



Reining In



The Newsletter from Hope Reins Inc.

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Hope and Loss

In September, we made the bold move of installing the donga on the arena area as the Hope Reins office. The donga had served as Kylie's bedroom but with renovations happening to the house, it was finally moved to its second purpose as a central place of administration for Hope Reins. Colin, Wayne and Ian towed the donga from next to the



house out to its central location and anchored it down. We are still waiting for the electricity to get out to the arena area (which should be happening soon) before the office can be fully functioning. We will then develop gardens around it and a deck out from it, as well as outfitting it inside. The office joins Jen's Chatroom as structures within our Visitor's area. Also happening has been the completion of the laneway with permanent fencing, which will lead participants from the front gate to the Visitor's area.



Other permanent fences have also been installed and this too will continue over the summer.

Sadly, our beautiful shade sail which was located in our tack-up area and which provided much needed shade for trimming horses feet, grooming or just sitting, was blown down by an intense wind and storm we experienced in late November.

Hope Reins Film Stars

Scripture Union employ school chaplains in Queensland. Every year they have a Frontline Dinner where they show sponsors and supporters the work of chaplaincy across the State. As part of this dinner, they contacted Kylie to ask if, in her role as School Chaplain, they could film her at Hope Reins with some students she brings out from her school, James Nash High. We had a camera man with us for over 5 hours - filming various students with horses and, of course, Kylie. They also filmed Leanne, another of our volunteers. All this was condensed into just over one minute of film which highlights Cassie's journey at Hope Reins, but also showcases what we do and the success we have been achieving with young people. If you would like to view it please go to: backourchappies.com.au or you can find the link on our website: hopereins.org.au.

Our Mission

Rescue
the equine

Restore
Relationships
trust and hope

Recreate
and transform
the whole person

HEALING
HORSES
HELPING
HURTING
HUMANS



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Hope from a Horse *by Linda*



Bud the Bulldozer

We're going through! Lantana. Fallen trees. Swollen creeks. Little things like that don't stop Bud. He doesn't back down from a challenge. Bud loves to be on the chase for cattle. He gets excited by the challenge and obstacles don't make him quit. Being up on his back, we're a team, and I'm thinking, 'you can't get through that Bud, lets find a way around.' But it's as though he says, 'Yes I can, let's go through!' That's why he's nicknamed 'Bud the Bulldozer'. Sometimes *this* part of the team thinks, 'But I'm not so sure I'm going to make it under that tree or through that lantana.' Apart from minor scratches and bruises, (on me not him!) so far so good - although I did get caught in 'wait-a-while' once. My horse kept going from under me when I was dragged off his back by the vine! If getting to the cattle means choosing the hard track, Bud's willing to do it. His strength and courage mean Bud usually gets his cow!

Bud keeps his eye on the cow and that's what gets him through. He's locked on to his goal and he's going to get there, one way or another. Bud's taught me that getting to where I want to go will sometimes mean choosing a difficult path instead of an easy one. If there are obstacles and challenges blocking my goals, I won't get there by saying, 'It's all too hard. I can't do it, I quit.' I have to keep my eye on the 'cow', whatever my 'cow' (goal) may be - (and by the way, if I reach for nothing I'm sure to hit it), and sometimes, I might even have to bulldoze through in order to reach it.

I like John Wayne's saying: Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway! Bud and I aren't scared out there mustering, but he has sure taught me about being **courageous** and **committed** to reach my goal.



Equitana 2013

Ruth, Kylie and Linda were incredibly blessed to enjoy four days of everything equine at Equitana, held at the Sydney Showgrounds from 7-10 November. Each year over 50,000 horse enthusiasts attend Equitana and with over 300 retail outlets, shopping is horsey heaven! During the four days, there are educational presentations (veterinary, horse and rider performance and health etc), world class competitions (dressage, eventing, show jumping, reining, barrel racing), Olympic gold medalists, world renown educators and entertainers (Pat & Linda Parelli, Carl Heste, Al Dunning, the Double Dans), exhibitions, entertainment and Kids Interactive sessions. Minitana showed off the talents of miniature horses and the Man from Snowy River challenge brought an exciting Aussie flavor to the entertainment. Many different breeds are on display and very special this year was the Waler Legacy which showcased the strength and versatility of these amazing horses that are part of our Australian heritage. We came home from Equitana with loads of free samples and also with knowledge and resources that we can use at Hope Reins. The next Equitana will be at the Melbourne Showgrounds from 20 to 23 November 2014 and will feature the exciting Horsemanship challenge - The Way of the Horse.

To plan your trip next year, got to: www.equitana.com.au. We might see you there!



Participant's Story

Week 6: At Hope reins today we had fun unloading hay bales off the back of the truck. After that I got to paint a horse-Lizzie. My word was 'Caring'. I chose that word because I was there caring for horses, people & me. We have to care about the things around us & other people & not judge people around us. That's the way I got the word I painted on my horse.

Week 7: Today at Hope Reins I did 'Partner-up' where you try & make the horse follow you. You rub them, give them attention. Without using a rope they have to follow you. If they don't follow you then you scare them off & start again. I learnt about trust & friendship - that everyone deserves respect. I liked it when the horse came over to me.

Then we picked up horse poo. Lastly I got to groom Desiree.

I had to try & pick up her foot - it was heavy. Then we saw Jaxon.

I got to feed Shiloh & Emmie-Lou carrots. Being there was awesome.

I loved being outside & realised it is much more fun being nice not mean.

By A

Participant's Story

Dear Kylie and Hope Reins staff

I would like to say that I am really happy that you gave me a chance to experience going to Hope Reins. It has turned my life around for the better. Emily you were the first person I worked with and we shovelled poo. I haven't had such a good conversation and a conversation that long to anyone while I was going through my depression but ever since I have come out to Hope Reins I have been a lot happier and I have learnt to trust more people in my life. I have more trust in my friends and my family and I'm really grateful that it was Hope Reins that gave me that trust and Jaxon also gave me the trust. I really enjoyed my time being there and I have decided to change schools and go to ***** to repeat grade ***** because my grades are really bad and I don't want to be getting bad grades, so I hope this year the trust I have learnt from Hope Reins helps me in getting my school grades up and helps me further in life.

Thank you all soooo much. By K

Answers to Prayer in a Saddle

Earlier this year we received two Shetland ponies from a kind donor to assist with our programme. Their names are Shiloh and Emmie-Lou. Shiloh is about 15 and Emmie-Lou is 23. Shiloh has been ridden before, but Emmie has served her life as a brood mare. Shiloh has terrible Qld itch and we have been working at getting this under control. The time came when we thought it would be good to use him as a riding horse (particularly for our younger participants), but we needed a child's saddle in order to do this and then we need to work Shiloh to establish he is as safe as he can be. Kylie and Ruth prayed for a saddle and the next day a phone call came offering a child's western saddle to us!! Sometimes answers to prayer can take a while, but this one was super quick!!!! The picture shows Alex - our youngest volunteer - with Shiloh and the donated saddle. Thank you to our kind donors and thank you God.



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

Kids Round Up

Thursday afternoons during school holidays (except January) for Preps to Year 7. 2pm to 5pm. \$2 per child.

Dates: 19 December
10 April
17 April

Pot Hope Dinners

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

Dates: 10 December
11 February
11 March



The Department of Youth Justice putting Melbourne Cup winnings to good use

This is a letter that accompanied Youth Justice's donation:

"Just wanted to let you know that our work group has dedicated this year's Melbourne Cup to Hope Reins. Some of our team shared stories of visiting Hope Reins with their youth justice clients and the profound impact the experience had on these young people. We have raised a total of \$76.90 which has been forwarded via PayPal. The photos show some of our very enthusiastic supporters and we plan to make this an annual event. The flags on the cake say HOPE REINS HERE."

Thanks to this team for their creative support of Hope Reins and the work we do.



Christmas Hope

It had been 16 years since my sister and I had been together for Christmas. She had married an American and had been living in Seattle. We had seen each other during that time but not shared a Christmas together. That's why Christmas 2007 was so special. Miraculously God had provided a way for my whole family (all 7 of us) to go to USA. What a wonderful, amazing time we had being together as families and for the first time in 17 years snow fell in Seattle Christmas morning – a real white Christmas - snowflakes, snowman, snowballs, tobogganing and sleigh rides! Something I'd hoped for but never thought possible.

I love Christmas... more than the food, the gifts and celebrations... I love the meaning of it. To me, it's spiritual... it's about a loving Dad and his plan to save his children. That's why Jesus came from his world into our world to fulfil his Dad's plan and bring God's love, peace and freedom so we could all be together again as family. That is why I have hope, my hope comes from God. It can't be seen but it fills me up on the inside and I just want to share it! Christmas Hope is here for us all.

Jos Collins (Chappy)

