

DAYBORO TRAIL RIDERS CLUB INC.



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August 2019 Newsletter



Beautiful Country!

See our July Ride Report inside

Date Claimers

- **25th August** - Club Ride (changed from the Graham Court Memorial ride)
- **23rd August to 2nd Sept** - Mingo
- **29th August** - amended date for Club Meeting
- **31st August 2018** - Yarraman Horse ride
- **20/21/22 September** - Angel Flight Charity Ride
- **22nd September** - Club Ride
- **16th & 17th November 2019** - weekend with Mudgeeraba Club at Cabarita Beach Pony Club grounds.



Our Committee - Executive and Non-Executive members

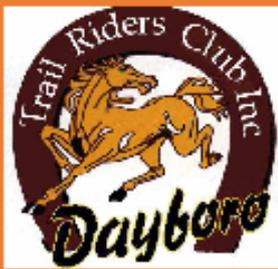
<u>Executive Positions</u>	<u>Name</u>
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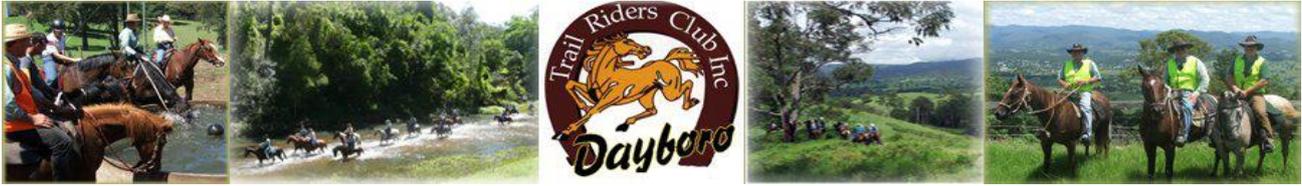
<u>Non-Executive Positions</u>	<u>Name</u>
Caterer/ Christmas party / Soft drinks	Janelle Smith
Club Newsletter	Ken Smith
Publicity/Media - update website, photos, Facebook	Bridgette Kersnovske
Trail Co-ordinator & ride report delegator	Bob Ebert – if Bob unavailable then Debra Shanahan
Big October Ride Co-ordinators	Vacant
TRA Delegate	Bob Ebert



Ride Calendar 2019

We look forward to all of our members turning out for the monthly rides.

DAYBORO TRAIL RIDERS CLUB INC RIDE CALENDAR 2019		
JANUARY Meeting 24 th	Sunday 27 th	
FEBRUARY Meeting 21 st	Sunday 24 th	Feb 21 st - Clubs AGM (Annual General Meeting)
MARCH Meeting 21 st AGM Meeting 9 th	Sunday 24 th	Yarraman – 2 nd March TRA AGM – 9 th March, to be held at Dayboro Showground's.
APRIL Meeting 25 th	Sunday 28 th	Anzac Day Parade – Thursday 25 th Easter Camp – 19 th -22 nd approx.
MAY Meeting 23 rd	TBA. Will be moved to a free weekend. Potentially 19 th	Dayboro Rodeo – 5 th Dayboro Day Parade – 26 th
JUNE Meeting 20 th	Sunday 23 rd	
JULY Meeting 25 th	Sunday 28 th	
AUGUST Meeting 22 nd	Sunday 25 th - All day ride for the Graham Court Memorial Ride.	Kin Kin – 12 th Mingo Station – 26 th August – 4 th September
SEPTEMBER Meeting 19 th	Sunday 22 nd	Mingo Station – Ends 4 th Sept. Angel Flight Charity Ride – 21 st
OCTOBER Meeting 17 th & 24 th	Big October Ride 26 th – 27 th <- 2 meetings leading up to BOR	
NOVEMBER Meeting 21 st	Sunday 24 th	
DECEMBER	Christmas Party - TBA	



WANT TO JOIN THE DAYBORO TRAILRIDERS CLUB?

Membership Fees for 2019

Senior	\$65.00
Junior—under 18 Years	\$60.00
Family	\$140.00—for first 3 members \$60.00—for each subsequent person

Membership forms: available to print off the website - www.dayborotrailriders.com.au

Monthly Ride Fees for 2019

Club fees for the monthly rides for 2019:

- For club members, our ride fee is \$10, and this includes lunch.
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- For visitors, it is \$25, and this also includes lunch.
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- The fee is the same whether you stay for lunch or not.
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- Even though the ride fee includes lunch it is also raising funds for the club.
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- The visitor fee is higher because part of this goes to TRA for insurance.
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- For members/volunteers that are doing sign-on before a ride, a sign-on price list will be available on the table stating that the fee is the same whether you have lunch or not.

Horse Health Declaration Form

We have been notified by the Show Society that we all now must fill out a Horse Health Declaration form every time we do a ride from the show-grounds. I have attached the form for you to download. We will also keep some in the shed in case you forget to bring one.

We have revised the Horse Health Declaration form by adding our Club and the TRA logo. If you have old copies printed off then they are quite okay to use, also there are old copies in the club shed that we will use until they are all gone.

Once these forms are filled out, they will be given to the show society to keep on file after each ride.

On the declaration form, you must write in your PIC number for your property where your horses are kept. You can obtain a PIC number by clicking on the following link. Just fill out all your information and submit it then you will be sent back a PIC number.

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/animal-industries/moving-selling-livestock/national-livestock-identification-system/property-registration/single-land-parcel>



The short but eventful July ride

By Kerry Hill

Although our July ride was promoted as “easy” and shorter-than-normal, it certainly wasn’t dull.

With Deb in the lead, 21 riders left the Showgrounds in perfect, comfortable winter riding weather. The group included a couple of Samford RDA horses having a relaxing day off on the trail and one rider who had left home at the crack of dawn to travel all the way from Logan.

The group also included an adult learner on her new horse (a very patient ex-pacer) who clearly had stepped outside her personal comfort zone to come on the ride. She was very nervous about being in such a large group – and while other riders gave her words of encouragement and advice, I think it’s fair to say that a little more experience in the saddle wouldn’t have gone astray in reducing stress levels all round. Thanks Storky for initially riding ‘shotgun’ and making sure horse and rider settled.

Not long after crossing the main street near the bakery, one of our regular riders experienced some uncharacteristic shenanigans from her mare, who for no obvious reason decided to canter off and kick up her heels. In doing so, an innocent horse was struck but not injured. Maybe Spring is coming early? I heard a few horses on the ride were feeling just as fresh at times.

From the bakery, the ride followed Railway Street and into Butler’s property where we rode along the old rail trail. Then we entered Strong Road and into Warren Ebert’s paddock to bypass the cattle grids. At one point, a couple of trail bikers caught up with us, immediately dropping their speed and idling along until we were all safely off the road and they could slowly pass through the group. As a bike and horse rider, I’m always pleased to see this type of consideration and cooperation between real and ‘iron horse’ owners.

Riding along the quiet backblocks of Dayboro, I was astounded at how close we are to Brisbane city. The tranquillity and country scenery are so soothing for the soul – and our horses love it too. Having said that, there was a brief second when a four wheel drive came hurtling over a hill on a dirt road and locked up in surprise when confronted by such a big group of horses. I gather the driver was a local, so he got a bit of good-natured scolding by one or two riders.

At Rush Creek, Deb (who by now had taken over the job of leading the new rider) led us down a track that took us safely under Dayboro Road. We then turned into peaceful Raaen Road and into Joe Bradley’s gorgeous property where our progress was monitored by some

very docile and very interested dairy cows. Some on the path refused to be inconvenienced by our presence and stayed put in their shady spots, so we just rode around them.

At some point, our new rider had broken her reins, so spare lead ropes were whipped off horses and rigged up. Although I carry a spare set of reins in my saddlebag, Storky and Bob (who had caught up with us mid-ride) had the situation quickly in hand before I could even open the flap of my saddlebag. Bob then took over leading the new rider up front.

Once through the dairy yards, we followed Old Dayboro Road which runs beside busy new Dayboro Road. By this time, some of the horses could sense 'home' so there was a bit of jig jogging going on. This was possibly the reason for one horse to suddenly break into a trot, startling a pony which kicked out and connected with a human leg rather than an equine flank.

Deb immediately took control of this latest situation, accompanying the injured rider (plus some support personnel) to a safe and accessible place to meet an ambulance. The rest of the group followed Bob, winding our way down Fingerboard and Mt Mee Roads back to the Showgrounds for an early lunch.

Fortunately no bones were broken in this incident, but it does highlight how suddenly things happen around horses. Even when all precautions are taken, horses simply behave like horses. And sometimes they like to remind us of this!

On a final note, thank you to those who made this enjoyable ride happen: Bob and Deb who co-planned and co-led the ride, got access permission from landowners, and looked after riders' welfare; Janelle who is a world champion gate-closer!!!; and Ken who had a great BBQ lunch all ready for us on our return.

Duration: About 3 hrs 15 mins - Distance: About 14km











KIN KIN RIDE 2019

By Kerry Hill

Dayboro Trail Riders Club was well represented at this year's Kin Kin Ride. Janelle and Storky rode the short trail while Deb, Bridgette, Sasha, Julie and I did the long trail. Sadly, Geoff was a non-starter due to saddle fitting issues. However on the bright side, it was Ken's birthday so any disappointments were softened over a few drinks later in the day.

This was my first time at Kin Kin. I had heard stories of hundreds of horses attending the ride, which were actually a bit off-putting rather than enticing. A big group is OK as long as your horse is good in mass company. I wasn't sure how my horse would cope alongside so many horses.

As it turned out, numbers were down this year. This may have something to do with the fact that the organising group is now affiliated with TRA, which meant the entry cost was higher than in previous years for non-TRA members. Apparently, non-TRA members have accounted for most of the riders in past years.

Whatever the reason, there was still a respectable turnout for the Saturday ride. About 30 horses were on the long trail, and just under 20 on the short ride. I can only speak about the long ride, but it was well organised, everyone was friendly and considerate, and the countryside was varied and interesting.

Once we were out of town, the ride followed the National Trail. A leisurely walk along a shady dirt road wound its way up to the morning tea stop where a variety of treats were on sale (this ride is a community fund-raising initiative by the good people of Kin Kin). I successfully juggled a paper plate of scones with jam and cream while staying in the saddle. It seemed a much easier option than trying to find a right-sized stump later to help me back on my big girl.

From there, the ride took us up into the hills where the trail became narrow, steep and rocky – but also offering lovely views glimpsed through the dense semi-rainforest growth. Once on the undulating forestry roads, the horses had an easier time. At one point, we met a group of quad bike riders out on an organised bush bashing ride who pulled up and let us pass safely.

The only other excitement that I witnessed was caused by the giant puddles left after a recent storm. My horse decided a splash in one disgusting looking mini lake was a good idea. One rider took his horse right through the middle of another puddle (I think he was trying to educate his horse to step boldly into water), only to see the bottom half of his horse and his own boots disappear into an unexpectedly deep crater of grey muck.

I'm pleased to see that Dayboro Trail Riders like a good 'happy hour', so we wound down after the ride with a few drinks and lots of cheese, biscuits and other savouries. After that, some wandered off to the pub for dinner, others opted for the organised meal, and a few of us had BYO. All that was left to do was join the group around the bonfire and enjoy an evening of conversation and bad jokes (seriously Ken!!).

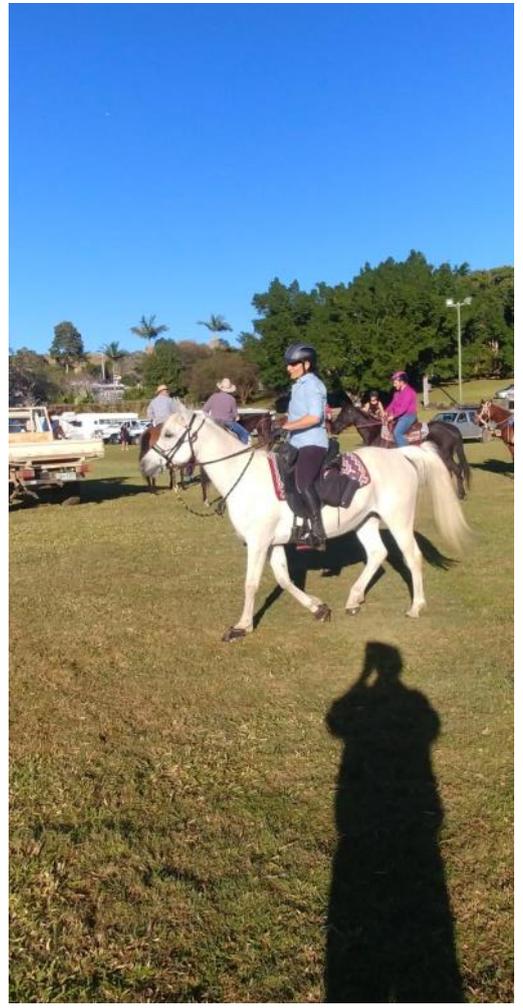
Fortunately, the weather for the Kin Kin Ride was very kind to us. After most of us went to bed on Saturday night, the westerly winds hit our camp site with vengeance; and many of us found it hard to sleep because of the frightening sounds of violently flapping tarps and tents.

At one point, Geoff's car alarm went off followed by a long period of flashing lights on both the car and float. Despite being alongside tucked up in his swag (presumably wearing his bear-themed PJ's we glimpsed the previous night!), Geoff didn't realise it was his alarm until I braved the elements to alert him. I think that gives a good idea of how loud the wind was! I hate to think how some of the horses would have coped with the ride if the westerlies had arrived a day earlier.

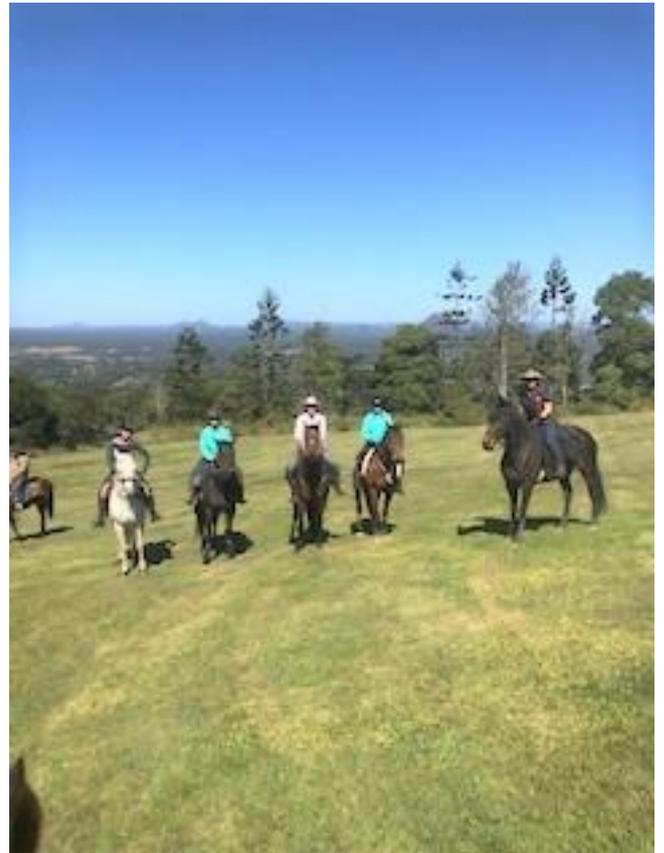
Thanks DTR for a great weekend!



What is that thing in the sky?









**Great Fire
Saturday Night**

It was a Big Day!

Happy birthday to:

AUGUST	Debra Shanahan
	Geoff Hamson



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Saturday 9am to 3pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm



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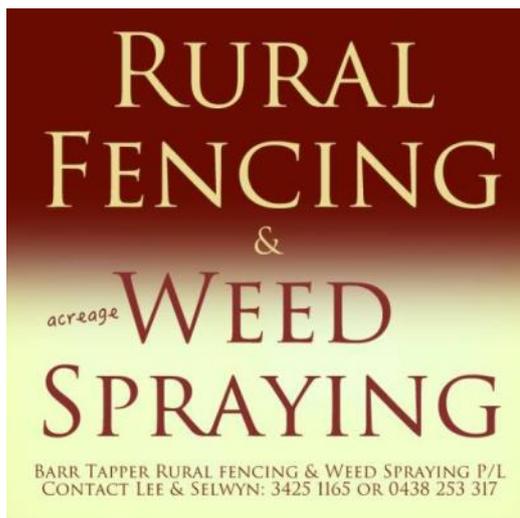
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