



# Wing Mail

January/February 2008

## UPDATE

This last quarter has been a very busy one on all fronts for Save Equus. We have undertaken a number of welfare interventions, some of which are ongoing. We have supported several horses with weight-gain feed for their survival; we have two horses that we are currently supporting with feed for their survival and are negotiating their future with the owners; we facilitated the re-homing of two horses - both cases of neglect; we are working with the RSPCA to improve the care and condition of a young stallion; and, in conjunction with a group of members, we ensured five neglected horses were seized from their owner (RSPCA is considering prosecution under the Animal Welfare Act).

Our foster care program currently has three in placement; a six year old grey pony gelding, a three year old standard bred mare and a four year old thoroughbred mare, all of which are now in beautiful physical condition, thanks to our foster carers, who are reporting inspiring and fantastic results in the rehabilitation of spirit/behaviour of two. The third is requiring a greater effort; however we are confident that more time will bring us a positive outcome for this mare.

We are in the process of redeveloping our website and have a marketing plan in the final stages. The management committee undertook the annual update of our Strategic Business Plan and we have revamped some of our paper work procedures, ie: our animal welfare intervention form. We are purchasing computer equipment and necessary horse handling equipment out of the *LotteryWest* grant approved in November 2007.

At our AGM, new members were elected to our management committee who will be introduced to you in our newsletter over the next twelve months. Your management committee includes:

Yvonne Pallier - Chairperson  
Jayne Lavender - Vice Chairperson, Animal Welfare Officer  
Julie Archibald - Treasurer  
Frank Smith - Logistics and Project Manager  
Antje Lopez - Triage Officer  
Mary Anne Williams - Foster Care Coordinator  
Paula Lavender - Public Relations Manager  
Carolyn Jurgens - Marketing Coordinator  
Linda Cole - Newsletter Coordinator



## UPDATE (cont'd)

As you can see, we are managing without a Secretary at the moment. If any members think they have some additional time to give to a management committee role, then please email us on [save\\_equus@space.net.au](mailto:save_equus@space.net.au) with your contact details and some idea of your experience. The job comes with the laptop computer/equipment necessary for the job. We have a job description that we can send to those who are interested in the role. We are a busy committee and meet once a month, on the first Wednesday of the month, at Byford Tavern.

The Management Committee wants members to know that we are focused and working towards our mutual goal of the human treatment of all equines. We are looking forward to 2008 with enthusiasm and confidence that Save Equus has made a difference in horse welfare in Western Australia, and will continue to do so with our plans and priorities for this year ahead.

*Chairperson - Save Equus Management Committee*

## Christmas Angel Tree Appeal



**Maddington Angel Tree**



**Midland Angel Tree**

Once again, the Christmas Angel Tree Appeal was a huge success. A full report will appear in the next edition of 'Wingmail', along with details of the winners of the great prizes:

- \$500 cash
- 'Studio Noah' photo session for the lucky winner and their pet
- Two-day course 'Horsemanship with Jayne Lavender'

## SAVE EQUUS SAYS "THANK YOU" TO LOTTERYWEST

Late in 2007 Save Equus was approved a small grant for equipment by Lotterywest. Save Equus will be using the funding to redevelop the web site and purchase much needed equipment for the training and handling of our rescued horses. We will be showing you that equipment in use over the next 12 months in this newsletter. The Management Committee would like to thank Lotterywest very much for this opportunity, with a very special thanks to Grants Officer, Adam Williams - his advice and support has been invaluable.

Lotterywest states that *"the profits derived from the sale of games such as Lotto and Scratch'n'Win enables Lotterywest to support a wide variety of not-for-profit, community-based proposals that enhance the lives of Western Australians right across our State."*

Lotterywest also say their grants are *"an investment in the future of your organisation (sic Save Equus) and the Western Australian community."*

Lotterywest grants are approved in five broad objectives areas:

- Extending the Capacity of Not-For-Profit Organisations - The Save Equus grant was made from this area
- Strengthening Community Service Delivery
- Enhancing Community Development Initiatives
- Valuing our State's Heritage
- Advancing Participation in Community Life

The Lotteries Commission Act 1990 determines what types of organisations can receive a Lotterywest grant and for what purposes grants can be used.

Grants are only available to Not-For-Profit Organisations and Local Government Authorities. Grants cannot be made to individuals, private or for-profit organisations, government bodies or organisations with a statutory base. A not-for-profit organisation is one that uses all monetary surplus solely for the purposes of its objectives and not to financially benefit its members in any way. A not-for-profit organisation has a wind-up clause that provides for assets to be distributed to a 'like' organisation and not to its own members.

Thankyou, Lotterywest!

*Save Equus Management Committee*



# GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

## PROFILE ON OUR TRIAGE OFFICER

Antje Lopez is the Triage Officer for Save Equus. Her role is to check all incoming emails via our website and either answer them if they are general questions, or forward them to our experts.

Antje recently became one of our Foster carers too and she currently has 'Pepper' in her care.

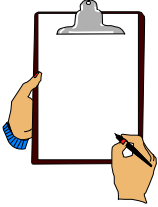
**About Antje** (better known to her friends as Annie)  
Originally from Germany, Annie emigrated with her husband and children to Australia in 1996. She has truly embraced the Australian lifestyle and, in her words, is strongly drawn to the power of Australian Nature and all our animals. She shares the philosophy with Scott Alexander King, who is an animalist, and is inspired by his respect and connection with the animal world and our own inner strength. Annie likes the holistic approach towards life, respecting and believing in the spiritual role of horses and all animals is part of it.



Annie was a late starter with horses. She has always loved them but was not able to own a horse in Europe, however in 2004 she bought her first horse, 'White Brave', a coloured quarter horse and there began her journey into horsemanship. Soon after she bought another horse called 'Clydee', a Clydesdale-cross Thoroughbred who is also featured on the Save Equus website with Annie's daughter, Robyn.

### **Annie's Trivia**

- First Language: German, but also speaks Spanish & English
- Previous Profession: Foreign language correspondent & Export Clerk
- Current Profession: Owner of *Balaan*, a shop in Mardella, supplying Country Park Herbs, Nungar Knots, float hire, horse equipment, hair analysis, etc, and where she helps her customers with questions about herbs. Annie has gone back to study medicinal herbs and nutrition.
- Favourite food: Italian and Spaetzle
- Favourite Artists: Casey Chambers, and a local group called the John Butler Trio.
- Favourite Concert: AC DC
- Favourite Movie Star: Kevin Costner
- Favourite Drink: Gin & Tonic



# THE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

The Save Equus Strategic Business Plan that has been guiding the organisation's direction since 2006 and will continue to do so until 2011 has recently been reviewed. The Management Committee undertakes an annual review of the Plan to ensure it is current, and to consider if Save Equus is on target to achieve the goals it has set.

The Save Equus Strategic Business Plan has the following contents:

- Background
- Leadership and Management
  - Management Committee
  - Accountability
  - Organisational Structure
- Key Guiding Statements
  - Objective
  - Vision Statements
  - Valued Approach and Philosophy
- Review of Current Environment
  - Equine Sector
  - Animal Welfare Sector
  - Relevant Government Departments
- Strategic Position of Save Equus
- Current Challenges and Opportunities
- Current Operational Status and Strategic Business Plan
  - Equine Rescue Services
  - Welfare Services (Equine Welfare Officer & Triage Officer) Reporting And Complaint Operations
  - Foster Care
  - Equine Rescue
  - Equine Rehoming Services/Adoption
  - Education (Prevention and Promotion)
  - Organisation Management

## Equine New Year resolutions

- I will not spook at leaves blowing in the wind.
- I will not seek out every patch of mud and roll in it.
- I will not become a pasture potato.
- I will pick up my feet when walking.
- I will work on the smoothest gait possible.
- I will not blow my nose on my human.
- I will accept that not every carrot is for me.
- I will not speed up and slow down unless I am told to.
  
- I will NOT have an attitude problem. I won't, I won't, I won't!
- I will not leave half of my hay uneaten on the floor of my stall.
- I will not wipe green slime down the back of my human's white shirt.
- I will not roll in streams or try to roll when my human is on my back.
- I will not walk faster on the way home than I did on the way out.
- I will not bite the butt of the horse in front of me during the trail ride just to say "Hi".
- I will not eat everything I can reach while on the trail as though my human never feeds me.
- I will not dance a jig as soon as my human brings out the saddle pad, only to stand stock still once it is finally on my back.
- I will not "skip" while trotting just so my human will lose their balance.
- I will not interpret every signal to go a little faster as an invitation to gallop.
- I will not swing my butt away just as my human puts their foot in the stirrup to mount.
- I will stay parked out until my human signals me to move.
- I will be more tolerant of other horses around me.
- I CAN walk and poop at the same time. I can, I can, I can!
- I will not jump in the air and turn 180 degrees every time I see the tractor.
- I will understand that tractors are not carnivorous.
- I will get out and see more of the world.
- I will learn to be braver.



### A FRIENDLY REMINDER ....

Have you renewed your membership yet??  
It is simple to download the form from our website.  
**DO IT NOW!!!**

# MEMBERS' PAGE

On this page we offer members the opportunity to advertise their equine-related products and services.

## Terms and Conditions

- Save Equus Members = \$30.00 for 12 months/6 issues. Your ad will appear once payment has been received.
- Size = business card-sized ads, please. Email in final proof format to Linda Cole at [lindacole2002@hotmail.com](mailto:lindacole2002@hotmail.com)
- Advertisers assume all responsibility in relation to the goods or services offered for sale and undertake to hold Save Equus harmless from any actions that may arise from the sale or supply of the advertised goods or services.
- Save Equus reserves the right to NOT accept advertisements, without explanation.

Please contact Linda Cole with any queries on (0404) 898706.

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### **SPECIAL OFFER!!**

Initial Hair Analysis for Save Equus members for **\$90** instead of normal price of \$100.

The horse hair is sent to a qualified Naturopath in Germany and is tested on a bio-resonance machine.  
For further information please refer to our website at [www.balaan.com.au](http://www.balaan.com.au)



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## Statement from the Management Committee of Save Equus

The Management Committee of Save Equus would like to clarify the following very important details with all members and other individuals involved in the horse and wider equine sectors. This statement is in response to recent confusion by several members of the general public between Save Equus and Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation.

Save Equus is a registered not-for-profit organisation that is by law bound to be managed by a committee of volunteers, all of whom are accountable to and elected by the organisation membership each year at a duly constituted Annual General Meeting. Save Equus has a constitution, no employees and is a **community based, not-for-profit organisation**. In the field of equine welfare in Western Australia, Save Equus believes it is unique in this regard. Save Equus has a Strategic Business Plan that started in 2006 and spans to 2011. Members are invited to attend management committee meetings, as the Management Committee strives to be as transparent as possible in its processes.

Operationally, Save Equus sought some measure of liaison with the organisation known as Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation in November 2007. This agreement was sought by Save Equus at an operational level to develop a measure of liaison over the rescue and cruelty/neglect interventions made with equines, with the benefit of equines as the focus. Agreement was reached with Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation to:

- Share generic information, and;
- forward information that directly relates to individual horse rescues;

Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation also reserved the following:

- *"Should Save Equus require Second Chance to go out to inspect and rescue an individual horse, we would like to retain the right to rehabilitate and the eventual rehoming of the horse but we are happy to acknowledge Save Equus's involvement with the horse's rescue."*

Notwithstanding such an agreement, the Management Committee of Save Equus wishes to make clear that Save Equus is not involved in the operation of Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation. Second Chance Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation is registered, managed and structured differently from Save Equus. While both organisations may have similar goals; Save Equus and Second Chance Horse Rescue are completely different and independent organisations.

*Chairperson  
Save Equus Management Committee*