

# RDA NEWSLETTER

June 2009



## MESSAGE FROM MIKE

Well winter is definitely here and it's time to put the extra blankets on!  
Brrrrrrr.....

Great to see all you Guys enjoying riding and everyone thanking our volunteers for their hard work. Without these wonderful people we couldn't ride, so thank you. We have some new horses at RDA thanks to our committee and we are very lucky to have their support. I have tried riding Stella and Admiral and both horses move very differently. I found Stella quite choppy to ride and preferred Admiral as he's nice and flat to ride on. Some of the horses have got new covers to keep them warm over the colder days and look really funky in their new colours. Hey Guys, have you got a mum or dad who would like to help on the committee as our secretary, if you have please get them to call us on 213 0464 or chat to our President Peter on 217 3335.

Happy Riding  
Mike

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY AT RDA....

- 'because it helps me' Sherryl
- 'like Mr Wobbles, Sherryl and riding' T.T
- 'riding Pipen' Jack
- 'horse riding and people are nice' Josiah
- 'riding horse and walking horse' Talia
- 'nice atmosphere' Roberta
- 'feeding and brushing the horses' Adele
- 'it's good, it's good fun' Krystal
- 'it's fun and cool and I love Pipen' Ryan
- 'it's fun to come out and train on horse' Jim
- 'I love horses and it's fun' Crystal



## UP TO DATE NEWS FROM RDA!

There are riding groups on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and we are starting another group on Thursdays. If you would like to become a volunteer at any of these groups please contact RDA on **2130464**.

## RAFFLE

There is a raffle circulating at present. This is to support Mike in getting a Roho saddle so he is able to participate in dressage. Mike has already started instructions and is grasping the method very well. The winner will receive two beautiful blankets with pictures of galloping horses on them. Please contact Judy Murray 2189311 if you are interested in buying or selling some tickets.

### An anecdote:

*Wee Faith has a great deal of difficulty concentrating. She is ALWAYS being reminded - "concentrate, Faith!!" Recently she rode Daisy right up to the mirror. Daisy decided that she wouldn't back up despite Faith's stern "go back Daisy!" Faith then let out a big sigh and said - "Daisy - DO concentrate!"*  
Mary Neil

We purchased covers for Libby and Ben from donations received from southern Light. They are both enjoying being warm and toasty. Also Ben has been a little sore and Glenys found he had an abscess in his front hoof. He is now feeling much better thanks to Glenys and Nicola soaking his hoof and wrapping it up and a baby's nappy.

We now have our registration with the Charties Commission and all donations can be claimed through the IRD. All receipts will now be stamped with the commission number. Riders fees are not a donation according to the IRD as the riders are getting therapeutic riding in return. Ann



*Libby and Ben are nice and warm in their new covers*

**Please note:**

All riders must weigh under 80kgs and have a medical certificate which must be current for the year they are riding.

**RDA committee meeting.**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm in the lounge at the RDA.

All very welcome.

**HOW NOT TO GET OUT OF A HAYBARN by Glenys**

1. Fight for 15 min. with the combination lock.
2. Horses neighing 'hurry up'
3. You get the lock unlocked =great!
4. Hay packed in so tightly you can't get any.
5. Climb up 2 bales high, climb another one get 1 bale off the top and throw it down.
6. Go down backwards down one bale and then down another ==hang on that was supposed to be 2 bales==
7. Oooops ==Crash == landed on the elbow hit shoulder and head, flat on my back==gee that hurt!
8. Horses still looking for hay.
9. Lesson learnt 'get someone younger to get the hay down==or a ladder'

