

South Australian Endurance Riders Association

State Championships 2024

📍 Kapunda Trotting Club/Harness Racing Complex

41 Hancock Rd, Kapunda



PROGRAM

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

- 8AM** **Ride Base Officially OPEN**
- 1PM Registrations open
- Pre-ride vetting
- 6PM Course Talk
- MIDNIGHT 160km (run as elevator)* see notes on "elevator"

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

- 8AM 80km Start
- 10AM 40km Start
- 11AM 20km Start

MONDAY 10 JUNE

- 0830 AM Best Conditioned workouts followed by Presentations

 **CHIEF STEWARD JIL BOURTON 0401 675 383**

 **RIDE SECRETARY DAMIEN LITTLE 0418 228 114**

 **PLEASE FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS TO AVOID ERRORS WITH YOUR TIMES.**

IF UNSURE WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE YOUR TIMES ARE RECORDED ACCURATELY



Ride Organiser - Jil Bourton

Decades ago the Kapunda district was a “must ride” area for SA endurance riders thanks to the hardworking team of the Barossa Endurance Riders club (BERC), now just a memory.

Last year SAERA revisited the area with the first ride to be held here since our State Championship in 2005 at Allendale North (just up the road), always in my mind to be a pre run of this year’s Championship.

The generosity and support of many locals including the harness club, landowners & individuals has been a breath of fresh air whilst organising this event and I can never thank them enough.

The tracks we have planned for this year’s event – having only scratched the surface – include many I have ridden decades ago and are relatively unchanged, which is becoming rare in these modern times. The panorama & scenery is also as spectacular as I remember and I hope all our riders this weekend have the chance to appreciate it.

“SAERA acknowledges the Traditional owners – the Ngadjuri people and their Elders past, present & emerging. How privileged we are. Also the current landholders, the Harness Racing Club, Light Council & various individuals who have contributed to the staging of our 2024 Championships”.

Presidents Welcome - Lainie Ray

Welcome to the 2024 SAERA State Championships. Congratulations to you for getting your horse here! You have won already by having prepared your horse for the start line no matter what distance you are entering. WELL DONE.

Many thanks to our hard working committee especially Jil Bourton for putting her hand up to put on the State Championships. No stranger to the task, Jil has set a course that will be worthy of a State Championship and selected specific tracks as in the forefront of her mind the lack of rain we have had in our beautiful state.

Kapunda Harness Racing Club have opened up their lovely grounds for us so please leave them as you find them.

We welcome our head Vet Dr Lachie Cameron, Dr Amy Kapusniak and Dr Tanya Dean. What a great team to be looking after your horses and thanks to them for giving up their long weekend.

I would also like to give huge thanks to our sponsors for supporting our State Championships. Our Ride organiser and competitors appreciate your generosity.

Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou to all of the volunteers for this ride. We cannot do this sport without you. SAERA may be small but we are mighty. Remember, your horse can only be as relaxed as you are. And so, always try and stay calm and focused on the job at hand. A smile goes a long way for you and your horse.

Happy trails.

Lainie 😊

SAERA President



SAERA President Lainie Ray

Councillors Welcome - Fabio Antonioli



Councillor Fabio Antonioli

Welcome to the town of Kapunda, a place where the spirit of adventure and the love of horses come together in perfect harmony. Kapunda boasts a rich equine history that continues today, and we are honoured to have been chosen to host this event for the second consecutive year. I believe that the breathtaking landscapes, the undulating rolling hills, the picturesque trails, and many varied trails, will offer a memorable experience for all riders. The community is very proud of its equestrian heritage and is eager to share the beauty and tranquillity of our surroundings with you.

While in Kapunda, you'll discover an array of attractions that celebrate our deep connection to the land and our vibrant cultural history. From historic sites to local wineries and cozy cafes, there's plenty to enjoy both on and off the saddle. Our friendly locals are always ready to offer a smile and share a story, making your stay in Kapunda both memorable and enjoyable. So saddle up, breathe in the fresh

country air, and immerse yourself in the unique charm and hospitality that makes Kapunda a beloved destination for horse riders from near and far.

Councillor Fabio Antonioli – Light Regional Council.



2024 State Championships Officials

Chief Steward: Jil Bourton. 0401 675 383

Ride Secretary: Damien Little. 0418 228 114

Admin/vet ring personnel: Julie White, Julia Field

Head Vet: Dr. Lachi Cameron

Line Vets: Dr. Amie Kapusniak

Dr. Tania Dean (treatment)

Vet Pencillers: Lisa & Luka Elliston

Course Water & Photos: Steve Ellis

Check Points: Linda Christie (photos)

Colin Brown

Judith Brown

Phil Bartlet

Fabio Antonioli

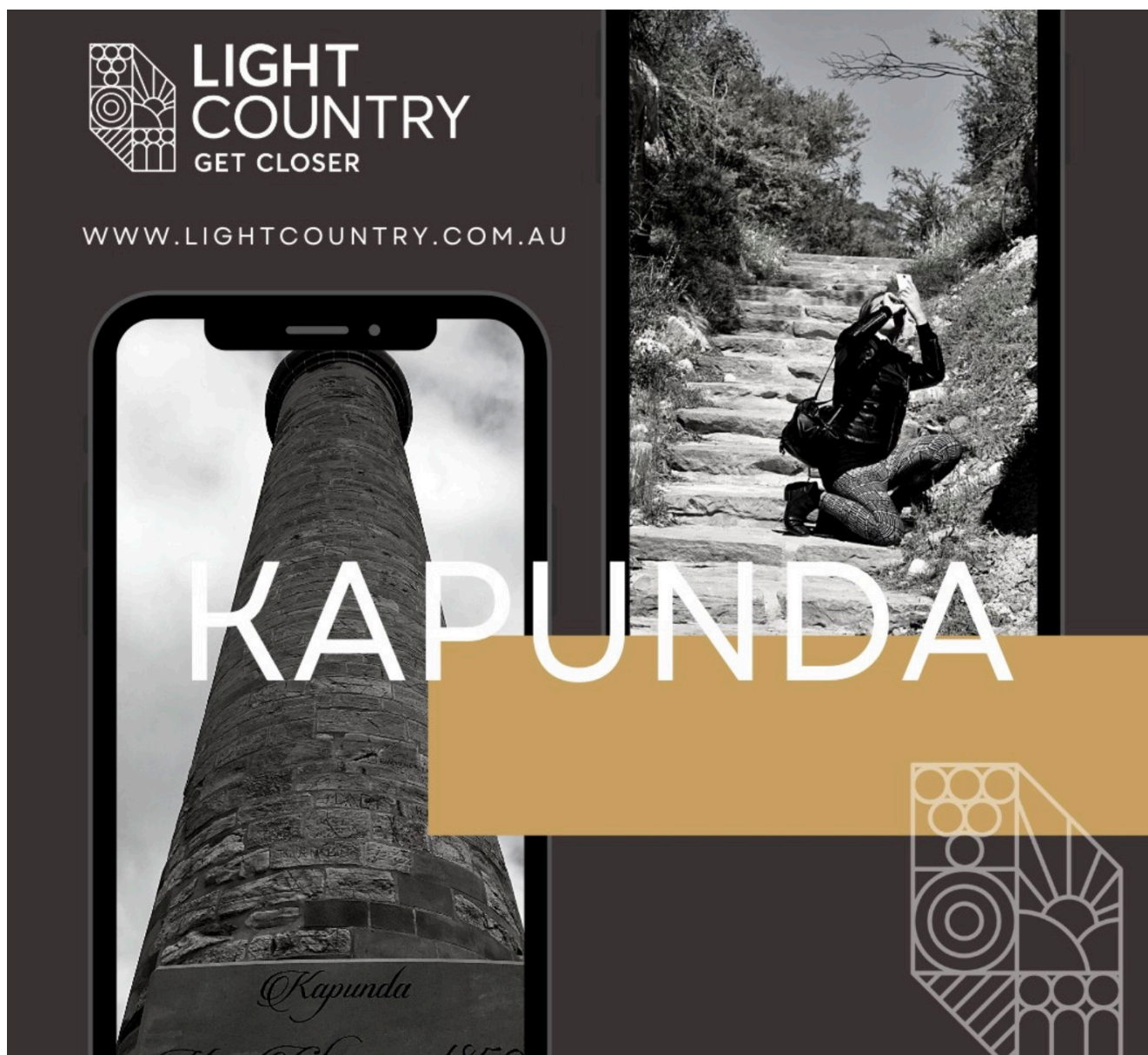


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RECOGNISING OUR SPONSORS - Generously supporting our event

Kapunda Harness Racing Club - WINNER'S RUG

Almazaan Stud - MIDDLEWEIGHT BEST CONDITIONED RUG

Streets Racing Murray Bridge - LIGHTWEIGHT BEST CONDITIONED

Meldana Arabians - HEAVYWEIGHT BEST CONDITIONED

CougarSwan Performance Horses & Blue Heelers - JUNIOR BEST CONDITIONED

Crowies Paints - BEST CONDITIONED 80KM

WATER POINT SPONSORS:

- *Goldstar Tyres & Batteries - Balhannah*
- *Wheatsheaf Pub – Allendale North*
- *LitlMo's Bakery & Café - Kapunda*
- *Fabio & Sonja Antonioli, Hawker's Creek water & checkpoint*
- *Helen Harvey – "Unicorn Refresher"*
- *Amanda Smith – CougarSwan*
- *Hills Farm Supplies - Mount Barker*
- *TMB Endurance - Lucerne at water points*

Rhiannan Bee - Handmade rope product

Adelaide Uni – Roseworthy Campus Veterinary Hospital – 2 Dental vouchers includes sedation

Laucke Mills - Horse Pellets

Ridleys Stock Feed - Horse Pellets

Yalumba Winery - wine

Kimali Park - wine

Archer Equine – Course Marking & fuel donation



Please remember to thank & support the businesses and land owners who support our club, thanking them on their social media pages and acknowledging their generosity.

THANK YOU LOCAL LAND OWNERS:

Mel & Stix Schiller

Richard & Andrew Mickan

Philip Schultz

Rob Hazel



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THE COURSE

1. 160km (Elevator) Championship Endurance Ride - 5 legs VGIH

LEG ONE **red1** 45kms

LEG TWO **black2** 40kms

LEG THREE **blue3** 35kms

LEG FOUR **green4** 22kms

LEG FIVE **purple5** 18kms

2. 80km Endurance Ride - 3 legs VGIH

LEG ONE **black2** 40kms

LEG TWO **green4** 22kms

LEG THREE **purple5** 18kms

3. 40km Intermediate Ride – 2 legs with Heart Rate Gate/standard vetting

LEG ONE **green4** 22kms

LEG TWO **purple5** 18kms

4. 22km Introductory Ride – standard vetting

ONE LEG **green4** 22kms

RED 1 "BETHEL BASH" 45K

Follow Common **ORANGE** markers for the first 3km along Hawker's Creek rd. to first Checkpoint & water. Red markers will turn you left. Undulating dirt roads, generally fine gravel edges, some grassy verge, some rocky areas and some softer loam sections. Two creek crossings, both on fords. Second Checkpoint & water at 15km. Third CP at approx 37km. Fourth CP 42km back at Hawker's Creek Water Point. Follow common **ORANGE** markers, to the left, back to base. Some of these roads are busier than others but should be pretty quiet in the early hours so please try and ride to the left as much as you can.

BLACK2 "TAYLOR'S RUN" 40K

Follow common **ORANGE** for a short distance after crossing bridge, turning right at Hazel Rd. where you'll pick up the Black 2 markers. Around 6km you'll enter private property, through a gate to the left. After a short laneway you'll go left around the edge of a newly seeded crop. **PLEASE RIDE CAREFULLY & KEEP OFF CROP** – it will pay to go slow & in single file. Once back onto a vehicle track you'll head up over the hill past the farmhouse and sheds & through a couple more gates, (hopefully these will be open & once again take it steady as there are horses in adjacent yards) Another gate to the left further down the driveway will take you onto another property, *follow the arrows carefully as there is not much of a vehicle track*. Eventually you will pass through a cockie gate in the boundary fence line into another property – heading to the right down the hill & through 2 gates you will come to the Kapunda/Clare Rd. Head left and stay on road edge until your arrows show you to cross to the right onto Taylor's Run Rd and a CP. (Approx 10km) Now you will climb for approx. 10km. Once on top of the ridge its pretty flat going for several kms, CP approx. 25km. At around 34km you'll cross a main Rd at Allendale North there will be water adjacent to the Wheatsheaf Pub, the sponsor of that water point. From here it's a pretty straight run home – just take care at steep creek crossing a little after pub. When you get back to the historic bridge you'll be back on common **ORANGE** markers home.

BLUE 3 "BLACK JOE'S to BETHEL" 35K

This leg will follow the **BLUE** markers FROM BASE, turning to the right at Kidman Rd. (next to Golf Course) After crossing the Clare road dirt roads & undulating tracks will gradually elevate you to the top of Black Joe Rd. (10k) Travelling back downhill 3k to the first CP at another crossing of the Clare Rd. Here you need to cross straight over & head left on the road edge until you come to a small track that takes you down & away from main rd. At around 18kms you turn right onto farm tracks that will cross Hawkers creek & up and over Hawker's Hill to Bethel Rd and 2nd CP. In parts there is not much of a track so keep an eye out for pink tape in the trees to guide you. A road loop of approx. 10kms will take you back through CP again. Make sure you follow markers in front of you in this section – don't look to the side or behind. After the CP you follow a walking/riding trail back to the Hawker's Creek Water & Checkpoint where you follow common **ORANGE** markers home.

GREEN 4 "FORDS" 22K

Straight forward easy 22 km loop, common **ORANGE** to Hawker's Creek water & CP then follow you **GREEN** markers to the left along Fords Rd (same as leg one) Good dirt Rd, with small section of bitumen over old railway line; two crossings of main Greenock rd so take care. As this leg also has a loop make sure to follow the markers in front. Back through same CP and continue up Harris Rd (rather than common markers to the right) so stay on **GREEN**, through some private property (opposite of 3rd leg) and eventually joining up with **common** back on Hawker's creek rd. to the left.

PURPLE 5 "SUGARLOAF HILL" 18K

Following **common** markers until you pick up the **purple 5** after the bridge and continue along roads and tracks until you reach the Clare Rd crossing (same as Leg 3) and CP – take care this is a busy road on weekends. You'll head partway up Black Joe Rd and exit to the right after about a km. A mixture of gravel road and tracks for the next 9 kms will see you back at base and FINISHED!!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE AND SAFE & FUN RIDING 



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