



# TOURISM

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Before



After

This month I am pleased to introduce the Kalleske Family who run Templewood Horse Riding Centre & Tally Ho Lodge in Inglewood.

I talked to spokesperson Travis Kalleske who has recently returned 'home' from 20 years away overseas and interstate.

**BN:** Welcome Travis, please can we start with your family details and history.

**TK:** Our family has been involved with horses for generations with Mum's (Trish) side breeding and training international show jumpers in Ireland to this day.

Mum's grandfather was stud and riding master at Anlaby Station in Kapunda

Mum competed in dressage, eventing and show jumping from the age of 17 until setting up Templewood with Dad.

Mum was on the state coaching council of the Equestrian Federation of Australia (EFA) now Equestrian Australia (EA).

Dad's (Michael) father and uncles were horse breakers in the Barossa Valley, including remounts for the army during WW2. They also trained, owned and raced trotters.

My sister Rachele grew up on the back of a horse and it has been very difficult to prize her away from one since! She trained in the UK and Germany and has worked with horses all her life, including running the breeding programs for Templewood Stud.

We kept the strong family connection to Ireland breeding Connemara ponies as well as Andalusians.

When younger, Rachele performed movements including the Levade, Piaffe and Spanish Walk to many

stunned audiences on our Andalusian stallions, like that seen at The Spanish Riding School in Vienna.

**BN:** My understanding is Templewood celebrates a 50 year anniversary in 2020?

**TK:** That's correct, 50 years as a Hills based, family business. Mum and Dad started Templewood in Houghton originally and then moved to the current site in Inglewood as the business grew.

It's really encouraging now that we have so many second and in some cases third generations of children learning to ride here. Horses are in the blood, so we are very excited about the next 50 years.

**BN:** If you have visiting friends or relatives and you want to give them a memorable Adelaide Hills day, what do you recommend?

**TK:** It would depend on who was coming. Friends recently visited from Sydney with their families and I suggested a local mix of both mechanised and animal based pursuits, including Templewood, The Big Rocking Horse, Gorge Wildlife Park and the Birdwood Mill.

This included a pit stop at any one of the fantastic Hills bakeries. Otherwise a visit to some of the amazing cellar doors, cafes and restaurants all around the region and you will often find Mum and Dad unwinding at Topiary Café.

**BN:** Please share any other key interests/activities that might surprise us including your parents launching Riding for the Disabled in SA?

**TK:** Mum and Dad were part of the first RDA Gymkhana which had a royal connection, hosting Princess Anne (International Patron of RDA) and Captain Mark Phillips. The family has always been focussed on contributing to the community,

especially to young people. Before her own children became older, Rachele was an Interscholar State Coach in the national school championships.

Dad has been a judge at country shows right across SA and Templewood has hosted students on education programs from our SA universities and schools including current placements for equine students from The University of Adelaide.

They also taught two former state premiers how to ride, Don Dunstan and Mike Rann.

**BN:** From your family's inspiring journey, what advice would you give a young person in respect to finding the right career and to have an enriching life?

**TK:** Mum and Dad have been responsible for helping young people develop and gain confidence with horses for 50 years now, so I would refer them on this one.

They would say to work hard and be prepared to sacrifice to achieve your dreams.

Have a vision and plan how you want to achieve it, one small goal at a time, just like learning to ride, you need to stick at it. Be positive and it doesn't hurt to dream big. You're also never too old learn something new, regardless of your age or stage of life.

Thanks Travis for letting us 'meet' your family and gain a better understanding of your business. I know your horses were used in key SA Film Corporation films including *Breaker Morant* and *Robbery Under Arms*.

This reminded me of a famous quote (my all time favourite) from Harry 'Breaker' Morant the night before he was executed: "Live every day as if it were going to be your last for one day you're sure to be right".