



Water

The horse paddocks are supplied by high pressure town water that is metered. Leaks can cost a lot of money really quickly and that money comes from the budget available for paddock maintenance.

Please let us know if you notice an overflowing water trough or any signs of water leaks in the horse paddocks.

Text the emergency contact number anytime to report:

0411 030 281

Next GPUG Meeting

Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 5.45pm at the Weston Club near Coolamon Court.

All clients are welcome to attend GPUG meetings.

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In the Paddock

We are still in the grip of a very dry period. Horse numbers across almost all complexes are significantly down from 360 to 310 horses. Vacant horse places have not been filled since autumn 2018.

We are not offering places currently and with the continued dry outlook it is unlikely we will be offering spots in the near future. The wait list for horse agistment has swelled to a massive 350 horses.

The lack of feed has placed significant pressure on yards and we are experiencing high levels of tension at some complexes. I encourage everyone to be patient and kind. The levels of nasty behaviour at some complexes is unacceptable.

Weed spraying has been occurring at all complexes with more than 415ha sprayed during the autumn/winter broadleaf spray program. The dry conditions means more bare ground so there are

more weeds germinating. Due to the composition of weed species, we develop weed prescriptions with our agronomist to ensure a very targeted program. . We aim to preserve clovers as they outcompete the weeds and maintain ground cover. Unfortunately it also means that despite the lack of pasture, some horses will founder. Please keep on eye on your horses and be aware of the signs, even in big horses.

Safety

Recently a number of incidents have occurred highlighting the need to remind everyone of their responsibilities in relation to safety around horses.

The Code of Conduct has been updated to clarify two points. Firstly the importance of helmets. Helmets must be worn when horses are ridden. In the case of children under the age of 18, it is recommended that helmets should be worn at all times around horses which is

in line with Pony Club rules. If a young person is catching a horse in the paddock they should be wearing a helmet.

Secondly, the horse owner is responsible for the horse and the conduct of any visitors. If you allow a person to handle or ride your horse you are required to ensure the horse is under control and that any activity is carried out in accordance with the Code of Conduct and your obligations under the Client Agreement.

Finally, horses not registered with Territory Agistment are not permitted to use the yards without prior permission from Territory Agistment and payment of a temporary agistment fee. The fee ensures the horse is covered by our Public Liability insurance if the horse escapes the yard. There are no exceptions to this.

If you have any questions please contact us.

Agistment Fees

Please be reminded that quarterly and annual fees are due **1 September 2019.**

\$429 per quarter per horse

\$1630.20 per annum per horse (including the 5% discount)

The current low numbers means we are already oper-

ating on a reduced budget. If you have overdue horse agistment fees please arrange these to be paid or contact us to discuss.

Continued non payment of fees will lead to impoundment of your horse/s.

Please contact us early so that we can discuss the options available.

admin@territoryagistment.com.au

or **6226 8277**

Annual Payments

The annual fee payment is from 1 Oct—30 September each year and is available now. If you wish to pay agistment fees annually, simply pay the annual fee amount per horse and I will adjust your invoice.

If you wish to move from annual payments to quarterly, please just pay the quarterly amount per horse.



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Paddock Rotations

Paddock Rotation notices are placed on the notice board and there is generally a 10 day window for horses to be moved into the new paddock.

It is each clients responsibility to ensure they check the notice board when they are at the paddocks.

We no longer send emails about paddock rotations as there are some horses that are not seen or looked after by their owners.

The notice board system enables us to identify problem clients who do not provide regular care for their horses.

Pick up your Poo



Arboretum Riders

Please spread the message as widely as you can that thoughtless, illegal behaviour could lead to the expulsion of horses from the Arboretum.

In summary:

Horses are welcome on the fire trails and the alleys between the planted forests on both sides of the mountain.

The maps at the 3 entrances suggest routes to the yards or to the BNT route. These maps are also available on the Arboretum website at https://www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1031834/FINAL-Equestrian-Map.pdf



Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been amended and is available at

<http://territoryagistment.com.au>

under Our Services.

Please ensure you are familiar with the Code as it applies to you and anyone you invite onto the land.

The Client Code of Conduct includes communication, bul-

Horses are NOT welcome

- on the area around the parking lot near the Visitors Centre
- on the walking trails around the top of the hill
- on the Amphitheatre and the grassy area between it and the Visitors Centre
- on the Zig Zag path up the hill from the dam to the Visitors Centre
- on the top of Dairy Farmers Hill (with the Eagles Nest)
- in among the trees in the individual forests.

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Contact Details

For all emergencies including water leaks, fencing and horse health issues please contact our 24/7 mobile service:

0411 030 281*

* Please note this number is not to be used for general enquiries after hours.

For administrative enquiries including invoicing questions and waiting list enquiries please contact the office on:

02 6226 8277 or

admin@territoryagistment.com.au

lying, the use of social media and clarifies your responsibilities as a client of Territory Agistment in the ACT Horse Holding Paddocks.

Each horse paddock complex is a community and as such you have a responsibility to be civil and courteous to each other and to us.

*Dogs must be on lead at all times.

**You must collect any dog faeces and remove it from the complex.

The large number of dogs at the paddocks means some complexes are experiencing a huge amount of dog poo.

If dog poo isn't collected we may look at banning dogs from the complexes as it is becoming a very serious health issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact us as we are always happy to help.

Thank you ☺