

Newsletter November 2010

From the President

Well it's nearly the end of the year again and the end of another riding year!

Thank you to all those who have helped out again this year, not only in the various committees but also by just turning up on riding day and pitching in.

This year we have again had some very generous donations and corporate support that has allowed us to progress the centre a little further this year.

The biggest donation this year was the money allocated to us to build the cover for the arena. We are thankful and more than thrilled that the application went through. As most of you may have seen the materials have all arrived and the arena is being readied for the construction phase. The builder hopes to start in the next week or so, and we are hoping that it will be mostly up by Christmas time. Once construction starts we may have to shorten the riding year as it will be too dangerous to ride while construction is underway.....but it will be great not to have any rainy day cancelations, and no getting burnt out in the sun next year!

I would like to say thank you personally to a few people. Mark, thank you for the work you have done organising the mammoth task of the covered arena. It's been a huge amount of work but you have persevered with it, and we can't wait to see the fruits of your efforts. Carole, thank you for continually applying for grants, which have helped our centre and for not giving up whenever we received a "sorry, not successful this year" letter. Jacques thanks to you for organising all the Saturday afternoon busy bees. In addition, of course a Big Thank you to all the volunteers who week after week come to help with the horses and riders. Without the tremendous support of all you wonderful people we would not have a centre at all.

Last but not least, I will sign off by wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Hope you all have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

Regards - Michael Hidding

From the Horses and Coaches

After another successful year of riding we would like to thank all our volunteers for your time and commitment which without you all this program would not be possible.

Due to the good weather we have had to cancel only a couple of lessons this year which has been great. It has been fantastic to see many of our riders now off the lead line for the main part of the lesson due to their riding ability improvement.

Sadly Kim our Saturday coach will be leaving us this year, but will be popping in from time to time for a catch up.

We need all applications in for interest in next year's riding program ASAP so we can make sure none of our existing riders are disappointed. The registration fee and insurance combined for next year has risen to \$75.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year when you will be able to help us celebrate the opening of our new arena.

Regards - Diane Hindley.

Fundraising Committee

Although the fundraising committee has been a bit quiet through 2010 in relation to events, we have still been doing grants to raise funding and this year were fortunate enough to have received \$21,000 from the Paul Newman Foundation to purchase two specially designed saddles from America (Independent Strides) and a new hoist.

Further, we received \$8000 from the movies by Burswood (Mbb) for the help in the season 2009/2010. Unfortunately, due to some changes in the arrangements with the board from MBB, we are not invited to attend this year. We do have the value cards which are \$55 each and these give you great discounts on movie passes and free popcorn etc. If you would like to purchase one (great Christmas present), just see the office staff. We would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who had said they were willing to help out this year. We also received \$1000,= from the Lions Club and Apache once again donated \$5000 So you can see we certainly have been blessed. Not to forget Mundijong Rural Supplies, who have donated all the horse feed this year. Thank you so much for that.



Of course, we cannot forgo the fact that we have received a huge amount of money for a cover of the arena from Lotteries West. Our centre had to put money towards this project as well, which is where most of the fund are allocated to. We are still looking for some electricians, so anyone who would be willing to help out please give us a call.



Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the fundraising committee in 2010 and we look forward to an even more successful fundraising campaign in 2011 when we hold the arena opening.

Regards - Carole

Fundraising Committee President