King of the Ranges Stockman's Challenge

5 May to 7 May 2006

Murrurundi NSW



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Challenge will be held at the Rosedale Equestrian Complex and Rodeo Grounds in Murrurundi. The inspiration for the challenge was Archie "Bung" McInnes who was known throughout the Hunter Valley and northwest as "King of the Ranges". His ability to track and catch wild brumbies and cattle in the ranges was second to none. This event showcases Australia's top stockmen as they compete in whip cracking, packhorse, bareback obstacle,

cross country, shoeing, stock handling, and finally a brumby catch and stock saddle buckjump. The event also includes an open bull ride, team penning, maiden campdraft, rides and sideshows, bush skill shows, Light Horse display, music, bush dance, market and stalls.

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## tasmania

### Zeehan to Strahan 'railtrail'

On the west coast of Tassie is a 51km trail that follows the route of a former railway for most of its length (also now being the main road between Zeehan and Strahan) – it is available for horse riders (you'll have to share it with cars, bikes and walkers). A map of the trail can be viewed at [www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=trail&trail=75](http://www.railtrails.org.au/states/trails.php3?action=trail&trail=75). For more information on this trail (or any others around the country) visit the [www.railtrails.org.au](http://www.railtrails.org.au) (and don't forget, Railtrails Australia are looking for horse rider representation as they develop trails around the country – if you can help so that horse riders don't miss out on access to these great trails please contact Railtrails Australia via their website).



## northern territory

Things are pretty quiet in the Territory at the moment – but we are working on bringing you some information in future issues.



## western australia

### Wild Horses of Western Australia



Are you aware of the plight of a herd of selectively bred horses in WA? These horses currently run wild on a remote station in central Western Australia. New owners want them gone and, while originally planning to cull these animals, have now agreed to their removal.

Read more about these unique horses and their future at the dedicated website – [www.brianstone.com.au/wildhorses/index.htm](http://www.brianstone.com.au/wildhorses/index.htm).

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## new zealand

### The Trans-Tasman Mixed Teams Friendly competition

As this e-news goes to 'print', two of our fold are preparing to head for the North Island Competitive Trail Riding Championships to be held north of Wellington. They will each compete in teams comprising one Aussie and three Kiwis – best of luck ladies!

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