



BRIGADOON BULLETIN

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Lesson Update

Just to let you know we are happy with our two classes on Mondays and Wednesdays that have filled up and settled into a routine this year.

It is good to see that riders are gaining more confidence with some seriously good skills shining through. Well done to all the coaches and volunteers for helping our riders, you should all be proud ☺.

If you are unable to attend any riding sessions, please contact Wendy Penegar who is our **Client Coordinator** and has established a waiting list for new clients wishing to join RDA Brigadoon. Wendy can be contacted on (08) 9296 6726 or 0403 682 543.

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Our Ramp

Our new ramp is in place, which makes it easier and safer for handling of riders as they mount their horses.

A special thanks to John DiCandillo and Murray Drew for the discounted steel and fabrication.



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Presidents Update

What a wet winter we had. After so many cancellations due to rain, it is lovely to see the sun again, and with it the riders back on horseback again!!

Looking back, it is great to see so much progress at the centre with more horses who are also fitter, thanks to our team of dedicated horse care volunteers.

Our rider numbers have increased steadily too. Now we are riding again in the better weather, it is great to see the improvements from riders, and to hear from the families of how much benefit and pleasure the children are getting from their efforts on horseback. Well done all!!!.

Our Outer Metropolitan Community Funding grant is nearly all expended now with the recent installation of our splendid mounting ramp that was our last big job with the grant money.

I would again like to make a special thanks to John DiCandillo for his assistance in purchasing the steel, and to Murray Drew and Frank for their lovely workmanship, and large discount in the fabrication of the ramp.

The last two grant jobs were to mulch the back arena, and then to lay the slab paths, which we hope to complete in September.

That leaves us the task of getting a water pump, piping and sprinklers for dust control on our arenas. We will need donations and sponsors for this reticulation, as we are out of money both in the grant and in centre funds.

We are hoping to get a grant from Lottery

West this year to allow a toilet to be installed next to the Clubhouse. We have just applied for another OMCF grant to provide the septic connection, and also an office and a meeting room.

The centre committee has been running smoothly. Good news is that most of the office bearers are happy to nominate themselves again for next year's committee. I will be standing down as President, and fortunately our treasurer Christine O'Neill has accepted nomination as President. We can still do with another person or two on our committee, and especially with horse care, so let us know if you would like to assist us in these ways. You don't need to attend our monthly committee meetings just forward a report and you are covered - easy 😊

Finally, I would like to thank Tao Jordan, our coach and the person who has stood by me over the last 3 years as we worked to bring our idea into an actual operating, happy and safe centre. And to the people who stepped up to the first committee over a year ago, well done!!.



Weather Update

During the winter months, we lost many days during this term due to poor weather as we have been unable to utilise the SEC indoor arena as a back up due to them having it booked almost every afternoon.

Fortunately we are now getting some sunny days and we have a contingency plan in place if we have a cancellation for a volunteer refresher training day in the clubhouse.

Volunteers, we will let you know when that happens.

Working Bees

Earlier this year we were so lucky to get three volunteer working bees organized.

First it was staff from GIO insurance who came out for a Monday and a Wednesday working bee, Even though each of the days was cold and rainy, they valiantly tackled all sorts of jobs such as painting, organising the clubhouse, fencing the children's yard and planting trees.

Next it was one of our Monday families who turned up with seven of their friends for a full Sunday of fencing. Unfortunately, they too got wet but finished off the new fences along the creek, dividing up the big paddock and also put up six gates.

Finally, two of our committee members and their husbands have finished off the six new horse yards. A special thanks to Chris, Glenys, David and Jasslyn.

A special thanks also to Peter Hills and Phillip Sheedy who have taken on the job of Handy Men for the Brigadoon RDA. They are always kept busy with the little jobs that keep getting added to the whiteboard inside the clubroom.

Committee Meetings

The Monthly Committee Meetings have been scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month commencing at 7pm.

The office bearers and committee members attend these meetings; however, they are open to any volunteer, advocate (parent or guardian) who would like to participate. Light refreshments are provided.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 6th October 2008 at 7pm at the state RDA office. All current office bearer positions will be up for re-election.

The current Office Bearers are:

- President – Neil Bennett
- Secretary – Jasslyn Robinson
- Treasurer – Christine O'Neill
- Client Coordinator – Wendy Penegar
- Horse Welfare Officer – Glenys Wicks
- Fund Raising – Jenny Taplin
- Volunteer Coordinator – Margaret Tucker
- Coach – Tao Jordan



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- Risk Management – Vacant

If you would like to be considered for any of the above positions, please contact the Secretary with your nomination

Slip, Slop, Slap

With the nicer days and the summer months ahead, it is time to remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and be Sun Smart.

Also, remember to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Please feel free to keep your drinks cool in the fridge in our clubrooms.

Cool drinks are available for a gold coin donation.

Tea and coffee are complimentary.

Horse Sponsorship

There are still plenty of horses and ponies in need of sponsorship.

If you know of any business or individuals with a social conscience who would like to assist please contact the centre.

Sponsorship donations help keep the horses / ponies fed, health care (farrier, vet, dentist) and riding equipment for the children.

All sponsors receive regular updates and invitations to Brigadoon events and a framed picture of the sponsored animal. There is also media opportunities for those businesses that would like to promote their charitable donation.

Fund Raising

We have had such a great result with selling our Cadbury chocolates and we would like to thank everybody for such a great effort.

We have lots more yummy Cadbury chocolates available and if you can help sell some, please talk to Jenny.

Movies by Burswood

We are currently compiling a list of volunteers who are able to work at Movies by Burswood. Last year our main duty was to run the snack bar.

This year we require two volunteers for our designated night, which will again be a Tuesday night for the length of the movie season. The Movies by Burswood event runs from the 7th December 2008 to 3rd April 2009.

It would be great to get as many volunteers as possible so that each team may only need to be on roster for 1 or 2 sessions throughout the entire season.

Volunteers are rewarded with a free movie pass (to use on any other night) for each night that they work.

Please check your diaries and select a night that you wish to volunteer. Once you have selected a night, which is suitable, please fill in your details on our roster. Which will be in the clubroom.



It is important to provide an email or mobile number where available as I do send reminders at the start of each week.

This is a great fundraiser for our centre that raised over **\$5000** last season.

Please get involved or ask anyone you know who may be able to help.

2nd Chance Horse Rescure Swap Meet

Second chance horse rescue are holding a swap meet from 9am to 12pm on Saturday, 27th September 2008 at the SEC car park. RDA Brigadoon has a stall so come on down and pick up some horsie bargains or just to say Hi.

Contacts

The following contacts are available if you have a query for RDA:

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Please ring Wendy if you are unable to attend riding session.

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