



# FEBRUARY 2014

## NEWSLETTER

### **NEXT MEETING—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 1st APRIL at 6.30pm start at Pony Club Clubhouse, Toowoomba Showground.  
Please bring a small plate to share with tea and coffee.**

**QUOTE: “Every time you ride, you are either teaching or un-teaching your horse.” Gordon Wright**

Welcome to all of our new members and great to see so many of our old members returning for another year of great riding.

At the end of last year the club made donations of \$500.00 each to the Toowoomba Hospice and Riding For The Disabled and below are photos of our President Konrad Beer presenting the donations. We had previously donated over \$500.00 to Riding For The Disabled from our collection at Jondaryan Woolshed.





## MT PEEL RIDE—SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2014



*Above: Joan Willshire & Lynsey Mclwaine*

There were 12 Riders:- Tara Romer, Cody Romer, Catrina Grams, Vivienne Jardine, Katrina Flint, Joan Willshire, Mark Bowman, Tracey Heslin, Kayla Heslin Sonya Plant, Lynsey Mclwaine, Greg Zirbel.

Welcome to some new faces and hope all enjoyed a great scenic ride around Mt Peel with great views and some new trail with the extension of the park.

Cody did a great job of riding from home around the trail and back home.

Thanks to those who stayed to help with Greg's shredded tyre on the float.



*Above: Catrina Grams*

Greg Zirbel



*Above: Cody Romer and other riders*





## CLIFTON SHOW—SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2014

Well didn't we wow the crowd at Clifton Show with our Outback Riders performances in the afternoon and evening. It was incredibly hot, humid and dusty but our team pulled off two great performances.

An unwell horse threatened to ruin new member Bridgette Moran's chances of performing in her first show, however as always the team came through and minutes before we were due to go on for our first performance Bridgette emerged re-mounted on Bruce Gilbert's legendary mare "Spice". Thank you so much Bruce!!! As usual seasoned performer Spice didn't let Bridgette down and it was smiles all round when we came off the arena.

The evening performance was even better under lights and the crowd was even bigger with lots of cheers and whistles coming our way. We have had some great feedback from people who were in the audience and heard the comments. Mandy Beer.



Above: Outback Riders performing the wheel during their performance at Clifton Show.

### A QUOTE FROM OUR YOUNGEST COWBOY:

**“The crowd isn't riding our horses—we are!” - Cody Romer**



*Above at Clifton Show: Rick Marshall and Sarah Gilbert (daughter of our own Flash Bruce Gilbert) standing on their trusty mounts. Rick is on a new recruit . Sarah is of course on the legendary mare Spice.*

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Now to our youngest lady member—Isabel Barton. More recent members of the club may not be aware that Izzy was, only a little over 18 months ago, being led on a trail ride mounted on a pony. She now rides a big Thoroughbred and is a regular performer with The Outback Riders. Here is a picture of Izzy being led by Konrad Beer in July 2012. We are very proud of her! Go Izzy!



## Some words of wisdom on floating from John O'Leary of Horseproblems Australia:

"If turning at a junction, 90 degree bend, maximum 5k per hour and do not, I repeat, do not accelerate away until the float is in a direct line with the car otherwise you will get a whiplash effect like the water skier when the boat turns. This frightens horses and I see at least 90% of drivers do it.

**And on a lighter note:** The loading and floating of horses is the stuff that divorces are made of. If you are a horse husband and the wife's horse isn't wanting to go in the float, get out of there fast!! Kids and dogs have been known to get into major drama if within range when things go wrong.

If this happens whilst you are at a Show, you will quickly inherit a dozen other experts as well as onlookers. The experts will be all trying their pet system out on your horse and the onlookers will all be hoping like hell that the horse doesn't go in and that the embarrassment goes on for as long as possible."

### **FOR SALE:**

#### **CAESAR**

*Caesar is an extremely handsome bay TB gelding, 14yo and 16.2hh. He is big, intelligent horse with a huge personality. At some time in his past he has had extensive dressage training but has become "arena sour".*

*His real strength is his absolute steadiness when out riding on trails and roads. He is truly fabulous being completely steady even when passed by trucks and trailers only a matter of inches from him. He doesn't shy or spook at anything and is completely calm ridden with other horses, whether they are behind him or galloping up hills away from him.*

*Caesar was bought for a dressage home but is not happy in the arena. We are looking for a great home for this special horse to do what he loves – trail rides. He was owned in the past by a beginner man, who just adored him and rode him out everywhere. Because of his size, Caesar would ideally suit a "horse husband" of a horsey lady who wants a reliable horse for her husband to ride out with her (or as a great trail horse for herself). He likes to bond with a special person and shows it by coming cantering when they call him (although he is easy to catch at all times by anyone).*

*This is a very sad sale because we really need a competition dressage horse so a good home for this special man is a must; money is less important. A trial might be possible with the right person.*

*Price: \$1500ono*

*Ph: 0406 933 499*

*Cathy Binz*

*NCAS Level 1 Equestrian coach*

*Pullenvale (Brisbane Western suburbs)*





*Left & below: Sonya Plant riding her horse Sarge in the try-outs for The Waltzing Matilda Story.*

## **OUTBACK RIDERS SHOW BOOKINGS:**

*The Outback Riders are currently practising for Toowoomba Show – The Waltzing Matilda Story.*

*Upcoming dates for shows are as follows:*

*Toowoomba Show: 27th, 28th & 29th March.*

*Kilcoy Show: 10th May  
(The Man From Snowy River).*

*Gatton Show: 19th July.*





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