



MURRUMBA 49TH ANNIVERSARY RIDE

13/14 August 2016

SAFETY DOCUMENT

On behalf of the Murrumba Endurance Riding Club Inc. and the Woodford community, we extend a warm welcome to all persons participating in the Murrumba Magic Endurance Ride.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable event, we ask that all competitors and visitors read and comply with the following safety document. Any queries in regard to the event are to be directed to a member of the organising committee. Names and contact numbers follow:

Title	Name	Contact Number
President	Greg Garred	07 5495 2191 Mobile 0403 812 037
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Chief Steward	Janet Bull	Mobile 0403 189 900
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1. Event Safety

The organisers of the Murrumba Endurance Riding Club Inc. have taken all due care to ensure the Murrumba Magic Endurance Event is safely completed.

We request you comply with the following safety requirements:

- The relevant State Health & Safety Act statutes. The statutes have an obligation of care for all persons involved in the event.
- New Bio-Security procedures and control measures that came into enforcement on 1 July 2016, will apply to this ride.
- Our request is that you conduct your affairs with all due care and regard for other participants and visitors.
- You are asked to report any risks to a member of the organising Committee.
- You are asked to report any incidents that you are involved in during the course of your stay.
- You are required to register on the appropriate forms to ensure insurance coverage prior to competing in the event.
- Where your camp uses electrical leads, they are to be tested and tagged.



2. Event Emergency Procedures

Checkpoints manned by the Stanmore Rural Fire Brigade Personnel and/or MERC Club Members will be strategically placed around the event tracks. You are required to ensure checkpoint personnel acknowledge your number when you pass through the checkpoint. Details explained at the pre-event meeting are to be followed.

For rider and horse injuries occurring during the event, notification to a checkpoint will activate the emergency plan. Communications at the checkpoints is through a two-way radio system.

First aid kits are located at the following points:

- All radio checkpoints.
- The Communications Centre at the Showgrounds.

Appropriately trained first aid personnel will be available at designated checkpoints. The checkpoints are identified on the ride map and the track description.

An on track emergency is to be reported to the nearest checkpoint. Checkpoint personnel are to notify the Chief Steward for advice.

3. Camping Procedures

Please observe these basic camping procedures:

Camping Locations – Please note that there are bats within close proximity of the ride base perimeter, therefore for bio-security reasons no camp locations should be under trees.

Campfires – Must be in an enclosed container – no open fires permitted.

Electric Horse Yards – must be erected inside the parameter fence of the main arena. This is a show grounds risk management rule and must be obeyed.

Electric Leads and Appliances – All electrical leads being utilised must be checked and tagged by a licensed electrician to meet safety standards.

Dogs – ALL DOGS must be kept on a leash at all times, and must **NEVER** be near or in the vetting area. Any dog that is found loose will be impounded at the Council Pound.

Smoking – No smoking in any enclosed building within the Woodford Showground's.

Litter – Please use the Council wheelie bins provided.



Horse Manure – Yards and stables are to be cleaned and manure bagged and removed by riders/owners and disposed of appropriately offsite (horse feed bags are available from the ride office for this purpose).

Containment of Horses – Horse yards are to be constructed of secure metal portable fencing secured to a vehicle or pinned by stakes to the ground within the perimeters of the show reserve. Two strand electric yards may be utilised inside the main arena fence area **ONLY**. This electric fencing must be activated at all times.

Vetting Area – Whilst at or close to the vetting area, for any reason, please keep all noise to a minimum.

4. Track Safety Procedures

Helmets – Protective Headgear, of Equestrian Standard adequately secured is compulsory whilst riding your horse at all times, from the time you arrive at Ride base. This includes any strapper or assistant to the nominated rider who may ride the horse.

Riders – Their strappers and other assistants must be courteous and polite to all personnel involved in the organisation of the endurance ride. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Volunteer Workers – Remember all workers from ground staff to Veterinarians are giving their time so that you can enjoy your sport. Without them you would not have any rides to attend. Any disrespect or abuse will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly. Disciplinary action will occur if required to offending persons.

Checkpoints – Wear your ride number so that it is visible at all times to the checkpoint operators on track, a reflective safety strip is attached to increase visibility on roadways. Call your ride number loudly and clearly to checkpoint operators, wait for a response from them before proceeding on track.

Hazards – This ride traverses bush trails, which are subject to washouts, fallen trees, rocks, native animals and various other natural occurrences. Being close to town there is also unlawful rubbish dumped. The ride organisers have cleared obstacles where possible and placed “Caution” signs and “taped off” areas where necessary for your safety. Read all signs and adhere to them, slow down and proceed with caution. The signs are not there for motorcyclists they are there to assist your safe passage. Whilst every effort has been made to advise other forest users of our presence on the day, some areas are heavily used by motorcycle traffic. If you encounter or cross paths with any, please be careful. You may advise them that the tracks are closed for our event and report their presence to the next Radio Check Point.

Do not look over your shoulder at any arrows, as short sections of the course will have two-way horse traffic using the same colour arrows. We have used white flagging tape to guide you safely and reassure you that you are still on track, however, if you do become confused or lost go back to the last marker and re-ride the track.



Smoking – there is to be **NO SMOKING on track**, due to likely bush fire hazards.

Tail Ribbons – Be aware that tail ribbons on horses are there to caution you! Red ribbons mean that the horse may kick, blue ribbons mean a stallion, give these horses your respect and space.

Track Etiquette – Riders are reminded safety is the main issue at all times, if you need to pass another horse and rider, ask beforehand, once acknowledgement has been received overtake only where the track is wide and safe to do so, preferably on the right hand side of the horse in front.

Road Rules – A small amount of road travel is involved in the course, you **MUST OBEY** Queensland Road Regulations concerning horses on roadways. This includes riding on the left hand side.

Rule 33.10 Australian Law regards horses as a vehicle and riders are subject to the same road rules as apply to other drivers and are also subject to the same penalties for road traffic offenses as other drivers. Where the course traverses on a public road, all riders shall obey the road rules. A rider who fails to obey the road rules or any other requirement imposed by the ROC pursuant to their Risk Management policy may be eliminated by the chief steward depending on the nature, severity and circumstances of the infringement.

Please keep noise to a minimum whilst travelling on town streets.

Entry to Ride Base – Riders are required to travel at a **walk or trot whilst on the show grounds**. Safety is paramount! No exception or excuses will be accepted, failing to obey may cause immediate disqualification from the event.

Complaints Committee – Notification to all competitors that a complaints committee will be available for them to utilise.

Emergencies

All emergencies are to be reported to the Ride Communication Centre.

In the event of an emergency requiring the evacuation of the Woodford Show Grounds, the following will occur:

- The Ride Communication Centre personnel will broadcast a message on the PA system (or by other means in case of power failure) requesting personnel to evacuate Show Ground Buildings.
- Stanmore Rural Fire Brigade will direct the initial evacuation.

Assembly point for the evacuation will be located at:

- The Communications Centre at the Showgrounds.



Endurance Ride – 80-100km elevator

Saturday 13th August – Nominations 11 onwards

Pre-Ride Vetting 2 – 5 pm; Pre-Ride Talk @ 6 pm

Sunday 14th August – 4 am Ride start

Presentation Sunday 14th August 4.30pm (may be earlier)

Track Description

Leg 1 RED Novice Time 3 hrs	40 kms	The same as last years' first leg – heads north after leaving town via the back of the Woodford Garbage dump then turns using flat plantation tracks. There is a grid which will be marked to travel around with a flashing light. Next is Raan Road Check point before dropping down to the Wamuran basin, softer hardwood tracks and then a 200 metre climb back up the range on Virginia's Hill track. Watch out for speed bumps, and some erosion. Short two-way road section before again reaching Raan Road checkpoint. Turn left and return via the plantation forest and around the Woodford Lagoon and Woodford Golf Course.
Leg 2 BLACK Novice Time 3 hrs	40 kms	Travels north, the same way out as Red, but straight ahead where red turned right. 500 metres later turn right, cutting across on the range and back to the Raan Road checkpoint. Drop down the range under the power easement and enjoy some of the undulating tracks behind the Bracalba Quarry. There will be several short sharp climbs, remember your track etiquette to other riders and horses, please leave room. This is an interesting track instead of our normal flatter 2nd leg. This leg will also be the training ride (1 leg of 40 kms). The leg will converge with the Red and Blue legs and return to base travelling around the Golf Course home to Woodford.
Leg 3 BLUE Novice Time 1 hr 30 mins	20 kms	The final elevator leg is very easy, departs the same way as Red but once on the Powerline Road, follows it for a while then turns back to town and returns again via Golf Course.

Novice Time 7 hrs 30 mins

Maximum Time allowed 10 hours (Riders must complete the course by 4 pm)

Training Ride – 40 km

Saturday 13th August – Nominations 11 onwards

Pre-Ride Vetting 2 – 5 pm; Pre-Ride Talk @ 6 pm

Sunday 14th August – 6 am Ride Start Presentation 2 pm

Track Description

Leg 1 BLACK 40 kms As for Leg 2 of main ride.

Minimum Riding Time is 3 hrs
No Maximum Riding Time is set