



Two day Northam Ride 2019 supporting Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation

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Welcome to our second Newsletter for our 2019 ride to Northam.

I hope everyone is out riding and training in particularly with this lovely weather. The 25km shorter option is a slower pace of walk and trot. The longer option of 50km per day is trot, canter. This longer option is alot of fun, with lunch at the winery etc., but you need to train and both you and your horse need to be fit and able to trot or canter for long sections. We will have time checks in place, in order to look after our volunteers during the event.

Please make sure all horses are wearing boots or shoes, particularly those participating in the 50km per day option. Every year horses struggle with the terrain and have to pull out. The track is gravelly and even rocky in some areas.

TRAINING PARTNERS Feel free to post on the Wine and Horses facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/326774708007379/> to contact other riders who live near you. It's a great opportunity to train together.

TRAINING RIDES: These dates are on the website www.northamride.com and emails will also be sent out prior to all riders. Volunteers are also welcome to join us on these rides. **Please note: our training rides are strictly for Northam riders and Volunteers only.** Also check out (WAERA) Western Australian Endurance Riders Association Inc) who offer rides starting from around 20km with many experienced riders who are often happy to share their knowledge.

Sunday 18 August, 2019 at Avonbrook Winery, Benruea Road, Clackline 1:00pm.
Please stay and join us after the ride with platters and wine at the winery. Wine is also available for purchase. A great opportunity to support one of our sponsors of this event.

Saturday 14 September, 2019 Chidlow. Address to be advised. 1:00pm.

Weather - This ride will only be cancelled if there is inclement weather as in lighting or thunder, due to safety reasons. In mid October this is highly unlikely, however the backup date will be the following weekend, **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2019.** Please keep this date free.

***** **Deposits, Payments and cancellations.** Payment Plans are welcome.

All riders by now should have paid their first deposit and 2nd payment.

Payments are fully refundable up to four weeks prior to the ride. A 50% refund applies until one week prior to the ride where there is a no refund policy. This event is transferrable so riders can find someone to take their place. Alternatively, please contact us as I am confident there will be many riders who would love to come in your place. **Payment can be made to: BSB: 086288 Account: 698942699 Account: M PHILLIPS please put your name in the reference section.**

What's New

Raffle Tickets. **COMING SOON....** 1st prize is a holiday package in Broome. 5 nights at the Mercure Broome with airfare plus tourist attractions

2nd prize is a holiday package in Margaret River. 3rd prize is a limousine hire voucher. Tickets are only \$5.00. There is no pressure to sell the whole book, we are just hoping to get as many books out there as possible.

Can you take a book or two? Please visit www.northamride.com and click on raffle link to order a book.

Fundraising. **Everyday Hero** If you haven't joined, please consider it. There are great prizes for the person or team that raises the most. I'm talking holidays. Deductions are tax deductible. Just post a photo of you and your horse, write a few sentences about why you are riding and/or supporting Alzheimer's then share to your email database and/or facebook etc. Keep updating and posting.

This is our sixth year, so let's try and set a record for the most amount raised.

Memory Wall We will have a memory wall in Northam on the Saturday evening where photos and stories can be displayed of loved ones. It's a great reminder of why we are all participating in this event and raising funds for Alzheimer's WA. Please bring your photos along.

Do you have a special story to tell? I would love to hear from any riders or volunteers who would be willing to share why they are riding or fundraising for Alzheimer's WA is important to them. Thought we would introduce a few speakers on Saturday evening to share their story. Only looking at 2 -3 minute spots each, but if you are interested please let me know.

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Volunteers NEEDED....We would love to hear from any family or friends. Please check out the website for more information: www.northamride.com Jobs can include:

- Pushbike riders. We need about 3 more to ride mountain bikes as tail enders. Do you have a friend or family member that would be interested in taking part?
- Assist to convey a load of riders luggage to Northam Saturday and return Sunday
- Assist at a road crossing along way to let riders know when it is safe to cross.
- Kitchen staff. Dishwashers particularly needed to assist Saturday afternoon/evening.

We will provide; accommodation, all meals, Saturday night entertainment with live music and of course our fundraising auction and stall. Who could ask for more?

Massages for you and your horse in Northam When you arrive in Northam on Saturday, massages are available for horses, volunteers and riders. Bookings are now open and can be made through the website www.northamride.com

Some history along the trail

Clackline Bridge

Clackline Bridge is a historic road bridge in Clackline that carried the [Great Eastern Highway](#) until 2008. It is the only bridge in Western Australia to have spanned both a waterway and railway, the [Clackline Brook](#) and the former [Eastern Railway](#) alignment.

The mainly timber bridge has a unique curved and sloped design, due to the difficult topography and the route of the former railway. The bridge was designed in 1934 to replace two dangerous rail crossings and a rudimentary water crossing.

Construction began in January 1935, with the bridge undergoing various improvement and maintenance works since then, including widening by three metres (10 ft) in 1959–60, but remained a safety hazard, with increasing severity and numbers of accidents through the 1970s and 1980s.

Planning for a highway bypass of Clackline and the Clackline Bridge began in the 1990s. The local community was concerned that the historic bridge would be lost, but it is now listed as part of the Heritage Inventory.

Lion monument and Rail Carriage.

The Clackline School lion monument In 1929, [Clackline School](#)'s students and headteacher, E.W. Membrey commemorated the 100th anniversary of British colonisation by building a monument. The monument features a sculpture of a lion, with a plaque reading: There is also a restored rail carriage nearby. This carriage served as a museum and is now used for local community events. Both of these can be found at the park opposite the Clackline General Store.