



# Big Sky Trailblazers December 2018

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## Last Ride: Namoi River by Jo Jo

Merry Christmas and a horsey new year to all new and old members. What a magnificent year was had by the Big Sky Trailblazers with many memories of varied trails ridden, some long, some short, flat terrain and hilly rocky rough trails, with town riding and bush bashing, day rides and camp outs, many a campfire was enjoyed with a beverage or more, yarns where spun and friendships forged, all thanks to our trusty steeds and a common passion shared. No major injuries or accidents for horse and rider, may we continue to have many miles and happy times in the New Year 2019 bring it on, we are living the dream.

A Stella weekend was organised yet again by our wonderful Treasurer Bernie, thanks for making many of the rides happen that otherwise may have been cancelled. The camp by the Namoi River just outside Gunnedah was a beautiful setting to end the year with fun, beer and Christmas cheer, the birds were signing a loud song of the rain, kookaburras laughing and birds were a plenty

It was fantastic to see more new members to our ever-growing club; your company and humour was welcomed and we are all looking forward to riding and getting to know you and your lovely horses on new and old trails in the coming years.



**Our Great Christmas Cheer Lady - Jo**

The weekend of horsing around began with the most important meeting of the year the AGM, hats off to the hard working, reliable and dedicated committee you are very much appreciated and there wouldn't be a club without you, thankyou

With the business side of things over it was time to giddy up for some fun riding around town. Eight riders in total set off on a short but sweet ride around the outskirts of town. It sure was lovely to see some green around other than the dust bowl that 2018 will be remembered for. The ride mainly consisted of walking, trotting and some cantering and as usual a lot of chit chat catching up. All horses were well behaved with only Ace thinking he was in a race. All tiger pear was avoided and the friendly fat cattle came for a look at the parade of horse's passing their pastures. It sure was Good to see some of us embracing the Christmas spirit by tinselling up and adding some sparkle to the ride. A short break and a refuel at Bernie's was had, then it was homeward bound with a calm walk into camp.

With the ride over it was time to feast on the food that was kindly supplied by the club and drink too much and be merry!!!! And that we were. The next day with the sun coming up and the birds chirping we enjoyed watching and eating a scrumptious breakfast cooked by the blokes. We offered to help but you were doing such an amazing job that we let you go and will let you cook for us again.

No Ride in January but the February ride is set to be a cracker at Walcha, hope to see you all there, until then stay safe and have fun, Merry Christmas and a happy healthy New year









John wanted to tell everyone what they missed out on with the refreshing dip before going home

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## News and Info

### Meeting: AGM held

1. Ride calendar for next year – Rides could change
  2. Charity ride in NARRABRI as requested by Sasha Crawley. This would have to be run as an ATHRA event and participants would have to become day members and run as a Special Event
  3. Pony Club ride at Coonabarabran June/July. This one would be the same unless you want to just help them as an individual
  4. First aid course dates have been set for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019, this date is yet to be confirmed and venue to be finalised. A workbook will be sent to all participants before the course and the training will be presented to “horse riding” injuries.
  5. Epub information is being gathered to ensure it is up-to-date, etc, will need to buy a new one as this one is 2009 model and battery is probably not any good
  7. Purchase of a tablet to make us more “paperless” – majority agreed that it should be a Samsung. Roslyn volunteered to look into buying or getting one donated
  8. Bernie asked the club that as we didn’t donate as much as last year to Westpac Helicopter, and the club has recently been given \$50 from ATHRA. It was agreed this \$50 would be added to the Westpac donation for this year.
  9. It was asked for more information in regards to ATHRA’s policy on doubling children if the child is a member of ATHRA. No child can be doubled they have to have their own pony and be a member.
- **FACEBOOK VERSUS EMAIL** – If you could please email even if you have put it on facebook some of us that organise things don’t always look on facebook and at least by email one gets pinged so you know to look at.

Calendar of Possible Events 2019			
Date	Where	Type	Person to Organise Ride
<b>3 February</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>9-10 February</b>	<b>Yarrowitch, Walcha</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Cath Anderson</b>
21-24 Feb	King of the Ranges		<a href="http://www.kingoftheranges.com.au/">http://www.kingoftheranges.com.au/</a>
24 Feb			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>3 March</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>10 March</b>	<b>Spring Mount - Carroll</b>	<b>Day</b>	
24 March			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>7 April</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>14 April</b>	<b>Mount Nombi</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Greg Donovan</b>
26-28 April	Gdh Show		
28 April			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>5 May</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>12 May</b>	<b>Wondoba Forest</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Greg Donovan</b>
26 May			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>2 June</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>8-9 June</b>	<b>Ride Cancer – Narrabri</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Special Event??</b>
<b>8-9 June</b>	<b>Pilliga Pottery</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>John Mason</b>
23 June			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
June-July	Pony Club Event		???
<b>7 July</b>	<b>Pine Forest</b>		<b>NETRA</b>
<b>14 July</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> is full moon so maybe trinkey?</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Joe Rennick</b>
28 July			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>4 August</b>	<b>Metz</b>		<b>NETRA</b>
<b>11 August</b>	<b>Vickery Forest or Mi Hi</b>	<b>Day</b>	
25 August			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>1 September</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>8 September</b>	<b>Dubbo</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Allanah Gainsford</b>
22 September			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>6 October</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>4-7 October</b>	<b>Beach Ride</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Joe Rennick/Cath Anderson</b>
<b>12 October</b>		<b>Day</b>	
27 October			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>3 November</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Pilliga</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Joe Hanel</b>
24 November			<a href="#">Bushrangers</a>
<b>1 December</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>8 December</b>	<b>Christmas Party and AGM</b>		<b>Bluebums</b>

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A POSSIBLE CALENDER THINGS COULD CHANGE  
DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES