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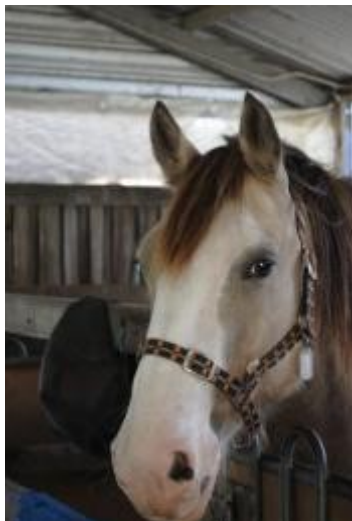
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Who Am I?



Johnny and William epitomise the friendship at Arundel Park.

Volunteers, staff and riders enjoy the freedom, love and beauty of these magnificent animals.



**Soda says "Thank You"
for supporting our
Fundraising Sausage Sizzle.
We made \$1040 for Arundel Park.
Every dollar is really appreciated.**



Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Arundel Park Riding for Disabled Inc was held on Monday 29th August at 11:00 am. Twenty members attended the meeting, including Col Butler, founder/patron of Arundel park.

Committee Members for 2011/12:

President	Jill Payne
Vice President	Erica Hume
Secretary	Ross Barker
Treasurer	Trevor Dwerryhouse
Committee members	Evie Bach, Kay Morrissey, Keith Holmes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly I wish to thank the Management Committee for their valued support. A lot has been undertaken and achieved over the past year, and the various skills and talents of the Committee have been drawn on. Collectively they have been busy working for the benefit of Arundel park, freely donating their time. I thank you for all your dedication.

I'm delighted to report that during the year Arundel Park established an important association with the MacIntyre Foundation, Sunshine Coast RDA, Gympie RDA and Tweed Valley RDA. This association helps to underpin and secure Arundel Park's future. Workshops and training opportunities are examples of the benefits being derived. Coaching accreditation is now undertaken by NSW Riding for Disabled.

Last year we rationalised the administration of the Centre. This task was not easy, but the outcome has provided significant rewards to Arundel Park in its day-to-day operations. This achievement is due to the work of Chris and Sonia. Between them they met the ongoing administration challenges in their friendly but efficient and effective manner.

As you are aware, fund raising and volunteering for day-to-day operations is essential. The support of our sponsors, community groups, local schools, over 120 regular volunteers and many others has been wonderful and much appreciated. A special thanks is also given to these organizations and individuals.

It costs Arundel Park upwards of \$300,000 each year to operate, and the support of the community is essential to enable Arundel Park to deliver its positive, educational, therapeutic and enjoyable services to some 100 disabled riders each week.

This year has also seen a major upgrading of Arundel Park's facilities.

We have the Queensland Government's Infrastructure Fund to thank for our new covered arena that is currently under construction. The Fund contributed \$164,000 as a grant towards the total cost.

Our sand yards are now covered; the protection from adverse weather is much appreciated by our horses and has enhanced our use of this essential facility. The upgrade was made possible by the Paul Newman Foundation.





And thanks to the Broadwater Southport Rotary for providing us with a new kitchen. This enhancement is appreciated and benefits our riders, volunteers and staff alike.

All up, over the past year Arundel Park has undertaken capital improvements worth some \$315,000. A significant achievement and milestone, but there are several other worthy capital projects that need addressing as funding permits.

With the escalating costs of electricity, it is desirable to install Solar Energy Panels onto the roof of our new arena. Accordingly we have applied to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for a grant towards meeting the cost and currently await its decision.

Ideally Arundel Park also needs to upgrade its toilet block, carry out weed eradication, apply fertilizer to its numerous paddocks and complete its fencing improvement programme.

Of particular concern is the poor and deteriorating condition of Arundel Park's existing office administration building. It has been in need of replacement for many years, and is now a priority project that needs funding. The new building is estimated to cost some \$130,000 but we need sponsors for this project to become a reality.

Last year we hosted an outstandingly successful open day. Great weather with a fantastic crowd attending. We plan to hold this year's open day in October all being well. Our aim is to have a fun event enjoyed by young and old alike as an annual event, and a worthwhile fundraiser.

The continuing participation of local schools provides mutual benefits to the school students and to Arundel Park.

The Southport Special School, Helensvale State High School, The Southport School ("TSS"), Australian Catholic University and Tafe contribute by providing working groups of students.

We also acknowledge the contribution of our maintenance staff, Keith, Russell, Brian, Graham and Ray; caretakers Alan and Sarah; coaches Tracy and Sarah; and stable supervisor Danielle.

Finally, I wish to recognise the voluntary services given by Grace Dorrington, who has recently retired as Secretary of Arundel Park. Thank you Grace.



FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much to our helpers who manned the stall at Bunnings for the Fund Raising Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 21st August. We made \$1040. Thank you also to those who bought and ate our delicious food.



VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in horses, helping people with disabilities and volunteering in the community? Are you interested in simple maintenance, gardening or cleaning? There are opportunities at Arundel Park for volunteers to spend enjoyable time doing activities of their choice. Perhaps look after a small garden plot; clean up a particular paddock or housekeeping in the kitchen and office.

If so, please contact our office and speak to Sonia, Jill or Chris. Every little bit helps.

WORKSHOPS

Jill Payne and Sarah Dawson attended the Gympie & District RDA Workshop for coaches and volunteers on 21st and 22nd September. Included in the program were sessions on Choosing horses for RDA, Riding with Impairment, Essential skills for volunteers, and a Presentation from the Principal of the Gympie Special School. Jill and Sarah gained much from the Gympie experience and were also able to broadcast the wonderful work being done here at Arundel Park.

COMING EVENTS

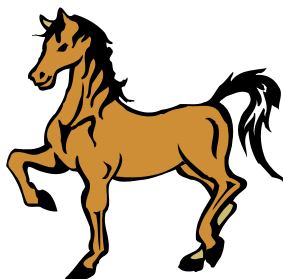
“A ROOF SHOUT”

Exciting NEWS.....BIG CELEBRATIONS..... for the opening of the new complex.

Our arena is nearing completion and will be ready for its official opening on :-

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2011

Enter this date in your calendar. Tell family, friends and neighbours to book in this date now. All details will be announced in the November Newsletter.



ADMINISTRATION

Arundel Park has been awarded \$10,000 from the Commonwealth Bank 2011 Community Grant. This will be used to build an audio system in the arena. It is sometimes very difficult for riders to hear both music and coaches' instructions, so with this new system, all riders will be able to hear music and instructions in the really large space. What a bonus for our participants!

Sonia has recently enjoyed her holidays in South Africa, during the school holiday break.. Thank you so much to Leonie for filling in for Sonia during the last week of term.

WOW! Congratulations Arundel Park. For the first time ever, Arundel Park now has four full classes per day, five days per week. The staff has been working towards this goal for a while now and we are really pleased to achieve this milestone, with the help of all riders, volunteers and coaches.

Dates



Term 4 commences on Monday 4th October

Open Day "Roof Shout" Saturday 26th November

Term 4 finishes on Friday 9th December

PROJECTS

Cleanup: This mammoth job continues. Many more tonnes of rubbish have been taken to the tip. This job takes time and energy but well worth the effort.

A huge thank you to Sarah Dawson and six of her farming friends for spending all day on Saturday 10th September on the realigning of the lane. Holes were filled in, areas cleared and maintenance applied so that the lane is now 'nearly a super highway' - plus - 250 metres of new fencing and the Council Paddock were completed.

Thank you Sarah and friends

WHO AM I ?

Did you guess the name of the horse in the September "Who Am I?" on our website. The answer will be given in October, when another Who Am I? will be posted.



Springtime at Arundel Park



HORSE SPONSORS

Ashmore State School	Paradise Point Ladies Bowling
Airtech Mechanical Services	Peta-Kaye Croft
Broadwater Southport Rotary	Quota
Deidre Ackley	Ray White Runaway Group
Jillian Churchill	Southport Flying Club
John Nankeruis	Starbucks Broadbeach
Jonathon Shiff	Teach This Pty Ltd
Kim Harlow	Toll Mining Services
Lindley (Biddy) Stevenson	Vetquip
Lions Club of Robina	Wings Away

PRINCIPAL SPONSORS

Broadwater Southport Rotary
Disability Services QLD
QLD Sport & Recreation
Southport Rotary Community Grant



HORSES

“Horses change lives.

They give our young people confidence
and self esteem.

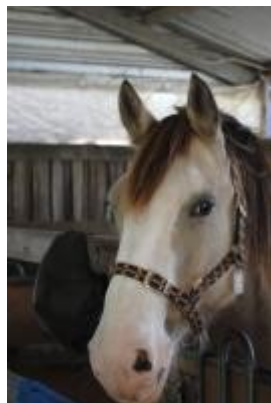
They provide peace and tranquillity
to troubled souls

They give us hope!”



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