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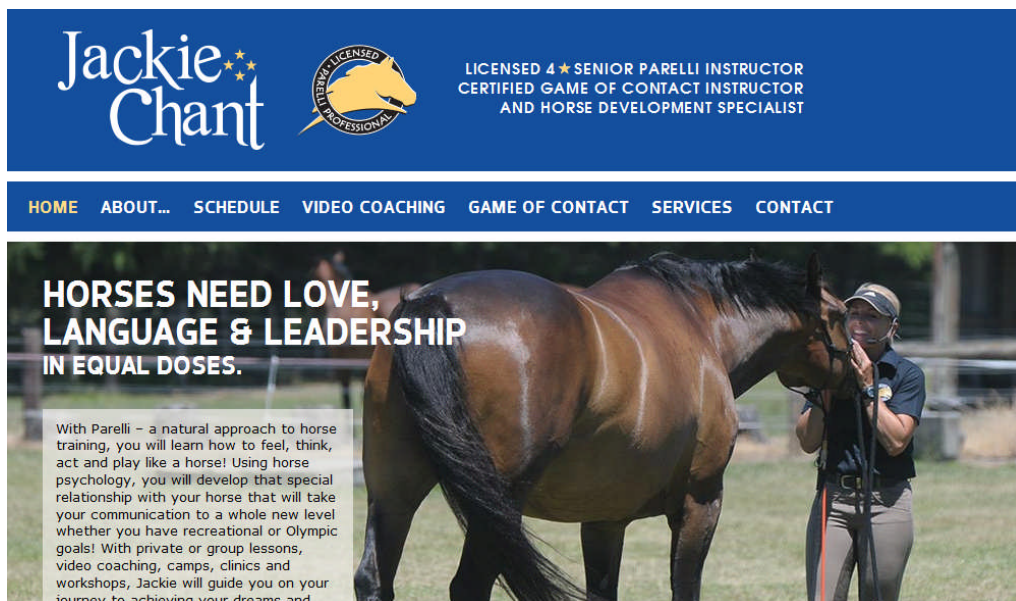


## JACKIES UPDATE - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013

### Hello horse lovers,

What fantastic warm weather we've been having and now with daylight savings it just makes you want to get out and spend as much time with your horse as you can! As I begin writing this update I'm in my last days before becoming a mum... What a journey it has been thus far and yes, I know, in just a few days, a completely new chapter will begin and life will never be the same for Lance and I! We are very excited and it's been great having your lovely words of encouragement and support on Facebook and Parelli connect! I will be starting my teaching season again in the new year (apart from one scheduled date in Dec) and we will have a confirmed schedule of events up on our new website and Parelli connect Events very soon. Meanwhile I have lots to catch you up on since my last Update in May so grab a cuppa!

### New Website is up live!!!



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I am very excited to announce that my new website is now up live and ready for you to go and have a good look around. There is a lot of information on there and we value your feedback if you have any ideas of how we could improve it for your use. I have tried to make it easy to navigate and find out the information that you need within a click so you will notice there are lots of ways to get to the information you are looking for! We now have an online booking system you can use to secure your spot on a course immediately if you wish with a PayPal or direct credit payment option or you can just download the application form and send it to us as you have done in the past. To receive our newsletters and help us to update our database system, we would love it if you would visit the website and click on the Newsletter sign up in the bottom right corner of the home page. This will ensure you don't miss any future email correspondence as we update our mail out system.

## Changes to our email address

Please note we have changed our main email address to [parellinz@jackiechant.co.nz](mailto:parellinz@jackiechant.co.nz) to contact Jackie or Tanya for any course or classifieds enquires. To contact Jackie directly, you can email [jackie@jackiechant.co.nz](mailto:jackie@jackiechant.co.nz) so please change these in your address books and ensure we are on your safe list so you don't miss our correspondence going to your junk mail!

So what else have I been up to since my last update? (Other than growing a human and building a website!)

## Australian Game of Contact clinic tour a great success!

Well it was touch and go health wise as to whether I would be well enough to head across the ditch in May to begin my Australian Game of Contact clinic tour, but I did and had a fantastic time while I was there. The first clinic was held in Rutherglen, Victoria, hosted by my good friend and 4\* Instructor Kaye Thomas. The course was an Advancing GOC clinic attended by students who had either ridden with me at the Parelli centre in October last year or some had done the first clinic with Lyndsey Fitch at Kaye's place last year. It was fantastic to be able to help move these students on in their GOC knowledge and skill with all making huge progress over the 3 days. I gained my strength as the days progressed and even felt the baby's first movements! It was such a great few days catching up with fellow instructors Kaye Thomas, Carmen Smith, Fiona Darling remembering great times we've had together in the past! Special thanks also to Rachel Clarkson, Emma Smith who did a great job in the back ground having everything run so smoothly during the course with yummy meals and snacks during the day!



Chris delivering the hot sausage rolls on a cold afternoon!



Rein simulation with myself and Kaye Thomas



Julianne trying out our make-shift 'Steady Eddie' Simulator to improve her position and core strength

So after leaving Rutherglen, I went home with Fiona Darling to a little town called Illabo in NSW. I had a few days to recover and relax as well as a few private lessons with Fiona and her lovely mare Annie before I headed up to the Gold coast for the second clinic hosted by 2\* Instructor Julianne Tetlow. Another excited and great group of students all wanting to learn how to offer a great feel to their horses via the reins and body dynamics. I had to employ some real kiwi internuity to build a 'Steady Eddie simulator' which I thought was genius! "Ok let me think.... A barrel, a couple of cavaletti's and a broom stick and some stirrup leathers and irons! Just call me Magiver!" Great changes made by everyone at the clinic and a few of the horses had never been ridden in a snaffle before that weekend! I had my first ride on a young horse for about 5 minutes just to help the horse and rider connect the dots to achieve 'reins mean go' (not stop) and it felt great to be in the saddle again but oh boy did I feel it in my muscles the next day!



Next stop, Cairns! I was greeted at the airport by 4\* Instructor Carmen Smith and we headed to the Esplanade for lunch! Still very cautious of what I could eat (after having been so sick with pregnancy nausea) I tried an iced chocolate since it was so hot and was delighted that I was able to enjoy it after going off chocolate months earlier – which was very strange for me! I was staying with 3\* Instructor Silke Hardeland who lived just minutes from the venue where the clinic was being held. The insects started eating me the moment I arrived and



I had caught a head cold on the plane up to the Gold coast so was feeling a tad overheated with ankles swelling and only sleeping under a sheet (in the middle of winter!) I couldn't believe how hot it was. We had a fantastic 3 days with everyone making great progress. I had another ride on a student's horse who had previously had a lot of baggage inside zone 1 with bits and it made a fantastic demo for everyone to learn from. I forgot how unfit I was and was standing in my stirrups for a little bit – man did I feel it the next day! I had a great time in Cairns but after just a day, I was heading across to the other side of Australia to Perth, WA!



After a very uncomfortable couple of flights to Perth, I was met at the airport by my very good friend 3\* Instructor Louise Atkinson who I would be staying with at her lovely place in Bullsbrook, just outside of Perth. Not as hot as Cairns, a nice temperature and we managed to get through 2 clinics there without really getting rained on. First was the intro GOC clinic and then a couple of days off before the Advancing GOC clinic to finish the tour. We had some very dedicated students who rode on both clinics and our one and only male on the whole GOC tour! It was great to be joined by Fiona Darling again who was with me to assist in the two clinics. We had such a great time seeing fantastic changes in the riders and horses over the two clinics. This is such a fascinating subject and I absolutely love watching the results after all of the simulations - how the horses get more accepting, more willing and much more relaxed when being ridden with first 'soft touch' and then 'contact' once they and their riders were ready!



So it was the end of the tour and time to head home. I am so thankful to so many who made this trip such a success and who looked after me so well. Special thanks to all of my hosts (and their helpers) Kaye Thomas, Fiona Darling, Julianne Tetlow, Carmen Smith, Silke Hardeland and Louise Atkinson. To all of the dedicated students who were such a pleasure to teach and who really stepped up and tried so hard some of them were shaking during simulations! I absolutely loved teaching you all and I look forward to returning again in 2014!



## Winter Horsless workshop success!

After returning from Australia we kicked off the winter horseless workshop series starting with 'Rein positions demystified'. This was a fantastic workshop answering many questions and clearing up confusions by some of the students on when to use what rein positions and strategies for many situations riders are faced with and the body dynamics needed to give a clear message to the horse. Our next workshop was the very popular 'Rider position and fluidity naturally' filled with loads of simulations and video snippets from the expert Colleen Kelly herself. After having spent lots of time with Colleen in both 2011 and during the filming of Adv Rider Biomechanics DVD set in 2012, it has been great to be able to pass on those experiences and knowledge to keep it fun and keep it simple while riding for the health of our horses. Lots of lightbulbs went off for students in this workshop! Our next workshop covered the 'Key to achieving true impulsion naturally'. This is a subject I spent a lot of time learning after having such an extreme RBE (Archie) to bring through the program and teach me exactly what it takes to gain the trust and confidence for a horse to truly find impulsion where go = whoa. Lots of horserenality aspects and patterns were introduced with this workshop also to give a complete picture of what it takes to achieve this challenging and yet completely rewarding goal with our horses. Then our next workshop covered 'Understanding Finesse' which as many of you know is one of the savvy's I am very

passionate about making clearer for students with the knowledge I have gained through riding with Pat Parelli, Walter Zettl and months of one on one study with Linda Parelli in my quest to become a Game of Contact instructor. One of the very important things students learnt in this workshop is that the Finesse savvy is not dressage. It is the foundation for performance and riding with a lightness of response to subtle aids via concentrated reins whether that be preparing you for Western riding or English performance sports. Understanding what to do with our own posture and different steps to prepare our horses and ourselves for this savvy has set up the students who attended very well to begin working in the Finesse savvy when their horse has given them the green light! Lastly the final of the horseless workshop series was 'Improving your rope knowledge and skills'. Something Pat is very particular about when he is teaching students is that they put the time into their rope handling skills so their horses don't have to suffer. Understanding when, why and how to use our tools is principal number 3 and something we should all be working on to be better for our horses. I included some great tips on how to 'wrap or high tie' when teaching a horse to tie up, how to keep ropes when not in use, great techniques on coiling I learnt from Ronnie Willis in Montana and lots more. Many thanks to Tanya for her behind the scene's work to help make these happen and to those of you who made it to one or all of these workshops! It was great to have such a positive bunch of learners taking in the knowledge, asking constructive questions and sharing successes from the last workshops information! So I look forward to running the series again next winter and hope more of you can make it along to keep motivated and focussed on becoming the best you can be for your horse during the colder months.

## Focus groups start up again in Janurary!

I started the Focus group format back in 2010 as a way of helping students on a regular basis, help them set realistic and achievable goals and make more progress while also having the support of other students that they could enjoy the learning with and be inspired by. It has proven to be a wonderful way for students to stay connected, motivated and focussed not to mention achieving their set goals!

Here is what Kristie Morrison who has hosted and attended 4 Focus groups at her Fernside property has to say about her Focus group experience.

Hi Jackie,

A big thank you for all your effort in our focus group this season!

*In my humble opinion the focus group format is spot on, particularly for those of us with incredibly busy lives. You can pitch the learning to your own pace in your own time, but you have some accountability, if not to your horse, to yourself each month when you meet as a group for the next piece of the pie. Although many do not email in each month, for me this is one of the most important aspects of the format - not only does it give you time to format some semblance of a lesson plan, but more than anything for me, it formed the basis of my reflection process. It encourages you to reflect on what you have done, done well, and need help with, and where you are wanting to head to next. This is the part that encourages growth! The focus group is the closest thing you can get to being in a learning environment for an extended period of time, over the summer!*

*I am so glad that we are continuing into the next few months! We have a super group, that are all supportive of each other, and we are all comfortable learning with each other! Bring it on!*

Kristie and Pop's!



## Scheduled dates and locations for Focus groups this season:

**Early bird discount does apply for Focus Groups so save 10% by paying in full 6 weeks prior to the first session!**  
**Early bird discount Rider \$450, Auditor \$135**

**Christchurch** – The Chant Ranch, 351 Hamptons Road, Broadfields. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Early bird discount if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**North Canterbury** – Fernside. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> March,

**Early bird discount if paid by 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**West Canterbury** – Windwistle. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup>, March, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Early bird discount if paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**South Canterbury** – Ashburton area (venue yet to be confirmed) Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup>, March, 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Early bird discount if paid by 14<sup>th</sup> December**

This is a new area we would love to get going to support those of you South of Christchurch to cut down your travel. Due to having a new baby, I would like to keep it to the Ashburton area so if you are interested and have a suitable venue you could suggest for this group, we want to hear from you!



**Midweek Focus group** – (Christchurch or Nth Canterbury venue yet to be confirmed)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. **Early bird discount if paid by 11<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to gauge what interest we have in a Wednesday Focus group. We have been asked by a few students if we can run one as these have been popular in previous seasons. If this option would suit you and you have a venue option you could suggest, we would love to hear from you and to accommodate those would prefer to participate during a week day. The dates above are flexible if the group would like a different day. Please let us know as soon as you can if you are interested.

Numbers are limited so to ensure you don't miss out, please contact us to book your spot either via email to [parellinz@jackiechant.co.nz](mailto:parellinz@jackiechant.co.nz) or via the website 'Schedule' page by clicking on book a course. For more information about the Focus groups and how they work please go to 'Services' on the website. Goal setting evening dates for each Focus group will be set once we have the bookings and can pick a date that suits all in that group.

## Problem Solving Educational Demonstrations this summer

This summer I will be scheduling some educational demonstrations to tackle those problem areas that we don't always have time to cover during a clinic. Having had years of horse development and challenging horse experience, this is a unique opportunity for you to observe, ask questions and see the results that can be made using the right feel, timing and psychology to help those horses that have become confused, fearful and maybe even dangerous in certain situations. You will see how to put principal to purpose and use the 7 games to achieve incredible results quickly!

### Here are a few I thought would be helpful:

Float loading preparation & problem solving

Preparation for tying up, dealing with pulling back, the benefits of the patience post.

General ground manners – how to have harmony on the ground, leg handling, prep for in-hand showing etc

We would love to hear from you about what topics you would like to see covered or perhaps your horsey friends who are not currently following the Parelli program would be interested in? If you have a horse with an issue you need help with that we could use in one of these demos, please contact us with details.

**Venue:** The Chant Ranch, 351 Hamptons Road, Broadfields, Christchurch

### **Education demo dates:**

15<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 1.30-4.30pm (approx as sessions may run over time)

**Cost:** \$60



## New arrival – it's a Boy!!

We are very glad to announce the safe arrival of Cooper Andrew Hastie who was born on 26<sup>th</sup> October at 3.22am at Christchurch Woman's Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 10oz, and 52cm long. Jackie and Cooper are both doing very well, Cooper is thriving and has already been down to meet the herd in his first week out of hospital. Jackie and Lance want to thank you all for your lovely messages on Facebook and cards that have been sent.



## Video Coaching



For those of you keen to continue learning between clinics or perhaps you can't travel and it is your only option to get one on one assistance, video coaching is a fantastic way to be supported along your journey in the Parelli Program and achieve your horsemanship goals. Here's how it works. While watching your 15 minute video clip I will give you feedback by phone or skype and then give you a customised lesson plan that is designed specifically for you and your horse. We all need someone who inspires us, who encourages us, who acknowledges our triumphs and who hold us accountable. With video coaching, I will guide you each step of the way and help you fast track your progress and achieve your goals! Single sessions or packages available. Go to my website for more information on how to get started!

## Paddock mate needed urgently

Parelli student Jonathan Marret of North Canterbury is looking for a paddock mate for his gelding after sadly losing an old mate recently. Something LB like an Appaloosa, Spanish, Quarter Horse, Station bred type would be great. It'd need to be sound and amiable; preferably able to be ridden for hacking out. The horse would be assured of a really good home here and the very best of care.

If you can help in any way, please email Jonathan at [jonathanmarett@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanmarett@gmail.com)

## New Zealand Instructor team

### South Island

Jackie Chant – 4 Star Senior Instructor – Broadfields, Christchurch (teaching all 4 savvy's and Game of Contact)

Sandy Stanway – 2 Star Instructor, Loburn, North Canterbury

Kim Woods – 1 Star Junior Instructor, West Melton, Christchurch

### North Island

Russell Higgins – 4 Star Senior Instructor, Hamilton

Ruth Carlyle – 3 Star Instructor, Hamilton

Tori Murry-Ellie – 2 Star Instructor, Dargaville

Antoinette Archer – 1 Star Junior Instructor, Taranaki

Jane Cook – 1 Star Junior Instructor, Auckland

Please check my schedule regularly for the most up to date course details and contact information by going to my website [www.jackiechant.co.nz](http://www.jackiechant.co.nz) and clicking on 'Schedule' or if you need to buy any Parelli Equipment or DVD's etc just click 'View Shop' and you will support your instructor with the sales commission! Thank you!

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*"You're not working on the horse, you're working on yourself"*

*Ray Hunt*