



# Tamworth Bushrangers

**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION**

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## April 2019



### Wise words from our President

#### Your Club Needs You

The Bushranger members have an excellent opportunity to attend an Accreditation Course held by the Big Sky Trail Blazers Gunnedah Club. These courses don't come around very often and are seldom as close as Gunnedah. I would like to encourage all who are able to attend, to participate in this course. A certain number of accredited riders are needed on each ride and the more we have means we don't need to rely on the same people all the time, helping the club to run smoothly. For more information contact Bernie - [0428232958](tel:0428232958)

It helps to provide our club with much needed accredited riders, but I have found that it provides an insight into how our club can continue to have a great safety record.

## **Wise words from Big Sky Blazers Gunnedah**

Big Sky Trail Blazers Gunnedah would like to Host an Accreditation Course we would like to invite you: Tamworth Bushrangers, Armidale NETRA and Macleay (from the coast) Clubs and hold it over the long weekend in June 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. To make it worthwhile for the Clubs coming along way we would like to hold it over this long weekend and have our normal ride as well.

Kinda like First Aid, this course is to help us build our skills but also to ensure safety and fun for all of us whilst we are out and about, not only when on our club rides but also when just riding by ourselves. It also will allow all of us to assist with running rides within the club, as every ride, by ATHRA rules, must have a Trail Boss. Further information please email [gdhbluebums@gmail.com](mailto:gdhbluebums@gmail.com)

Bernie

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**DATES: June 8-9**

**COST: \$50 per person**

**VENUE: Somerton**



## Ride Report

### This month by Gail Paddison

Give me a ride amongst the Grass trees... with lots of friends please... 😊

April 28th, 2019 Hosts - Ken and Lynda Hill



Starting out at a bit after 10am, with a few horses a little on the giddy goat scale of behaviour, 14 of us enjoyed the stunning autumn day from start to finish. With Ken in the lead, we wandered between both Ken and Lynda's beautiful property, and their neighbours. Riders included members from the Bushrangers, and Gunnedah Big Sky Trailblazers, and we welcomed Sally as a newbie. It was fun to catch up and hear everyone's news. Obviously, the grass trees are always amazing to see and ride amongst, in drought times, they seem amazingly oblivious, looking fresh and green, with large seed spikes, and many many new young trees scattered all around.

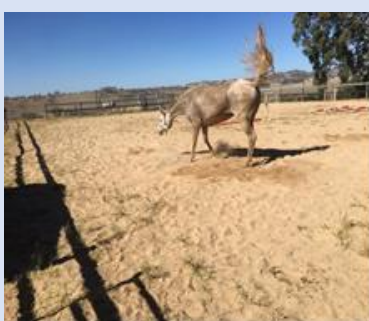
The ride covered just under 11 kilometres according to Alanna's GPS, with lots of variations from flat ground along the river to steep inclines up hillsides to allow us awesome views across to Tamworth, and out over Duri.

The lovely Lynda took loads of photos as usual, which we all love to check...



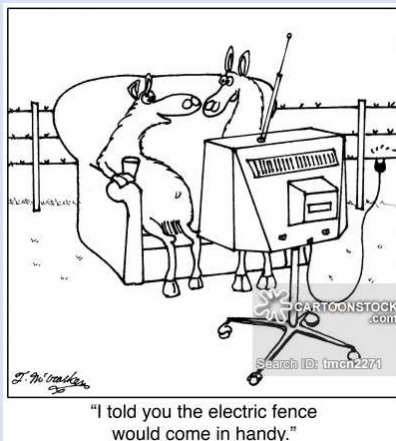
Along the way and in addition to Lynda's pics, some of us took the opportunity for a few selfies.... always tricky trying to get your best side all in the photo!

At the end of the ride, after getting off their gear, and a lovely cool hose off, some members made great use of Lynda and Ken's sand area for a little cosmetic readjustments...

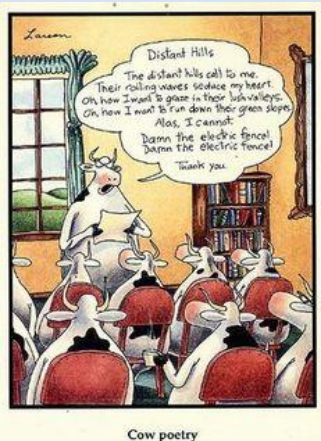


Thanks to everyone who participated on the ride and again to Lynda and Ken for organising it!

Lunch on the verandah afterwards was lovely!! A full round of Lynda's and everyone else's photos are on the FB site for all to enjoy!



"I told you the electric fence would come in handy."



Cow poetry

PS from Newsletter Editor

Once again, we thank you Ken and Lynda for welcoming us to your home following what was a most enjoyable ride. Special commendation must go to Ken who put life and limb on the "electric fence line" and lead the way on this "cracker" of a ride. Saw the above cartoons and thought of you. Hoping this ride left you with your batteries charged.

## Bushrangers out and about



In Barraba, Alison, Ange and Helen attended a five day Working Equitation camp and competition.



Quarter Horse gelding, Late For Vegas owned and bred by Alison returned from the breakers. Here he is on his maiden ride.



Last weekend Ange and Rodger wowed the judges at the Australian National Working Equitation Championships held at the AELEC



And here we have Claudia who continues to do amazing things with her lovely Lenny.

Longstanding junior club member 15-year-old Claudia Galvin also features in this month's 'Out and About'.

Claudia has a big comp year ahead on her much adored, 8-year-old 'Lenny'.

She has worked steadily with Lenny over the past two years after purchasing a quiet, but the green unraced thoroughbred gelding.

Claudia's main interests are show jumping and eventing.

Winter is peak comp season on both the eventing and SJ calendar.

Claudia is currently competing 60cm in eventing,

80cm open show jumping

'C' grade Pony Club show jumping, which is 90cm.

She is keen to move up in the eventing levels (her mother – not so much...) but realises slow and steady is the best approach for a 'newbie' junior to the eventing world who is campaigning a relatively new eventing horse.

Upcoming comps include Tamworth International Eventing at the AELEC in May, followed by the very popular Interschools Horse Extravaganza again at the AELEC. This is a big equine event attracting over 600 riders in various disciplines.

Claudia has also qualified for the Pony Club State Championships at Denman in July, where she will represent 'Zone 5' in show jumping, against the best Pony Club riders from around the state.

This is followed by the winter Show jumping Championships again at the AELEC in July.

All these activities help to keep both Claudia and her family very busy indeed. (And broke).

Claudia's last comp was at the Quirindi ODE in March where she did a lovely dressage test, scoring well, jumped a lovely clear round in the show jumping, and went beautifully in the XC (however was eliminated for jumping a 'B' grade jump 😊😞 out of the water).

Claudia was unphased by this and thoroughly enjoyed the comp and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Her goals for the near future are for State Championships in eventing next year, and to progress up to 'B' grade in show jumping and 80cm in eventing.

When there are no comps on Claudia loves to give Lenny some relaxing down time out on the trail with the club.

And her Mum even gets a ride too!!



- **May club ride – information not currently available.**
- **Please send ride reports, member news and photos to [helenwds@gmail.com](mailto:helenwds@gmail.com) no later than 5<sup>th</sup> of each month as I would like to have newsletter out by 7<sup>th</sup> of the month**
- **Please forward any recommendations or ride ideas to organisers.**
- **Keep updated by our club face book page Tamworth Bushrangers Trail Riding Club and remember if we all do a little, then we all have fun.**

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