

Seminar program

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RSPCA ANIMAL WELFARE SEMINAR 2025

EQUUS HORSES AUSTRALIA

PROGRAM

DAY 1 Wednesday 22 February

HORSE WELFARE

12:30	WELCOME TO DAY 1 Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia Official welcome: Richard Mussell Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:45	EQUITATION SCIENCE AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HORSE WELFARE Speaker: Prof Paul McCreevy Professor of Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Faculty of Science, Agriculture, Business and Law, School of Environmental and Rural Science, University of New England
13:30	RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS: EQUINE WELFARE DURING EXERCISE Speaker: Dr Kat Littlewood Lecturer in Animal Welfare, School of Veterinary Science, Massey University, New Zealand
14:15	BREAK
14:30	BRAIN TRAIN YOUR HORSE - APPLYING NEUROSCIENCE TO IMPROVE HORSE TRAINING AND WELFARE Speaker: Dr Cathrynne Henshall PhD candidate, Hillydale Equitation Science, Charles Sturt University
15:15	EXPLORING BARRIERS TO WELFARE IMPROVEMENT - LEARNINGS FROM THE WORKING EQUID CONTEXT Speaker: Ashleigh Brown Global Animal Welfare Advisor, Brooke
16:00	CLOSE

*All times are in AEDT

DAY 2 Thursday 23 February

HORSES IN SPORT AND SOCIETY

12:20	WELCOME TO DAY 2 Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:30	HOW IMPORTANT IS PUBLIC TRUST FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HORSE SPORT SECTOR? Speaker: Julie Fiedler PhD Candidate, Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences, University of Melbourne
13:15	TALKING THE TAWWG Speaker: Tom Reilly Chief Executive Officer, Thoroughbred Breeders Australia
14:00	BREAK
14:15	PARIS 2024 ... A 'GAMES CHANGER' FOR SPORT HORSE WELFARE? Speaker: Cristina Wilkins Author, Horses and People
15:00	ETHICAL TRAINING - WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? Speaker: Dr Andrew McLean PhD (Equine Cognition & Learning), BSc (Zoology), Dip Vet; Co-Director, Equitation Science International
15:45	PANEL SESSION Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cristina WilkinsAndrew McLeanMeredith Chapman PhD Candidate, National Safety Manager, Equestrian Australia
16:30	CLOSE OF SEMINAR

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