

Manilla Westpac Rescue Helicopter Ride

The Tamworth & District Endurance Club have only taken a short breather after running the Quilty and will be on the job again running the annual Manilla Westpac Rescue Helicopter Ride. This is a no frills ride with all proceeds going to the Tamworth Based Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and will be held on the 11th and 12th of September.

This year's ride will be run over a completely new course. The new course has been designed to avoid properties utilized at the Quilty, avoid properties with spring lambing ewes and test new tracks which will be used in the proposed 3-day marathon which may be held next year.

There will be a Social Ride held on Saturday afternoon which covers the 5th leg of the Quilty. A 40km Training Ride and 80km Endurance Ride will be held on Sunday. The new course will be minimal roadwork with wide, grassy verges and will travel through local properties to the north-east and south-west of the town. This should be an achievable course for novice horses and will be very picturesque after the recent rainfall in the area.

This will also be a great lead-up to the NSW State Championship ride being only 3 weeks later.

As this is a no-frills event, there will be completion prizes which will be mementoes from the Manilla Quilty.

The ride base will be at the Manilla Showground which has all necessary facilities including taps, hot showers and flushing toilets, power and a central vetting area.

The town of Manilla is still in "Endurance Mode" and is looking forward to welcoming riders back to town.

Don't worry about pre-nominating, but if you would like any further information, please contact Jeff or Gay on 67852055 or Kym or Kim on 67852385.