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Newsletter – April 2020



Escaping to the hills on our March ride.

AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM TRA

Hi everyone. The following letter was received from the President of TRA and outlines the current situation with insurance cover and club activities caused by the pandemic. Unfortunately, the association, and DTR, may not be able to hold activities in the short-term future, even if pandemic restrictions are lifted. As a result, all DTR members will be refunded their 2020 membership fees.

*This is not a situation we envisaged, and we sincerely hope that the issues facing TRA can be resolved as quickly as possible to allow DTR and fellow clubs to resume their activities once life returns to normal. **Cheers, Bridgette***

Dear Club Committees and Members.

The Covid 19 issues continue to dominate our lives. Now added to this, TRA's current Insurers have demanded our Insurance Policy includes Personal Accident Cover, immediately, as well as all Clubs needing to have Accredited Overseers/Drovers by 1st April 2021.

Though Personal Accident Cover is no bad thing, the Public Liability Premium has increased and this combined with the new enforced Personal Accident Cover has doubled TRA Insurance cost from 1st April 2020.

Therefore next year, 2021, Club membership fees would need to also at least double, but there is some doubt.

The reason for the doubt is, this year's increase by the Insurers takes into account the Covid 19 impact of NO Club activities for an unknown period !

Our Insurers, AON Affinity, will not indicate how much more a full years premium will be! So 2021 Insurance premium could be ????

The TRA Executive, after discussion with Affiliated Club Committee members, has resolved to:

1. Return all membership monies for the 2020 riding year to Clubs.
2. Roll over the 2020 Club Affiliation fees to 2021.
3. TRA will go into hibernation while the TRA exec seeks better alternative (If possible) Insurance Coverage.

How will this impact Club Activities?

From 1st April 2020 there is no Insurance coverage for Club Activities. While under Covid 19 Rules, there can be no Club activities.

TRA Exec are currently searching all avenues for an alternative Insurance Provider that may provide better value for Members and Clubs. We will keep all Club Committees up to date with information.

Would all Club Treasurers please provide TRA Treasurer, Liz Woodland, ([mail to: tinwood3@bigpond.com](mailto:tinwood3@bigpond.com)) with Club bank BSB and account details so 2020 membership fees can be returned to Clubs.

Cheers and thanks

Wayne Marcantelli
President Trail Riding Australia inc.

Date claimers



All planned events are cancelled because of the Coronavirus emergency and TRA insurance issue. Members will be advised when DTR can resume activities. In the meantime, monthly newsletters will continue so we can stay in touch. For continually updated advice about horse riding and management during the pandemic, visit the Equestrian Qld website: www.qld.equestrian.org.au and click on the Covid 19 tab.

BRIDGETTE KERSNOVSKE

PRESIDENT & PUBLICITY/MEDIA OFFICER

Where do you live? Beautiful Dayboro

Number of years as a DTR member? I think I originally joined about 20 years ago but as my younger daughters started at Pony Club, I had to put trail riding on the back burner for a few years.

How long have you been publicity/media officer for DTR? I was kindly persuaded by Lorraine Bailey to take on this position in 2015 but Mel Wilson gave me a year's break I think in 2017.

When did you first start riding? If anyone can remember back to the series of National Velvet... well I started riding an imaginary Blaze King back in the days when we still had Black & White TV. Later I taught myself to ride in the real world on a Welsh Mountain Pony named Emma at my holiday town of Blackwood Vic when I was about 10 years old.

Current DTR horse? My gorgeous Black Lily. I also have a young metallic red roan Quarter Horse Chloe, that I am currently training in the hope of bringing her along on some future rides.

Other riding experience? I have had many horses over my life, mostly mares if I look back - so many different personalities, relationships and lessons learnt.

I have loved so many horses but I have an exceptional connection with Lil. I trained her myself and although my training has been far from perfect, I feel very proud that I have opted for bitless. I understand it's a personal choice, but I believe it is the kindest gift I can give to her for all that she does for me.

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Bridgette on Lil, and below on her first pony Emma.



MARCH RIDE REPORT

By Debra Shanahan (Trail Co-ordinator)

Our trail ride on Sunday 22nd March went ahead as usual. We were very fortunate that we were able to escape all the chaos in our lives caused by this devastating Coronavirus, even if only for a few hours. The Showgrounds were closed that afternoon to all the clubs that use the facilities; and so putting in doubt when we will be able to have our next ride. We had 13 riders which included some of our regulars and several ladies from the Caboolture club. One of our visitors was able to join us only because of the cancellations of the many sporting pursuits her kids enjoy, so she was keen to spend the morning in the bush on horseback rather than with a house-full of bored teenagers.

We departed Dayboro Showgrounds pretty much on time and rode our horses under the bridge on Mt Mee Road then headed for Fingerboard Road. We had Bob leading us out at a cracking pace and David on his lovely new Buckskin gelding taking on the job as Tail Drover and myself doing the fun job of Boss Drover. As Boss Drover I get to ride with any part of the group and can constantly change positions as the ride progresses to check on riders and their horses and chat to everyone, whilst doing my favourite thing: taking lots of photos.

As we left the bitumen roads behind us and started the climb up the mountain through Bell's property, the horses quickly worked up a sweat. The predicted temperature was a rather hot 31 degrees and the horses were feeling it. Our first rest stop for the horses was quietly observed by two camels, which were quite well camouflaged by the gum trees. Not everyone saw them and fortunately the horses didn't seem to notice, otherwise this ride report would have been much more exciting. Most of our horses have become accustomed to seeing alpacas, but camels, not so much!

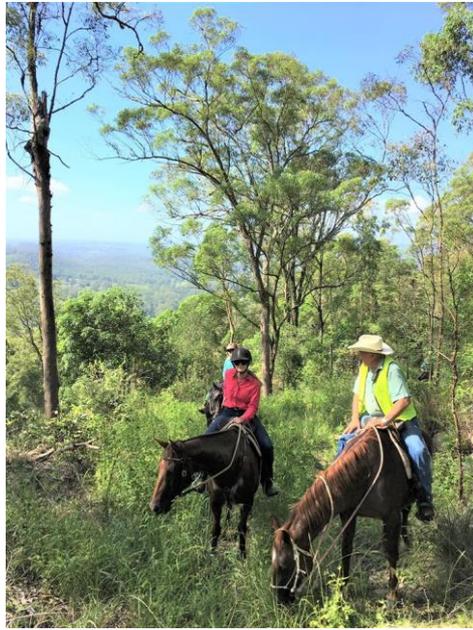
Our next breather for the horses was where we get the first amazing views over Moreton Bay and the valley below. A fallen tree caused some difficulties but eventually all the horses made it over or around and we continued our climb to the top. Once we had reached the mountain top it was a rocky steep descent into the valley below.

We were at the half way point now and the ride is usually much easier as we follow the track that meanders along overlooking the creek below. As Bob made a sudden change in directions and headed up a steep ridge it was now becoming more apparent that not all the horses were as fit as they needed to be. As we spelled them at the top and enjoyed the endless views to distant mountain ranges, a few of the horses were taking longer to recover from the climb. From here on we travelled downhill to Bradley's dairy paddocks.

At the bottom of the hill some of the horses drank from the creek before heading up the grassy hill, which was an easy climb compared to what we had been doing. As we looked behind, we realised that one of our club members was still at the bottom, his horse refusing to go on. A few of us waited as the rest of the group vanished out of sight over the ridge. It took quite some time and a lot of coaxing by his owner (who was on foot by now) before he could get his horse to move on. We eventually arrived at the top of the hill and there was no sign of the rest of the group; not even a hoof print was obvious in the compacted ground that the dairy cattle tread every day. With radio communication and a bit of guess work, we finally caught up with the others, then we made our way out of the paddocks and onto Old Dayboro Road.

The Terrors Creek crossing was negotiated and, other than one of our visitors' horses who was unaccustomed to using her head to clear overgrown trails, we had no horses refuse to go down the steep bank into the creek. It was then an easy ride past the skate park and through Tullamore Park; and after riding a little over 15km of hilly terrain, our four-hour ride was at its end. With the horses washed down and given a refreshing drink, it was our turn to relax and enjoy our BBQ lunch. Needless to say, we have a couple of riders who are vowing to exercise their horses more regularly to make sure they are fit enough to tackle the sometimes challenging hills of Dayboro.

Rides such as this could not proceed without permission to ride through private properties. DTR thanks Dayboro property owners for generously allowing us access.





* Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Zoe (see cover photo: pictured on her palomino gelding, Eddie) who, since this ride, has had surgery for a badly broken finger (yes... a horse-related incident!).



CLUB SHIRTS

Green chambray shirts – Long and short sleeve options: **\$26 ea off the rack at the Club Shed.**

New Ringers Western shirts: \$62 (inc embroidery) *size must be ordered with payment to DTR.

Also for sale (when activities resume): Club stickers are \$3.50 ea. A limited number of TRA hat pins (\$13 ea) and belt buckles (\$22 ea) are also available from the Club Shed on our rides or at meetings.

Fly spray for horses

Thank you Lisa for this recipe:

- 20mls Citronella oil (avail Woolworths/Coles)
- 10mls Eucalyptus oil (avail Chemist Warehouse)
- 20mls QV bath oil (avail Chemist Warehouse)
- 1 ltr water

Add all to 1ltr spray bottle and shake up each time you use it. Spray over the horse twice a day or whenever needed. Can also spray onto hand then wipe over top of eyes.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Newsletters will continue, so I'm looking for photos and brief stories about DTR horses or new horses. As we share a common love of horses, here's a chance to show off a great image or tell us a bit about your horse/s. Deb accepted my invitation to submit something to kick things along, so enjoy her update on what's happening with new boy Bowie and seasoned trail leader Ringo.

The deadline is mid-month, with distribution in the week leading up to a (scheduled) club ride. Email to Kerry at kreeves@bytesite.com.au or kerryreeves@jtaa.com.au.

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a. Full size Kincade breastplate with running martingale \$20.

b. Full size Barcoo Bridle \$10.

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Contact Kerry (0407 036 791) or kreeves@bytesite.com.au.

What I'm doing with my horses! By Deb Shanahan

At the end of 2019 I decided it was time for my favourite horse Ringo to enjoy lighter duties. Due to his advancing age and arthritis in his hock, the hills and the big rides were taking their toll, but being such a stoic little horse he hid his pain well. We now enjoy a once a week outing on flatter terrain just to keep him from getting too stiff in his joints. In the meantime I like to do a lot more riding than that, so as most of you know I have commandeered Tash (belonging to my daughter Georgia) to do all the big rides. Tash has never been so fit in her life and because of all the trail rides with so many different horses she has now got over the only fault she had, which was being 'horse shy'.

Encouraged by a well-meaning friend who enjoys looking at horses advertised for sale, I rather reluctantly started looking for a new horse to purchase last October. Against the advice of one horsey friend, who's response to my acquisition was, 'are you crazy', and my husband who reckons I'm totally mad, I arrived home with an unbroken, rising two year old, Anglo Arab gelding.

When Bowie (his new name) first arrived, the words of warning were in my mind as I dealt with a 15hh youngster that nipped, barged over me and reared dragging me at the end of the lead rope around the paddock. My neighbour's comment of "Gee I can't wait to see you riding that one" didn't help to boost my confidence. I was now having second thoughts as to whether trying to break in a young horse was a good idea at my age.

Now that the weather is less humid, Bowie and I have been spending a little time together each day to get to know each other and what a difference that has made. Yes, we have turned a corner! I no longer have to enter his paddock with a lunging whip in hand to keep flying hooves at a distance. The nipping has ceased and he has nice manners at feed time and no longer head tosses to push me out of his way. We can go for a walk together without the rearing which was quite unnerving, to say the least!

I'm pleased to say that I now have a young horse that is enjoyable to be around. He stands unaltered and politely offers his feet as I go to pick them up, is patient while I squirt him with the spray bottle to fend off those pesky flies, even the plastic bag on the end of a stick being flapped all around him for the first time to desensitise him, got no reaction (maybe he thought I was chasing those damn flies away for him), all these moments boosting my confidence as well as his.

It will be at least another year before he is mature enough to be saddled and ridden, so we have plenty of time to take baby steps and enjoy the journey together and to build that trust in each other that we will need to feel safe out on the trails one day.

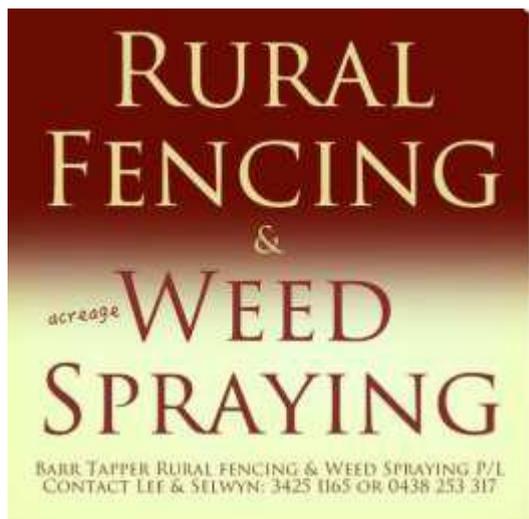


Bowie



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