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Newsletter – September 2020



Riding through beautiful countryside around Dayboro.

Date claimers



Thursday, Sept 24: DTR monthly meeting, 7.30pm at clubhouse

Saturday, Sept 26: All-day Graham Court Memorial Ride ***PLEASE NOTE**
THAT THE PLANNED EVENING PART OF THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED DUE TO
COVID RESTRICTIONS. See page 5 for the latest details.

KERRY HILL – Newsletter editor

Where do you live? I live on small acreage at Joyner, 20 minutes from Dayboro.

Number of years as a DTR member? I joined a few years ago and took on the newsletter job this year.

When did you first start riding? I was 12 when my parents finally gave in to my constant begging for a horse, and they bought Pride, a 14.2hh mare of unknown breeding. While stubborn, she was a great beginner's horse; and together we spent all my spare time riding through Toohey Forest and parks around Brisbane's southside. After my parents moved to acreage on the northside a few years later, my brother and mum got their own horses. Dad was designated float driver.

Past and current DTR horses? I ride a Thoroughbred/Waler mare, Redgum Ventura (Tura). I inherited her from a friend who sadly passed away four years ago. Tura was Jenny's favourite horse (her first attempt at breeding a Waler) and she knew I would give her a good home. I had seen this horse only once in a paddock and all I knew about her was that she was young, very 'green' and a bit on the large side! I'm only 5'2 and in my 60s, so I was a little concerned that I was too old to be taking on such a big, uneducated and strong-willed mare. Tura has been an interesting challenge, but we've come a long way. Riding with DTR has been extremely helpful in her education.

Other horse-related experience? I went through pony club, became a qualified instructor and got my B Certificate. I also did a few local ag. shows, including Dayboro Show. After riding with an adult riding group for a while, I gave up competitive riding for a career. However I've always had at least one horse at home for pleasure riding, which I've been enjoying non-stop since I was 12. I now have Tura and Cav, an elderly stockhorse/QH who I 'rescued' about 15 years ago after retiring Emma (daughter of Pride). I had Emma until she died at 29.

I've been a volunteer with Samford RDA for more than 10 years, mainly looking after their publicity and newsletter. I also clean up and sell donated horse gear to raise funds for this great program which uses riding to build physical strength.

Last year, I competed Tura at a few breed shows including the State Waler Titles. Who knows what 2021 will bring?

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Riding Tura (above) on a DTR ride and (below) with Cav and Tura.



AUGUST RIDE REPORT

By Kerry Hill (Tail for the Day)

COVID restrictions were suddenly tightened on the eve of our August ride – so I'm guessing there was a flurry of behind-the-scenes discussions to change our normal format and let riders know.

Whatever happened worked extremely well. Advice went out the day before to all members that there would be a split ride to meet COVID-safe requirements. Two groups of 10 riders would leave half an hour apart. Bookings were essential. Sadly, no lunch or social gathering this time!

Bob led the first group, with Julie riding Tail. Deb led Group B, with me as Tail (for the first time!). Riding tail doesn't sound nearly as important as Boss Drover or Lead Drover, but it's actually a vital job on our rides which generally pass through several private properties. Recently I've been practising gate opening and closing with my horse, so this was a perfect opportunity to sharpen our skills. As it turned out, the ride presented no less than 26 sets of gates to open and close – and that doesn't include a few that were manned by helpful property owners!

After sorting some wardrobe malfunctioning involving a hi-vis vest and a two-way holster, Group B headed off at a leisurely pace. The ride would take us 17km surrounding Dayboro township. Glorious countryside, with wide open paddocks and undulating hills, plus a bit of bush and long grass thrown in! Great views too.

The weather was blustery, which meant sometimes it was windy, then the next moment when you disappeared into a valley or into thick bushland, all was still. Regardless, the wind didn't create any dramas for the horses, which were pretty well behaved. The only real drama was a stick caught briefly in a girth – and Heather was quick to sort the problem.

From the showgrounds, we rode through the adjoining Stewarts Rise, an emerging estate. This meant negotiating some earthworks and finding our way into Stewart's property before crossing Sellin Road. We are so fortunate to have permission from owners to ride through their beautiful properties. Some very interested cattle watched our progress as we made our way through Jim and Vi Tapiolas' place, then Craig Doyle's property.

At this early stage of the ride, I was managing to close most of the gates after a bit of fumbling and much vocal instruction to my horse to stand still. As the ride progressed, things became a little more challenging (especially when your horse is 16.5hh!).

Once across Mt Pleasant Road, it was into Danny Doyle's property where more cattle took an interest and followed us up to what turned out to be a very troublesome gate. After several failed attempts from the saddle, I dismounted and secured this and another gate into Brian Rowe's property on the other side of Lacey's Creek Road. By now I was starting to work out my strengths and weaknesses when it came to gate locking.

Once I was back in the saddle, our group continued the ride through some of the most picturesque countryside you would find anywhere in South East Queensland. It's hard to believe we are so close to a city. From Strain Road, we entered Dick and Jenny Baker's lovely big property at Baxter Creek, then Andrew and Nicolette Newell's place. A short ride along Glover Road took us over the river at Juff's Crossing and into the old Juff property, where some of the horses sensed we were heading for home.

For most of this last leg of the ride, Deb looked after the gates. Most couldn't be opened and closed from the saddle – two were electrified, one had to be unlocked, and some were old-school bush gates that require a bit of grunt. If there is a gate-opening medal, it's yours Deb! Thank you to both Deb and Bob for all your efforts in ride planning, leading and gate management.

After almost losing a few of the smaller horses in some tall Panic grass, the group emerged into the gorgeous parkland at the end of Hillview Court. We were definitely homeward bound now, and our ponies knew it. The pace picked up as we made our way up Riverview Court and down Edmonds Court into the back of the showgrounds. Home safely – with no mishaps!

I want to thank Janelle for coming to my rescue at several tricky gates, Kym for waiting with me at some time-consuming chain latching, and my fellow, very patient riders in Group B. What a lovely bunch... and not one complaint that the Tail was a bit on the slow side!

As for Group A, we know they made it back to the showgrounds well ahead of us. We heard that the wind may have unsettled at least one horse, but no injury was recorded. We also heard Julie made a better Tail than me!

Thanks for a most enjoyable ride.





DTR sincerely thanks local landowners for allowing us to ride through their beautiful properties!

Saturday, Sept 26: Graham Court Memorial Ride

This annual all-day ride will be held on **Saturday, September 26th** – but as you should be aware, our plans to combine the ride with an evening fundraising event have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Also due to restrictions, we will be following COVID-safe practices at our lunch stop. These will include social distancing and individually packed sandwiches, which will be supplied. Drinks will be on sale.

The 29km ride is named after the late Graham Court, one of our long-time members. It leaves Dayboro Showgrounds, follows some challenging trails to the Court property at Mt Pleasant, then takes a shorter route back to the Showgrounds.

Members who wish to ride only half-day (either the morning or afternoon ride) can arrange to collect their floats after lunch or float to the Court property for the ride back to Dayboro. *** If you want to ride either the full or part ride, and you haven't yet booked a spot, contact Bridgette ASAP.**



A past member, John Barry, is selling a 14.2hh trail riding horse. Makeeta is on the market because she is not the camp drafter John hoped for!

Here are the details:

Makeeta – unknown age (broken in 2014); authenticated Guy Fawkes brumby born in the wild; pinto (tan and white); has been trail ridden at Dayboro and Scone (current location). She is sound, bare foot shod and regularly wormed etc.

John's note to Bob: "There is no such thing as a bomb proof horse in my mind, but on the ground you can shake shopping bags all around her, under her, between the legs. When ridden, crack a whip, shake your hat in her face. Stands to mount and dismount; opening and shutting gates a breeze. Walks out well. Smooth canter. Does a flying change and leads off on the correct leg most times. Would not suit a novice rider as sometimes in a fast canter she will grab the bit and take off for no apparent reason, but easy to control by pulling her head around. Floats no problem. Extremely good doer. \$3000 negotiable (one month no-obligation trial available)."

If you are interested, see Bob who can put you in touch with John.

Welcome new members!

Welcome new members, Hayley Anderson (pictured at our August ride on Chief), Ruth Farley and Chris Bailey! Chris is a former member, so it's good to see him back.



THINGS YOU WON'T SEE ON A DAYBORO TRAIL RIDE!



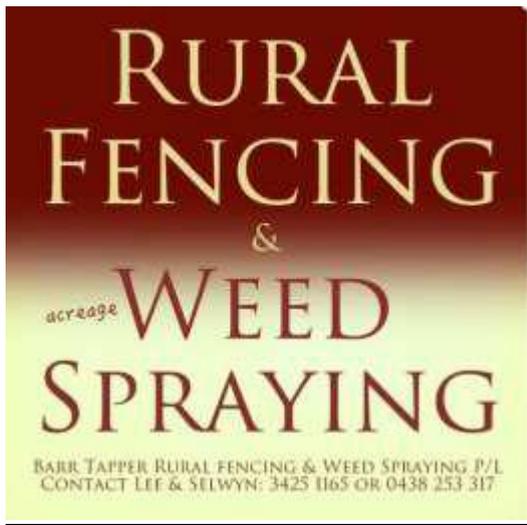
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