

HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL HORSE RIDE INC



NEWSLETTER

LOCAL RIDERS BECOME ATHRA ACCREDITED

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On the weekend of the 17th & 18th November the High Country Rail Trail Horse Ride Inc. held an ATHRA Accreditation Course for: Trail Boss, Lead Rider, Steward, Drag Rider and Ride Coordinator at the Tallangatta Show Grounds.

Riders had to perform a number of ride scenarios and theory classes to demonstrate that they could handle any situation on a Trail Ride.

In small groups riders had to plan a ride, choose the route and type of ride e.g. easy, steep, number of creek crossings, main road crossings and the identify the hazards that might occur while crossing these areas.

They also had to demonstrate how to cope with an emergency situation, and the care of new inexperienced riders and how they would cope with difficult situations.

The theory consisted of completing a work book of Safety Issues and Risk Management, Rules and Regulations, Emergency Procedures, Communication, Care for Horses, Managing Horses & People, Implementing Minimal Environment Impact Procedures and Trail Ride Etiquette

This was a two day event with Margaret Roach & Len Stocker coming from Yarram. Andrea & Isabella Simmons from Wangaratta, Sharyn Coulston form Tumbarumba and our local riders Wayne Gibbs, Ian Campbell, Brendan Kernaghan and Alan Woodley and two non-riders Anthea Packer and Louise Coulston.

