

10 DAY RIDE



Expression of Interest 2020 Trail Ride

"THE PROSPECTOR'S RIDE 2020"

**Next year's 10 day Trail Ride will commence on
Friday 24th April and finish on Sunday 3rd May 2020**

Next year's ride will be held within the Victorian regional area known as the Golden Triangle, located in central/west of Victoria, in the heart of gold mining country of the last century. The locality is at the southern end of the Great Dividing Range.

The townships of Landsborough and Moonambel where we will spend the 1st and 2nd stages of the ride are in the shadows of the Pyrenees Ranges, with beautiful scenery and well known for their local wineries. The final stage of the ride will take us to Dunolly, where the history of Gold mining is very evident and at Moliagul the Welcome Stranger Gold nugget was found in 1869 weighing 66kg, then the biggest nugget in the world.

On the basis of the ride's location and historical recognition of the past, we have given this year's 10 Day Ride the title of **"The Prospector's Ride"** in recognition of the many hopeful souls who tramped across this countryside in search of finding their fortune. We will have the luxury of doing it on horseback.

Rides will vary between 18-28kms per day with plenty of bush tracks on offer. You will need to be self-sufficient for you and your horse for most of the ride. Merchandise and horse feed will be available for purchase – order forms for this will be included in the final itinerary.

Daily morning musters will be held to communicate the day's events. Raffles, sausage sizzles, dinner dance, and many other activities will be held during the event, all of which will be listed on the final itinerary. It's anticipated there will be 3 catered dinners and 2 lunches provided. In addition, we have a few other surprises in store re keeping you entertained and engaged. All the camping facilities have showers, toilets and a recreation area where we can socialise. In addition, the townships have some great country hotels which we will frequent at some point.

A web site has been set up at www.10dayride.com - this site is now live and provides us with a further medium to communicate with riders. All forms will be able to be downloaded from this site and there is a section for you to request further information regarding questions you may have under "Contact Us". On purpose, I have not provided a mobile number as I'm wanting people to use Facebook or the new ride web site. It's about time efficiencies for us all.

Cost: The cost of the ride will increase this year falling in the range of \$225-250 per rider. This is a result of paying for all the facilities we are camping at and using. Last year, we were lucky enough to not include this extra cost due to the camping sites belonging to members. We reserve the right to increase the ride cost if we encounter a substantial increase in the insurance cost for the ride.

The committee will nominate a charity or community group to be the beneficiaries of surplus funds we raise over the course of the ride.

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Ride Numbers and Registration: It is expected rider numbers will be limited to 150 riders for the Prospector's Ride. Your registration form will be recorded, and it will be noted as to the received date of your registration when allocating spots. If you elect not to proceed with your registration, we will allocate your spot to another rider at no cost to yourself.

The committee is yet to decide on a reduced cost amount for any riders who want to attend for only a section of the ride. We have an obligation to cover our set costs, which we have calculated on the basis that people will be attending for the full ride. In time we will state our decision on this point. Please note, on the form it asks for you to indicate whether you are attending the full ride, please ensure you complete.

I am aiming to have the final detailed itinerary completed and online and emailed out by October.

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, then please return your Expression of interest by Friday, July the 12th. – please note as explained numbers are limited - the sooner you return your form the more likely you are to guarantee a spot. You will be notified by the end of July that you have an allocated spot and details for payment.

Lastly, If you or your partner (who might not be a rider) are happy to help us please indicate on the form, we are seeking

- 1/ People with first aid experience on the ride itself.
- 2/ Traffic marshals.
- 3/ Someone who can help at a BBQ as in cook
- 4/ Raffle ticket sellers.
- 5/ Ride leaders and drag riders with experience.

Feel free to put your name down as the more helpers we have and can call upon the easier it makes things.

There's a lot of moving parts in running the ride for all our enjoyment.

Thank You,

John Brady
Committee Director

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IF YOU REQUIRE A PRINTED ITINARY YOU WILL NEED TO SEND A STAMP SELF ADDRESSED DL SIZE ENVELOPE, OR ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN DOWNLOAD FROM OUR NEW WEBSITE.

NAME

MAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS

MOBILE NUMBER

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR, DO YOU
WISH TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST?

Please circle
YES NO

SEND US ANY COMMENTS
YOU HAVE

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING FOR THE WHOLE
DURATION OF THE RIDE (10 DAYS)

Please circle
YES NO

IF YOU ONLY WISH TO ATTEND FOR SOME OF THE
PLEASE ADVISE WHICH DAYS &
HOW MANY

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO
ASSIST US IN THIS YEARS RIDE

Persons _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY OF THE
ROLES YOU OR YOUR
PARTNER/FAMILY MAY BE ABLE
TO ASSIST IN.

Riders with First Aid Experience: Yes / No

Traffic Marshal: Yes / No

BBQ & Cook helpers: Yes / No

Raffle Ticket Sellers: Yes / No

Ride Leaders &
Drag Leaders with experience: Yes / No