



February 2018

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 Membership Renewal Due
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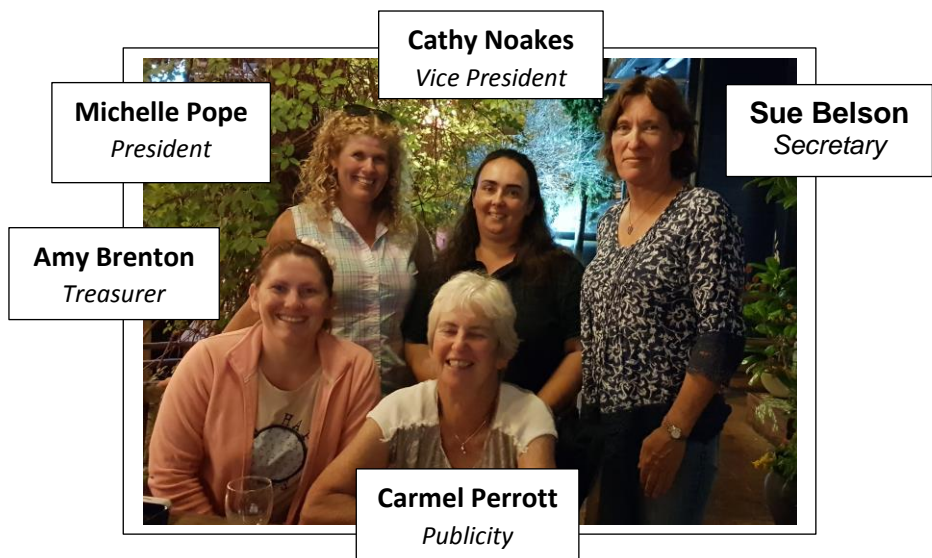
4 February
 Club Ride
 Wollomombi

4 March
 Club Ride

Meet the New

New England Trail Riders Association

Committee



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February Ride

Wollomombi Store Lunch Ride Sunday 4th February 2018

Starting our ride just passed the Oaky River Dam Road on the Kempsey Road.

Riding into the Wollomombi Store for lunch (roughly 7.6km) then back, so roughly a 15-17km ride all up.

Ride out time: 9.30am

Ride Description

- easy ride
- the odd hill
- mainly bush riding, odd dirt track, some tar on the Kempsey road
- river crossing (twice)
- crossing highway or can go through a tunnel
- riding through a small village
- Horses unshod should be fine, can get off onto grass in most parts.
- Don't forget to carry halters & leads to tie up while enjoying a cuppa & lunch..
- toilets available.

Bring money for lunch and/or a drink or a saddle bag lunch.

Directions

- Head out Waterfall Way (Grafton Road) for about 40km past the Bunnings roundabout.
- Go passed Wollomombi turn off
- Over bridge and turn RIGHT onto Kempsey Road. Go about 5km
- Just passed the Oaky River Dam Road (Right) you will see a sign saying Whiney Road, just passed the sign you will see a gravel cleared area to your RIGHT. Park there. I will make sure i am there or I will put a Balloon on the post.

RSVP: Please contact Cathy Noakes via sms 0417425870 by Friday 2nd February.

Pre-nomination is required for all NETRA rides so the ride co-ordinator knows how many are attending the ride and if the necessary ATHRA Accredited Trail Bosses are available. Rides may be cancelled if there are insufficient pre-nominations.

Please Note that helmets are compulsory on all NETRA rides.

January Ride Report

By Deborah

7 Riders braved the heat on Sunday. It was quite pleasant (and not that hot) as we meandered along tracks through the trees with a rock wallaby scooting out and startling one horse. All the other horses were well behaved and seemed to enjoy a leisurely walk.

A picturesque ride over soft granite, smooth rock shelves and grass paths (thanks to David and his trusty slasher! Ed). We found a few stops to water the horses and enjoy the coolness. A light breeze blew at times. We went up the hills and into the valleys giving opportunities for anyone who wanted to challenge their horse in a canter or walk.

Arriving back at the homestead, we hosed and yarded our horses, we then fired up the BBQ and sat on the veranda in the cool and enjoyed an icy pole while our lunch was cooked for us.

Thanks to all who came.



Ride Calendar for 2018

Rides occur on the 1st Sunday of the month, unless otherwise stated. Rides are subject to change and are reviewed at our quarterly meetings. All planned overnight rides are held on a weekend other than the 1st Sunday unless they are within 100 kilometres of Armidale and can cater for day riders as well. If you are interested in hosting a ride please inform a committee member. If you are a ride co-ordinator please refer to the calendar to see who has the first aid kit, EPIRB and GPS.

Date	Ride Coordinator	Location
4 February 2018	Cathy Noakes	Wollomombi
4 March 2018	To be confirmed	

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New England Trail Riding Club (Armidale)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1755125504766004/>

Big Sky Trailblazers Horse Riding Club (Tamworth/Gunnedah)

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