

Minutes

Bicentennial Equestrian Park Reference Group Meeting Camden BEP Main Pavilion

Wednesday 8th May 2024



MEETING DETAILS

Date: 8/5/2024

Location: Camden BEP

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting opened:

7:00 pm. Meeting closed 9:15pm

Chairperson :

Jeff Ferrif

Minute taker:

Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Charlotte Hyles Camden Harness Club (alternate)
- Warren Death, community member
- John Vallance, community member
- Sandy Davies, Camden Show Society
- Rebecca Golowenko, Cobbitty Pony Club
- Jason Sharpe, community member
- Greg McDonald, Camden Harness Club
- Norm Flegg, County of Cumberland Campdraft Club
- Elysha Sargent, community member
- John Kelly, community member
- Kieran Berryman, TL Camden Precinct, Camden Council (ex officio)

Apologies and Absences:

- Garry Clarke, Eventing Equestriad Australia
- Jo Tapp, Camden Show Society (alternate)
- James Mathers, Sydney Polocrosse Club
- Shane Rose, Eventing Equestriad Australia (alternate)
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Hayley Neville, Mgr. Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council. (ex officio)

Visitors & Guests:

- Nil

Motion: That the apologies be noted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Norm Flegg, **Seconded:** Greg McDonald

Motion Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No Changes

Motion: That with the above changes the minutes are true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Moved: Charlotte Hyles, **Seconded:** Warren Death

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (not contained in action log)

- Nil

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Jeff Ferrif

- As tabled (attached)

Motion: That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Moved: Warren Death, **Seconded:** Greg McDonald

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Yards – Elysha Sargent & Rebecca Golowenko
 - Some yards don't have hooks on chain gates
 - Some users claim shale is not ideal base surface
 - Some users claim cleaning yards is a chore
 - Request cleaning fee charge be listed on BEP website
 - Numbering is required to account for who used specific yards.
 - Investigate brooms and rakes
 - Council could reinforce yard use T's & C's
 - Addition of waterline adjacent to CPC yards would be very beneficial.
2. Project : Washbays. Design and location – TL Kieran Berryman
 - Audit of current washbays distributed.
 - CPC washbay to have double rails on front edge as safety for smaller horses
 - CPC has grant funding that can be used for washbays at that location.
 - TL Precinct team to prioritise construction of new bays based on available funds
 - Works to be commenced this Fin Yr
3. Project : Southern Arena water lines. Design and location – TL Kieran Berryman
 - TL Precinct team to prioritise location of taps
 - Works to be commenced this Fin Yr

ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

17-021 – Steel horse yards : All yards installed (238). Numbering still to be completed. Some signage still to be installed.

18-006 – BEP Entry Signage : Scheduled for next 2 days.

19-017 – Southern Waterlines : Quotes being sought for immediate works.

23-001, General Litter Bins at BEP. Slabs and stands awaiting to be installed.

23-003 Annual Equestrian Muster : On hold to new Fin Yr.

23-004 XC Jumps & Course Fees : Kieran Berryman and EEA to meet to discuss options.

23-008 Annual Maintenance plan –Grounds sub committee to meet to review & discuss.

23-009 New Master Plan : Community survey results being analysed. Data will be compiled and consultants engaged to commence interpretation and planning.

24-001 Cobbitty Pony Club grant works : No update.

24-003 Cattle crush from Town Farm : Crush relocated. CLOSED

24-004 Permanent yard design and specs : Yard design tabled and adopted. CLOSE

Motion: That the permanent yard specification as tabled be adopted.

Moved: Jason Sharpe, **Seconded:** John Kelly

Motion Carried

24-005 EEA International Event : TL Kieran Berryman discussing options for sponsorship and promotion with Council economic development team.

24-006 Portable boom gates : Portable boom gates don't have vehicle movement sensors and require an operator. Hold for further discussion.

Councillor Update

- Nil

USER GROUP UPDATES

Camden Show Society

- Nothing to report.

Eventing Equestriad Australia

- Nil

Cobbitty Pony Club

- Club Camp held successfully
- Would like a water line for the new yards.

Sydney Polocrosse Club

- Nil.

Cumberland Campdraft Club

- \$20,000 raised at Campdraft to be donated to Breast Cancer charity.
- Thankyou morning tea to be held for sponsors and all those who supported the successful event.

Camden Harness Club

- Report as tabled.

BEP Calendar and Events update : Precinct Team

- Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

Meeting Closed 9:15pm

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Camden BEP Chairpersons Report 8th May 2024

Hello All,

Autumn is well and truly upon us with cooler days and nights. The Park looks a picture with all the deciduous trees changing colour and our summer grasses starting to slow their growth.

Good to see user groups running events successfully at the Park and making use of the facilities.

- Camden Harness Cub held a club day on the PoloX fields and was well attended
- Cobbitty Pony Club has held a club camp and had a visit from the Mounted Games.
- Camden Jump Club continues to thrive with regular show jumping days.
- Camden Dressage ran a club day also with good numbers

Council's companion animals event, Paws in the Park, was postponed last weekend due to rain. We also hosted Camden Cycle Club who held a mountain bike event for the 2nd year. We've also had a few more School cross country running events.

All members have been asked to provide feedback on the draft maintenance plan so the Council teams can plan what preparation and maintenance works are required prior and post events.

With Council's support we're looking to move ahead with the wash-bay project so I hope for constructive discussions about the proposed spec. We'll also talk through the requirements for additional water outlets in the camping areas near the campdraft arena.

Jason Sharpe has drafted a design for future permanent yards. We'll need to consider this plus future processes to manage their hire.

Thanks

Jeff Ferrif
BEP Chairperson
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Current Actions

Action # & Start Date	Initiator & Action/Project Description	Who Actioning	Action/Project Log & Status
17-021 2017	CCSO/355 Committee Install steel horse yards	CCSO	<p>14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>10/8/22 – Small project to be run to complete works. CCSO to coordinate.</p> <p>10/5/23 - <i>Reactivated</i>. Request for quotations for earthworks being issued this month.</p> <p>14/6/23 - Request for quotations issued for yard pads. Update next month.</p> <p>9/8/23 - TRN selected. Works starting in next week.</p> <p>8/11/23 - Shale Pads completed. Daytime working bee good. Afternoon working bee failed. More will be planned over next few months.</p> <p>14/2/24 - Working bees held and yards installed. Still works for Southern end prior to Campdraft event and Pony Club to be completed.</p> <p>13/3/24 – 10/4/24 Still Pony Club to do and some more for pads near main arena.</p> <p>8/5/24 - All yards installed (238). Numbering still to be completed. Some signage still to be installed.</p>
18-006 2018	CCSO/355 Committee BEP Entry Signage	CCSO	<p>14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>10/8/22 – Small project to be run to complete works. CCSO to coordinate.</p> <p>10/5/23 - <i>Reactivated</i>. Precinct team working with Design team for Entry and Building signage now that facilities are opening.</p> <p>14/6/23 – 9/8/23 Project for renewal will start in new financial year.</p> <p>8/11/2023 - Kieran Berryman meeting with sign designers onsite.</p> <p>14/2/24 – 10/4/24 Met with Macarthur signs. Awaiting design and quote.</p> <p>8/5/24 - Scheduled for next 2 days</p>



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19-016 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Additional water lines & taps for camping near Southern arenas	CCSO	14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 10/8/22 – Small project to be run to complete works. CCSO to coordinate. 10/5/23 - <i>Reactivated</i> . Precinct team will commence works in new financial year. 14/6/23 -9/8/23 - Precinct team will commence works in new financial year. 8/11/23 - On Hold pending budget confirmation and completion of yards
19-017 2019	CCSO/355 Committee BEP Wash bays	CCSO	14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 10/8/22 – Small project to be run to complete works. CCSO to coordinate. 10/5/23 - <i>Reactivated</i> . Precinct team will commence works in new financial year. 14/6/23 – 9/8/23 Precinct team will commence works in new financial year. 8/11/23 - On Hold pending budget confirmation. 8/5/24 - Quotes being sought for immediate works.
20-004 2020	CCSO/355 Committee Implement irrigation water plan	CCSO	14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 10/8/22 – Project to be run to complete works by Council Major Projects. CCSO to coordinate. 10/5/23 – 14/6/23 - <i>Reactivated</i> : TL to reactivate and raise with Council for works to commence. 9/8/23 - Will be included in overall masterplan consultation. On Hold
20-015 2020	CCSO/355 Committee Install new EEA bridge	CCSO	14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 10/8/22 – Project to be run to complete works by Council Major Projects. CCSO to coordinate. 9/11/22 – Reactivated for action. 14/12/22 – No Action.
21-005 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Extend formal roadway network.	CCSO	14/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 10/8/22 – Project to be run to complete works by Council Major Projects. CCSO to coordinate.



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22-003 10/8/2022	Warren Death Emergency disease outbreak planning at BEP	CCSO & Whole Ref. Grp.	<p>10/8/22 - BEP Ref Grp. members to consider infrastructure requirements or models at other venues for defined isolation areas.</p> <p>14/9/22 - Propose dedicated room/stable/treatment box at each BEP precinct. 4 in total. CCSO to seek advice from Dr. Tony Mogg for requirements for such rooms. Also propose a float with screens to deal with horse fatality onsite.</p> <p>12/10/22 - CCSO to seek advice from Dr. Tony Mogg for requirements for such rooms.</p> <p>9/11/22 - 6x5m shed with stainless steel fittings, HWS, sink, , suitable large door and Personal Access Door. CCSO to distribute base requirements for review.</p> <p>14/12/22 - Add treatment room to masterplan. ON HOLD</p>
22-005 14/9/2022	CCSO Proposal from Camden Rotary to construct a memorial monument adjacent to BEP	Kieran Berryman	<p>14/9/22 - CCSO to distribute the handout material to all Reference Group and for members to take to their respective for consideration at next BEP meeting.</p> <p>12/10/22 - CCSO to submit Ref. Grp. recommendation for the Rotary Emergency Services memorial to Council for consideration.</p> <p>9/11/22 – 14/12/22 Recommendation submitted to Council officers. No update</p> <p>8/2/23 – 12/4/23 Council is considering options for memorial.</p> <p>10/5/23 – No Update ON HOLD</p>
23-001 8/2/2023	Lauren Cranfield General litter bins at BEP	Kieran Berryman TL	<p>8/2/22 - KB TL to check with waste team about options for adding bins within the BEP for general litter collection.</p> <p>8/3/23 – 12/4/23 Precinct team working with waste team to get public bins located and installed. WIP</p> <p>10/5/23 – 14/6/23 Precinct team working with Waste Team to get public bins located and installed</p> <p>9/8/23 – 8/11/23 Slabs and stands on order</p> <p>14/2/24 – 8/5/24 Slabs and stands awaiting to be installed.</p>
23-003 12/4/2023	Kieran Berryman TL BEP Annual Equestrian Muster event	Kieran Berryman TL	<p>12/4/23 – 9/8/23 TL Kieran Berryman to compile more details of potential annual muster event to be held at the BEP.</p> <p>8/11/23 – 8/5/24 - On Hold - TL Kieran Berryman discussing concept with Council events team.</p>



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23-004 10/5/2023	Garry Clarke EEA XC jumps and XC course fees	Kieran Berryman TL	10/5/23 – 14/6/23 TL Kieran Berryman to recirculate previous modelling completed for effect of changing from current fees structure to proposed fee structure. 9/8/23 - Fee modelling distributed. Not enough attendees for discussion. 8/11/23 – 8/5/24 Kieran Berryman to meet with EEA re options for charging for use of grounds and fee.
23-008 8/11/23	Warren Death Annual Park Management Plan/Schedule	Kieran Berryman TL	8/11/23 : TL Kieran Berryman to arrange meeting of interested people. 14/2/24 - Meeting held, Kieran Berryman to compile and distribute for review. 13/3/24 - Plan being assembled. Draft of discipline specific preparations developed. Kieran Berryman to distribute for user group feedback. To include restorative works post event. 10/4/24 - Draft of discipline specific preparations developed and distributed to members for user group feedback. To include restorative works post event. 8/5/24 - Grounds sub committee to meet to review & discuss.
23-009 8/11/23	Kieran Berryman Renew Masterplan	Kieran Berryman TL	14/2/24 - Consultation session held with BEP RG. Community Survey to be distributed shortly. Kieran Berryman to send to all clubs and rec riders. 13/3/24 - Survey link sent to all clubs, user groups and Rec Roders. 150 submissions so far. Closes April 3rd. 10/4/24 - Survey closed. 200+ responses received. Data will be compiled and consultants engaged to commence interpretation and plannings. 8/5/24 - Community survey results being analysed. Data will be compiled and consultants engaged to commence interpretation and planning.
24-001 14/2/24	Elysha Sargent Cobbitty Pony Club grant works	Elysha Sargent & Kieran Berryman TL	14/2/24 - Elysha Sargent to compose a list of proposed projects and Kieran Berryman to obtain advice whether Council would run projects and be funded through Pony Club. 13/3/24 – 8/5/24 No update
24-005 13/3/24	Garry Clarke EEA International event	Kieran Berryman	13/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to speak to Councils Events Team about assistance, promotion and sponsorship. 10/4/24 8/5/24 TL Kieran Berryman discussing options for sponsorship and promotion with Council economic development team.



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24-006 10/4/24	Garry Clarke Portable boom gates	Kieran Berryman	10/4/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to investigate options for portable boom gates. 8/5/24 - : Portable boom gates don't have vehicle movement sensors and require an operator. Hold for further discussion.

Closed Actions : Closed actions will be removed (hidden) from the current log active at the subsequent meeting

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24-003 14/2/24	Norm Flegg Cattle crush from Town Farm	Kieran Berryman TL	14/2/24 - Kieran Berryman to monitor status of cattle crush and advise of progress. 13/3/24 – 10/4/24 No update 8/5/24 - Crush relocated. CLOSED
24-004 14/2/24	Jeff Ferrif Permanent yard design and specs	Jason Sharpe	14/2/24 - Jason Sharpe to develop a permanent fixed yard design/specification for review and discussion to sit/be installed in yard pads. 13/3/24 – 10/4/24 No update 8/5/24 - Yard design tabled and adopted. CLOSE

Spec for Day Yards at BEP

- Constructed using galvanised 50mm x 50mm RHS with 2.5mm wall thickness.
- Posts to be driven into ground a minimum depth of 700mm.

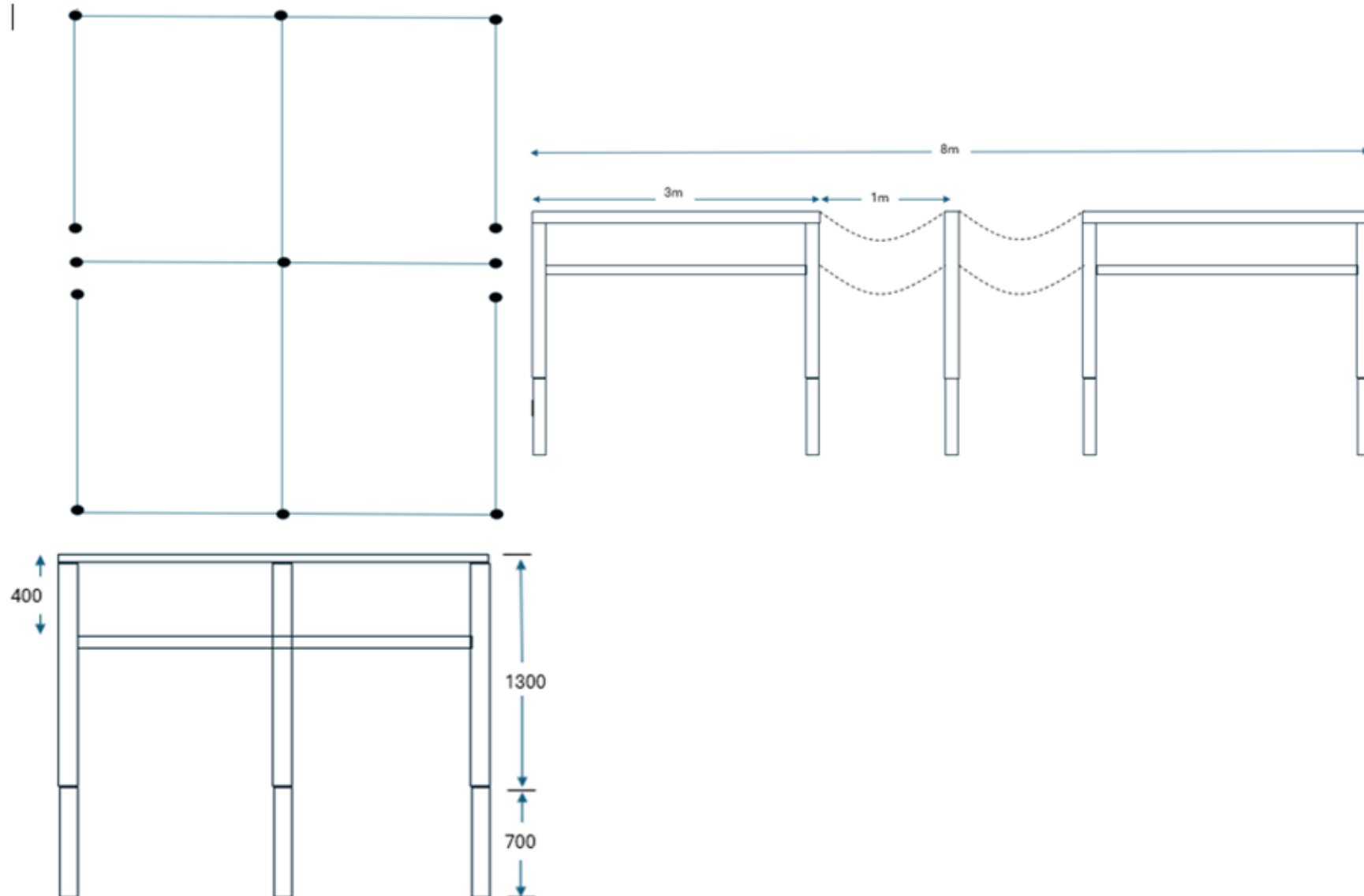
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Encased with concrete in a minimum hole diameter of 150mm, to a depth of 700mm. Concrete to be a minimum compressive strength of 20 MPA. Concrete tapered off above natural ground level to aid in moisture runoff away from base of posts.

- All horizontal rails to be fully welded to upright posts.
- Top horizontal rail to be fitted across top of posts (as cap rail).
- In place of gates, yards are to be fitted with 2 lengths of galvanised 8mm chain welded to centre post. Chain to be held in post using Poplar Pastoral Co. chain catch (Code CHC) or equivalent. Chain catch to be welded in place.



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Hello All,

After our last meeting in April the committee has decided to donate \$20,000 to Breast Cancer Research after the successful running of our Campdraft on 8th, 9th and 10th March. The committee has also come to the decision to cancel our 2 day School booking in May as the majority of the committee will still be traveling to competitions and unavailability of trainers for the same reason.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

CHC - BEP April Report 2024

Camden Show – 16th March 2024

Camden always puts on a terrific agricultural show as a lead up to the Sydney Royal. Light Harness numbers were down but competitor quality was good. An early Sydney Royal start this year, found some competitors deciding between Camden and Sydney Royal.

Camden Harness Club members did their best to represent harness in NSW. Clinton Wood with his hackney mare, Ashwood Exquisite, were headed for Sydney Royal and had a practice run that earned them Champion Hackney Pony or Horse. Charlotte Hyles won the Town and Country Turnout and Lady Driver with Caignair Percy, in her newly modified Marbrook Carriage. Sue and Bill Wright, from Cobbitty, who are former Camden Harness Club members, and also headed for Sydney Royal, won Champion Turnout and Champion Harness Pony with Polly.

At close of the harness arena, Nigel Burton with his mini pony "Prince" and Charlotte Hyles with the always sociable, "Choccie" quietly walked the main arena perimeter fence allowing children to pat and praise our amazingly accommodating ponies.

Our members have posted replies to Council's "Your Voice" survey. We have since discussed that we mostly made very basic replies so we all expanded and resubmit our surveys.

CHC President, Greg McDonald, made the huge journey to Peterborough in South Australia last week, with the NSW contingent for the National Australian Combined Driving Eventing Championships. We are proud to announce that Greg driving his Morgan horse, Fingal, returned to Camden as our National CDE Novice Horse Champion.

CHC members are all thriving directly from the availability to use this wonderful park for our weekly drives.

Yard Pads – Feedback

Having had two recent events at the park where the yards were used, we have fresh user feedback regarding the yards that I feel is important for the committee to be aware of.

The suitability of the material (shale) as a surface has been a contentious issue for some since it was first laid. I have to admit that I thought it was going to be crusher dust rather than literally broken rock.

While it is appreciated to have a solid base for the yards, as an event organiser the requirements to have every speck of shavings removed is unreasonable.

When at Equestrian NSW I ran many events at SIEC and a number of Interschool Clinics at Camden over a lengthy period. I am now at Pony Club NSW and we have events located around the State; we held State Showjumping here last year and will be holding it again this year in July. I have had a lot of trial and error over the years as well as hearing feedback from users. At last year's event we tried not to use the shale yards at all however approximately 10 ended up being used. We were not asked to clean them out so they were either left correctly or the same policy was not in effect in October.

Feedback from the recent events

- The shale can be sharp and not quite level, hoofprints can be left in the surface (particularly if the shale is damp or wet) or horses can dig it up (easily, pawing or walking/pacing). Without bedding (day use) it is potentially dangerous if a horse slips or lays down, they could easily knock their joints, in particular fetlocks, knees or hocks.
- Most other venues that have yards would be on grass, dirt or concrete. People do not read, horse people especially. If we had not drilled it into the attendees or not had our supply of shavings they would have turned up in the night without bedding.
- Black shale is very hot in summer – day use would mean standing basically on hot gravel which could be an animal welfare issue. There are many users of the park and image is everything.
- We also drilled into our attendees the need to remove the entire amount of bedding. We were pleasantly surprised that attempts were made but that didn't mean it was possible have the yards up to scratch. It was not possible to remove all shavings without digging into the shale. This is not good for the yard or the tired person who has just done three days of an event.
- When Rebecca asked how we were meant to do this the response was a shovel with blower or a broom. Packing for an event is tricky – most riders will not bring more than a standard rake to an event where they have yards booked (and I reiterate they do not read). Blowers are not usual kit for someone's stable equipment for an event and the battery ones are pitifully weak and can't blow it out. If wet they would never work anyhow. It is far more important to riders to be able to fit in their equipment for their event (for eventers this can be 3 different sets), their camping equipment, food for themselves and horses.
- Cobbitty PC camp had sponsorship from Equine Pure pellets which are small, pelletised shavings. Add water and they expand to very clean but small shavings and fluff up. They are great to use as very little wastage, low odour and easy to transport in small bags – manure looks more like it is coated in light dust than having to lift out the entire lump of shavings – normal shavings also end up very dusty which these don't.
- At camp I attempted to clean out our yard, removing 3 bags of shavings to take home (horse had been on them two nights and they were clean) however the only way to remove ALL of the shavings is to remove the top layer of shale.
- Following our camp event a number of our committee returned and emptied the yards further, taking time out of their week at work or from their families

- The Pony Club Mounted Games Squad also recently visited Cobbitty and our riders were able to view what they do. The elected to camp on the Cobbitty side and use the yards here. The email from council was that the yards were left unacceptable which I mentioned to them, and their reply gave very similar feedback to what we had experienced, photos and wording are below

How are normal events going to manage this? Equestriad fills the entire grounds and the Winter Showjumping Festival is also large. I cannot see that the organisers can humanly fix the yards after such taxing events. Below is the screenshot of what is on the entries for Equestriad – I'm not sure the team know what they are in for.

Yard Information

Council has put a hard surface under several of the yards so shaving/straw may be required. Please sweep all shaving/straw onto the grass before departure. Yards need to be left clean.

Questions

Pony Club NSW is proposing to attach a bond onto yard bookings as well as a tick box that the requirement is to completely empty – at least this way if some poor sucker has to dig them out they are able to be paid for their time but I am not sure that people realise the enormity of the task unless they have experienced how taxing it is to go through it. Issuing a bond and checking the allocated yards also requires extra man power.

If users do not leave their yard in an acceptable condition and the organiser is simply unable or unwilling to rectify, what plans and fees/fines does the council have in place? Who actually has to perform the manual labour task of removing all traces of bedding?

In the long term our query is do we propose to continue to manage these yards to this extent? Is the management of weeds really that important that it makes it harder for event organisers who hire the park for its true purpose or that risk horse welfare?

If every user removes a thin layer of the shale base and dumps with the manure and bedding onto the grass adjacent to the yards pads, it is easy to imagine that in a short period of time the yards will be significantly lower than the ground surrounding, in the event of a flood, it is easy to imagine that any depressions in the yard would be filled with mud and flood debris. Also cannot imagine that it is good for the mowers to have gravel on their blades often.

I would propose that as long as shavings are clean (ie free of manure or considerable wet spots) they should be ok to be left in position – the next person would be appreciative that their horse has something to stand on. Shavings would have a good clean out every now and then with a decent amount of rain. If this is not the case then would look at the suitability of another layer of something more forgiving over the top (sand/rubber/crusher dust?) Never in 30 years in the horse industry have I experienced shale used for this purpose and I am now finding out why.

Elysha Sargent

BEP Community Member, Cobbitty PC Secretary by default, Operations Manager Pony Club NSW, general annoyance to Kieran and Nathan

Photo Cobbitty Camp – virtually impossible to get the smaller shavings. Organisers need to advise their competitors that shovels are compulsory equipment, even better if BYO own rubber matting



Mounted Games feedback and photos

The Families who used yards brought their own sawdust to go over the crushed stone. Sawdust was removed as much as possible at the end of the weekend, but proves very difficult as it mixes with the gravel and so to remove any more would've meant shovelling away some of the base material which we felt wouldn't have been appreciated. ... i must say that if the requirement is to remove the shavings at the end of using, the gravel is an odd choice for the yards.

See the link below for some pics. I attach a couple and yards so you can see how they were left.



Photos of the yards used by Mounted Games – in addition to the difficulty to empty the pads at the PC grounds are a different shape due to car park size so sweeping is not simple















