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# West Gippsland Branch Newsletter



## Presidents Report

*Tristan Holz*

I'd just like to start by saying what an honour it is to be nominated as the President of this branch. I hope we can continue to make it successful and fun for all members!

We are updating our Facebook page and website so please send through your stories, news and photos. The committee would love to have the members of our branch involved in all aspects of the branch activities and events, so please send through any recommendations or suggestions.

I would also like to invite our youth members to become "roving reporters" for the newsletter. If any of our youth would like to interview someone who has been influential in their riding or life please interview them and send it through to our secretary or myself so we can add it to our newsletter.

Finally, we had some very sad news on the weekend Aub Goodman's wife Dot passed away Saturday night. Aub has been a member of the ASHS for many many years and has devoted his life to our wonderful and unique breed. The committee expresses their sincere condolences to Aub and his family.

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**"YOU WILL NEVER REACH HIGHER GROUND IF YOU ARE ALWAYS PUSHING  
OTHERS DOWN."**

*JEFFREY BENJAMIN*

# Roving Youth Reporter

BY WILL HOLZ



1. How old are you?

*I am 38 years old*

2. Where do you live?

*I live in Beaudesert in Queensland*

3. How long have you been around horses?

*Most of my life*

4. What's the most important event in the year for you?

*Probably the Warwick Gold Cup (but really my wife's birthday!)*

5. What encouraged you to start riding?

*My family, grandfather and uncles*

6. What is your biggest achievement?

*Winning the 2yo Futurity at the ASHS National Show on a horse we bred and trained ourselves*

7. Who encourages you the most?

*My parents*

8. List your 5 best horses you have ridden?

*Annie's Gift, Lochile Bung, Allstars Famous Acres, Pintor Questionnaire, Allstars Halo and Allstars Harmony (I can say them together because they were twins)*

9. Who's your role model in riding horses?

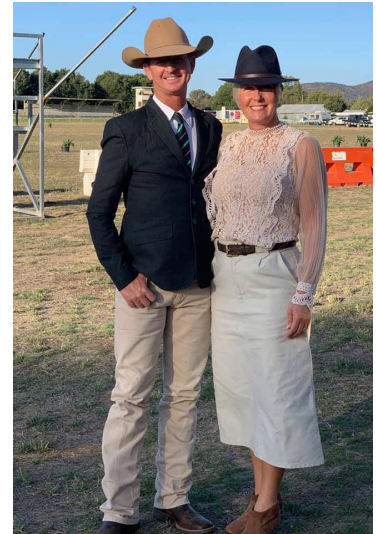
*Mat Holz, Warwick Lawrence & Geoff Wallen*

10. Who has always been there for you at every event to help you?

*Without a doubt Mel, Summer & Darcy*

# Brett Welsh

Vice-President ASHS





# Updates

## Branch Website & Facebook Page

### Website

We have updated the website and over the coming weeks will continue to refresh the pages.

Stallions at Stud – this year we are allowing any stallion at stud advertisements for only \$50 for the year

Classifieds – for \$50 you can advertise any products, horses or gear for 6 months. If you happen to sell the item or horse you can update with a new ad until your 6 months runs out.

### Facebook

We have started a photo competition on our face book page. Post your photo and get everyone you know to vote for it. We will be using the most popular photos to use as the banner and cover photo.

Your photos are also welcome to update our website so please send them through to our secretary.

### Covid Update

Please see the link below to Head Office's Covid information

<https://www.ashs.com.au/.../covid-19-useful-links-information/>

### Newsletter

Please send any articles, photos or stories to our branch email address for inclusion in the next newsletter.



### Bullying & Harrassment

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Our branch will not condone any form of this behaviour and individuals will be disciplined accordingly.

*Do something today  
that your future self  
will thank you for*

# Member Profiles

By TRISTAN HOLZ

We would like to promote a branch member every newsletter. So please send a profile to our Secretary of any branch member you feel has made an impact on your involvement with ASH horses or you feel deserve a mention for their support of the branch.

I will get the ball rolling.....

## Michelle Gorton

**Occupation** – Logistic Manager

**How many horse do you have** – too many

**Favourite Food** – Chocolate

**Favourite Drink** – Coffee

**Favourite Movie** – Taken

**What was the last show you watched on tv** – Big Brother

**Favourite Horse** – Devilbend Princess

**Biggest achievement with your horses** – winning at National & Royal level

**Most Inspirational person** – Mat Holz

**What advice would you give to our youth competitors** – set goals and don't be afraid to take risks

**What quote do you live by** – you can't change how people feel about you so don't try, just live your life and be happy







## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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	Carol Tonkin	
	Robyn Neville	
	David Nash	
	Mat Holz	

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