

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our cutters, turn back riders and spectators, 2010 is going to be a great year for our club and members with some really good things planned for this year.

We saw out 2009 with a fantastic turnout at our Christmas party at our club grounds at Warnervale with a twilight cut. Lots of awards were given out to those that work hard at the training days and in between the training days to make sure we all have a good day.

Tammy and her daughter Kaitlin made the trip down from their new home in Werris Creek to join us, another long distance visitor was Heather Wilkes. It was good to see Cookie Jnr work old sneaky on the mechanical cow later on in the evening. Next training day on the 21/2/10, book in by Wednesday the 17/2/10



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### *Next Training day -*

*21<sup>st</sup> February*

*21<sup>st</sup> March*

*Mountain  
Road*

*Warnervale*

Heres some trivia.....

## COWBOY TRADITIONS CAVVY MARKS

In the lore of the old west there are a number of terms that are either lost or in limited use today. Many of them are extremely interesting and should be remembered not only for their historic value, but also their practical value. One such term is "cavvy marks."

**A "cavvy" is a group of ranch horses.** The word comes from the term "cavietta," derived from Spanish and referring to the whole herd of horses that a ranch owns. The cavvy of horses is gathered by the horse wrangler in the morning and walked to the "ropes" (a portable rope corral used to hold horses.) The "jigger boss" (second in command to the cow boss) or the cow boss ropes the horses from each buckaroo's string as requested by the buckaroos for the day.

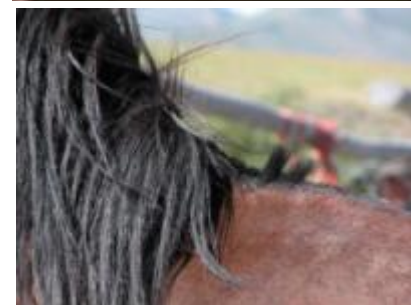
**One tool** that was used extensively was what they called "cavvy marks." These were marks made by trimming a section of the mane hair in a certain way to mark the training level of a horse. The cowboy way was often to travel from outfit to outfit and when the old jigger boss quit, the new one could more easily step into the job.

**To mark the horses**, the section, about 6 inches long, of mane hair from the withers forward was "hogged" using scissors or clippers.

If all the mane hair is hogged over the withers, the horse is a snaffle bit horse.



Two tufts of hair denotes a two-rein horse.



One tuft of hair means the horse is a straight-up bridle horse.



