

# 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

### June 2019

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> - Kings Tablelands Road W/Falls –  
Dagmar

### July 2019

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Grono Track Colo Heights – Phil

### August 2019

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – McMahons Road Kurrajong - Julie

### September 2019

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Pattersons Range - Dee

### October 2019

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – Scheyville NP - Dee

### November 2019

To be advised Xmas Party Weekend

### December 2019

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> - Sun Valley – Phil

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service to members and are intended as a guide only.*

## Presidents Report.



Hey Members,

Our rides have still not been well attended, nothing in particular to blame just the way it goes from time to time so the committee have decided to cut the rides back to one a month for the rest of the year.

The Ingar Trail, at this stage is not an option for riding NPWL are still in negotiations with the owner of the property which has to be passed through to gain access. Dagmar has gone to a lot of trouble to try to organise a ride for us here but unfortunately its not an option, thanks Dagmar for trying.

For those of you who use McMahons Trail the lock on the gate has been altered so it is now easier to put in the code and get it opened.

Teresa and Clancy have been doing very well at some of the shows this year getting lots of ribbons. At the NSW Waler State Championships' they achieved. 'Reserve Champion Show Hunter' as well as lots of other ribbons, at Hawkesbury Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 'Other Heavy Horse Led Gelding' and most recently at St Ives Show 2nd 'Led Waler Gelding' and 1st 'Ridden Waler'. Congratulations ! What a great effort.

Teresa has also been accepted as the 'Financial Director' for ATHRA. Another feather in her cap ! Congratulations Teresa.

Kerry and Ebony have decided to move to New Zealand to be with Kerry's dad as he grows older. They will not be moving until next year but this will leave us all sad as they have been a very helpful part of our club and the committee for many years and we wish them well in their new exciting life. Until they leave Ebony will be getting into the show ring with her horses, so we wish her luck and we will be looking forward to hearing how that goes for her.

Condolences go out to Debbie Beanland and her family as they have not only lost Martin's Mum recently but have suffered the sudden loss of his Dad as well. I imagine that they are all going through a very trying time and we are all thinking of you at this very sad time.

Also, very sad to announce that Judy has also lost her Aunty Jan. Condolences to all of her family. Judy was very close to her Aunty Jan. No doubt she has many beautiful memories of her and she will be missed very much.

Welcome back into the saddle to Ashleen who has undergone a hip replacement to repair damage that was done during an accident some time ago. She is doing so well, trotting cantering and tolt along the trail. Wonderful ! Hope to see her back on the next club ride.

Congratulations to Dagmar who recently attended the 'ATHRA Ride for Pride' ride and camp. She raised \$1550 for the Leukemia Foundation and the whole event raised \$33,000, great achievement, well done to everyone who attended.

Unfortunately Dagmar's new horse 'Ree' had met with a very nasty paddock accident and has been spending a lot of time recovering in and out of the vet clinic. We hope that her injuries heal soon and they can move on with their training and have the fun that they were planning to have along the way.

Its that time of the year where the committee are starting to plan for our Christmas Party Weekend. We will keep you informed about the date and the venue as our plans come together.

Hope to see you all on the trail!  
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)**

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## Ride Reports:

### Sunday 7th April at Yellowmundi.

Perfect weather as the three senior amego's saddled up the Yellowmundi club ride. Great to see Phil out on Red after successful treatment for Cushings. With only 3 on the ride the dancing prancing jogging Dezy dropped back to a relaxing leisurely walk. Led by the ever reliable trail boss Dee on Sharnee, the three of us sighed happily, content to be in the saddle again.

We used the ride as a bit of a reconnaissance / exploration venturing down a few trails not normally taken on the club rides. The river crossing part of the ride was really lovely and reminded us of how lucky we are to have access to such beautiful places to ride. The lunch break was a little longer than normal to give all three of us time to rest the weary bones.

These weary bones raised a groan from all three of us as we stood to head off back to base.

Another successful ride with no issues or injuries, other than the arthritic ones we originally rode off with.

Finally the new locking system on the gates is much better and makes it that much easier to use, the presence of very few bikes also made it a very low stress ride.

Thanks Dee and Phil for the lovely company.

Leanne Stubbs and Dezy









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