

WHO IS THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA?

The horse industry is everyone directly or indirectly involved with horses.



WHAT IS THE WA HORSE COUNCIL?

The Western Australian Horse Council provides a statewide voice for all horse issues - representing racing, pacing, breeding, sport, show and pleasure riding, as well as associated groups such as transport, stock feed and saddlery suppliers, veterinarians, farriers etc. Its aim is to contribute to the growth and development of the horse industry in WA.

The WAHC is working with the Australian Horse Industry Council to link all equine industries nationally, enabling them to become a forceful lobby group to influence the State and Federal governments in recognising the importance of the equine industry in providing revenue and employment and to protect the rights of horse owners.

WHY DO WE NEED A WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HORSE COUNCIL?

Within Australia the Horse Industry is the 3rd largest employer of people. Traditionally it is made up of many small groups and this fragmentation has made it difficult for the industry to be heard by decision makers, on matters that affect all areas of the industry.

Over the past years we have become increasingly involved in a number of issues that affect all horse owners - now or in the future. Some of the issues we were involved with included the Stable Fly - resulting in the partial ban on the use of chicken manure in horticulture. We now has representation on the Local Government Stable Fly Working Group. The Horse Council became involved in the successful opposition to the proposed restriction of the riding trails at Bold Park, and successfully lobbied on behalf of all horse owners against the proposed closure of the horse beach at Wanneroo. The WA Horse Council has been involved with the Australian Horse Industry Council in promoting the National Code of Practice and Risk Management Strategies, which will increase safe practices and make the Industry more attractive to insurance companies.

With your support the Horse Council wants to create a strong, clear voice on issues that affect everyone involved with horses and ensure a secure future for the horse industry.

HOW CAN THE WA HORSE COUNCIL SUPPORT YOU?

We are working with Federal, State and Local Government to further the interests of all horse owners.

We can put you in touch with regional groups or individuals with similar concerns and can provide you with important information or take up issues on your behalf.

Our aim is to have the interests of horse owners recognised before government or local council decisions are made and policies formulated.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE WA HORSE COUNCIL?

It's very easy! Become an individual member and ensure your club/association also joins. The strength of any group is in the number of its members, and **your membership counts**. If you have a particular interest or passion, you could become involved in a portfolio. If you've already had an involvement with a particular horse problem with your shire or a government department then offer your expertise to other individuals or groups through the WAHC.

For further information please contact Diane Bennit ph: 9291 0202 or email bennit@optusnet.com.au

WAHC MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Organisation Membership

Individual Membership

Organisations (per annum):

- 1) Under 50 members - \$40 per annum
- 2) 50 - 100 members - \$80 per annum
- 3) 100 plus members - \$100 per annum

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(per annum)

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