



Big Sky Trailblazers March 2019

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Last Ride: Red Hill Farm by Bernie



Will I forgot to get someone to do the Newsletter so you are stuck with me doing it. You all missed out on a great weekend, the company, country and weather was just fantastic. Some of the coast guys turned up a few days ahead and looked like they had been there forever setup under the trees near the hut just looked great when driving up. This was my first time of going on this ride and yes the drive in is not your normally Gunnedah road but not that bad either just slow up and then down. As we got there it looked like rain and yep got the yards up and just about the floats when it came down. I think there was some laughter as we got drenched putting up awnings – even managed to fill up water buckets to give to the horses!

The following morning was just lovely the ones that were there went and helped move cows and put some in yards. There were some horses wanting to give us some entertainment but it was all good and fun. We eventually ended up back at camp and more people came along. It was a very impressive site as we started on our first ride, we had 26 riders, and there was a few little hiccups' as you would expect with that amount of horses but no serious injuries. We rode up and down and through the scrub and even through a creek (or was it a river?). It was just lovely to be able to ride in nice weather compared to home.

There was lots of merriment around the camp that evening and the guys that stayed in the luxury camp came up and played as well. The bonus was that it rained again I had forgotten that sound and I can tell you it's a very pleasant one.

The next morning we headed off again for a different tour of the place. We went through the forest and some of us



even got to have a trot and canter as we split into two groups and met up again eventually. We did wonder if Bill had got the wrong place to meet up but it was just that we had gone a little faster than we thought. We became one group again and headed back to camp. Where we started to pack up and go home.

A great big thank you to Louise and Bill for having us on their farm and for entertaining us. Also thanks to everyone for their help and fun – you are too many to mention some from Macleay, New England and Hastings Clubs and we had new and day members present as well.





News and Info

Meeting: None held

1. Epub we have a new one expires in 2026 and registration has been updated and lasts for two years
2. Copy of Certificate of Currency received if a property owners requires this let us know
3. Change of Regional Manager
Dear Cub Executives of NSW Coastal & North West - Regional Manager - Cate Carney
4. 1st Aid course is the 23rd February; and is now full. Hopefully the ones that picked up the workbooks will have them completed. The Venue will be confirmed by this Friday and a email will be sent out. Paid Jan Sumner's Social Fee to ATHRA as agreed by Executives as Jan plays a very important roll as our Public Officer – thanks Jan
5. March's ride owner has been rung all is good to go ahead
6. The Executives have agreed that our Facebook page is not to organise rides and keep in touch with members and not for any private advertising. A notice to this effect has been put up.
7. Pony Club Ride – email was sent but there has been no response
8. Charity Ride – email was sent but there has been no response
- **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 it.



Memberships are due
Please join online



ATHRA SITE

<http://www.athra.com.au/membership/>

| Calendar of Possible Events 2019 | | | |
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| Date | Where | Type | Person to Organise Ride |
| 20 January | Armidale Pine Forest | | NETRA |
| 3 Febuary | | | NETRA |
| 9-10 Febuary | Yarrowitch, Walcha | Camp | Cath Anderson |
| 21-24 Feb | King of the Ranges | | http://www.kingoftheranges.com.au/ |
| 17 Feb | | | Bushrangers |
| 3 March | | | NETRA |
| 10 March | Spring Mount - Carroll | Day | |
| 24 March | | | Bushrangers |
| 7 April | | | NETRA |
| 14 April | Mount Nombi | Camp | Greg Donovan |
| 26-28 April | Gdh Show | | |
| 28 April | | | Bushrangers |
| 5 May | | | NETRA |
| 12 May | Wondoba Forest | Day | Greg Donovan |
| 26 May | | | Bushrangers |
| 2 June | | | NETRA |
| 8-9 June | Ride Cancer – Narrabri | Day | Special Event?? |
| 8-9 June | Pilliga Pottery | Camp | John Mason |
| 23 June | | | Bushrangers |
| June-July | Pony Club Event | | ???? |
| 7 July | Pine Forest | | NETRA |
| 14 July | 16th is full moon so mayne trinkey? | Camp | Joe Rennick |
| 28 July | | | Bushrangers |
| 4 August | Metz | | NETRA |
| 11 August | Vickery Forest or Mi Hi | Day | |
| 25 August | | | Bushrangers |
| 1 September | | | NETRA |
| 8 September | Dubbo | Camp | Allanah Gainsford |
| 22 September | | | Bushrangers |
| 6 October | | | NETRA |
| 4-7 October | Beach Ride | Camp | Joe Rennick/Cath Anderson |
| 12 October | | Day | |
| 27 October | | | Bushrangers |
| 3 November | | | NETRA |
| 10 November | Pilliga | Camp | Joe Hanel |
| 24 November | | | Bushrangers |
| 1 December | | | NETRA |
| 8 December | Christmas Party and AGM | | Bluebums |

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