

Karen White Horsemanship Clinic Tom Price

24th-25th May 2014.

What a fantastic Horse Club at the beautiful North West mining town, Tom Price. Wonderful facilities, and of course, perfect weather!! All participants were exhausted at the end of the day but were all inspired when shown that leadership and assertiveness were an essential part of their horsemanship.

There were significant changes with everyone's horses, I demonstrated how useful the round yard was to work on the horse's attention and direction, liberty work, teaching the naughty horse to want to be caught and connecting with authentic, uncomplicated energy, thinking of what we want our horse to do and body language that the horse can clearly understand and answer us back with a response, not a reaction.





After lunch I had all riders' very busy creating softness and collection by introducing exercises to help unlock the horses jaw, pole, neck and shoulders which all horses benefited from immensely.





Above 'Yobbo' with Jenny who admitted she had misunderstood this little fella and fell in love with him when he shined like a star as I worked with his emotions and directed that energy in to positive, clear communication that he could understand by breaking it down for him to totally feel comfortable with.



It was very clear to all riders that it did require a lot of focus, feel and commitment, but after a short time, the consistency was showing, all horses responding to softness in their hands, and riders learning to connect the rein to a body part to elevate up the

shoulders into a reverse arc exercise stretching forward, backward and sideways.



Young 15 year old Monique was a true star. Having faced huge heartfelt setbacks with her performance horses; she was able to continue training with a friend's horse for the clinic. 'Yobbo' the Chestnut Quarter horse gelding. Not such a Yobbo to me!! With some help and guidance, Yobbo went from a bored boy, jumping out of his skin, not wanting to be caught, tense and terrified at mostly everything to a very happy, meek and mild busy, stimulated, responsive fella, relaxed with every challenge that I gave him. Proving without a doubt to all watching, horses need to be worked to allow their best potential to surface, mentally and physically.



Little 18 month old Quarter horse 'Harry' learnt boundaries and how to lunge.



Spike just hung out at the stables wanting more food.....



Of course I could not help myself when I set my sights on 'Rio' the spotted Appaloosa owned by Terri who admits he is her dream horse of all time, a total gentleman and possibly the laziest horse in the world, he liked to preserve his energy most of the time 😊



Good old fella 'Rio'

A big thank you to all the ladies that participated at my clinic and to Tracy Brislane, young Olivia for giving up her room for me, Emma for all the cuddles, Alisha for being so quiet all the time and Leon Brislane for the carton of Vodka UDL's and for opening up your home to me.

See you all again very soon Tom Price, keep loving your horses and challenging yourselves.



In memory of my boy 'Mohegan Muddy Waters'





May the horse always be with you.

Karen White