

**"Freedom Ride 2005"
Waterford 14th Lighthorse
Re-enactment Troop**



We set out on a charity trail ride from Brisbane to 'Bathurst. Along the journey we performed tent pegging and military skill at arm displays to preserve the memory and traditions of our fore fathers, and promote Kids Help Line.

Our horses left 'Brisbane wearing traditional rim shoes. On average we rode 50km per day, across all terrains (bitumen, gravel, rocky, sandy roads, mountainous/flat country) these shoes lasted approximately 300 kms and the toes wore down to the point of breakage. The horses at times overreached, dipped and slipped on hard surfaces.

On arrival to Tamworth we discovered "CYTEK", the most advanced shoeing system in the world. After Paul Reeves ("CYTEK" Farrier Trainer) shod our team of horses: Stock horses, quarter Horses, Arab Crosses, Clydesdale Crosses and Percheron, the results were instant. It allowed our horses to place their feet evenly on the ground and roll off the toe. All horses strode effortlessly and more efficiently. There was little jarring, no slipping or dipping.

The shoes have now been on for nearly 800km and they are still on tight with plenty of wear left.

We are embarrassed at what we have *been* doing to horses over the past 200 - 300 years. We will never rim shoe any horse ever again and plan to study the " C Y T E K " shoeing system.

"LET THE HORSE BE THE JUDGE"

Thanks "CYTEK" and Paul Reeves,

**Kerrie Cokley and *Becky* Statham
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