



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Club and Zone News

September 2007



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EQUINE INFLUENZA

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There was a meeting with PCAV, EFA, HRCav, VAS, Department of Primary Industries on the morning of Wednesday 5 September 2007. The outcome of the meeting is as follows.

JOINT STATEMENT FROM EFAV, HRCav, PCAV AND VAS

Victoria is currently free of Equine Influenza (EI) however, we need to remain vigilant. If we are to remain free of the virus it is extremely important that all our members maintain the highest level of care over the next few weeks.

As a result of the ongoing crisis and, on advice from the Dept of Primary Industries, the EFAV, HRCav, PCAV and VAS (Victorian Agricultural Shows Ltd) strongly recommend that their members refrain from conducting rallies, shows, events, clinics and other activities involving a gathering of horses during the month of September.

Organisers are warned that, should they proceed with planned activities, they do so against the recommendation of their parent body. Further, under their duty of care, organisers must consider the issues raised in the attached Bio Security Guidelines and ensure that they are able to implement both the procedures aimed at limiting the risk of infection as well as the containment requirements should an outbreak occur. This recommendation will be reviewed by our organisations at the end of the month.

We thank our members for their patience during this difficult period.

No horse movement at NSW/Vic border!!!!!!!!!!

NSW and QLD remain in total lockdown.

The DPI lifted the current "Order" in Victoria and horses may be moved in Victoria.

Thankyou to all members for helping make Victoria equine flu free.

Yours sincerely

James Fitzpatrick
PCAV Executive Officer

2007 SOME OF THE KEY EVENT DATES

7 October	State Polocrosse Championships—POSTPONED to 2008
28 Oct	PCAV Prince Philip and Senior Games State Championships
10 Feb	PCAV Showjumping and Dressage State Championships

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Jan Faulkner



The Annual General Meeting of the Pony Club Association was held on Tuesday 28th August at Beaconsfield in the West Gippsland Zone and with more than ninety people attending, it was one of the best attended AGM's in recent years. By moving the venue for the AGM each year we hope to give more people in the chosen area the opportunity to share a meal, meet others interested in the same Pony Club ideals and ask questions or air concerns.

There was an election held to vote for the two Vice Presidents on the PCAV Executive and I congratulate Kammy Cordner-Hunt and Neil Clinton on their re-election.

We warmly welcomed two new Zone Representatives to the State Council, from Central Zone, Leonie Lang and from the North East Zone, Lyn Stevens, and we look forward to working together and benefiting from their ideas and experience.

Leonie and Lyn have taken over from Norm Glen in Central Zone and Jess Hull in North East Zone. Farewells are always sad and we will miss their contributions to the Council – Jess with her wealth of experience and knowledge as the longest serving member of the Council and Norm with his remarkable ability to format rules into the simplest form. His efforts over the past two years as a member of the Rules Committee have resulted in our newly revamped Handbook of Bylaws, Gear Rules and the Horse Trials Rules, with others in the pipeline. We also bid farewell to Fiona Matheson from Northern Zone whose contribution to both the riders and the State Council over many years has been outstanding. Fiona had the ability to see pony club in the eyes of the riders and we wish all three the very best for the years ahead.

Elsewhere in this magazine there are more detailed reports of recent events but I must mention the success of the National Competition held at Toowoomba in Queensland in July. All of riders performed admirably and the PCAV is justifiably proud of them.

Two new State Championship events, Polocrosse and Prince Philip Games, are set for October and it's hoped that as many clubs as possible take the opportunity to compete.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and in particular members of the Executive and the State Councillors.

A special mention needs to be made concerning the hours of extra work done by James Fitzpatrick and Clare Lewin since the discovery of the Equine Influenza virus and the subsequent and rapidly changing developments. It has been a worrying time for all horse owners and I want to thank them for their efforts in keeping everyone informed about the current situation.

Here's hoping Victoria remains free of the virus and in the meantime be positive.

Cheers, Jan.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007-2008 Riding/Associate Members \$63

There is no separate fee for Riders Without Horses in 2007-2008. Please join them as Junior or Associate members.

Equine Influenza

From Department of Primary Industries

The Equine Influenza hotline number is 1800 678 779 and it operates from daily from 0900 to 1800 hrs. If you suspect disease in your horses please call the Exotic Disease hotline on 1800 675 888.

Equine Influenza in Australia 2007: Victoria Situation Report

Background

Since Friday, 24 August, Equine Influenza (EI) infection or horse flu has been found in horses stabled in New South Wales and Queensland. As a result, a national lockdown on the movement of horses around Australia was imposed and was extended in Victoria until 1.00pm Friday 31 August.

Now it is prohibited to bring horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and associated products and equipment from New South Wales and Queensland into Victoria. DPI staff are patrolling the border to detect illegal movements and heavy penalties apply to offenders: \$24,000 fine and/or 24 months imprisonment.

Equine influenza is an acute, highly contagious, viral disease which can cause rapidly spreading outbreaks of respiratory disease in horses, donkeys, mules and other equine species. EI is exotic to Australia and would have a major impact on the Australian horse industry if it were to become established here.

Wednesday 5 September 2007 - 1800 hrs

The first suspected case of Equine Influenza (EI) was detected at Eastern Creek Quarantine Station in New South Wales on 17 August; further cases were subsequently detected on other properties. There are currently 128 infected premises (IPs) and 245 dangerous contact properties (DCP) in NSW. There are now 22 IP and 60 DCP QLD.

A second order cancelling all public horse sales, horse shows and other horse events within NSW was yesterday extended until 10 September 2007.

There remains a complete ban on the movement of horses into Victoria from NSW and QLD. It is prohibited to bring horse products and equipment into Victoria from NSW and QLD without a permit. Permits are also required for all people associated with horses (vets, farriers, horse dentists, trainers etc). Applications for permits can be obtained by ringing SDCHQ on 92174471, 92174472, 92174473.

DPI border security teams have been established along VIC-NSW border, working with Victoria Police, to detect illegal activity and intercept offenders. VicRoads has established electronic signage with relevant warnings regarding transport restrictions between NSW and Victoria. Security teams are mobile and work in mark and unmarked cars. Severe penalties apply for illegal movement of vehicles and equipment (up to \$24 000 and/or two years imprisonment.)

All horse events at this year's Royal Melbourne Show have been cancelled. The Royal Agricultural Society says the decision to exclude horses from this year's event has been made to minimise the risk of horse flu entering Victoria. More than 900 horses were scheduled to appear at the event, 20 per cent of them from interstate, mostly from New South Wales and Queensland. Show officials do not want to run the risk of an outbreak during the event.

It is important that recreational horse owners and event organisers continue to be vigilant and observant. Equine influenza virus is a problem for all horse owners and they should attempt to follow the hygiene and biosecurity procedures detailed on the DPI website www.dpi.vic.gov.au

The combination of vigilance, surveillance, a horse standstill between 25 and 31 August, and restrictions on movement of horses, horse products, floats, and associated equipment from NSW and QLD, that has been in contact with horses, have provided increasing assurance that EI is not present in Victoria. The cooperation of all sectors of the horse industry with maintaining these measures on an ongoing basis is very much appreciated.

2007 Pony Club Nationals

2007 NATIONALS

TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

The Nationals were held in Toowoomba Queensland from 2-8 July 2007. Victoria was represented by a Team of 27 horse and rider combinations in the Olympic Disciplines and two teams of five riders in the senior and junior Mounted Games.

Riders, their families and horses made their own way to Toowoomba, via commercial transport, shared trucks or float and car. All the horses travelled well and arrived ready to take on the challenge ahead.

The showgrounds at Toowoomba provided an excellent venue for the championships as every thing was held on site. The imposing Heritage Grandstand was the back drop for the main arena where the Dressage and Mounted Games were held, adjacent to this was the rider accommodation, two person tents, which was affectionately known as "tent city". The show jumping was held indoors and the cross country course was on adjacent land. Horses were housed in stables, situated in a huge barn.

Queensland Pony Club also hosted their own State Championships in conjunction with the National event which meant that there were a large number of horses and people on the ground. This was fairly daunting at first but as the week wore on people settled in very well and found their own routine. The organising Committee worked very hard to run all the events and to trouble shoot the inevitable issues that arose. We were all a little ill prepared for the weather which produced every season, just like Melbourne, excluding the rain! It was sunny during the day but the wind chill factor made it very cold, the nights were cold and there was heavy frost most mornings. The tent city dwellers found these conditions chilly but coped very well under the circumstances. Each olympic discipline had a warm up event which allowed the riders and coaches to see how the horses coped under competition conditions and to work on strategies for improvement for the actual event.

The three coaches Neil Clinton, show jumping, Val McKenzie, eventing and Clare Lewin, dressage worked with the riders over the course of the week, walked the courses and warmed them up on competition days.

The National Mounted Games riders and their support team arrived on friday 6th July and cheered on the show jumping riders, before getting ready for their event which took place the next day.

The Victorian Team, which included all the parents, families, team managers, coaches, Jan Faulkner and her husband Colin became a very cohesive group and supported all the riders throughout. Every body performed to the best of their ability on the day and showed good team spirit and sportsmanship. Special mention must go to Sarah Langdon who supported her team, with a huge smile, even though she suffered the disappointment of being unable to compete as her horse injured himself seriously in the stable on arrival.

Taking part in a National Championship event is like a journey. I am sure all the riders and their families have stories to tell about their adventure and the new friends made along the way. For those lucky enough to have been selected, well done. Those of you who would like the opportunity to be part of the next event in 2009, work hard and keep your eye on the web site for selection details.

For photos and results visit www.ponyclubvic.org.au



WHY PCAV STRONGLY RECOMMENDED CANCELLING ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Equine Influenza (EI) - Short term pain for long term gain

The four largest bodies for the recreational horse industry met with representatives from the Department of Primary Industry (DPI). The DPI stated that the spread of the virus was still rapidly rising with thousands of horses and hundreds of properties affected in NSW and QLD. This in turn increased the possibility of EI spreading to Victoria.

After considering all the latest information available the PCAV, HRCav, VAS and EFA decided to self regulate and strongly recommend all competitions, rallies and activities until 30th September. Our decision was based on the following facts;

The only weapon available in the fight against EI is the isolation of infected horses. If horse activities re commenced there is the potential to have 20,000 horses congregating at activities across the state. If EI comes to Victoria all gatherings of horses will be put into immediate lock down. This would mean that wherever you are, rally, competition or clinic you would remain for the duration of the outbreak. The club or organizing committee may be financially responsible to provide accommodation, amenities, food, etc to all people and horses on site

The biosecurity conditions for the racing industry to resume in Victoria are extraordinarily strict. The DPI presented PCAV, HRCav, VAS and the EFA with a set of Biosecurity Guidelines for us to use when holding equestrian activities which we all felt were beyond the scope of our organizations to either comply with properly or police

At this stage both NSW and QLD face at least a 90 day (3 month) halt on all equestrian activities whilst the virus runs its course.

The major concern for all of us is that if Equine Influenza is not eradicated NOW and becomes part of the horse community in Australia our lives will never be the same again.

The Minister of Agriculture Mr Joe Helper said the following in his media release "Mr Helper also congratulated four peak equestrian bodies in Victoria – PCAV, VAS, EFA, and HRCav for their decision to strongly recommend that organizing committees cancel all activities and events in September"

Thank you to all PCAV members and their families for helping to make Victoria Equine Influenza free



PCAV EVENT DATES FOR 2007-2008

2007

6 October	CIP Meeting	Brighton	POSTPONED
7 October	State Pony Club Polocrosse Championships	Moorooduc	
28 October	PCAV State PPG Mounted Games Champs	Werribee	
30 October	Exec Meeting	Brighton	
13 November	State Council Meeting	Werribee	
24-25 November	NCAS L1 weekend one	Venue TBA	
2 December	Written Certificate Exams		

2008

10 February	PCAV State Showjumping and Dressage Champ	Swan Hill NZ
3-4 May	State Horse Trials Championships	Yeringberg NMZ
10-11 May	PCAV Interzone Teams Horse Trials (Gr3-4)	Werribee
14-15 June	State Flat Teams Musical, Games Champs	Werribee
6 July	Written Certificate Exams	



STATE PONY CLUB POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS POSTPONED

7 October 2007
 Moorooduc Polocrosse Grounds
 \$25 per rider entry fee
 Teams of 6
 Entries close 14 September 2007

POSTPONED

PCAV STATE PRINCE PHILIP MOUNTED GAMES

28 October 2007
 Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
 Event postponed from 20 May 2007 to 28 October 2007.
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STATE HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next Year : hosted by Northern Metropolitan Zone
Yerringberg
3-4 May 2008



STATE INTERZONE TEAMS HORSE TRIALS (Grades 3 and 4)

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
10-11 May 2008

Contact your Zone Representative for more
information. See back page for phone numbers.
Entries close April 2008



STATE SHOWJUMPING AND DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

10 February 2008
Swan Hill Showgrounds, Northern Zone
Dressage Tests :
Grade 1 Test C and F
Grade 2 Test C and D
Grade 3 Test B and D



STATE FLAT TEAMS, MUSICAL RIDE, AND GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
14-15 June 2008
Program of Games
Games to be decided at next sub-committee meeting
Contact Robin Coutts 97897734 bcoutts@bigpond.net.au



Equine Flu—Frequently Asked Questions

From Department of Primary Industries Website 26/08/2007

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1. What is equine influenza?

Equine influenza (EI) is an acute, highly contagious viral disease which can cause rapidly spreading outbreaks of respiratory disease in horses and other equine species such as donkeys.

2. What are the signs of equine influenza?

The main clinical signs of EI in horses and donkeys are usually a deep, dry, hacking cough, a watery nasal discharge that may become cloudy or coloured and a sudden increase in temperature to between 39 and 41 degrees Celsius. Other signs can include depression, loss of appetite, laboured breathing, muscle pain and muscle stiffness.

3. Is equine influenza fatal to horses?

It is rarely fatal, but affected horses, especially performance horses, can take weeks to recover. In unusual circumstances it can cause deaths in foals, in very old animals or those already sick with other conditions.

4. Can equine influenza be spread to humans?

Transmission of EI to humans has not occurred during outbreaks of EI in horses. EI is not like bird flu in this regard.

5. How is equine influenza spread?

Usually it is spread by direct contact between horses, which is why we are restricting horse movements. It can also be spread by contaminated humans, vehicles or bedding and feed material.

6. What does “standstill” mean?

All horses, donkeys and mules are to stay where they currently are for 72 hours or until further notice. Any horses on the road are to return to the property they left from and remain there.

Equine Flu—FAQ's

7. Is equine influenza common in Australia?

EI is an exotic disease that until this outbreak has not been present in Australia. It is because we do not have EI present that we are trying to stop the disease spreading.

8. Do horses and donkeys recover from equine influenza?

EI is not a permanent disease and affected animals will generally recover and no longer be infective. This may take several weeks and so infected properties are quarantined for 30 days after the last sign of infection.

9. Is there any treatment for infected horses?

Just like human flu, there are no specific treatments, though some veterinary options are available in the case of severely ill or very valuable horses.

10. What if my horse does die of equine influenza?

It is unlikely that any horses will die. But a dead horse is still infective to other horses and the body must be disposed of in an approved manner.

11. Do carrier animals exist?

No. Once an animal has recovered and a sufficient time (30 days) has elapsed they pose no risk to other horses.

12. What should I do if I suspect my horse has signs of equine influenza?

Contact the Victorian Equine Influenza Helpline on 1800 675 888. Do not allow your horse, or anyone in contact with the horse, to move to anywhere that other horses may be present. DPI will pay for testing to exclude EI.

13. What will happen if my horse is infected?

All infected properties are being placed in quarantine to ensure that the affected animals do not move and the disease does not spread. Quarantine will be maintained until at least 30 days after the last signs were seen in affected horses.

14. Are infected horses killed?

Horses are not killed. Infected horses or donkeys are quarantined in order to prevent spread of the disease.

15. Why is controlling the equine influenza outbreak important?

EI would have a major impact on livestock health and on the horse industry if it were to become established in the horse population. All horses will be permanently at risk of infection with subsequent impacts on competitive and domestic activities.

16. Why are movements and events being prohibited?

The primary spread of equine influenza is by contact between infected horses. In order to ensure spread does not occur all horse movements have been prohibited.

17. Can I take my horse to the local event (gymkhana, pony club, polo match) tomorrow?

If there is a Ministerial Order banning horse movement, No.

If there is a ban by PCAV, No.

If there are no bans or orders in place, Yes.

See the PCAV Website for current status of activities.

18. Can I visit (other) horse properties?

It is preferable to minimise any contact between horses, including indirectly. If you have to visit (eg for feeding, farrier) use different equipment and clothing on each property or ensure equipment, including boots and clothing, is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. You should have a hot shower between movements.

19. What can I do to protect my horses from equine influenza?

The main thing to do is not to allow your horse, or people who handle your horse, to contact any other horses at this time. You should not use other horse owners' floats or trailers. You should make sure any feed or bedding you purchase comes from clean sources with no suspicion of infected horses being present, and is transported in vehicles which have not had contact

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with other horses and have been thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated with detergent or disinfectant. Non-essential visitors or deliveries should be discouraged.

20. What should I do with the horse that I recently introduced to my property?

If you have introduced another horse to your property in the past few days it is advisable to isolate the new arrival for at least 5 days, but preferably 14 days, to enable you to detect any respiratory disease that may develop. Biosecurity and hygiene are extremely important during this isolation period.

21. Is there a vaccine available?

There are vaccines overseas but none will be available for use in the short term, especially since vaccination can complicate the diagnosis of the disease. We hope to eradicate the infection so permanent vaccination of horses in Australia will not be required.

22. I am likely to lose money because of this disease - can I seek compensation?

No, there is no compensation for loss of income or production. These controls are intended to benefit the whole industry, including domestic horse owners, in the long term.

23. How do I disinfect my transporter / float / equipment / tackle / work gear?

A dirty surface must always be thoroughly cleaned before it can be satisfactorily disinfected. Dirt and organic material such as manure and straw may make the disinfectant useless. It is therefore most important that anything to be disinfected is first thoroughly washed and cleaned and finally washed down or sprayed with an approved disinfectant. Preliminary washing using a high pressure steam cleaner and detergent is recommended.

Virkon® S at a 1:100 dilution rate is the disinfectant of choice for use on clothing, footwear, buildings and stables, transport vehicles and horse gear and equipment. As disinfectants and chemicals can be irritant, persons handling them should always read the product label and follow the manufacturer's instructions, and wear protective clothing as necessary.

Further information about cleaning and disinfection can be found in the AUSVETPLAN Decontamination Manual which is available on-line at http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/programs/eadp/ausvetplan_home.cfm

Horse Temperatures

When you take your horse's temperature, make sure you use a large animal rectal thermometer.

These thermometers are extra thick, so they will be less likely to break if dropped. If you have one with a ring on the end, you can attach a small alligator clip with some nylon or fishing string, so the thermometer can be clipped to the horse's tail when you take its temperature. This will keep the thermometer from breaking if the horse swishes its tail and knocks it out.

First, shake the thermometer down. Do this by holding the ring end between your finger and thumb. Shake it downward with short, snapping motions. Do this until the mercury is down to below 35 degrees. How low you shake it does not really matter unless the horse's temperature is way below normal. If this is the case, shake it all the way down. Lubricate it with petroleum jelly before inserting it.

To take the horse's temperature, stand on its left side, facing its rear, and set your hip so it is resting against the horse's leg. Grab the tail with your left hand, about six inches from the root. Hold the thermometer in your right hand. Slowly but firmly raise the tail up and to the side, and insert the thermometer. Push it in gently until only about half an inch is sticking out. Then, clip the alligator clamp on the horse's tail hair. Leave the thermometer in for about three minutes. When you remove it, be sure to unclamp the clip first. When you have removed it, wipe it through a few strands of the horse's tail hair to clean it before you read it.

The normal temperature for a horse is 37.0 to 38 degrees C. The Victorian Department of Primary Industries state that if your horse has temperature of 39 degrees C then you must stay at home and call a vet.

Unmounted Rallies and Working Bees for September

Unmounted Rallies and Working Bees in September

Clubs are encouraged to hold unmounted rallies and working bees in September.

Riders will be given a mounted Rally Attendance for September (one only) but it may not be used for grading purposes.

People are requested to shower before and after coming to pony club, disinfect boots and equipment, and not have any horse tack in their car. All clothes should be thoroughly washed prior to and after attending a pony club grounds.

Please take the opportunity to increase the theory knowledge of riders during this difficult time. Certificate work would be ideal or use the PCAV Dressage DVD's to train riders.

Rally Attendance for September

Rally Attendance

If a club is not able to hold a rally due to the Equine Flu, the State Council has declared that DC's may grant ONE ONLY mounted rally attendance for all riders in the club. This exemption applies to the period 26 August to 30 September 2007.

However, this rally attendance cannot be counted or used for grading purposes. A member is required to attend and ride in two rallies to allow the DC sufficient time to effectively grade a combination.

PCAV Members residing in NSW

Victorian Clubs situated in NSW clubs are guided by the Department of Primary Industries in NSW. There is currently a lockdown in NSW and no club may hold any rally or event or activity. It is unknown when NSW will lift these bans.

If a rider of a PCAV affiliated club where the club is located in NSW, and the rider's horse is in Victoria, we will organize a temporary membership with a Victorian club whilst NSW is in lockdown. Club DC's should make contact with the zone representative.

If a rider of a PCAV affiliated club where the club is located in NSW or Victoria, **and the rider's horse is in NSW**, they cannot attend any activity until the NSW lockdown is lifted. Unmounted attendance is discouraged.



Biosecurity for Service Providers

All Service Providers and Staff

(eg. Veterinarians, Riding Instructors, Agistment Centres, Horse Breakers/Trainers, Masseurs/Chiropractors, Stable Hands/Grooms)

1. Service providers should only enter premises on which horses they are directly involved with are stabled, in consultation with the owners. They should not enter other premises.
2. Service providers should not attend to any horses other than those resident on the premises from which they train, agist or deliver service to.
3. Service providers should provide footbaths filled with recommended disinfectants for the disinfection of footwear situated at the entrance to each property. Recommended disinfectants are those containing:
Quaternary Ammonium compounds (eg. Glitz Pine disinfectant) available at large hardware stores such as Bunnings
Chlorhexidine (eg. Hibitane)
Virkon (not to be used on skin)
Any bleaching agent containing hypochlorite
4. All staff should wash their hands and disinfect their footwear (in footbaths) both on entry and exit to the property. Note that dirt must be cleaned off equipment prior to disinfection. Soap and water are sufficient for washing hands.
5. On leaving the stables all staff, including service providers should go home, shower, launder their clothes and stay away from any horses other than those they are responsible for in the stables in which they work.
6. All staff should wear clean laundered clothes and footwear that has been scrubbed and cleaned to work each day and prior to visiting other properties see point 6

Visiting Service Providers

(eg. Veterinarians, Riders, Riding Instructors, Farriers, Dental Technicians, Saddlers, Horse Breakers/Trainers, Masseurs/Chiropractors)

1. Where possible service providers should restrict their activities to one stable.
2. On entry and exit to all stables, service providers should wash their hands and disinfect their boots.
3. Helmets and whips should be cleaned and then wiped over with disinfectant between stables. Pineoclean Wipes are suitable for this purpose.
4. Saddles should be left in the owner's premises i.e. riders should use saddles dedicated to each stable where at all possible.
5. Where this is not possible, the saddle and related gear should be cleaned then wiped over with disinfectant.
6. When riders have completed their work, they should take all changes of gear home and launder them. They should also shower and put on clean laundered clothing afterwards.
7. Service providers should not go to other training facilities or premises that hold any other types of horses. In short, riders should not come in contact with any horses outside the training facility at which they are riding at any time.
8. Where possible service providers should wear plastic (or material of like nature) which can be cleaned then wiped down with disinfectant.
9. Where service providers are riding for more than one they should record these movements.
10. Service providers who are returning or visiting from riding interstate should first abide by guidelines above.
11. Service providers should keep their horses separate from other horses whilst outside their stable complexes.



Biosecurity for Pony Clubs

Things to consider

Biosecurity:

“**Bio**” - life or living organisms

“**Security**” - precautions taken to ensure against a risk; in this case the risk being the contracting and spreading of contagious equine illness or disease.

Biosecurity simply means disease control measures. If our biosecurity measures are not successful in preventing EI spread into Victoria it could mean no horse related activities for months! A little bit of preparedness could prevent months of angst.

EI is a highly contagious viral disease which spreads rapidly through susceptible horse populations. Transmission primarily occurs between coughing horses via the respiratory route. Live horses, contaminated horse transport vehicles, equipment, stable hands, veterinarians, service providers, and anyone who has close contact with affected horses, can transfer infection between premises.

1. Considerations for holding the event

Any group running an activity is strongly advised to do so in accordance with biosecurity guidelines.

The group must also consider and acknowledge what would be expected of them in the event that a suspected case was detected at an event, or worse still a confirmed case.

If they are associated with Equestrian Federation Vic, Horse Riding Clubs Association Victoria, Pony Clubs Association Victoria or Victorian Agricultural Societies they must also acknowledge that they take responsibility for the activity and are acting contrary to the advice of their parent body. They will be required to sign a statement to this effect and lodge it with their peak body.

It is strongly recommended that the following issues be carefully considered before going ahead with any event involving the aggregation of horses:

“Catchment area” for the event:

The larger the geographic area from which the horses are drawn, the greater the risk of introducing infection, and the more difficult it will be to manage the situation if the horses disperse before evidence of infection is detected.

The Capacity and Suitability of the Venue:

In the event of equine influenza being detected at the venue or on a nearby property, the venue and the area surrounding it would be locked down for a period that might exceed two months. Any venue chosen for hosting a gathering of horses should also be able to accommodate all of the animals (and owners and/or carers) with relative ease for that period of time.

Biosecurity Provisions:

While it is not possible to guarantee exclusion of infection even with relatively stringent measures in place, it should be possible to take basic measures to reduce infection risk. Participants should be willing to implement the recommended biosecurity guidelines and the facilities should be such that they are practicable.

Early Detection of Disease:

Bearing in mind that biosecurity measures are unlikely to be watertight, precautions taken at the event should enable early detection of disease. Horses should be checked on arrival and prior to departure, preferably by a veterinarian, but if not their temperatures should be checked and a veterinarian called in if necessary.

Traceability:

In the event of disease being detected in horses returning from a gathering, it will be absolutely crucial to be able to find all of their cohorts within the shortest possible time. This will both reduce the workload on government animal health personnel, and enable the disease to be isolated and managed rapidly. Records must be kept of every horse at an event, noting both their origins before the event and their destinations thereafter.

Biosecurity for Pony Clubs

2. Prewarn participants of their duty of care

Should you decide to proceed with your event, ensure that participants receive prior warning regarding their duty of care. Impress on participants the importance of monitoring their horses' health and ensuring that their horse is healthy prior to embarking on a journey. Should any of the following symptoms (however mild) be apparent, the horse should not be moved from the property and a vet must be called:

- a fever (temp is over 39 degrees)
 - nasal discharge
 - persistent hacking cough
- depressed and off their feed

Ensure that owners are aware that it is important to regularly check their horses' temperature upon returning from the event.

3. Make Biosecurity measures a condition of participation

Make it a condition of participation that the following precautions are adhered to:

- No sharing of tack or equipment;
 - Participants to bring own feed bins and water buckets and avoid the use of communal water troughs;
- Horse's feed not eaten to be cleaned up and taken home;
Suspected illness to be reported to event officials.

4. Additional measures

Further measures that can be taken to ensure a higher level of biosecurity:

- Take steps to minimise contact between horses;
- Take steps to minimise person to person contact;

Seek veterinary assistance and isolate sick horse/s promptly;

If large number of horses fall ill at an event don't let any horse leave the location.

5. Tracing of participants

Organisers of the event must keep a record of:

the name and address of ALL participants (including non-competitors, spectators etc), and; the identification of all horses attending.

The highly organised and regulated racing industry is doing its utmost to maintain the highest biosecurity standards. We are relying on the recreational equine industry groups to follow the lead by implementing practical biosecurity measures in the equestrian sector.

Racing of thoroughbreds and standardbreds resumes in Victoria under the strictest enforcement of biosecurity protocols. Both harness and thoroughbred racing are highly regulated with registration of all horses, strappers, trainers and jockeys. There will be stewards and vets at every single race event to assess the health and ensure that their strict biosecurity guidelines are being adhered to. There will be reliable traces of all truck/float routes and movements used to transport racing horses.

There are major efforts and manpower directed to maintaining a closed border at NSW to prevent equines, equine transports and associated equipment entering Victoria without a permit.



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EVENT BIOSECURITY CONFIRMATION FORM

"Biosecurity Guidelines for Holding Equestrian Events" and "Best Health Practice for Holding Equestrian Events" are effective 5 September 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Organizing committees intending to hold an activity/event during September 2007 must complete the following form and lodge with their parent body by 5pm on the Friday prior to the event/activity.

Event/Activity Details

Organisation Name:
Competition/Activity Name:
Competition Venue/Address:
Competition Date:
Number of Horses:
Competition Organiser Name:
Address:
Suburb/Town: State: Postcode:
Phone (H): Phone (W):
Phone (M): Fax:
Email:

I/we hereby agree to abide by the Biosecurity Guidelines for Holding Equestrian Events and the Best Health Practice for Holding Equestrian Events.

I/We understand the obligations for an Equine Influenza outbreak and potential quarantine restrictions and acknowledge that we are acting against the recommendation of our parent body.

Organiser Name

Organiser Signature: Date:

This form is to be completed and returned to the parent body by 5pm on the Friday prior to the event.

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Excerpt from the soon to be released C Manual—SECTION 3 - RIDING

Every time before mounting it is important to check that the horse is saddled and bridled correctly. Saddling and bridling is covered in D Certificate.

The C candidate will be able to:

Fit their own saddle in the correct position on the horse's back for safety and the comfort of the horse

Identify pommel and gullet clearance

Use a saddle blanket of appropriate size that creates no pressure points

Identify when a bridle and bit is correctly fitted for safety and the comfort of the horse

Know the parts of the saddle that will be used during the mounting process? Where are the pommel, gullet (or front arch), cantle, waist, skirt, sweat flap, stirrup bar, seat and wither? If necessary look them up on page 98.

Activity One - Preparing to Mount

Complete the following sentence:

Before mounting I must check that I am wearing _____

and _____ and that my _____ is fastened.

I must check my horse's _____, and check the saddle blanket is _____ of the wither and _____ the cantle or panel.

I can then let down the _____.

I must check the _____ are of even length.

The last thing to be done before mounting is to put the _____ over the horse's _____.

Did you get all the words right? Good.

Mount and Dismount from either side. A Mounting Block may be used.

Candidate must:

Mount and dismount correctly from either side, reins must be held correctly

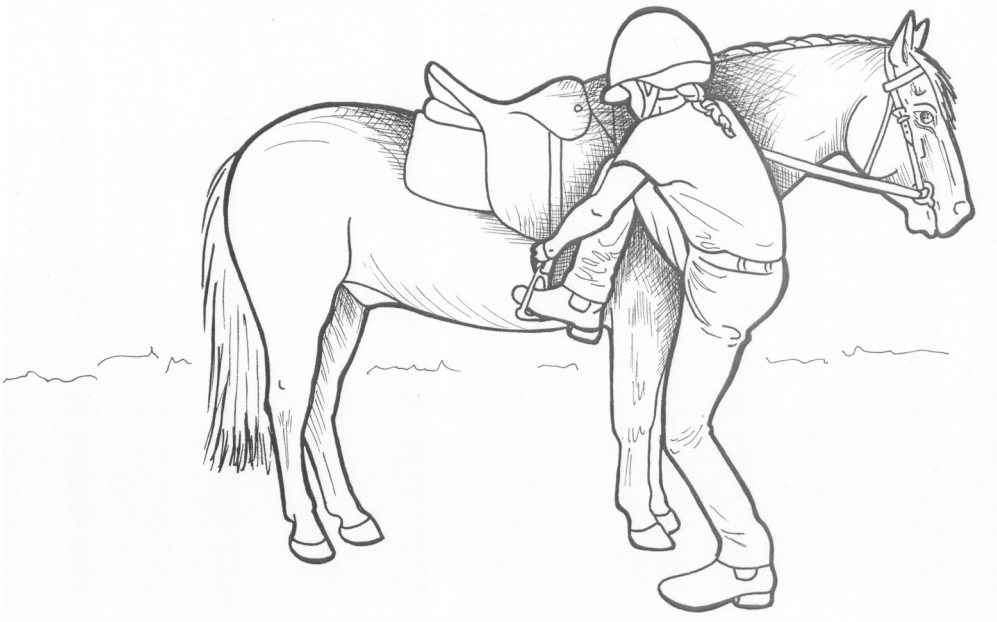
Hold the pommel, not the cantle, when mounting and land softly in the saddle. The horse must not move forward when being mounted.

To Mount from the Left

- ★ Or near side, stand the horse square in front. Take the reins over the head crossing them through your palm.
- ★ Place both reins and your whip in your left hand with the spare loop on the near side (left). Place the left hand in front of the wither on the neck. Face towards the rump.
- ★ With your right hand take the arm of the stirrup iron closest to the rump and hold the iron while you place the ball of your left foot in the stirrup iron.
- ★ Place your right hand on the front arch or the skirt or waist of the saddle, but NOT on the cantle as this could twist the tree or damage the horse's spine.
- ★ As you spring off your right foot press your left toes down to avoid poking your horse in the ribs.
- ★ Your horse must remain standing still as you swing your right leg over and clear of the rump. Be careful to land softly on the saddle without thumping the horse's back.
- ★ Place your right foot in the stirrup iron and take the reins in both hands.
- ★ Check that you are sitting straight with equal weight in both stirrups.
- ★ **Now is a good time to pat your horse as a reward for standing still.**

To Mount from the Right

Or off side, reverse the process and place both reins in your right hand and your right foot in the stirrup. With practice both should be equally easy and are good training for the horse too.



Correct way to mount from the right hand side

To Mount from a Mounting Block

- ★ Make sure the mounting block is firm and steady. Milk crates are not recommended.
- ★ Stand the horse with the shoulder beside the mounting block.
- ★ Take the reins over the head in the usual way and mount as described above.
- ★ It is important that the horse stands still until you are mounted.
- ★ Be careful not to dig your toe into his ribs.

To Dismount to the Left

- ★ Place the reins and whip in the left hand. The left hand on the neck in front of the wither. Take both feet out of the stirrups.
- ★ Right hand on the pommel. Lean forward slightly and swing the right leg over the back of the saddle and clear of the horse's rump.
- ★ Drop to the ground facing towards the horse's right shoulder, bending your knees slightly as you do so.
- ★ Take the reins over the horse's head and, holding the buckle in your left hand (do not put your hand through the rein), put the stirrups up on both sides.
- ★ Loosen the girth one or two holes unless you are about to remount.
- ★ Then lead the horse back to be unsaddled.

To Dismount to the Right

- ★ Reverse the process. As you become more skilful you should be able to dismount while the horse is moving as well as when halted.

Dismounting with One Foot in the Stirrup

- ★ It is considered safest to take both feet out of the stirrups, but in some methods one foot remains in the stirrup until the other leg has come over the rump.
- ★ The rider places the right hand on the seat of the saddle with both legs side by side, takes the weight on the hands as the foot is removed from the stirrup iron and the rider then drops lightly to the ground with slightly bent knees.

Many accidents have occurred during mounting and dismounting. It is important that riders do not take risks.

Activity Two - Mounting Check Up

Ask your assistant to check that you follow this process and to sign below **ONLY** if you have performed the mounting and dismounting easily. It will look easy when you have practiced many times.

Mounting

From the left	Date:
From the right	Date:
From a mounting block from the left	Date:
From a mounting block from the right	Date:

Dismounting

From the left (both feet out of the stirrups)

Date:

From the right (both feet out of the stirrups)

Date:

From the left with the left foot remaining in the stirrup until the other has joined it

Date:

From the right with the right foot remaining in the stirrup until the other has joined it

Date:

Can you dismount on the move? (Remember to remove both feet from the stirrups)

Date:

*Fantastic gymnastic
A skill worth doing well!*

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PCAV STATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held at Melaleuca Lodge, Beaconsfield on Tuesday 28th August 2007 at 11.00am.

OPEN MEETING

The State Council did a building inspection at 10am at 73-75 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave.
The feedback was terrific and the State Councillors are very pleased with the building and location.

1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

Present: (Chair) President - Jan Faulkner, Vice President - Kammy Cordner-Hunt, Vice President - Neil Clinton, BZ - Philip Cobbledick, CZ - Norm Glenn, EGZ - Stephen Bragg, MZ - Kaye Blanchard, NMZ - Linda Smith, NZ - Fiona Matheson, NEZ - Jess Hull, SMZ - Tony Curwen, WZ - Anthea Sutherland, WGZ - Vicki Kneebone.
EO - James Fitzpatrick, SCD - Clare Lewin
Observers: Lyn Stevens (NEZ) and Leonie Lang (CZ) - new zone reps as of AGM.
Apologies Treasurer - Janice Ray

The State Council expressed their sympathies to Clare and her family for her mother who recently passed away.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES (18th June 2007)

Moved Linda Smith
That the Minutes of the State Council Meeting held on 18 June 2007 be approved.
Seconded Jess Hull

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Items not ready for Council requiring additional development

- 3.1 Club Voting Rights - legal advice
- 3.2 Procedure for recession
- 3.3 Cross Country Fall Report
- 3.4 Showjumping Rules
- 3.5 Horse Trials Rules
- 3.6 Martingales in Flat ride to CIP (MZ)
- 3.7 Safety Guidelines for PCAV Instructors to CIP (CZ)

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 Annual Financial Accounts as at 30 June 2007.

Moved Steve Bragg

The income and expenditure statement, balance sheet, statement of change in equity, statement of cash flows and related notes for the year ended 30 June 2007, as distributed, be approved
Seconded Anthea

Carried

4.2 Accounts Sign-off

Moved Neil Clinton

The President and Treasurer be authorized to sign the Statement by Members of the Committee, for the year ended 30 June 2007, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Seconded Tony Curwen

Carried

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership numbers show 6479 to August 2007. This is 431 lower than the previous year.

A working group will be formed to identify key strategies. Zones and clubs will have input through zone representatives to the next State Council Meeting. The working group will meet from November to February and discuss news, market research, target marketing including boys, etc and the office will undertake member exit surveys. Clubs or zones can send in direct submissions for the meeting.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President gave an overview of the new office in Mackie Rd, Mulgrave which was positive. We have extended lease at Brighton to end November.

Nationals was very successful and the riders enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to the riders and officials for the manner in which we approached the Nationals. Thanks to Queensland for hosting and we look forward to Homebush, Sydney in July 2009. Riders should be encouraged to give presentations in the zones about the Nationals.

The Interpacific and IMG were very successful and our two riders, Amy Holland and Billie Pearson were outstanding.

The Dressage DVD and C Manual were produced and the product is excellent. Many thanks to Clare Lewin and the SMZ for their input and assistance in this excellent resource.

The President and Executive Officer gave an update on the Equine Flu. The no movement has been extended to Friday 5pm on 31 August 2007. The EO is in contact with the Minister of Agriculture, Joe Helper. Clubs will be informed on Thursday of the status of events and rallies for the weeks ahead.

Commentary – the following motion was valid for Tuesday 28 August and was applied to 3rd September. The advice and circumstances changed at that time and a new agreement with DPI was struck.

Moved Kaye Blanchard

The PCAV has cancelled all pony club activities - everything!!! including mounted and unmounted rallies and competitions indefinitely.

Member combinations that reside in Victoria who are members of a Member Club affiliated with PCAV whose rally grounds are outside the State of Victoria may be granted temporary membership of an alternate Victorian Club.

Seconded Tony Curwen

Carried

This motion covers clubs, riders and horses who reside in Victoria.

Clubs, riders, and horses who reside outside Victoria are not applied to this motion as they are under other state Primary Industries Departments.

The PCAV Executive will review the PCAV position weekly using industry advice and after consultation with the Minister. The information will be updated regularly. The EO to undertake a media release to clubs.

Moved Neil Clinton

That if a club rally falls during this PCAV sanctioned cancellation period, every rider be granted ONE mounted rally attendance automatically. This rally cannot be used for grading purposes.

Seconded Vicki Kneebone

Carried

7. COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The dressage DVD's have been purchased by 60 clubs so far and the C Manual is finished. The D and D* Manual writing is well underway.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Pony Club Australia

9.2 PCAV Executive

9.3 Equestrian Federation of Australia -Victoria

- 9.4 Chief Instructors Panel
- 9.5 State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Sub-committee
The sub-committee has reviewed the venue usage and layout and will make improvements in 2008.
The sub-committee acknowledged the contribution of Stephen Bragg to the games movement and thanked him for his assistance over the years.
- 9.6 National Mounted Games Sub-committee
Toowoomba Nationals was very successful for games.
Booklet prepared for State Championships. Senior / Intermediate/ Junior EO to do a feasibility study for the trailer and what requirements there are for additional equipment etc.
- 9.7 State Dressage and Showjumping Championships (2008 NZ - Swan Hill)
Booklet prepared and all looks good.
- 9.8 State Horse Trials Championships (2008 NMZ - Yeringberg)
Starting to build the course and all going well.
- 9.9 Inter-Zone Teams Horse Trials
Planning for next year underway. Keep cross country on Saturday as it worked well. We were unable to get an alternate date from Werribee.
- 9.10 Publications Sub-committee
- 9.11 Rules Sub-committee
- 9.12 Polocrosse Sub-Committee
- 9.13 History Sub-Committee
Letter to clubs. Sections for clubs and zones to submit history items. Displays in the new office.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

Administration

- 10.1 State Event Advisor
The State Council referred this matter for club and zone discussion from the June State Council Meeting.
Moved Neil Clinton
That the State Council appoint a State Event Advisor for each State Level Event from 2008. Appointments will be made at the November State Council Meeting.
Seconded Anthea Sutherland **Carried**
- 10.2 Dressage DVD
Released to the field and we have some very positive feedback. A couple of clubs had trouble with a disk but once they swapped DVD players it worked fine.
- 10.3 C Certificate Kit Proposal
We are endeavouring to build the resources available to riders and parents and to educate the large volume of participants by supplying easier access to the written resources.

The C Certificate Manual is complete. We also have C worksheets. In an effort to have the valuable resources get to every member participating in certificates, we propose to have candidates register at the PCAV and we will send them the C Certificate Kit. Riders will add the certificate material from D upwards to build the library. The fee is \$20 and covers the C Manual, worksheets, progress card, test notes. The zone is sent a certificate and disk for the registered rider at the same time.
The same will happen for D Certificate in 2007-2008.

Moved Kaye Blanchard
That the C Certificate Kit be approved and candidates incur a fee of \$20 for C Certificate Kit from 1 January 2008.
Seconded Jess Hull **Carried**
- 10.4 Award of Merits
Certificates and badges distributed to zone representatives.

- 10.5 Staffing Update
 Moved Tony Curwen
 That the PCAV employs a full-time employee for administration.
 Seconded Jess Hull **Carried**
- 10.6 State Coaching Director's Salary
 Moved Neil Clinton
 That the State Coaching Director's salary be increased as discussed. The term of the contract is from 1 March 2008 - 28 Feb 2011 with annual reviews in line with staff reviews.
 Seconded Fiona Matheson **Carried**
- 10.7 History Project
 Moved Kammy Cordner Hunt
 That the history letter be sent to clubs.
 Seconded Anthea Sutherland **Carried**
- 10.8 Alexandra Horse and Pony Club
 Moved Linda Smith
 The State Council approved the transfer of Alexandra Horse and Pony Club back to North East Zone.
 Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt **Carried**

Events

- 10.9 State Level Events Assistance
 The draft championship booklets were produced for Showjumping and Dressage and the Prince Philip and Senior Games Championships. These two booklets were well received by the State Council and we will continue with this booklet preparation for the State Horse Trials and Interzone Teams Horse Trials.
- 10.10 State Showjumping and Dressage Championships Booklet
 Moved Philip Cobbledick
 That the booklet conditions be approved and released to clubs.
 Seconded Fiona Matheson **Carried**
- 10.11 State Flat Teams, Musical Ride and Games Championships
 The following motions were requested by the sub-committee:
- That the WPNEC Event Facility Fee of \$11 per horse for this event be met by PCAV.
 Moved Philip Cobbledick
 That the State Council pays the WPNEC facility fee per horse for this event.
 Seconded Nil **Lapsed**
 Lapsed. This means the fee will be built in to the rider entry fee.
- That the games for 2008 be as follows:
 Delete postman's chase and stepping stones
 Add Bottle Race and Ball & Bucket
 Moved Philip Cobbledick
 That the two game changes be approved based on no games change 2007.
 Seconded Norm Glenn **Carried**
- Moved Philip Cobbledick
 That there be one judge for the Musical Ride for 2008
 Seconded Nil **Lapsed**

Moved Jess Hull

For the State Championships in 2008, there shall be two judges in separate cars with separate score sheets (opposite the entry and at the 20m mark on either longside) 5metres from the arena and the scores to be aggregated.

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

That the previous set date be changed to 14-15 June 2008. The Executive Officer informed Council of confirmation of WPNEC for this date.

Moved Philip Cobbledick

The date for the championships be 14-15 June 2008 at WPNEC.

Seconded Tony Curwen

Carried

10.12 State Interzone Teams Horse Trials

Date remains as 10-11 May 2008 as WPNEC cannot accommodation a suitable alternate date.

10.13 Polocrosse State Champs Format

Moved Steve Bragg

If there are insufficient teams of six, we will modify the format to stage this event.

Seconded Philip Cobbledick

Carried

10.14 2007 PPG and Senior Games State Championships

Moved Steve Bragg

That the format as presented in the booklet be approved and circulated to clubs.

Seconded Norm Glenn

Carried

10.15 Pony Club Australia National Championships 2011

The next National Championships are in Sydney in July 2009.

Moved Anthea Sutherland

That we offer to Pony Club Australia November Meeting for PCAV to host the 2011 National Championships.

Seconded Tony Curwen

Carried

Compliance

10.16 Sub-committee Budgets

Moved Norm Glenn

That a budget be supplied by all sub-committees for the November State Council Meeting.

Seconded Jess Hull

Carried

10.16 First Aid Grants

Moved Anthea Sutherland

That the State Council provides a subsidy of \$100 per person for first aid. This is available for one person from each zone and each club and is payable upon the application form being completed with proof of successfully completing the course.

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

Grants

10.17 SRV Grants

SRV confirmed a grant of \$40,000 for 2007-2008.

This covers State Council Training. State Training Clinics at Wannon, Ringwood, Charlton, Barwon Zones. Rider clinics and disability awareness in Southern Metro Zone.

10.18 Vichealth

Vichealth have given PCAV a development grant of \$15,000 per annum for two years. The conditions of the grant will be negotiated in November at the two day workshop.

- 10.19 ASC Project Connect
Funding received by RDAA and the PCAV is actively negotiating release of funds to compensate our services provided under the grant.
- 10.20 Training Modules
Dates for 2007-2008 are:
Wannon postponed due to Equine Flu and held prior to 30 June 2008
Midland / Northern November 2007
North Metro 29 March 2008
Barwon Zone 24 or 25 May 2008
Standardised certificates for participation

Property

- 10.21 Office Moving Date
The PCAV will be moving offices from Brighton to Mulgrave in the last week of November. PCAV is paying rent of \$2500 per month until 30 November 2007.
- 10.22 "Irving House" Property Budget
Moved Vicki Kneebone
The Executive Sub-committee is working with the Executive Officer to prepare a budget for the property move in November. The proposed works including painting, office layout, heating/cooling, doors, cabling. We will also take the opportunity to upgrade phones, photocopier, computers.
Seconded Steve Bragg Carried

10.23 PCAV Executive

PCAV President	Jan Faulkner
PCAV Vice President	Kammy Cordner-Hunt
	Neil Clinton
	John Barlee
	Norm Glenn

Note: Neil Clinton and Kammy Cordner Hunt were elected as Vice Presidents at the AGM.

10.24 Zone Representative

Barwon	Phillip Cobbledick
Central	Leonie Lang
East Gippsland	Stephen Bragg
Midland	Kaye Blanchard
North East	Lyn Stevens
Northern	Vacant
North Metro	Linda Smith
South Metro	Tony Curwen
Wannon	Anthea Sutherland
West Gippsland	Vicki Kneebone

Moved Philip Cobbledick

Awaiting Northern Zone AGM on 7 September 2007.

Executive Officer to write to NZ regarding Zone Representative vacancy informing them of their responsibilities for the zone representative. That if NZ does not appoint a Zone Rep at the AGM, no club in NZ can run any events but can run rallies.

Seconded Neil Clinton

Carried

10.25 Zone Chief Instructors

Moved Tony Curwen

That The Following People Be Ratified As Zone Chief Instructors For 2007-2008

Barwon	Maxene Argento
Central	Wendy Abey
East Gippsland	Vacant
Midland	Ken Croser
North East	Liz Harrison
Northern	Vacant
North Metro	Michelle Campbell
South Metro	Wendy Myers
Wannon	Anthea Sutherland
West Gippsland	Oriel Gardner
Seconded Linda Smith	

Carried

10.26 DCI's

Moved Kammy Cordner Hunt

North East - Lorraine Crowhen, Todd Crawshaw

North Metro - Rachael Edwards, Gill Gascoigne, Christine Townsend, Kate Wilson

Seconded Neil Clinton

Carried

10.28 State Games Sub-Committee

Moved Linda Smith

Chairman Philip Cobbledick

2007 - 2008

Daniel Morris

2007 - 2010

Glen Drake

2007 - 2010

Ian Wardell

2007 - 2010

1 casual vacancy

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

10.29 Interzone Teams Horse Trials

Linda Smith

10.30 State Polocrosse Sub-Committee

Nil

10.31 State NMG Sub-Committee

Chairman Steve Bragg (to November meeting)

Susan Leitch, Albert Pol, Rosemary Cruise, Andrea Davis, Frank Scarce, Tim Ling, Chris Dyson

Coach - Marilyn Healey

10.32 History Sub-Committee

Kammy Cordner Hunt

10.33 State Rules Sub-Committee

10.34 State Publications Sub-Committee

Finance

10.35 Nil to report

Rules

10.36 Logo Uniformity

Handbook for publications and gear rules for uniforms apply.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 Linda Smith reported on the Horse Industry Council - Vic. The cost is \$350 per annum.
 Moved Philip Cobbledick
 That we joining the Victorian Horse Industry Council with Linda Smith our representative.
 Seconded Neil Clinton

Carried

- 11.2 Banners for State Events.
 Moved Kammy Cordner Hunt
 Executive Officer will follow up and purchase.
 Seconded Linda Smith

Carried

- 11.3 Tony Curwen raised the Inter-schools events and the insurance implications. A pony club may run an inter-school event but it must be legitimately run by a pony club under our normal conditions and not just a naming rights scenario.
- 11.4 State Council stated what a pleasure it has been to work with Fiona, Jess, Norm.

12. CLOSE MEETING 5.00pm

13. NEXT MEETING

Executive Tuesday 30 October 2007 at 10am (Brighton)
State Council Tuesday 13 November 2007 at 10am (Venue TBA)

Order Now

PCAV Dressage test DVD

The PCAV Educational DVD Library has its first production. A series of DVDs containing all 31 tests from the current PCAV dressage book have been developed. They are designed to help riders, parents and judges improve their understanding of what is required in the dressage ring.

Each test has a voice over which calls the test and gives hints on how to ride each movement correctly. Riders can use these to learn their tests and improve their competency.

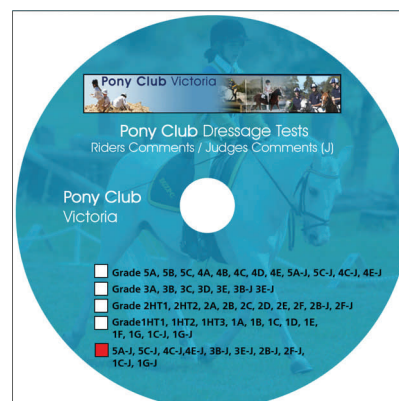
In addition, two tests from each grade have a voice over from a dressage judge who judges each movement and makes comments. These can be used by riders and parents to learn how tests are marked and by prospective judges to practice their skills.

DVDs will be available for purchase from the PCAV office. There will be 5 separate DVDs available

- Grade 1 all tests plus Judge 1C & 1F
- Grade 2 all tests plus Judge 2B & 2F
- Grade 3 all tests plus Judge 3B & 3E
- Grade 4 & Grade 5 plus Judge 4C, 4E & Judge 5A & 5C
- Judge tests from each Grade

The disks are being made available to each club/zone as a set of 5 disks for \$10 which includes postage. PCAV is offering each club or zone one set at this price. The recommended retail price for the set is \$10 per disk or \$40 for the set so clubs are gaining an enormous discount. Additional copies for riders, officials or parents are available at \$10 per disk/grade.

This is a limited offer and has been extended for clubs/zones and is available until 30 November 2007.





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