

ATHRA and WA Horse Trekkers Inc (WAHTC) Western Australia

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Who am I?



- **Riding since 6 years old – spent 12 years at a riding school.**
- **Purchased my first horse at 18, still own him now, Age 33.**
- **Never competed on a horse, enjoy Trail Riding which led to my current positions.**
- **WA Horse Trekkers Club Inc (WAHTC) – Secretary**
- **ATHRA Regional Manager - Central WA**



What is WAHTC?

- The club was formed in 1990/91, following the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie Pipeline Trek in 1988.
- The club runs non-competitive trail rides and is open to both horse riders and harness drivers. You can use any breed of horse that is sound and sensible and any saddle or gear that you find comfortable and is safe.
- Treks can be 2 weeks, 1 week, 3 days or 2 days
- More information, visit www.watrekkers.info



WAHTC





What is ATHRA?



WAHTC

- **ATHRA (Australian Trail Horse Riders Association) formed in 1972, ATHRA WA formed in 2009.**
- **For those people who enjoy horses, heritage, the outdoors and camaraderie all encompassed within a non competitive leisure horse pursuit.**
- **Over 115 clubs nationally with a membership base of approximately 3500 members.**
- **Committed to Safe Trail Riding – ATHRA Code of Conduct – Accreditation Training**



ATHRA WA Demographics

- **Five Current clubs;**
 - **WA Horse Trekkers Club (WAHTC)**
 - **Albany Natural Trailriders (ANTs)**
 - **Boddington Riding Club (BRC)**
 - **Esperance Pleasure Riders (EPR)**
 - **Midwest Horse Trekkers Club (MWHTC)**

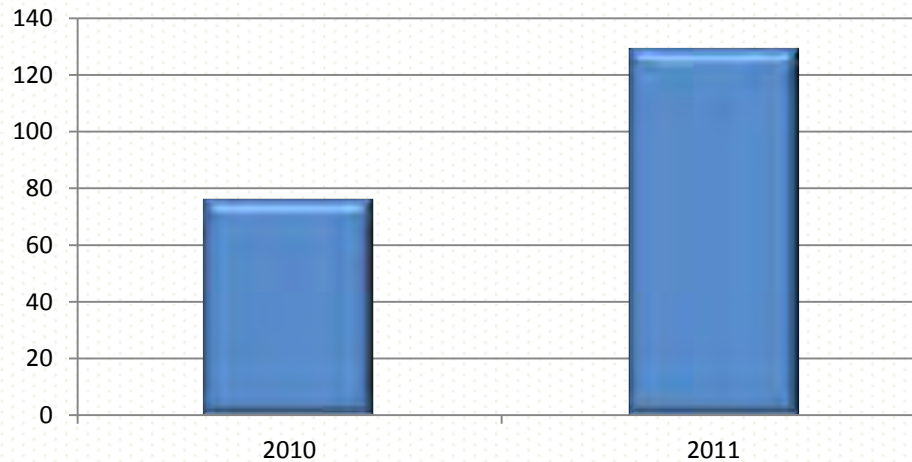


Membership



- **2010 - 74 members**
 - **Increase in membership 2011 to over 120**
 - **2012 already over 120**
- 57% increase from 2010 Inaugural year

WA Members



Activity in 2011/2012

- **ATHRA Trail Boss, Ride Steward and Ride Coordinator Accreditation Training**
- **Launch of Trail Ride Challenge and Australian Trail Horse Registry – clubs have already held training events**
- **Involvement in trail development and DEC Management plans**
- **Attendance at WA State Trails Conference by all clubs.**
- **Networking with DSR (accessing funds) and DEC regarding WA Horse Trails Strategy.**



WA Horse Trail Strategy

➤ **WA Horse Trails Strategy**

- **Strategy for the development of sustainable horse trails in WA.**
- **Create discussion and policy development for responsible horse access to state operated land**

➤ **Objectives:**

1. Achieve network of high quality, environmentally sustainable horse trails in WA
2. Readily accessible horse trails with adequate facilities
3. Safe and enjoyable trail riding experiences



Where to from here?

- Focus on horse access and sustainability issues
 - Continue working with DEC, DSR and wider community to develop “WA Horse Trails Strategy”
 - Access grant funds from DSR for Strategy including an audit of current Horse Trails in WA.
 - Western Australian Tracks and Trails Study 2006 prepared by WA Horse Council listed 68 Trails, possibly 53 remain, need marking, facilities, mapping etc.



Where to from here?

- Support for Boyup Brook to Coast Bridle trail – DSR Trails funding application made by four Shires involved in the “Warren Blackwood Strategic Alliance” – 290 km trail following an old stock route.
- Trail Horse Challenge Training and Events
- Australian Trail Horse Registry Development



Supporting WA Clubs

- Trail Boss, Ride Steward and Ride Coordinator ATHRA Accreditation Training in WA to be held once a year for members – promoting safe and sustainable trail riding. This year in Geraldton in September.
- Marketing –
 - Facebook groups – South West Horse Trekkers and Midwest Horse Trekkers
 - Website – ATHRA www.athra.com.au
 - Cavaletti website www.cavaletti.com.au



Questions?

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