



## NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Australian Government has announced further assistance for people and businesses facing additional costs and significant financial hardship, as a direct result of the Equine Influenza quarantine measures currently in place.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Peter McGauran has announced the \$110 million funding package, of which includes a **Commercial Horse Assistance Payment** which the NSWROA has been lobbying strongly for owners since the outbreak of EI. Payments will be made to eligible primary carers (Trainers) whose racing, harness or professional equestrian competition horses who have been unable to undertake their normal activities, and could otherwise have generated an income, if not for the quarantine restrictions in place. The estimate cost of these payments is \$44 million dollars. This

payment will make sure horses receive adequate care, and remain fit and healthy during the current quarantine restrictions, so that all horse industries can make a swift and full recovery as soon as the standstill is lifted.

It is estimated that up to 10,000 horses in the ACT, NSW and QLD will be eligible for assistance, if as a result of quarantine restrictions, they are not able to engage in activities that could potentially earn an income.

CHAP will be administered by the relevant racing and harness authority in each state and territory, based on stable returns. For other commercial horses, the state Equestrian Federation will administer payments.

Payments based on a daily rate will be paid to horse carers on a fortnightly basis.

Daily rates are as follows:

NSW Metro T'breeds - \$60 p/d  
NSW Prov / ACT T'breeds- \$55 p/d  
NSW Country T'breeds - \$50 p/d

A portion of the payment may be retained by the relevant equine authority for limited purposes which may include the payment of worker's compensation and public liability premiums on behalf of participants.

The NSWROA are strongly supportive of the efforts of Peter V'landys (RacingNSW) and Minister McGauran for their swift and comprehensive response to assist the industry financially. The NSWROA will now focus on ensuring the daily horse rate subsidy which will be paid directly

to the trainer, is fairly credited to the Owner.

### EI & THE HEALTH OF YOUR HORSE

With equine influenza now present in horses in training centres at Randwick and Hawkesbury, and other places around the state, it is essential that affected horses are closely monitored and administered appropriate treatment as required, under the supervision of your veterinarian.

There is then a period of convalescence and a slow return to work before full training can resume, so as to reduce the possibility of flu-related secondary infections and other complications.

The *Ausvetplan* dealing with equine influenza recommends one month's complete rest after the last febrile (high temperature) episode during the course of the infection. During the rest period after the fever has disappeared, horses should be hand walked only.

However, if a horse has an elevated temperature for greater than 4 days in the initial phase of the disease, this one month's period of rest should be extended further (one extra week's rest for every extra febrile day).

Rest reduces the opportunity for secondary infection, hastens complete recovery and reduces the output of infective virus.

Following this initial rest period of one month, affected horses can then resume slow work (trotting



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and cantering) for another month before they can commence faster work. One of the complications arising from returning to fast work too quickly is myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) which can further prolong recovery and return to normal athletic condition.

The road to recovery will vary between horses, depending on the intensity and duration of the initial symptoms, and whether or not complications such as secondary bacterial infections. This will require careful monitoring of your horses particularly while clinical signs are present, and you should also consult your veterinarian before returning you horse even to light work.

**SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK  
FOR RACINGS NIGHT OF  
CHAMPIONS**

The NSWROA Board of Directors recently met to discuss and debrief this years Racing Night of Champions held at the Randwick Pavilion, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2007.

We are actively seeking feedback from our members regarding the night and invited anyone with constructive criticism or suggestions for 2008 to get in touch with the Office.

**VACCINATION:**

**DO YOU SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE  
VACCINATION OF HORSES AGAINST EI?**

**MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL THE NSWROA  
ON 'nswroa1@ozemail.com.au' OR CALL 02  
9299 4299 AND LET US KNOW!**

**VOTE 1 NSWROA DIRECTOR  
CHRIS KEOGH – UPCOMING  
STC COMMITTEE ELECTION**



As a former Chairman and RIPAC delegate for the NSWROA and a member for over 12 years, the NSWROA wish Director Chris Keogh all the best in his endeavor to gain election on the STC Committee.

Chris has been a passionate racegoer for more than 30 years and I am sure if elected he would devote an enormous amount of energy and time into improving owners benefits at STC venues.

Chris is also involved in a number of other Racing & Recreational Clubs and being the Owner/Managing Director of Deovi Enterprises will bring great commercial skills into the position.

Please visit the NSWROA website: [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) for more information regarding Chris and his suitability for appointment to the STC Board of Directors.

**VOTE 1 NSWROA DIRECTOR  
JOHN VOURIS – AJC  
COMMITTEE ELECTION**



The NSWROA would like to wish newly appointed NSWROA Director John Youris all the best in his endeavor to gain election on the AJC Committee.

John has a strong background in financial management being a senior partner in Lawler Partners a chartered accounting firm with excess of 150 staff. In his commercial dealings he has extensive experience in the Hospitality & Gaming environment in assisting and advising the Club industry.

John also is a strong supporter of the AJC with his business hosting its Annual Race Day in March every year. John has also enjoyed success as a racehorse owner with the well performed 'Hula Hoop' and Stakes Winner 'Before Too Long'.

Please visit the NSWROA website: [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) for more information regarding John and his suitability for appointment to the AJC Board of Directors.

Yours in Racing

**Stephen Van Eyk  
President**

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