

## Equine Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday 15 August 2024 at 5:30pm

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### 1. Welcome, Housekeeping & Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale acknowledges that the land of the district is the traditional country of the Noongar people. We recognise their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the lands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Meeting opened at: 5:36pm

### 2. Meeting information and attendance

#### Attendance

| Name              | Organisation/Representative Position                  |
|-------------------|---|
| Denelle Kennedy   | (Chair) Keeping of Retired & Companion Horses         |
| Jayne Lavendar    | (Deputy Chair) Keeping of Retired & Companion Horses  |
| Emma Wilcock      | Equestrian Disciplines                                |
| Mike Guerds       | Racing Industry Representative                        |
| Cr. Tricia Duggin | Councillor Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale             |
| Cr. Nathan Bishop | Councillor Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale (via Teams) |

#### Shire Officers and Invited Speakers

| Name | Title |
|------|-------|
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|-----------------|--|
| Kylie Pitman    | Acting Director Community Engagement           |
| Jason Parker    | Coordinator Youth and Recreational Development |
| Paula Vaughan   | Equine Officer                                 |
| Thomas Vassallo | Coordinator Community Safety                   |

## Apologies

| Name                     | Title                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dr. Heather Stewart-Rowe | Leisure and Trail Representative |

## 3. Discussion Item One

### Large Animal Evacuation presented by Thomas Vassallo

- Scenarios that the LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee) had acted upon in a desktop training exercise.

#### Update:

- Evacuation of large animals section on Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale website.
- FESA or Shire will decide which evacuation centre will be used for large animals. Discourage club members with keys from opening grounds for large animal evacuation as they will not have all the relevant information about the nature of the emergency.
- Shire can access feed, water, buckets for evacuated animals.
- Anticipated difficulties: unhandled or poorly handled livestock; people / businesses not having sufficient spaces to transport all their animals at the same time requiring multiple trips; separating mares / stallions; inexperienced volunteers.
- Shire cannot accept donated items or volunteers due to risks involved.
- Shire encourages all large animal owners to have up to date bushfire evacuation plans with particular reference to removing stock from their properties.

## 4. Discussion Item Two

### Equine Officer Report presented by Paula Vaughan

#### Trails

- New subdivisions with trails being considered.



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- L33 Hopkinson. Emergency services track to southern boundary linking into Gossage Road underpass. Also link on eastern side under discussion with the developer in case DBCA refuse access to their firebreak around Cardup Nature Reserve.
- L207 Kargotich (W of Byford Meadows) Developer proposed equine trail along western boundary next to Kargotich. Kargotich will have an increased speed limit so trail here is not ideal without a barrier. Planning department were provided with suitable trail barrier information to discuss with developer.
- L290 Kargotich. Link is proposed to connect Country Drive with Kargotich in Oakford.
- L9001 Utley. Emergency Services track n-s along length on western side of lot and along half length along eastern side. Uncertain whether this shorter link will connect to Tallagandra Reserve.
- Ops team developing schedule of maintenance for equine trails in conjunction with Equine Officer and Emergency Services team.

## Facilities

- Equine Officers has visited State Equestrian Centre; Orange Grove (Karinya) and Dryandra Equestrian parks to look at undercover arenas and surfaces.
- Darling Downs Residents Association meeting was in July. It is DDRA who are negotiating with the help of Hugh Jones for a sound wall for Comic Court Trail. Equine Officer looped into this but no resolution yet.
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Kelmscott Adult Riders Club have recently been offered a licence for use of Serpentine Sports Grounds. Meeting with all 3 clubs on 7 August 2024 where the question of a new storage shed was raised.

## Signage/branding

- Will be completed in house. Scope to be decided before Christmas.

## Equine Road Safety Campaign wrap-up

- Social Media reach 38,701 using targeted advertising and approx. 140,000 organic reach. Radio reach approx. 356,919. Great success.
- Initial post had 52 shares and 200 likes. One of Shire SJ best performing posts. Positive comments from locals and people across the state.
- Shire President was interviewed on ABC radio about the campaign.
- Interest from Shire of Armadale and Shire of Plantagenet to run the campaign.
- Bin stickers remained popular.

## Jarrahdale Trails

- DBCA putting in some equestrian infrastructure at Jarrahdale Oval as part of the scope for the new trails. DBCA on track to complete the short trail by end 2024 and moderate trail by mid 2025.
- Trail names chosen: short trail – JINKER; moderate trail - BIG BROOK



## 5. General Business

### Items from members

- Discussion around current drainage issues around Darling Downs. Shire public forum discussing drainage issues for residents was widely advertised by DDRA as it largely affected the residents of that area.
- Member wanted to note that the Equine Advisory Group should continue to advocate for small projects that are achievable as well as the larger “big picture” projects.

## 6. Meeting Close 7:06pm

