



Spring 2024

Next GPUG Meeting

Wednesday 6 November 2024 5.45pm at the Weston Club near Coolamon Court.

All clients are welcome to attend GPUG meetings.

Emergencies

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

0411 030 281*

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Vale Michelle O'Neill

It is with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of Michelle O'Neill of Cherry Tree Equine.



Many of you may have known Michelle as she was one of the greatest supporters and educators of horse riding in our region.

Michelle taught horsemanship skills to people of all ages and skill levels across many equine disciplines. With a broad equine background in dressage and later as a champion barrel racer Michelle simply had a

great love of horses, the training process and the partnership.

Michelle shared her skills across the country from teaching kids at Yanco Ag school to presenting and competing at Australia's greatest horse show, Equitana. Providing more than a decade of rider education at TARC, Michelle was well known and loved for her knowledge and ability to teach and instil confidence.

Michelle will be greatly missed by the equine community in the ACT and Snowy regions and across Australia.

Deepest condolences to Michelle's family and friends.



Agistment Fees

- Agistment fees for the Oct—Dec 2024 quarter due date is 1 September 2024.
- Agistment fees have increased to \$38 per week and applies to the agistment period commencing 1 October 2024.
- The Annual Payment option is also available for the coming year Oct 2024 —Sep 2025 \$1877.20 per horse which includes a 5% discount.
- If you are having difficulty making payments please contact us to discuss on 6226 8277 or email admin@territoryagistment.com.au

ACTEA

The ACT Equestrian Association AGM will be held on Thursday 12th September at 7.30 in the Loft at the Weston Raiders Club.

We will also farewell longtime president of ACTEA, Christine Lawrence. The contribution Christine has made to both the ACT Horse Paddocks and equestrian sport in general across the ACT is immeasurable. Christine has long championed all things equestrian and lobbied the ACT Government to ensure equestrian sports are part of the equation through development and planning processes. Without these efforts the paddocks, trails and equestrian infrastructure would not be what they are today.

Please consider joining ACTEA or stepping up to a committee role.



DOGS

Please ensure dogs are kept on lead and under control.

Please remove all dog faeces from the paddocks.



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In the Paddock

Paddock and pasture conditions are overall very good with consistent winter rain and then some warmer days stimulating pasture growth. We are however still coming out of winter so pastures remain limited and horses should be hand fed to supplement their food supply.

Please ensure you tether your horse in the feeding areas at feed time. Feeding in laneways or paddocks is not safe.

The spring winds seem to have come early and combined with the wetter than usual winter we have had, spraying has been hampered.

We have however managed to keep the paddocks in front of the rotations clean. Grass weed spraying is currently in progress—serrated tussock is the main species being treated. We will move onto the

Woody Weed program in November and broadleaf treatment of late germinating Patterson's curse and flatweed will also continue.

Some heavy frosts caused havoc with our water infrastructure this winter with freezing temperatures causing some pipes to burst. Please keep on the look out for water leaks and notify us straight away.

Soil moisture heading into spring is currently good so we do expect some pretty good spring growth. This will impact our founder prone ponies as there is already clover around. Please keep an eye on your horse for founder or laminitis. Even horses not prone to founder can be impacted by a sudden and strong spring burst of pasture.

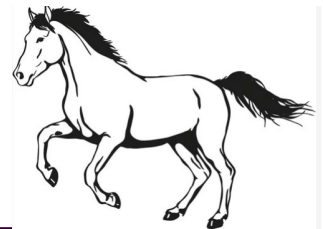
We ask that everyone is considerate when using yards and facilities in general to manage horse health. We understand managing founder and inju-

ries is difficult but please work together and coordinate yard use.

Let us Know

Recently a fire broke out in the paddock the horses were in at Oaks Estate. Please always let us know of any incidents in the paddocks. We are not always notified by the authorities. Luckily the small herd was moved without incident. Thank you to those who responded.

This is also a reminder to refresh your fire plan. Your personal fire plan should include your horse and the decisions you will make in the event of an emergency. More information is available from the ESA website <https://esa.act.gov.au> and the ACTEA website .



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. Sometimes due to operational requirements we may ask you to move more quickly.

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.

Please contact us if you have any concerns.