

Tenterfield Endurance Riding Club Inc

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Presidents Report

Tenterfield Club has had another successful year in 2017. I thank fellow member for their support and my executive team for their counsel and encouragement throughout the year.

Our membership remains steady and attracting new members should be a priority in 2018. The Club is more than just riding endurance horses, and this is reflected in our Club as the majority are non-riding members.

Greg Lyon and Narelle Childs again headed up our ride achievers and Tad Cossins featured in the Tenterfield HW division this year. Congratulations to all.

75 riders participated in our annual ride and the shorter ride format with a 40k ride on Saturday and 40/80k on Sunday was less taxing to organise and run and meant that the ride was completed early Sunday so that presentation was on time and well attended to round off the weekend. Everyone stepped up to fill the Secretary role usually done by Caroline and all did a great job. There was a friendly atmosphere and games on Friday and Saturday night were popular activities people look forward to each year. We should keep this going. WICEN provided great support and had an electronic time board at Base and streamed live video to Base of riders passing through Bullocky check point. There will be time in the general meeting agenda to discuss the running of the 2017 ride and planning for 2018.

Strong attendance by members at working bee continues and is a good barometer of Club health. Recladding of the top toilet, repairs to the donkey hot water, general ground tidy up and marking of the track were achieved as planned. Electrician Scott Bates improved safety of wiring to the shed and installed more lights and power points to the kitchen area. There are no substantial developments required to the Ride Base as the great majority of users like the rustic features pretty much as they are.

Our treasurer Jim Lillyman has done an excellent job of keeping track of our spending and income and will report on a positive and useful account balance in the Treasurer report.

Carole Dixon does a lot of work behind the scenes and I can assure you we are in touch via phone, email and web postings on a regular basis and I thank Carole for being able to do a lot of the work remote from the area. She continues to keep our web-site up to date and promote the Club.

Noel Cossins has sourced some funding from Tenterfield SC, good work Noel.

With so many groups using the grounds we may need to reconsider our Public Liability Cover. This matter has been on the agenda before and we need to get cover in coming weeks to suit our unique circumstance. We need to identify hazards and risks to campers and take steps to remove or minimise them.

Biosecurity compliance and Hendra continue to challenge the sport. I think our vax only policy is the right one for our Club as a ROC. It is notable that more and more horses in the sport are vaccinated. Caroline has been very active as the NRZ rep on the SMC and will tell us about developments in the wider State administration of the sport.

The ride full calendar for 2018 is filling up and we have claimed the May long weekend for our ride.

I look forward to everyone's support in 2018 and trust the Club is moving in the direction you want it to go.

Michael Combe

President TERC Inc