

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.directingthehero.com) and [www.horsesa.asn.au](http://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:

#### NT

Darwin Forum	Oct 31	<a href="mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au">horsesa@horsesa.asn.au</a>
Noonamah	Nov 1	<a href="mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au">horsesa@horsesa.asn.au</a>
Katherine	Nov 2	<a href="mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au">horsesa@horsesa.asn.au</a>
Alice Springs	Nov 5	<a href="mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au">horsesa@horsesa.asn.au</a>

#### WA

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

#### NSW

Port Stephens	Oct 25	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>
Bangalow	Dec 6	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>

#### Victoria

Equitana	Nov 20-23	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>
Equitana	Nov 20-23	<a href="mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au">horsesa@horsesa.asn.au</a>
East Gippsland	Nov 24	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>
Monbulk	Nov 26	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>
Wangaratta	Nov 29	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>
Cranbourne	Nov 30	<a href="mailto:jane@equiculture.com.au">jane@equiculture.com.au</a>

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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](mailto: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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