

# W.A. Horse Council



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Welcome to the WA Horse Council's first Newsletter for 2020, and our apologies that it has been so long since we have been in touch with our members and supporters.

The Council is a non profit organization, run by volunteers who work in a number of key generic areas in the horse industry and we are dependent on membership and donations for funding. Don't hesitate to contact the Council if we can assist you in any way.

## Some of the activities in 2019 that the WA Horse Council was involved in...

- The Council was contacted by the Executive Director of Biosecurity, Sustainability and Biosecurity and was invited (and accepted) to nominate a WA Horse Council representative to participate in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) newly established Committee for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (CAWE).
- The Council accepted an invitation by the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator to become a project partner and provide in-kind support in their 'Smart Farms Application'. The project develops the capability and capacity of land managers to improve their property's biodiversity, soil health and water use efficiency through a series of facilitated workshops and practical peer-learning site visits to properties in the Swan Region.
- The Council is the only 'Horse' organisation to be invited to be a member of the 'Food, Fibre and Timber Industries' Animal Care Production Industry Advisory Group. This includes the State Priority Occupations in the State Training Plan, the Australian Skills Quality Assurance and the Vocational Education and Training program.
- The Biosecurity Council of WA invited the Council to provide feedback on their discussion paper 'Sustaining a high-level biosecurity response within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development'. We were informed that our seven recommendations were listed and summarised in their report to the Minister for Agriculture and Food.
- We were contacted by the Community Engagement Manager from Perth Natural Resources Management to support their application to the Community Stewardship

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*The Council will be acknowledging one of our member Organisations or Clubs in each Newsletter.*

**The first featured club is the West Australian Harness Driving Society.**

A structured form of carriage driving started in the early 70's in WA with the formation of the first club - The West Australian Harness Driving Society.

Since that time another three clubs have started - covering most of the southern part of the state. These clubs are affiliated with the Federal body Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS). There are a number of activities for all drivers; including Pleasure and Endurance, Show and Cone Driving, Combined Driving and Dressage Events.

Coaches and judges are all trained and accredited through various systems developed over the years. The ACDS works strongly in line with the Federation Equestrian International (FEI)

Australian Boyd Exell is the current and four times World Champion Four-in-Hand Driving and seven times FEI World Cup Driving Champion.

If interested in more information on Carriage Driving contact WAHDS secretary Marg Langan 041 902036, [gatooma@iinet.net.au](mailto:gatooma@iinet.net.au) facebook page WA Harness Driving Society. The ACDS State Secretary is Christina Gray, phone 08 95381406 or email: [christinagray@westnet.com.au](mailto:christinagray@westnet.com.au). The ACDS Federal website is: [australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org](http://australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org)

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Grant, for their 'Building capability to sustainably manage properties in Perth's peri-urban areas project'. This project helps to build respect for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and make connection between Traditional Ecological Knowledge and western science

- The Committee Secretary of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee in Canberra, requested the Council to make a submission addressing all or some of the issues identified in the Terms of Reference re the 'inquiry into the feasibility of a national horse traceability register for all horses'. We received a response from the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport committee (Senate) stating that our submission had been considered and accepted for publication.

- The Council is an active member of the Trails Horseriding Implementation Strategy WA (THISWA) that was formed in order to implement the Western Australian Recreational Trails Strategy in 2015 by the Australian Trail Horseriders Association (ATHRA). One of the main actions that this group wishes to achieve is to create a Master Plan for the State, which will identify all trails that are used by the community, as well as identifying potential new trails and requirements.

- We were contacted by a Sport, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Consultant from Tredwell Management Services based in SA, re a Council representative attending their Tracks and Trails strategy meeting. Following the Council's contributions, we have been listed as a key stakeholder for future initiatives relating to Bridle Trails.

- The committee voted to support EWA in their quest for a State Equestrian Centre funding program. Letters were sent to 95 State politicians, regarding the need for funds to upgrade the SEC facility.

- Water Research Australia invited a representative of the Council to explore ideas around recreation in drinking water reservoir reserves. They were enquiring if horse riders want to use local reservoir for recreation and wanted feed-back on what the opportunities, challenges and issues were, and what we considered some of the solutions may be.

## COVID -19

For up to date health information on the CORONAVIRUS call the WA Dept of Health or call the CORONAVIRUS Health Information line on 1800 020 080

## FACEBOOK and TALKING HORSES

Keep up to date with the Council's 'doings' on Facebook.

If you have any information about your breed, club, sport etc, that you would like to raise awareness of, or have a chat about your activity on the weekly 'Talking Horses' 91.3 Sportfm radio program, Wednesday's between 6 and 7pm, then contact Diane on 9293 3577 or 0409 083 617 or email: [diane@horsehotline.org](mailto:diane@horsehotline.org)



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