

PROJECT HOPE

HORSE

WELFARE VICTORIA

Annual Report 2018



PHHWV is a non-profit volunteer organisation committed to providing hope for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation & advocacy.

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President's Report

We can be proud to celebrate the past 12 months with some extraordinary achievements. We have our first official sponsor Scoot Boots, and Boneo Park Equestrian Centre has saddled up as a supporter. Our Horse Reporting digital app is nearly complete, as is the 'Gift Horse' appeal project, while many more projects with Swinburne University are on the horizon. A big thank you to Sue Smith for her endless motivation and inspiration in coordinating these projects.

Our new website is underway and will showcase some of our beautiful horses who took part in photo shoots with a group of amateur photographers. These images will also be part of our merchandising and PR projects for 2019.

We have seen 10 horses complete training under saddle, with a number of them finding forever homes. We still have 20+ horses in Short Term Care and our committee - with member support - are working hard to find the best homes for them. We are so pleased to see members with Long Term Care horses embracing the Transfer of Ownership for the horses they have loved and taken great care of for so long. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in caring for and managing our horses, who truly deserve our love and attention.

A recent audit of our membership has seen a decrease in active members and with that, a significant reduction in our Short Term Care capacity, which unfortunately has meant we are limited in the number of surrendered horses we can accept at the moment. We continue to promote education through Horse Representative visits and to build our relationship with the RSPCA and local councils to provide us with options wherever possible.

With our dedicated and motivated Committee, we will continue to promote new membership, provide education to the community and continue to rehabilitate the horses in our care.

Thank you to all our members for your ongoing support as we move into the next exciting phase of Project Hope's development.

Minda Blake

President

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria



Scoot Boot is an Australian start-up company that produces innovative hoof boots for barefoot horses

The Scoot Boot is the unique work of Dave MacDonald, the inventor of the world's first practical, multi-purpose hoof boot 'the Old Mac'. Early on, Dave recognised that there was an alternative to shoeing and began developing a boot that would support horse's hooves while allowing the horse to be kept as close to natural as possible.

Since then, the Scoot Boot has experienced global success, becoming one of the most popular hoof boots on the market.

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Treasurer's Report

for the financial year 1st March 2017 to 28th February 2018

Attached you will find the formal Financial Tax Review conducted by accounting firm Krammers Accountants. This Profit & Loss statement and Balance Sheet outline in detail the financial position of the association.

Briefly, a comparison between the 2017 and 2018 financial years is as follows:

Total Income:	\$73,519 – a decrease of \$8,311 from the previous year
Total expenditure:	\$84,194 – an increase of \$11,785 from the previous year
Admin expenses:	\$20,374 – an increase of \$3,047 from the previous year
Horse expenses:	\$66,308 – an increase of \$11,126 from the previous year
Overall loss:	\$10,674 for the financial year.

As mentioned at last year's AGM, the projected increase in Horse Expenditure has eventuated with expenditure up by \$11,126.

However, taking into consideration the profit shown last year with the loss this year, with cash at bank and assets behind it, Project Hope's financial position is still strong.

With the continued, wonderful and generous support of our members, some who provide Long Term Care and Short Term Care at no cost to themselves, we look forward to another challenging but rewarding year.

Shirley McPherson
Treasurer
Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria



Our Treasurer Shirley's much loved Welsh mountain pony Bonnie, with her (now 32 year old) daughter Shama showing great riding promise at the tender age of 4. Shirley bought Bonnie to share her love of horses with her children. Shama adored Bonnie, who lived to age 37 and died in her sleep.

Vice-President's Report

So another PHHWV year has passed and what a year it has been! It has become abundantly clear that monetary funds are critical as other horse rescue groups close due to lack of funds to care for their horses but the big difficulty we face is a lack of people, specifically members. We need more to spread the load to help with horses and the very important boring admin jobs. There is a band of a few people who have been working their seats off for Project Hope carrying the worries and difficulties on too few shoulders for a long time without complaining.

Finding good homes has never been harder not just for us but for all horse rescues. It is not easy or glamorous but it is truly rewarding and it is time we told everyone just how it is !

Well over half our members have Project Hope horses and because of their great care they live long healthy lives but when things change in a member's life i.e., they get old or sick, move house, their marriage breaks up, etc. The Project Hope horse comes back on the short-term list for us to find a home and this has happened many times this year, highlighting our need to ensure there is provision for their care. We must look after the horses the horses with PHHWV in front of their names they are our horses they belong to Project Hope and ALL the members.

Most of the horses we take in need extra care of some sort as in dressing wounds, special feeding or handling so they can have basic horse care done, so we need members that can help. The news I want to break to the members, we need (wo)man power, so please spread the word amongst your friends. I have met some amazing people since getting involved in Project Hope and made good friends don't keep it to yourself tell everyone.

I want to close with this fact: if you are a member of Project Hope you have a share in 219 horses! Some of us are lucky enough to have one or more in our paddock but as members we all share the joy of 219 happy horses that are Project Hope horses.

Angela Smith
Vice-President



About Ernie and our Horse Database

An active member of Project Hope for over 16 years, my desire to join came from the story of a poor little pony aptly named 'Creature' that Project Hope had rescued, and I've been following his now-wonderful life ever since.

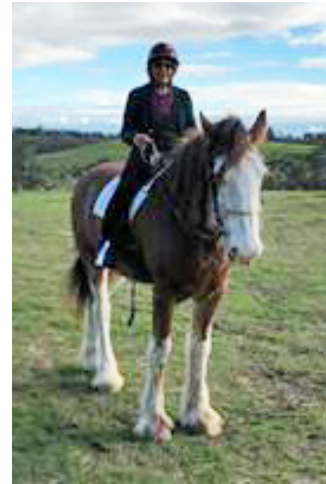
I wanted to personally make a difference to as many neglected and abused horses as possible, so when we bought a small house on acreage in Nar Nar Goon, I started looking after PH horses for badly needed rehabilitation and care in both short term and long term circumstances.

Ernie (below) is our wonder boy 4 yo Clydesdale and my 6th Project Hope horse I have cared for. We have an exceptional bond due to the appalling condition he was in when rescued. I have had him for nearly two years now and our relationship is pure joy!

Here he is upon rescue, and here I am on him a couple of weeks ago:



PH Ernie upon rescue



PH Ernie with Linda recently

As a Committee member, I work to make the administration as streamlined and accurate as possible. This requires regular communication with other Committee members and those who have PH horses in their care. My role of Horse Database Coordinator requires ensuring that our horses have a paper trail that is accurate and up-to-date, making sure Long Term Leases are easily accessible, ensuring Transfer of Ownership records are updated, recording our PH horses who have passed on, and making contact with members who have our horses in their care. Until recently we did not have the human resources available to make much contact with our members with horses, but I am at a stage in my life where I can dedicate the time to do so and I genuinely enjoy hearing how our members and their horses are doing! There is also documenting new and transitioning horses to the Short Term Care list. The Short Term Care list documents our horses with the greatest and most urgent need for finding Long Term ('forever') homes - requiring constant updating, so communication between everyone is very important. Now, after a very long time, I have finally contacted - or tried to make contact with - all current members with horses in Long Term Care (~200 horses). If you haven't heard from me, it would be great to hear from YOU so that I can update your record accurately and find out how you are doing!

Very best to all with PH!

Linda Menzies

Project Hope Committee member

Horse Database Coordinator

The Light Horse and the centenary of the Charge at Beersheba

It is 100 years since the thousands of Australians and their Light Horse galloped into history in the Middle East. For the official commemoration ceremonies, Project Hope members in East Gippsland and Project Hope horses participated - including before 4,000 people at the Shrine of Remembrance. Our Project Hope horses withstood low-flying jets roaring overhead, just as their famous counterparts did in the First World War.



PHHWV Nicholas Haych on parade with the 13th Gippsland Light Horse, ridden by Tracey Hopkins for the centenary commemoration 2018



The 13th Gippsland Light Horse at the Bairnsdale Christmas Street Parade with Nicholas Haych the bay, at right

And from the sidelines ...

In my Committee work for Project Hope I get to meet some of our 'hardcore' or 'active' members. We are so rich in the quality of our membership!

I've been at our Gisborne storage shed with Rose Caunt, who has been quietly managing all our stuff, including preparing kits for stalls and display, tracking all our boxes of merchandise, as well as crocheting hats to raise funds for us – and we hauled out all the donated rugs and measured them. Rose told me about her young friend PH Prelude aka Ludie, one of the mass-rescue horses in care, who she has been getting to know.



Rose Caunt



PH Prelude



For our newsletter I get to interview members and it's such a privilege to visit them at home, to meet their horses, and to find out about their lives and work with Project Hope. People like the fabulous Kerryn Solomon (pictured left) who has, I think, the record for the most horses taken into care: 65, and counting. Seeing her with her beautiful animals is a real treat.

... from the sidelines, continued

It's a long way from Castlemaine to Bairnsdale for the East Gippsland Field Days 'Equestrian Expo', but it was worth it to meet wonderful Project Hope members Lynne Brehaut, her daughter Kristin, and John Couzens, who has renowned Light Horse PH Nicholas Haych. Lynne generously brought her horses along each day for the Project Hope stall and was unflinching in her kindness, unflappable in her capability (the fastest horse yard installation ever!) and also fed us the best homemade sandwiches. She'd made trays of pot plants decorated in our purple and aqua colours for sale. One of her many adoring young school pupils came and helped with the horses. John Couzens was endlessly charming, energetic with the tin rattling and worked the crowd like the true entertainer he is.



Young Samuel helping out at Bairnsdale



John Couzens on the hustings at our stall at the East Gippsland Field Days 'Equestrian Expo'

I've been on Committee for a couple of years now, and for most of my time the wonderful Mark Dean has been there too, holding the financial show together and a whole lot more. His amusement at my computer ineptitude is quickly followed by highly useful help, and I can't tell you how much I miss him. As he's markedly camera-shy, the photo below includes part of his arm. But it's a true portrait in the sense that there he is, on the ground, doing the work of rescuing the dear horses. While he's officially retired from the Committee, his work for Project Hope continues in myriad Mark ways, quietly and highly effectively.

Julia Murray

Committee member

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria

