



# News Letter

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT....**

### **Gippy Country Cruisers Christmas party**

Bass Hotel, Bass, Sunday the 13th of December it will be great to see you all there whether you are riding or just coming for a meal.

Ride out 10.00am sharp.

The ride will be along the roadside and then onto a gravel road and then onto the rail trail towards Anderson a nice easy ride for everyone.

Please wear fluoro/bright colours.

Return at 1.00pm for lunch and raffles. So far we have got some great prizes, canvas horse print, black rope split reins, 2x 5 square bales of hay. T/Shirt, coffee mug, and much more.

### **A SAFETY MESSAGE.....KICKING HORSES**

Hi everyone I just thought I would touch base with a subject that's people need to stop and think about.

Riding too close to the horse in front.

A lot of our rides are on single file tracks and I do find that a lot of people do not leave enough room between their horse and the horse in front, when asked to leave a bit of room sometimes I get this answer IF HE GETS KICKED IT'S HIS FAULT meaning they are happy to get kicked or let their horse get kicked. Sorry but it is not the horse fault it is you the riders fault. If you or your horse gets kicked because you have ridden too close how is the owner of that kicking horse going to feel.

I know I like to have my own personal space so let everyone have their own space. Your horse can also step on the horse in front and do damage to the hoof. YES every horse does kick but we don't want this to happen on our trail rides. So yes I will be pulling people up on this so I hope you will understand.

If you have a horse that jig jogs and you can't keep off the horse in front let someone know and head up to the front of the riders.

Don't forget if you have a new horse or are unsure if your horse may kick get a sticker from Me (Kerri) or put a red ribbon on your horses tail.

I just want everyone to have fun  
Cheers Kerri

## THANK YOU

I would like to just say a big thank you to all our members for making this club what it is today, We are a great bunch of happy friendly horse loving, fun loving people so look forward to riding the new year with you all.

## CALAJERO REPORT FROM SHIRLEY & ELI. ....

LOTS OF THANKS TO RON & ANN, SALLY & LIONEL KERRI & BELLA AND ALL THAT ATTENDED.

Well what a wonderful and exciting place. "THE SHED" is a great place to stay, everything a person and horse would need. Left Friday from home AM and followed Kerri from Leongatha, yes we ended up on a roller coaster of roads, and I could hear Eli in the float saying yipeeeeeee! Went for a 2 hour ride on the Friday when we arrived and couldn't believe how close the fires came to the homestead and the shed how terrifying!!!!!!! Well we sorted our rooms out and had a great BBQ tea. A very noisy night, Annette and my self-trying to play billiards and table tennis, funny, funny, after a few wines!!! Yes Annette had her ear plugs 4 sleeping ha ha 2 me....Riding out at 10.30 ,what a magnificent ride went to the forest area steep, steep, hills and gully's gave Eli the the reigns for most of the ride as they need them. Did some creek riding, fantastic, and what happens Sally kept saying "stay to the R" stay to the R" and Eli saw the monsters in the bush on his R so he went left and ended up swimming in the hole with me on him. He struggled to get out of the hole but finally did, yes he was swimming and head underwater, what a fright for both of us but we came up with smiles, what a good boy I have...



Back to Calajero and a great afternoon tea, homemade sausage rolls from Nev yum yum!!!!!! And of course Kerri's slice!!!!!!! Kate did so well for her first trail ride and I hope Deb enjoyed it as well as she didn't know most of us.

So Sat night started off with drinks and pizzas, my god I was in pizza heaven, cooked to perfection, yum, yum. Once again we all became a little bit loud, Jenny was tired so went to bed, and we ended up in Nicole, Kate, & Debs room. Lots of laughs and more laughs and ended up with Baileys shots [thanks Kerri] Had some education from Allison and Shelly re: women's business lol!! Sorry Malcolm and Kathy for being so noisy.....Up the the next morning with some sore heads but smiles on our faces. Ready to go on our next ride.....Didn't go on the Sunday ride, not happy but Eli only had front shoes on and was sore in his back, bugger, he certainly will have 4 on next time..... Farewelled all the riders with envy and what wonderful people. .. I felt so lucky to be part of this weekend.

Shirley and Eli xxxx



**Quote from Eli {Mum I told u to pack a life jacket and snorkel}.**

#### **A note from Annette....**

Whoa what a great time we all had at Calajero  
I have always wanted to do this ride ,and thanks to Kerri, Jenny, Shirley and of course Sarge  
I have done it and enjoyed every minute of it  
Highlights, well there were so many,  
The property and the barn, the laughs, the trying to play pool with Shirley, seeing the turtles or tortoise,  
baby swans, Shirley and Elli going for a swim, the fantastic company, the food, the Bailey shots,  
Everyone should do this trip, it's fantastic.  
Annette

#### **NOVEMBER RIDE REPORT FROM NIKKI – HALLSTON RIDE**

Hello everyone ☺

Our Ride left from Jens parent's property, and took us through the beautiful hills and country side of Hallston.

We were blessed once again with good weather, and great company.

We cantered up some long steep long hills, and rode through the majestic tall trees and beautiful country side.

Thankfully there were no slips, trips or falls from any of our horses or riders, although Jen and Banjo had a bit of a moment, when Banjo didn't see a large tree branch in the bush and had to do a bit of fancy foot work to get over it.

Annette decided to give old SMOKE a day off and, brought along her new horse JAKE. Apart from one little episode where he must of seen a mouse and had a bit of a girly fit. I must admit he was the perfect gentleman. Although he was a little unfit, he managed to get up the hills with minimal huffing and puffing.

My boy Cherokee did his usual jig jog just about the whole ride. But by the end of the ride, my big not so brave horse that would NEVER GO IN FRONT (because the big scary boogie man might get him) settled quite well and even took the lead for a while.

Shirley's handsome horse ELI was dodging puddles after his full dunking in the river on his previous ride. Apart from that all horses behaved very well and enjoyed their day out.

Thank you to Kerry for once again, cooking a huge BBQ lunch and making her famous vanilla slice. However Kerry also made an amazing fresh berry cheese cake, which only lasted about 3.6 seconds.

Thanks to Jen and Nicole for being our head and heelers of the ride.

And a big thanks to Jens parents that put us up for the day at their beautiful property.

Merry Xmas to everyone and their 4 legged friends,

Nikki.

Just because you are a wild horse it doesn't mean you can tell me what to do!!!!!!!!!!!!





I know their already in the newsletter but how could we resist!!!!



### **SUN-TEC HELMET BRIMS**

You may have seen some of us wearing our new sun-tec helmet brims (well I think most of us ladies).

These are a great product that we got onto and they are easy to fit to any helmet.

Also they have kindly donated one for our Christmas raffle.



If you are wanting to order one or many or know other people or another club that might.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND KEEP SAFE 😊**