



# TBP

## Information Package



## Preparing you for the experience of a lifetime!

### Personal Safety

**Everyone has been made aware of the potential risks/dangers associated with starting a wild horse. The instructors will supervise and guide you in a way that keeps your safety our number one priority, however, there are a few things to note and ways to take responsibility for your own safety at the camp:**

- Ensure you are fit and healthy prior to coming on the camp
- Check your gear - is it in good working condition, would you be comfortable putting it onto a newly started horse and placing your foot in the stirrup? Look for signs such as cracked leather, fraying rope, loose buckles. You want to bring quality gear that will go the distance and make your experience a safe one.
- Have the correct PPE. No one will be permitted in the yard with a horse unless they have appropriate footwear and long pants. Long sleeved shirts are also preferred.
- A safety induction will be given prior to any horse work commencing and liability waivers will be signed by all participants and fence sitters. No friends/family are permitted in the yards with horses without prior approval.
- Take out personal cover if you wish





## Housekeeping

- Please arrive no earlier than 9 am on the first day of camp. Pack up and heading home will be on Sunday, the last day of camp.
- If there are any changes to your camping situation (ie booking accom elsewhere or needing to add another camper) please let me know so I can account for this.
- There will be several nights where we will have communal dinners/presentations/go to the pub.
- Hot tip: frozen home cooked meals are a great way to make life easy while at camp – just heat it up at the end of the day and relax!
- Photography – there will be a photographer on site at some points throughout the camp, if you do not wish to have your photo taken, please let me know. Professional images will also be made available for purchase. Anyone wishing to secure a fencesitters position can book that in advance.
- Showers and water all run off tank water – please be considerate in your water use!
- If you haven't already, be sure to check out the 'The Brumby Project' website, Facebook and Instagram pages. They have lots of information that I don't always send out via email like a 'meet the trainers' as well as plenty of updates and photos.

## Financial

- Full payment for the camp and gear is due one month prior to the camp start date, at the latest - please send through transfer receipts.

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## What to pack

A suggested packing list is provided on the next pages. This is by no means comprehensive, bring whatever you need to be comfortable while camping and ensure you consider different weather conditions – cold/wet/hot. The below provides a general indication of tried and tested gear. Please note that the right gear will make the world of difference to your training program. Gear pack including halter, 2 x leads (correct length, quality and with correct attachments) and stick included can be purchased – cash on arrival.

Lastly, don't be a stranger! Get in touch via email or phone if there is anything you need clarification on or help with. We are looking forward to another excellent camp, get ready for the experience of a lifetime!





# Equipment checklist

## Saddle

We recommend swinging fender/stock style saddles for the camp. Dressage or all-purpose saddles are much harder to do first rides in – there's nothing to hold on to!

Please make sure that your gear is of good quality – it doesn't need to be new or top of the range, but they do need to be sturdy and safe. No cracking or old leather, all points undamaged and with monkey strap attachment points. Synthetic saddles are great as they are light and easy to swing above your head, there will be a lot of that!

Your saddle pad can be whatever you use at home.

Bareback pads may be used for saddle training.

**Handy tip: Facebook marketplace/gumtree often has great second-hand saddles for sale at great prices.**



## Stiff Rope Halter

Stiff rope halters make getting the halter on the first half a dozen times, so much easier. These stiffer halters can be hard to find – I suggest Ian Leighton online store, Double Dan online store or Clinton Anderson online store. You can also get in touch with me and I can organise you a halter and lead set if you are unsure of what to purchase.



## Leads

A shorter (12-12ft) lead will be used for most of your training. A lead without a heavy metal clip is preferred – it can either loop straight onto your halter or attach with a knot system or clip.

A longer (~ 20ft) lead with a metal ring on the end is used as you advance through the groundwork stages, for girth desensitization, turning and as a neck rope.



## Long Reins

A recommended piece of equipment, for on-ground steering and stopping practice. These can be purchased, along with a roller, please get in touch with Anna to order.'



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## Carrot Stick

Carrot/ savvy/communication sticks are one of our most used pieces of equipment. These can be purchased at most saddleries or rural stores.

## Helmet and boots

A helmet that meets Australian Standards and is undamaged is all that is required. Riding boots need to be flat soled and safe for riding.

## Monkey strap

Depending on your saddle, you will either have a clip on monkey strap that goes on the front of your saddle or a wide strap that passes through the pommel/swell.

## Girth

If you have a selection of girths- bring a few! Brumby/saddle sizes vary and so it is hard to guess the correct girth size for your horse before heading out, however, smaller girths are generally best as these can be made to fit most horses.

## Horse Float

Wherever possible, sturdy floats with secure bars across the back and non-slip flooring are recommended. Angle load floats are easier for the horses to travel in. Slow feed haynets also come in handy for float loading training.

## Hobbles

We get our brumbies used to hobbles in case we need to hobble them out on feed, it is a good skill for them to have. DO NOT come with fluffy hobbles. Although well-intentioned, these get full of weeds and do so much more damage than good. Hobble straps should be pvc or leather. Not essential.

