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COUNCIL NEWS

The Council were the only non racing Agency invited to attend the Committee for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (CAWE) May meeting, which discussed the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) involvement, community engagement in Natural Hazard factsheets, and the final draft of the Local Animal Welfare in Emergencies Plan Guide and Template. The Council is now listed as one of the helpful links on the DPIRD website.

The Council has been asked for its views relating to the National Database/Horse Traceability working group and will continue to support the objective.

Small Landholder Field Trips

Perth Region Natural Resource Management (NRM) contacted the Council requesting support for a Grant from Community Stewardship in their capacity of building field trips designed for small landholders. These trips focus on increasing the knowledge and learning resources of small property holders about soil and water management, biodiversity, biosecurity and livestock management.

Skills Impact

The Council received an invitation from 'Skills Impact' to comment on the National Animal Care Qualifications, which would cover industry pathways, pet grooming, regulation and management, care facility, animal behaviour and training. The Cert IV in pet styling will be replaced by a skill set.

Continued

The Council acknowledges one of our member Organisations or Clubs in each Newsletter.

WALKAWAY POLO CLUB

Marnie Hamersley-Smith on 'Jeckie' owned by Paddy Dawkins



In 1965 brothers Leonard and Evan Hamersley, both dedicated polo players, got together and founded the Walkaway Polo Club. The club was registered with its well know team colours of blue and white, which are still proudly worn by players on the polo field today. The original team to take to the field was Rodney Ludgate, Laurie Bain (dec), Leonard Hamersley and Evan Hamersley. The club house and field were originally situated at "Well Station", close to the Walkaway township.

The Walkaway Polo Club, twice with five teams nominated in all grades, managed to win every trophy on the WAPA calendar, which included Champion Pony and the Cambell Trophy (most improved player demonstrating sportsmanship and contribution to the sport). No other club has ever managed to achieve this. It was recognised by the Greenough Shire on both occasions with a Civic Reception.

Time has changed including the structure of polo. Recent times have seen the majority of players now being based in the near-metro and southern areas. The club now holds it tournaments in the Perth area offering some of its five numerous historic cups, some dating back to the early 1900s. Packing a picnic and going along to watch polo in Guilford is a great day out for everyone. The club will host its 2021 tournament in early February.

Modern times too have seen an increased inclusion of female players and the club often has more female players than male. Women's polo is the fastest growing sector of the game. Tradition has carried through with many of the original player's children and grandchildren following in their footsteps by taking to the polo pitch.

If you would like to know more about the Walkaway Polo Club, polo fixtures to take a picnic to, learning to play, or polo in general please contact Marnie Hamersley-Smith by email – marniehamersleysmith@gmail.com

Animal Health Australia (AHA) invited the Council to attend an AUSTVETPLAN awareness training plan specifically for horse industry members. The session was designed to assist horse industry members in preparation should an emergency animal disease (EAD) outbreak occur in Australia. The two presenters were the Senior Managers for Emergency Response AHA and for Special Projects AHA.

The Council was contacted by the Dept of Primary Industries and Regional Development Biosecurity, Incident and Emergency Management and asked to comment on the research being conducted by Macquarie University NSW about Australia's animal-related planning for, and response to, disasters including bush fires, floods and cyclones. This follows the release of the 2019 Australian National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework and the National Planning Principles for Animals in Disaster in 2014. The purpose of the study is to better understand how different groups and organisations manage animals in disaster, and a disaster response will be produced early next year

Certificate 111 in Racing

The Council is a member of the Future Now Racing, Equine and Farriery Industry Advisory Network, and were consulted in relation to the Certificate 111 in Racing, regarding Trackriders being made available as a school based traineeship. The Council feels that this type of traineeship is an essential and highly skilled vocation that underpins the viability of the racing industry in Western Australia.

The Council is recognised as a key stakeholder in the values and impacts associated with recreational access within drinking water catchments and storage in Australia. We were recently contacted by a Catchment Management Consultant from Water Research Australia to comment on their 'Recreation in drinking water reservoir reserves' program, or whether they should be protected for conservation or culture heritage values.

Animal Welfare Act 2002

Agriculture and Food Minister Alannah MacTiernan called for written submissions from stakeholders and the public to help conduct its review of the operation and effectiveness of the 'Animal Welfare Act 2002' and announced an independent panel to oversee a public review of the Act. The Council has submitted their review to the Department of Agriculture, and will be attending the Forum during which the panel will seek information and respond to questions from all sectors of the industry.

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