

PHHVV is a non-profit, charitable organisation committed to providing hope for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

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From the Interim Committee: Letter to Members and Supporters

Dear Member

We are several longstanding members of Project Hope Horse Welfare (Project Hope) who put up our hands when asked if we would serve on an interim committee. None of us – except for Sharon Picking who regained her membership - participated in the mediation between Project Hope and Kerry Solomon that you have heard about. In fact, for some of us, our primary concern was to give members a better chance to put in to the new Project Hope rules. In March this year we, and others, had submitted a request under Project Hope's rules, calling for a special general meeting to appoint a group of members to review the rules. Thirty four Project Hope members, including three past presidents, equine experts, and a member of Parliament signed this requisition.

Please rest assured that under our stewardship, Project Hope will continue to act on reports of neglected horses, and to rehabilitate and rehome these horses. We are:

Sue Kirkegard (President) – *15 years a member of Project Hope.*

Renee Neubauer (Vice-President) – *President 2007-08, Vice-President and ordinary committee*

Chase Ellis (Treasurer) – *member since 2008*

Sharon Picking (Secretary) – *former ordinary committee, member since 2008*

Jenny Nagel – *former Vice-President and Secretary, member 15 years*

Jane Duckworth – *former Vice-President and ordinary committee, member 13 years*

Tricia Thomas – *member for 3 years*

Kerry Brenton – *former ordinary committee, and member for 9 years*

You are welcome to contact any of us with questions, or with offers of help, through the website or ringing 1300 881606. To directly contact the person handling a specific area, address the email to or ask for that person by name:

- ✚ Reports on Horses – Renee Neubauer
- ✚ Horse Leases & Enquiries – Jenny Nagel
- ✚ Membership Secretary – Kerry Brenton
- ✚ Donations and Merchandise – Tricia Thomas
- ✚ Website & Newsletter – Jane Duckworth
- ✚ Annual General Meeting – Sharon Picking

We also wish to give you the opportunity to tell us of items you wish to discuss at the next Annual General Meeting of Project Hope. Project Hope rules require 60 days notice of an

AGM, so we need to hear from you in two weeks (by May 20th) as we expect to give notice of an AGM to be held on July 23rd 2010.

We have followed with concern the protracted dispute between Kerryn Solomon and the previous committee of Project Hope that was resolved at a mediation at the end of March. The focus of the interim committee is to maintain the day to day operations of Project Hope until the 2010 AGM.

If your membership has lapsed, please consider renewing it. We also encourage you to consider nominating to become a member of the Project Hope committee for the 2010/2011 year. Interim committee members have considerable experience of being in this role over the years, and would happily answer questions if you wish to discuss what might be involved.

We are in process of collating and reviewing all Project Hope documents provided by the previous committee to the interim committee. That handover occurred on Saturday May 1st. Except for “commercial in confidence” documents, you are welcome to inspect association correspondence and files on 3 days notice in writing (no confidentiality agreements will be required).

We will write to those who signed the March SGM requisition referred to above, to suggest that they agree that this should be a business item at the forthcoming AGM to avoid the cost and inconvenience of extra meetings.

Thankyou for your long commitment to what Project Hope stands for. Your support, your suggestions, and your participation are important to us.

With best wishes

Sue Kirkegard
Interim President
Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc.
