

Horse SA Newsletter

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Growing the horse industry in South Australia.

Incorporating HorsesLandWater Newsletter No. 7



Horses return to the Royal Adelaide Show. Photo by Sean Fletcher.

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

New facilities available soon

As this article is being written, public horse areas are being set up with the following community facilities:

- Rockleigh: – 4 horse yards, water tank, gate to enter the grounds
- Rams Head: – 4 horse yards, water tank, boundary fencing
- Macclesfield: – 3 horse yards (within Recreation Grounds)
- Nairne: – 4 horse yards, entry gate

Construction is expected to be completed by December. Linked to the Kidman Trail project, these rest facilities are open to any member of the community. The horse yards are restricted to use by users of the Kidman Trail.

Thank you to horse riders and residents who are starting to take on a ‘caretaker’ role for the trail heads or sections of community trail.

The following facilities are also currently available:

- Willunga – 4 horse yards, water, toilets (free except on Pony Club days)
- Kapunda – 4 horse yards for hire, within the harness racing complex (book)
- Echunga – 4 horse yards, toilets, horse water (open/free during daylight hrs)
- Mount Pleasant – general facilities at Talunga Recreation Park (book)

Did you know that overnight camping with horses is also catered for on our Forestry SA lands at Kuitpo and Mt Crawford?

Bookings are essential at both sites. Kuitpo is particularly busy, and you may need to book a year ahead in some instances. If you find you need accommodation/camping around Kuitpo, please contact Horse SA as we need help working with ForestrySA to set up a second horse camp in the area.

- Kuitpo Forest (08) 8391 8800 – 8 horse yards, toilet, shelter, nearby house for hire
- Mt Crawford Forest (08) 8521 1700 – 4 horse yards, toilet, shelter

You will need a permit for camping and a separate permit for riding. There are self-registration points at each headquarters.

Please leave all public areas clean and free of horse manure and old feed. Take manure home. It is not appropriate to dump it under native trees or on public land.

Beaches

As we head into summer, more horse riders will make use of our lovely South Australian beaches. Please remember to



Report trail problems to the land manager.

immediately clean up all manure and spilt horse feed from around your float (don't go riding first!) to avoid littering fines in car parks.

Public riding arenas

Public dressage/exercise arenas are available at Brownhill Creek Recreation Park (grass) and at the corner of Oakridge Road and Homestead Drive, Chandlers Hill. Another great arena can be found at Quorn.

If you know of any other public arenas available for use any time, any day, please let us know!

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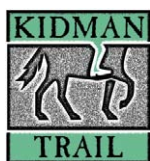
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HORSE FLOAT	Horse float – excess \$200 – sum insured or market value whichever is the lesser	\$10,000	\$20,000
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TRAILS AND ACCESS



Kidman Trail

With the corridor now completed, it's great to hear about the rides that are now taking place.

On September 21 the Gawler Trail Horse Riders club started at Kapunda Harness Racing Club and had a lovely ride around the district.

Pam Brookman and friends went for six days from Mount Crawford to The Range, Willunga. By all accounts perfect weather the whole way and Pam said no more than 20 cars went past them in the whole trip! More news and photos to come.

It was great to have people stop at our stand at the Royal Adelaide Show and ask lots of trail questions, especially club organisers who are looking for something different for the club calendar but are not sure how a trail day can cater for all the different levels of riders (and yes, you can!).

Online soon on at www.kidmantrail.org.au will be an excerpt from 'Postcards SA' showing Chad Cornes riding the trail and a short video clip of part of the opening ceremony.

Keep tuned via our weekly E-news to find out when Julie has exactly worked out how to upload it all. Further promotions can also be found in this month's edition of 'Outback Magazine'.



Helen Sharp's photo of the lunchtime break for the Gawler Trail Horse Riders Club.



Filming for 'Postcards' near Kapunda.

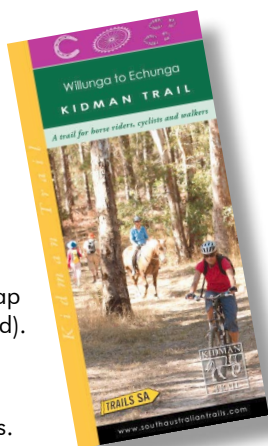
Kidman Trail maps

A recreational trail for horse riders, cyclists and walkers over 255 km from Willunga to Kapunda. Features overlays of the Heysen, Mawson, Lavender Federation and Battunga trails on the map strips.

\$9.00 per map or \$45.00 set of 5 (complimentary plastic map holder if 5 maps are purchased).

Please add \$3.00 handling, packaging and postage costs for each order of up to 5 maps. Larger orders will be quoted. Pick up or delivery may be able to be arranged.

For details visit the Horse SA online store:
www.horsesa.asn.au



Tom Roberts Horse Trail

For such a local trail, it is amazing how much time is taken up with Council meetings, maintenance and resolving of issues.

Tasks taking place in the next quarter include marking down to Old Noarlunga from 'Echo Park' on Piggott Range Road; looking for Woodcutters Road alternatives (!!!????!!); and potential public consultations about proposed sections from Morphett Vale and one section adjacent to Flagstaff Hill.

We will also be required to consult with local horse riders in the Belair National Park and Scott Creek areas in relation to trail proposals there too. If you live or ride in these two areas, or know someone that does, please make sure we have your contact details.

Kersbrook Horse Trail

This is quite a popular riding area given the number of map brochures we seem to go through. Looking for somewhere different to ride, consider this loop. Map can be found on Horse SA website under trails or send in a stamped envelope and we can return one to you.

INDUSTRY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Green Corps

The latest Greening Australia (SA) – Horse SA Green Corps Team also recently completed their program.

Twelve participants undertook practical work along the Kidman Trail while receiving training linked to the Conservation & Land Management Package.

Thank you to Greening Australia for the fantastic support. Some of the work achieved included a flora and fauna study of a waterhole near Mount Barker, horse yarding at Rockleigh, fencing and step-overs. The statistics will need to be collated, but estimations now are that Horse SA, working with Greening Australia (SA), has helped more than 50 young people into the workforce.

Trade Mission to Phillipines – horse businesses invited

Austrade, through Horse SA, is inviting interested business people who may have a product or service of interest to the Phillipines and South-East Asia marketplace.

A trade mission is planned for Manilla on February 21-27. If you are interested in this mission, have a potential product or service which may be exportable or of interest to visiting trade mission trips to Adelaide, please contact Horse SA.

Further information on the Phillipine marketplace can be found on the Horse SA website under 'Industry Development'.

Trackwork riding

A celebration ceremony was recently held for the completion of the Trackwork Riding Short Course.

This was the sixth course, now funded through Horse SA. A demonstration of riding on the mechanical horse preceded awarding of certificates to participants, who will now enter the horse racing industry.

This project/training is an initiative of the Government of South Australia and is a South Australia Works in the Regions project delivered in partnership with the Cities of Onkaparinga and Marion. The training took place though TAFE SA.

This course has been particularly successful, since 2005 there have been 47 students trained with 39 job outcomes. This program has recently been entered in an employment awards program, so wish us luck!

Trackwork rider courses shortlisted for award

Employment, Training and Further Education Minister, Paul Caica made the announcements recently at the Adelaide Festival Centre for the inaugural South Australia Works in the Regions 'Recognition and Achievement' Awards.

Horse SA nominated Thoroughbred Racing SA Pty Ltd (TRSA) for the Outstanding Employer or Industry Representative Award, for which TRSA was a finalist. Congratulations to all involved. The certificate will be proudly displayed in the TRSA offices.

Having problems finding workers for your stables?

Then recruit from the city, where job seekers are being assisted to relocate.

Horse businesses in the Riverland, Limestone Coast and Murraylands can now get help finding workers with the assistance of the Primary Industry Skills Council (PISC) and the Regional Skills Mobility Programme.

The programme is helping employers to attract and relocate city job seekers to these regions, where there is solid demand for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled employees.

It is also assisting employers to package their positions so they're more attractive to city job seekers.

Employers wanting to register their vacant positions are encouraged to contact PISC, on (08) 8303 2754, which will put them in contact with a local project officer in their region.

The officer will discuss the employers' job requirements before working with a number of job network agencies and PISC to find the best candidates.

A best job match is made using the latest in computer profiling software.

Successful candidates are supported in their relocation via a reference kit containing information on community services, accommodation, partner employment, schools, health and child care. Training support is also available if required.

The programme is an 18-month pilot project with the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, and is funded through the Australian Government, the Government of South Australia and industry.

For more information: www.pisc.org.au/regionalskills

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HORSE HEALTH AND WELFARE:

There has been quite a bit going on nationally in relation to horse health and welfare – the Senate Inquiry into the Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008; Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008; and the Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008.

You can read submissions online, including those from Horse SA and EFA SA. The interim report from the committee has indicated that further investigations are required and that the final report will be available on November 13, 2009...

www.aph.gov.au/SENATE/committee/rrat_ctte/horse_disease/interim_report/index.htm

Ongoing vaccinations: There was also a national meeting convened in Sydney on September 25 surrounding discussions about ongoing vaccinations. Animal Health Australia has posted all of their presentations online at www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ei-summit-25-9-08.cfm

The website currently states that a discussion paper is being prepared. If you would like to make contact with the coordinator, ring Kim Percy on (02) 6203 3901 kpercy@animalhealthaustralia.com.au.

South Australia: In South Australia, PIRSA concluded a broad consultation on its Biosecurity Plan and is soon to commence a review of the Livestock Act.

The Livestock Act has some considerations that horse owners will need to take into account, including working to agree on a policy for minimum livestock value in the case of destruction.

Keep an eye on *The Advertiser* and *Stock Journal* for news, as well as the Horse SA website.

The Animal Welfare Act also has now been enacted. This carries heavier penalties, including:

- DOUBLING of penalties (up to \$20,000 or two years' imprisonment) for ill treatment of animals;
- MAKING aggravated animal cruelty an indictable offence, further increasing the penalties for offenders;
- ALLOWING animal welfare inspectors to enter a property to rescue an animal, even if the owner is not present; and
- CREATING a new offence for keeping animals in conditions likely to cause pain, distress or disease.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The key focus of much recent work, especially by Sarita Stratton, was a series of meetings and many, many emails and letters relating to the Recreational Services (Limitation of Liability) Act.

With immediate action taking place, MP Iain Evans lodged a Civil Liability (Recreational Services) Act, both sides of government have been busy on this issue.

Stories on the ABC's *Stateline*, in *The Advertiser* and regional newspapers, and a series of articles by the Law Society, plus support from other peak bodies, helped the issue maintain a high profile.

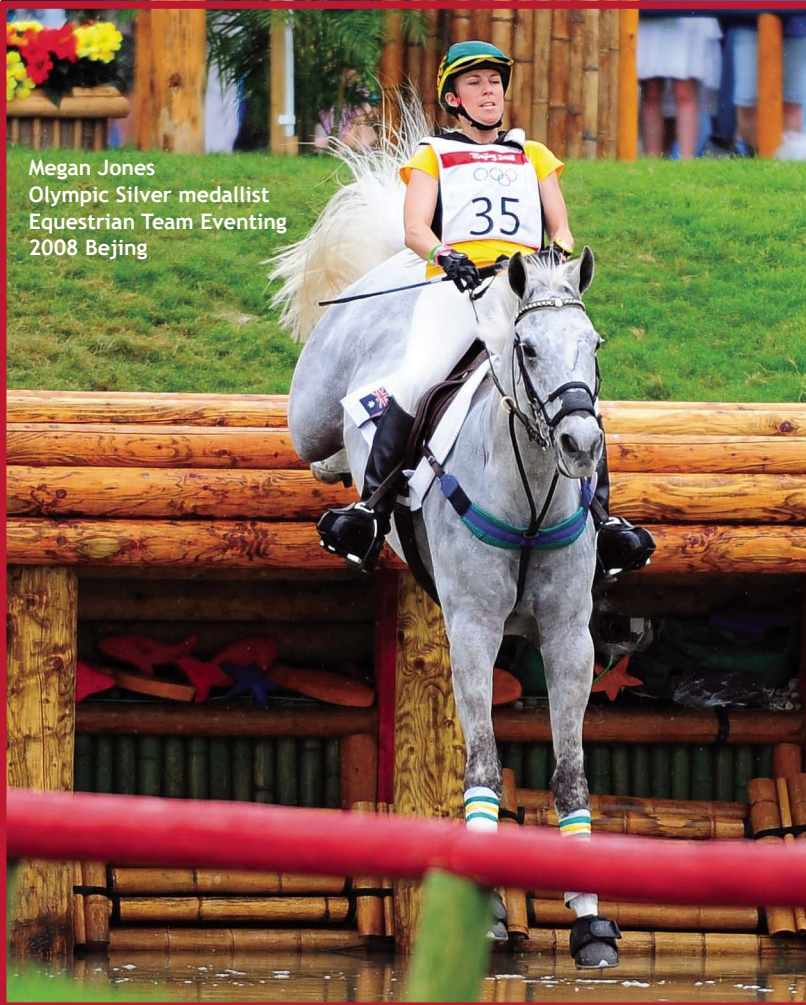
The reason for all this ... make waivers valid again in SA law. As news becomes available, it will be posted on the Horse SA website. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to write to Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gail Gago (minister.gago@saugov.sa.gov.au) with your thoughts.

In recent history, the current Act was amended for a period during the World Police & Fire Games to make waivers valid, perhaps this amendment can be revisited until the current Act is rescinded and a new Act installed in its place? Just an idea!



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Wanted: Youth to make a professional quality DVD

Do you want to make a short film, learn cutting edge TV skills, acting, camera work, editing, FX, sound design for a Horse SA DVD? Well, a three-day film making program with Professional Filmmakers has been planned.

The Hero Project has partnered with Horse SA, Horse Owners of the Southern Mount Lofty Ranges, EPA, the Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board & Melbourne Water to undertake this filming project.

Now we are looking for 15 youth participants to join the workshop, during which you will learn all basic skills required for video production, including story-boarding, camera and sound work, acting, directing and editing.

We will produce the film during a three-day series of digital video workshops on Friday to Sunday, November 28 to 30, 2008. Please call for further information and book your place at Horse SA, phone (08) 8294 2460 or email horsesa@horsesa.asn.au

The film company are experienced TV producers for ABC, SBS, NITV, TVNZ, UKTV. Films include First Fleet Back; a 7-part science series, Is Your House Killing You?, on SBS; and a 10-part youth comedy, Pinnaroo Surfer, for ABC TV. Check it out www.directingthehero.com and www.horsesa.asn.au



The links between land, waterway health and horse health

Melbourne Water, supporters of the Horses, Land and Water Peri-Urban Project, will be present at Equitana 2008 from November 20-23 at the RAS Melbourne Showgrounds.

Located in the Horse Health Pavillion at Equitana, the Melbourne Water display will focus on the links between land and waterway health and the health of our horses.

Many horse health issues including colic, mud fever and plant poisoning – as well as maintaining body condition – have strong links with sustainable pasture management and sustainable land management practices.

In turn, how we manage our pastures has a strong impact on erosion and runoff, and the quality of water in our rivers and creeks.

By managing our properties in a sustainable way, we contribute to the health of our catchment areas and waterways ... as well as the well-being of our horses.

Melbourne Water will be present to discuss sustainable land and waterway management at Equitana.

We will also be promoting our Stream Frontage Management Program. For more than 10 years, this program has been assisting landowners in the Port Phillip and Westernport regions of Melbourne to manage waterways on private land.

The program provides funding for fencing-off waterways, off-stream stock watering, weed control and revegetation. Expert advice on land and waterway management is also available.

The program is open to landowners with waterways on their properties in the Melbourne region, extending to areas such as Ballan and Macedon in the west; Wallan, Healesville and Kinglake in the north; and the Westernport, Tarago and Mornington Peninsula areas in the south-east.

For more information, please call (03) 9235 2231 or visit us at stall 235 at Equitana 2008.

What's coming up?

Field days, talks and forums:

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Darwin Forum	Oct 31	horsesa@horsesa.asn.au
Noonamah	Nov 1	horsesa@horsesa.asn.au
Katherine	Nov 2	horsesa@horsesa.asn.au
Alice Springs	Nov 5	horsesa@horsesa.asn.au

WA

Brookleigh Eq. Estate	Oct 24	Ph 1300 369 833
Oakford RDA	Nov 1	Ph 1300 369 833

NSW

Port Stephens	Oct 25	jane@equiculture.com.au
Bangalow	Dec 6	jane@equiculture.com.au

Victoria

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Wangaratta	Nov 29	jane@equiculture.com.au
Cranbourne	Nov 30	jane@equiculture.com.au

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Horses in wet climates

Wet climates bring certain challenges to horse keeping – if you live in a wet and/or tropical region, you need to be aware of potential issues.

These issues include health concerns such as bacterial and fungal skin conditions such as greasy heel (pictured, right), mud fever and rain scald.

These problems occur when horses have continuously wet skin.



Environmental concerns are also an issue – horses turned out on land during wet periods can lead to degradation such as poaching of soil (as hooves compress wet soil, air is pushed to the surface) which leads to compacted soil, bare areas, weeds and dusty conditions when the soil eventually dries out.

There are also safety factors to consider such as slipping injuries which can occur to horses and handlers in wet conditions, especially when the soil is bare.

The three points outlined above illustrate that it is poor management to keep horses continuously in wet paddocks; therefore dry areas such as covered yards with dry bedding material are necessary so that horses can be dried off and kept dry.

In prolonged wet periods, turnout time should be restricted so that paddocks do not get bare soil areas and therefore muddy and slippery.

By restricting horses' access to wet land in this way there will be better grass cover when the land dries out and more feed/less weeds due to better soil health.



This newsletter is a key activity of the project 'Managing Horse Grazing Pressures in Peri-Urban Environments' and has been funded by a Landcare Sustainable Practices grant under the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Initiative.

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Please promote through your club or horse-related business website, noticeboard or newsletter.

HorsesLandWater Corporate and Community Programs: HorsesLandWater staff and volunteers are able to offer a range of programs tailored to suit horse keepers in your local area. Specialising in capacity building programs which engage the key stakeholders – horse owners, land management technical advisors, government agencies at all levels, research and educational institutions. The team also has experience in resource development, educational programs and related activities.

Please contact Julie Fiedler – email horsesa@horsesa.asn.au or phone 618 8294 2460

WACMAC Landcare:

PHARLAP – Productive Horse and Rural Land Action Program

WACMAC Landcare will receive \$70,000 in 2008-09 through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Initiative to undertake the Landcare Sustainable Practices grant project 'Productive Horse and Rural Land Action Program' (PHARLAP).

This program will engage the local grazing and horse-keeping community to significantly increase productive and sustainable land-use within the northern rural fringe of Melbourne.

WACMAC Landcare Chairperson, Dr Gwynedd Hunter-Payne, said the group was "very excited by this new project".

"We look forward to providing the owners of many rural properties with advice that will greatly assist their land, their horses and the environment," he said.

WACMAC Landcare has also embarked on a new \$40,000 salinity control project funded by the State Government Department of Primary Industries and the Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority.

Dr Hunter-Payne said there would be many complementary benefits between PHARLAP and this new salinity project.

"WACMAC Landcare will engage pony clubs, equestrian organisations and individual landholders to provide the best possible advice on how to make the most out of small rural properties," Dr Hunter-Payne said.

"In addition WACMAC will set up on-ground examples of best practice land management options that demonstrate practical ways to increase productivity and reduce the risk of problems such as erosion and salinity."

If you would like to know more about PHARLAP and how it can benefit you, please feel free to contact us

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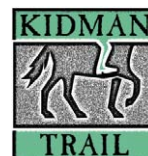
About Horse SA

Horse SA is a dynamic, not-for-profit, membership-driven organisation which seeks to *"make the world a better place for horses"*

With exciting projects and strong advocacy taking place in the key areas of horse keeping and the environment, workforce development, industry growth initiatives, recreational trails, facilities, road safety, horse health and cultural heritage, there is much to look forward to this year.

For further information including a calendar of events, how to join, and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.horsesa.asn.au or phone 08 8294 2460.

Horse SA is a project-based organisation and welcomes enquiries from government agencies, consultative firms or horse organisations which would like to progress projects.



Poetry at the Pub: 11am to 11pm Saturday February 28, 2009 The Alma Hotel, Willunga

A registered Adelaide Fringe Festival Event
and Kidman Trail Promotion

Pub Wall Scrawl: Australian bush poets scrawling their all on the pub wall. Come in during opening hours, stay a while, read and vote for your favourite poem.

The Laureates Apprentice: An introduction to writing bush poetry for reading or performing. Facilitated by members of the South Australian Bush Poets Association, this one-hour interactive, friendly workshop will provide participants (the apprentices) opportunity to glean from the Masters as you have a go at writing your own winner! Bring a friend. Suitable for 12 yrs and over. 4-5 pm

Poetry on the Verandah: Walk, cycle, ride your horse or just get yourself to this free community recital. Entertainment from members of the SA Bush Poets Society on the verandah of The Alma Hotel. BYO chair if possible and remember to be sunsmart! 5-5.45pm

Poetic License: Winners of the Kidman Trail: Australian Bush Poetry Competition will be announced. 5.45 pm.

Poet's Brawl: Gather your friends, enjoy dinner, and have a good laugh! Poets are get a topic on the night, have 15 minutes to write a poem and then one minute to perform while trying not to be 'gonged out' by the judges! The loudest audience laughing and an 'applause-meter' count towards the winning score. Nominations taken for performing poets. 7.00 pm Tickets available through the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Take the **Kidman Trail** to the Poetry at the Pub or other fringe events near Willunga.

Australian Bush Poetry Competition:

More than \$500 worth of prizes. Entry forms online at www.kidmantrail.org.au or contact the Horse SA office, ph 8294 2460. Entries close Friday, January 30, 2009.

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