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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

January 2021

Sunday 31st January Sun Valley PC & AGM. All need to attend.

Articles published in this newsletter are published only as a service to members and are intended as a guide only.

Presidents Report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - DECEMBER 2020.

After kicking off with our AGM at Sun valley we had a very unusual year with Covid lurking around and we were asked to follow some new rules put forward by ATHRA.

We still managed to ride at Moran's Rock in March, Pauls Rd in March, Sun Valley in March, Sun Valley again in June, Colo in July, Mountain Lagoon in September then we had our Rydal Camp in October followed by our Christmas Party Weekend at Capertee Homestead in November where Judy was lucky enough to ride for 5 days straight and the rest of us rode for 3 or 4 days. So considering it was a really messed up year with social distancing on everyone's mind we didn't do too badly.

Our committee worked very hard even though we didn't have as many official meetings as we would have had normally, there was a lot of discussion going on along the trail and at our ride bases when Judy, Sarah and myself rode together during the year.

Our Camp at Rydal was an awesome time, Dagmar had organised the best rides for us and it was a new experience for us camping around the 'Old Bar' at the show ground.

Our Christmas Party Weekend at Capertee Homestead was just the ultimate in horse riding accommodation. The most beautiful homestead set in a wonderful location, in a valley where we seem to have the whole National Park to ourselves. Again, Dagmar & Judy had gone to a lot of trouble to make sure we had the best club rides and Deb Mavin had taken up the position of 'Head Chef' for our 'Christmas BBQ' and also our 'Big Breaky'. She did an amazing job! All the campers got along really well and we came home well rested, well fed and with happy horses. It was such a fun time.

Finally Julie's knee operation came to the top of the list and unfortunately her and Barry, who was also not in good health at the time had to miss out on our Christmas Party Weekend. They were sadly missed and we are hoping to catch up with them again real soon.

Phil has also been out of action for most of the year needing a hip replacement, we are very much hoping that he will be back in the saddle in 2022 when I'm sure he will be wanting to make up for lost time.

I attended the Sun Valley Pony Club Presentation Day last weekend and presented the 'Trailblazer Trophy' sponsored by BMTHRC to Alanna Anderton, who, according to the pony club committee is the one who loves trail riding the most. I also presented the president, Annemarie Anderton with the perpetual trophy to be held at the club house.

I was made to feel very welcome and I stayed to watch the children have their first attempt at some jumping. They all did very well and I'm sure their instructor was very pleased with the results.

Our AGM has been set down for 31st January 2021 and I would like to encourage everyone who is a member of the club to think seriously about becoming a committee member and helping out with the work load. Judy and I feel we would like to take a bit of a back seat for this next year. We would both be happy to be helping out and assisting where ever it is necessary, or guiding the new position holders along in their rolls.

Our committee only meets once every second month where we have dinner together followed by our meeting at a venue that is chosen by the committee members. It's only a few hours and it is a great time that we spend together making these decisions about where and when we will ride and how we will go about doing things. Even if you can come along and assist with some of the workload it would be appreciated.

We are needing computer literate people to help out with emails and keeping the ATHRA site up to date. Nothing too hard, just to get the constant pressure off the same people every year.

The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer, Editor, NPWL Liaison

Officer and General Committee members. Please consider getting involved.

We are also desperate for new Trail Bosses, we have lost Dagmar, sadly, as she has moved further west and while I'm sure she will be happy to take us on rides in her new area we will really miss her when we are doing our local rides. Also, until Phil is back on his horses again we will be missing his Trail Bossing skills. So, we are only left with Julie and myself. There is a Trail Boss course happening soon at Gooloogong, that some of you might consider attending.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for attending our rides and camps, and I would especially like to thank the committee members for the work you put into making our club run smoothly.

Again, I have had the time of my life riding with all of you under the Blue Mountains Trail Horse Riders Club banner and I look forward to seeing what next year brings to our special club.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Till we meet again on the trail...Ride safely!

DEE - President.



News Items

***Membership pricing for 2021.**

Athra has been able to negotiate discounted pricing for insurance for Athra Clubs and members. Therefore, those who had joined their club by September 2020 for the 2020 year will now have their Athra insurance component of the membership automatically extended until 31st December 2021. You should have received your 2021 membership certificate from Athra by now. BMTHRC has decided to discount our membership portion by 50%. So all current members will need to pay only \$15 by 31st December 2020 to be a full financial member of BMTHRC for 2021. The \$15 is payable directly to BMTHRC.

The same applies to any Associate members of BMTHRC. If you are currently an Associate member of our club but you want us to now be your primary club, let one of the committee know and we can have Athra change your details to Blue Mountains.

New members to Athra clubs who join by 31st December 2020 for 2021 membership will get a 50% discount on both the Athra and Club components of the Membership. Total now being only \$65 for 2021. If anyone knows someone who has been thinking about joining our great club please encourage them to join before 31st December 2020 to take advantage of this great deal.

All memberships and Athra Insurance reverts back to normal from 1 January 2021. (\$100 for Athra and \$30 to BMTHRC)

BMTHRC Bank Details are; BSB 112879 A/C 489377144

Please Email the club when you pay your discounted Club Membership Fee. bmtrailclub@outlook.com

Don't forget to have a copy of the Membership details either printed or have a copy on your phone, once you have joined a club. You will need that as confirmation of insurance for any club you ride with.

***AGM 2021 Date**

BMTHRC AGM2021 is 31st January 2021.

We need all members to attend and please think seriously about joining the Committee in 2021.

Please put it on your calendar. Time and Venue to be advised. It will probably be combined with a ride, weather permitting.

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

Upcoming Ride Details:

Sun Valley Day Ride – Sunday 31st January 2021

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 0411 275 133.

Ring 48 hours prior.

Directions : Arriving from east (Sydney) turn right into Sun Valley road follow down to the pony club grounds.

Arriving from west (Katoomba) turn left into Sun Valley Road and follow down to pony club grounds.

2021 AGM will be at the Sun Valley PC Club house following the Ride.
Please we need everyone to attend.

Ride Reports:

CAMP RYDAL - Friday 9TH October 2020

I arrived at the Rydal Showground at lunch time, it only took me 1hour & 45 minutes to get there so I was very happy with the trip. I put Sharnee in a yard and went about setting up my camp next to the 'Old Bar' shed and then I sat down and had a bite to eat and a well deserved cuppa.

It wasn't too long before Dagmar and Jess arrived and Jess was very quickly put into a yard along side Sharnee. The next to arrive was Sarah & Angus with Archer & Zander. Not too long after Ailsa & Poco, Julie & Amitty and Judy & Bella. Everyone had picked themselves a site to call home for the weekend and an appropriate yard for their horse.

Sarah and Angus took their horses out for a ride around the showground area and down one of the trails in the afternoon before we settled our horses in for the night. I was a bit cool in the evenings so we rugged the horses up and then we rugged ourselves up as well. Angus had lit a fantastic camp fire for us in an old cut-off 44 gallon drum and we all went about getting ourselves some dinner. We chatted around the campfire for quite some time sharing stories and just enjoying the first camp the club has had in a long time.

It was a lovely weekend with everyone being so happy and the rides that Dagmar had arranged for us were just awesome. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a great time.

DEE & SHARNEE





RIDE REPORT – Rydal Spring Camp – Saturday 10/10/2020

A group of seven riders set out on Saturday morning from the Rydal show grounds, where we all camped the night before, for our full day ride. The riders were Judy, Dee, Ailsa, Julie, Sarah & Angus and myself. Straight off we made our way down a very steep track followed by some water crossings and a long steep hill up on the other side to enjoy views of Lake Lyell from the top of the mountain. A bit further down this track we reached the Cox River crossing which was splendid as usual and so we decided to have a short morning tea break along the waters edge. From there our road took us back up the mountain, through native forest and along long, sunny pine plantation roads to our lunch spot off the track on a hill. After we refreshed ourselves with sandwiches and lollies it was only an easy 45 Minutes back to camp. The 20 Km track through Rydal gave us plenty of hills, water, views, forests and lots of chatting along the way. Many Thanks for joining me on this challenging ride, you are all tough ladies and Angus managed very well too.

Happy Riding

Dagmar and Jess.





Ride Report for Rydal Sunday Oct 11th 2020

Only 3 of us backed up for the planned Sunday Ride.

Julie, Dagmar and Myself rode out of the showground at about 8.30am. We headed down the road towards the train line. Crossed the train line without a problem and headed towards the Cob & Co Trail.

We had the choice of 2 bridges to get us to the trail. We chose the little narrow concrete bridge over the gully. All 3 horses crossed it without a problem. We headed up the hill and along a dirt road, past the resort and into the bush.

One of the trails we were going to follow had recently been locked so we went on with plan B. We continued along the trail and through a couple of gates. Then we were able to have a long slow trot and canter around the side of the hill. Beautiful views and lush green grass down the steep hill on the side of the trail. Once at the top we took turns to open another couple of gates and we headed up to the lookout. What a View. It was like we were on top of the world. It was a great photo opportunity with the valley and the lakes and the chimneys in the background.

After the photo shoot, we found a shady spot further down the hill and stopped for a snack and a drink. The grass was green and soft and the horses enjoyed a pick.

The ride back was mostly down hill but the horses new they were on the way home. We managed another couple of trots and canters along the way. We chose to cross the larger bridge on the way home so we passed a couple of inquisitive ponies, some dogs and sheep. Fortunately we didn't encounter the train as we rode along the road beside the tracks.

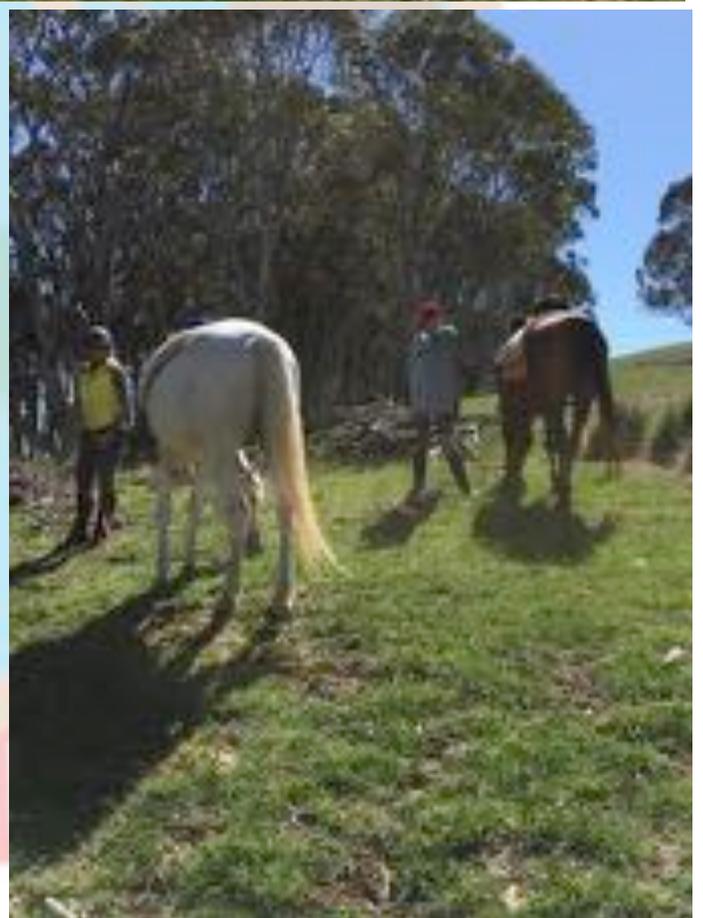
Back to the showground and Dee and Ailsa were still there. It was only about 11.30. Our horses were unsaddled, fed and watered as we finished packing up. Our big camping weekend was over.

Thank you Dagmar for organizing 2 fantastic, very different rides.

Can't wait to do it again and find some new trails, as I am sure there is lots more exploring to do at Rydal.

Happy Riding,
Judy and Bella





RYDAL CAMP - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020

We were all up bright and early for our final day camping at Rydal. As I was a bit concerned about my car making it all the way up Mt Vic on the way home I had decided to not go on the club ride along the Cobb & Co Trail. This was a hard decision as this trail is one of my all time favourites and I had been looking

forward to it for such a long time. I also knew that Dagmar would have a great time in store for us. Ailsa had also decided to leave early so the two of us set off for a really short ride just along one of the trails close to the showground.

We had a slow ride as Ailsa had not put Poco's boots on and he was being a bit of a sugarfoot. We rode along the side of the railway line at a relaxing pace and just as we had turned back towards the showground again along came a big blue train ! Well the horses handled that very well and we headed back, unsaddled and packed up the last of our things and while we were having a last coffee together for a while the others came back from their ride a bit early too.

We said our good byes and headed off in different directions for our trip home.

It was such a nice weekend together with good friends, great horses and a relaxing atmosphere.

DEE & SHARNEE



Capertee Christmas Weekend 19th November – 23rd November 2020

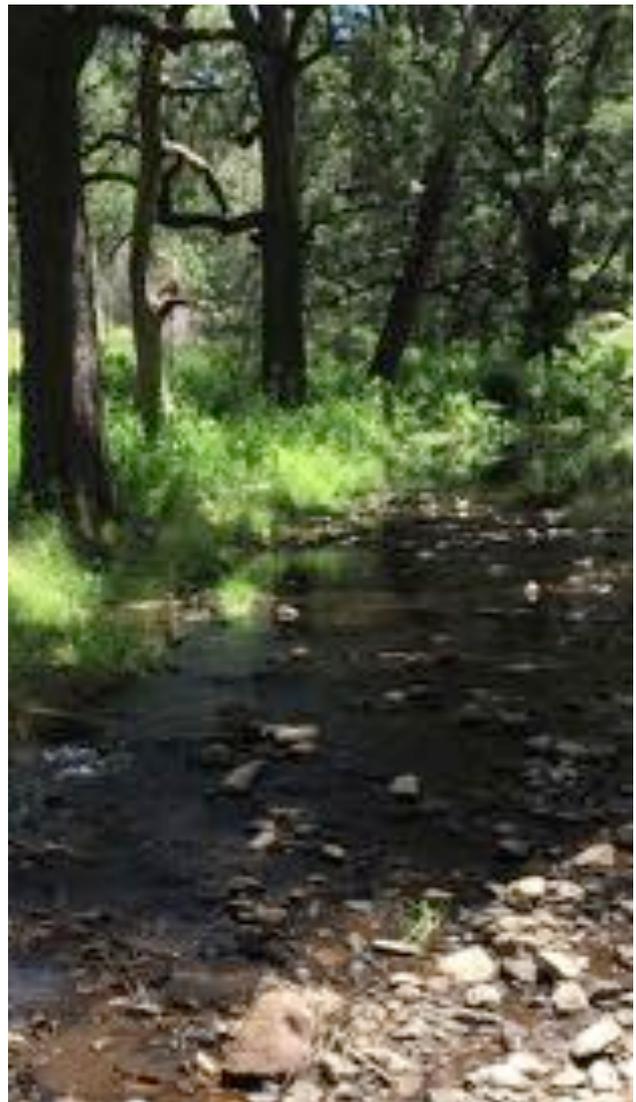
First day – Thursday 19th November 2020

Thursday morning, leaving home in Meadow Flat around 8:00am with the float loaded up and of course my trusted pony Jess inside.

The previous evening I had asked Judy to meet early at the Port Macquarie Homestead for a pre ride because the forecast was for a hot day and Judy had done all the hard work of searching for maps on the internet. Up to the three way road junction turn off towards Glen Alice the drive was uneventful but the next 21km were slow, dusty, bumpy and poor Jess got a few good shake ups due to many pot holes and bad corrugation of the road. By 10:30 I arrived at the timber horse yards and the Port Macquarie Homestead loomed beautiful and inviting above us. To my great pleasure it took only a few minutes after my arrival that I could spot Judy traversing the river crossing and coming towards the float parking area. After a quick hello we saddled up and went on for what turned out to be an interesting ride along overgrown river edges, up and down steep hills and along green meadows. It took a few hours to find a great spot along the river where our thirsty horses refreshed themselves and we could lay in the cool grass for a while. On our return it was very hot but we still needed to put the electric horse yards up. We were both very happy when we finally made it, exhausted but happy to the inviting Port Macquarie Homestead where our weekend riding companions already waited. A terrific start to what turned out to be a most enjoyable weekend with fabulous company.

Happy Riding
Dagmar and Jess

Braving the Heat



RIDE REPORT - Friday 20TH November 2020

We were all up at day-break going down to the yards to feed our horses and having our breaky as the forecast for the day was very hot and we had decided to ride as early as possible and to be back to the homestead by lunchtime.

It was still nice and cool as Ailsa, Deb, Marianne, Deb and myself headed out along the side of the Capertee River and then along to Deadmans Creek. We had decided to take the track to 'Policemans Camp'. Ailsa was a bit worried about Clancy as it was his first time out on the trail with this many horses but he had a good day and behaved very well.

We went through the gate and up the hill. We were all very excited as none of us had done this trail before. Not too far along the track, we came across a goanna trying to hide from us up a tree. After we had photographed him within an inch of his life we came to a fork in the trail. Not knowing exactly which way to go we headed on and came across a lovely shaded area with lots of green grass for the horses to have a pick on. We rested there for a while and then headed off again. After a short time we somehow managed to loose the trail where they had been planting trees and it was not obvious which was the proper trail so we rode through quite a bit of prickly weeds and found a creek crossing. We gave our horses a drink and then kept trying to find the right trail. More prickly weeds and the horses were getting a bit sick of that so we decided to turn back the way we had come.

We stopped again at the same area where we had our rest earlier and we tied our horses up while we had some morning tea. Everyone was very chatty and were enjoying our ride inspite of us not being able to

find the trail that we were hoping to do today. After our break we mounted back up and when we came to the fork in the trail again we went in the other direction and that took us down into Policemans Camp (found it!) and another creek crossing, this trail was much clearer to see and the grass along the side of the river was very green and it was lovely and cool under the shade of the pines.

We crossed the river a few times and then came across another homestead, not knowing if it was the caretakers cottage or just private property we turned around and went back. We found the trail we had come along earlier without any problems and by this time we were all ready to return to the homestead. Deb decided that she would give Bonnie a break and not ride her back up the hill, a decision that she very soon regretted as the hill was very steep and by now it was starting to get very hot. We rested at the top to give the horses a blow and to let poor Deb catch her breath.

Eventually we wandered back to the homestead and we were so impressed with the views, the trail and the river and how well all of our horses behaved. We gave them a good rinse off and yarded them before heading back to the coolness of our homestead for a bite of lunch and a bit of quiet time reading books and having a bit of a nap and just catching up with each other.

Late in the afternoon we took our horses down the trail in the other direction for a paddle in the river and cool off where I'm sure Big Pete was out to get Deb as wet as he could by splashing around in the water. We returned to the yards and giving them their well deserved night feed.

We had a beautiful ride (the first of many) and a very relaxing day with great company and good horses. Dagmar & Judy had been off together today doing a pre-ride for Dagmar's official club ride tomorrow so we all went to bed looking forward to that !

DEE & SHARNEE - VERY HAPPY CAMPERS

Explorers





Ride Report for Friday 20th November – Capertee Pre-ride

Friday was not a club ride day. The weather was forecast to be quite warm so Dagmar and I decided to ride together so we could confirm which trails to use for the club ride the following day. We rode out at about 8.30 to try to beat the heat. Everyone else also rode on Friday but they headed out on a different trail. We had already established that the Carinya Trail was too long and hard for young and unfit horses on a hot day so we decided to try the Airlie Trail.

Today we rode out along the main southern trail and down the big hill and over the creek. A little further on we took the left fork, the Low road, to the Airlie trail. It was a pretty trail and well marked. The trail followed the gully for a while and then it started to wind up a hill. The track was like a snake winding around and up a long steep hill. As we reached the tip of the hill we found a track to the left, which was sign posted to the Airlie Lookout.

When we got to the lookout there were views in every direction. The day was already getting hot so we took a few photos and continued back to the main track to continue on, as I wanted to find a loop track that I had seen on the maps. As we rode along the lookout trail back to the main trail I looked down into the valley below and I thought we were looking over a dam or lake area. As we rode down the hill and got closer to the “lake” I realized it wasn't a lake but a sea of purple flowered weeds. Oh, how your eyes can play tricks!

We followed the trail down hills, up hills, through wooded areas and across open mountain areas until, we were stopped by a fence. Beyond the gate was a pretty property of undulating cleared land with a cottage amongst the trees. We had found the end of the trail but not the loop track.

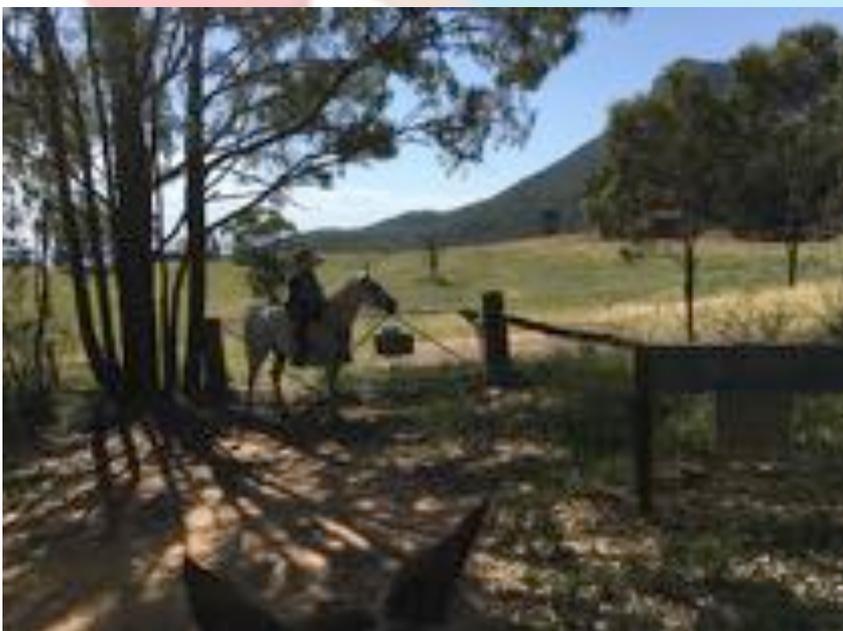
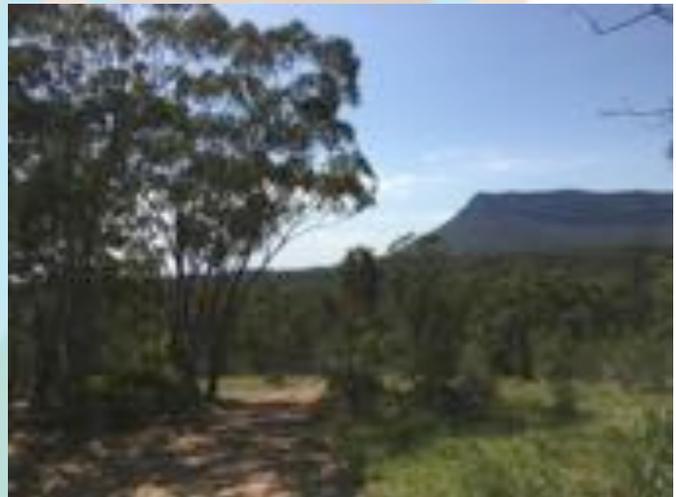
The day was really warming up now and the horses were quite hot as they had trotted and cantered up the big hills. It was easier for them to ascend the hills quickly rather than in a long hard walk. As we headed back we considered going back to the lookout to see if there were any other tracks from there back to the creek. It was so warm that we decided to just head for the creek to have a breather and offer the horses a drink. Once we stopped at the creek, it was decided that the full Airlie trail would be too hilly and long for the club ride on Saturday. The trail would be long enough to ride to the lookout, then back to the creek for morning tea and then, we could ride from there back to the Policemans track along the creek and back to the homestead,

We arrived back to the horse yards, at about midday. I was surprised that the other riders were not back from their ride yet. They returned a few minutes after we unsaddled. Our trusty ponies were washed off, given water and something to eat and they were happy to be returned to their yards. We headed to the Homestead for a cold drink and a shower. Friday afternoon was then perfect for relaxing and chatting.

Thanks Dagmar and Jess for a good Pre-ride. Even if we didn't find the other track!

Judy and Bella

Checking the trails – Pre Ride



Saturday 21 November 2020 - BMTHRC Ride Capertee

The pre ride meeting on Friday night conducted by Dagmar was very thorough, we went through the paperwork, who was going to be trail boss and drag rider for the day, and if anyone had any medical issues that we all needed to know about. As it was going to be quite warm on the Saturday we all decided that we should ride out by 730am to beat the heat.

The morning of the ride, everyone got up, horses and humans breakfasted early. Everyone was eager to get going, one of the guests at the cottage nearby was interested in watching us all as we saddled up and rode out she took lots of photos, which was lovely.

Out on the trail by 7.40am, well done everyone! We rode on marked 4WD trails mostly, river and creek crossings along the way, some forested areas to get out of the sun. The trail was a mix of wide trails and narrow. The horses all behaved themselves, Judy on Bella leading the way and Dagmar on Jesse bringing up the tail, the rest of us, Dee, Deb G, Marianne, Ailsa and myself wapping around from time to time . We stopped at a lovely area for a break, there was a river for the horses to have a drink and some grass for them to have a pick, we sat, relaxed had a snack and a drink and chatted for a bit.

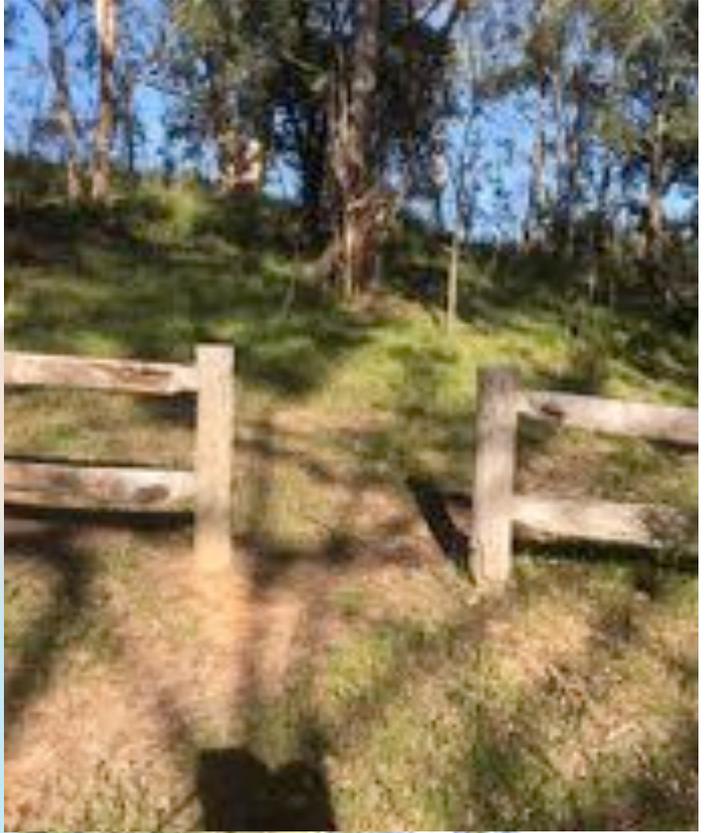
We had the choice of the return being the same way we came up a very steep slope or going back another way which gave us the option of more tree cover and slightly less of a hill, so we all decided to take the second option, also it is always nice to not to have to return the same way you came as the horses then don't want to rush so much.

We got back to the yards just as it was getting quite warm; a few of us then took our horses for a spa treatment down at the river, which they thoroughly enjoyed. For us once we put the horses back in their yards with some lunch it was time to have lunch ourselves and we were then treated by Ailsa to a DVD called Amanda about a Clydesdale horse and a young boy.

Great ride, thoroughly enjoyable day, thank you everyone
Deb M

[The Team – Ready to Ride Saturday.](#)







Report on the Christmas Evening From Deb G Saturday 21st November 2020

Being the rookie of the group this year, I must say I was impressed with how the ladies really made the Christmas celebration of the weekend a fun night. We were blessed to have Debra Mavin take the lead responsibility for the meal prep and everybody chipped in to help and also set the table at Port Macquarie house with the Christmas fanfare.

Paper hats, tiny toys and bad jokes made the most of the bonbons and the odd glass of wine ensured we were ready for Dee to take us through present sharing with a fun difference. Horseland came to the party with gift vouchers, much appreciated, and some extra horsy treats. Riverview produce donated a bag of chaff as one of our prizes.

As the Christmas Camp for the year I don't believe it could be topped. Great company and people determined to make the most of a break away in a stunning environment came together to produce a really memorable 5 day trip in beautiful Capertee.

Deb G and Bonny

Party time – Good food, friends and Fun





Fun and Games



Ride Report Sunday 22nd November, 2020

After a scrumptious Sunday breakfast of bacon, snag and egg rolls cooked by wonderful Chef Deb, lounging on the wide verandas taking in the beautiful views, sipping coffee. (as you do on a Sunday morning) we made our way down to the horse yards to saddle up for our club Sunday Ride!

It was a lovely sunny morning and we headed off in the opposite direction to yesterday. Following a long winding road through tall wispy grasses, stately Eucalyptus trees and two very pretty river crossings, we then ascended the hill to our destination, Valley Lookout.

What a spectacular view!! We all had fun taking photos of each other and lined up for a group photo. All

horses were very well behaved. We headed back to a lovely morning tea spot amongst the gum trees where we rested and chin wagged for a while.

I heard our trailblazers mentioning camels in a paddock just over the rise, so of course we went to check them out! The camels were quite far away and looked like little dinosaurs in Jurassic Park. We went a bit further up the top of another hill for a better look but didn't stay too long as our horses eyes did start popping.

We decided to make a quick descent and made our way back safely to the river crossings where our horses deserved a cool well earned drink. The weather had warmed considerably when we arrived back to home base. After settling our trusty steeds back to their paddocks, and some of us taking them for a bathe in the river, our last afternoon was spent relaxing at the beautiful homestead.

It was a good chance also for exploring the surrounds, so the two Debs and I found an old tennis court, lots of rusty farm machinery and poked around the dilapidated woolshed. Our trusty steeds were gazing longingly at us as we walked back so of course it was then dinner time for them and time to start organising to come home.



Dinosaur spotting, Jurassic Park
(Actually, they were the camels!!!!)

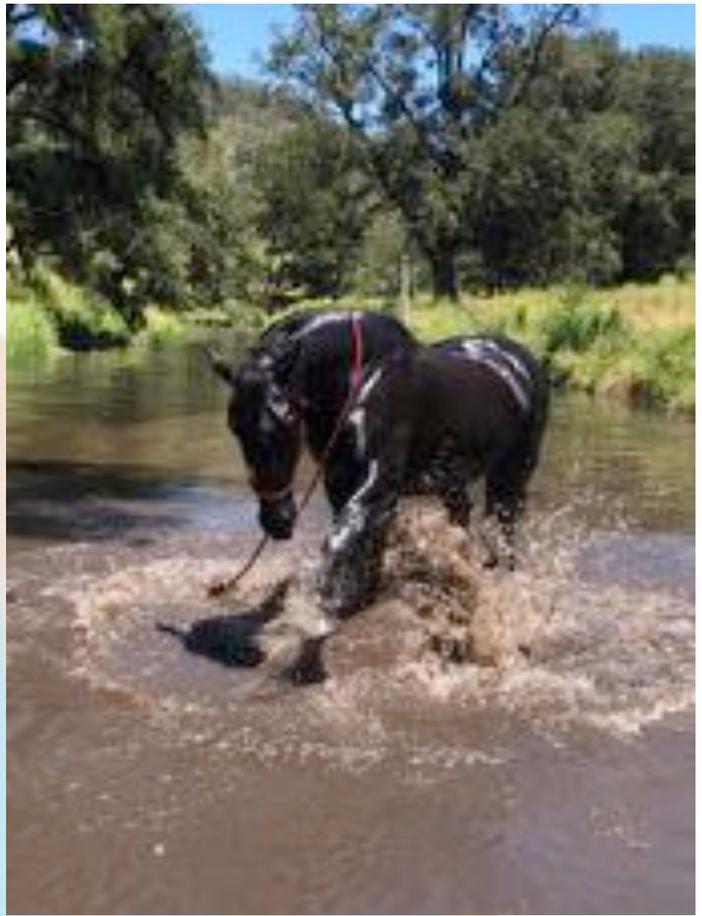


Nikki and Pete enjoying a scratch!!





Bonnie enjoying some 'chilling time'!



Beautiful big Pete having fun splashing around



A lovely view from the homestead.



Sunday Breaky

Final Ride Report for 23rd November 2020 – BMTHRC Christmas weekend

Well..... what a wonderful weekend all we had .

Perfect setting, a very comfortable accommodation.

From the time I got to Port Macquarie in Capertee national park , I heard the Cheers from the verandah out the front . Happy hour was on ...

I knew this ride was going to be a good one.

There were seven of nicest ladies, everybody was happy to chip in to help. I never heard a cross word all weekend.

I was extremely grateful to everyone for their patience. For helping me get a handle on riding young Clancy. It was his first time out with seven strange horses. Thank you so much ladies.

Even on his first day out he got kicked in the chest by a not so friendly mare. But he was just a bit too close.

Good lesson for him. It was great beginnings for a trail horse. I can honestly say I would happily ride with any of these ladies again.

On Mondays Ride out there was only three of us left.

Dee, Judy & I. All the other ladies decided to pack up & head off before the heat of the day. Probably very wise.

But it was such a great place to stay & ride. We wanted it to last as long as possible.

We headed off to a small gate way, we had seen on a previous ride.

You know. ... go exploring .

We headed off down past Deadmans creek .

The three horses all happy going forward. Even Bella who hated Deadmans creek . We found the small gate.

Slipped though. But after going through some heavy bush, we come out only to find very high weeds & no

trails. So we headed back out to the trail we did on the Friday. Past some old ruins . We crossed the Oakey

creek a few times . Then up the big rocky hill, that we had nick named "Debs Hill" because Debbie G had

walked up this hill on the Friday morning in 30 degree heat. To help her horse Bonny. Love that.

And we headed back to camp

After all we had a big trip home ahead of us.

I Loved the company of all the ladies that attended the Blue Mountains Christmas party weekend in 2020.

Lets all do it again next year.

Ailsa and Clancy







Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Weekend at Capertee. Never before have I had such a great weekend away. Great food and fun, Great Riding, Fantastic horses. Perfect accommodation and most importantly, the company and respect of our riders.

Thank you also to our Trail Bosses, Dagmar and Dee. You both did a great job whilst we were on the trails. You did a great job being able to adjust rides to suit all riders and horses over the weekend.

I have a big Thank You to Deb M who took on the task of Head Chef for our Christmas party meal. WOW. Best BBQ ever.

Bring on our next camp!

Judy



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