

**Tenterfield Endurance Riders Club AGM and General Club Meeting, 20th Nov 2016 Casino RSL
Secretaries Report 20th Nov 2016**

Apologies have been received from

Bruce & Diane Everson, Denis Parsons, Vicki & Ian Gaillard & Graham Childs

The membership numbers have stagnated in 2015 there were 25 members and now in 2016 there are 20 members of which only 18 are active. We probably should try and do a member drive, maybe contact local trail riding clubs & put a poster up in the Vet Clinic?

Our ride in April 2016 was a Hendra Vaccinated ride and our 30th Year Anniversary. We had 77 entries compared to 133 in 2015, though the numbers were down most felt that the ride was a success.

The effort that Kim Lyons put into our 50th Anniversary celebrations need to be applauded as we all participated in lots of games and enjoyed the cake and champagne.

The AERA President Melanie Scott travelled from SA to ride alongside QERA President Gerald Bou in a show of support for our decision to run a Hendra vaccinated only ride.

I received a letter of support from QERA congratulating the club on its 30 years of running rides and wishing us success in the future.

Our Web site and Face Book page have been live for a year now, I try to update this with members ride achievements and would like more information to be sent from the members themselves to me, with photos to post on the sites as I am sure I have missed events.

There have been 4000+ web site views and I would like to see some new photo updates so if you have brought photos from the photographers that we see at rides can you please forward them to me so that I can use them in the web site slider and Face Book header.

I have been in contact with the NSW Local Land Services, Tenterfield office, as I try to organise a PIC number for our ride base. This is proving to be difficult as the owner of the land The Forestry Corporation need to apply for the PIC number then forward it to us. We are waiting for this to happen.

We will discuss later in the Gen meeting whether we run our 2017 ride, run only a 40 or 80k ride, postpone the ride until later in the year or cancel the ride.

I hope we can all think about these questions with clear heads. Caroline Windle has been Ride Secretary plus handling the Try Booking system. She won't be available in 2017 at all, she is taking a much needed break. Member Pip Lilyman is also struggling with health issues, which leaves us with a very small band of workers. I didn't fully realize the ride secretaries work load until I started to look at it. Bruce and Diane Everson who couldn't be with us today have said

and I quote “. Depending on numbers available to run the ride in 2017 we thought it may be better left until 2018 if numbers are light on for this coming year.” Unquote

We will need members to take on the following tasks

Set up – tents, tables , Rescue horse float (carolines not available) & vehicle

Bio Security Gate, Camp Boss

Treasurer – to check forms and payment from Try Booking Print out

Time Keeper – to run the in and out desk and organize helpers for the weekend

Weighing Steward – to be available all weekend to check weights , organize scales

Secretary – to be available all weekend for log book entries

Computer data Entry –

Presentation Ceremony – prizes etc 2 people to organize this

Volunteers – organize food for check points , vets and volunteers , plus check toilet paper,

Post Ride – pack up and return everything to Maxwells / Coombes farm

Wash and store bibs