

# ROSEWOOD EQUESTRIAN GROUP

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The Rosewood Equestrian Group (REG) held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, at the Rosewood RSL Hall.

We would like to introduce and welcome the 2017 Rosewood Equestrian Group Committee as follows:

## **Managing Committee**

President: Tony Hodges

Vice Presidents: Maxine Ellison and Lyall McEwin

Secretary's: Rodney and Margaret Drew

Treasurer: Elizabeth Jennings

## **Sub Committee**

Events Co-ordinator: Megan Hayne

Grants/Fundraising Officer: Wendy Jones

Public Relations Officer: Debbie Summerhayes

Newsletter Editor: Melissa Bell

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Rosewood Equestrian Group (REG) has a vision for the development of the Qld Equine Centre of Excellence in the Rosewood area which will see a range of facilities for equestrian clubs and associations from South East Qld. Both dedicated and shared facilities will be purpose built to cater for horse training and events.

REG Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Rosewood RSL Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday 21st Feb, 2017 – all welcome!



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## Presidents Report for 2016 Year

In some ways the year was long and hard work and then it seems it went so quick. There was much progress made behind the scenes that not all can see the results of on the surface.

The year was good financially. A number of raffles netted some good funds. Marburg Harness racing held a great day for fund raising with the gate takings and raffles held on the day. The Mad Hatters Ball was a success for our club, and the Rosewood committee so enjoyed the event. We had many requests to make it an annual event. The float raffle was a great result to see one of our locals winning this great prize was special. Ipswich County Council made a most generous donation of \$10,000 to help us with the cause.

Behind the scene we have been able to engage with the Mayor and he has offered the support of his staff, namely Paul Hodgson that I have had a number of meetings with to help to move this forward for Ipswich.

State government Economic guru John Gillespie has now come in to help us with the support of the State. John has been invaluable to me at to starting to look at each step at a time for the best outcome for our vision and this will continue through this process. John and Paul have looked at what would be the best business model to see this all comes together for the long term. John stated at the meeting I had with the land holders that they would see to the business case, thus taking some pressure off.

The Land Holders have agreed to negotiate on the land we had chosen plus a further 60 acres at the top right hand side of the property.

We still have a way to go, but even though people have not seen all they would like to see, we must keep in mind that as much as we would like things to be done overnight our Council and State have a great deal of other things they work on other than REG.

I to have only windows of times to be able to get things done. It is for this reason I will be stepping down as President so that I can use my time to focus more on the big picture of the grounds only. The last year has taken its toll and I feel I am spreading myself too thin. I sincerely appreciate the support and help of REG members.

Maxine Ellison



## Upcoming REG Events

### **REG Committee Meetings**

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### **Carriage Driving Display**

Plans are in place to hold a Carriage Driving Display at the Marburg Races in April. Details will be announced soon!

### **REG T-Shirt Hack & Dressage Day**

REG Committee are currently working on running a T-Shirt Hack & Dressage Day at Rosewood Showgrounds in June. More details shortly!

### **Madhatters Ball**

Following from the success of this event last year, we have decided to once again hold this Annual Fundraiser Event sometime in July. Watch this space for more information!

### **REG Show Jumping Day**

REG Committee are working on running a Show Jumping Competition in September. Details will be released soon!

## Message from Our President

Good day all and welcome,

I'd like to say thank you to the Rosewood Equestrian Group for entrusting me to carry on with all their previous hard work and their vision going forward.

I'd like to give you a brief introduction about myself so we can all get to know one another and hopefully this will help when we need to lean on each other for a little help from time to time.

I've been involved in horses for a lifetime now and have had the luxury of being encouraged to try a multitude of disciplines from early days at pony club, racing, rodeo, Olympic disciplines, drafting and cutting and of more recently medieval jousting.

I've been lucky enough to have worked with some of the best in the business in training horses and owe a great deal of gratitude to each of them. I've schooled under Dr Andrew McLean and worked alongside of him for approximately two years where I learnt so much about the psychology of horses and things that make them tick. It was with Andrew, that I have developed a method and a passion for working with young horses.

Lee Freedman, Bart Cummings, Tom Harrison in the racing game were all such a wealth of knowledge.

I've been blessed to be able to school dressage horses under the watchful eyes of Rafael Suto Andrade and his kind soul and love for the animal and the sport. Along with Princess Nathalie of Denmark who has an eye for precision and keeping things soft and supple all at the same time.

I mustn't forget the wealth of knowledge I've learnt from my sister Samantha Bartlett who has taught me so much at the higher levels of dressage alongside her mentor Malcom Barnes to whom I owe the art of patience.

I also hold an Advanced Diploma in Agriculture which has led me into diverse work developing rural properties, liaising with owners and investors alike to build and develop a practical and functional outcome for their individual needs. This includes building equine and other sporting facilities that have been used in both private and public events.

I would love to see the development of this potentially wonderful venue go ahead in leaps and bounds. I know it's going to require a lot of hard work, miles travelled and sleepless nights to get it running at full speed. I'm sure that if we all pull together as a team and work together it will happen sooner rather than later.

Remember Rome wasn't built in a day, but more to the point

"IT WAS BUILT BY MANY."

Thanks again

Tony Hodges







**SAQ Show Preparation Clinic with Emily Wonka**

**Sunday 26/2/17 at Marburg Show Grounds starts at 8.30 am**

Ever thought about showing and don't know where to start? Head on down to Marburg and learn what you need to know.






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**Sunday 26 th Feb 2017 8.30 am till 2.30 pm**  
**Marburg Show Grounds Queens Street Marburg**

You will learn things like:

- Preparation of your horse on the day for in hand showing
- How to present your horse correctly for in hand classes and what is expected in the ring
- Complete ring etiquette
- Classes explained and what is expected
- A brief out line on ridden classes (No riding on the day)

Emily Wonka (Saddleworld Ipswich) will be this years show prep clinic presenter. She is a very successful competitor in many fields of showing with wins at royal and higher competition. She is sure to give some great tips and hints on how to prepare & present your horse.

Every attendee will receive a rider bag full of goodies. Lunch will be provided consisting of cold meat and salad wraps. Drinks will be available for purchase.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN:**  
 chair,  
 your grooming kit,  
 2 lead ropes for cross tying in the stalls.  
 A box or step to stand on.  
 A bucket for water.  
 A bridle for in hand showing.

Any questions, please contact Kelly: 0111 640584






RIDING LESSONS, with EA/NCAS qualified coach, Margaret Drew (EALID).

\*Dressage based instruction for both beginners and experienced riders from 6-60(+)...

\*Ride at our place at Tallegalla (fenced all-weather sand arena) or your place if within 30 min drive...

\*Quiet, well-educated school horses available if required ...

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, INCLUDING COSTS/TERMS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE (Saraid Sporthorses : <http://sites.google.com/site/saraidsporthorses>) and check out "Saraid Sporthorses" Facebook page.

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