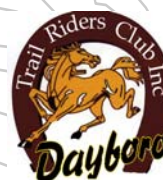


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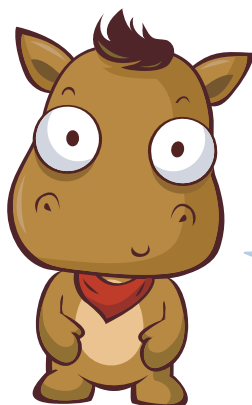
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### **February 's Ride Report** by Kayleen Giles

February saw another great roll up of around 31 riders head out of the showgrounds into Stewart's paddock to begin our ride. Once through Stewart's, Kevin & Arthur headed us into Sellin's and Cow Pat Field up over the hill and down onto the flat where after recent rain it was still a little boggy. A few of the horses weren't keen on crossing the soft ground which created a queue of unsure (and a couple of unwilling) horses. Unfortunately one of our new members sustained a kick to the ankle resulting in quite a bit of pain but luckily was able to continue the ride. We rode through Kerry McKay's property and out onto the road then crossing Mt Pleasant Road and through more beautiful countryside before crossing the creek with the help of the

property owner, Greg Nugent, locating the gate for us. We then continued out onto Lacey's Creek Road and down into Dick Baker's. After a bit of confusion over which track we should take we headed towards Richardson's. Passing a little too close to a gate post, one of the horses spooked and jumped forward landing a gash in the leg of her rider from the catch. A bandage was quickly applied to the bleeding leg and we continued the rest of the ride. Although ending up a longer ride than usual everyone agreed over a chicken and salad lunch that it was another great day to be out enjoying the countryside. Our next ride will be our weekend at Yarraman on the 7<sup>th</sup> March before the usual club ride on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



## The Yarraman Review

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Yarraman Horse Ride was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Eighteen of our members attended, which looked to be the biggest attendance of a “club” on the day. Our members set up camp on Friday and indulged in a quick group trek that afternoon. Saturday morning a long ride of 30km and a short ride of 20km) left the Yarraman showgrounds, both rides turning out to be approximately 7 hours long - apparently the short ride took a lot more rest stops. There were 15 riders on the 30k trek and about 49 on the 20k).



### Long Ride by Lisa Schuhmann

There were 15 riders that went on the long ride at Yarraman with 4 of us being from Dayboro. We left at 7.40am and after riding through town we rode along an old railway line and through a cutting. Then we went through paddocks and tracks winding through the gum trees. Sometimes we seemed to be making our own tracks. We had a half hour drink stop for morning tea under the shade of the trees. After maybe an hour of riding we had another stop for some refreshing water. We had a slippery crossing over rocks at a creek but we all eventually made it over. Lunch was not too long after in the shade of the bush with lots of grass for the horses to eat and steak burgers for us.

Back to riding and we stopped at a dam for the horses to have a drink with some being reluctant to go down to the water and others being a bit over keen. Then we had a hot ride through an open paddock and on into the state forest which was much cooler and where there was one more drink stop waiting for us. The backup crew were great and seemed to pop up everywhere in case anyone needed any water etc. We had a bit more riding through the shade of the pine trees and then headed back down the road to the show grounds where we arrived just after 3pm. It was a great ride and definitely not as hot as we had expected.

### Short Ride by Debby Kirkwood

The Short Ride departed about 8:15am and had a bit of everything. We made our way up behind the show grounds to the cemetery. From there the group followed the trail under the humming power line towers for a short way, then turned off into the State Forest. We ambled over many green hills with frequent water stops; a billy tea and bickie stop for morning tea; a great bbq lunch stop on the grass alongside a flowing river; a bit of bush bashing through the scrub; then a wander through the pine trees, where in the heat of the afternoon, it was nice and cool, until we popped out back behind the showgrounds. Once the horses were sorted, watered and fed, the riders showered, relaxed and

wandered up to the pavilion for dinner. Country Rock entertainer, Arthur Nettelfield turned up around 7pm to turn on the music. Arthur plays guitar and sings a bit of pretty much well anything, as we found out, including some of his own re written songs, which had most folks in stitches. Kayleen and Chris Giles, jumped up and put on their boogie boots and soon had all of the Dayboro members up strutting their stuff. A few of the locals joined in with their own unique styles of dance. Apart from one or two who turned in at about 9:30pm, the rest of us danced the night away until almost 12:30. All in all a great ride and an excellent evening was had by all.

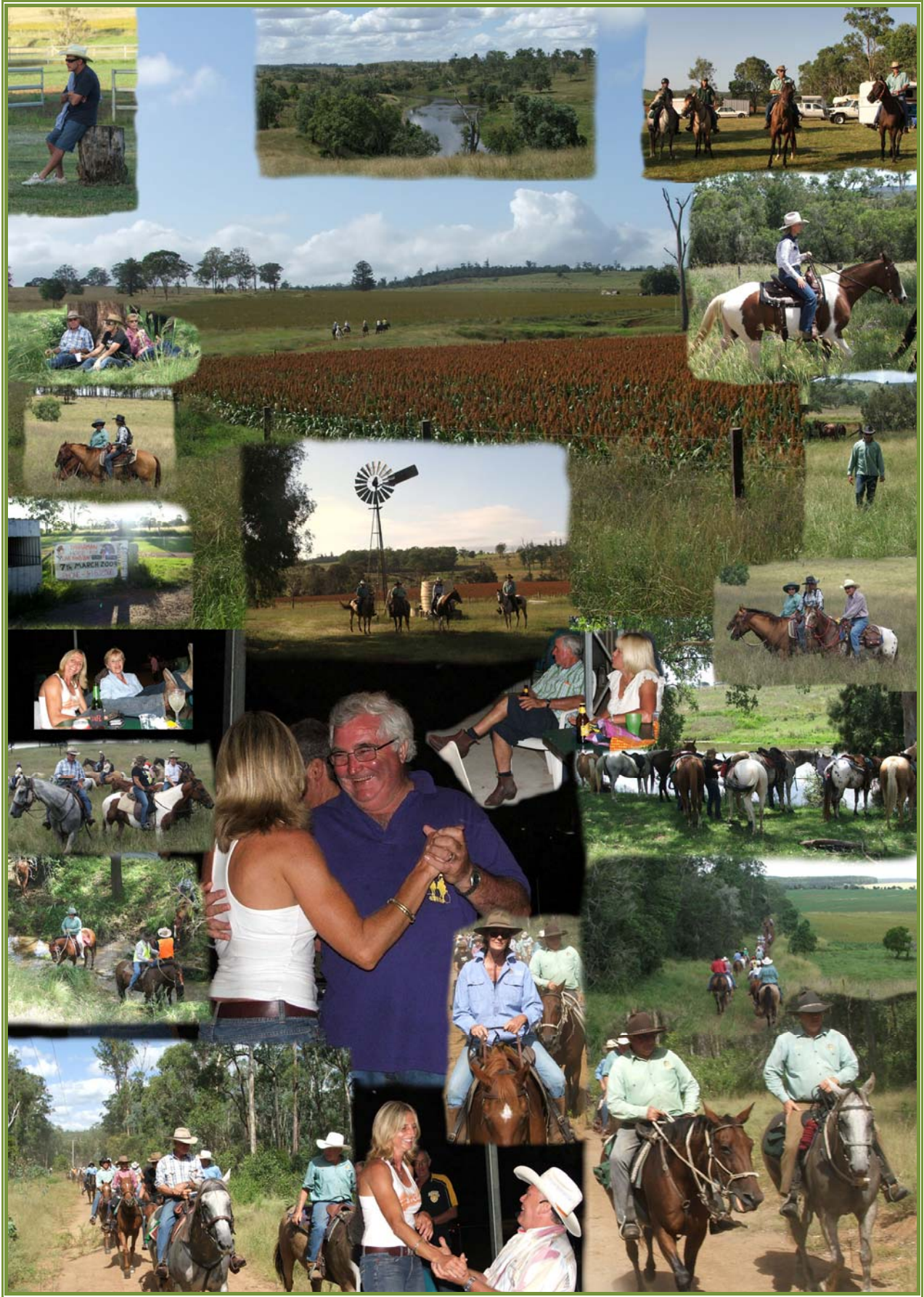
## Proposed Brisbane Valley – Toogoolawah Ride

The Brisbane Valley Trail Riders have kindly extended an invitation to ride with them and camp over at the Toogoolawah show grounds. At our recent club meeting it was discussed, members being keen on an additional ride for the year. The club calendar is fairly full, so it looks as though June might be a good time do this. More info on this soon.

  
**PLEASE!!**

*Whilst on the subject of the club calendar – please take the time to make the following amendment. The club ride and Dayboro Day dates have been confused. Our club ride will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Dayboro Day is on 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2009. Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience.*





**Highlights from the Yarraman weekend, March 2009**

*Taken by Kayleen Giles*





### Club Shirts

Sizes are Small, Medium, Large & Extra Large.

Chambray shirts \$33 each, long or short sleeve.

Polo shirts \$20 each.

Please contact the club to purchase a shirt or enquire at a club ride. Name embroidery is done by Noella Lee - enquire separately.

## Bits & Pieces

- Work is currently under way to spruce and update our club website [dayborotrailriders.com.au](http://dayborotrailriders.com.au); proposed changes are looking excellent so far.....
- The club in conjunction with ATHRA QLD recently put the call out for any horsey items that could be donated to the Victorian bushfire victims. Over the ATHRA AGM weekend a pile of stuff was kindly donated & we received this brief message via email :

“Thank you to everyone who has been involved in assisting those affected by the Victorian bush fires. The good news is Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria almost have a full shed of feed as they now need for the next couple of months and all the equipment they need . With the help of Queenslanders we were able to send down almost a massive 100tonne of feed and equipment over the past 3 weeks. While this is not the end of need for horse owners affected by the fires it is a good start and will certainly be of help over the coming months”.

- Did you know that at February’s meeting our club decided to and did make donations toward the Victorian Bushfires and North Qld Flood appeals. \$500 went to Project Hope & another \$500 went to Red Cross.

**If you have any “For Sale” items, “Agistment Available or Needed”, or other adverts; stories, photos or any other items of interest you would like to put in this newsletter, please contact me on 0438 763 312 or email [gdkirk@tpg.com.au](mailto:gdkirk@tpg.com.au)**

**Thanks, Debby Kirkwood**

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**NEXT CLUB RIDE:**            April 17<sup>th</sup> – Kilkivan Great Horse Ride  
   April 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day Parade & short ride  
   April 26<sup>th</sup> – Club Ride

**NEXT MEETING:**            Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Showgrounds.

### **3 Pints of Guinness**

*Patrick walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the corner of the room, drinking a sip out of each pint in turn. When he had finished all three, he went back to the bar and ordered three more.*

*The barman says, "You know a pint goes flat soon after I pull it .... your pint would taste better if you bought one at a time."*

*Patrick replies, "Well now, I have two brodders, one is in America and de odder in Australia and here I am in Dublin . When we all left home, we promised dat we'd drink dis way to remember de days we all drank togedder."*

*The barman admits that this is a nice custom and says no more.*

*Patrick becomes a regular customer and always drinks the same way ... ordering three pints and drinking a sip out of each in turn, until they are finished. One day, he comes in and orders just two pints. All the other regulars in the bar notice and fall silent.*

*When he goes back to the bar for the second round, the barman says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss."*

*Patrick looks confused for a moment, then the penny drops and he starts to laugh, "Oh no," he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine! Tis me ... I've quit drinking!"*



Meet Molly. She's a grey speckled pony who was abandoned by her owners when Hurricane Katrina hit southern Louisiana . She spent weeks on her own before finally being rescued and taken to a farm where abandoned animals were stockpiled. While there, she was attacked by a pit bull terrier and almost died. Her gnawed right front leg became infected, and her vet went to LSU for help, but LSU was overwhelmed, and this pony was a welfare case. You know how that goes.

But after surgeon Rustin Moore met Molly, he changed his mind. He saw how the pony was careful to lie down on different sides so she didn't seem to get sores, and how she allowed people to handle her. She protected her injured leg. She constantly shifted her weight and didn't overload her good leg. She was a smart pony with a serious survival ethic.

Moore agreed to remove her leg below the knee, and a temporary artificial limb was built. Molly walked out of the clinic and her story really begins there.

'This was the right horse and the right owner,' Moore insists. Molly happened to be a one-in-a-million patient. She's tough as nails, but sweet, and she was willing to cope with pain. She made it obvious she understood that she was in trouble. The other important factor, according to Moore, is having a truly committed and compliant owner who is dedicated to providing the daily care required over the lifetime of the horse.

Molly's story turns into a parable for life in post-Katrina Louisiana . The little pony gained weight, and her mane finally felt a comb. A human prosthesis designer built her a leg.

The prosthetic has given Molly a whole new life, Allison Barca DVM, Molly's regular vet, reports.

And she asks for it. She will put her little limb out, and come to you and let you know that she wants you to put it on. Sometimes she wants you to take it off too. And sometimes, Molly gets away from Barca. 'It can be pretty bad when you can't catch a three-legged horse,' she laughs.

Most important of all, Molly has a job now. Kay, the rescue farm owner, started taking Molly to shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centres. Anywhere she thought that people needed hope. Wherever Molly went, she showed people her pluck. She inspired people, and she had a good time doing it.

'It's obvious to me that Molly had a bigger role to play in life, Moore said. 'She survived the hurricane, she survived a horrible injury, and now she is giving hope to others.'

Barca concluded, 'She's not back to normal, but she's going to be better. To me, she could be a symbol for New Orleans itself.' *Author Unknown*

