

# Blue Mountains Trail Riders Horse Tales

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Just a reminder that you need to show your ATHRA card or receipt before you can participate in any ride for insurance requirements.

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### Upcoming rides

#### July 2018

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Sam's Way - Julie  
Sun 22<sup>th</sup> – Sun Valley – Dee

#### August 2018

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – Colo Heights – Phil

#### September 2018

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Pattersons Range – Dagmar

#### October 2018

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Riley's Mulgoa – Julie

#### November 2018

23/24/25<sup>th</sup> Xmas Party W/end TBA

#### December 2018

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun Valley – Dagmar

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## **Presidents Report.**

### **JULY-AUGUST 2018**

We have some very exciting news, Dagmar has earned her 'Trail Boss Certificate'. So congratulations to her and a big thank you from the other Trail bosses as we now have some much needed help to run our rides. I'm sure that she will make a really good trail boss as both her and Jess are very well experienced in trail riding and I'm sure she will be giving us some good fun rides.

The committee has now begun work on our biggest event of the year, our Christmas Party Weekend. Last years weekend was awesome and well attended up at the Pub at Capertee. This year, naturally we are looking at different venues but the Capertee Pub is still quite high on the list.

A decision will be made as soon as all the road trips have been done and all the suggested venues have been checked out for accommodation for us and our horses, rides and accessibility for all our members. You will be receiving a flyer by email to let you all know. The booking will have to be done immediately as we will need to secure it so start saving as payment in full will be required up front if you wish to attend.

Again, most of our rides have gone ahead by have not been very well attended so we have cut down to one ride on the third Sunday of the month from August.

That's about it for now.  
Enjoy your rides !

DEE



## News Items

### **Wet Weather Arrangements**

It has only just come to my attention that a lot of our club members are not aware of our 'Wet Weather Arrangements. There is a plan in place to cancel any of our rides due to bad weather, be it too hot, or too wet, or any unforeseen circumstances such as being too boggy under foot for our horses or for our floats. The Trail boss of the day is the only one who had the power to cancel or move a ride location at the last minute or maybe even earlier. This is why all club members and visitors are asked to 'Ring to Register.' When you ring and register to ride, the Trail Boss has your phone number handy and is aware that you are going to turn up so its not such a big deal for him or her to get in contact with you to move or cancel the ride on short notice if necessary. It would be far more difficult if he or she has to turn on a computer in the morning to start sending messages. Bearing in mind the fact that he or she is a bit busier than most on the morning of ride as there extra duties to perform. You can, if you want, text or ring to check with the Trail Boss, as you too should have their contact details handy in case you can't attend for any reason and let them know. Decisions on cancelling or changing a ride are normally made as early as possible, the night before or very early on the morning of the ride so that the club members don't actually leave home or head in the wrong direction.

**Ride Reports or Information for the newsletters please email to Judy. [duckjudith@gmail.com](mailto:duckjudith@gmail.com)**

### **Club Shirts with the New Club Logo.**

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## Upcoming Ride Details:



### Sam's Way - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Meet :** On grass verge left hand side at bottom of hill before corner.  
**10am sharp Ready to ride**

**Duration :** 4 hours +.

**BYO :** Bring lunch and water for horses..

**Type :** Medium going some hills and rough ground.

**Ride Co-ordinator :** Julie PH 4776 2210

**Ring 48 hours prior.**

**NO SMOKING on this Ride.**

### Sun Valley Day Ride – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

**Meet :** Sunvalley Pony Club.  
**10 am Ready to ride**

**Duration :** 4 hour s +.

**BYO :** Lunch and drink.

**Type :** Easy going. Possible water crossings

**Ride Co-ordinator :** Dee PH 0411 275 133

**Ring 48 hours prior.**

### Colo Heights – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Meet :** Wheelbarrow Ridge Road Colo Heights  
**10 am Ready to ride**

**Duration :** 3 hour s +.

**BYO :** Lunch and drink.

**Type :** Easy going.

**Ride Co-ordinator :** Phil 0408223955.

**Ring 48 hours prior.**

**Patterson's Range fire trail – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Meet :** Left hand side. Just before Pattersons Range Rd.

**Duration :** 4 hours +. Leaving 10.00am sharp.

**BYO :** Bring lunch & water for horses.

**Type :** Medium going some hills and rough ground. Bridge crossing.

**Ride Co-ordinator :** Dagmar 0431 911 094

**NO SMOKING at this Ride base.**

**Rileys Mountain – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

**Meet :** On grass verge in Park River Close. 10.00am sharp.

**Duration :** 4 hours

**BYO :** Bring lunch & water for horses.

**Type :** Medium going hills narrow tracks and some rough ground.

Ride coordinator: **Julie** PH 4776 2210

Ring 48 hours prior.

**Please PICK UP YOUR HORSE'S MANURE and NO SMOKING ON THIS RIDE OR AT THE RIDE BASE**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEKEND**

**23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



Details to be advised in the next newsletter.

**Meet :** Sunvalley Pony Club.  
10 am Ready to ride  
**Duration :** 4 hour s +.  
**BYO :** Lunch and drink.  
**Type :** Easy going. Possible water crossings  
**Ride Co-ordinator :** Dagmar 0431 911 094  
**Ring 48 hours prior.**

## **Ride Reports:**

### **RIDE REPORT - YELLOMUNDEE** **5TH MAY 2018**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May, which was a Saturday 6 of us, (all ladies) met at Yellomundee to go for a ride. I was Trail boss and I had two completely new riders and 3 others that I hadn't seen for ages.

To say the least we did a lot of chatting before the ride and at the tea break that's probably why they all forgot to tell me that they'd noticed I had a very low tyre on my float. Well I found out when I went to leave.

It was a lovely day all the riders were experienced but a couple of the horses weren't really sure about the first water crossing. It is quite shallow but makes quite a rippling noise. One of them was easy to persuade that it was okay but the other young lady was much more adamant that it was seriously scary. Eventually she gave in and joined everyone else. We had some good little prints which everyone enjoyed. I think a good day was had by all.

Please come again !

Julie H Reay.



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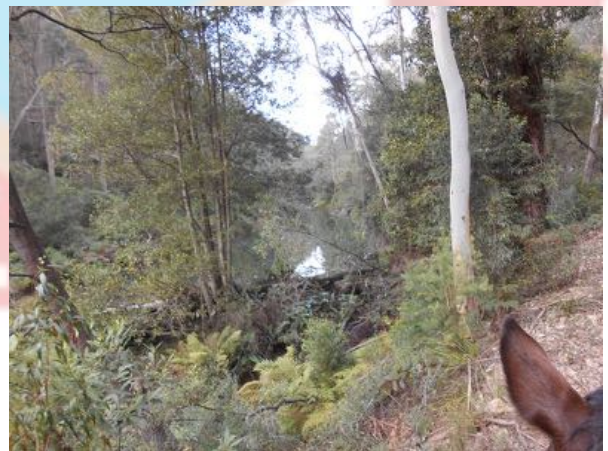


## **KIA RIDGE 2ND JUNE 2018**

5 riders left the riverside at Tahmoor on Saturday 2/6/18 to ride along Kiah Ridge. We were Paul, Judy, Ailsa, Rita and myself. It was warm and sunny by the river but became quite cool and breezy at the top of the ridge. It was beautiful along side the river as we rode for the first hour or so. The undergrowth was thick and there were some lovely big trees and cliffs.

As we came to the old dam wall and pumping station a handsome male osprey flew in just for us. We had a short uphill run onto the ridge and rode along it until lunchtime. We then returned the same way with a run here and there to stretch their legs. Nice ride, nice company...Thanks Paul.

Julie H Reay





## Ride Report Scheyville – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018



### Fast Facts:

- Scheyville National Park has 12km of horse riding trails
- Trails range through forest and shrub, along open grasslands, and across creek crossings (or muddy holes, weather depending)
- Great place to take a new horse, as no cars, motorbikes, or dogs

Clancy got to have his first ride with the club today. Dee kindly arranged for a walk only ride as Clancy and I are still getting to know each other. Clancy was calm from the beginning, hanging out by the float casually munching on his hay.

It was a busy day at Scheyville, with lots of other floats and riders keen to enjoy a beautiful day out – even though it was absolutely freezing! We had four riders, Dee (trail boss), Phil, Rita, and myself.

As we set out, we decided to start through Anaconda Trail, as this was the opposite way the other group had headed. This was Clancy's second trail ride with me and second time to Scheyville and I could tell as we headed out he was saying, "I've got this!"



The ride proceeded fairly uneventfully until Phil's horse (who was the leader) decided to be spooked by the white stakes which generally mark the small bridges there. He refused to go forward and danced around a bit, which got all the horses bunched up. Rita's horse decided this was the chance to show Clancy who's the boss and took a nip on his bum. Clancy was not impressed, but it turns out he's not a kicker. I offered for Clancy to take the lead and he walk forward confidently, with one eye on the stakes, but no problems.

The group proceeded on and we wound our way around the trails and down a little one that I hadn't seen before. We passed the other riders that had headed out earlier did another loop around and stopped at the usual lunch place for a break.

We spent lots of the ride in 2 by 2 formation. I spent most of the ride near the back – a new experience for me! Because we had had some rain during the week, there were a few puddles along the trail. Clancy has absolutely no concern about water. He confidently proceeded through any puddles, mud, over logs, and through whatever I asked him to.

At one point, I made an error in navigation which resulted in us riding into a dead branch that didn't push out the way like the other branches. It scraped along my side and Clancy's flank and got caught in his tail. He jumped forward a couple strides and I immediately put him into a one rein stop – which he is very good at. He spun around, realized that everything was okay, and went back to his relaxed self. I was a bit worried that this might make him worried when branches brushed against him, but it didn't faze him.

As we got back, the wind was picking up making it even more freezing, but we still enjoyed an after-ride snack and a chat before packing up and heading home.

See you on the trails!

~ Teresa & Clancy the Waler Horse



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