

# HOOFPRINTS

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## ***Presidents Report***

*At last we have some fine weather and the number of members using the grounds has certainly increased. The very wet weather certainly didn't deter some of our riders and even on the "wettest" of days the grounds were in use.*

*Please look out for our new members and introduce yourself. The Park is looking spectacular and thank you to all the volunteers who put in the hard work to make it look so good. We are extremely lucky to have such an affordable riding facility open to all disciplines of horse activities.*

*We encourage our visitors to try our grounds out under member's supervision for three occasions before they are required to pay a membership fee. Could all members please ensure that your visitors do sign a waiver form (stored in shed) and become a member if they are going to continue to use the grounds. These requirements are extremely important to maintain our insurance coverage and ongoing viability of the REA.*

*Many of our members have to ride some distance to our site and we are in continual communication with Linda Cooper, our local Councillor, on ways to improve access for horses on our roadways/ parks/ trails etc. If you have any issues or ideas on ways we can improve access for horse riders in the larger community please contact me.*



*Good luck to all our competitive riders, who are preparing for some serious upcoming competitions.... Regards Sonja*

## **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 mobile phone numbers of both REA members are inside the shed, please text or ring them as well, if possible, and let them know where and when the spraying was done...

## **AGISTMENT NOW ON WINTER TIMES**

From May until August winter Agistment times come into effect at the REP; this means agisted horses can be released into the open arena from 6.00pm at night and must be returned to their paddocks by 7:30am every morning. Weekend times do not change...6.00pm at night until 7.00am in the morning.

## **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.**



## A word from our Treasurer

Lucy



### PAYMENTS TO REA

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

### WORKING BEE LEVY REFUND

Just a reminder on how to claim your working bee levy refund. If you have assisted with any work around the REP, please fill in a form located in the shed in a folder on top of the filing cabinet. Forms can also be obtained on the website. Fill in the relevant sections and have the Maintenance Officer Belinda Hallam sign off on it. The form then needs to be given to the Treasurer - Lucy Rochester either by email, post or by hand who will then refund your levy....many hands make light work so any work that you can do to assist is greatly appreciated to keep our park in great shape!



## 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
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)

### SAFE FEEDING PRACTICE

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

### RIDING YOUR HORSE AROUND REDLYNCH

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.

## Congratulations

To Lucy Rochester, Carol Boegli, Amelia Steblina and Ivonne Nathan on the arrival of new babies, we wish you all well...



There was a rumour about horses not being allowed in the Redlynch Valley park areas...there is now signage up and riders are encouraged to walk their horses from Bodens Bridge all the way along to just after Red Ochre Drive. We encourage our members to abide by this as we don't want to be banned from these areas completely, also removal of your horse's manure if they have to "go" is a good idea too, bit hard to carry a shovel of any sort so maybe some plastic bags to collect?? suggestions please....?



## MAINTENANCE CORNER

A very big "Thank You" to Fabian and Brandon Portese for pressure cleaning the fences over the past month. It's been a mammoth task and it's an amazing transformation.

As we are now approaching the dryer months, daily automatic sprinklers are set to come on at: Fenced Sand Arena 1pm to 2:30 pm and the Jump Arena 12:45 to 2:45 pm could you please NOT alter the settings on these units and plan your lessons outside of these hours. The round yard has a set of manual sprinklers and we ask that you turn them on for 10min before using the round yard.

We had a good response from members willing to undertake regular mowing duties at the REA, but there is always more that can be done. If you have some spare time and you would like to complete some small tasks, a list of odd jobs can be found in the REA box in the cupboard.... (The Pink Wish List). This can go towards your refund of the \$50 maintenance levy.

If you would like to learn how to use the Tractor .... it's easy ....and can be fun .... Let me know and I'll do a quick tractor induction with you.

Calling all green thumbs! There is a good stockpile of hay and manure under the fig trees, near the covered stalls that needs to find a new home. Please let friends and family know they are welcome to collect it..... FREE - Please make sure YOU give them access and NOT the access code!

If there are any maintenance issues at the REA..... please feel free to contact me....

Regards, Belinda Ph: 0418 181 201

## GATES – ACCESS CODE

Reminder to all that gates must be shut after going through them. This includes the gate to the fenced arena. The main access float gate must be locked after entering or exiting the REP...Gates are extremely dangerous when left open.

Please **do not** release the access code number to any non members or visitors. This number is changed every year and is for member use ONLY.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK**

A big thank you to Lyndell Casella who due to work commitments can no longer be the Secretary on the REA committee. This position is now vacant, anyone interested in this position can email or talk to the President Sonja White, Vice President Karen Gibbs or Treasurer Lucy Rochester.

# Upcoming Events

JUNE	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Parker Show Jumping Clinic Contact by Email: <a href="mailto:events@redlynchequestrian.com">events@redlynchequestrian.com</a>
	19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	Official Associate Dressage Contact FNEG: <a href="http://www.fneg.info">http://www.fneg.info</a>
JULY	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cairns Show Official/Associate Dressage Contact FNEG: <a href="http://www.fneg.info">http://www.fneg.info</a>
AUGUST	21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Official/Associate Dressage Club Championships Contact FNEG: <a href="http://www.fneg.info">http://www.fneg.info</a>
SEPT	TBA	Evan Parker Clinic Booked
OCT	TBA	Evan Parker Clinic Booked



Please Note....all Agistees – for all events held at the REP and mainly for when we have overnight campers, your horse **MUST NOT** be released into the main arena after the set up for the comps is complete...you will be advised when comps are being held so you are prepared...thanks for your understanding.

## FOR SALE OR WANTED

If you have any items For Sale or Wanted please notify me so I can advertise them for you...  
[mlcamp1@bigpond.com](mailto:mlcamp1@bigpond.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)

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## INCIDENT REPORTS –

The REA Code of Conduct states –

### “Incidents

All incidents that occur at the REP must be recorded in an Incident Report by either the person involved in the incident, a witness or other member (copies available in the REA shed and must be handed to a Committee Member).

Incidents may include:

- Serious Incidents (near misses) where there is no actual physical injury
- Incidents which may have the potential for psychological trauma (eg horse bolting)
- Incidents involving property damage
- Incidents resulting from non-compliance with REA Code of Conduct and/or rules

The committee will review the Incident Reports as soon as practical after the occurrence and take the appropriate action to rectify the cause or minimise the chance of it occurring again, this may include amendments to the Code of Conduct, Rules etc. "

**Can all members please follow the Code of Conduct and have Incident Reports completed, this is very important for our insurance and we must maintain accurate records!**

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# Welcome to our New Members

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*A big welcome to all our new members this year....Rebecca Bradley, Sharon Fegatilli, Renae Lofthouse, Amanda Prowse....apologies if anyone has been missed.  
Please make yourself known to members down at the Equestrian Park,  
happy and safe riding!*

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Meeting Date: 13/05/10

Attendees: Sonja White, Belinda Hallam, Alison Obern, Karen Gibbs, Lyndell Casella

Apologies: Heather Rogers, Lucy Rochester, Marilyn Saunders

### Business from previous Meeting

- Updating of Code of Conduct is ongoing.
- Mowing Roster has been completed and will be sent out.
- Grant application has been completed and submitted with FA Volunteers group to purchase jump wings.
- Shed lock on roller door is not being locked up properly. Lock is a little tricky and some members not taking time to ensure it is locked. MO to see if it can be modified or we need a new lock.
- Investigating bank change to local Redlynch bank. It is has been difficult to change signatories each year with present bank and it will be more convenient with a Redlynch branch location.

### Agenda Items

- Committee meeting update to be included in newsletter
- Agistment Issues – What is the REA policy on accepting horses for agistment with vices/behavioural problems e.g. windsucking add to Agenda for next general meeting. Agistment renewal terms and conditions needs to be updated each year. Strip paddocks not coping with 2 horses. Discuss going back to one horse per paddock. Investigate possibility of larger strip paddock to be split into two. No changes to be made now but to be discussed when present agistees leave.
- Request has been made to not release agisted horses for FNEG Events. Place in newsletter and send email to strip paddock agistees.
- MO attended a free Sport and Recreation Workshop on “Technology Made Simple” Discussion of this workshop in relation to our present website.
- REA Asset list prepared by MO and tabled
- Date for next general meeting to be set at next committee meeting

### Maintenance Issues

- Road base has been postponed due to inclement weather. A number of sites have been identified including gateway three horse paddock, low spot near covered stalls and dressage arena etc, also sand for strip paddocks and tyres Pirelli Playground need topping up, filling.
- Rubber for stall still being sought. Prefer Fabric woven rubber (no wire as wire increases risk of injury to horse.) Difficult locating this type of rubber.
- Gate for three horse paddock will be finished soon. Some modifications to gateway will be made including filling present dip with road base. Postponed due to weather.
- Replace wood fence rails where broken -4 spots. Have been temp repaired. MO to purchase timber and have delivered to REA.
- MO to make enquiries as to fence needing oiling/painting after pressure cleaning
- Kill Rust spray needs to be purchased for new corner posts/yards – annual preventative rust treatment/checking as recommended by fencers.
- New lunge whip purchased for round yard
- Replace wash bay nozzles.
- Two new manure rakes purchased for stalls
- Purchase and install small torches to front gate and shed. (Locks can be properly unlocked/locked in low light/darkness.)
- VP requested new rake and wheel barrow for agistee paddocks and stalls.
- VP to email council regarding filling in pot holes in driveway.

### Other Issues

Incidents: Two incident's noted but no incident reports yet received. A reminder to be included in the newsletter for an incident report to be submitted after all falls/incidents. (even if there is no injury).

Events: Evan Parker clinic is on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and almost full. If clinics are not filled then a last minute invitation/reminder to all members before clinic is offered to non-members. Non-members who have used up there three guest entries must join as members. It appears from observation that visitor waivers are not always completed and some visitor's have been using the grounds on more than three occasions. All members should be responsible for their visitors and that they adhere to REA guidelines. Non adherence is a risk to our insurance coverage and should be of concern to all members. Committee members should not have to police this.