

Reining In

The Newsletter from Hope Reins Inc.

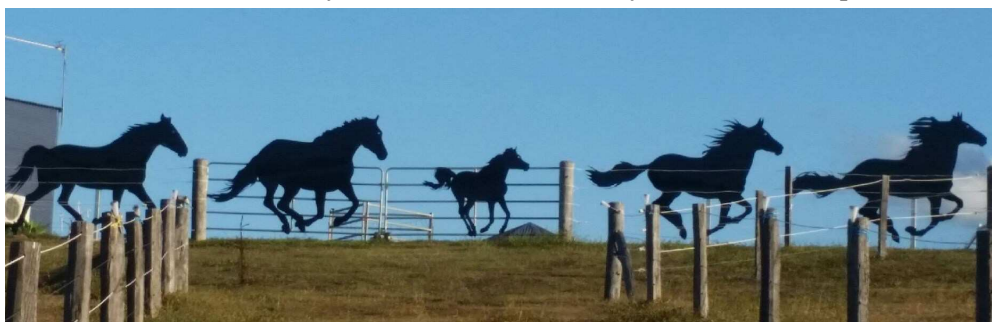
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Hope Reins Shines and the Crowds Agree

Crowds marvelled at the horsemanship display of our Tuesday afternoon volunteers. Mostly teenagers, they had put a lot of work into a horse choreography showcasing their groundwork skills. To the strains of music from The Man From Snowy River the 15 horses circled, lunged and followed their young leaders in a very impressive display.

The afternoon saw maybe 300 people or more attend, meeting some of the horses, reading their stories, meeting volunteers, participating in the games, watching the displays, listening to music from the Ukalele Club and eating some of the magnificent home cooking that was available. Australia Zoo provided the chance of a family ticket for those who participated in the day and Nestle some baskets of their produce. Our horse cutouts were installed for the day and were an impressive welcome for people as they walked up the laneway. "This was our chance to shine," said co-founder Ruth Polley, "and thanks to our many volunteers, we sparkled."



When Vision Hits the Dirt

As part of the Open Day, we were able to turn the soil on our next venture—a Chapel and Activities Hall. As part of weather proofing our programme and providing facilities such as toilets, we need a building that can house this plus a kitchen area and is big enough that when it is too hot or too wet we don't need to cancel participants, but can change our activity. Councillor Bob Leitch was present to "turn the soil" using a very down-to-earth post hole shovel with a blue ribbon. The building will probably cost around \$170 000 and is certainly a big dream for a donor-funded organisation, but we believe it is a necessary one. As the time came near for Cr Leitch to dig, a light misty rain fell on the gathering. In the late afternoon sun it drifted down in golden droplets and it was felt by many that not only were we seeding a vision, but that God was watering it! If you would like to contribute to the building of this much needed facility, please see donation methods on the back page.



Kylie and Deputy Mayor Bob Leitch discuss the event.

Our Mission

Rescue
the equine

Restore
relationships
trust and hope

Recreate
and transform
the whole person

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HORSES
HELPING
HURTING
HUMANS**

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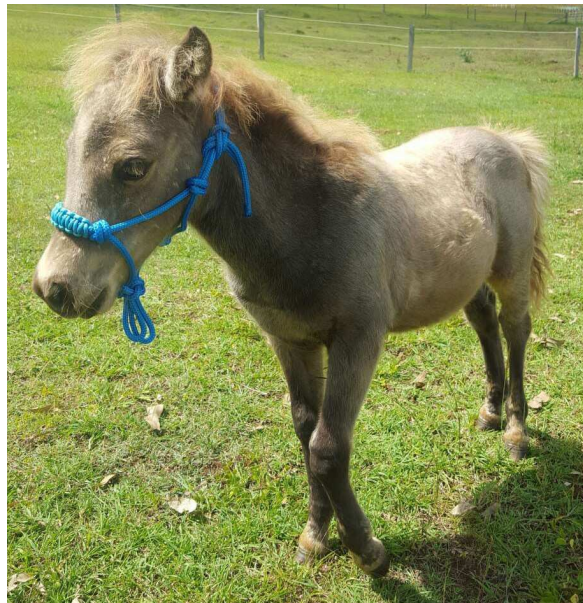
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Blessed to be a Blessing

This little fellow came to us at 2 weeks of age. His mother had broken two of her legs and had to be put down. Initially we tried to help his breeder to keep him but as he weakened and it became obvious that he needed more care than she could provide, she gave him to Hope Reins. Many people donated money for his very expensive but enriching milk, and as they gave they also suggested names for him. He was named Asher which means blessed. We believe this little horse (and he is a miniature) will grow up to help people and his story will impact others. When Asher first came to Hope Reins he was very weak and we tried to put him near the Shetlands hoping he might bond with Emmie-Lou. But from Day 1 he only had eyes for Gypsy and she for him. Gypsy is our one-eyed Thoroughbred who is 24 years old. From the moment she saw Asher she called to him as if he were her baby. So after a couple of days we put the two together, and now Grandma Gypsy and Asher are inseparable.

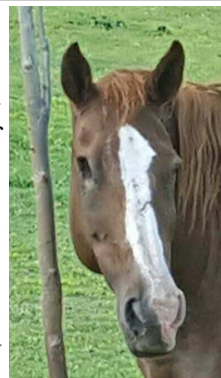


Healing from a Horse—Gypsy

Gypsy's life story has already touched many people, but it seems that she is not finished inspiring healing in people's lives. This mare, who to some would look to be beyond a time of usefulness, has shown that even if you are older you can still have an impact. Grandma Gypsy is now teaching Asher how to be a horse and from the very first day with him presented a powerful reminder of God's love for us.



Asher had been with us 3 days before we paired him with Gypsy and in that time we hadn't seen him lie down and rest. He was definitely weak, and had not had any real sustenance for days before he came. When Gypsy called to him and then licked him all over, he just seemed to crumple down to the ground and slept long and deep. What did Gypsy do? She stood over him so that her shadow shielded him from the hot sun. In Psalm 36:7 we see an image of God's love. "How priceless is Your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge *under the shadow of Your wings!*" Whilst this is in obvious reference to a bird it is in the shadow that we see an expressive illustration of the divine love and care which runs throughout scripture of God's sheltering love.



Farm Tour and Pot Hope

This year we have changed our Pot Hope Dinners to the second Sunday of the Month. Everyone is welcome to join us—just bring a pot of dinner to share. Pot Hope starts at 5pm with helping feed the horses and then eating dinner by 6pm. On the same day, we are also hosting a personal farm tour which starts at 4pm. This is strictly limited in numbers and requires prior booking. Some of the Board from Bendigo Bank came for a recent tour. Pictured are Prue, Sean and Elaine. Bendigo Bank have given a donation to Hope Reins for the last 3 years. Tours last for an hour. Email us or Facebook us if you would like to be involved.



Gympie Women in Business Swap Heels for Horses

What a beautiful night was had showcasing the work of Hope Reins. Kylie and Hope Reins won the Community Service Award with Gympie Women in Business in 2015 and as nominations for the 2016 Awards were being encouraged women came to dinner around a campfire at the 5 million star restaurant. Many of the young Hope Reins volunteers (very keen teenagers) were also present to help serve the meal.

There were many highlights of the evening, but perhaps one amazing feature was a trust ride on Jeremiah—our Clydesdale cross Shire Horse. Ladies had nominated for the chance, and the winner was a young lady who had not even been around horses much less ridden one! The opportunity for her to explore what trust meant to her and show this through discussion on this big horse was a very intimate and special moment that was shared by all present.

Many women not only loved the evening, they thought it one of the best Gympie Women in Business events ever!



Partnering with us to Bring Hope

Hope Reins not only works with horses that have been rescued from abuse or neglect or who have stories of recovery from illness, but we also invite people to participate in our programme that facilitates building relationships with these horses. These means learning some horse skills but also allows the horses to play a part in teaching life skills to the participant.

The Hope Reins programme is free but if we were to put a dollar value on someone's participation in the 8 week programme it could easily be up around the \$600 figure.

As we are a donor-funded organisation we are asking people to partner with us to provide this chance of Hope to a person in our community.

The Cup of Hope is inspiring people to give the cost of a cup of coffee—\$5.00 on a regular basis, say monthly or fortnightly or even weekly, setting it up as a regular donation through their bank.

Our bank details are on the back page and we would provide a receipt for these donations at the end of the financial year.



All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Of course, we would not stop anyone from donating more than this regularly! What about a bale of hay a month (\$15) or a Horse trim (\$40) or feed for some of our horses (\$50 a month).

Anything can help.

We would love to hear from you.

PAK

Small acts of kindness matter;
they completely transform lives



Purposeful Acts of Kindness (PAK) is one of Hope Reins newer programmes which provides a one-off opportunity for teenagers to volunteer doing something worthwhile for someone in this local community.

Our December activity had a decided Christmas flavour as the young people made biscuits and packaged them and then delivered them with a Christmas Carol sung to the recipients. The large group visited and thanked the Police, the Ambulance, Gympie Vets, and Victory Care Services and brought joy wherever they went—to both the recipients and young volunteers alike. The Acting Senior Sergeant of the Police said with a delighted smile, "I'm not often lost for words, but this has left me speechless."



Prayer

Praying for our ministry is the most important thing you can give us. Could you pray specifically for rain to fill dams, finances to achieve the vision of Hope Reins and God's protection over the programme, people, horses and equipment

Donating

Hope Reins is a not for profit organisation.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Please contact us for direct debit details or make cheques payable to Hope Reins Inc.

Direct deposit to our Bank—
CBA BSB: 064416 Acc: 10428366 and don't forget to email us so we can send a receipt
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Secure donations can also be made on our website through PayPal.

We are immensely grateful for every person who has or will support Hope Reins' vision and ministry.

Pot Hope Dinners

These run on the second Sunday of the month from 5pm when we feed the horses and 6pm when we share a meal together. Bring a pot of food to share. Dates for this year:

June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

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of Hope Reins



Café Hope at the Gympie Show

Once again the Hope Reins team is rolling up their sleeves making soup and scones, cakes and cookies, sandwiches and snacks and selling them in our café at the Gympie Show. Last year we were aiming to raise money to send Mr Darcy off for an operation. This year we are raising money to get some of our horses trained so they can be rehomed. We are also hoping to make some to go towards our general running expenses. Keeping horses and running a programme costs a lot of money. Someone once quipped. The way to become a millionaire when working with horses ... is to start as a billionaire!!!!



Shelters Built and Being Utilised

Thanks to a donation and the continuing support of the Pickles Foundation, we have been able to build a number of Horse Shelters around the farm to give shade and protection from wind and rain. Pictured is the long shelter over our timber yards in which Toby is having to stay due to an eye injury in his one remaining eye. It is so good to be able to provide him with this shelter at this time of injury and recovery.

We also now have a permanent shelter over the horse crush and shelter for the tractor and horse trailer too.

And near the dam is the beautiful gazebo that is providing a touch of elegance in what will become a beautiful place for picnics and building relationships.



The Autumn Issue of Ruth—a state wide publication—features an article on Hope Reins. What an amazing privilege to receive this recognition and endorsement of what we do!



It is titled "Joy, Hope and Healing through Horses"