

My time at the cottage

This past autumn I had the great pleasure of spending two months at the cottage. Chris and Deborah are wonderful people and made my stay so memorable. Through their dedication and hard work the cottage is a place where you can feel right at home.



Chris and Deborah are incredibly nice and really fair. They were always open for questions and I loved stopping by the house to have a laugh or chat about our days. They value honesty and communication and were always understanding. Chris loves to joke around and always made us laugh, even giving us nicknames inspired by whatever we were doing (I was called muscles, because we carried posts for a new fence 😂).

Most of the time Chris worked with us during the day. The work entails typical stable chores like feeding and mucking out, and overall everything that is needed to keep the horses happy and healthy, as well as some maintenance. Depending on the day and weather, the workload varied, but it never got unmanageable or unrealistic. It was always lots of fun to do the daily tasks, not only with the other girls, but of course also with Chris.





Speaking of, I was there with three other girls, which whom I formed great friendships. By living, cooking, eating and watching movies together, we got to know each other quickly and it made everything even more enjoyable. It was also great to spend our days off together. I even continued my travels with one of my friends I met at the cottage and am still in regular contact with all of them.

Another memorable quality that made the cottage so special was that we were allowed to ride their horses. I learned so much from riding many different horses, my favorites being Aadream, Lacey and Geneva. Both Chris and Deborah were so lovely, giving us tips and teaching us how to improve which made such a big difference for my riding skills. It was such a rewarding opportunity, that I am really grateful for.



Chris and Deborah also have three lovely dogs, Molly, Snoopy and Pumpkin. Especially Pumpkin was around us most of the time, which I loved because she is the sweetest little puppy. She loved helping me stuff the hay nets and was always up for playing and cuddling. It was the best when she suddenly appeared somewhere.

My time at the cottage was one of my favorite memories of Australia and a truly unforgettable experience. I am so grateful for everything and I really hope I get to return someday.

Thank you for having me.