



Cowra & District Trail Horse Riders AUGUST 2018



NOTICE OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 9th October 2018

Cowra Services Club

7.30pm

Everyone Welcome!!

Come along and have your say in what happens in the club! Or even put your hand up to help out with running things!

COWRA COMMUNITY GRANTS

Check out all the great safety equipment we have been able to purchase thanks to the grant we were awarded earlier in the year:

-) 2 new very bright road signs
-) 1 Personal Locator Beacon
-) 2 sets of 2 way radios with carry cases
-) 4 Hi-vis vests
-) 2 saddle bags for first aid kit



What's Happening

Hang in there everyone—not much winter left now and hopefully we are in for some great spring riding weather over the next few months (although some rain would certainly be welcomed by all I think!) Put these dates in your dairy.....

Sunday 26th August

Kate and Tony are welcoming us back to their property out near Woodstock for a ride over their grazing property, and the neighbours place as well. If you didn't get the ride notice or need further info text Kate on 0427 827 758

Sunday 30h September

This is a busy weekend with lots of other horsey events on but at this stage we will be heading to the familiar territory of Les and Heather's property out on Sutherlands Road. Details will be confirmed and sent out in mid September

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Sunday 28th October

Dave (with Melinda as back up in case he has to work) is organising this one at the Minehan's Property out on the Grenfell Road. Stay tuned for details.

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Ride Report: June 2018—Koorawatha Falls

Bronwyn and Steven hosted a great June ride for those keen enough to take on the 23+ km round trip out to Koorawatha Falls and back. On a chilly mid winter morning 7 members were pleased to welcome 2 visitors from Central Tablelands Regional Trail riders club - Margo who we befriended at the Accreditation weekend, and George who is actually our new regional manager. We started out with a bit of road riding, and with lots of distance to cover there was the chance for some good long stretches of trotting out for the whole group. Pretty sure the whole town knew when we hit Koorawatha as we woke up all the dogs as we made our way through the streets. AS we made our way into the reserve it was clear that even the little rain of the past few weeks had had some effect - as the ground softened and was damp underfoot and there were puddles to avoid—or play in depending on your horse! Calista joined us in an escort vehicle to ensure we were safe on the last narrow section of trail before the Falls. It was definitely worth the ride to see the falls actually flowing with a decent amount of water—it's a really lovely spot and everyone enjoyed a snack while exploring—or just taking in the tranquil surrounds. After a nice break we mounted up and headed the back way home, through the reserve paddocks, and the horses certainly knew we were heading home! After stopping to chat to Damien and his mates on their very noisy motor bikes we passed some lovely views of the whole district before the final stretch back along the road. It was easy riding and the horses were keen and with still a few km's between the riders and their lunch long stretches of trot were again enjoyed by all. By the time tired horses and riders got back to the floats Calista had the sausages hot on the BBQ and everyone enjoyed lunch and a great chat in the winter afternoon sun. A great day, with thanks to Bronwyn and Steven, and Calista—and an uneventful Trail Boss debut for Steven too!!



Ride Report: July 2018—Moss Road

Well, Moss Road was meant to be a quiet and easy ride, more suitable for the inexperienced, and day riders than our last few rides. After a tough week Melinda took the reins as first time Trail Boss for 9 members, 4 day riders and the property owner but it was far from quiet, calm and easy! Several of the horses were pretty stirred up before even being saddled – even usually quiet Kitty put in a little tantrum! What is it about mini ponies that is SO scary??? Anyway—we headed out across the paddocks and made our way into the scrub. Most of the horses settled down but a couple of riders had their hands full with horses not so experienced in trail riding and there definitely were some hairy moments. But what was so great about this ride was the way everyone stepped up to take care of each other. Our recent Trail Boss training really showed through and while Mel did a great job, the way others helped out just seemed really 'natural'. It seemed like most of the members all helped at some stage either riding along



with a stirred up horse, or stopping to give riders time to deal with issues, supporting and encouraging riders, riding considerately themselves, keeping an eye out for and trying to avoid unnecessary hazards and obstacles, and just generally looking out for each other and supporting their Trail Boss. And as a result everyone made it back to base in one piece—though poor Cynthia had a bruise or two I reckon! For me, it was the highlight of what was a bit of an eventful ride—and I know that our visiting riders appreciated it too. Well done everyone!!