

## WEB SITE

Before Christmas our website was hacked again and completely destroyed. The hacking appears to be of East European origin and not a political attack on AFA. Just someone having fun at the expense of others. This being the case, it equates to extreme vandalism, a cowardly act.

Our webmaster, Peter Kneen, has started the tedious process of restoring the site. You may notice some changes as a lot of the old material has been deleted and some new things added. Peter has also constructed the site to make it more difficult to hack, which we hope does not happen again.

Thanks Peter for your past and ongoing work on behalf of AFA.

If any member with email facilities has not registered their email address with AFA they should do so now by sending their details to [info@accessforall.asn.au](mailto:info@accessforall.asn.au). By doing so you will receive regular updates.

**THE PERPETUAL CALENDAR** featuring places of local natural beauty- Now available at \$15 each, from AFA and selected outlets in Braidwood and Moruya. This is a 'must have' for everyone who appreciates the beauty of the Australian bush.

**The book, THE DEUA RIVER TRACK,** is available at Kings Highway Diner in Braidwood, at meetings or and can be ordered through a Committee member, or by post to Access For All, Locked Bag 10, PO BRAIDWOOD NSW 2622. The cost is \$22 plus \$1.40 postage.

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**MEMBERSHIP:** *Family \$20.00. Pensioner \$5.00  
Individual \$10.00 Corporate \$100.00 includes GST.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Sat 29th March 2015,  
*(yes Sunday) 10am at Braidwood Services Club. Please  
make the effort to attend. We welcome your input.*

*Thereafter, 28th June & 27th September 2015, venue  
TBA*

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## LAST MEETING

The last meeting of AFA, held at the Araluen Hotel, was well attended. There was much discussion about the trials of the bridle tracks through Declared Wilderness areas and the successful application of the registration of the trademark by AFA for Political Lobbying. There was also general discussion about where do we go from here? It was universally agreed that we must remain committed and vigilant as complacency will result in loss of the gains we have achieved. We must maintain our push to ensure there is responsible access to public lands.

## How things have changed!



This was taken in 1967. It shows Coralie Smith at Canoolie with the unmistakable imposing Flash Jacks Peak in the background. The old dairy is still standing. Note the rifle being carried in the scabbard hanging from the saddle, something you would rarely see on a horse these days.

## Trials for Horse Riding Historic Bridle Tracks through Declared Wilderness

As from 12th April 2014 three of the historic bridle tracks in the Deua, Monga National Parks became available to horse riders for a trial period of two years. These are the Shoebridge Track, W.D.Tarlinton Track and Georges Pack Track.

Time flies when you are having fun and the first year of the trial has already passed. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that it is a trial only. The tracks are being closely monitored for environmental damage. According to Tim Shepherd, Regional Manager NPWS for South Coast, *“The trial will be monitored during the two year period, and 16 monitoring sites have been established and baseline data collected. Monitoring data and outcomes will be available on OEHS website at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/policies/HorseRiding.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/policies/HorseRiding.htm).”* At the time of writing there are no reports of the monitoring either good or bad on the website.

There are some sceptics amongst us who are not confident that the outcome will be decided within the proposed two year time frame, as promised. For this reason we must maintain our vigilance.

We suggest groups planning to ride these tracks advise NPWS in Narooma. Although this is not a binding requirement of use, but keeping them informed is keeping them on side. Also AFA would like to receive reports from riders so that we can strengthen our representations and be confident in what we say.

NPWS also advise that, *“If horse riding groups are intending to do any maintenance such a removal of fallen trees on the track using tools, prior consent is required. A limit of 20 horses per group applies.”*

## Success in Gaining Trademark Registration for Political Lobbying.

This was another hard slog after our initial rejection. Success came only after much perseverance putting together a strong case to the Trade Mark Examiner.

We are most fortunate to have patent attorney Hugh Hodgkinson not only as a member but someone dedicated to our objectives and generous enough to make his time available on our behalf, gratis. Thank you, Hugh.

Previously, with Hugh’s help we gained registration for Class 16, Printed Materials; books, pamphlets, calendars, instructional and teaching materials. This not only provides exclusive protection for our books and calendars but also for future publications. The newest registration comes under Class 35 and is registered as “Political lobbying services for the purpose of environmental/public land use.”

So what does this latest registration do for Access For All?

- The Government has granted the exclusive ownership of the phrase ‘Access For All’ in respect of political lobbying. No-one else has the right to use that phrase when representing themselves for the purposes of political lobbying.
- If we did not have trade mark registration and someone used the term, we could take action under common law against someone passing themselves off as AFA. Two steps would be involved. One, we would have to prove we are AFA by reputation and two, we then have to prove damages. The cost would most likely be \$100k - \$150k.
- Now all we have to do is wave our certificate of registration as proof of a breach of our statutory rights. The onus is on the other party to prove they did not infringe our rights.
- Trade mark registration is a public statement, searchable through the Register of Trade Marks and no-one else can use it.
- We present ourselves as more professional