



# Big Sky Trailblazers October 2019

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## Last Ride: by Susan

Friday morning and I have loaded my horse and my dog and I am on my way to pick up my travel buddy and start our Coastal adventure. We arrived at Neds Bed Dog & Horse Hotel (<http://nedsbed.com.au/>) – what a sensational space; Jenny is the perfect balance of host and friend all at once, highly recommended for a break away from the dust and the dry – our horses must have thought they were in heaven, green grass paddocks and dams full of water to splash around in (that was mostly Yogi – Merry’s gelding – didn’t he have a blast!).



On Saturday morning we convoyed out to Hat Head Beach, there were nine of us and we had the best time. Tanya was having a lot of fun (and success) getting Bill into the water and I think everyone got their hooves wet. The weather was very kind to us, it was overcast and a little cooler than expected which kept the average beach-goer away and left us to shrug off the ‘walk only’ guideline and some of us took the opportunity to trot out and some others to canter along – it was awesome.



Having Joe along on this ride *in the saddle* was a highlight. Snipper was a trouper getting along kindly and they both enjoyed it.

What’s for lunch??



After lunch the group dispersed – for some a nap beckoned, others just the serene surroundings of Ned’s place and for a couple of us the river called – Pepper and I practiced our acrobatics and enjoyed bareback swimming and Robyn modelled the very latest in barefoot ‘hooks’!! As we glided through the crystal clear water we experienced that illusive sensation of wet stuff falling from the sky and it was magical.



Saturday night was a social affair with dinner at the club and a few drinks but an early night was had by all.

Sunday morning bacon and eggs (courtesy of the club) and off to the Yarrahapinni ride through a banana/avocado plantation. This 20km ride had



steep inclines to the Lookout and all horses coped very well. Three Brown snakes and one Carpet Python were 'closely' observed on the ride back but everyone returned without incident. Spectacular views made the climb worthwhile and the company of our hosts was entertaining and informative.



The Macleay Club hosted lunch at the top and there wasn't a horse amongst us that complained about being tied up for a spell!!



Sunday afternoon was time for the dogs to have their run on the beach; they met with various random four legged friends and played what we call 'fetch the ball' but they call 'get the ball first and run away with it' they all had a ball!



Monday morning saw some depart for home and some head back to the beach for that one last gallop along the sand before loading up and making that journey home.



A massive thanks to all for the organisation (you must get yourself there next year) and everyone involved in the preparation, setting up, cleaning up, cooking and generally being the best company and mates for the weekend.

Do yourself a favour - if you only do one ride in 2020, make it this one.

## Last Ride: by Kevin



A small group turned out for our Spring Ridge weekend, but a lovely, relaxing time was had! So sorry that Ajarna didn't make it hopefully we will meet soon. The forest supplied endless opportunities for exploring, the Royal Hotel Spring Ridge supplied delicious meals and cold bevies and Allana and Greg got the best sleep in ages testing out her new bed topper! Except for the flies on the Sunday morning ride, this weekend was fantastic! It was great to catch up and have a meal together and support a small local community. The facilities were great but dry.



# Christmas Party



It's coming to that time of year.  
So don't forget to mark

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December**

on the calendar.

It's just out of Gunnedah at Jan's place

Riding Saturday afternoon

Drinking and eating the rest of the evening

Playing in the swimming pool and having fun with the family

If you are up to a ride on the Sunday it can happen

All family members are welcome

Come and enjoy the evening and stay the night

**Our AGM is coming up**

So please start thinking about what position you would like to fill next year

Please read Club Executives Guide to Managing a Club

It explains the roles of the Executives

<http://www.athra.com.au/forms/organisation/148-ims-gu-027-club-executive-s-guide-to-managing-a-club-v20130627-1.html>

# News and Info

## Meeting: Held

1. Due to the drought Dubbo in November has been postponed until next year
2. We will ride at the Vickery State Forest permit requested
3. Christmas Party the Club is able to pay for meat and bread. If we bring salads and desserts and some nibbles that would be great
4. Email to be sent to Tamworth, Armidale and Coast guys inviting them closer to the date
5. ATHRA has got the Early Affiliation Incentive again this year it was decided to get the forms in before the end of November so we get the refund

## 2020 Memberships – by Lloyd Fletcher *from ATHRA newsletter*

ATHRA 2020 membership begins from the 1st of October 2019; which means all members joining or renewing their ATHRA membership from the 1st of October will be registered for the 2020 membership period.

There have been quite a few existing members issued with new ATHRA numbers because they have logged into the ATHRA site and used the “New Membership” tab to renew their membership instead of the “Member Login & Renewal” tab.

When renewing you will be required to enter your ATHRA membership number which will then take you to your individual ATHRA member profile for updating the 2020 period.

For members who do not remember your ATHRA number, we have now added a new tab, under “Membership” tab, which is “Forgot Membership Number”.

Once you click on that tab and follow the prompts and you will be sent your current ATHRA number.

Calendar of Possible Events 2019			
Date	Where	Type	Person to Organise Ride
27 October	Cancelled		Bushrangers
<b>3 November</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Vickery Forest if Dubbo too hot</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
24 November	Nundle	Camp	Bushrangers
<b>1 December</b>			<b>NETRA</b>
<b>7-8 December</b>	<b>Wandbobah Station Christmas Party and AGM</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Bluebums</b>

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A POSSIBLE CALENDER THINGS COULD CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES