

Bridgette Kies is a unique ute chick - not only does she own a great 1974 HQ Holden ute, she also owns a bright yellow helicopter! Twenty year-old Bridgette is a pilot at Barossa Helicopters and is Australia's youngest female commercial helicopter pilot.

Bridgette became involved with helicopters through her father, who has been a pilot for nearly 20 years and has owned and operated helicopters for the past 10-15 years.

Bridgette says they mainly do joy flights and ferry flights, which take people from place to place. Barossa Helicopters is involved with movies, still photography, TV commercials and crop inspections. Bridgette is pictured here at the 2001 Deni ute muster, where she took ute fans up for joy flights throughout the day.

The helicopter is a Bell 206 BII Jet Ranger, which takes four passengers plus pilot (total of 5). Its cruise speed is 115 knots (about 230km/hour).

