

The Cottage March – mid June

Hi my name is Romy, 20 years old and I'm from the Netherlands. I have spent 3 months on the Cottage, and this is my experience ☺

The Cottage is a wonderful place to get the experience how it is to work on a horse farm. You'll learn how to work with horses, feed, rug and ride/lunge them. The horses on the Cottage are amazing, heaps of different horses; from competition pony's, high educated dressage horses and very sweet all going horses. For some you might need to stay a bit longer to get some more experience to work with them, but if you do figure out how to work with them, it's going to give you an even better experience. I was very honored that I could ride the competition ponies. About competitions, you might get the chance to experience the life of a groom as well!

My personal favorites were Poppy, one of the competition ponies in the beginning she had a little attitude, but we worked through that. And she ended up being one of the sweetest. Then Tommy, a wonderful horse to ride as soon as you get to understand how he works, he's an amazing jumper as well! And last but not least, little Opal she was rescued last year. And when I came to the farm, we started riding her seriously which was a really nice project to work on.

The days mostly consist of feeding the horses in the morning, in winter you'll have to muck out 2 stables, which is easy as. Depending on the weather you'll work them (riding or lunging), and afterwards you'll have some leisure time or little chores, such as taking care of the saddles/bridles, mowing the grass (my favorite) or help Chris. And you'll finish your day with giving them their dinner and (depending on the weather) putting the rugs back on.

About Chris and Deb, from the moment I arrived at the Cottage I felt at home, both are very social and nice to work with, you will work mostly with Chris. He loves to tell you everything you need to know about working on the farm and the horses. And takes the time to explain everything properly, so no matter how experienced you are, everything will be explained very well.

We also got the luxury of a car we could use, what is nice on your day off to explore the peninsula a bit. Or to go shopping in the mall nearby. Besides that, you'll have your own room, with a shared bathroom and kitchen. I loved it, living with the other girls in the house, heaps of movie nights and lovely dinners together.

The farm itself is in a very nice area, there's a big shopping mall 20 mins away, same as the train station (if you want to go to Melbourne one day) it's all very easy to reach. And heaps of parking spots as well. Besides that, there are some very lovely beaches nearby as well.

Go and have the best Aussie horse farm experience at the Cottage ☺

My time at the cottage, and my favorites:

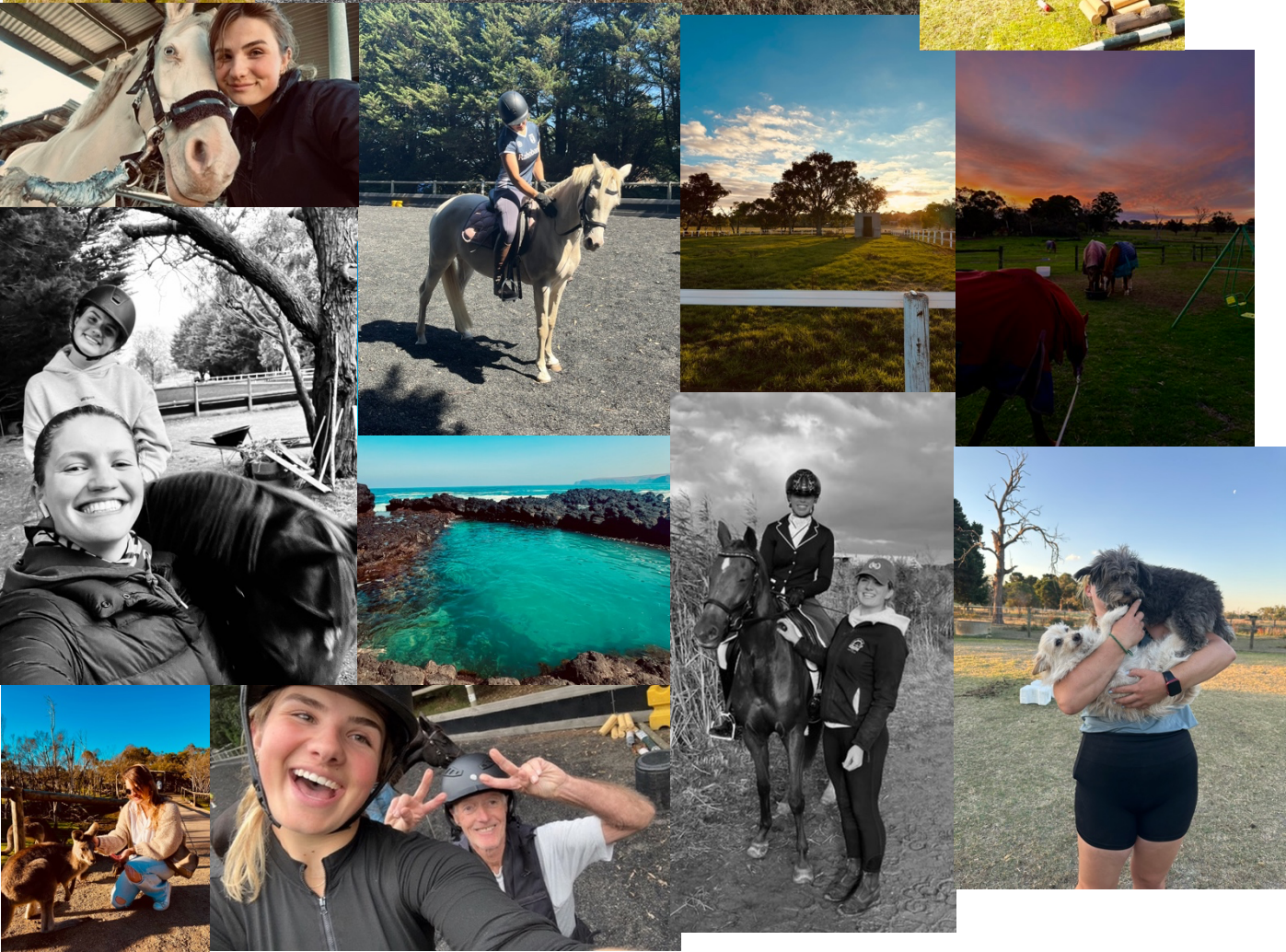
Poppy



Tommy



Opal



The farm, lovely colleagues, being a groom, Snoopy & Molly, and the peninsula