

# Reining In

The Newsletter from Hope Reins Inc.

ISSUE 12  
JUNE 2015



## Kylie and Hope Reins win the Gympie Women in Business Community Service Excellence Award

Kylie was nominated for this prestigious award and was one of four well-deserving finalists.

The award ceremony was on Friday May 28 and Kylie had to give up her jeans, blundstones and comfortable shirt for a top with bling and dress pants!!! Most amazingly of all she left her sunglasses - which never leave her head - at home.

The awards night had Katy Tony as MC. Katy is a reporter with Channel 7 and grew up in Gympie so was a great choice to comper the night.

The Community Service Excellence Award was the first award to be given out. The nominees were announced and then the winner. It was Kylie and Hope Reins who won. Kylie is seen on the far left with the other award winners holding her award which is a glass engraved vase.

Not only was Kylie in the Gympie Times on a number of occasions because of this award, she was also interviewed for and appeared on Channel 7's news the Tuesday night after the award ceremony.

It has been incredibly good exposure for Hope Reins and we all congratulate Kylie for winning. She says it was a win for all of the Hope Reins team, as it is the work that everyone does that is making such a difference in people's lives.



### Our Mission

*Rescue  
the equine*

*Restore  
relationships  
trust and hope*

*Recreate  
and transform  
the whole person*

**HEALING  
HORSES  
HELPING  
HURTING  
HUMANS**

### Contact us

**Address:**  
Hope Reins Inc.  
'Chelem'  
727 Eel Creek Rd  
Gympie 4570

**Phone:**  
0428 08 4673 or  
0428 08 HOPE

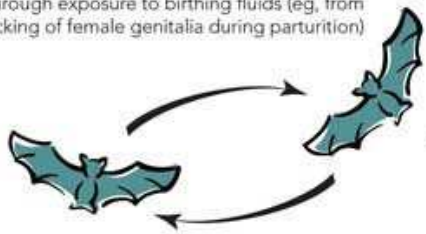
**Email:**  
hope.reins727@gmail.com

**Visit us  
on the web:**  
hopereins.org.au

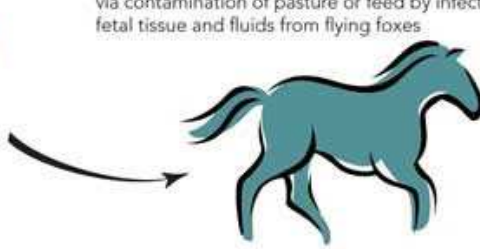


Find us on  
**facebook**

Transmission among flying foxes probably through exposure to birthing fluids (eg, from licking of female genitalia during parturition)



Transmission from flying foxes to horses; possibly via contamination of pasture or feed by infected fetal tissue and fluids from flying foxes



Transmission to humans through direct exposure to respiratory secretions from dying or recently dead HeV-infected horses



*Hendra is a virulent virus, and is a serious concern for both horses and people.*

*Hope Reins regards the safety of our people and equines highly, and uses all available precautions to minimise the risk of Hendra virus occurring.*

*Our risk management strategies include:*

- ◇ *placing water troughs and feed buckets away from trees where flying foxes roost*
- ◇ *ensuring feed routines occur in daylight (flying foxes are more active at night)*
- ◇ *minimising the number of flowering and fruiting trees that draw flying foxes in; where these trees exist limiting equine access to these areas)*
- ◇ *vaccinating our horses against the disease*

*A HUGE thank you to Gympie Veterinary Service for their care in administering the vaccine to our horses!*

### **Healing from a Horse - Poppy**

Poppy is one of our newest horses.

She is a miniature horse and stands at 35 inches or almost 1metre high. At the moment she has a little bit too much weight on but she is slimming down. She came to us because of a weakness. Her stifle joints locked up so she was not suitable to breed from and was unwanted. But her weakness didn't deter us. That's like God. He knows us and loves us despite our weakness and the things we have done. We don't have to be perfect, we just have to be willing to accept Him into our lives.

Poppy is a very sweet horse and we hope she will become a horse to visit nursing homes and be part of parades. The Hope Reins mascot horse!

Poppy was born on November 11 2009. Remembrance Day is a particularly significant day in our Western culture as we pause to remember and reflect on the cost of war and the lives lost in conflicts including from WWI to today. On this day people will wear a red poppy.

The purple poppy commemorates the animals who have been the hidden victims of war. Animals have been used as messengers, for detection, scouting and rescue or as beasts of burden on the frontline. In the First World War between 136,000 and 169,000 "Walers" (the name generally applied to Australia's sturdy horses) were sent overseas for use by the Australian Imperial Force and the British and Indian governments; 6,100 of those horses embarked for Gallipoli. Most horses serving overseas were generally either killed or passed on to other military units abroad at the end of the war. Only one made it back to Australia.

On this hundredth anniversary year of Gallipoli, it is good to remember the efforts that horses and other animals have made in war and continue to do so!



Gympie South Lions presented Hope Reins with two picnic tables they had constructed using some of our timber and a lot of their spare time and engineering design!

The tables are currently sitting in our visitor area. They form part of a vision of having this space a place where people can sit and feel comfortable, observing all that is going on.

Thank you for your support Gympie South Lions. Your practical and financial contributions to the work of Hope Reins are greatly appreciated.



### FUN! FUN! FUN!

We have purchased two pedal karts as another way to have fun at Hope Reins. The karts are sturdy and strong enough to carry adults (up to 120kg), as well as having large wheels that are easy to pedal on grass.

They encourage friendship and relationship building between volunteers, participants and visitors, with informal races occurring around the arena, posing a challenge. The karts also add to the opportunities for role-modelling and building skills - as was recently the case when some of our young volunteers were tasked with a teamwork activity: to build a racetrack (upon which we then raced!).

Ruth has always wanted a go cart track, and saw the pedal karts as a way to achieve this. One of the younger participants was heard to say, "I didn't know adults would like something like this." You betcha we do. They are extreme fun!



## Resources for Horses—Can you help?

Owning a horse is a very big responsibility. It means hard work and it usually also means quite a considerable expense. At Hope Reins there are a lot of things we need help with in order that we care for our horses in the best way.

Horses need shelter from wind and rain, and require shade during summer, so we need to build more shelters in our paddocks. This will take time and labour and materials and money to achieve.

Fresh clean water should be available at all times. We have a plan to pump water to a tank that will then water most of our paddocks. In the drought, we had to cart water most days; this takes time and energy.

A horse needs adequate feed – supplementing grass in the paddock with minerals, feeding hay and special food to our older horses takes a lot of financial commitment. Horse feed-up morning and night takes a lot of effort from a few dedicated volunteers, as well as funds to buy the food in the first place.

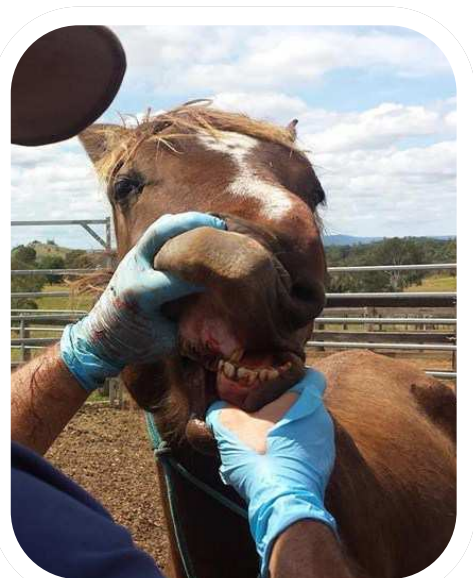
Horses need their feet looking after. Our horses don't need shoes but their hooves should be trimmed every 4 to 6 weeks. We do some trimming ourselves but also pay a farrier to do some of the horses.

Horses should have their teeth checked at least once a year — more often if being hand fed. A horse with bad teeth cannot eat properly and is likely to lose condition (weight) and/or be difficult to ride. This work should be carried out by an experienced Equine Dentist.

We also need to worm our horses for regular, preventative measures against diseases such as Tetanus and Strangles, and for worm control. Buying wormer can be a big expense. They also need regular Hendra vaccinations and this is a big expense.

The possibility of unexpected expense due to illness or injury must be considered. We have had a number of eye injuries that have been expensive to treat.

Keeping our paddocks clean by picking up manure once or twice a week is also a very important task. We need lots of help with this.



*Promise getting her teeth done by the vet.*

## Prayer

Praying for our ministry is the most important thing you can give us. If you would like to be a regular prayer partner, we would love to hear from you.

## Donating

Hope Reins is a not for profit organisation. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

We are immensely grateful for every person who has or will support Hope Reins' vision and ministry. You can make regular donations by:

Secure donations on our website through PayPal; by cheque to Hope Reins Inc.; or by bank transfers to Hope Reins Inc.

BSB: 064416

Acc No: 10428366

## Pot Hope Dinners

Second Tuesday of every month (except January), at 6pm. Bring a "pot" with cooked food, dessert & drinks to share.

### Dates:

July 14                      August 11,  
September 8              October 13

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

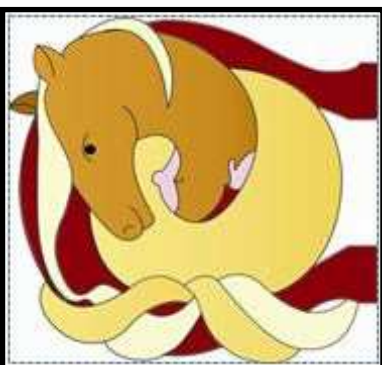
July 12 - 2:30pm

Hope Reins

727 Eel Creek Road

November 10      December 8

## Hope Reins Open Day



## Darcy's Café

At the recent Gympie Show, Hope Reins was given the opportunity to fund-raise by operating one of the cafe's in the main pavilion. The cafe was named 'Darcy's', as the proceeds from sales were being put towards paying for a much-needed operation for Mr Darcy.

Darcy's Cafe was very popular, with many people returning over the weekend for more of the good ol' country fare that was on offer. Ruth's homemade scones - baked right there in house - were a hit, as were the many and varied homemade cookies and slices. The hot food - quiche, spaghetti Bolognese, homemade soups and savoury muffins - were a welcome relief from the cool weather we had over the show weekend.

The fundraising target was met (and even slightly exceeded), raising enough money for Mr Darcy to be booked in for his surgery on 9th of July!

A HUGE thank you to all those who supported Hope Reins and Mr Darcy - whether by cooking, serving in the cafe, or by buying our food!

## Surgery Booked!

Hey all you lovely folks,

I was very excited when my owners (or 'the girls' as I call them) told me that you had all bought enough of their wonderful food to send me off to surgery.

The first thing I did was to go for a quick run down the fence and tell my

neigh-bours the good news! I'm a bit nervous about how it's all going to go, but I know from the last time I went to the equine vet Hospital & university (when I had my scans done) that they will all look after me amazingly well! As you can see I'm all packed and ready to go, and I've decided to take Big Bird with me to keep me company! The girls tell me my appointment is booked for a few weeks time so by the time the next newsletter comes out I should be fully recovered! I'll talk more later, right now I've gotta get back to the all important task of filling my belly with juicy hay!

Mr Darcy



## Christmas in July - Pot Hope Dinner

Hope Reins would like to invite you to a special Pot Hope Dinner, to be held on Tuesday 14 July 2015. Please bring a pot or plate of your favourite Christmas fare to share. Please also RSVP by Sunday 12 July so we can ensure enough seating is available. (Text and email details available on front page). We look forward to having you join us for a special Christmas in July dinner. See you there!