

My time at the cottage was amazing. I spent around 3 months (Dec 23 to April 24) at the Cottage and would recommend this experience to everyone. The Hosts, Chris and Deb were very welcoming from the first moment and even picked me up from the bus station. They always made sure that I was feeling comfortable and really care about you.

They have a big property with 17 horses and two lovely dogs. Their horses are really nice and good quality horses. All of them have very different characters so everyone will find a favorite. The day starts and ends with feeding the horses and then riding or lunging them. There is a possibility to ride out the back where you can go for a swim in the dam or spot some Kangaroos. There are also some other tasks that need to be done around the property but overall the work is pretty easy. Its a great opportunity to be around horses, learn how to manage a horse property or improve your riding. Chris and Deb will give you very good tips while riding and really want you to improve. I was honoured that they trusted me with their three competition ponies. I fell in love with their new Pony Noelle on my first day and was able to treat her as my own little pony for the time I was there. They even took me to all the competitions.

While I was there, I stayed with 2/3 other Backpackers. They offer two seperate houses where everyone has their own room. The kitchen is shared so we would cook together every evening. There was also the opportunity to go to the beach, go out for dinner or use the pool that is on the property. We would have one day off per week and Chris and Deb would always have a good idea on what to do. Its a short drive to Philip Island or other beautiful beaches. On special occasions we would have an Australian BBQ with Chris and Deb.

I was very sad to leave after three months and will definitely be back at The Cottage soon.

