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HORSE LAND WATER FREE FIELD DAYS

The WAHC presented 6 very popular and well attended free Field Days in 2009. These were supported by the Perth Region Natural Resource Management – Landcare Solutions & The Heavenly Hectares Group – Shades of Green Fertilizer & Stocktech.

This project is all about updating people with the National Environment 'Best Management Practices' project, delivered state wide across all horse demographics.

'Management Guidelines' booklets and 'Action Planners for Horse Properties' are given out to attendees of the field days, and these are full of useful information as well as allowing one to keep a log of your properties management skills. Brookleigh Equestrian Estate hosted the final free Field Day in November, which attracted over 60 people, many of whom drove long distances.

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'TALKING HORSES' 91.3 SportFM (Western Sports Media) is proving a huge success. Broadcast on a Tuesday from 6 to 7pm, the show covers everything equestrian from Dressage to Rodeos upcoming and results of major events and any issues that the industry is facing. "TALKING HORSES" can also be downloaded, on www.sportfm.com.au/talking-horses/

For more information and to ensure that your event, club, sport, breed or business gets coverage, or if you are interested in taking 'sponsorship spots' which can include an interview

contact - Presenter Diane Bennit 92910202 or email bennit@optusnet.com.au

'TALKING HORSES' returns on Tuesday January 12th

BUSH FIRE SEASON

It is always important to put your own safety before the safety of your horses. Most deaths during bushfires occur when people are caught out in the open and are exposed to radiant heat from the fire.

A FIRE ACTION PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE

- **Prepare your property now**
- **Prepare a place for your horse & have a rehearsed horse evacuation plan. (not the time for float training)**
- **Have a written and practised Bushfire Survival Plan.**

WEBSITE READY TO LAUNCH -The generous sponsorship from Bates Saddlery and Wintec has seen the creation of our own WA Horse Council website, which will be launched in the early part of the new year. Once launched, you will be able to access this site at www.wahorsecouncil.com.au



AUSTRALIA DECLARED EQUINE INFLUENZA (EI) FREE

Although Australia has in fact eradicated EI, and the international community is looking at Australia in wonder and amazement at what we were able to accomplish,

To ensure that any exotic diseases have less chance of gaining a foothold in future, it is highly recommended that Horse Event Organisers continue to compile and maintain an annual Calendar of Events, use Horse Declaration forms to collect information on horses attending events, maintain strict biosecurity at events and do not allow sick horses to attend events. The confirmed case of Contagious Equine Metritis in frozen semen for a Quarter Horse stallion in Kentucky the deaths of people and horses in Queensland from the Hendra outbreak; show that the threat of exotic disease is still a real possibility. A free DVD on Biosecurity Best Practices for Horse and Event Organisers is available by contacting the WAHC on 92910202 or bennit@optusnet.com.au



Hendra Virus – All fruit bats are capable of carry this virus and they can be found in many part of Australia, for more information visit www.agric.wa.gov.au and browse on fruit bats.





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