

ATHRA QUEENSLAND



Invites you to join us.....



Enjoy nine days of relaxed riding through one of Queensland's prettiest regions as we host the inaugural ride along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – our first major Community Rail Trail. This event looks towards planning for the future and is committed to building and fostering partnerships in the Communities dotted along its' path. Leaving from Fernvale, located approximately 1 hour's drive from Brisbane, your journey will travel through another 10 historical townships – Lowood, Coominya, Mt Hallen, Esk, Ottaba, Toogoolawah, Harlin, Moore, Linville and Benarkin, all nestled beside the tracks, before you make a final climb up the range into Blackbutt.

Watch the scenery unfold as the track leaves the valley floor travelling across the plains and up slopes timbered with huge pines. This moving camp will allow you to grasp the opportunity to absorb the sights and sounds and culture of this region, as you travel at a much slower pace than the original Steam Locomotives which rattled the rails and brought life to this valley.

We have chosen May to ride along these tracks of time, as our sun blessed Queensland paints the skies in azure shades and the countryside takes on a golden glow with temperate Autumn days. Come and celebrate this event with us.



Planning behind Riding the Rails

During this inaugural Ride, we will be assisting the Department of Infrastructure and Planning by providing valuable feedback on the trail development and amenities provided along the route. This will become invaluable as they continue to support our Organisation and work toward establishing future Community Trails. Upon its' completion this Rural Rail Trail will provide a 148 kilometre trek. We welcome this support.

The Australian Trail Horse Riders National Committee has also pledged support for this event and is excited to be involved. They are assisting the Queensland branch by subsidising the costs of transport used each day, allowing costs to be kept to a minimum, with the savings to be passed on to you the members.



The towns we visit are proud of the unique opportunities this Trail can bring to their Community. Each day your culinary enjoyment will provide much needed funds for Community Groups and Charities at every town you visit. Your lunches and dinners are covered in the cost of the ride, but we would like for participants to cater their own breakfasts, snacks, tea and coffee. However breakfasts will be supplied on our Rest Day at Toogoolawah and for two mornings at Blackbutt as we will all be enjoying a more relaxed day with greater time allowances before activities. We are hoping that the success of this event will continue to foster goodwill and develop supporting networks for future users of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

As this is a moving Camp, we have decided that to enhance personal comfort and enjoyment, we will be moving our vehicles and floats each day. This will give you the opportunity to camp in your floats, enjoying similar amenities to those you would have on a stationary camp. For your horse: we ask that you provide your own electric fencing and water buckets, each night they will be secured in areas with a perimeter fence. Local hay will be available for purchase at Fernvale, Toogoolawah and Blackbutt.

You are invited to take the option of riding with us for the full 9 days or complete half legs of the trek. Costs for the ride are \$350 for the full event, \$200 for Fernvale to Toogoolawah or Toogoolawah to Blackbutt. A complete information package will be sent upon receipt of a deposit.

Bookings will close on 31/03/2010.

Need to know more... please don't hesitate to call

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May we also encourage you all to visit the informative web site of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail for a sneak preview. www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.org.au

