

Ride Report Eumundi Competitive Trail Ride 22nd June 2025

Our much awaited first CTR of the year finally took place on Sunday 22nd June. The weather has not been kind again this year, but a run of sunny days enabled the track in Eumundi Conservation Park to finally dry out enough. Having said that, showers the day before made some areas of the track muddy. Horses and riders took it all in their stride though and were happy to be out on what turned out to be a beautiful, warm winter's ride.

Floats started to roll in early to the ride base; a huge thanks to the property owner, Phaedra, for again allowing the club to utilise her property as the ride base. Horse Health ran smoothly yet again under the watchful eye of Michelle, ably supported by TPR superstars Shannon and Brendan.

It was fantastic to see a lot of first timers join in the fun and try their first CTR and its always super for the future of the sport to see some young riders come through in the teams section. A range of 'judge points' out on course tested partnerships between horse and riders and included a groundwork challenge, the back-up, side pass as well as riding over obstacles often encountered out on the trail.

All 23 riders returned safely to base, if not a bit weary and muddy. All horses apart from one passed the Horse Health check at the end of the ride. CTRs would not be possible without the volunteers- a huge thankyou to all the judges and pencillers- Robyn and Carol at Presentation/Mount; Roz and Maddie on groundwork, Joanne and Marley at Side pass; Julie and Mary on the Gate, Karla and Kate on the Log jumble, Callie and Jess at the Log Straddle, Tree weave with Lauren and Rebecca, Judy and Anne at Back up, Kirsten and Scott at the Tyre challenge and Sandy and Catherine at the Rug walk.

Hours of work behind the scenes go into running a CTR- track marking is obvious out on the ride. Demarking takes place after the ride- thanks Liz and David! The ride application process is a job that is always completed efficiently by Club President extraordinaire, Debbie Angell. Riders would have been given a cheery send off and welcome back by Timekeeper, Mick. Lunch (thanks BBQ Dave, Onion Queen Shannon and your sidekicks) is always a highlight of SCATER CTRs and a lovely way for all the riders to come together, share their stories and receive their scorecards (thanks to Ride Secretary Joanne) and completion prizes at the Presentation. Winners of the different divisions receive their trophies. Congratulations to the following...

Novice division:

1st Place Liz Healy 467

2nd Place Tamara Janus 465

3rd Place Suzie Borwell 462

Open Division

1st Place David Healey 468

2nd Place Kate Taylor 461

Teams

1st Place Kathryn Bennett/Caity Rollason 469.5

2nd Place Brooke Marshall/Giulia Ciprino 467

3rd Place Kerri Russell/Olga Bartlett 456.5

And as always, thankyou to our wonderful horses, who make our world a better place!

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