



Newsletter

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Presidents Report

Firstly, I hope you all enjoy our new Newsletter format, we hope it is easy reading and you enjoy the stories and successes we have to share.

With the drought still in full swing in many areas of NSW and VIC our work is continuing steadily. However, without the help of much needed volunteers the work that we do simply can not continue. With several show visits and some great fundraising initiatives planned, we need your help.

You will find a copy of the Horses in Drought Inc. Membership Application forms in this newsletter. Please consider becoming a member, it truly is a very rewarding experience.

The current committee is stretched to the limit and are finding it difficult to concentrate on the "real" issues to enable us to continue, Horses in Drought Inc. are searching for a suitable Member to take on the role of Secretary on our Committee. Also, we are currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone in QLD, WA, SA, and NT that would like to become a Member of our Committee. Please contact me at president@horsesindrought.org.au or on ph 0410 573 124 for further information.

I would like to extend my thanks to our newest sponsor **eco2000** and Meri Bennetts for their support and encouragement. Read more about **eco2000** and how you can purchase their products through Horses in Drought Inc. in this edition.

I also take this opportunity to say thank you to the small number of Members and our Committee, who's tireless efforts over the past six months have exceeded all my expectations. We are only a small team, but hopefully we can build our membership through the experience and knowledge we have all gained. Keep up the fight.

Finally I extend my thanks to all the people that have registered to give horses temporary homes. Unfortunately we are having a hard time convincing some owners that temporarily re-locating horses will be of benefit to them. As a horse owner myself, I understand about not wanting to let my best friends out of my sight, but we need to put the horses welfare first.

A large number of horses that we have registered in need of assistance are not fit to travel, and thus placing them in temporary homes is not possible. These are the horses that we need to provide feed for. If you are aware of anyone needing our assistance, please let us know.

We value your feedback, and would love to receive any comments or questions you have regarding Horses in Drought Incorporated.

**Nicole Pearce
 President**

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Meet our Members

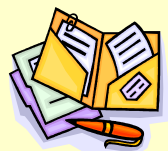


Thank you

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News

Horses in Drought Incorporated welcome our new Sponsor, eco2000. A special thank you to Meri Bennetts for all her support and encouragement. We value our sponsors, and hope that you can support them through purchasing eco2000 products through Horses in Drought Incorporated.

Horses in Drought Incorporated and eco2000 are giving you the chance to purchase all your eco2000, Balmers Blend and Colloidal Silver products through Horses in Drought Inc at a reduced price. For every purchase made through Horses in Drought Inc. eco2000 will donate a percentage directly to our feed relief fund.

Price lists and information are available by contacting us at horsesindrought@yahoo.com



How can I help?

We have had a number of people contact us that either cannot afford to make a financial donation, have registered on our database to provide temporary homes for horses that we are currently unable to utilise, or would just like to lend a hand. Here are a number of ways that you can help us to provide a little relief to drought effected horses.

Rugs, and any sort of gear in relatively good condition that we can forward on to our clients are more than appreciated. Other items that have proven to be useful are donations of wormers, medicated washes, horse fly spray, fly masks, rescue remedy, salt/mineral licks and vitamin / mineral supplements. We have even had some dog food, chook feed, a frozen chook, books, and other bits and pieces donated. Even the every-day human stuff is always appreciated.

Horses in Drought Incorporated often attend local shows, markets, and trade fairs. Lend an hour or two of your time at one of these shows, we always welcome as many volunteers and help as offered. Occasionally we need assistance in loading feed trucks for delivery, many hands make light work and any offers to lend a hand when required are also a great help.

Selling raffle tickets and promoting our fundraising events at your local school, shops, kindergarten, community groups is another way to assist the HID team.

Stay tuned to our Website for details and more information on upcoming fundraisers. We would love to hear from anyone willing to lend a hand.

Drought update



Although the eastern coastal areas of NSW have had some significant rainfall in the last two months, there is still no relief for our Central NSW farmers. As at 15 March 2005, 67.9% of NSW was drought declared, 14.1% Marginal, and 18.0% Satisfactory. This has now increased as at 11 April 2005, 75.8% of NSW is drought declared, 12.6% Marginal and 11.6% Satisfactory.

Victoria experienced drier than average conditions throughout March, especially in the North West of the State. Locusts plagues are still causing havoc for farmers in the areas north of Nathalia, some areas of Mallee, west of Rochester and Raywood near Bendigo. Victoria's Mallee region has now been granted EC (Exceptional Circumstances) declaration. Farmers in this area will be now eligible to apply for full drought support through the Department of Primary Industries.

Once again there is talk of El Nino conditions returning, however it is too early in the year for authorities to confirm.

What's Happening

NSW Team Report



The past few months we have been busy raising funds to purchase more feed, and also again getting the word out that HID Inc. are here to help.

We have been busy updating the Website with new information and the launch of our new forum. Check it out at <http://www.horsesindrought.org.au>

Sydney Super Swap Meet Report

The NSW Team attended the Sydney Super Swap Meet on Sunday 20 February at Hawkesbury Showgrounds. Now anyone who knows Hawkesbury showground knows that when it rains, the place turns into a bog pit, and rain it did. And guess where we had to park, in the biggest mud hole in the joint, talk about an irony. It had briefly stopped raining by 6:30am, so we put up our little gazebo, and set everything up. Well, 7:00am and down came the rain.

All I can say is THANK GOODNESS FOR ECO 2000 WET AWAY!! Our stand had the only dry bodies in the place. Had all the neighbours come and share our tent. They wouldn't share their cake with us though!

Well the result was a cold windy day, but we stuck it out and managed to get the word around that HID are here to help. A fun day was had by all.

Coming Events

The NSW team are currently planning our next feed delivery.

The **Penrith Pet Expo** being held in August at Penrith Panthers is also on our list of things happening. If you are interested in lending a hand over the two days of this event, please contact us.

Check out our **Mothers Day Fundraiser** [Click here](#) for more information.

Stay tuned to our Website for info on our **On-Line Trivia Night**, to be held mid May 2005.

VIC Team Report



Greetings everyone

VIC team have been hard at promoting our plight these past few months, and catching up with our supporters and sponsors.

We'd like to say welcome to our new supporter Pets United. Their shop is located here in Highett, VIC. Pop in and say hello to Gillian, also ask to make a donation to HID!

Also a very biggest thanks to Minita Halters, for outfitting our show team with gorgeous cable halters, and a donation to our raffle.

We were delighted to be included in the November 2004 – January 2005 edition of the Horsepower Magazine. Our HID Mascot Spirit was featured in a full page spread, telling his story. We hope to have updates on Spirit in future issues of this magazine. We thank Lauryn and Horsepower for their wonderful support.

Spirit our HID mascot is fat, healthy and very very cuddly. Had a few months off just resting in the paddock. Both Spirit and BES St Nicholas our mini horse are enjoying doing nothing. I have organised for myself and hubby to attend a driving workshop at our breaker in Bendigo, so hopefully he will be out in harness soon. Our Cart is now home and waiting for Spirit to get out there and have some fun. BES St Nicholas, is looking forward to maybe a performance career. I am hoping to attend some mini horse performance days just to see what he is capable of, hopefully in the near future.

Special Thanks: eco2000 Meri Bennetts and husband John without you id go crazy!

I can be contacted for eco2000 and Balmers Blend products at our website, or call me 0423 123276.

Cheers from Sam, and Vic show team, Spirit and St Nicholas...

Meet our Members



As a new edition to our Newsletter, each month we will be featuring a brief story on one of our members. If you have an interesting story to share, or the HID Committee nominates you as one of our outstanding members, we would love to include you in our next Newsletter.

Write to us at horsesindrought@yahoo.com or c/o Kurrajong Post Office, Kurrajong NSW, 2758, and include a recent photo of yourself (along with a stamped self addressed envelope for post mail, so that we can return your photo) and a brief story on you and your horses.

Introducing Nicole Pearce, President, Horses in Drought Inc.

Nicole is the founding member and President of HID Inc. Apart from her commitment to HID, Nicole also works full-time as an Executive Assistant, runs a busy household, and is the mother of her lovely 3yo daughter and two Arabian horses.

Nicole has been involved in horses for about 20 of her 32 years, of which, many were spent successfully competing at Australian Championship levels with her Arabians. She is committed to life long learning, and is always increasing her knowledge and love of her horses in what little spare time she has.

Nicole is a dedicated volunteer and also assists her husband in his Rural Fire Services pursuits. When Nicole is not talking horses, she can be found enjoying a day out at the beach, or having fish and chips at the local takeaway with her family.

Nicole's philosophy on horses: "I believe that if we choose to have horses in our lives then we must provide for them as best we can. Domesticated horses cannot look after themselves, and so to be a responsible horse owner, we must ensure that their needs are always met. They didn't choose us, we choose them."

Thank you

VIC Branch Big thanks go out to: Pets United, eco2000, Cedar Lodge Rugs, BES Miniatures, Moorobar Stud, Lyndsey Barber from National Miniature Register, and Lauryn from Horsepower Magazine.

Thank you to Minita Halters & Miniature Stud for their generous donation of a digital camera, and browband.

Contact the Committee

The Horses in Drought Committee can be contacted as follows:

Via our Website: [Contacts](#)

Via Mail:

Horses in Drought Incorporated
c/o Kurrajong Post Office
Kurrajong NSW 2758

Phone: 0423 123 276 or 0410 573 124

All donations can be forwarded to the above address.

Membership Applications

Horses in Drought Incorporated Membership Applications 2005

Become a member now, it truly is a very rewarding experience.

All membership funds go towards running costs and helping horses in need. Your membership will be valued and you will receive a monthly member update, along with a Horses in Drought Member cap. Membership will be valid for 12 months from your date of application. You will also receive access to our new Members Only Community Forum on our Website.

Horses in Drought Inc. encourage members to be actively involved in assisting with our fundraising events, by selling raffle tickets, chocolates and attending promotional events and functions.

All members are entitled to attend Committee and Annual General Meetings.

Membership Fees:

Single - \$15

Family - \$25

Business - \$200

Business Members will receive three months free banner advertising via the Horses in Drought Inc. Website Home page (<http://www.horsesindrought.org.au>), along with a link under our sponsors page for the period of your membership. We also offer the opportunity for distribution of your promotional flyers and products via our showbags and general newsletter circulation. You will also receive access to our new Members Only Community Forum on our Website.

To become a member, please complete the below Application for Membership forms and return to Horses in Drought Inc. along with your money order or cheque (made payable to "Horses in Drought Incorporated") to:

**Horses in Drought Incorporated
C/o Kurrajong Post Office
Kurrajong NSW 2758**

Please contact us should you prefer to make your payment via direct deposit.

For further information or enquiries, please contact Nicole Pearce, president on 0410 573 124 or Samantha Merritt, Vice President on 0423 123 276.

Application for Membership of Association

Horses in Drought Incorporated

(incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984*)

I
(full name of Applicant)

Of
(address)

.....
(occupation)

hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

..... (signature of applicant) (date)

I
(Full name)

a member for the association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

..... (signature of proposer) (date)

I
(Full name)

a member for the association, second the nomination, of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

..... (signature of seconder) (date)

Application for Membership of Association
Horses in Drought Incorporated
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Please find enclosed cheque/money order for:

Single Membership - \$15
Family Membership - \$25
Business Membership - \$200

Name: _____

Address: _____

DOB: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to receive Monthly Members updates:

By Post

By Email

I would like to receive the Horses in Drought Inc quarterly newsletter:

By Post

By Email

Signed _____ Date _____

Please contact us should you prefer to pay your membership fees via direct deposit.

Thank you for supporting Horses in Drought Incorporated.