

Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management



Meeting details

Meeting title:	Committee of Management
Date:	27 th August 2025, 7.30 pm
Location:	Leighdale Equestrian Centre

Attendees	Title
Rachael Black *	General Committee
Kirsty Blake *	Casual User Rep
Rhiannon Coyle *	Leighdale Pony Club
Kate DiLecce *	Assistant Secretary/Barwon Hunt/Interim VP
Frank DiLecce *	Barwon Hunt
Tanya Goldsworthy *	General Committee
Christa Jones *	GDCD
Trevor Jones *	GDCD
Emma Judge *	Inverleigh Riding Club
Louise Lawson *	BTRC
Tom McCann *	President
Suzanne Mowat *	Inverleigh Riding Club
Alicia Mummery *	Secretary
Emily Caldwell *	Casual User Rep
Lee-Anne Rigby *	BTRC
Anna Treloar-Tanner *	Leighdale Pony Club
Apologies	Title
Mark Mummery	Treasurer and Maintenance Officer
Kerrie Sawyer	Casual User Rep
Rod Ward	Golden Plains Shire

Opening/apologies – Moved Approved

Tom from council – evidence of rodents, recommend getting someone in or setting baits ourself. We are not set up for deep fryer, hygiene and safety, request cease using deep fryer. Air fryers are OK. Recommend some form of food handling qualification, can do online course. AM questioned if we can have a council training, Tom to find out.

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Minutes of previous meeting – 30th July 2025 moved by KB, seconded EJ.
Should reflect Louise absent.

President Report – still chasing Tristan for slip rails.

Treasurer Report – Attached

Secretary Report and Booking Officer Update – Correspondence Attached

Casual Users – Casual user report from Kirsty (only)

Kerri has the casual user survey responses, hopefully she can report further on this. Will have to be carried over to the next meeting.

I myself am currently locked out of the casual users emails as there has had to be a reset of all users access to the accounts as it was noted Lee Ann Rigby sent an email from the casual users email address. This in turn highlights real issues within the committee as those very people claiming a lack of trust, transparency and good governance are indeed those whom are consistently causing issues. The canning & slander I have received for my last newsletter means I will not be sending another. My efforts are only canned by the select few who actually point fingers name call, shit can the efforts of the exc and others who generally care yet rarely help and pitch in for the benefit of the grounds and its users.

Therefore this will be my last LEC meeting as I'm resigning as a Casual User Rep. I'm done giving for now, I'd rather sit with folks who appreciate all I offer and who celebrate the achievements I help to build.

Cheers and thanks to the exc who I truly believe are doing a good job in such hard and trying circumstances. Circumstances that they should not have to contend with as a group volunteers whom have the communities best interests at heart. I wish you strength to keep doing what you're doing.

Furthermore we've all sat in the room and witnessed Rachael, LeeAnne and Bronwyn misquote me on multiple times and falsely state that I have done things which I have not. I have actually never been in an environment that has allowed the ruthless and relentless bullying that has occurred here by a very select few very entitled individuals. If they choose to dedicate their energy into helping the team make this grounds a great space things would be so much more pleasant for all who turn up for the right reasons. I know I can hold my head high in the community and I've served the grounds well with benefits to all. Not just looking after myself for all things personal gain which is all too evident with some of the committee.

TM disappointed that you are leaving. If it wasn't for you doing the hard yards during the construction it wouldn't have got built. RB you sit and say that there has been bullying it has come both ways and you can't actually expect people to respect what you are saying when the way you deliver it is the way that you are. Not trying to be an a*hole. Grown up with a mother very similar to you the way that it is delivered is with a tone of aggression whether intentional or not is irrelevant. I know you've done great things. TG we say we need to move on but we don't. It never ends, we need to draw a line in the sand and move forward. TM we are all different in the way we communicate, some are more polished than others, some can be a bit smug. Need to recognise people are doing good work but struggling to communicate. Leave it at that.

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BH Report – Barwon had our Freshman's at Leighdale this month. Everybody had a great time. Thank you again to pony club for letting us use your jumps. The undercover surface was rutted in places but seemed a bit better after a good harrow.

BTRC Report - BTRC had a great rally, and we are pleased to let you know that our new 3PE trailer is now loaded and stored in the shed. This has made set up and pack up of the 3PE equipment much easier.

Unfortunately, we did encounter a few issues that need to be noted:

- The toilets were left unlocked, and one was running all night, which caused flooding around the undercover area
- Kitchen dishes had not been put away after use.

We reported both of these matters via email.

In addition, BTRC would like to formally raise concerns regarding comments made by the president, in reference to a "pseudo clinic". We believe that this situation has been unfairly handled. If there is an issue concerning one of our club members or committee members who may be doing something that doesn't align with the model rules, this should be brought to our attention in writing, with proof of this allegation. We are unaware of any of our members who have been misusing the centre in this way. Allegations like this can be harmful to the reputations of our club, its members and the instructors involved.

TM this was to casual users and not a member club. LAR said it was directed to her. It was not and TM said it was not meant to be.

BTRC also wishes to formally note that parts of the last meeting were not in line with model rules. BTRC felt as though the tone when reading the emails was very confrontational. The fact that those three emails were the only emails singled out on the night, when there were multiple other emails on the correspondence list, was disturbing. The whole situation was dealt with poorly and not in line with conflict resolution processes. TM apologised for tone. The emails were tabled.

BTRC are growing and constantly welcoming new members and we are looking forward to our next rally with the instructor, Jason James.

GDCD Report – GDCD held its show at the beginning of the month. Once again, there were many compliments on the quality of the arena surface. The only negative feedback received related to the arena entrance and exit, as the timber edge creates quite a bump. We understand this matter is already being addressed by those working at LEC, and we appreciate their efforts to resolve it in the near future.

When we arrived at LEC, we also noted that the urn had been left switched on. Fortunately, the power had cut out and no issue arose; however, this could have potentially become a safety concern. In addition, there were dishes left in the drying rack at the sink. As a general reminder, we kindly ask that all users ensure the venue is left in the condition they would like to find it.

We did hear some feedback that the last LEC meeting became a little tense. We know that everyone involved cares deeply about equestrian sports and the future of LEC, and we truly value the time and effort contributed by all user groups and committee members. With volunteers being the backbone of our sport, and everyone balancing busy schedules, creating a positive and respectful atmosphere

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makes it easier for people to step into these important roles. We are confident that, moving forward, meetings will continue in a cooperative and constructive spirit that benefits all involved.

Thanks,
Nicole Linic - GDCD President
on behalf of Christa Jones- GDCD Secretary

LPC Report – Last rally we had work carried on some of the XC. Did some mulching in prep for October comp. Rally next weekend which is a trail riding rally to be held offsite.

IRC Report - Not much to report. SM did clear the area around the wash bay so should drain properly now.

Grounds Maintenance Update

Weed spraying done.

Pest Control attended site to spray for pests per request from Tom from council. Will now be done every six months. Believe the gap under the roller door could be the issue. Waiting to hear from council to fix that and the roller door on the shed. Golden Plains Council Health Inspector attended grounds for Health Inspection. Attended grounds because of flooding from toilet malfunction. Council plumber attended site and fixed the problem.

New medical bed in first aid room, budget was \$300 and got it for \$75

As per the Health Inspectors Report the deep fryer can only be used under the rangehood in the kitchen and is to be emptied after EVERY use. If this is not complied with it is a breach of the Food Safety Standard and the deep fryer will be removed and banned from use on site.

As per Health Inspectors report the vanities in all toilets will be sealed by council maintenance staff.

Clubrooms fencing - Silky Finch has paid for the works so far for receiving clubrooms area. She is awaiting Kirsty to supply measurements for her signage in her preferred location which will be noted when next onsite.

Kirsty is proposing the two rails continue all the way around as it does look odd as is and now Silky is preferring to have her signs in a different location than an entry point. In discussions with the contractor who did the fencing this can be achieved for an extra \$500 +gst. So this is Kirsty's proposal that the grounds chip this part in for a tidier outcome. KB moved that the group puts in the \$500 to do double all the way round. Carried, unanimous.

Original quote was for single rail and as the sponsors wanted to put the second rail to accommodate signage. Worthy to note that Matt Parker put in the double rails.

Red back harrows – Have arrived. Kirsty negotiated with them to throw in two weights for free (saving \$150) in return for allowing a sign onsite for promo and a review to be completed online once in operation. Not ready to use yet, need to be set up. Kirsty is awaiting their signage.

Grants – Windfarm grant application rec'd and grounds encouraged to still apply as not all funds may be allocated within the application closure date. Early discussions have taken place with Jamie regarding funds for a new shed. Either entire or partial funding.

Asked if they would be interested in helping with a 2 door garage, \$18,500. Bolster

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up what we applied for last time. TM suggests if we can we get a drive through. EJ to do the shed one. AM to forward information to her. KS said that she would at the last meeting.

Cross Country Maintenance – Had some families chip in at the last rally. Nothing major has been done. Have two months so will get a rush on now. KD asked any requests for assistance be put out sooner rather than later. Barwon happy to assist.

Undercover Surface – General discussion about the surface. Will talk to Tristan when he comes to install slip rails.

Geohex – has been donated, needs to be laid. Council's maintenance person coming to do silicone around basins. When he comes can speak to him about doing it. TM timber only small at the entrance. Stone under, geohex and then crusher dust on top. TM to measure.

Defib – registered with ambulance vic, cabinet on its way. There will be a pin code which can be kept in line with the main gate. Must be able to access it in an emergency. Council will install it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Email From Sally Wilson - Wanting to be a home user of the Grounds - Potential New Club – GDCC – concern that there are already a lot of days already booked out by other home users. LPC and BH agree. TM go back with no storage, midweek rallies once a month, limited hours. We are constrained on weekend availability. AM to respond. Leigh Smith from US coming for a four day, cowboy dressage also booked for two days. ATT is there going to be anything in our new constitution about allocation of time for community.

Email - Titled Last User Group - Snowball effect when one doesn't clean up and have respect for others around them. LAR email about dishes being left, GDCC also brought it up. LPC was the previous group, BH was group before that. So everyone needs to put their dishes away.

Maintenance for Buggy – EC emailed the gears are struggling. TM to get Geelong Rural to come and do a maintenance check.

Constitution - Harwood Andrews at last meeting RW spoke about HA doing the new constitution, Council to pay for half. RB moved motion, Rhiannon seconded, passed

EC thanked KB. Wanted to propose herself as new casual user rep. Carried.

EC wants to add a list for Mark in maintenance, tree down in parking, sign down.

ATT suggest reading guidelines for A guide to governing shared community facilities. Dept of planning and development.

Meeting closed 8.35 next meeting 24 September