

PROJECT HOPE
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PH Horses Available

If you have Face Book, don't forget to join our Face Book Members Page to receive updates on PH horses as well as the latest information on all of our horses available for short term and long term care.



PH horse Phillipe (Big Phil)

Annual General Meeting

As a result of Covid-19 restrictions the AGM that was scheduled to take place on August 23 has been postponed.

Further information will be provided to members as soon as the new date is confirmed.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As some are in lockdown again, normal life isn't possible, but it is still better than getting sick, or worse.

I'm very sad that we have lost four members from our Committee, but I am heartened by the fact that they are still working for the horses in their own ways. A big thank you goes out to Gina Harris, Linda Menzies, Mark Dean and Jane Harris for all of your work on and off the Committee, you are amazing horse focused people.

We are busy changing the way we do things so the Project Hope's work can continue. We have been using Skype and Zoom for some time for our Committee meetings. Born of necessity, the big advantage is that it is much easier to hold meetings and catch up in between with Committee members not having to travel and we will look at this continuing post lockdown. This opens up the possibility of Committee members being from anywhere around Victoria.

Have you been thinking about joining Project Hope's Committee? This could be the time to make more of a difference in the life of horses.

If you would like to join us, please put in your nomination now in readiness for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Angela Smith

President PHHWV

AN UPDATE ON INDI



Indi

When Indi was surrendered to PHHWV a few years ago he had a weeping wound on his neck.

Indi is now recovering from surgery to try to remove a 5cm piece of bone that was discovered a few weeks ago by Werribee Equine Hospital that was wedged in his right shoulder blade.

His wound still needs daily checking and cleaning and he has a way to go yet.

Thanks go out to his short term carer, Linda.

R.I.P

Omni

Gorgeous Omni was a gentle giant at 17.1hh, he was 27 years old. Thank you so much Jess for taking care of him in his twilight years. -

Amos

Thank you to Judy for taking such good care of Amos who recently lost his battle too.

Mikki

A much loved member of her long term carers for more than 10 years, she was thought to be in her 30's when she passed. Thankyou to Lynne for taking such great care of her.

Makalali

Thank you to Amanda for taking care of Makalali, who has also passed recently.

PHHWV extends our sympathy and condolences to all that have provided care and thank them for their contributions over the years.



Photo of Omni



HORSE REPORTS - WINTER 2020

To date this year there have been 27 horse reports, below is those for the winter period.

Mt Alexander Shire: Report of 3 horses in a small bare dirt enclosure. Horse Rep attended and spoke to owners who were happy to discuss the situation. They advised they have only been on the property for a short time, the horses have access to adjoining paddocks and are walked out regularly. Horse Rep provided information on horse care and invited owners to contact if they require further education. Case closed however always available to provide educational support.

City of Frankston: Owner of a property who has cared for neighbours 2 ponies for some years called requesting advice. Horse Rep spoke to the gentleman and discussed his concerns and from there planned to visit the property. The advice was taken and the gentleman found a suitable home for the ponies. Case closed.

Casey Shire: Report 1. A member of the public contacted us regarding 4 horses and a mule abandoned at an agistment property and that they would be providing a home for 2 of the horses. Horse Rep attended and 2 of the horses plus the mule have been surrendered to Project Hope. You will see Molly Mule and her journey with Linda. All veterinary care for these horses is in progress whilst in short term care.

Report 2. This was a report of concern of horses in a friends care. We were able to talk through the issue

s and whilst the case was active a suitable home for the horses had been found. Case closed.

Bass Coast Shire: A member of the public called to report their concerns regarding a horse with a weepy eye and lice owned by an elderly couple who live on the property. Once again this report provided opportunity for the person who was concerned to talk through the issue and decided to visit the owners and discuss the horse's health. Ongoing support was offered however there has been no further contact.

Baw Baw Shire: Received a report about 2 donkeys with overgrown hooves and obviously sore when walking. Horse Rep attended the property and discussed these concerns with the owner. It was an amicable discussion and on follow up the donkeys hooves had been trimmed. Both in good condition otherwise. Donkey Sanctuary have been advised and this case will be monitored

City of Greater Dandenong: This report was from a financial councilor requesting help for a person with approximately 20 horses. In this case providing support allowed the opportunity for a Horse Rep to visit and check the welfare of the horses. Worming paste was provided and personally taken to the property by the Rep. All but 1 horse were in good condition and there was hay on the property. The rep encouraged owner to ensure the hay was provided to the horses. There will be a follow up however there are no long term concerns for this report

Swan Hill Rural City Council: A Farm Animal Rescue group requested help for 10 horses. Due to the large number of horses they contacted a number of horse rescue groups for assistance. 5 horses have been distributed to other Victorian horse rescue groups. Project Hope has provided financial support for an operation needed urgently for one horse with an eye injury.

New South Wales: This report was from a person requesting help to catch an abandoned horse. Once again the conversation helped with the logistics and the emotions of the situation. It was discovered this report was from Sydney area during the conversation. We do know the person has received help and the horse is now in good care. Case not opened..



MOLLY THE PH MULE

As mentioned in the Horse Reports, a mule was surrendered to PHHWV a little while ago. Meet Molly, she's progressing very well and has settled. Linda provided us with the following update on her progress;



"Molly is used to her daily routine of eye cleaning, halter and lead rope training, and now I am able to pick up her two front feet and clean them without too much fuss. She is quirky and adorable and I love that she has started to see me as a good thing to be around. She is responding well to lots of praise, cuddles, hugs and little treats. Molly has just had a session with an equine chiropractor as she is sore and tight around her top end. She is currently roommates with PHHWV Indi and loves being muddy and wet."

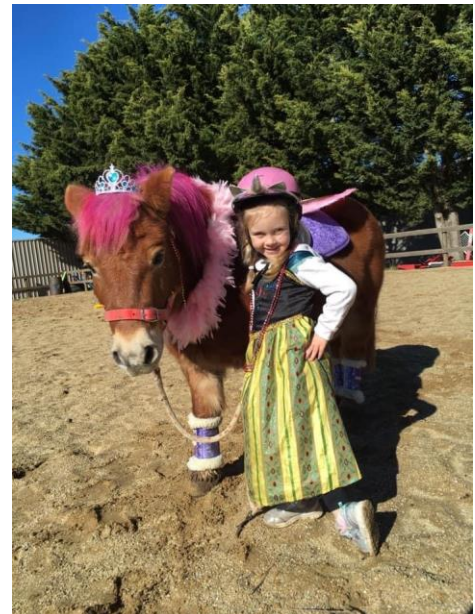
Thank you Linda for taking such great care of her.





WHAT SOME OF PH HORSES HAVE BEEN UP TO DURING LOCKDOWN

Billy (aka PH horse Bailey) has been dressing up with his carer and been very successful in some online horse competitions during lockdown as well as doing a few rides with his little human. Congratulations to both of you.



PH horse Ted (Teddy) demonstrating the correct way to wear a mask, just incase he needs to leave the property for an essential trip to restock his carrot supply. Thanks Teddy and Carolyn.



WE WANT TO CHASE HORSES, NOT YOU!

Dear members, we on Committee have plenty of horse work to deal with, so chasing up unpaid memberships is regrettable, to put it politely. Please check for reminders from us that you are up to date. If you haven't paid your renewal, you may:

- Mail a cheque or credit card details to PH Treasurer: GPO Box 1991 Melbourne 3001
- Ring our Treasurer, Shirley McPherson, with your credit card details on 0423 758 748
- Direct Deposit into our bank account: BSB 033 624 Account 190 675

THANK YOU!



HAPPY ENDING FOR ECHO

As a young foal, Echo came into Project Hope's care along with his poor mother, who died soon after their rescue.

Somewhat 'accident prone', he has suffered various mishaps and setbacks in his young life, including on the morning of the day he was at last healed up, fit and ready to travel to his much-anticipated new Long Term home. To the horror of his dedicated Short Term Carer, Cara, he couldn't move his front leg. But his Long Term Carer-to-be was not deterred, managing to coax the dear fellow the short distance into the float by lifting up his leg and placing it down for him! Luckily, we were able to go straight to vet Melanie Quick at her home that Saturday, who diagnosed a good kick to his shoulder but no serious damage, and then - phew - on to his new home.



Echo in his new home

Thank you to all the members who inquired about Echo. A tall, dark and handsome chap, young and full of potential, he drew plenty of interest.

Echo's team of supporters, from left to right: His wonderful Short Term Carer, Cara; her daughter; Echo in the float; the famous Kerry, who has looked after 70 Project Hope horses so far; his Long Term Carer, Jasmine; and his Homefinder, Julia





COMPANION HORSES

Introducing Romeo

Romeo is a 16hh gelded bay thoroughbred.

This 20-year-old is so easy to handle, catch, lead, tie-up, trim feet and float.

Romeo is a big softie looking for a companion home. He'll fit right in with your family and will thrive in a loving forever home and you'll get nothing but love in return.

If Romeo sounds like the paddock pal for you, [get in touch](#), we'll arrange for you to meet him.



Introducing Sweet Honesty Czar

Sweet Honesty Czar is one great looking gelding. He is a chestnut with part Arabian bloodlines who stands at 14.3hh and is 15 years old.

Sweet is looking for his new long term care home. He has been ridden in the past but would prefer to just be a companion now.

If you would like more information about him, [get in touch](#), we'd love to introduce you.



Introducing Paris

Pretty Paris is a Standard bred who is 14 years old and looking for her new home. She is a brown mare standing at 15hh.

If you would like more information about her, [get in touch](#), we'd love to introduce you.



RIDING HORSES

Introducing Marylou

Marylou has been with Project Hope since she was 8 months old. Born in 2015 she is Bay mare 5 years old and stands at 14hh. She is easy to catch, fit headstall, will lead and tie up. She has only been floated a couple of times so she is still nervous with floating. Marylou was put under saddle in 2018 and has been put back out to pasture.

If you would like a clean slate horse, Marylou is for you. She is very willing to please and loves attention. [Get in touch](#), we'd love for you to meet her.

