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### **AACC Longreach Campus tickled pink by cancer ride**

The passing last month of Jane McGrath, wife of former Australian cricketer Glenn McGrath, tragically brought home the message that, no matter your age, cancer doesn't discriminate.

We were reminded that at some point it will touch all of our lives, whether through family or friends, so the sooner we unite to find a cure for this terrible disease the better.

Accordingly, when the appeal went out for help on the inaugural Pink Outback Trail Ride for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) Longreach Campus manager Peter Scott said the college jumped at the chance to support such a worthy cause.

The event had been organised before Jane's death, but losing the young mother reinforced for many how important it was to keep up the fight and raise awareness through events like the trail ride.

"It's a great cause and we happily provided our most quiet and reliable horses for the VIP guests," Mr Scott said. "It was also an opportunity for students and staff to offer their support on the day."

"We had a number of Certificate II in Agriculture (Horse Breeding) students involved in the ride and our own horsemanship instructor Tony Mawhinney was assisting as one of the trail bosses.

"Tony and the students got dressed up in their pink outfits and certainly got into the spirit of it," Mr Scott said. "I wore a pink ribbon for my part of the ride – that's as game as I got."

Mr Scott said it was important for the Campus to support the event – to do "its part" for the township.

"I emphasised to the students, whether they're locals or have just come to the town, Longreach is their community while they're here and we need to get behind these projects."

The Pink Outback Trail Ride is just one of the events the AACC Longreach Campus supports on top of its Queensland Show Circuit and Barcy RevFest 08 commitments.

"We also assist Clean Up Australia and the Red Shield Appeal," Mr Scott said. "And there's always a big showing at Anzac Day, plus we're involved with the Fashion Industry Awards at the Hall of Fame by providing a Merino wool display."

On top of this, the Campus will also be a part of the Diamond Shears, a pro rodeo and the RM Challenge – a team campdrafting event - throughout the year.

"Being a part of the community brings a sense of responsibility to our students as well as offering quality lessons in readiness for work and community participation," Mr Scott said.

**Photo Caption:**

[More than 100 riders took part in the inaugural Pink Outback Trail Ride to raise money for cancer research.]

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