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Ride Report

Brimbamalla

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On the weekend of 4th Nov the weather gods turned it on for fifteen riders to enjoy a beautiful part of the South Coast west of Termeil, at Chris Holes property "Brimbamalla" situated on the river of the same name.

Robert, Kate and Phil (a newcomer) got the jump on the other members. After some fishing tuition from the masters Ian & Col Heycox, although this didn't help Phil, Robert had no problem landing a beauty, feeling sorry for Phil he served it up to him for breakfast.

Nev missed the turn into the property and went for a little sightseeing tour and had the difficult task of reversing four hundred meters or so on the narrow Folders Rd to turn around, well done Nev.

Most members arrived on the Friday and after some confusion about the start time the President settled down and concluded she may have made a mistake. (Sounds like John or her rarely make mistakes).

Kate had a beautiful Quarter/ Stock horse cross on trial but decided to let John the 'Guru' take the reigns as she was a little nervous and with good reason.

After a couple of false starts we got under way across the river led by Colin Heycox, who incidentally, had been running cattle throughout this area for some forty years prior, he has vivid memories and we were fortunate enough to have him share them with us. The area is strewn with relics from a bygone gold mining era. Along Mines Rd dangerous shafts drop to eerie depths with mounds of shale in all directions.

One mine where an old stamping mill is still evident, went horizontally into the side of the mountain for some sixty meters or so, then went vertical, the cool air being extracted was about a very pleasant 16 degrees, three meters out it was in the early 30s range.

The main reason for the ride was to help Colin, Ian and Glyness clear an old overgrown track with a ride to the mines thrown in, but with temperatures in the mid 30s it was taking its toll, on rider and horse, so we are going to get together again for a ride in March to finish or should I say start the job.

Meals were a communal affair with a BBQ on Friday Night and a great fire compliments of Col and Ian.

Saturday night were chooks in the camp oven, put on by Robert who was to put the veggies on half an hour later but was nowhere to be found (asleep). But we did have some responsible cooks, thanks to Nev, Deb and Phil who did a great job of cooking the dinner amidst a heavy thunder storm.

Romeo and Jenni decided go for a stroll in the early morning mist but they were no match for trackers John, Nev and Sylvia.

Looking forward to the next ride, lets try for a good turnout.

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Upcoming Rides

December 4th & 5th

Christmas Party

Terry & Yvonne—Buckenboursa

After arriving at Terry & Yvonne's come down the driveway past both homes, through the white gate behind the holding yard (they will have it signposted).

9.30 for 10:00am Ride out.

BYO lunch Saturday

Party starts at 5pm. Dinner Saturday night and breaky provided. Invite your family along, all welcome.

Cost for members- \$5 ride fee only

Non-member / rider \$45 (\$20 goes to ATHRA)

Non-member / non rider \$20

This is fancy dress... come as something that begins with one of the letters in our clubs name...

S C A T S eg. **S**anta, **C**at, **A**rtist, **T**iger, **S**oldier etc.

Please ring Bronwyn 0428130744 by the 26th November to confirm catering numbers and to tell her of your contribution of our meal.



General Info:

This will be my last newsletter, as my number one typist is going to have a baby in December and now she will have two under two! Her time will be precious. I have handed the job to Terry and I wish to thank my daughter Kellie for all her work in setting out the newsletter for us.



The memberships are now due, membership form and waiver were attached in last months newsletter, or alternatively you can join at the Christmas party.

Please note:

There is No meeting in December. So the next one is the 19th January.

6pm for dinner & meeting starts
7.30pm Tomakin Club

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

