



Tamworth Bushrangers Trail Riding Club – Newsletter November 2017

A SPIN IN THE ROUNDYARD with Eloise Galvin

Where were you born?

Tamworth

What star sign are you?

Capricorn, the goat

Who is your favorite cartoon character and why?

Marceline the vampire queen {from Adventure Time} because she's an evil vampire.

Where did you go to start School?

Tamworth Public School

What is your favorite subject at school and why?

Lunch because I love food (and maths because its fun)

How did you come to own your first horse and what was its name?

Mum bought my first horse so I didn't have to ride the family horses and his name was Major.

Who is the most famous person you have met, were did you meet?

Nobody but mum has met the queen





What book are you reading?

I'm reading Grampas Great Escape at school

What is on your computers screen saver?

I would like to say that I have a picture of my horse but I don't have a computer. I'm only 10

What is your nickname?

'Squeak' because whenever I got in trouble when I was little, I would squeak

What was your favorite chore you got paid pocket money for?

Bringing in the washing because it's easy

What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you?

I was at the service station and I was drinking chocolate milk and I tripped over and fell flat on my belly and the chocolate milk splattered in my face and everybody waiting in their cars started laughing.

OCTOBER RIDE REPORT



The days leading up to the October ride were cool, windy and wet but by Sunday morning with luck on our side the sun came out, the wind abated and the temperature was just perfect for a well-planned ride in the hills just outside of Woolomin. By the earlier start time of 9 am more than a dozen riders headed out to the property "Pinevale." After crossing a green grassy paddock Donna led us up and down a few hills before heading further out to something a bit more challenging.

Along the way Francie's keen eye spotted a hungry looking young calf on the wrong side of the fence to its mother. The fencing was adequate; you have to wonder how they manage to escape the herd and then not be able to get back. Guess to the calf the other side of the fence was an adventure and seemed like a good idea – until feed time that is. Although usually we adopt a "respect the cattle and keep your distance" policy – this was rather obvious and we were heading through the gate anyway. So with the group stopped briefly, the gate was opened and Claudie and I rode out wide to come in behind the calf to encourage it toward the open gate. The calf took one look at the group of riders blocking any thoughts of further mischief, the open gate and mum with a full bag of milk on the other side and didn't need much encouragement to go 'home'. Team penning anyone?

The tracks were good and headed gently and sometimes not so gently, up and up with level areas between each climb with the view becoming more spectacular by the



minute. Finally a spot on a ridge somewhere near the top to take a break and look out through the trees at Chaffey Dam. There was a boat towing presumably a water skier that looked not much bigger than an ant.

Bit daunting to look down on the green paddock we first rode through: from up here it looked so small.

Now for the down which was not quite as gentle as the up. The wise riders heeded Donna's advice to make sure the girth was tight for the rather steep descent. Which it would seem accounted for everyone but me – lesson learned, don't presume just because your saddle was tight when you started and your horse has a high wither that the saddle won't move! Well my saddle didn't actually move at all until just before the bottom of the long descent, but when it did, it was a little on the extreme side - I think it was only my mount's big ears that stopped its forward slide! Thanks Ken for helping me out of my predicament. Slight delay for resaddling and then the group headed off again to more open country and a clean dam ideal to water the horses.



Megan was riding Lenny and Claudie was having fun on Smokey – they had swapped for the day. As we approached the water Megan could be heard in the distance announcing that it was really good to be riding a horse that didn't barge into the water like Smokey did – Lenny didn't do things like that. At that precise moment, without the slightest pause Lenny flew into the water and we all thought Megan was going for a swim saddle and all.

Back at the floats with the horses unsaddled and hosed down, everyone gathered in Donna and Colin's covered cabana for lunch. Alison had driven over to join us after the ride and enjoyed the "No Talent Choir's" rendition of Happy Birthday and a cake baked by Donna (chocolate, of course). Great to see Scooter back on the trail with Banjo who is going so well, and Ange with more time now for riding having completed her studies. Other Bushrangers on the day Duncan and Francie, Lynda and Ken, Clayton, Helen and Mike (non rider), Eloise with Megan and Claudie. Special thanks to both Donna and Colin for their hospitality in allowing us to use their facilities and Donna in particular for organising this ride which was enjoyed by all except the wildlife enthusiasts no pigs, no feral horses, no wombats, no roos, no werewolves (we're they on the list?). Of course if you want to encounter these terrors sign up for the preride – the actual ride is too noisy with all that chatter and laughter of happy riders enjoying a day in the bush with "the Bushrangers" and the October ride was no exception.



ADD A CAPTION TO THIS PHOTO



This happy snap was captured during the Trail Ride Challenge (TRC) earlier this year.

We are asking members to suggest a caption to the photo.

The photographer will have the final decision on the winning entry.

Please submit your response via the post on the Tamworth Bushrangers Facebook page. For those not on Facebook please email your response to me and I will add it to the FB post

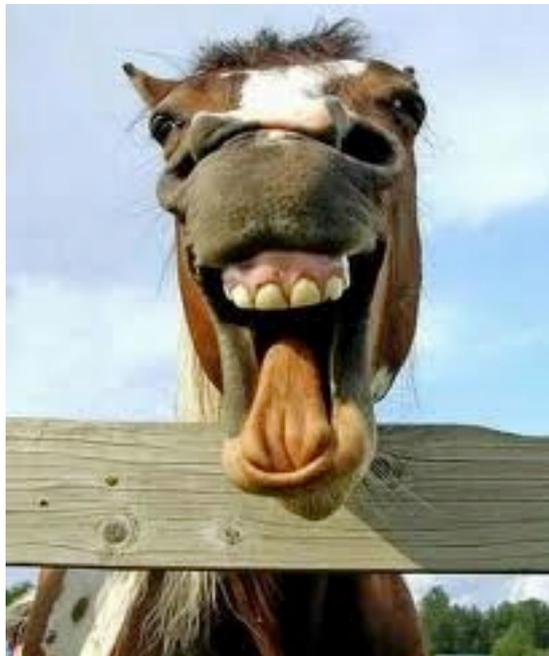
The winner will be announced in the next newsletter. So get your thinking caps on and send through your suggestions.

RSVP's for the Bushrangers Christmas
Party are due this

Wednesday 6th November

Due to catering late RSVPs will not be
accepted. DON'T MISS OUT!

Shout Out's!



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