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PROJECT HOPE HORSE WELFARE
VICTORIA INC.

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Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria is a non-profit organisation dedicated to providing hope for equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

We provide education to both the equine community and the general public. Our aim is to improve the well-being of horses and safeguard against neglect by educating people about horse welfare issues.

Our educational work takes many forms: we respond to queries received through email, phone and Facebook. We produce and provide publications, conduct training days, webinars, demonstrations and have information available on our website. Essential aspects of horse health that we address include feed and nutrition, hoof care, worming, teeth maintenance and end of life options.

Upon receipt of a report about a horse potentially in trouble, we ask one of our trained Horse Representatives to attend and see what assistance PHHWV can provide. In some cases, advice or support to the owner can resolve the issue. In other cases, the owner will surrender the horse to PHHWV, whereupon we address welfare and rehabilitation needs with the help of our Short Term Carers. We then seek to place the horse into Long Term Care through a lease agreement with our members. Beyond basic care, we aim to work in accordance with the five domains of animal welfare.

PURPOSES OF PROJECT HOPE HORSE WELFARE VICTORIA INC.

1. Assist horse owners through education, advice and support to rehabilitate their own horses;
2. Rescue and rehabilitate any horse found abandoned, sick, injured, mistreated or neglected or likely to become so in the imminent future;
3. Provide emergency care, treatment and assistance to horses;
4. Educate the community on the plight of neglected horses; and
5. Contribute to the development of improved government legislation and policy relating to the welfare of horses.

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President's Report

**In the words of Mahatma Gandhi,
 “The greatness of a nation and its
 moral progress can be judged by the
 way its animals are treated”.**

The foundation upon which Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc (PHHWV) has been built focuses on the interaction between horses and humans, as evidenced by the PHHWV logo. What sets PHHWV apart from many other welfare organisations is the emphasis on education and assistance to horse owners. Prevention is always better than cure and if we can play a part in preventing cruelty and neglect, whether arising from intent or ignorance, we are contributing to moral progress and improved welfare standards for horses.



I would like to start by highlighting some of the achievements over the past year. Following the 2022 Annual General Meeting, we have implemented our new organisational Rules which are consistent with ACNC requirements. Our general information brochure has been updated to reflect the evolution of PHHWV. Policies pertaining to our horse care procedures have been adopted, lending to uniformity and consistency throughout our practices. Stakeholder relations have been more closely

recorded and monitored, allowing us to work effectively with other organisations in the equine welfare sphere to achieve optimum outcomes.

Membership has increased by approximately 30%, with new members from across the state as well as interstate. Our financial performance has been exceptional, with the highest ever recorded income in the history of PHHWV at \$198,961.47. We were again successful in our application for Round 2 of the Equine Rehabilitation Government Funding Grant. Funding has also been gratefully received from KABE Equity Trustees, Albert & Barbara Tucker Foundation and the Bunderra Foundation.

We had another very successful Winter Appeal, led by Julia Edwards. Our first ever fundraising dinner was held at Arilla Restaurant in Boneo Park Equestrian Centre in August and it was a roaring success. Guests were entertained by Josh Gibson, former AFL footballer now Camp Drafter and Stella Stevenson, Thoroughbred Traceability Officer from Off The Track. The on-line Silent Auction was a great hit and proved to be a worthwhile fundraising activity. We again attended the Central Victorian Equine Market held in Lancefield and this saw the sale of many donated rugs amongst other items, helping to raise money. Another fundraising first was the Trivia Night at The Vic Hotel in Woodend in February. The event was a sell out and all those who attended reported having a fabulous time.

By far the biggest event attended by PHHWV in the past year was Equitana, which ran from 10 – 13 November. PHHWV had a presence in the Breed Village with several of our PHHWV horses in attendance, as well as a stall in the Epsom Pavilion and education sessions about horse welfare conducted by Rhonda Petschel in the Godolphin Theatre. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful event and we could not have done it without the help of our members. It was wonderful to meet with old and new members and spend time together in person. We were able to disseminate a lot of information about horse care and increase community awareness about our organisation and equine welfare issues in general.

An unfortunate development over the past year is that we have seen a significant increase in horse reports and horses surrendered in circumstances where their owners have passed. This is followed by an increase in financial distress and poor health resulting in owners not being able to care for their horses. As the number of horse reports has increased, so too has the number of horses surrendered to PHHWV, which has taken up many volunteer hours to manage. It is not only time consuming, but can be emotionally difficult and we recognise the efforts by all involved.



President's Report

In October 2022, Noelle Vine, Rhonda Petschel and I travelled down to Pearcedale to meet with Michael Stagg, Chief Inspector at the RSPCA, Lynette Jackson and Nadia Peiris (also of the RSPCA). The purpose of the meeting was to give the RSPCA a greater understanding of the work that PHHWV does and explore opportunities for our respective organisations to work together more effectively given the common goal of addressing welfare concerns. It was very clear that the RSPCA representatives were unaware of the educational and assistance component of PHHWV and believed us to solely be a rescue group. We explained our processes and the training provided to our members. We offered the use of our materials to possibly assist RSPCA inspectors with regard to horse cases, as well as sharing our resources on the ground. Whilst there has not been much traction post this meeting, it has hopefully paved the way



for a mutually beneficial relationship to transpire. As part of our advocacy work, submissions were made to various bodies regarding improved equine welfare laws and standards. We provided feedback on the Plan for Victoria's new animal care and protection laws, which will replace the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (POCTA). The proposed legislation recognises animal sentience and sets minimum care requirements for animals. We also responded to a request for feedback on the impacts and benefits of the options identified by the Animal Welfare Task Group for changes to national Animal Welfare Standards and Guideline for the Land Transport of Livestock for horses. We commented on the policy options identified, noting the impacts and benefits of each.

In relation to emergency relief, we were able to provide assistance to horse owners who were affected by the

Victorian floods late last year through the provision of feed, fencing labour and financial support. PHHWV has also joined the Animal Emergency Incident Management Network (AEIMN) and we attend regular meetings to gain information about matters such as large animal rescue.

From time to time, PHHWV awards a Life Membership in recognition of commitment and dedication to the organisation. This year, the Committee is pleased to present a life membership to Rose Caunt. For the past decade, Rose has been involved in setting and packing up at events, staffing stalls at events, maintaining order in the storage shed, ordering merchandise, making items for sale to raise funds and include in membership packs, making packs of merchandise and creating posters to promote PHHWV and PHHWV horses.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to the Team who make all of these achievements and successes possible. My sincere thanks to Rhonda Petschel, Shirley McPherson, Karen Davies, Noelle Vine, Renee Neubauer, Angela Smith, Toni Harris, Silvija Footner, Anita Romleigh, Tricia Hartshorn, Wendy Herbert, Mandi Herauville and Lucy Fairs. This group of dedicated people volunteer their time to support the work and growth of PHHWV, but in doing so, they also assist in the advancement of improved equine welfare outcomes.

Last, but not least, thank you to each and every member for your support. PHHWV, like horses, is measured in hands and the more hands we have, the more we are able to achieve. May PHHWV continue to provide hope for horses through its commitment to education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

Kathryn Wren

Kathryn Wren
 President



Did you know?

History of Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc.

It all started with a letter to Rider magazine in October 1976 from Val Collingwood, a keen horsewoman from Wallan in Victoria.

She had come across a severely neglected horse that was supposedly aged, however she soon discovered that he was in fact only three years old. Val named the horse "Hope". Despite her best efforts, he died three weeks later due to complications arising from a massive worm infestation. Hope's plight prompted Val to write to Rider magazine to share Hope's story and express her concern about the severity of the situation faced by other neglected equines.

Val put forward a proposal whereby horses in need could be rescued and rehabilitated.

Readers of the magazine responded with offers of encouragement and support and Val proceeded to co-ordinate the scheme under the name of Project Hope Horse Rescue Australia, in memory of the young horse.

Over the years, the need for assistance grew and so did Project Hope. In 1993 the organisation became a registered incorporated association and changed its name to Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria. In 2005 it became a registered charity, in addition to obtaining Gift Deduction Status from the ATO.

Horse reports

The PHHWV year runs from 1 March until 28 February.

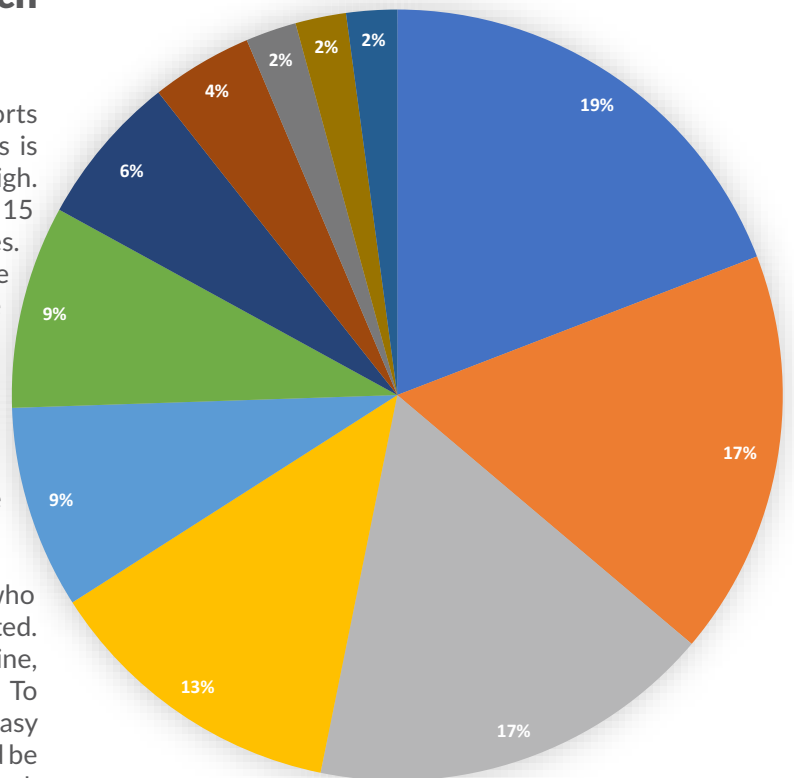
During the 2022-2023 year, we received 67 reports involving 278 horses. Although the number of reports is similar to previous years, the number of horses is very high. Surrender was needed for 32 horses and unfortunately 15 of these needed to be euthanised due to welfare issues. Poor hoof care causing rotated pedal bones beyond the possibility of rehabilitation was shown to be one of the major issues. Our data indicates that the main causes for horses and/or owners needing assistance are deceased horse owners, health issues affecting horse owners (both mental and physical), poor horse care knowledge, owning more than five horses with the means to care for them (financial or physical) and age related ownership.

We would like to thank all of our horse representatives who take the time to investigate the reports that are submitted. Some of them are quick to solve, but as you can imagine, some are very distressing and emotionally draining. To everyone, particularly those where there is not an easy outcome, A BIG THANKYOU. Without you, there would be no Project Hope and no future for the horses that we seek to help.

We would also like to thank our short-term carers, transporters, vets, farriers and long term carers for their time and dedication. We also should never forget the general public who care enough to report horses in trouble.

Noelle Vine
 Horse Reports Coordinator

Causes of Horse Reports and Surrender



- Deceased owner
- Greater than 5 horses
- Refusing help
- Naive
- Mental Health
- Owner aged; 75+
- Owner not on property
- Single parent/financial stress
- Community or family conflict
- Domestic Violence
- Health/illness



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HOPE HORSE WELFARE PROJECT supported by the Victorian Government.

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria were successful recipients of the Animal Welfare Fund Grants program, Equine Rehabilitation grants for the period from 1/8/2021 to 31/12/2022. Our project committed to advancing the education component on our website, providing education sessions to the Shire of Baw Baw and Smythesdale community and rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming horses we have found to be at risk, neglected, abandoned or abused across the state.

The three topics chosen to be presented via community events, webinars and website articles included:

1. **Recognising a horse in trouble**
2. **The overweight horse and**
3. **Situational awareness around horses.**

All topics were presented by Dr Lesley Hawson. We linked our Open Days with community events. In the Shire of Baw Baw we attended the Farm World Equestrian Expo and in Smythesdale we partnered with the Smythesdale Pony Club for Dr Lesley Hawson to present the “Situational awareness around horses” presentation.

A Horse training day “Working with Horses who have experienced trauma” was also provided in both regions, presented by Educator Ian Shaw. The two events were well attended by fence sitters and the available places for horse/owner combinations was full. The feedback from all suggests this approach is needed, all benefitted and as such we plan to expand this in the future.

In August 2022 we were successful in applying for an extension with the final date becoming 31/12/2022. During the period of the grant 51 horses were taken into short term care for rehabilitation and 26 have found long term homes. 24 horses are currently receiving rehabilitation.

As an organisation it is important to plan for the long term and always improve our efficiency. To meet this criteria this project included a “plan-do-study-act” process, providing opportunities to reflect and improve processes. Overall this has been a successful eighteen months and we are so very appreciative of the financial support provided by the Department of Agriculture Victoria.

“Horse Rep” Training

As part of a trilogy of events in the Baw Baw Shire, PHHWV held a Horse Representative Training session on 15th May 2022 at a member's home in Yarragon. We spent the day discussing horse welfare and how we assist horses and their owners when in need.

The training presents our history, our purposes, current welfare world standards, Victorian legislation and our legal obligations. Further to this it provides the attendees with the skills to assist owners, assess horse properties and horses welfare needs. There is also a 'hands-on' approach, with the group heading out to paddocks to body score different horses and discuss the practicalities of horse care.

Our Horse Reps have an exceptionally important role as leaders promoting horse welfare across Victoria.

Rhonda Petschel, Horse Rep Training Coordinator & Vice President



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HOPE FOR HORSES PROJECT supported by the Victorian Government.

Improved equine welfare services and education

In May 2022, PHHWV submitted an application for funding from Victorian Government Equine Rehabilitation Grants Round Two. In October 2022, we were advised that we had been successful in our application for funding of the 'Hope for Horses' project in the amount of \$88,000. Hope for Horses Project Costings comes to \$98,000 in total with \$10,000 to be invested by PHHWV.

The project objectives are to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing process that will also see improved welfare of horses in the care of PHHWV, as well as expand upon the education services delivered to the wider equine community.

A large portion of the grant funding has been directed to transitioning horses into Short Term Care. This process involves an initial vet examination and any treatment flowing from that, farrier work, dental treatment, worming and vaccinations and assessment and delivery of feed and nutrition requirements. We have also been able to include behavioural assessments, with a focus on the psychological health of the horse as well as the physical.

Our educational content has been developed, with our Horse Representative Training now making reference to international equine welfare standards. Dr Lesley Hawson has again partnered with PHHWV to present a series of webinars. Later this year, we will be conducting training days where we hope to educate the equine community about welfare matters including dental health and saddle fitting, as well as provide instruction in horse training techniques, both in ground work and under saddle.



This funding has presented a very exciting opportunity for PHHWV. We are working to consolidate our existing practices, as well as developing new educational materials and opportunities for the wider equestrian community. We are also advancing our equine welfare practices which will benefit the horses that come into PHHWV care.

Kathryn Wren
 President

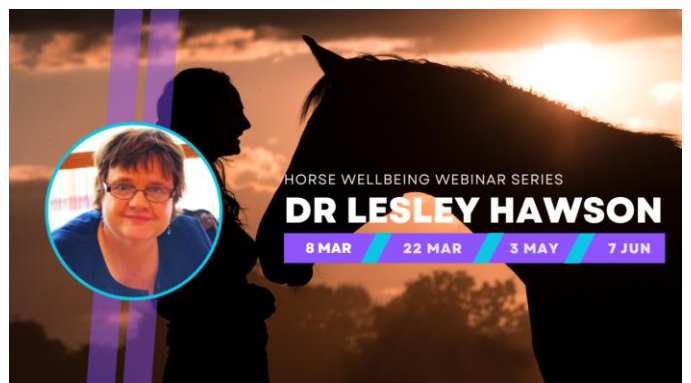


PHHWV Webinar Series 2023

In early March, we kicked off our education webinar series, supported by the Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program. As part of our grant project, we are running a series of free webinars for the equine community in Victoria on Horse Health and Well-being in partnership with Dr Lesley Hawson, an internationally recognised leader in equine science.

There were over 40 registered attendees for the first two events held in March, where we covered simple monitoring of horse well-being and strategies to promote optimum horse health. The next two webinars cover caring for the older horse and how horses learn.

Lucy Fairs
 Hope for Horses Project Coordinator



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Ollie Surrendered In October 2022

Many reports were received about a property containing some 14 horses/ponies plus 6 already dead. Local community members were outraged at the continual failure of these sentient creatures over a prolonged period of time.

Despite other attempts, these horses were left with uncertain futures and some suffering prolonged agonising deaths due to lack of best management practices.

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria (PHHWV) was notified and immediately sent out a Horse Representative to investigate.



What was found would churn the steeliest of people. Carcasses piled upon each other covered with branches, horse with leg stuck in barb wire and ring lock fencing and horses that have been struggling to make it from day to day.

The poorest of the poor was a mini who was not far from being another carcass and thrown into the same pit of death. If he was not removed immediately his fate would be dire. The PHHWV Representative made contact with the owner and offered help. A string of reasons as to why was given as to the conditions of these horses, none of which are acceptable let alone sensible. We ended up having the mini surrendered and picked him up the next day.

His name is Ollie, an 18-year-old bay gelding, approx. 8hh, covered in lice, riddled with worms, the most chronic case of rain scald that almost had his spine coming through his skin and his back legs were failing him due to complete muscle wastage and emaciated from long term neglect. His respiration was noted to be at least 3 ½ times normal which suggests lung and or heart issues.

We had the vet attend as soon as we got him home and her shock of his condition was evident. She body scored him a 1 with zero fat coverage at all – he was just bones with skin over them. His heart was struggling, his lungs were struggling and blood tests confirmed the results of long-term neglect and a prolonged inflammatory condition. Red and white blood cell counts were alarming - either indications of heavy parasitic worm burdens and or tumours. His feet and teeth also needed attention. Ollie was in acute care with many medications and a rigid treatment plan to pull him through.

Happily, we can now report that Ollie has recovered and regained his strength. He has recently been placed into his Long Term Care home and will have a pain free life with PHHWV.

Renee Neubauer
 Committee Member and Ollie's Short Term Carer
 Mitchell Shire



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Silver Surrendered In October 2022

My journey from being a short term carer to a long term carer... I have known about Project Hope for about 10 years, but somehow life always got in the way of me being 100% committed and involved.

In 2022 my partner and I moved into my “dream” property, somewhere I could have a few animals, a garden, and a veggie patch.

So long story short, I came across Project Hope once again and thought I now have the space and time to be involved and so I volunteered to be a short-term carer when I saw a post on the Facebook Page regarding a horse that needed help. His name was Silver, and he was a 28-year-old gelding who had been with the one owner since birth and who unfortunately had been neglected during the time the owner was ill and sadly passed away.

Silver came to me in October 2022, and I was really unprepared for how sad it was to receive a horse that was obviously so unwell and unhappy. Full of lice, and sores, cracked and split hooves, but worse than all the physical was the look of pure unhappiness in his eyes. I was a bit unsure for the first two weeks if I would be able to work with him as he was so scared and didn't trust anything. Every time I tried to handle him he would run backward and rear up - this wasn't what I was expecting.



I kept just spending time with him and building his confidence and weight up, having him treated for lice, teeth done, feet cleaned up and just giving him lots of quiet, loving times.

After three months he was a different horse, not just in how he looked, but his behaviour. I could handle his head, feet, and ears and move around him without him being stressed.

After spending so much time with him, when the time came that he should move onto his forever home I could not bear

to part with him, or put him through another move. I felt that at 28 years young, Silver should have the opportunity to live out his life being loved and cared for. I must admit that was one of my fears when I started as a short term carer that I wouldn't be able to part with them, but as I have the time and space for Silver, the decision was easy!

Sandra Strongman, Loddon Shire



PHHWV Abbi has found a home with Abbie

We are so excited Abbi has come to stay with us and she has settled in beautifully. Abbi's new carer is Abbie! It's pretty funny in our house. Abbie is outside with Abbi a lot (are you confused yet?). Well, Abbie and Abbi have been working hard getting ready to start pony club.

Abbi loves to be around Abbie and looks for her when she walks into the paddock. She comes when she is called and looks after Abbie when they are working and riding together. She enjoys a brush and a treat. It's so good to see Abbie and Abbi learning and having fun together. We are looking forward to trail riding together and camping out with the horses.

Kylie and Abbie Scofield, Pyrenees Shire



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Equitana 10-13 November 2022



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Anita, Julia, Angela & Jiyah at Breed Village



Julia, Amelia, Mandi & Angela

Equitana: 10-13 November 2022



Rhonda & Ava



Katherine & Toni



Leigh, Monika, Kathryn, Amelia & Jiyah



Jiyah & Samson meeting the public



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Woodend Volunteer Expo 19 March 2023



Kathryn & Toni

Sandy, Susie & Kidz Flip volunteer

Toni informing the public

Seymour Expo 31 March - 2 April 2023



Jill & Vaso

Monika, Miriam & Susie

Silvija, Renee & Chris

Boneo Park 13 August 2022



Faye

Julia & Sarah

Rhonda, Josh & Kathryn

Josh

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Trivia Night 24 February 2023



YOUR DONATION SAVES HORSES & BRINGS HOPE



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Visit to Mornington Peninsula July 2022



Emergency Relief

Equine Crisis Assistance

PHHWV is indebted to the Albert and Barbara Tucker Foundation for providing funds to support our Equine Emergency Relief Assistance Program. In keeping with our purposes, PHHWV aims to provide emergency care, treatment and assistance to horses and their owners and the floods that hit Victoria in September and October 2022 certainly presented many challenges for the equine community affected by the deluge. With the help of PHHWV members, vets, councils and produce stores, we were able to gather a register of people in need of assistance as well as those willing to help. People from Bairnsdale to the Dandenongs to Bendigo offered properties, transport and produce. We were able to provide feed, volunteer labour and financial support.

One horse owner who lives in Darraweit Guim who had her fences taken out by flood water had to relocate her horses. Much of her property was destroyed, including her small engine items and horse float floor. The floods came within centimetres of entering the house, which was saved from the water, but the house had black mould for some months following. We were able to provide assistance by delivering hay and discussing fencing options, including the offer of labour if needed.

Many families from Darraweit Guim, Lara, Wangaratta, Shepparton, Seymour and Cohuna were in need of help. As we watched floods spread across the State, and spoke to those impacted, it became apparent that travel was extremely restricted and owners wanted to keep their horses as close as possible. Transport, feed, farriers and finance were needed immediately once the water levels dropped. Fencing was a high priority; however securing contractors was a problem. So, Rhonda, Rob and Leigh rolled up their sleeves and went out to help rebuild fences. Whilst we sincerely hope that Victoria and indeed Australia remain free of crisis situations, PHHWV remains vigilant in its aim to assist horses and their owners in an emergency should the need arise.



Horses in Care

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|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| Abbi | Digger | Honey II | Mary | Pocahontas |
| Abella | DJ | Hunter | Matilda | Pocket |
| Alex | Doc | Ivanna | Mia | Poppy |
| Ally | Dock | Jack IV | Mickey | Presto |
| Amie | Domino | Jane | Midnight | Princess |
| Amiira | Dylan | Jasper | Miles | Rain |
| Aster | Dynamite | Jet | Milo | Rascal |
| Axel | Echo | Jill | Mimi | Red |
| Axl | Fanta | Joey | Mischief | Redmond |
| Aztec | Fergie | Junior | Miss Mary | Renni |
| Angel | Flicka | | Molly Mule | Ripple |
| Applejack | Flukey | | Molly | Romeo |
| April | Frankie II | | Neddy | Rosie |
| Athenrai | Fred | | | Roux |
| Aurelia | | | | Rozie |
| Aurora | | | | Rutherglen |
| Ava | | | | Sabrina |
| Banjo II | | | | Sadie |
| Barney | | | | Sammy |
| Beamer | | | | Sapphire |
| Beau | | | | Scamp |
| Bella | | | | Scarlett |
| Belle | | | | Scout |
| Bellebutton | | | | Scooby |
| Benson | | | | Sebastian |
| Bentley | | | | Shadow |
| Bert | | | | Shakisma |
| Bessie | | | | Sharnie |
| Betty | | | | Silver |
| Birch | | | | Sizzle |
| Black Swan | | | | Skittles |
| Blaze | | | | Snag |
| Blinky | | | | Snip |
| Bill | | | | Sonny |
| Boss Mystic Park | | | | Spike |
| Tiny Dancer | | | | Star |
| Bruce | | | | Jazmyn |
| Buck | | | | Star1 |
| Bunny | | | | Star2 |
| Campaspe | | | | Stella |
| Candy | | | | Suede |
| Captain Hook | | | | Sultan |
| Caramel | Freddie | | Netty | Sunday |
| Casper | Free Spirit | | Nikita | Sweet Honesty Czar |
| Caviar | Friday | Katie | Nugget | Ted-E Bear |
| Chancey | Frodo Hest | Lady | Olivia | Thatcher |
| Charcoal | Fudge | Larissa | Olive | Tia |
| Charlie Brown Dark Army | Gambian | Licorice | Ollie | Tiny |
| Cisco | Gemma | Lilly | Opal | Tommy Lee |
| Cleopatra | Gina Hanover | Lou Lou | Paris II | Torah |
| Cloud | Ginger | Louis | Patches | Torry |
| Connie | Gingernuts | Lucky Mouse | Peanut | V8 |
| Cressy | Goose | Ludi | Penny | William |
| Crumpet | Gunslinger | Luna | Perri | Wynstan |
| Dakota | Gypsy | Lux | Perry | Xena |
| Darnum | Hank | Maggie | Phillippe | Yani |
| Destiny | Harmony | May | Phoenix | Zack |
| Dexter | Honey | MaySu | Pirate | |



Horses in Care



Horses Farewelled



Transfer of Ownership

Angus
 Dijon
 Ferguson
 Nicholas-Haych
 Teddy

R.I.P.

- Billie
- Ella
- Harry
- Marylou
- Marley
- Dillon
- Easy
- Ernie
- Milly
- Moon
- Oakey
- Pebbles
- Sailor
- Teak
- Daisy
- Artois
- Michael



Treasurer's Report

Another successful year, thanks to the hard work of our dedicated committee, along with everyone who works tirelessly in the background.

Thanks also to our members, who without their support and paddocks we wouldn't have anywhere for the horses to go to.

This year also saw us receiving Round 2 of the Equine Rehabilitation Grants from the Victorian State Government in the sum of \$88,000. This funding helps with various direct expenses incurred by horses in Short Term Care, as well as supplying education and events of a specific nature. We also received the second part of the KABE Equity Trustees grant of a further \$20,000 for Internal Capacity Building.

The disaster relief funding of \$11,500 received from the Tucker Foundation has been expended to those who reached out for help and assistance during the recent floods. This included funds to members and non-members alike.

The amazing amount of \$54,327.61 in donations that we received from the general public, as well as from our members, the Tax appeal, along with the fundraising events, has enabled us to have a wonderful boost to our 'coffers'!

As you can see from our balance sheet, we have had another very financially triumphant year. A heartfelt thank you once again to everyone associated with this wonderful organisation.

Shirley McPherson
 Treasurer



Financial report

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc
Profit & Loss
 March 2022 through February 2023

	Mar 22 - Feb 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations & Bequests	
Appeal Donation	6,255.18
Donation Boxes	895.65
General Donation	42,619.40
Member Donation	3,663.62
Periodic Donation	817.76
Donations & Bequests - Other	133.00
Total Donations & Bequests	54,384.61
Fundraising	
Dinner 2022	15,245.89
Trivia Night 2023	1,750.00
Total Fundraising	16,995.89
Grants	
Grant Monies Received	104,750.00
Total Grants	104,750.00
Interest Received	125.75
Memberships	16,943.77
Merchandise Sales	5,761.45
Total Income	198,961.47
Gross Profit	198,961.47
Expense	
Accountancy Fees	756.36
Admin Travel Reimbursement	1,695.27
Advertising & Publicity	1,699.82
Bank Charges	
Merchant Fee	310.64
Online Transaction Fee	325.01
Total Bank Charges	635.65
Companionate Fund	4,565.96
Consultant	9,142.14
Education	2,580.00
Float Registration	56.73
Fundraising Costs	
Equitana 2022 Epenses	612.74
Fundraising Costs - Other	9,372.73
Total Fundraising Costs	9,985.47
Google data storage	149.88
Graphic Design	2,130.00
Horse assessment	562.40
Insurance	
Cyber Event Protection	795.45
Farm Motor Insurance - Float	159.09
Personal Accident Insurance	977.27
Public Liability Insurance	5,481.82
Total Insurance	7,413.63
Membership Subscriptions	55.00
Merchandise Costs	4,443.75
Miscellaneous Admin Expense	2,656.69
PayPal Expenses	160.27
Phone / Internet	
Phone - Mobile	565.28
Phone - Priority 1300 Service	1,617.79
Zoom / subscriptions	209.90
Total Phone / Internet	2,392.97
Post Box Rental	47.36
Postage	1,184.66
Printing	386.36
Repairs & Maintenance	286.03



Financial report

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc
Profit & Loss
March 2022 through February 2023

	Mar 22 - Feb 23
Software Costs	
Software Purchase	88.18
Software Costs - Other	2,175.68
Total Software Costs	2,263.86
Stationery	471.96
Storage Unit	2,072.76
Venue Hire & Catering	3,849.45
Web	
Web Hosting	1,700.45
Web Maintenance / Updating	682.50
Web - Other	165.00
Total Web	2,547.95
Total Expense	64,192.38
Net Ordinary Income	134,769.09
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Agistment	483.64
Chiropractor-other Alternative	218.18
Dentist	3,765.94
Disaster Relief	14,210.04
Euthanasia	3,045.46
Farrier	2,919.09
Feed	8,244.51
General Horse Expenses	922.89
Horse Training	7,820.19
Horse Transport Costs	6,885.29
Non-Member assistance fund	100.00
Vet Fees	
Microchip Implant	350.00
Vet Fees - Other	20,025.38
Total Vet Fees	20,375.38
Wormer and Medication	2,221.56
Total Other Expense	71,212.17
Net Other Income	-71,212.17
Net Income	63,556.92

Balance Sheet

17th Apr 2023

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc
Balance Sheet
1st March 2022 to 28th Feb 2023

Assets	Feb 2023
Current Assets	
Cheque/Savings	
Bank – Main Account	\$157,416.75
Bank – Hope for Horses – Gove Grant	\$ 63,647.00
Bank – Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$ 42,049.45
Bank – KABE Equity Trustees	\$ 17,078.03
Bank – Tucker Foundation	\$ 1,118.95
Bank – Gift Account	\$ 322.40
Bank – Debit Card Account	\$ 221.64
Total: Current Assets	<u>\$282,948.60</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ -201.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ -201.00
In Hand	
Other Current Assets	
12000 – Undeposited funds	\$ 599.88
15000 – Stock in hand	\$ 9,939.9 05
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$ 10,539.83</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$293,287.43</u>
Fixed Assets	
13000 – Equipment at cost	\$ 10,993.35
13100 – Less accumulated depreciation	\$ -10,993.35
Total Assets	<u>\$293,287.43</u>
Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Tax Payable	\$ - 5,334.63
Total Liabilities	\$ - 5,334.63
Nett Assets	\$298,622.06
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$111,352.14
Retained earnings	\$123,713.00
Net Income	\$ 63,556.92
Total Equity	<u>\$298,622.06</u>



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