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## Welcome

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the final 2011 edition of *The Stables* for private clients and licensees at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre.

In this issue we look at *Equitana Sydney* which was a fantastic success for us, maintenance and asset management at the Equestrian Centre, matters raised at the recent Private Client Forum, upcoming CPEC Members Club events, housekeeping rules, and the forms you require when planning your horse's vacation.

If you would like to discuss anything from the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact the Manager's Office: [cpec.office@cp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cpec.office@cp.nsw.gov.au)

Please note the Manager's Office closing times over the Christmas and New Year break on page 4.

As this is the final edition for 2011 we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season!

Regards,  
*The Equestrian Centre Team*

Success at *Equitana Sydney*

Thank you to everyone who visited us at *Equitana Sydney* which was held at Royal Sydney Showgrounds, Homebush from Thursday 10 November to Sunday 14 November. It was a fantastic event and a great success for the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre!

We interacted with more than 1,200 people during the four days, many of whom had positive feedback about our facilities, proximity to the city and the beautiful Parklands itself.

A number of the Equestrian Centre's Private Clients competed at the event and participated in demonstrations. The Equestrian Centre was mentioned as the Sydney base for Denise Rogan's five year old gelding, Virtuel I, on which she conducted a demonstration ride as part of the presentation by Hans Peter Minderhoud's *The Importance of Dressage Basics*. Centennial Park was also mentioned during the demonstration by NSW Mounted Police as one of the venues at which it trains.

Approximately 70 per cent of the people who visited our stand were from (in descending order): Queensland, South Australia, country NSW, Western Australia, Victoria, the ACT and New Zealand. We presented a Parklands – wide promotion – a "must do" when in Sydney including a horse ride around the Park or a visit to the Equestrian Centre.

A number of visitors returned to our stand during *Equitana* to inform us that they had taken our advice and visited the Equestrian Centre, and had taken a park ride with one of the five riding schools.

Many of these visitors were impressed by the presentation of the facilities, in particular the Covered Arena.

The other 30 per cent of who we spoke to lived within the Sydney basin area. The most commonly asked question was "can I bring my horse and ride in Centennial Park?". We were able to educate them about the procedure including that all horses on Trust land must be up to date with tetanus and Strangles vaccination and all horses and riders must be covered by public liability and personal insurance.

We received around 40 queries regarding permanent stabling and a further 20 about casual stabling, mostly as a stop off when passing through, and during school holidays.

Equestrian Centre staff were able to visit other exhibitors and exchange information including with suppliers of arena and other surfaces, feed suppliers, nutritional suppliers and other industry associations.

All up it was a great success for our first year participating in the biggest annual equine event in the Southern Hemisphere!



# Private Client Forum (PCF)

The final Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre Private Client Forum (PCF) for 2011 was held on Tuesday 25 October at which a cross section of our Equestrian Centre Private Clients attended.



The forum is an opportunity for private clients to meet with Trust executives, including the Director and Chief Executive, Kim Ellis, to discuss key strategies for the Equestrian Centre. Attendance at the forum is by invitation only and is on a rotational basis so that as many clients as possible can attend. The next forum will be held on Tuesday 28 February 2012.

A number of priority matters were discussed including:

## Safe and secure environment

The need to explore options to better cope with peak demand times for car parking and horse float loading, such as on weekends.

### Trust Action

- A duress button has been installed in the Manager's Office and the Trust is considering the installation of a second button outside the office.
- New emergency exit and evacuation signage have been installed.
- Fire extinguishers have been moved into tack rooms where they were previously obstructed.
- Weekly and monthly checks of the fire system are carried out by the Trust's contractor.
- One client commented that the fire alarm cannot be heard in the Covered Arena. The Trust has investigated this and corrective action will be taken.
- One client suggested a communal sharps disposal unit be installed for used horse syringes. The Trust is already considering this and the location of such a unit.

## Asset management / enhancement

The Trust is committed to an asset management and enhancement plan.

### Trust Action

- The Covered Arena was closed for a day on Monday 25 October while maintenance work took place. The roof requires significant maintenance within the next 18 months.
- As part of the Trust's 10 year capital investment program, the Trust will be seeking funding from the Government and other sources for a number of projects including a cover for the Support Arena. The Trust is aware that a cover for the Support Arena would be beneficial and provide additional space to work horses during inclement weather.
- Remediation work in Centennial Park took place on the horse track on 2 November to improve drainage. Results indicate this work has resulted in better recovery by the sections of track following periods of rain and therefore an improved riding surface.
- Client feedback was that certain areas on the track surface may be too deep. This will be investigated following the remediation work.

## Licencees

The Trust is currently reviewing its licensing opportunities at the Equestrian Centre.

### Trust Action

- The Trust is exploring a new and easier process from 1 January 2012 for independent instructors and hopes all disciplines will be represented.

The current licenses for independent instructors expire on 31 December 2011.

- The Trust will be reviewing minimum qualification requirements for riding school licensees and coaches. Current riding school licences expire September 2013.
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for a second on-site livery service provider closed 14 November 2011. The review panel is currently finalising its review of RFP responses.

## Traffic management

The need to explore options to better cope with peak demand times for car parking and horse float loading, such as on weekends.

### Trust Action

- A variable message sign has been at the entrance to the Equestrian Centre for some months, with the message "CPEC patron parking only" and "All traffic one way 10 km/h". Thank you for your positive feedback.
- Options are being explored for additional horse float loading zones including the installation of soft fall at the existing loading zone and in a second location yet to be determined. A third loading zone (near A Pavilion) is being assessed.
- Additional parking controls and improved access to the Entertainment Quarter car park are being investigated and we will consult broadly with Equestrian Centre clients before implementation.

## Holding a stable while your horse is out

A reminder to clients that if you are planning to take your horse out of the Equestrian Centre for a spell over the upcoming festive season and you wish to hold your stable, please complete a "notification of absence and holding fee request" form (more commonly referred to as a 'Spelling' form) and lodge it with the Manager's Office. This way we can ensure our records are accurate and that any spelling credits due can be applied.

These forms must be completed by clients intending to spell their horse or temporarily remove their horse from the Equestrian Centre and who want to hold their stable, tack and/or feed room during the period of absence.

The spelling credits are applied for up to 42 days per year at a rate equivalent to 50 per cent of the applicable stable fee. This allocation is available for up to 10 days in each of the first and second quarters of the calendar year, and up to 11 days in each of the third and fourth quarters of the calendar year.

This holding fee period applies for the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December and is not able to be accumulated between years, that is, days unused in one calendar year cannot be carried forward to the next calendar year.

When your horse returns, all clients must complete a declaration of animal health form which includes the property of origin or where the horse has been agisted for the past 30 days before re-entering the Equestrian Centre.

Both these forms are available at the Manager's Office or on the Equestrian Centre website [www.cpequestrian.com.au](http://www.cpequestrian.com.au)



## Horse track upgrade

Remediation work took place on 2 November 2011 on a number of areas of the horse track in Centennial Park where issues of drainage had been identified.

Initial indications are that the work has been successful and has resulted in better recovery by the sections of track following periods of rain and therefore an improved riding surface.

## Equestrian grounds turf renovation

As part of our ongoing maintenance, the turf area of the Equestrian Grounds has been closed for rejuvenation (weed spraying, aeration, fertilisation and top dressing) from Monday 21 November to Friday 2 December 2011. An email has been sent to all clients and signage is on site.

The sand arenas will remain open during this time, however we ask that clients use the shortest access route from the bridal path to the sand arena when they are entering, and to keep the gait at no faster than a walk.

This is also a timely reminder to all clients that only those with an Equestrian Centre stable booking that allows access to the Equestrian Grounds (a Silver, Platinum, Clydesdale or annual Equestrian Grounds permit), with the exception of riding school horses, are permitted in the grounds.

Anyone found to be accessing the grounds with their horses without the correct membership level will be asked to leave and may be removed from the Equestrian Centre. Access to the grounds is locked and only those who have applied for the applicable stable membership rate should have a key to the gate.

## Visit from Equestrian NSW CEO

The Equestrian Centre recently played host to Equestrian NSW's A/Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chair of the Board, Michael Benson. Mr Benson met with Trust's representatives including Kim Ellis (Chief Executive Officer), Robert Hermann (Business Manager), and Lynne Edwards (Equestrian Centre Manager), to discuss a number of key issues in the Equestrian Industry and share information.

Key issues discussed included minimum stabling standards, arena maintenance and industry standards for coaching.

The Equestrian Centre intends to further develop this relationship with Equestrian NSW and other industry associations and bodies to discuss key issues and exchange knowledge of current and future trends in the industry.



## Wash bays

There are 10 wash bays at the Equestrian Centre for everyone to use – six are located near the lunge yard and an additional four at A Pavilion. It is your responsibility to immediately remove any droppings your horse may leave at the wash bay. There are manure bins and shovels located near each of the wash bay facilities so please be considerate and clean up after your horse.

This applies to all private clients, lessees and riding school clients – no one is exempt. If left, the droppings eventually not only make a mess but also clog up the drains. New signage will be erected at the wash bays to remind everyone of their duty.



## After hours float parking

Equestrian Centre clients must be mindful not to leave any unauthorised float or vehicle at the Equestrian Centre after lockdown at 9.00 pm. Any unauthorised float or vehicle may be issued with an infringement notice.

There are a limited number of casual float parking spaces available and clients must contact the Manager's Office to obtain a casual permit (orange) and park in the top car park only. The fee for overnight float parking is \$12 (including GST) per night for a maximum of six nights.

There are limited permanent float spaces in the Equestrian Centre along Clydesdale Road. Currently all 15 spaces available to private clients are full. If you are interested in finding out more about permanent parking and would like your name to be added to the waiting list please contact the Manager's Office.

## CPEC Members Club

The CPEC Members Club recently held two events in the Covered Arena at the Equestrian Centre, a Dressage night was held on Friday 28 October followed by a Jump night on Friday 4 November 2011.

The Club is planning Jump night on Friday 9 December 2011.

Please remember that the CPEC Members Club is a voluntary club open to all the Equestrian Centre riding school clients and private clients and relies on assistance from its members in running the events.

Did you also know that the CPEC Members Club donates equipment to the Equestrian Centre for the use of everyone? Previous donations include the two additional mirrors in the Covered Arena and the Jump equipment at the Equestrian Grounds. Please help the Club as the Club helps us!

For more information about the Club, visit the website: <http://sites.google.com/site/cpecmembers>

## Manager's Office hours over the festive season

Please note that the Manager's Office will be closed on the following days:

Sunday 25 December (Christmas Day)

Monday 26 December (Boxing Day)

Saturday 31 December

Sunday 1 January 2012 (New Year's Day)

Thursday 26 January (Australia Day)

Otherwise our normal office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, seven days a week.

To ensure all email correspondence is received and attended to within a reasonable time frame please email [cpec.office@cp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cpec.office@cp.nsw.gov.au)



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