



ALBANY CREEK PONY CLUB

THE Horses Tales

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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ALBANY CREEK PONY CLUB

Welcome to the first edition of *The Horses Tales*, the newsletter of Albany Creek Pony Club.

We hope you enjoy catching up on what's happening in and around our friendly, little Pony Club based in Greensill Road, Albany Creek.

Coming Events

2nd April – Members Clinic
with Sanden Equestrian

1st May – Club Muster

5th June – Club Muster

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**GREAT FOR GARDENS
COURAGEOUS IN COMPOST**

Thank you for purchasing from our 'poo stall'.
Funds raised contribute to grounds maintenance
and improvements at Albany Creek Pony Club
– a local not-for-profit community group.



The view from the hill in the early stages of the flood event.

Flood Damage & Recovery

As many of our neighbours and followers would be aware the club grounds were heavily impacted by flood waters on February 27th. Luckily we were able to get all of the horses to safety on the hill where we kept them contained in temporary yards, with some of our members 'camping' on site to keep watch overnight.

Fortunately, the water receded during the night and our members along with volunteers Malcolm and Carmen put in a huge effort to re-fence and return the horses to 'interim' paddocks mid afternoon on the 28th. Thanks also to Councillor Cath Tonks for visiting us, organising volunteers and bringing coffee!

Sadly the damage to the grounds and our buildings was significant. Four of our small feed sheds were destroyed, our clubhouse and toilets were flooded and our round yard was moved around 20 metres with most of the sand from it washed away. The most devastating outcome was the 'tearing up' of our recently extended and fully re-surfaced riding arena (only completed in September 2021). The club had secured a grant for it's redevelopment and we are hopeful we may be able to access some disaster relief assistance to repair it to it's former glory.

We held a Working Bee on March 5th with members & volunteers rallying once again to clean out the clubhouse and toilets, repair more fences, remove debris from the grounds and collect items that had been carried downstream to neighbouring properties. Massive thanks to volunteers Luke & James Palmer who joined us for the day, Cath Tonks for her ongoing support, Kellie from Whole Latte Love (coffee van) who was generously visiting many local places impacted by the floods and providing free coffee fixes for the workers.

Whilst it's been quite a harrowing ordeal for our horses and members it has brought us closer together and we are grateful for the support of so many others who have jumped in to help us out as well.



Some of the cleanup crew loading up for another dump run.



Ride time...

Our members have been out and about at various events recently including:-

Above: our first muster for the year which was well attended and saw everyone enjoying some fun and games with their horses.

Right: Congratulations to Ash on your placing at Redcliffe Showjumping, Mandy also attended and competed.

Below Right: Samford Working Equitation Come & Try day attended by Mechelle, Jo, Tracy & Antoinette.

Some of our members have regular lessons with Ruth White which are subsidised for the Off The Track Training Program.

We're very excited about the upcoming Sanden Clinic which is subsidised by our Poo Sales to provide affordable, high quality instruction for our riders.

In June some of our members will visit Que Sera for a weekend of obstacles, trails and camping.

Happy trails riders!



James & Luke who volunteered for our big 'clean up' and worked super hard for us!



Debris in the neighbours property giving an indication of just how high the water was.

With thanks!

While the floods may have wreaked havoc with the Pony Club's grounds, the weather certainly didn't dampen the spirits of our community who have been incredible in helping us rebuild.

Along with the amazing volunteers who helped with the cleanup, we were also the recipients of two new garden sheds to replace some of those that were destroyed.

When one of our members was searching marketplace and found the two suitable sheds for sale the conversation turned to the reason we were needing them and the incredibly generous couple (Janine & Iain) who were selling them offered to donate them to us without hesitation. We can't thank them enough - every dollar we save will be put to good use in other areas.

We've also received a replacement Washing Machine which has been working hard at cleaning flood-dirtied rugs, etc since it's arrival. The clubhouse has been brightened up with some beautiful pots and plants as well.

We put out a call to our neighbours downstream to see if anyone had found lost property washed up in their yards and we were able to recover a considerable amount of gear with their assistance.

Thanks again!

A token of appreciation for Janine & Iain who generously donated two sheds to the club.



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