



Next GPUG Meeting

Wednesday 5.45pm
4 August 2021 at the
Weston Club near Coolamon Court.

All clients are welcome to attend GPUG meetings.

Territory Agistment
Office Number

6226 8277

In the Paddock

RAINFALL

We have received some really good rainfalls this winter on the back of a wet autumn. For the paddocks this means we currently have a lot of mud and slippery areas. It also means we will head into spring with a big body of feed.

Currently a lot of horses are already experiencing foot abscesses due to the wet and we ask that people regularly check horses feet and recognise the early signs of lameness so these issues can be identified early.

RIDING AREAS

Please do not ride in the arenas and riding areas when they are wet. Significant damage is done when horses break through sand/topsoil to the sub-surface. As the maintenance and upkeep of arenas is up to agistees it is important not to damage the arena surface and base as it will affect drainage and cause long term issues that are difficult and expensive to repair.



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DOGS

Please ensure your dog is kept on lead at the paddocks. Dogs can be a safety hazard if they are not kept under control around horses. Dogs consistently off lead may be asked not to attend the paddocks.

Please also ensure all dog poop is collected and disposed of off-site.

SPRING

The moisture in the soil means that we will face a significant risk of founder this spring (which may start a lot earlier than usual). Whilst it is still cool we are experiencing warmer weather on some days which means we have new growth already. Even if your horse has not foundered before please be vigilant for the signs of founder. If your horse has foundered previously you may wish to start locking up or muzzling early. We are expecting there to be significant pressure on the yards as is usual during spring. Please work together to share the yards and coordinate yard use.

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FIRE READY

Now is the perfect time to establish or review your personal fire plan.

We encourage you to consider what you will do in the event of an emergency at the paddocks and to ensure that any action you intend to take is safe. If a fire starts at a complex it is unlikely you will have access so it is important to plan ahead.

Have a Bushfire Survival Plan and be prepared to get your horse out early if that is your intention. Please share your contact details for your complex emergency Phone Tree so that you can be contacted in the event of an emergency. We do not guarantee that we will be in a position to contact horse owners during an incident so the phone tree is important. For more information on Bushfire preparation please see <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan>



Agistment Fee Increase

Fees will increase to \$35 per week in line with CPI and effective 1 October 2021. The last agistment fee increase was in 2018.

As always if you are having issues paying fees please contact us early so we can work out a payment plan.

Contact the office or email admin@territoryagistment.com.au

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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Winter 2021

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 checked regularly.

The notice board system enables us to identify these issues.



Horses On The Road

On Sunday 11 July just after 1pm we received one of the worst calls we can get. The Kaleen herd was on the road and last seen running toward Maribyrrong Avenue!

We immediately set up our incident response, mobilising to site, manning the telephone and radio to receive and distribute information on what was happening on the ground, contacting horse owners and locating and rectifying the exit point.

Thanks to the local Kaleen community and horse owners the herd was secured quite quickly after giving quite a few motorists a fright! Many people helped walk the herd back to the paddocks and the exit point was made safe.

In this case an external gate was found open. The locked chain on the gate was damaged and the gate opened.

The horses made their way down an equestrian trail and into the suburb.

What is unusual about this situation is that the entire herd left the paddock. It is not a situation that happens every day and thank you to everyone who helped return the herd.

We hope it doesn't happen again!

On that note please ensure complex front gates are closed at all times. Make a habit of closing internal yard and laneway gates and ensure horses are caught from the paddock with a headstall. Whilst this wouldn't have prevented the incident at Kaleen it is a timely reminder that small actions can prevent big issues.

Please also report unusual or suspicious activity to us or to Police.

Paddock Projects

Do you have a paddock project you would like to see happen? Would you like more trees around the yards? Improvements made to riding areas?

Some projects completed by Paddock groups include planting laneway trees, installing or improving arenas and riding areas, planting shade trees and creating seating/BBQ areas.

Projects do almost always need permission and some form of fundraising but we are happy to assist where we can. Let your Paddock Rep know about your idea and maybe investigate options such as Landcare for trees.

Spring Mowing

This spring will explode with growth so there will be a lot of areas that need slashing, mowing and whipper snipping.

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The next Government Paddock User Group (GPUG) meeting is Wednesday 4 August 2021 at 5.45pm at the Weston Club near Coolamon Court.

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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 only use this number for emergencies after hours.

For administrative enquiries including invoicing questions and waiting list enquiries please contact the office on: **02 6226 5767** or

admin@territoryagistment.com.au

Unfortunately we cannot get everywhere at once and we also have priority mowing which includes a significant number of fire breaks.

We expect this season the list of firebreaks and their required size will increase due to the increase in grass growth across the ACT, especially if we have a warm dry spring/summer period.

