

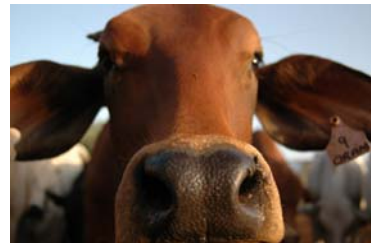
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TRUE COUNTRY EXPERIENCES AT GLASSFORD CREEK

Many farmstays around Australia tout themselves as being true working farms or cattle stations offering guests a true bush experience. Trying to pick the best out of a formidable bunch can be difficult. However, if the recent events at Glassford Creek Farmstay are anything to go by, this establishment can truly say they do offer the complete Australian bush experience.



Paul and Kate Oram of Glassford Creek Farmstay, located 50 minutes from Gladstone, pride themselves making sure their guests are extremely involved in running their working cattle station 'Boxvale'



Recently, US guests were treated to a rare site, the birth of a little chestnut filly. In the early hours of 27 January 2006 the tiny surprise joined the ranks of the 20 horses on the 4000 acre property. Named Colorado to honour of the home state of Joe Koop, a US guest, the newborn has received a lot of attention from visitors and owners alike.

This type of personalised event is typical of Glassford Creek Farmstay. Catering for a small number of guests at one time, visitors are encouraged to take an active role in running the family-owned property. Milking cows, feeding horses or orphaned calves, educating young cattle, feeding bulls and mustering on horse back all need to be done on a daily basis and visitors can join in on the action. For those not interested in a little 'hard yakka', they can still gain a true insight into life on the farm by going on a four wheel drive tour or indulging in a leisurely sunrise or sunset trail ride on horse back.

At the end of a hard day's labour, tuck into some hearty home style cooking prepared by Paul and Kate and unwind. You'll find the peaceful serenity of the farmstay completely relaxing.

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