



Healing Horses Helping Hurting Humans

# Annual Report

**May 2012 to April 2013**

Hope Reins Incorporated





# Chairpersons Report

It is my pleasure to again report on the year that has been for Hope Reins. As you will see in this report, it has been an active and busy year. Hope Reins has been running now for just on 3 years. We were incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation in January of 2010 and had our first participant started in April of that year. Some of our volunteers started at this time too and continue faithfully to this day.

We decided this year that we needed to hold an official opening for Hope Reins in September. For us, it was like drawing the line in the sand and declaring we were here. So even though we have had many participants as part of the programme since 2010, we have been developing our facilities and growing all the while.

The major change in our facilities was the building of a place to sit and chat in the visitor's area. We chose an eight-sided gazebo in a classic federation style because of its elegance and beauty. It so enhances the look of the place and makes a statement from the road. It is named after a good friend and supporter of Hope Reins, Jennifer Edwards. Jen loved to chat and build relationships with people and, as this was the purpose of the gazebo, it was named Jens Chatroom. With the sand arena, large and small round yards, hay shed and tack room and the lane way leading from the front gate to the visitor area, you really have a clear picture of how the site is developing and how it will grow. Mention should be made of the fence posts that have been cut by Ian Hughes in a long-term project for our permanent fencing. Not only has he sourced trees, cut logs, and then arranged their transportation here, he is now splitting and pointing logs for the fences.

This year we printed our brochure and business cards in time for our official opening in September. We believe the brochures look stunning. Thanks to Linda Watt for her work on this. I was able to hand some of them out and the business cards too at Equitana, so our advertising has gone beyond Gympie and is further afield. Speaking of that, we had a report on the Channel 7 news about Hope Reins just before the Official Opening. We believe this report went across Queensland as we had feedback from people in Cairns seeing the report.

We received our first international visitors around Christmas time. They run a similar ministry in Hawaii and learned about Hope Reins from Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in the USA (on which the Hope Reins Programme is based and where Ruth and I went in 2009 to learn how to start this ministry).



We have had a growing interest in the programme and our participants have continued to come from various sources – referrals from counsellors, schools, youth justice, and other community groups. We know that we are making a difference in the lives of these participants as we hear report after report “that it works like nothing else has”. We praise God for his work through us.

Our volunteers have increased in number and we now have a vibrant volunteer session on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm until 6pm. We also have volunteers on Thursday, some who stay all day and some who come for specific sessions.

It is not unusual to have 15 volunteers here for lunch. We also have a session on Saturday morning. It is an understatement to say that this ministry would not exist without the contribution of these amazing people.

This year we had our first student placement in the shape of Emily Edwards. Emily is doing qualifications in youth work and so a placement with us helped her and helped us! She has continued on as a volunteer.

We have rescued and received a number of horses in the past year including a Cheeky – an ex-mustering horse from Imbil, a Cooloola Coast brumby (now named Toby), a stock horse with no sight in his right eye (named Eagle), 3 miniature horses (all rehomed), Promise's mum (Beauty) who had previously been loaned to us but was then given. She will eventually be rehomed with one of our volunteers. We also received another horse named Toby who is now named Toby Too and 2 Shetlands – Emmie Lou and Shiloh.

Worthy of mention, mainly because it highlights how Ruth's and my dogs also contribute to this ministry, is our entry into the Gympie Show. Clancy our 3-legged dog took out 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the medium dog section and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for child handler (who was a participant of the programme).

Two other events within this year which will probably become yearly events were Carols at Chelem – a carols by candlelight event and an Easter Sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning. Both took amazing advantage of their location and were very special.

The weather events of drought (before Christmas) and floods in January, have brought their own challenges with providing feed to the horses, but we are managing to weather this storm as all people on the land try to do.

I know I cannot talk on too much in this report (hard for me I know), but I could do so by thanking all the wonderful people who have helped out in so many ways. People have donated money, time, energy, and talents generously to this ministry. Without all of you we would not have healing horses helping hurting humans.

Kylie Read

Chairperson

# Financial Matters

The financial statement prepared by Ellingsen Partners is contained in the following pages for your perusal.

Hope Reins is in a reasonable financial position because of the generosity of many people. It has helped to have regular donations as this allows for a better budgetary anticipation. This is an area we need to develop perhaps with horse sponsorship as a means of attaining this.

I think it is good to emphasise that Hope Reins is entirely donor funded. We receive no government funding for this work.

We did receive one grant application this year. It was for equipping our volunteers and as a result some generators were purchased to assist in the work around the farm.

We have been able to sustain payment of Wayne Dobson who contracts to Hope Reins one day a week, doing general maintenance and land care duties. This has been a great help to all and enables the property to look cared for and impressive!

Hope Reins is a not-for-profit organisation with Deductible Gift Recipient Status, so all donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.



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**Hope Reins Inc**

**ABN 35 743 226 649**

**Verification statement for Hope Reins Inc**

I have sighted the association's financial records for the period **1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013** and the financial records show that the association has bookkeeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

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20 June 2013

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**Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 April 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Donations Received	77,585.70	64,005.00
Subsidies Received	4,700.00	-
Total income	<u>82,285.70</u>	<u>64,005.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy Fees	400.00	450.00
Advertising & Promotion	-	1,172.73
Bank Fees & Charges	128.58	103.24
Computer Expenses	45.45	-
Depreciation	8,273.59	7,232.00
Donations	500.00	-
Entertainment Expenses	1,908.30	273.46
Fees, Licences & Permits	451.32	73.59
First Aid Expenses	36.22	21.68
Freight & Cartage	-	1,063.64
Fuel & Oil	1,729.06	387.97
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment	415.45	-
Horse Feed	17,490.02	15,928.53
Horse Requisites	7,049.90	4,324.90
Insurance	-	1,325.00
Kids Round-up Expenses	155.46	227.29
Postage	27.27	70.96
Printing & Stationery	649.99	53.98
Protective Clothing & Uniforms	595.46	-
Repairs & Maintenance	10,904.08	2,153.99
Replacements (tools, etc)	55.36	337.26
Staff Training	369.79	208.18
Subscriptions & Memberships	-	54.30
Telephone	279.89	331.25
Travel Expenses	585.82	-
Vet Expenses	3,917.13	5,186.10
Total expenses	<u>55,968.14</u>	<u>40,980.05</u>
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>26,317.56</b>	<b>23,024.95</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	-	-

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**Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 April 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>26,317.56</b>	<b>23,024.95</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>26,317.56</b>	<b>23,024.95</b>
Opening retained profits	83,396.13	60,371.18
Net profit attributable to the association	26,317.56	23,024.95
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>109,713.69</b>	<b>83,396.13</b>

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**Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 April 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Commonwealth Bank Account - 10428366		31,418.43	15,117.27
Petty Cash		385.73	412.05
		<u>31,804.16</u>	<u>15,529.32</u>
<b>Current Tax Assets</b>			
Outstanding BAS Refunds		1,975.00	1,310.00
GST Adjustments		598.50	657.85
		<u>2,573.50</u>	<u>1,967.85</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u><b>34,377.66</b></u>	<u><b>17,497.17</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>			
Leasehold Improvements - at cost		87,412.50	80,355.48
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(9,079.00)	(4,733.00)
Plant & Equipment - at cost		19,507.04	8,853.40
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(6,833.00)	(3,869.00)
Donkeys & Horses - at cost		2,345.45	2,345.45
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(578.00)	(136.00)
Website - at cost		521.59	521.59
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(521.59)	-
		<u>92,774.99</u>	<u>83,337.92</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u><b>92,774.99</b></u>	<u><b>83,337.92</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>127,152.65</b></u>	<u><b>100,835.09</b></u>



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**Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 April 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
<b>Unsecured:</b>			
Advance - R Polley & K Read		17,438.96	17,438.96
		17,438.96	17,438.96
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>17,438.96</b>	<b>17,438.96</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>17,438.96</b>	<b>17,438.96</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>109,713.69</b>	<b>83,396.13</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		109,713.69	83,396.13
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>109,713.69</b>	<b>83,396.13</b>

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# Highlights of the year



The major highlight for the year was the Official Opening of Hope Reins. Our guests included Gary McClintock from Gympie Ministers Network, Counsellor Mick Curran from Gympie Regional Council and David Gibson, Member of Parliament for Gympie in our State Government. It was he who cut the ribbon and declared Hope Reins open.

Trying to green up grass in the midst of drought was a hard part to the opening day. We had a barbeque with items for sale (the profits going to local chaplaincy), games including kite flying, giant parachute games, pillow fights on a slippery log, tug-o-war, and loads of other games. We had horse handling displays as well as all the horses to view. Some had words painted on them such as loved, trust etc.

The photos give a great indication of events.





Other highlights included the work with our participants. The eight week programme sees different individuals coming to the different sessions we have on offer. These include, Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, Thursday afterschool and Saturday morning.

Participants come out for two hours and work one-on-one with one of our volunteer leaders. For one hour they do a farm chore – which includes picking up horse poo, gardening and weeding in our flower gardens and vegie patch, fencing, walking the dogs, and a myriad of other tasks. The second hour they work with a horse and again one volunteer leader. So their experience is entirely unique and suited absolutely to their skills and level of ability.

Over the eight weeks the participants are introduced to the stories of the horses and usually one horse's story will resonate with their own story, or will have an impact on them. They are shown how to safely approach a horse, learn about horses as prey animals and basic information on horse communication.

We then show how to catch, halter, groom and pick up horses feet. We give them a riding experience in the saddle and bareback on the horse. The bareback experience is a trust exercise and has become a very significant part of the programme. Participants have to let go, close their eyes and stretch out their arms all while the horse is being led around. It makes you very aware of your own vulnerability and how much trust we need.

During the 8 weeks we will also get participants to paint on a horse a significant word that they have learnt about themselves or they have generally learnt through coming to Hope Reins. Some of these words, - courage, trust, faith, friendship, winner, - really highlight the impact of the programme on young lives.

After Equitana, Kylie brought back another activity for us – Friendship Lane – an exercise where participants and horses together are a team that, without lead ropes and halters, must walk together down a designated laneway.

For the first time at the end of Term 4, we gave a letter to each participant highlighting their learning and giving them a positive message that was individual to them and their potential. We also included photos of them on the letter as a lasting memory. One participant, on seeing his letter, immediately asked his mother to laminate it, such was its significance to him.





Of course, we also have lots of fun. Poo fights can occur and on hot days, water pistols

make an appearance!



Other highlights were the purchase of our horse float and a new mower which, after the impact of the ministry on participants can seem mundane, but they were very much needed and will be worked hard!!



# Kids Roundup



Kids Roundup occurs on Thursdays in school holidays from 2pm to 5pm. This year was our first complete year of doing this and it seems to be working very well. We operated in partnership with the Uniting Church in Gympie. A lot of programmes for children run by churches occur in school term time and there is not a lot happening during

school holidays. So we believe there is a huge place for running a programme and reaching out to kids (both church and unchurched) and talking about how Jesus would have us live our lives.

The programme uses the space and size of the property by having “big” games – usually more physical than can be offered in a church based programme. We have used horses on occasion, but usually the games are reliant on creativity to devise them. We use equipment borrowed from the youth and community development at Gympie Regional Council and this has greatly helped us.

Children who participate are from Prep to Year 7 in age. They pay \$2 for the afternoon (to help cover costs) and we provide them with afternoon tea. Usually there are 4 or 5 games – focussed by a theme which is then highlighted in a “God Spot” where we teach truths from the bible.

Parents are invited to stay and if they do, we usually use them or invite them to be part of the activity. Multi-age activities is part of the ethos of Hope Reins.

On the second week of each holiday we have a dress up theme. Some of the themes have included – Cowboys, Promises, Wild and Wet, The Journey, and Clowning Around.

The Vacation Care of the Christian Family Church have started to come out and this increases our numbers for that day significantly. Sometimes there can be more than 20 kids in this group alone. In April 2013, a realisation of the original vision for Kids Roundup came to fruition with the arrival of a coach load of vacation care kids arrived. When we had first thought about Kids Roundup as part of the Hope Reins programme, coach loads of kids arriving was what I had talked about. It was quite extraordinary to see this in reality!



# Girls Bible Study

After volunteer time on a Tuesday (and when it is not Pot Hope week) we have a bible study in the shed for girls (or females anyway). The bible study goes from 6:30 to 7:30 and along with our regular attendees we have had a number of others who have come from time to time.

It has become a very precious time of learning about God, and caring for each other.

## Pot Hope Dinners

Once a month, on a Tuesday evening, we have Pot Hope Dinners. Starting at 6pm and going until 9pm or so, the dinner is provided by people bringing a pot of food and sharing it (in the style of a potluck dinner). We light a fire in the drum and people enjoy sitting around this and chatting. After grace, everyone lines up and gets a full plate of an assortment of food. We average about 30 people for each dinner. As a number of these are children or young people, we sometimes have some activities for them to play as well. However they inevitably end up playing in the dark – I guess because when you are a kid, there is a delicious-ness about doing so!!!!

After dinner, we gather everyone around the fire and have a sharing time. This has been led by different people talking about God incidences in their lives and their learning from these times. General discussion can then occur and this carries on through dessert.

We have developed a core group of people who are regularers to the dinner and who then can help ensure those who are new and particularly those who are not Christian, feel comfortable and welcomed.

Often the time around the fire is very precious. The stars are magnificent, the fire warm, the conversation enriching. In summer the sunsets are magnificent and in winter, the winds are ..... Well they are freezing. Someday we will have somewhere more salubrious to have our Pot Hope dinners than in Ruth and Kylie's shed!!!!



# Pot Hope Dinners





# Volunteers

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm.



1	Kylie Read (Chairperson)	constant
2	Ruth Polley (Secretary)	constant
3	Deirdre Wilson (Treasurer)	Financials and Saturdays once a month
4	Colin Bartholomew (Board Member)	constant
5	Sue Pickles (Board Member)	board
6	Ghina Allard	thursdays
7	Melinda Austin	Thursday mornings
8	Glenda Bartholomew	constant
9	Annabelle Collins	Tuesday afternoons and some KRU
10	Jos Collins	Thursday mornings and some KRU
11	Wayne Dobson	As needed (contracted for Thursdays)
12	Emily Edwards	Thursdays
13	Joel Edwards	Thursday afternoons
14	Braydon Green	Tuesdays
15	Naomi Greiger	Tuesday / Saturday
16	Nathaniel Greiger	Tuesday
17	June Gresham	Thursday
18	Leanne Heck	Thursday afternoons
19	Ian Hughes	Thursday and other times
20	Joan Hughes	Thursdays and KRU
21	Judy Ironside	Thursdays
22	Rodney Neale	Some Thursdays
23	Paula Nethercott	Tuesdays
24	Andy Nethercott	Tuesdays
25	Alex Nethercott	Tuesday
26	Jay Nethercott	Tuesday
27	Carley Nichols	Tuesday
28	Janette Norman	Thursdays and some other times
29	Sharon Overell	Thursdays
30	Ilma Polley	Thursday
31	Gabby Rogers	Tuesday and some KRU
32	Beryl Smith	Thursday and agistment
33	Sandy Thomas	Thursday (admin)
34	Dave Thomas	Thursday afterschool
35	Tina Tillinger	Thursday
36	Linda Watt	Admin, website

# Horses

It is their stories or their willingness to partner with us that make this such a unique ministry and programme.

Roanie  
Chauvel  
Toby  
Toby Too  
Lizzie  
Cheeky  
Faith  
Promise  
Yasha  
Jaxon  
Emmie-Lou  
Shiloh  
Cokey Marshmallow  
Diamond  
Bella  
Hope  
Hoseanna  
Bindy  
Frankie  
Nikki  
Gypsy  
Darcy (being rehomed)  
Jack (currently not on property)  
Desiree (currently not on property)  
Destiny  
Beauty (currently not on property)  
Grace (currently not on property)  
Bandit  
Eagle  
Mini (Destiny) REHOMED  
Mini (Buster) REHOMED  
Mini (HR Ebony Rose) REHOMED  
Jageeta  
Genesis



# Pursuing the Vision

Hope Reins is continuing to grow and be effective in the many areas that the programme operates. In order for it to continue to grow, we believe and pray for the following things.

Financial stability – regular donors and lots of them!!!

Paid positions for administration, horse handling, management and pastoral care

More available days and sessions for the programme to operate

Completion of centre facilities –

- ⇒ electricity to the centre area,
- ⇒ office purchased and moved to the site
- ⇒ Fencing and covering of large arena;
- ⇒ Permanent fencing of arena area and laneway

Visits to local churches and organisations so that more people are aware of the programme

Continued and growing partnership with Cooloola Schools Chaplaincy and local schools

And Dreams for the future

Chapel area for wet day activities and Pot Hope dinners as well as other functions

Undercover arena with lights

Full-time paid positions

Horse statue at front gate

Other creative and visible landscaping options.

# Thankyou

There are so many people to thank and hard to do so individually.

Thanks to the Pickles Foundation for their continued support.

Thanks to John Edwards and all the Edwards / Collins family for helping in the building of Jen's Cha-troom.

Thanks to all our donors and supporters.

Thanks to Kevin and Lisa at Southside Produce for their continued interest, support and donations.

Thanks to the Mitavite company for their donation of horse feed.

Thanks to Irwins Fruit Barn for the apples and carrots at our Official Opening.

Thanks to the volunteers without whom Hope Reins would not exist.

Thanks for to all those who support Pot Hope Dinners and Kids Roundup.

Thanks to all our participants and those that brought them to Hope Reins.

Thanks to Chaplains – Kylie and Jos – for bringing kids out; and their schools, James Nash High School and Gympie South Primary School for the having the vision to release them for this programme.

Thanks to Kylie and Ruth and also Glenda and Colin who carry the programme in those times when no one else is around with caring for the horses and promoting the programme.

But chiefly, thanks to God for his provision and sustaining power and his continuing revelation of the vision of the ministry.