

# Seminar program

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RSPCA/ANIMAL WELFARE SEMINAR 2025

QUIT HORSESHOES AND GROOMING

PROGRAM

DAY 1 Wednesday 22 February

HORSE WELFARE

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

DAY 2 Thursday 23 February

HORSES IN SPORT AND SOCIETY

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

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