

# HOOFPRIINTS

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

A General Meeting was held on 3 September. Thanks to those members who did attend. The Committee encourages all members to attend these meetings if they have any issues they would like addressed. This way we can continue to progress the club and improve our wonderful facilities. Of course from time to time members may wish to lodge a complaint about something. Please do so in writing, addressing your correspondence to the Secretary and explaining the matter as clearly as you can. The Committee will follow up on this and work with you to achieve the best outcome for everyone.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals will be sent out to existing REA members before the end of the year, with the due date for payment being 31 December.



## **NEW MEMBERS SPECIAL OFFER**

If you have friends interested in joining the REA let them know they can do so now and get 15 months membership for the price of 12! Membership form & details online: [www.redlynchequestrian.com](http://www.redlynchequestrian.com)

## **SPRAYING NOTIFICATION**

Some REA members have advised the Committee that they have allergic reactions to weed sprays. To alert people when spraying has been carried out on the main part of the grounds a red board will be placed on the side of the shed for the following 48 hours. The spray mainly used at the REP is Weedmaster, while Grazon and Associate are used occasionally to target specific weeds such as Singapore Daisy.

## **AGISTMENT NOW ON SUMMER TIMES**

At the beginning of September the Summer Agistment times came into effect at the REP which means agisted horses can be released into the open arena from 6:30pm and must be returned to their paddocks by 7:00am every day.



## **SPRINKLER TIMES**

The automatic sprinklers in the jump arena now operate 4:45am – 5:45am and 1:45pm to 2:45pm daily. Sprinklers in the fenced arena operate 5:00 – 6:00am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm daily.

## **MOUNTING BLOCK**

The REA recently purchased an orange safety step Mounting Block so feel free to make use of it. Not only is it good for those who've lost a bit of their spring, it's great for littlies, kinder on your horse or pony and also helps save some wear and tear on your gear. The mounting block can be easily moved around the REP for use where you need it but it's home is on the far side of the fenced arena so please return it there after use.

## **WATCH THE KIDS**

Members are reminded that children must be supervised by a responsible adult while at the REP whether by a parent or friend.



## **PAYMENTS TO REA**

Please that the REA can no longer accept cash payments of any kind. All payments must be made via EFT, cheque or money order. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **PARELLI PLAYGROUND**

Thanks to the efforts of REA member Silke Hardeland there is now a Parelli Playground set up near the fenced arena at the REP. This is an area to have fun with your horse while you build on your relationship and skills.

So far the playground includes a bridge, 4 poles in an L-Shape, 2 standing barrels for "Figure of Eight"; (soon to be replaced by truck tyres), 4 white blocks to weave through, a small jump and 3 lying down barrels for either jumping over, passing sideways over etc. There have been also suggestions to install a gate, a carwash and a pedestal. If you have suggestions let us know.

There is a Parelli Play Day on 24 October to introduce members to the playground and the Parelli concept so if you are interested check the Events List for contact details.

Even if you are not interested in Natural Horsemanship, you can have a play; just be careful particularly with the bridge as some horses might get spooked. It is only suitable to cross the bridge at the walk. Introduce them to it slowly and ***please don't walk over bridge when wet!***

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HENDRA VIRUS**

Hendra Virus has been in the news again in the past couple of months so it is worth visiting the DPI's website at [www.dpi.qld.gov.au](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au) or calling **13 25 23** to make sure you have the latest information.

To keep things in perspective remember Hendra virus is very rare and is not highly infectious. Since 1994, HeV has been confirmed only 13 times, involving about 45 horses and 7 humans.

Although not a lot of research has been undertaken, it is accepted that Hendra Virus is carried by flying foxes and can be transmitted to horses and from horses to humans.

The spread of infection between horses and people can be minimised by good biosecurity measures including:

- Place feed and water containers under cover if possible. (REA are moving water troughs in Paddocks 3 & 4 out from under the trees.)
- Do not place feed and water containers under trees, particularly if flying foxes are attracted to those trees.

- Do not use feed that might be attractive to flying foxes if they are known to be in the area. Fruit and vegetables (e.g. apples, carrots) or anything sweet (e.g. molasses) may attract flying foxes.
- If possible, remove horses from paddocks where flowering trees have resulted in a temporary surge in flying fox numbers. Return the horses after the trees have stopped flowering.
- If removal of horses from paddocks is not possible, try to temporarily remove your horses during times of peak flying fox activity (usually at dusk and during the night).
- Keep any sick horse isolated from other horses, people and animals until you have obtained a veterinary opinion.
- Ensure high levels of personal hygiene, including washing hands after and between handling horses
- Keep unwashed hands away from your mouth, nose or eyes.

Signs that may suggest your horse is infected with Hendra virus include:

- respiratory signs, including frothy nasal discharge and elevated body temperature > 40 °C
- neurological changes, including abnormal muscle twitching, weakness and loss of balance.

If you notice changes in the health of your horses or suspect they may be infected with Hendra virus immediately contact your vet or QPIF on **13 25 23** (during business hours) or the emergency animal disease watch hotline on **1800 675 888** (24-hour hotline).

**REA AGISTEES & MEMBERS are asked to notify the President if their horse is suffering from any significant illness or injury. Stalls and surrounds used by sick horses must be thoroughly cleaned, including railings washed down to remove any bodily fluids.**



### SAFE FEEDING PRACTICE

Please make sure horses are fed well away from gates, thoroughfares etc. within the REP riding arena and adjacent paddocks to enable safe access for all members at all times.

### STAYING ON TRACK

We are exceptionally lucky in the Redlynch area to have some great places for trail riding and we want it to stay that way. Members are reminded when you are riding out and about near cane paddocks or other private property to please be sure and keep to the tracks at all times.

### ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

REA members and the community appreciate the adjustments made by Cairns Regional Council to the intersection of Intake Road and Arthur Lyons Drive. Changes made over a year ago made it too dangerous for horses, riders and pedestrians to use that side of the road, however Cr Linda Cooper acted on requests for an adjustment and this is now in place, making the intersection much safer for all.



## Riding Instructors

REA members that are riding instructors:

Geoff Blacklock	4091 6515 or 0427 916 515
Kim Weston	0432 600 214
Linda McKinnon	0428 856 603
Erin Flanagan	0438 174 573
Venette Trout	0412 143 029
Evan Parker	0409 761 442

Please note that all instructors providing lessons at the REP must be current financial REA members.



## Clubs & Riding Schools

Zone 18 Pony Clubs:

[www.zone18ponyclubs.org.au](http://www.zone18ponyclubs.org.au)

Far North Equestrian Group:

[www.fneg.info](http://www.fneg.info)

Far North Endurance Riders Association:

[www.fnera.org](http://www.fnera.org)

North Queensland Show Jumping Club  
Contact: [amandascanlan82@yahoo.com.au](mailto:amandascanlan82@yahoo.com.au)

Crystal Cascades Horse Park:  
[www.crystalcascadeshorsepark.com.au](http://www.crystalcascadeshorsepark.com.au)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

### Redlynch Equestrian Park

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
18 October	FNEG Associate Dressage	<a href="http://www.fneg.info">www.fneg.info</a>
24 & 25 October	<b>NEW DATE!</b> Evan Parker Clinic	<a href="mailto:events@redlynchequestrian.com">events@redlynchequestrian.com</a>
31 October	<b>NEW DATE!</b> Parelli Play Day	<a href="mailto:silk.hardeland@gmx.net">silk.hardeland@gmx.net</a>
8 November	FNEG Associate Dressage	<a href="http://www.fneg.info">www.fneg.info</a>
15 November	Frank Condon Teeth Filing & Vaccination Clinic	<a href="mailto:events@redlynchequestrian.com">events@redlynchequestrian.com</a>

### EQUINE CHIROPRACTOR AVAILABLE SOON

Scotty Wilson is an International Equine Chiropractic Association accredited exclusively equine chiropractor who will be available for consultation in our area from 12 November. For more information or to make an appointment: Phone Scotty Wilson 0437 730 641 or Venette Trout 0412 143 029



## MAINTENANCE CORNER

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to maintenance at the REP lately and also to those who have lent a hand with event set ups during the busy season.

### **REMINDER - WORKING BEE LEVY REFUNDS**

If you have completed a minimum of 4 hours worked for the REA you could be entitled to receive a refund on your Working Bee Levy. There are Refund Forms in the shed at the REP and also at [www.redlynchequestrian.com](http://www.redlynchequestrian.com) Complete the form, have it signed off by a Committee member and leave it in the shed or email to Lyn [lcunn14@eq.edu.au](mailto:lcunn14@eq.edu.au)

### **NOTICE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS ATTENTION?**

When reporting repairs it is important to give as much information as possible so Lucy can come prepared. For example if a fence is broken she needs to know if it is timber or wire, if a trough leaks is it in the plug, hoses or tap.

### **WE HAVE THE BRIGHTEST JUMPS IN TOWN!**

An enthusiastic painting crew turned out recently to paint all the jump poles at the REP. The results speak for themselves so a really big thank you to Emily, Hannah, Sharlena, Brook, Heather, Belinda and Kelly and anyone else who lent a hand.



**FOR SALE OR WANTED** 

If you have any items For Sale or Wanted please notify Helen Laird:  
[hlaird@sharelynx.com](mailto:hlaird@sharelynx.com) including item details and the name and phone contact for enquiries.

Ads can also be placed on the REA website [www.redlynchequestrian.com](http://www.redlynchequestrian.com)

## FOR SALE

**21ft 3-Horse angle load float**, 240 power, includes fridge, microwave, sink, couch (converts to bunks), heaps of storage incl. drawer, overhead & hanging cupboards and front and side boxes, 2 saddle racks, bridle racks, rug rack, electric brakes \$22,000 PH: 0417727970 Kelly.

**Horse Reduction Sale** 10 October 30 Gallet Rd Little Mulgrave. Phone 40563050 a/h 0407183930 mon-fri 8:30 to 12:30 or email: [monkeymaja@yahoo.com.au](mailto:monkeymaja@yahoo.com.au)