GYMPIE COW HORSE CLUB BIO SECURITY PLAN

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PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE

IDENTIFYING HAZARDS

Introduction of weeds from vehicles, cattle, horse & dog hair and faeces, feed and peoples shoes.

Introduction of canine diseases from unvaccinated dogs and soil from diseased properties.

Introduction of horse diseases from horses, bats and soil from diseased properties.

Introduction of cattle diseases.

BIOSECURITY RULES

- Unwell livestock not to be brought to the grounds.
- Unwell dogs not to be brought to the grounds. All dogs to be on a leash and faeces removed.
- Advise that it would be preferable for horses and dogs to be vaccinated – Strangles, Hendra and normal canine vaccinations.
- All vehicles to be free from seeds and plants – vehicles to be clean – large amounts of manure to be removed.
- People to be aware of where their hay/feed comes from and that it is free from declared weeds. (Vendor Dec can be accessed when purchasing hay – Commodity Vendor Declaration)
- People to remove unwell animals from the grounds – person in charge to be notified of unwell animals on grounds.
- Ask people to inform the committee if an animal becomes unwell in the 2 weeks following attendance at the grounds.
- People to follow safe animal husbandry practices.

PERSON IN CHARGE (at events)

President – current

RECORD KEEPING – HORSE HEALTH DECLARATIONS & GROUND ATTENDANCE BOOK

- Horse health declarations to be filled out for every event the club holds, and kept for 2 years. Declarations include – rider's name, horse's name, date, contact details and PIC number and signed to say that the horse has been in good health over the past 3 days before attending event.
- Book to be left at grounds to be filled in by people using grounds on non- event days, supplying the same information as above.
- A record kept of any sickness advised by riders after attending the grounds.
- Hiring parties to either keep a record or horse health declarations, club to be supplied with a list of riders, horses and contact details. Records kept by both parties for 2 years.
- Hiring parties have in place and supply a Bio Security Plan to the committee for their event.
- Hiring party to advise of any illness experienced in the 2 weeks after their event (GBO – General Biosecurity Obligation Applies)

WAYBILLS & MOVING STOCK BETWEEN CATTLE TICK ZONES

People coming from free country – must

A – Supply permit information and or

B - Be sprayed by accredited third party provider before returning to clean country.

Cattle and horses from the infected area moving to the clean/protected area must meet condition of movements -

1. Cattle to be pre-treated prior to moving and must be cleared through accredited 3rd party providers.
2. Horses must be inspected and sprayed by accredited 3rd party provider.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PIC

Members to be made aware that it is a legal requirement that, if they have 1 or more horses, they must have a Property Identification Code (PIC). This must be supplied on the HHD and or in the sign in book.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Any animal that may break a leg whilst on the grounds, will be euthanized humanely on the grounds and will under no circumstances be transported. All veterinary and disposal cost will be borne by the owner. This is law.

Refer to the FIT to LOAD brochure as per the Land Transport Codes.

PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF DISEASE ON THE GROUNDS

PEOPLE

At the beginning of each event a statement regarding Health and Safety is made advising of the health risk regarding animal sickness. Members advised by signs, newsletter and facebook posts to follow good animal husbandry practices, also advise of Bio Security Plan in the same way.

Any communication from Bio Security Queensland to be passed on to members.

HORSES

No communal water troughs for horses.

Advise people to follow good animal husbandry practices – not sharing water buckets, using cattle troughs to water horses, not sharing tack.

If a horse becomes ill ask the owner to remove the horse and any tack and feed buckets etc. Ask the owner to advise the committee of the outcome of the sickness.

Primary responsibility rests with the horse owner, they will be asked not to bring unwell animals to the grounds.

SITE

We have a designated spectator area and designated horse areas, at the beginning of each event people are advised to stay away from horse areas. Horses are not allowed in fenced off spectator areas.

There is only one entry to the grounds and that is via Brewery Road.

There are 2 toilet blocks with hand basins and liquid soap, as well as taps around the grounds.

A designated isolation area will be available.

Bat attracting/limb dropping trees will be removed pursuant to Council approval.

VENUE MAP

A venue map will be posted at the Secretary's office with hand washing facilities, entry and isolation area clearly marked.

MINIMISING EFFECTS OF DISEASE

EVENT VETERINARIAN

Gympie Vet Services will be contacted – 54822488

We have been advised that they will not attend suspected Hendra cases unless the horse is vaccinated.

ISOLATION

Horse owners will be asked to remove sick horses from the grounds. In the event that we have to isolate a horse, an area has been set aside.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the event of a quarantine being imposed everyone will be advised to remain on the grounds. Good animal husbandry practices will be followed, as will directives from Bio Security.

Disclaimer: - In the event of a disease outbreak, GCHC and its executive will not be held liable for any loss of income, animals or life. All reasonable steps have been taken to minimise risks. Any animal feed, veterinary, disposal and meal costs incurred will be met by each individual. However, the GCHC will meet their obligations by arranging deliveries.