

Gidge Gossips November 2015

The end of another year and it has gone so fast. Terrific for Gidge though with so much happening.

Big event for me was that Kasanova (the bull) went visiting. Smashed his paddock up and off he went. No idea where for two days but then driving round the front of the property, I registered "cows in the paddock over the road" and one of them has a very smug leer on his face and looks remarkably like Kasanova. So it was and now we have to get him back. Luckily Nathan and Vanessa who own the property, don't mind him agisting, but he needs to be back at Christmas to make the day for the girls here.

The better half has been doing the firebreaks, as we all need to do. He is driving the tractor along, when suddenly he feels "he is not alone" looks back and there are 9 very pregnant lowlines following him. Thought there might be a meal in it, though they don't need it. The great challenge with the cows was getting them across a bridge into the paddock round the house so they could reduce the fire risk. Cows and bridges – was told it couldn't be done. Yes it can if you take into account their innate greed – hay on the bridge got us there. Now all I have to do is to get them back and reunite them with the errant Kasanova.

Sheep are now all shorn and thanks to Bruce and Vic, what a team. Now we have weaning to look forward to.

Horses – we thought we would have a year off foaling and go travelling. Guess what no foals and no travel, just too busy. Trying to sort out a couple off the tracks with problems, tendon damage and stress (what about me!). The mares are off, hopefully getting in foal, though a couple have been a bit tardy.

Early fire season with the fire brigades out working to look after us. We underestimate these guys and girls – they do an amazing job at pretty unsocial hours. Big thank you for the work they have done already and, unfortunately, probably more to come.

Picnic by the Lake – swimmers this year in Lake Josephine, though they were hauled in pretty fast by Ken who did not want his very large Murray cod and eggs disturbed. An amazing place and we are so lucky to have this in Gidge.

Noble Falls Estate restaurant has opened I am told, so go along and visit.

Already lots of events in Gidge lined up for next year – don't forget Melbourne Cup Day.

Bye for me until next year and have a great time over the holiday.

Please be careful this Christmas season...

With the holidays upon us I would like to share a personal experience with my family & friends about drinking and driving.

As you may know some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities from time to time on the way home after a "social session" out with friends.

Well, three days ago I was out for an evening with friends and had several beers, followed by some rather nice red wine.

Feeling jolly I still had the sense to know that I may be over the limit. That's when I did something that I've never done before ... I took a cab home!

Sure enough on the way home there was a police road block, but since it was a cab they waved it past.

I arrived home safely without incident.

This was a real relief and surprise because I had never driven a cab before.

I don't even know where I got it and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it!!!

Thanks Jan