

# HOOFPRIINTS

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## Welcome REA 2006 Committee

The REA AGM was held on Saturday 25 February 2006 with 17 attendees and 6 apologies recorded.

The 2006 Committee is:

President: Karen Flanagan  
Vice President: Sonja White  
Secretary: Melanie Archibald  
Treasurer: Heidi Robinson  
Grants Officer: Nick Watson  
Media Officer: Helen Laird  
Events Officer: Vacant  
Fundraising Officer: Vacant  
Maintenance Officer: Vacant

A big thank you to retiring Committee members Jane and Bob Knight and Caroline Gonder for their enthusiasm and the many dedicated hours of work they have contributed to the REA during their time on the Committee.

Anyone interested in filling a vacant position can contact a committee member.

## Membership Renewals Reminder

Thanks to all members who have sent in their membership renewals. These were due 31 January 2006 so if you haven't already done so please make sure you get yours in as soon as possible.

See the Maintenance News on Page 3 for some details of the upcoming working bees that will allow you to clock up some time towards claiming your Maintenance Levy Refund.

## 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.



## Sprinkler Times

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

## Share your favourite photos

The REA Website currently under construction will include a Photo Gallery so anyone who would like to share their favourite horse and riding photos is welcome to send them in to Helen Laird (see contact details above.) Please note there are some constraints due to privacy laws. If any photos include children other than your own you must obtain permission from their parent or guardian for their photo to be included on the website and advice of this permission must be included when you send the photos in to the REA.

Also if you happen to have an aerial photo that includes the REP grounds please send that too.



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.

First Aid Courses

The REA Committee is investigating opportunities for members to attend an accredited First Aid Course. This would be at some cost to participants. Please advise a Committee member if you would be interested in participating in a course.

Bringing Visitors to the REP

Members bringing non-REA members to the grounds to ride are reminded they **must** complete a Visitor Waiver Form before using the grounds. (Forms are located in a plastic container in the stalls.) Non-members must be accompanied by a member at all times and can only use the grounds three times as a visitor before they must become a member. Parents please remind your children to do this.

These REA members are also riding instructors:  
Arthur Kennedy      0412 034 414  
Kim Weston          0432 600 214

**YOU MUST SHUT THE GATE**

We know this reminder is in every newsletter but the importance of shutting and locking the REA gate when you leave the grounds cannot be stressed enough.

All too often the gate is left unlocked, endangering horses and people and putting our continued use of the grounds in jeopardy.

Nobody would like to be the one to cause a bad accident for the sake of taking an extra minute to shut and lock the gate.

Parents please remind your children and set the example.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March /April 2006

Thursday 16 March 4:30pm	REA Working Bee – weeding open arena	REP
Sunday 19 March	REA Working Bee – collecting railway sleepers	Redlynch Railway Station/REP
Saturday 25 March	Course Building School	Mareeba
Sunday 26 March	Zone 18 Show Jumping Championships	Mareeba
25/26 March	FNEG Dressage Come & Try Day & Thomas Muehlenbeck Clinic	REP
Early April (TBA)	REA Working Bee – Shelter building	REP
Sunday 23 April	FNEG Official/Associate Dressage	REP

# MAINTENANCE NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has contributed towards the maintenance of the REP over the past couple of months. Just like at home the wet weather brings with it a lot of extra maintenance work at the grounds so every little bit helps.



## GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK OFF YOUR MAINTENANCE LEVY

Coming up this week are two good opportunities to help out and put in some hours towards reclaiming your \$50 maintenance levy. If you can help please contact Melanie Archibald or Karen Flanagan. (See page 1 for contact details)

### Working Bee # 1 **KIDS WELCOME!!!!**

The first working bee for 2006 is one the kids can get involved in – and enjoy some yummy pizza for their efforts.

It is set for **Thursday 16th March 4:30pm**. We have the FNEG Come and Try weekend on 25/26 March and need to clear all the weeds in the jump arena which have gotten out of control and we thought the best way to tackle them would be to pull them out by hand. So if anybody is keen to help out please let me know. As a treat we there will be Eagle Boys Pizzas to share after the working bee.

### Working Bee # 2 **TRAILERS & UTES PLEASE**

The second working bee is set for **Sunday 19th March**. We have finally organised the sleepers for the enclosed dressage arena. Qld Rail has kindly stockpiled them at their depot near the Red Beret Hotel. Sonja White has donated the use of one of their trucks. Anybody with a trailer or ute will also be most welcome. The more vehicles the less time it will take. For now the sleepers will be stockpiled at the REP grounds until time permits to put them in place

### Working Bee #3 **LEND A HAND IF YOU'RE HANDY**

A third working bee is planned for **late April** (date TBA). This will be to build the shelter in paddock #1. The post holes will be already done so we need help from people with concreting in the posts and putting on the roof. Anyone who can help please contact Karen Flanagan or Melanie Archibald and let them know so that the date can be finalised. Again hours worked will go towards claiming for the Maintenance Levy refund.



**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.