



Campfire



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.....to the Bollers, Moellers and Garlicks

Sadly the weekend of November 14 was Hidden Valley's opportunity to officially farewell three families who have been significant contributors to our co-operative for over five years years.

and to the Garlicks (Kimberly pictured)

As a personal tribute to the memories she shared with these members, Stephi Collins prepared a moving pictorial presentation which left Georgina Moeller speechless!



To the Bollers; (Kathy & John pictured)



The whole Hidden Valley membership would like to say thank you to you all and farewell.

Your collective contributions to Hidden Valley over the years have benefitted us all.

To the Moellers (foreground: Speachless Georgina & Kurt pictured with Billy Good behind)



Managers Report

Adam Little

Since last month we received a further 136mm of rain which helped turn The Valley around and reduce the amount of hand feeding going. This has topped our water ways, dams and put much needed water back into the creek.

The last month was a very successful one with a lot happening and increased income for Hidden Valley. Over \$4000.00 was received from trail rides, accommodation and group bookings.

Most of the income came from four groups we have been developing relationships with over the year. ET Australia was the main contributor with two groups of fourteen students coming out to the valley to use the facilities.

This month ET Australia is coming out to The Valley on the 16th of November for their Christmas party and a proposal has been presented to the Board suggesting a training partnership opportunity between Hidden Valley and ET Australia for a Equine & Land Management course which would bring in valuable income to The Valley for facility improvements.

Our relationship with the Catchment Management Authority and Hidden Valley has been extended with their invitation to us to join a series of courses being conducted in the New Year. The outcome will be further funding available to Hidden Valley for environmental works and waterway projects. The CMA will also be involved in the project with ET Australia.

Cumberland Trail Riders Club continue to enjoy our facilities since visiting Hidden Valley as a base mid October. They are returning here on the 5th and 6th of December 2009 for their annual Christmas ride and weekend away. The riders are a great group of people that are truly into their trail riding and our trails.

The Gymkhana was a great success again and went off with out too many hitches. November's horse was the biggest on record over the past four years with 52 riders registered for a fun weekend with instructors Hayley Daniel and Sylvia Gordon teaching.

The first of this sessions hay was delivered to the valley on the 29th of October, with 180 bails

now safely in the shed. We are now using smaller deliveries of 180 bails as we have found the hay stays fresh and we have reduced the overall wastage by approximately 10%.

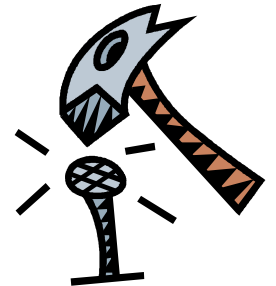
The mower has continued to plague us with repair problems most of which have been repaired. Since the last meeting I have rebuilt the motor, welded in a large replacement section of the mowing deck and replaced a lot of worn parts. I have conducted some research and found the type of mower we require and which I will present to the Board for consideration..

All other machinery including the dozer, tractor and chainsaws are all in good order and serviced. The quad bikes seat has been damaged for so time will be sent off to the canvas shop next week to get a new cover made for it.

The usual work such as mowing, slashing, whipper snippering, shoeing, drenching, vaccinating and treating sick or injured and horses has taken up the rest of our time.

It has been a very busy month, but a very successful one. I really think we have come out of our low and are building now on the new membership and future plans.

Remember



**Working
Bee**

**THIS
WEEKEND**

November

27 & 28

Hmmm, ok, it's all good. Yep, just have to forge another base plate from some old horse shoes and weld that to the improvised cam shaft... yep, ok, it's all good



Christmas in November

Getting in early and taking advantage of the large group staying for the Annual General Meeting and Open Forum, Hidden Valley Social Club organised an early Christmas Dinner for us all.

Virginia Wong See made sure we were all fed colourful, healthy and delicious festive food and the Social Club

made sure the Rec Room was equipped with enough decoration, smoke and music to keep people dancing well into the night.

As usual Santa made an appearance and distributed enough sugar to fuel the kids and some of the adults with extra energy. (Thanks Erin Beverley for the pics!)



Sylvia & Becky at Wingham ODE

Sylvia Gordon



Rebecca and I attended Wingham ODE on October 25 and 26. Located near Taree the drive was fairly straight with just about all of it being freeway, alternating between 100 - 110 klms/hour, it is very float friendly.

Happily the weather held with no rain and after setting up camp for the horses at Wingham show grounds the Wingham race course grounds proved to be an ideal venue for the dressage and show jumping on Saturday. Nice flat wide open spaces with plenty of room not to mention the bacon and eggs for brekky and a nice cup of tea. The day ran to time with all riders safely completing their dressage & show jumping

On Saturday night we went into Wingham with friends for dinner and then back to the show grounds for a whirl on the disco dance floor organised by the Wingham organizing committee.

In a 'sensible moment' Becky and I agreed to retire earlish from the dance floor so as no to be too tired (or hung over) for the XC on Sunday.

Sunday saw us at Belinda Bailey's beautiful picturesque property "Bellview" located at Dolly's Flat for the cross country phase. (Belinda Bailey, by the way is Hidden Valley horse trials cross country course designer.)

Again the weather held with no rain and the going under foot was good. This XC course is relatively new with XC jumps that are in excellent condition and with a recent edition of a one star track i.e. 1.10m in height. Rebecca was first up while I did some XC jump judging before 'having a go' out on course.

Rebecca placed 4th in the open Pre Novice class (1.05m) and was awarded a prize in recognition of being the 1st placed junior in the open class. An open class is a mixture of adults, professional riders, amateur riders and juniors.

I safely completed all 3 phases and am happy to be on the 'journey' with my daughter. It is not always about winning but can be about striving to achieve one's personal best.



Bathing Beauties



After returning from a long ride to the Archery Range, Virginia Wong See snapped this fabulous moment (left to right): Sundance, Two Sox and Lucy having a frolic in the dam. Not surprisingly Lucy makes sure the boys are kept in check.

Planting Proposal in front of Cabin Block 1

As some of you may be aware, it has been proposed to plant a row of Jacaranda trees in front of the first cabin block in order to:

- Provide protection/shade during the summer months
- Provide aesthetic unity along the building line

Jacarandas have been proposed as the tree of choice because they are deciduous and would allow winter light through to the deck and they are reportedly low allergenic.

Before going ahead with this we'd like to invite you to voice your opinion.

If you have any concerns or objections please forward them by email to manager@hiddenvalley.com.au or to a Board Member before Monday December 7.

If there is no objection or query by the membership a stand of three Jacaranda trees will be planted in front of cabin block 1 on Saturday December 12.

If you have any suggestions regarding other improvements, changes or demolitions to the property please let the Board know so we can make sure the whole membership has an opportunity to contribute to our shared environment.



Valley Business

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all Members who attended the Annual General Meeting on November 14.

The Board would like to officially congratulate and welcome **Virginia Wong See to the Board** and **Maree Pickering to the Social Club Committee**.

Minutes of the AGM and Open Forum will be forwarded to the membership and TBYP participants via a separate Hotmail once they have been ratified by the Board.

Personalised HV Flyer Print Runs

During the Open Forum Brian Stuart suggested that he would be happy to distribute a print run of Hidden Valley Flyers in his neighborhood if we could print them with his contact details on them. The answer is yes, yes, yes.

I will be ordering a new batch of flyers in the next two weeks. If you would like to order 1000 or more with your own contact details on them or information that is specific to the audience you are planning to distribute to, please email me on nell@blackbetty.com.au with your details no later than Monday December 7



*The content of this side of the flyer can be printed with information suitable to the audience you are distributing to such as a school or club promotion and can have your contact details included if you wish.
Minimum print run = 1000*

October Gymkhana Results

In the last issue of Campfire I mistakenly reported that the Hidden Valley Gymkhana was in September when it was in fact in October.

As small compensation for my error I can include here the official results of the day:

Age Group Pointscore Winners

5 to 7 years	Caitlin Garlick
8 to 10 years	Zara Ferrier
11 to 13 years	Roisin Broderick
14 to 18 years	Rachel & Fiona Lollback
Adults	Sylvia Gordon

Overall Junior Pointscore winners – (three way tie)

- Roisin Broderick
- Rachell Lollback
- Fiona Lollback

Supreme Champions

- Led Class: Rachel Lollback & Jimmy
- Rider Class: Stephi Collins & Jet

Congratulations to you all

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