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PHHWV Mimi

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PHHWV OVERVIEW

Since 1976 we have:

- provided advice, assistance and support to horse owners
- investigated reports of horse neglect and abuse
- rescued and rehabilitated horses in need
- offered education regarding horse welfare
- raised community awareness about the plight of neglected horses
- advocated for improved legislation and policy regarding equine welfare
- existed because of volunteers - thank you.

From our new President, Rhonda Petschel

Working with our organisation for over 10 years has strengthened my passion for horse welfare. Together we make a difference. Kathryn's Presidency has put us in good stead for the future and I enjoyed being her prodigy. I am so excited to have a mixture of experienced and new committee members. Let's soldier on for the love of horses.

And from Vice-President, Renee Neubauer

Couldn't think of a better way to spend Sunday and to graciously accept the executive role of Vice-President of what is one of the longest standing equine organisations in the country.

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President's Report

Rhonda had no sooner accepted the role of President than she was on a plane to Queensland to attend the Australasian Animal Training Conference at Sea World Resort. She is also preparing the 2022/23 Animal Welfare Grant Progress Report due by May 31st and working on The Animal Welfare Fund Grant application which is due on June 7th. Amazingly, she found time to write the following for the Newsletter.

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My love of horses has been lifelong, as a child we always had a horse to love and ride on the farm. As an adult however I had a burning desire to do things better and became interested in understanding how horses learn and to use these principles for ethical horse training. Project Hope gave me an opportunity to deepen this knowledge by becoming involved with the rehabilitation of horses coming into care. The more involved I became with the organisation the more respect I had for how the members support the welfare of horses and their owners and decided to join the committee. Five years on I am still here and am honoured to be President of an organisation that is going from strength to strength. I thank Kathryn Wren for her guidance over the past two years, the committee and position holders beyond the committee for all their time too. I look forward to continuing our work and will do my best to guide and support all who volunteer their time and efforts to extend our purposes and to make the lives of horses a life worth living.

Rhonda Petschel
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A n n u a l g e n e r a l m e e t i n g 2 0 2 3



The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday May 21st 2023 in Lancefield and was hailed as a great success with over 40 people attending (in person and via zoom). This was the best supported AGM PHHWV has had so far! Events/merchandise/storage shed guru Rose Caunt was awarded a well deserved Life Membership and received a beautiful glass trophy in recognition of this achievement. Past Life Membership awardee, Kerryn Solomon presented the award and also received a trophy retrospectively.



The new committee (see page 2) with Rhonda Petschel at the helm was welcomed and outgoing President, Kathryn Wren, thanked for her tireless efforts over the past two years.

The Guest Speaker, Julie Fiedler, is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Melbourne in welfare-related practices and the social licence to operate in the context of horse racing, riding, equestrian sports and tourism. Julie’s talk was titled Who? Me? What’s safeguarding got to do with my horse? It focused on the five domains of equine welfare: nutrition, environment, health, behaviour and mental experiences.



P HHWV—upcoming events



The last in this four part series proudly brought to you by Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria and Animal Welfare Victoria's Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program will be held on Wednesday June 7.

TITLE

Learning to Learn: Understanding how horses learn is vital to keep you and your horse safe and injury free.

This webinar is open to the public, email lucy@phhwv.org.au to receive the calendar invite and link.



P HHWV—upcoming events

Dental Training and Education Weekend

June 24th & 25th 2023

PHHWV has invited members of the Ballarat Social Trail Horse Riding Club to a weekend of free dental checks and a problem solving training day.

VENUE

Unicorn Equitation Park (indoor facility)

33 Courts Rod, Clarendon (just off the Ballarat-Geelong Road or Midland Highway)

PROGRAM

Saturday 24th – Equine Dentist PETER BORGDORFF

(from the Australian Equine Dental Practice)

will provide free dental care to 14 horses and an informative presentation

“Oral, dental, related nutritional and other issues we need to know about horses.”

Schedule for the day

9.30 to 11.00 Dental Checks

11.00 to 12.00 Education Session

LUNCH BREAK – BBQ Lunch provided by Club

1.15 to 3.15 Dental Checks

Sunday 25th – Behaviour Assessment and Training Day with IAN SHAW

NOTE: initial offers are for BSTHRC club members. If places are not filled by June 11th it will be offered to PHHWV members and the community.

Dental Workshop, Behaviour Assessment Training Day

Horse Representative Training

Bairnsdale

July 15th & 16th (to be confirmed)



P HHWV— events



The PHHWV float made its way up the highway in late March as we once again participated in the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo. A happy band of volunteers were rostered over the three days of the event plus bump in on the Thursday. The marquee was set up in the livestock area, surrounded by sheep and cattle—a challenge for the olfactory organ but hey, we’re horse people, we’re used to the smell of dung! The weather was kind and it was a successful event. The PHHWV marquee looked fabulous thanks to the interior design skills of Katherine Malouf. As immediate Past President Kathryn said, it is important for us to get out there to raise awareness of Project Hope and what we do. The Expo enables us to promote equine welfare issues and raise funds to support our work and gain new members. A massive thank you to all the volunteers.....

- Mandi Herauville
- Katherine Malouf
- Vicki Mariner
- Renee Neubauer
- Liane Lillis
- Kathryn Wren
- Silvija Footner
- Toni Harris
- Rose Caunt
- Peta Langbehn
- Liz Harrison
- Rhonda Petschel
- Chris Piscopo
- Monika Haller
- Miriam Orwin
- Susie Kosa
- Geoff Cheah
- Jill Cheah
- Vaso Elefsiniotis
- Noelle Vine



Ian Shaw Horsemanship Clinic Saturday May 27th 2023

The success of the Ian Shaw Horsemanship Clinic was easily gauged by the amount of smiles on everyone's faces and the positive comments thanking PHHWV and the content horses going home. What an absolute professional Ian is and with such a kind and easy going attitude.

The magnificent venue of Springfield Equestrian Centre was the perfect place to have such an event and accommodated everyone and every horse so well. In total there were six participants with their horses and 16 fence sitters. The event was opened up by a brief introduction by Vice-President Renee Neubauer and then Ian did his talk. Participants were broken up into two groups of three in the morning then each horse and rider combination had a private one on one session with Ian. We moved outside for a session of float training which was good for those to watch who had been experiencing difficulties.

The whole day ran smoothly and effortlessly. We had a new member sign up on the day and received \$100 worth of donations. An added bonus was the presence of Yvette Frahn (Spirit of Equine). She sat and drew in her sketching book, no doubt attracting quite a few 'wows'.

The feedback from the event was so overwhelmingly positive that everyone is asking when the next one will be held.





and the winning entries are:

BERNY THAGGARD

You are an **ADVOCATE**. If you see cruelty, neglect....**DON'T** turn away.
BE the one who helps the horse.
BE THEIR VOICE
BE THEIR ADVOCATE.

KELLY DUSANG SAYLOR

I truly believe we need to be Stewards of the horses.
We need to Educate people for the good of the horses in our community.

JAN MURRAY

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Kelly, Berny and Jan each received a \$100 gift card kindly donated by EQ Saddlery.
A very big thank you to all our entrants and to the judges.



PHHWV— ambassadorship

With our new Ambassadorship with CEN Horse Nutrition all members of PHHWV are able to receive a 10% discount at the CEN Nutrition Online Shop. Not only do you get a discount but PHHWV now get a wonderful kickback by a 5% commission from all sales generated by you. How it works. ENTER Discount Coupon Code Hope 10 at the <https://cennutrition.com.au/horses/shop/> when at checkout. OR Scan the QR Code on the below image—it will take you directly to the shop and will automatically add your discount code. All activity on the CEN Ambassador program is fully trackable through an app that PHHWV has entire access too. Every purchase is identified either by the Hope 10 Code or through the QR Code.



Poster boy PHHWV Ollie

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CEN OMEGA FORMULA
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OLLIE

October 21st 2022

October 26th 2022

October 29th 2022

November 16th 2022

December 1st 2022

January 7th 2023



P HHWV— horse updates

PHHWV Junior By Nicola Fanning



Junior came into PHHWV's care as a month-old foal. His mother, named 'Jewell', was an unhandled three year old and had been 'rescued' from the Echuca sales. She was brought in with quite a few horses from the same property and was very thin. The lady who rescued her might have had her heart in the right place but was not capable of taking on an unhandled young horse. Jewell had a headcollar put on her while in the truck and was then released into a paddock. She put weight on but was never handled. Then she had a foal. I am not sure of the exact circumstances, but when the foal – Junior – was 2-3 weeks old something caused Jewell to go through several fences, sustaining significant injuries. She ended up in a neighbour's back yard, and then to 'catch' her they literally built a small yard around her and brought the foal to her. The yard ended up a putrid, muddy, pooey mess. Jewell never received any veterinary treatment, pain relief, or proper cleaning of her wounds. By the time I saw her approximately 10 days after her accident she was only weight bearing on one leg, had significant infection, oedema between her front legs and along her belly, and was in significant pain. She had gone 'doughy' and unresponsive from the stress and refused to move at all. For Jewell's sake we gave up the idea of trying to save her and had her humanely euthanized by the local knackery who were able to attend within the hour. Just before Jewell was put down we moved the foal into the float. This poor mare suffered so much! She would have been better off being purchased by the knackery at the sales. I felt terrible for her and wished I could have done something decent for her. Junior thrived from the outset. He must have been very hungry and went straight on to milk in a bucket, hard feed and hay. He is now just over two years of age. He has continued to thrive and has grown into quite a nice little horse. Being originally raised as an orphan, he is very quiet around people but can be a bit pushy and full of himself. He is very precocious around other horses and can be very annoying to them at times. I have had to spray the tails of any horses he has run with. He is also a bit of a feed bin wrecker and will even drag the heavy metal ones halfway down the paddock. It is time Junior had something else to think about. My stepdaughter Bianca has been mouthing and long reining him. He is well behaved, and it is an asset to his education that Bianca has a great arena and all sorts of obstacles to move around, through and over on the long reins. She also drives him out into the paddock and in and out of the stables. He is, of course, very confident around people, but can be a bit spooky at things you



wouldn't expect would worry him. Hopefully this behaviour will improve as he is gradually exposed to more experiences. Junior's original rescue affected me profoundly at the time. It was one of the worst small cases I had ever attended. Perhaps this report will be a little like therapy to me.



P HHWV— horse updates

PHHWV Dexter

By Cara Nikolic

Dexter came into my care as an unhandled stallion. He was very timid and unsure of everything around him but you could see there was a big softy under there. I worked with Dexter for a few years to build his confidence in becoming a riding boy. I then moved him to another rider and unfortunately lost contact. As fate would have it, this boy came back to me. I'm so thrilled to have him back. He's not much of an arena horse, preferring to conserve his energy. He'd rather go out on the trails or tracks and take a leisurely ride. Despite his age, he still acts like a young colt and can keep up with my baby horse. Knowing he's home now and won't have to be separated again has made a huge impact on this blue-eyed horse. I am proud of how far he has come and all that he has achieved. He is a treasured member of my family, he's always the first one to come and meet us—even my husband has grown fond of him. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to witness and contribute to Dexter's beautiful transformation.



PHHWV Snag (part II)

By Linda Razinger

This February Snag joined our family and we were overjoyed. We had followed his progress for weeks prior to his arrival, as he had gone through eye surgery and other complications. When we visited him at his rehabilitation home, we were warmly welcomed by Lisa McColl, who was open and honest with us. And so our journey with Snag began. When he was medically cleared, there was a great sense of joy as we took him in. We were determined to provide the best care possible for this courageous small horse whose spirit was indomitable and had overcome great hardships to be where he was. My mare Gina, a giant Quarter horse with an expressive nature was going through a period of grief as her paddock mate (my husband's horse) died in October. I had to trust that she would sense Snag and be kind and considerate. And what a joy of a story we can share. It's been a joy to watch Snag settle into our family. He's taken to his twice-daily feeds and daily grooming sessions with enthusiasm and loves all the attention he gets from us. On our rides, he trots along happily beside Gina, occasionally breaking into a canter with her. Our recent success with Snag is that he now happily goes on walks with my husband while I ride Gina. He wears protective Scoot boots and is very responsive and alert. There's so much gratification seeing him so content.



P HHWV— horse updates

PHHWV Mimi

By Tricia Hartshorn

When Mimi first arrived into Short Term Care at Toni Harris's property in late 2018, she was a complete 'stress-head', wound up like a coil. It was months before you could rub her head or ears and if you tried to walk past her withers, she would hastily back off. I am no horse trainer but do believe in the power of song and Mimi responded well to my dulcet tones—so much so—she has often laid down next to me and had a kip whilst I quietly serenade her. She particularly enjoys the Humming Chorus from Madama Butterfly and this is how I came up with her 'posh name' - Aire Valley Madama Butterfly! It took me many months before I decided to take her on Long Term Lease. I was still grieving the loss of PHHWV Bonnie to colic. But Mimi won me over and with patience Toni (with the help of Monika Haller's Trust Technique) has turned Mimi around. It has been a slow process and she is still a bit of a 'stress-head' particularly when she's moved from her paddock mates but will now self-load onto the float and is pretty relaxed at the working equitation classes she attends with Toni. Mimi surpassed all expectations with her accomplishments at the Sunbury Agricultural Show in March. Not only did she look stunning (see front cover) she won first place ridden mare over 15.2hh, second place ridden mare Clydesdale X, second place led mare Clydesdale X and Reserve Champion ridden mare. I can take absolutely no credit for these achievements (this was all down to Mimi, Toni and Alison Richardson) —I just hand the money over but every cent has been well worth it.



Horse news—educational article

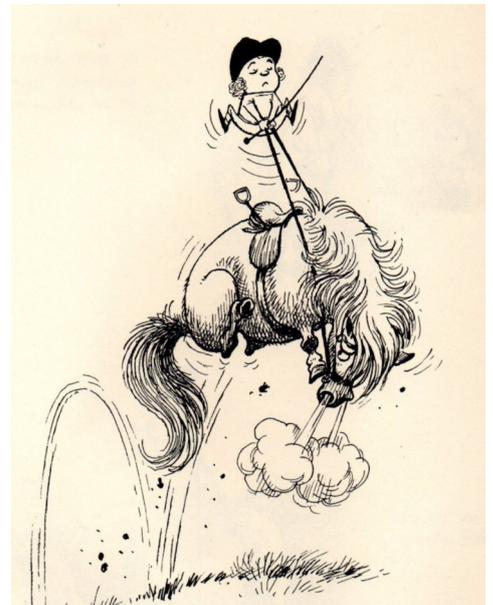
Bronze Age Skeletons with ‘horsemanship syndrome’ or Who were the first idiots to ride a stallion!!

by Tricia Hartshorn (with acknowledgement to Martin Trautman and his research team)

Who amongst us has not been thrown by our beloved ‘four legged’ and landed unceremoniously on our backside? According to recent research, this particularly painful experience, has likely been around since 3000BCE when our plucky ancestors first thought it was a good idea to get astride a 500 kg+ ticking timebomb! So, who were these people? According to the experts they were the Yamnaya from the area around the Ukraine and western Russia. The research team analysed the skeletal structures of 200 Yamnaya and can now pinpoint the earliest evidence of individuals actually getting on board their stallions. Findings suggest the Yamnaya people may have been ancient cowboys – the first people to herd livestock on horseback. The team does not think that the Yamnaya used the horses for combat, the horses were smaller than today’s, with broad barrel-like chests and short, stocky legs. From unearthed skeletal remains the team identified five individuals who had the most reliable evidence of having been riders. Close analysis of their bones revealed all had at least four out of six skeletal traits which suggested ‘horsemanship syndrome’ – stress reactions on the pelvis and femur, most likely as a result of gripping the side of the horse using the lower body and thigh muscles. Sound familiar!! Also visible was ‘stress-induced vertebral degeneration’ signs of vertical impact stress typically suffered by riders. One skeleton also had injuries to their sacral vertebrae – a large, triangular-shaped bone positioned just above the tailbone. ‘A forceful fall on the backside is the most likely trauma scenario’. Now this I can definitely relate to having fractured both sides of my sacrum five years ago. Biomechanical stress markers on human skeletons may even provide clues about riding style and equipment. Later depictions of Bronze Age riders usually show a position called ‘chair seat.’ This style is mainly used when riding without padded saddle or stirrups to avoid discomfort to horse and rider. This would have been physically demanding, with the legs exerting constant pressure to cling to the horse’s back and would need continual balancing. With the later introduction of shaped and padded supporting saddles and stirrups, other riding styles such as the so-called ‘split seat’, ‘dressage seat’ and ‘hunt seat’ evolved.

(As if we needed to be told)..... the researchers said they expect these early horses were probably hard to handle due to a lack of specialised gear and short breeding history. A greater anxiety response in these early horses made them even more likely to ‘bolt’ from violent or loud actions. This would have limited their military benefit but would have provided (very) rapid transport to and away from the site of raids. ‘Hopping on a horse’s back may have been one small step for man 5000 years ago, but a giant leap for mankind’ (Martin Trautman, Lead Author of the research).

So next time you saddle up Neddy, give a moment’s thought to the Yamnaya—for it is they who apparently set us on this course of self-destruction which has been around for over 5000 years.



Horse Reports Mar-May

◆ BALLARAT

A report from a person in the area who noticed a horse in the same small paddock for around 12 months. Although in good condition, she was concerned that it was on its own and did not appear to have been moved. A satellite image showed horses nearby and a clean paddock. As I could not get a Representative out there and nothing appears to be wrong with the horse, she will keep an eye on it.

◆ BELGRAVE

Received a report from a lady who had been caring for her friend and her horses (two Thoroughbreds and one Quarterhorse). The owner has since died and the friend can no longer look after these horses as well as her own. They will be surrendered but in the meantime some round rolls will be provided while short term homes are found.

◆ BULLANGAROOK

A report came in from a lady who had sold a horse 12 months ago and then saw it advertised for sale recently in very poor condition. She was very upset that the new owner was using the photos and information that she had provided at the time of the sale. A Representative was going to go and investigate but I was informed that the horse had been sold before she could attend.

◆ BROADFORD

A call came in from a neighbouring property where three horses had been placed temporarily with consent from the original owner but have now increased to 13. The horses have been left unattended and broken through several fences. The property has been sold and the horses are no longer wanted. Representatives will attend. The horses are in no danger at this time.

◆ BUCHAN

A self report from a lady asking for help with her late husband's three Thoroughbred horses. He had died very recently and she didn't know what to do with the horses as her husband cared for them and she was quite frightened of them. I contacted a member in Buchan and he and the community helped with the horses until a home could be found. He was going to move them for her.

◆ CRANBOURNE

A member of the public rang with concerns for a grey horse that was so emaciated it could not stand. She had called the RSPCA with no result. She contacted us but by the time I returned her call she told me the horse had died. Vets and the police were in attendance and there was talk of charging the owner.

◆ DIGGERS REST

We received a report of two ponies and a donkey that have been left behind on a neighbour's property after the owners moved to Queensland. They have not been able to track them down. The ponies recently had their feet done, but the farrier would not touch the donkey, who is quite sore. A Representative is going out to do a report. I have been in touch with the donkey society and we are waiting on the result of the report. Update: The ponies are in short term care and progressing very well and becoming quite friendly while the Donkey was delivered to a person at the Donkey Society.

◆ LANG LANG

A Representative is helping a woman with a horse and a pony. She does not have adequate facilities to attend to the needs of the pony which is in imminent danger of founder. Our Representative has been and helped set up some yards and given advice on the management of the situation. She will continue to monitor the situation.

◆ LEARMONT

A self report from a lady with a whole range of problems that was unable to care for her aged Thoroughbred mare and a mini pony. She had tried to rehome them but no one was willing to take the mare, even other welfare groups. A PHHWV Representative went to assess her horses and help the owner. In the end someone wanted both of the horses and the Representative went out to assist with the loading, which went very well. She even settled them in at the new property. The owner was very grateful for our assistance.

◆ SEVILLE

Two horses have been unattended for five years on a property. The owner of the property has taken out a lien and a friend contacted us for advice. The property owner has agreed to surrender a 14hh, 16 year old Clydie X mare that has been ridden previously. The other horse, an elderly Thoroughbred gelding has been taken by the reporter.

◆ SUNBURY

One of our members reported a skinny windsucking horse next door to a family member. She has been taking regular photos. A Representative visited but the property was locked. She left a letter. The owner called and was rather annoyed saying that the neighbour kept loosening the collar etc. She spoke with our Representative and after quite a lengthy talk, she came to the conclusion that the woman was not going to take any advice and reported it to the RSPCA.

◆ TALLAROOK

We had a call from a lady that was concerned about two horses on a property next to her friend's house. One had died and she was concerned for the welfare of the second. A PHHWV Representative spoke with both the property owner and the friend. She managed to get hold of the property manager, who assured her that the horse was well looked after but the owner just could not bring himself to euthanise the other horse. After speaking with the manager, she contacted the owner of the horse and explained what we do and left him with her number to get in touch if he needed any assistance in the future.

◆ TYNONG

An elderly gentleman rang asking for assistance with his two Thoroughbred mares. One was 20 years old and the other, her daughter, aged 12. The horses had not been handled for a number of years. He was moving into a retirement facility the next week and had to do something with the horses. I gave him the number for a local man who puts down horses on the property.

◆ TAMLEUGH

A lady made contact asking for assistance with rehoming four of her horses. The RSPCA took two. There were quite a number of concerns with this situation, so surrenders were arranged. They have now been placed in short term care.

◆ VENTNOR

A person reported a pony with slipper feet. Photos were provided and Bass Coast Shire contacted to see if a Ranger could inspect.

◆ WEDDERBURN

A call from a lady wanting help with a lame pony. She had bought the pony at Echuca sales three years previously at six months of age. She is unable to catch the horse and there are no local vets in the area who could attend. She managed to get some bute into her and after a couple of days she appeared to be walking a little better. A post on the members page resulted in someone from the area offering to see if they could help her with the horse.

Horses ready for LTC



Bellebutton is an 8 year old, 16.1hh bay Thoroughbred mare. She has never raced. She is cheeky but also sensible, intelligent and is currently being successfully trained under saddle.



Paris is a 15hh, 17 year old, brown Standardbred mare. She exhibits separation anxiety when left alone, yet is perfectly fine when she herself is taken away from her paddock mate. Paris is not a ridden horse and seeks to be part of a mob that will always have horse/s with her to keep her company. She does float well, but can kick a bit initially and before she settles. She enjoys being groomed and is well behaved for the farrier. She is good to catch, tie up and worm. Paris is not fazed by cars, tractors and dogs.



Bessie, a 16 year old Standardbred mare. She has not been handled for a long time and can be a bit nervous but with patience she is quick to pick up skills and confidence. Will make a good companion horse for an experienced horse owner. Due to neglect of her feet, she is not suitable to be ridden.



Perry is a 16hh, 25 year old, bay Thoroughbred gelding. You may recognise him from our Home Page with his little friend. A good boy in every way, Perry is still actively being ridden and is in excellent health. He looking for a new long term home as his current carer wishes to focus on a younger horse. Perry will make a welcome addition to your home.



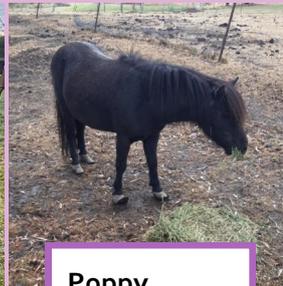
Cleopatra is a 14.3hh, 18ish year old grey Pure Arabian mare. A friendly horse happy to hang out with you in the paddock. Once she has gained her trust, she is easy to catch, rug, tie up, wash, rinse her mouth and she is improving having her feet done. She has had a few dental issues and will need her mouth flushed regularly. She is doing float training and working within the head collar. It is likely that she has been educated, but she does show some anxiety when unsure, which will improve with time and patience.



May-Su



Netty



Poppy



Scarlett



Amiira



Digger



Skittles



Betty

CURRENTLY IN REHABILITATION

P roject hope horses farewelled

It is with much sadness and heartache I let you know our dear mini PHHWV Daisy had to be laid to rest. She was coughing and breathing noisily. The vet scoped her and found that the cartilage in her oesophageal/trachea area had become enlarged. She was having trouble eating grass so I fed her soft mash which she used to enjoy. But she didn't want this anymore and her breathing was noisy. I knew something was not right. She had so much fire and might and knew what she wanted right until the very end. She wanted to eat fresh grass but she couldn't swallow it. She then stood there quietly and cuddled into my thighs (being all of 9.2hh). My daughter sat with her and she nestled her head in her lap. She was telling us—it was time.

Claire Kent & Family

RIP beautiful Daisy



Crossing the Rainbow Bridge

I stood beside your bed last night, I came to have a peep
 I could see that you were crying; you found it hard to sleep
 I whinnied to you softly as you brushed away a tear
 'It's me, I haven't left you. I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here'

I was with you at my grave today; you tend it with such care
 I want to reassure you, that I'm not lying there
 I walked with you toward the house as you fumbled for your key
 I put my head against you, nickered and said, 'it's me'

You looked so very tired and sank into a chair
 I tried so very hard to let you know that I was standing there
 It's possible for me to be so near you every day
 To say to you with certainty, 'I never went away'

You sat there very quietly, then smiled; I think you knew
 In the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you
 And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide
 I'll gallop across to greet you and we'll stand there side by side

I have so many things to show you, there's so much for you to see
 Be patient, live your journey out, then come home to be with me.

P HHWV—Member's Page



HEY!!! CAN ANYBODY HELP PLEASE!!!

PHHWV receives many calls and emails from people planning to own a horse asking for our advice on what horse ownership entails. We would like to produce an information sheet on 'the cost of owning a horse'. Would anyone like to take on this project? We have an original document as a guide but would like to put an updated version on the website. If you think you would like to take on this mini project please contact rhonda@phhwv.org.au

We also need help with:

- Horse Representatives
- Fundraising
- Website updating
- Instagram management
- Advertising PHHWV events externally
- Short Term Carer of horses surrendered
- Long Term Carer of horses once rehabilitated
- Grant applications
- Membership engagement and promotion
- Data entry and recording
- Events organisation and attendance

If you would like to know more, please contact Rhonda Petschel

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A nd finally.....

The mystery that is the English Language! Hacking!!!!

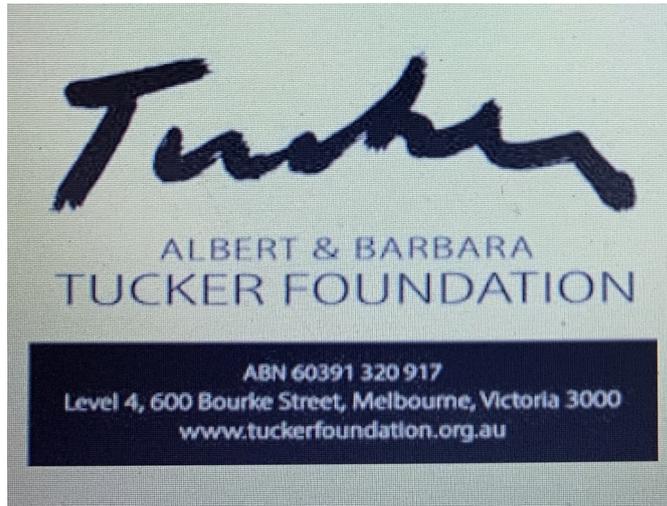


And finally, finally

“There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humour and the other is patience.”

John Lyons

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