



# COWRA & DISTRICT TRAIL HORSE RIDERS AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



Well we should be coming to the end of winter and nearing some Spring Sunshine but it seems Mother Nature has other ideas this weekend!! But that is not going to deter our keen Trail Riders – at our meeting this week there was lots of planning for some great events on the calendar. So make sure you are getting some time in the saddle, and mark these dates in the diary.....

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** We might need our winter woolies but riding in the forest is always a lot of fun so Rachel is going to plan us a nice ride with the promise of hot soup for lunch and a bonfire to thaw us out! Ride notice will be sent out in a few days.

**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – followed by our regular club meeting. Cowra Services Club – 6.30 for Dinner – 7.30 AGM starts.

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** Club Ride – Maurice will be in charge for this one, hopefully at one of our favorite ride (and lunch) locations – stay tuned for details.

**SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> & SUN 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** Clinic with Double Dan Horsemanship. Rider positions all taken but fence sitters are very welcome.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** Club ride out at Kate and Tony's place at Woodstock.

**17-18-19 APRIL 2020** Don't miss the ATHRA Regional Rendezvous – hosted by our club at Old Woman's Creek.



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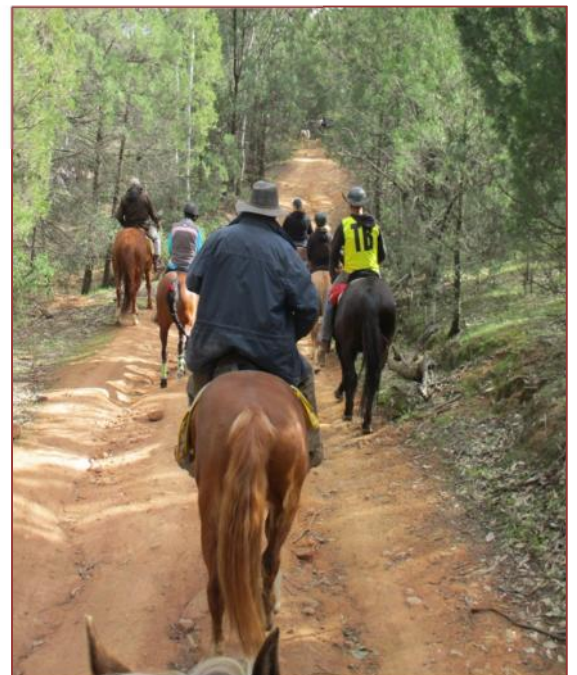
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## Ride Report – June 2019 – Back Creek

There were 18 riders who participated in the June ride starting at Maurice's property on Back Creek Reserve Road. The ride headed out along a dirt road with some lovely views across the countryside. Then it was onto the verge next to the highway for a short time, most of the horses handled the cars and trucks racing past well, but there was a mishap with one horse slipping on the tar, luckily rider and horse were OK. The ride then continued under the Back Creek Bridge, Maurice as trail boss had found a fairly easy place to cross, but this had all changed with the overnight rain! An alternative route was found and with everyone working together the steep and boggy area was navigated successfully! The ride then meandered along another back road ending up back at the floats for a yummy barbecue cooked by Sam. Thanks Maurice for managing a difficult ride!



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tues 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Our AGM has been brought forward from our usual early October date as a few members will be away, and it will also allow for last minute preparations before the Double Dan Clinic. All members are encouraged to come along and have your say in Who and How the club is run! You might even want to volunteer for a job!!

**Cowra Services Club**

**6.30 dinner in the Bistro – 7.30 AGM starts**



Watta Rec Grounds – come along and fence sit for the weekend – and bring all your horsey friends!

## Ride Report – July 2019 – Koorawatha Weir

Despite the foggy start it was another big group of 19 riders who headed out from Bronwyn's house paddock to the chorus of 100's of Corellas. It was great to welcome 4 visiting riders. We made our way through paddocks then along the back roads heading for Koorawatha. Trail Boss Steven did a great job organising a support crew and escort vehicle to ensure we were all safe on the roads – and when a couple of riders had minor issues and pulled out to head for home the rescue float was on hand to help out. After about 12km the horses appreciated a rest at the weir while riders enjoyed a hot cuppa and yummy morning tea thanks to our escort vehicle crew. About 8km home was vey enjoyable, topped of with fantastic lunch of curry and soup to warm us all up at the end of the day. Thank you Steven and Bronwyn and your helpers for another fantastic Koorawatha ride!

