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Newsletter – November 2020



Setting a leisurely pace on the October 2020 ride.

Date claimers



Thursday, Nov 19: DTR monthly meeting, 7.30pm at clubhouse

Sunday, Nov 22: Final Club Ride, departing 8.30am from clubhouse

Sunday, Dec 6: Christmas Party luncheon



Christmas Party details will be discussed at this month's meeting. Kym will advise members by email once arrangements have been confirmed. We hope to see as many members as possible attend, together with invited property owners. This is a great chance to socialise and meet some of our local supporters.



Riders on the all-day Graham Court ride in September. This was taken after lunch as the group prepared to ride from the Court property at Mt Pleasant back to the showgrounds at Dayboro.

OCTOBER RIDE REPORT

By Debra Shanahan (Trail Co-ordinator)

The rain that fell prior to our Trail Ride on the 25th October was a joy to hear on the roof. After such a long dry spell the water tanks were low, the grass was scarce and the hay expensive. The storms that brought the drought relieving rain did cause us some concern when it came to deciding whether to postpone our ride. Many weather apps were checked overnight and early into Sunday morning with much contemplation on what we should do. No one wants to be caught out on horseback in a downpour, but even more concerning was the predicted severe storm. Thankfully we got it right and went ahead with the ride; and although it was a bit on the warm side, we had clear sunny skies all morning. The unpredictable weather scared a few riders off, but we still managed a reasonable turnout of 10 riders.

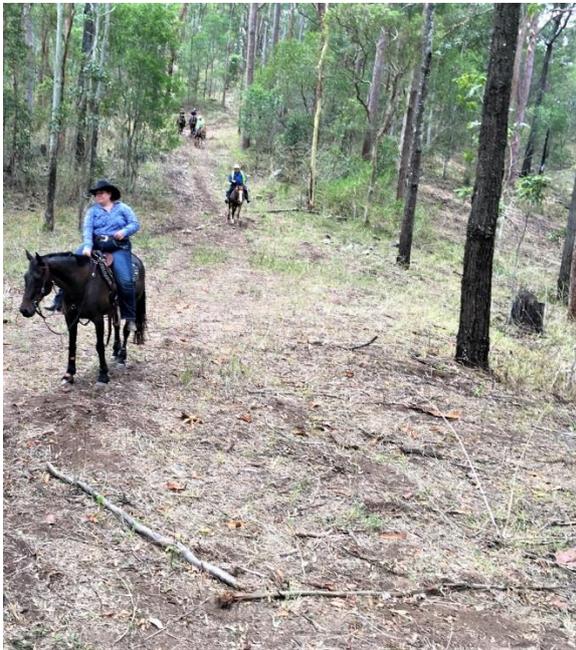
Our ride departed the showgrounds via Tullamore Park and we then had to cross either the bridge over Terrors Creek or the creek itself to get to Hay Road and the track that is Old Dayboro Road. A couple of us had some concern about the track out of Terrors Creek being a bit slippery and too challenging for our youngest rider, Lexi. But, once we discovered that at only 11 years old, this young lady is a competent trick rider and probably could ride it whilst hanging upside down off her horse, we really had nothing to worry about. The newly cleared track behind the Art Gallery made it easier for everyone and we made it through with no dramas (well, with the exception of Julie whose horse threw a bit of a tanti when he lost sight of my mare as we weaved our way down the trail!). Yet another drink bottle was thrown from her saddle and lost somewhere in the bushes.

When we reached Bradley's dairy at Rush Creek, most of the horses were eager to drink from the cattle troughs – and with the newly installed aeration system, the water did look very tempting as the daytime temperature increased. Some of the dairy cows had the right idea and were relaxing in the creek and keeping their milk chilled. As we rode past the beautiful cattle, they just watched us with quiet curiosity; meanwhile a few of the horses were getting themselves a bit worked up over having to walk near a big herd of cattle. Everyone settled down quickly once we reached Raaen Road and we were heading toward the mountain that was between us and home.

In an attempt to make the ride a bit easier for the horses, we had chosen the less steep route to get over the mountain. Even the difficult creek crossing that has caused us so many problems over the years when some horses simply don't want to walk down an embankment into water or mud, was gone. At some point a dozer had been through and made it much more user friendly. So all was going quite well until we started up the first incline. That's when the gap between the fit horses and the unfit horses quickly grew, and some of our riders became walkers as they dismounted and began leading their tiring mounts up the hill.

A couple of horses were in need of a drink so Bob took three riders to the dam that very few would be able to locate hidden in the bush. A couple of wild dog pups were surprised by the intrusion to their secluded watering hole and made a hasty retreat. The rest of us headed for home down the mountain. Col was starting to sit a little close to his horse's ears, so we stopped while he adjusted his saddle and tightened the girth and we took a moment to relax and enjoy the view over Dayboro. When we heard the others coming down the hill we waited for them to catch up, and our ride continued on with the whole group back together.

Once we reached Fingerboard Road everyone was back on their horses. The flat ride back to the showgrounds was quickly covered and we were back for lunch at midday. It was an easy ride for some, a hard ride for others, but still an enjoyable scenic ride as always. As for the severe storm that was predicted, thankfully it held off until we were all safely back home with our horses.







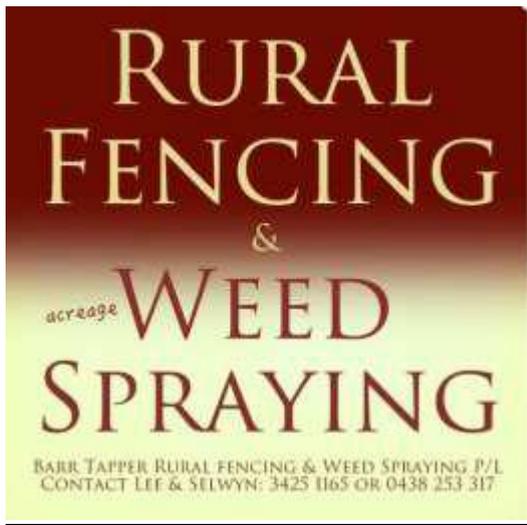
Great photos Deb! And thanks too to all riders who contributed images and videos to our facebook page. A special thank-you goes to the Dayboro residents who allowed us to ride through their properties.

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome new members, Lauren Zann and Sarah Harrington.



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