

Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management



Meeting details

Meeting title:	Committee of Management
Date:	26 th February 2025, 7.30 pm
Location:	Leighdale Equestrian Centre or via Zoom

Attendees	Title
Rachael Black	General Comm
Kirsty Blake	GDCD
Kate DiLecce	Assistant Secretary/Barwon Hunt
Tanya Goldsworthy	General Committee
Emily Grisby	Casual User
Pixie Heath	GDCD
Christa Jones	GDCD
Erin	
Emma Judge	Inverleigh Riding Club
Tom McCann	President
Diane Lang	Vice President
Suzanne Mowat	Inverleigh Riding Club
Alicia Mummery	Secretary
Mark Mummery	Treasurer and Maintenance Officer
LeeAn Rigsby	BTRC
Apologies	Title
Kate Murry	BTRC
Kat Schneider	Golden Plains Shire

Opening/apologies

Minutes of previous meeting – 29th January 2025

Business arising from previous minutes –

3 phase refund – MM stated it had been received

Booking system update – AM working through

Paid arena dragging – RB \$30 for indoor. TM suggested if user groups don't harrow they get charged. KB feels that user groups should be harrowing all areas. General discussion about what should be done at the end of use. Per the User Group

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Agreement all arenas should be harrowed after all rallies or events and the club rooms cleaned each time. If a club doesn't, the messenger group should be informed and the paid person shall be organised and paid by the user group.

Quote for shipping containers – RB Looked at 20ft \$2,860, 40ft \$2,970. If we had a 40ft we would divide in half for storage and judge area. PC have tidied up their shed and the pressure is off from their point of view. AM has approached council to ask for approval for a container.

New shed quote – KB – Zane in Banno, 6x6 \$23,383.46 supply and install incl permits but not on concrete slab. Eureka sheds \$18,725 with concrete slab, all inclusive.

Concrete arena entrances – KB quote was \$2,300, new quote of \$1,790 but not available to do job till May. Discussion about alternatives as many don't want concrete. TM proposed to concrete the North end and leave the other for now, carried.

President Report - Nothing to add

Treasurer Report	Attached
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Secretary Report I have embarked on the training for the SpacetoCo Booking system roughly 60% through so it's coming along nicely so not far off. I have gained some much appreciated help form Frank DiLecce for the Website he is currently working it all out, this needs to be done for the SpacetoCo booking system to be functional. With the February Indoor Super Special, we have gained 15 New Google Forms. Thank you to Kirsty for taking the indoor bookings – took some pressure off. With the February Super Special, it has bought about the question of whether the pricing is wrong, I also would like to put out a little survey to the People who hired the indoor some suggestions are: How was their experience in the indoor? Did they use it because of the pricing special? Would they have used the Indoor, if the pricing wasn't on special?

Booking Officer Update KB moved the motion to change the price down to \$18 for private use of arena and \$15 for shared. Passed

Question about night bookings with lights.

Casual Users – Since the introduction of the 'Feb Favorites Indoor \$10 Hire' we have had 53 indoor bookings (bookings taken as of Sunday 23rd).

This is a super increase in usage compared to the previous month where there was not ANY casual user bookings taken.

This could also have been coincidental that school holidays had also ended and now parents 'are more available' to work horses (most bookings during school hours etc).

It is apparent some folks also struggle to register their attendance to the site which is a concern and the committee need to decide how this is to be addressed going forward? likewise multiple 'reschedules at late notice' etc is something I'm unsure a booking system will facilitate. (Something to be mindful of).

In all though 8/10 people have been brilliant to work with. One booking was missed as sent late in the evening for early the next day - but the member understood when I

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contacted them that it was very late notice.

I have had an offer from Nicole Wilks she could Harrow if needed for a free ride etc if we needed to explore this option.

I did decline one request for an evening booking using the lights based on the previously discussed lack of safe lighting to saddle unload etc in the area. So have again requested lightening quotes to see if this could be remedied before the shorter days come along (lighting has disappeared from the agenda from a few mths ago) potential prices have been forward to LEC. I we approve some lighting we do need to review costs as well please and also agree to set times (ie: 6am - 9pm?) etc.

We have had alot of positive feedback re the surface and the pricing especially that was on offer. I have had requests for this to continue and wonder if maybe we added some jumps to the indoor could we charge \$15? As an ongoing fee?

I would ask that all user groups have a little more respect for each other. I have assumed that when the grounds are booked for a club day that the indoor is harrowed at the conclusion of your use. In learning this isn't happening is very disappointing - as I try to manage keeping a good indoor surface for the casual users I do reply on the clubs doing the right and respectful thing. Maybe look for a midweek Harrow roster amongst the committee?

Cheers Casual User Rep Kirsty.

BH Report – All quiet for us at the moment. We have a lesson coming up on Saturday which should be a good day.

BTRC Report – Golden spurs 13 April. Have a grant for new letters. Memberships slow. Can we please spray arenas before 13 April? Sort out hardness in jumps arena. Discussion about setting up and taking down arenas. Questioned whether children could be on scooters and bikes. They are not.

GDCD Report – Our club recently hosted an OPEN morning as part of our Feb rally.

We had about 12-15 newbies come along for a free educational morning learning what Carriage driving and our club is all about. Whilst this was happening we also had members taking the opportunity with one on one lessons in the indoor, with other members driving around the grounds at their leisure.

It was great to hear some great feedback about the venue from some folks whom had never been to the site before. (Folks coming from Melb, melton, darley etc).

LPC Report – Pony Club are membership has grown and looks to continue that way, the committee will discuss capping membership numbers at 40 to ensure we keep the great culture created over the past 2 years. February rally was a hot one where members were greatly appreciative of the indoor arena and the water jump. The PC equipment shed has been cleaned up and some SJ pole racks removed from inside to create more space.

IRC Report - Nothing to report except they have picked up their new arenas. Discussion about storage of arenas.

Grounds Maintenance Update – Nothing to report



OTHER BUSINESS

Lighting Quotes – KB followed up on using hard stand area in the dark. Original quote was to be for spotlights on this and also on new solar lights. MM talked through the quote received. For now we are just looking for a light to light the parking area. MM to get a quote for one south facing light, if it is \$2000 including scissor lift hire go ahead.

Accounts Outstanding – Discussion on individuals owing
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Website Update

Weeds/maintenance of ménage arena – MM to organise spraying

Schedule for harrowing (dry weather, lack of water)

Casual user attendance record (Google form) – when we QR in, could there be a comments section?

Horseshoe latch on indoor entry gates – potential safety risk. Do we feel it needs to be changed? Nigel Lang will be approached for options.
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Liability forms - legal requirement for LEC? Do the grounds need to be proactive in liability forms? Yes
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Facebook booking system (interim) – if you have a page on FB you can use that for booking. Confident Space to Co will be up and running soon.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Next meeting 26 th March, 7.30pm
