

# Emergency Horse Preparedness COMMUNICATIONS LIST

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Council



Name of Group/Organisation	
Name of Contact Person	Mr/Mrs/ Ms/Dr. First Name:
	Surname:
Position of Contact Person	
Postal Address	PC
Actual Address	PC
Email: <i>Please print clearly</i>	Web:
Telephone:	Mobile: Fax:

Number of Affiliates (*other groups that are members of your organisation*)  *Please attach list of Affiliate groups*

Number of members (*of your group/organisation*)

Number of members of Affiliates (*if known*)

<p>How do you want WAHC to provide you</p> <p>sms <input type="checkbox"/> fax <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>email <input type="checkbox"/> phone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>post <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Please specify other</i></p>	<p>How do you disseminate information to your</p> <p>sms <input type="checkbox"/> fax <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>email <input type="checkbox"/> phone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>post <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Please specify other</i></p>
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This Communications List is being prepared for dissemination of advice. It is intended that organisations or groups contact details be included on the Communications List. In the event of Emergency Disease information requiring to be circulated, the WAHC would arrange for entities on the Communications List to be passed on the information, with the express purpose of having those entities forward the information onto their membership.

With respect to the information contained on the Communications List, the WAHC:

1. has no intent to collect/retain individual membership information with respect to the various entities who are detailed on the Communications List;
2. has no intent to make information contained on the Communications List available to any other parties; and
3. intends on using the list solely for the dissemination of information on Emergency Disease preparedness.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I acknowledge I have read and understand the purpose and functions for which the WAHC is collecting information to use in the Communications List.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION NUMBERS

As part of the liaison on the EI incursion, data is being gathered to enable appropriate levels of planning and development of risk management strategies so Western Australia can be as prepared as possible should Equine Influenza breach our borders.

WAHC has been asked if it can gather data that will quantify the number of non-racing industry horses and ponies currently resident in WA. This number would be required in order to ensure adequate stocks in the event that a vaccination program for EI is undertaken in Western Australia. Would you please assist us in gathering this important data by estimating the number of horses and ponies owned by members of your club / organization. I understand that providing exact figures will be difficult, so your most accurate assessment will be acceptable.

*Please note: the data you provide will be passed onto other entities, however raw figures only will be passed on and individual entities/organizations will not be identified; and this is not an inference that there is any intent to establish a vaccination program in Western Australia. The information is being gathered for information, research and strategic planning purposes only.*

Number of horses requiring vaccination

No of horses not requiring vaccination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PC

Contact ph number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

email : \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member of an equestrian club/organisation or WA branch of a breed society?

If yes, please name the club/association or breed (to prevent duplication)

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# EQUINE INFLUENZA

The recent outbreak of Equine Influenza (EI) in eastern Australia has seen the Western Australian Horse Council (WAHC) take on an active role of liaison with the 'non-racing' members of the Horse Industry and management groups and committees that have formed as a result of the EI outbreak.

One of the primary aims of the WAHC is to represent, advance and promote the interests of horse owners, breeders, users and supporters. It also has an objective to collect, disseminate and propagate data and to liaise with Government Departments, clubs, associations, individuals and other entities with respect to the horse and the Horse Industry. Ongoing liaison with Australian Horse Industry Council regarding the implementation of the National Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement has aided in WA's preparedness for the threat of an outbreak.



## COMMUNICATIONS LIST - help keep WA horse owners informed

*For all clubs, associations, breeds and individuals who work within the equine industry*

The Western Australian Horse Council has undertaken the development of a Communications Process to ensure the inclusion of the Horse Industry (non-racing) in the communications process for consultation and advice in the event of an Emergency Animal Disease outbreak or Equine Influenza arriving in WA.

A **Communications List** is being prepared for dissemination of advice. It is intended that organisations or groups contact details be included on the Communications List. In the event of Emergency Disease information requiring to be circulated, the WAHC would arrange for those on the Communications List to receive the information, with the express purpose of having them onforward the information to their membership, email contacts and clients.

With respect to the information contained on the Communications List, the WAHC has no intent to collect/retain individual membership information from those listed or make the list available to any other parties. The intent is to use the list solely for the dissemination of information on Emergency Disease preparedness.

***In order to achieve the broadest level of communication and consultation possible, it is requested that groups/organisations provide their contact details and undertake to forward information to their members.***

This communication list is currently being compiled. Forms are inserted in this magazine or can be downloaded from the WAHC website - <http://www.hoofbeats.com.au/WAHorse/index.html>

## VACCINATION NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR WA HORSES

As part of the liaison on the EI incursion, data is being gathered to enable appropriate levels of planning and development of risk management strategies. WAHC has been asked if it can gather data that will quantify the number of non-racing industry horses and ponies currently resident in WA. This number would be required in order to ensure adequate stocks in the event that a vaccination program for EI is undertaken in Western Australia.

Would you please assist us in gathering this important data by estimating the number of horses and ponies owned by members of your club / organization, or details from individuals who are not affiliated with any club, breed or association in WA. We understand that providing exact figures will be difficult, so your most accurate assessment will be acceptable. Fill out the details on the enclosed form or download from the website.

*Please note:*

*The data you provide will be passed onto other entities, however raw figures only will be passed on and individual entities/organizations will not be identified. This is not an inference that there is any intent to establish a vaccination program in Western Australia. The information is being gathered for information, research and strategic planning purposes should this become a possibility. Forewarned is forearmed.*

**The WA Horse Council is working for the best outcome for all involved within the Equestrian Industry and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.**

# WA Horse Council

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# 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](mailto: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

Individual: \$30  
(per annum)

Name: .....

Address: ..... P/Code .....

Ph: ..... Fax: .....

I would like to receive the Horse Council's email updates on equestrian happenings  Email: .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Please make cheques /money orders payable to the Western Australian Horse Council and post to: Western Australian Horse Council,  
29 Ashurst Drive, Lesmurdie 6076  
ph: 9291 0202

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