

HOOFPRIINTS

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If you have something you wish to add to our Newsletter please contact the Editor, Helen Laird on 4039 3871 or email hlaird@sharelynx.com

DOGS AT THE REP

Members will be aware from emails issued last month dogs have been causing serious problems at the REP.

In once incident an unrestrained dog ran at a pony causing the young rider to fall off. This is the reason the **NO DOGS ALLOWED** rule applies within the REP grounds and everyone must also make sure their dogs are secured when they are outside the grounds too, as our fences are not dog proof.

The second dog problem is also very serious – this is unaccompanied dogs roaming the grounds. Three such dogs were recently seen at the REP harassing the agisted horses. Cairns City Council has been contacted and has stepped up its dog patrols in the area.

Due to the serious risk dogs pose to horses and riders at the REP we ask all members to report any dogs seen on the grounds or hanging around nearby unaccompanied to the Council on Phone: 4044 3044.

Any dogs found on the grounds will be contained and the Council called to remove them. If you know the dog's owners please advise them that this is now the REA policy and remind them of their responsibilities.

REA General Meeting:

6:00pm Thursday 27 July 2006
REA Gazebo

Please send any Agenda Items to Melanie Archibald by Thursday 20 July 2006 (see contact details above).

While we won't be voting for committee positions at this meeting members are welcome to nominated to fill one of these vacant positions:

- Treasurer
- Maintenance Officer
- Events Officer, and
- Fundraising Officer

The more members who help on the Committee the less work for everyone so if you can spare a little time please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Anyone interested in filling a vacant position can contact Karen Flanagan or Melanie Archibald.



Sprinkler Times

The automatic sprinklers on the Open Sand Arena are set to operate from 3:30 – 4:10 pm every day.



Riding Instruction

Geoff Blacklock is available for lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Phone Geoff direct on: 4091 6515 or 0427 916 515
Members will be notified by email of weekend vacancies for lessons with Geoff when they become available.

These REA members are also riding instructors:

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| Arthur Kennedy | 0412 034 414 |
| Kim Weston | 0432 600 214 |
| Linda McKinnon | 0428 856 603 |
| Neitah Norman | 0407 183 930 |



REA Website

Don't forget to visit the REA website: www.redlynchequestrian.com for more information, forms, Code of Conduct etc. There's also a photo gallery and you are welcome to send your latest photos from events held at the REP, REA members at outside events or just your favourite horses and riders. Submit to hlaire@sharelynx.com

Free Poo!

While most horse owners aren't looking for more horse manure your friends might be. Members are welcome to escort their friends to the pile outside the REP stalls where they can help themselves then watch their garden grow!

Welcome New Members

- Neitah Norman
- Deborah Austin
- Malcolm Kerridge
- Michelle Dukker and Family

Pay Membership & Agistment Online

Just a reminder that members have the convenience of being able to pay their Membership & Agistment fees online. The REA Bank Account details are: Bendigo Bank BSB No. 633-108 Account No. 1142 84037. Please remember to put a clear identifier in the Subject field so that the payment is recorded as coming from you.

Riding while Mowing in Progress

The volunteers who kindly mow the REP grounds must do this work as their free time allows, therefore we must ask riders to take care if mowing is in progress while they are using the grounds and keep away from the mower if it is likely to upset your horse.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July /August 2006

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| Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 July | FNEG Dressage Competition REA volunteers running pie van | REP |
| 6:00pm Thursday 27 July | REA General Meeting – All members welcome | REP Gazebo |
| Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 July | FNEG 2006 Dressage Championships | REP |
| Sunday 13 August (TBC) | Fenced Sand Arena Replacement Working Bee | REP |
| Late August | Shelter Building | REP |
| 19 & 20 August | Freshwater Pony Club Gymkhana | FPC |

REA GENERAL MEETING



**The next General Meeting
of the Redlynch Equestrian Association
will be held**

6:00pm Thursday 27 July 2006

**Redlynch Equestrian Park Gazebo
BYO Chair, Drink, Ideas and Enthusiasm**



FOR SALE OR WANTED

If you have any items For Sale or Wanted please notify Helen Laird including details and the name and phone contact for enquiries. Ads will also be placed on our website. Please also advise when you no longer want your ad to run.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Call for Weed Spraying Volunteers

If you can help out with weed spraying at the REP please contact Secretary Melanie Archibald. This work is done on the tractor so requires operators to have completed the Tractor Induction.

Thanks to all Mowers

Thanks to everyone who has helped out on the mowing roster – although the grass isn't growing quite as quickly now it still needs constant attention.

Fencing Quotes

The Committee is sourcing quotes for fencing work required in the agistment paddocks.

Signage

The Committee is sourcing quotes for all currently required signage.



OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK OFF YOUR MAINTENANCE LEVY

These opportunities to help out and put in some hours towards reclaiming your \$50 maintenance levy will be coming up soon. We will confirm/advise of dates as soon as we can and if you can help please contact Melanie Archibald or Karen Flanagan. (See page 1 for contact details)

MAJOR REA WORKING BEE for 2006

FENCED SAND ARENA & ROUNDYARD MAINTENANCE

Minimum of 12 Volunteers Needed

If you use these facilities please seriously consider lending a hand to keep them in shape!!!

Sunday 13 August (to be confirmed) - Sleeper Replacement working bee to remove the old sleepers from around the fenced sand arena and replace them with the new ones all ready and waiting at the REP. Members will be advised by email once the date is confirmed. Please lend a hand if you can and hours worked will go towards reclaiming your maintenance levy. We hope to have a bob cat doing most of the grunt work, just bring along crow bars, shovels, pliers and gloves. Other work to be completed during this working bee if possible is redistribution of sand and completion of rubber matting surround in the round yard.

Working Bee #2 SHELTER BUILDING

This working bee will be to build the shelter in paddock #1. We will need help from people with concreting in the posts and putting on the roof. Again hours worked will go towards claiming for the Maintenance Levy refund.

