

Daniel Gorman Horsemanship Weekends. May 20 & 21 2023 Uralla, NSW

These weekends are really tailored around you. They are not official 'clinics' in the formal sense and we are not here to force you to participate in anything you don't want to, it's really about getting away for the weekend and having some fun on your horse, learning how to get your horse to work with you for a purpose and getting outside the arena and doing some things in a practical manner. Riding together and having some fun with people who are here to learn and encourage each other and who don't have access to real life working situations. With only limited numbers each weekend you can spend some real time working on whatever you need to individually and with someone holding your hand or kicking your bum all the way through.

There is always lots of downtime too; food, wine, nonsense and see a little of the local area.

We do have great facilities here, even if I say so myself!

A rough outline of the weekend may look like this;

Friday - Hoping that most of you will be arriving on Friday evening. There should be time to get settled and then we will have a bit of a get together with a chair, drink and some snacks and discuss your horses, problems, ambitions, and what the weekend can achieve. If you can't make it Friday then let us know and we can organise for your arrival on Saturday morning.

Saturday morning- We start the day with a real coffee! After everyone has warmed up with coffee and breakfast we all get together with the horses in the arena and start to work on some things that came up in the conversation the night before and learn some moves and work on some horsemanship so that it can help you when we go further out onto the property. Feel free to take breaks at any time, there is always water and drinks provided and chairs if you just want to take some time out and watch.

Lunch will be at the shed. This is by the main arena but means that you can come and have lunch when it suits you and give your horse some downtime without having to pack everything up. This idea is so that you can have a break, watch someone else for a bit or have the whole arena to yourself to work on work on something that needs a bit more space and time.

Saturday Afternoon- depending on how everyone feels after lunch we will continue with the horses, practice moves on the mechanical cow, and take a ride out the back and muster the cattle in, learning how to control them in open spaces and celebrate your wins for the day from the top of Rock Abbey and the best view in town!

Dinner on Saturday After sunset we all head to the local pub (toppuburalla.com) for great food and warm up around their open fire. This is a fabulous place with a menu catering to all tastes and nutritional requests. Returning to the house you are more than welcome to have drinks and more conversation around the fire pit. You can even try your hand at learning to swing a rope from our specially trained horse "Splinter". Laughs are guaranteed!

Sunday- We will have breakfast and then out to play with the horses again, moving the cattle into the cattle arena with a view to putting some moves into action. There's always something to do, even it's just getting really good with opening gates! Dan can improve confidence in those who are utterly new to cattle work as well as tune up those who are looking to try something more competitive.

Sunday lunch will be at the main camp/arena. This is usually a little later than Saturday so we can fit in lots of riding in the morning!

Sunday afternoon- playing by ear we will see if anyone has any steam left for riding again and play with the cattle, or maybe you just want some one-on-one time to get some take-home tips!

Sunday evening- We will have Sunday night dinner at the Top Pub in Uralla again for our final get together. This cements everyone's thoughts and wins for the weekend!

Participants are welcome to leave either on the Sunday night or Monday morning.

What we will provide;

Camping area. This is a flat fenced area with easy access for floats with a large shed with power access, cold water, sink, fridge, microwave, kettle, sofa, tv and dvd player.

Bathroom facilities. Indoor toilet and hot shower, sink and laundry. This is part of the main house but has separate access to outdoors. Also has a large drinks fridge and freezer!

Eyes on the ground. Individual horsemanship advice and inspiration. You can also try other types of tack or equipment that we have- just for a new feel or learn how to use different equipment.

Horse facilities. Professionally constructed sand arena 38x60m, 18m sand round yard, mechanical cow, smaller and larger paddocks, natural water, bushland, hills, fenced cattle arena and live cattle.

Food is provided for Saturday and Sunday lunch (but if you need more snacks or have a special addiction to gummy bears then you might want to bring those!)

We are also providing;

Welcome bubbly or soft drinks on Friday night

Proper coffee!!!

Lunch at the property Saturday and Sunday

Drinks at sundown Saturday

Fire, and roping lessons on our special horse Splinter!

Designated driver to venue for Dinner Saturday & Sunday.

What you will need to bring;

Horse and associated equipment!

Horse yard for overnight camping. (electric tape is fine)

Horse food. Pursehouse Rural store in Uralla open Sat mornings just in case!

Camping gear for yourself.

Snacks/food for Friday night, breakfasts & Money for Dinner Saturday/Sunday night.

Extra drinks/alcohol of your preference.

Chair

Warm clothes!! Uralla is MUCH colder than the coast and the temperature can drop to single figures at night even in summer! Be warned!

Hopefully it won't rain but we will make plans accordingly if it does.

A sense of humour, an interest to try something new and get pushed a little out of your comfort zone.

Cost

\$550 for the weekend including lunches.

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