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RIDE REPORTS



September Club Ride

The club ride was on the 15th September due to the ride clashing with the Angel flight/Kilkivan rides. It was a very pleasant morning with about 18-20 riders saddled up ready to leave the showgrounds at 8.30am.

We rode out of town over the Terrors Creek Bridge (this always causes some nerves) and headed south east. We travelled over some familiar territory with very pleasant views but, mostly nice and flat – which made for some very nice easy riding and of course, lots of laughing and talking along the way.

The ride was a little shorter than usual as we arrived back at the clubhouse about 12.00noon.

Dan did the BBQ for us and once again we enjoyed a lovely lunch relaxing with our horse riding mates.

After lunch it was time to load our 4 legged friends and head home.

TRA CAMP REPORT



This year the camp was held at Kin Kin and Pomona from 22nd to 28th September.

Kin Kin is always a great place to camp and ride and this year was no exception. On Wednesday the riders moved to Pomona for the final leg of the camp. As always, it was most enjoyable with 4 people from Dayboro joining the group.


We would like to thank Wayne the President of TRA for a very friendly, relaxed and fun camp, we look forward to next year.

Kilkivan and Angel Flight REPORT – 21/09/2013



Both rides run together on the same day but as separate rides.

This was a great ride although a little hot, and perhaps a little long for a couple of 'ol girls (haha) – 30k's. The ride started at 7.30am and finished about 4.30pm.

We moved camp, put our horses away, showered, and relaxed and enjoyed the beautiful evening and told many interesting stories...  A Great Weekend Ride.

GENERAL CLUB INFO



- **BIG OCTOBER RIDE** **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRE-NOMINATE!!!**
Bob will probably lead the long ride this year. Smoko will be at Bradley's down near the yards and creek for both rides, then they will split up.
- Lorraine has organised a roster for Friday night and Saturday morning, so if you can help please let Lorraine know.
- Melanie Wilson's husband, Darryl has cleared heaps of the track for us and will clear some more on the airstrip when he gets time.
- It is requested that all riders have halters and lead ropes so they can be led if need be and also for tying up at lunch and smoko,
- We also need to know who will wear a vest and who will do first aid for both rides.



• **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Will be at Carseldine Thursday 17th October, 3 - 4 people are needed to be there at 7.15am to start at 8.00am and finish at 3.00pm.

If you can help please let Bob know.

WANT TO JOIN THE DAYBORO TRAILRIDERS CLUB??



Membership Fees 2013

Senior	\$60.00
Junior (U18years)	\$55.00
Family	\$130.00 for first 3 members, then \$50.00 each person there after.

Membership forms are available to print off the website.



Club Meetings are every 2nd Thursday night starting at 7.30pm AT THE SHOWGROUNDS.

Members are encouraged to attend so as to keep up to date with club activities and also put forward their view and opinions on club matters.

Dates to remember: BOR – 26TH OCTOBER

Trail Riders Club Inc. Dayboro

**15TH ANNUAL
BIG OCTOBER RIDE
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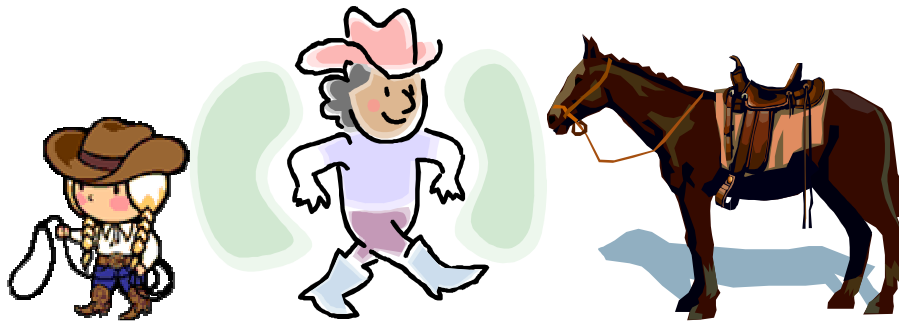
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SOME NEWS ABOUT OUR GEMMA:

Gemma's Travels – part 2.

Since you have last heard about Gemma in the August newsletter she went on a tour of Powderham Castle which she said was amazing and the same family has lived there for 600 years.

She has been to some more horse shows to watch Emma compete and when Gemma tells them that we don't compete they look at her like there is no other purpose for horses than showing. She said they can't believe that we go for four hour trail rides and who knows what they would think about an all day ride.

Gemma says that Australia is like a bigger, better more spread out, advanced version of Britain and that most things feel the same there but everything feels old and past its prime. Then she says to me "Lucky I still like Australia better hey". One thing though is she says she misses her "Nerada" tea. Apparently the Brits don't drink as much tea as she thought or at least not the ones she has met.

She went to Bath and saw a Roman Bath house, a fashion museum and the Jane Austen Centre. She had two nights in a hostel in Bristol and after not seeing a movie for three weeks she was having withdrawals so had to go and see Elysium after she walked past a cinema. A rating of 3 out of 5 is what she gave it. She looked at the Clifton suspension bridge as did her pony in the photo. I commented that lucky it wasn't a windy day but Gemma said it was windy and he was rocking and a couple that walked past had a laugh.

She went to the wedding of Becky and Rory (Emma's sister) at Kitley House in Plymouth and had a great time. She thought the name Rory was very appropriate since she has based her whole England trip on anything to do with TV and movies. Hmm, think I have heard that name somewhere before - would it be Dr Who?

Another three day adventure took her down to Penzance staying in a hostel. She went to Lands End (the most westerly point in England) on an open top bus which she said was a little cool and with another pony photo taken then had lunch at St Ives where she watched people swimming in the ocean with wet suites on. Next was to Charlestown to a Heritage and Shipwreck museum to see the real necklace used in the Titanic movie. While there she was very excited to see them building a set for a pirate film on the dock and said it was so interesting she could have watched them all day only had other places to go. She went to the famous Eden Project where she said it was pretty funny as in the tropical dome where it was only 30dgs they put a cold room in for everyone to cool down. From there she finally sent us another photo with herself in instead of that travelling pony.

Navajo has celebrated his birthday while Gemma has been away and at ten years I say he is no more sensible than when he was two. Anyway I gave Lady and Nav a whole carrot each and some hay and Gemma said to me "Just one carrot, poor nav if I was there I would have given him lots of whole carrots!"

She has been to Dartmouth to watch the Red Arrows, (Royal Air force Aerobatic Team) who put on a great display. She said a plane a bit like an F1-11 came over and she told them that it wasn't as loud as the top fuelers at the drags but no-one believed her.

She went to a beach at Bude in North Devon to read a book and have a sleep while Phil (Emma's brother) was surfing with his mate and she said it was freezing but she eventually found a warmish spot to lie out of the wind.

Then it was time to say goodbye to Emma and move on to Southampton for a quick stop to see anything to do with the Titanic. She went on a walking tour and saw the White Star Line offices and lots of memorials and went into the museum. Unfortunately she couldn't see the dock as there were road works in the way. Then she caught a train to Bournemouth where my Uncle and Aunt were waiting for her. They took her to Christchurch to see some castle ruins then a drive through the New Forest where she was lucky enough to see some forest ponies and then on to Burley.

From there it was onto London for six nights in a hostel where she went to Trafalgar square before heading to Australia House to vote. She also found the bridge that was destroyed in the Harry Potter movie and had a walk along the Thames before coming across a site used in Sherlock. Her travelling pony was happy to have his photo taken as the sun went down with the London Eye in the background. She went to the Harry Potter Studios then a Sherlock tour followed by a Harry Potter bus tour and even a Sherlock museum where she had to queue for 40 minutes to get in. She went to Westminster Abbey and St Pauls Cathedral and climbed 500 stairs to get to the top of the dome and said she is over churches now as they are all starting to look the same. She quickly worked out the Tube system and was catching it everywhere including to Piccadilly Circus where she said it didn't look as good as it could due to scaffolding.

She went to the Churchill war rooms and said it was so interesting as when the war was over they just shut and locked the doors so most of them were found in their original condition. She toured around the Shakespeare Globe Theatre, went on the HMS Belfast, looked at the Tower Bridge exhibition and to the Tower of London to see the crown jewels. She went to The Monument and climbed another 300 stairs to the top.

Gemma found herself a nice chair on the Thames and every morning went there to eat her breaky which was usually muffins. We had lots of emails saying "I'm off to my chair now". She also got onto £1 cups of tea near Big Ben which she really appreciated when she managed to pick up a London cold.

She went to the wax museum and said it was good but she thought there would be more there. Then the highlight of her day was going to Lord's Cricket Ground and seeing the real Ashes which she said were so tiny and getting to see the visitors change rooms used by the Aussies before going to Dorset Park the original cricket ground. She was lucky enough to get a £16 ticket to see "The War Horse" and a front row seat on the balcony. She said that it was amazing how quickly you forgot there were people controlling the horses.

On her last day in London she went on the Eye then on a cruise up the river to Greenwich for lunch. She caught the boat back to see the Wellington Arch and the Australian War Memorial.

Leaving London behind she caught a train to Victoria and then a coach to Oxford where one of my Uncles was waiting to pick her up. She has met all my uncles now and they took her to the house the five brothers grew up in. She did a walking tour of Oxford before going into McDonalds to get some Wi-Fi and another pony photo. Then it was onto an open top bus for another tour around Oxford and then the next day a walk along the river to look at some locks. She managed to find an Alice in Wonderland Shop (as only Gemma could) and once again the cinema was too tempting so she went to the movies to see "About Time." My other Uncle and Aunt who also live in Oxford went to see it with her (she rated it 3 out of 5). There were lots more relatives to meet while in Oxford and some that I didn't even know I had.

It was time to move on again and catch a train to Cardiff where her main priority was to see "The Dr Who Exhibition" which she was really excited about and said that I wouldn't believe how many photos she took (actually yes I would after her New Zealand trip last year where she took hundreds all at the one place -

Hobbiton, The Lord of the Rings site). Some school students interviewed her while walking around Cardiff Bay then she went to Pierhead Museum and sightseeing on an open top bus. She toured the Cardiff Castle which in her words was absolutely amazing. She also went to a cinema to see "Rush" so that she could review it for the October Grapevine as it was being shown in England a month before here.

I told her we had our first storm of the season here the other day and she said she misses storms and that really makes her miss home. She said they just get overcast skies, drizzle and rain over there and that lots of Aussies say they miss the storms. Gemma has been sending the postcards home regularly and we are up to number five now.

A six hour bus ride then took her to Leeds to stay with our neighbour's sister for five nights. They took her to York and to the Royal Armouries (a museum of arms and armour) then for a scenic drive over the Moors which she said was a very different kind of countryside. She also enjoyed going to Haworth where the Bronte Sisters once lived. She had a day out at the seaside at Whitby and it looks like Gemma has been converted to using the word seaside instead of beach. She found it very funny though that no-one over there knows what a chook is. She was taken to the Crown Carvery in Leeds for dinner to have roast turkey and Yorkshire pie.

Then it was time to go to Scotland so she caught a bus to Edinburgh which took seven hours with a stop in Newcastle on the way. She said on this drive she actually saw open spaces where there were only sheep, fences and the road and she hasn't seen this since she left home. A hostel was where she stayed here for two nights and spent a couple of hours at a castle where another pony photo was taken. Then went on another hop on hop off bus and to a child's museum where there were old toys to look at. The movies were calling her again and this time she saw Diana. She said it was good and interesting but we all know how it ends so rated it a 3 ½ out of 5. And this is what she had to say about the weather there; "It is absolutely freezing, why anyone wants to live here I don't know".

It was around this time that Navajo had to go to the vets to have his micro-chip removed. After not being put in properly in the first place it had scar tissue growing over it and formed a big lump which had been getting bigger in recent months. It was a two hour operation to scan, find, remove and stitch back up. This of course happened while Gemma was away so I had to keep her informed of how Nav was doing.

Next she jumped on a one hour train ride to Glasgow to stay in a hostel just for one night. Gemma is getting very good at going on hop on hop off buses so once again made use of one of these around town. She said she wishes now she had spent one night longer in Glasgow and one less in Edinburgh.

Back on the bus again for four and a half hours and a change of buses in Perth. On this bus trip she said the scenery was different and they went through a lot more hills with pine tree looking vegetation. She arrived in Inverness to be met by my cousin who drove her all the way along Loch Ness and unfortunately no sighting of Nessie this time. They somehow ended up at the Skye Bridge so they went over it, around the round-a-bout and back over again. As Gemma says "I was on the Isle of Skye for 30 seconds". This was followed by a drive up the west coast and back down but Gemma really doesn't know where they were. The next day took them on a drive south of Inverness to a beach and one of the lochs. They also went up to a ski field where she thought she was going to get blown off the mountain and in Gemma's words "I saw a real life reindeer!" Then they walked to a waterfall that she thinks was called Rudolph Leap and after some dinner back at my cousins they drove her to a hostel down in Fort William. This is where we will leave her now until the next newsletter.

By Lisa.



A pony at Clifton Suspension bridge.



A pony at Lands End.



Gemma at the Eden Project.



A pony in London.



A pony at Oxford McDonalds.



Gemma at the Great Hall,
Hogwarts Castle (Harry Potter).



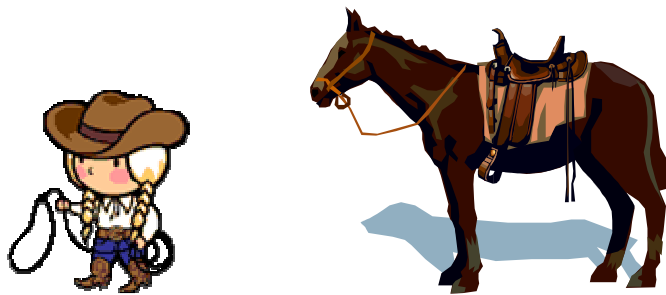
A pony on an open top bus
in Cardiff.



See I can do my washing.



A pony at Edinburgh Castle.



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