Seminar program

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RSPCA ANIMAL WELFARE SEMINAR 2023   QUIT HORSING AROUND

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 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 **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 Ed;
Co-Director, Equitation Science International

15:45 **PANEL SESSION**
Speakers:
- Cristina Wilkins
- Andrew McLean
- Meredith Chapman
  PhD Candidate, National Safety Manager, Equestrian Australia

16:30 **CLOSE OF SEMINAR**

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