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North Shore Horse and Pony Association

SUBMISSIONS! SUBMISSIONS!

Gillian Eagles

The North Shore Horse and Pony Association was formed in 1975 to ensure that horses and horseriding activities continue to form a vital part of the community and lifestyle in Terrey Hills/Duffys Forest and in Ku-ring-gai and Garigal National Parks.

Please become a member and join us in our efforts.

In October 2009 Warringah Council prepared a new Discussion Paper *Horse riding trails and facilities in Terrey Hills & Duffys Forest October 2009* and sought community comment on the paper. NSHPA submitted a detailed response, including the preliminary findings of a NSHPA survey of equestrian activity in Terrey Hills, Duffys Forest and Ingleside which so far has surveyed 78 properties, encompassing 570 riders and 447 horses.

This is the synopsis of our response:

- A Multiple-Use Trail Network authorised for horse riding is required.
 - NSHPA does not support re-routing of the Bridle Trail.
 - NSHPA recommends the formalisation of all links with appropriate signage as recommended in the *Warringah Regional Multiple-Use Trail Strategy*.
 - NSHPA encourages the development and maintenance of public horse riding arenas as per its previous consultations with Council representatives.
 - NSHPA as a representative community group is willing to be included in any future user group discussions.
- In particular we noted that horse activities are the commercial life blood of Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest



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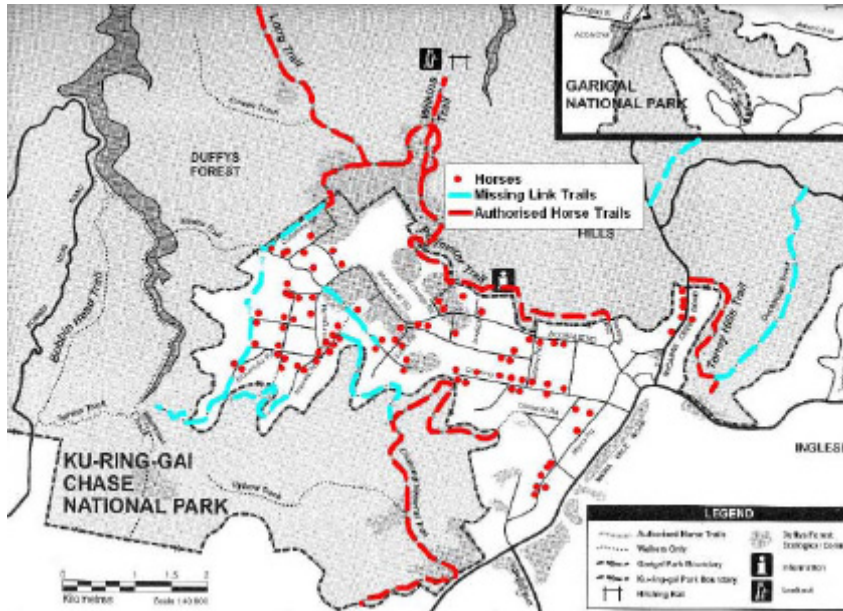
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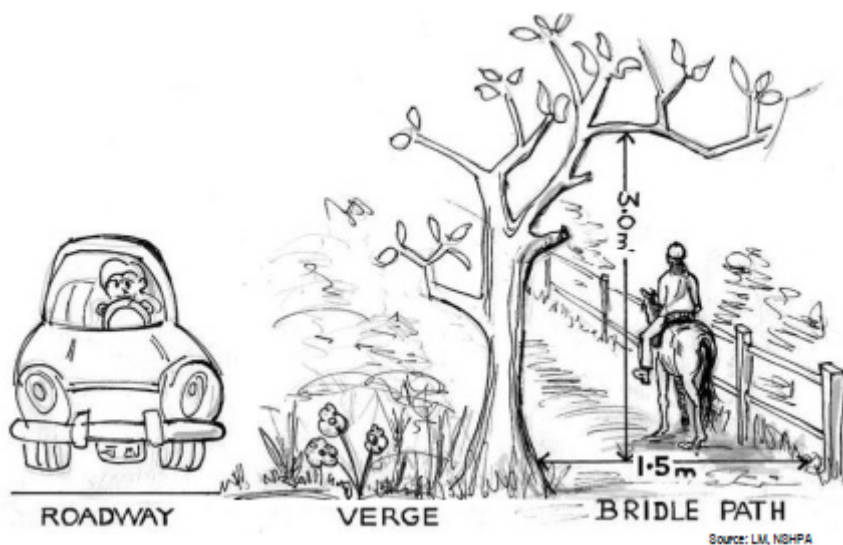
and that the location of the trails, including the Bridle Trail along Booralie and Thuddungra Rds, is insufficient to provide a safe recreational experience for the number and location of horses and riders in the area. NSHPA proposed a multiple-use trail network be authorised. This would provide a safe strategic network of horse riding routes to serve recreational horse riders throughout the area and would address many of the community's safety concerns, especially for child riders. The proposed network is shown in the map below:



Source: NPWS; NSHPA; Warringah Council (2007)

(Please note that the Centre Track is only partially shown, and that the Chiltern Track is located off the map to the right.)

In our submission NSHPA also recommended that an appropriate base line standard for horse trails is at least 1.5m wide and 3 m high.



These are just some of the points NSHPA raised in our submission! We are pleased to have had the full support of other local horse groups such as Forest Hills Pony Club and Ingleside Riders Group Inc.. (Also particular thanks should go to Committee Members Rosslyn Morrison for the hard work in conducting the survey, and Linde Macpherson for the great illustrations!)

In December 2009 Warringah Council adopted the amended Discussion Paper, now known as the Research Paper *Horse Riding Trails and Facilities in Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest December 2009*. A copy of this Research Paper can be downloaded from the Warringah Council website at

http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/council_then/documents/2009120874attFinalHorsepaperpostexhibitonweb.pdf

with additional information available at http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/council_then/documents/2009120874.pdf.

The NSHPA survey of horses, horse riders and facilities is ongoing. We hope to collect as much information as possible to give us a louder voice when working to keep trails open and local horse facilities maintained in National Parks and public areas. We are continuing to work on your behalf, and behalf of all horse riders in the area, and we value your continued support and ideas.

SAFETY FIRST: THE NEED TO BE SEEN

Our roads are so busy: we encourage all riders to wear bright clothing or reflective vests or strips on some part of your, or your horses body, so that you can be seen in plenty of time by motorists and truck drivers.

SEEKING YOUR SURPLUS CHAFF BAGS

Peggy Brown of The NSW Animal Welfare League is in need of your chaff bags. If you have empty ones lying around the shed she would be grateful for them, they can be dropped off to her at the Manly/Warringah Animal Welfare, 160 Mona Vale Road, Ingleside, or alternatively give her a call on 9913 8731

ANEMBO ARENA

Sally White

The Duffy Forest Residents Association (DFRA) was successful in receiving a \$30,000 Community Building Partnership Grant to upgrade the Anembo Public Horse Arena, known as Anembo Reserve.

We would like to thank and congratulate the DFRA, and especially Jenny Harris, for researching and collating all the detailed information required to submit such a comprehensive grant application. The huge effort Jenny put in on behalf of all the users of the arena is much appreciated. Thanks must also go to the NSW state government for its initiative in providing such grants for deserving local community projects.

NSHPA, DFRA, Northside Riding Club and Forest Hills Pony Club have pledged monies to boost the \$30,000 grant by around \$15,000. Warringah Council also pledged a contribution, in the form of labour, to alter fencing, create a new entrance as well as providing machinery to complete the project. We are enormously grateful for the support Warringah Council has pledged to work with DFRA in this upgrade and restoration.

If we need to raise more money we hope we can have the continuing support of our friends and members when we hold fund raising events. Anembo arena is 2.5 sizes bigger than a normal arena so as you can imagine these \$'s will not go far.

A working Committee of interested local riders and local residents, representatives from Northside Riding Club, NSH&P, Forest Hills Pony Club and DFRA are meeting every month, and sometimes fortnightly, to ensure that we get the most satisfactory outcome for the local community.

We are very mindful of the inconvenience this work will cause horseriders when the works are being done. We hope riders will all be understanding while the restoration works are being undertaken.

If you have any input, positive or negative, please don't hesitate to call:
Mary Kelly 9975 1544 or
Sally White 94502237

For your information, the project description is included below:

- The public arena was built in the early 1970s by local community members through their Rotary membership. It was surfaced with rubber chips but these have washed off the arena, degrading an area of adjacent bushland. The surface is now degraded such that it has become difficult for horses and riders to use parts of the arena.
- Restoration would include preparation of a new base, rectification of current levels and improved drainage with suitable sand top-up.
- Warringah Council have agreed to relocate the arena's opening to minimize impact on adjacent bushland.
- Placement of telegraph poles along east west boundary to prevent runoff of surface into bushland.
- The restoration will return the arena to a condition which will allow the continued use of this activity.

NSHPA NOW HAS A WEBSITE

<http://www.nshpa.org.au>



North Shore Horse & Pony Association now has a visible presence on the Internet.

Our site has been up and running since early January.

To access our website:

you will need to type

<http://www.nshpa.org.au>

into a new browser window

At this stage the site is not yet being found by some internet search engines. Our webmaster is looking into this situation and we are confident this can be remedied.

The phone number for the National Parks & Wildlife Service if you encounter trail bikes, or fallen trees on the trails is 9472 8949 which is a multi answer phone service.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

Annual subscriptions (beginning 1st January) to the NSHPA can be sent to:

The Treasurer, P.O. Box 333, Terrey Hills, 2084, or
for renewals without any changes of details, you can now EFT your subscription to NSHPA at:

BSB: 12 879

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I would be interested to know about and perhaps participate in working bees!

Yes.....No

As most people are aware, we are constantly forced to protect our access to trails in the National Parks. NSHPA needs your support with membership if we are to have a louder voice when negotiating to keep trails open in the National Parks and local horse facilities maintained.

Save our trails, help to keep the roadways safe for us and our children when on horseback.

Meetings are held 1st Monday of each month

all members are encouraged to attend.