

# TRIPLE R EQUINE WELFARE

## From the Committee

We are pleased to report that the recent TREW AGM was a success welcoming four new members to the TREW Committee, Dean and Amanda Fox, Sammi Whitehead and Erin Zivkovic. Thank you for your commitment to TREW and to equine welfare in general.

Our newest surrender pony is a sweet but scared miniature filly. Jewel has been relatively unhandled during her young life and her hooves have not seen the touch of a good farrier in a long time. Already this lovely small pony is rapidly improving. Jewel is available for sponsorship.

TREW will be in attendance at the upcoming World Animal Day festival hosted by Edgar's Mission in Willowmavin. We will have our Education Unit on display manned by most of our committee members so if you're in the area on October 2<sup>nd</sup> drop by and say hello.

In honour of an Anonymous benefactor TREW has established an annual award to be given to a member of the community in recognition of their contribution to equine welfare. *Read more about this award on Page 8.*

Help TREW Grow.

Join TREW's membership drive. If we all can find one new person to join our organisation, our membership instantly doubles.



Left: TREW Buddy enjoys a mud bath.



Above: TREW Jewel on arrival at the care facility.



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## From the Committee

### 2011 TREW AGM

On 24 July we had our annual general meeting.

Attendance was better than in previous years and new people have joined the committee.

The office bearers are now:

- President – Leigh Wren
- Vice President - Jessie Bishop (new role)
- Treasurer – Tanya Meldrum
- General Secretary – Rebecca Reece
- Publicity Coordinator – Erin Zivkovic (new member)
- Membership Secretary – Sammi Whitehead (new member)
- Ordinary Member – Amanda Fox (new member)
- Ordinary Member – Dean Fox (new member)
- Fundraising Coordinator – *vacant*

Congratulations and a big welcome to the new committee members. Fundraising remains vacant but all committee members have agreed to assist with this vital activity and share the responsibility.

The committee reviewed the financial statements for the past year. TREW has a healthy balance sheet thanks to a large bequest received in August last year. There were some abnormal expenditure on legal fees and of course the rehabilitation of Buddy, with his medical expenses, has been costly. Overall the committee was satisfied that TREW is financially sound but recognise the need to generate additional funding. If you would like to see the full set of financials statements and/or minutes from past committee meetings please send me an email at

[secretary@triplerequinewelfare.org.au](mailto:secretary@triplerequinewelfare.org.au)

### Horse Reports and Assistance

#### Jewel

A 2 and a half year old miniature pony has been surrendered to TREW. Her story is on Page 3.

#### Neglected Standardbreds

TREW recently reported a property housing several thin Standardbreds to the RSPCA in an effort to prevent these horses from becoming more serious neglect cases in the future. The RSPCA attended the property and has given the owner some care instructions, they are continuing to monitor the situation (so are we).

### Upcoming Events

#### World Animal Day — October 2nd, 2011

TREW will be once again attending this event hosted by Edgars Mission. 11am to 4 pm. Entry is free.

Edgar's Mission  
365 McHarg's Road  
Willowmavin, Victoria 3764

#### Whittlesea Show — November 5th & 6th, 2011

We will be attending the show and possibly have an equine for everyone to meet. Drop by and meet TREW's committee and members. We will have merchandise on sale and will draw our raffle on the Sunday.

Showy Entry: Adults \$15 Children \$5 (6-14 years)

Whittlesea Showgrounds  
Cnr Yea & McPhees Road  
Whittlesea, Victoria 3757



## Introducing — TREW Jewel



Jewel is a two and a half year old Miniature Pony filly.

Jewel had been under the radar of the RSPCA for quite some time. The inspector had been called in after reports had been made of overweight ponies with hoof problem and laminitis. The inspector then approached TREW as Jewel's owner had agreed to surrender her.

She is suffering from laminitis and her feet had been so badly trimmed, she was walking on the back of her heels (the bulbs), making her joint snap open and closed. She had minimal handling and was extremely nervous and had previously needed to be sedated to do any work with her.



Jewel was collected and taken for rehabilitation. After being given some time to settle in, she had her hooves trimmed (without the need for sedation) and wormed. Still very nervous, she refused any type of treat and was very suspicious when given a feed.

After a couple of days she then started to accept close contact, taking treats and coming over for her feed. She was still very unsure about being stroked, but loved to sniff your face.

Jewel is a loveable little girl and will require on-going farrier work and a strict diet along with a full herbal treatment to aid with the laminitis. She will also require a huge amount of handling and training to help overcome her trust issues.



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## Available for Adoption

### TREW Bronsen

Bronsen is an aged grey Thoroughbred gelding looking for a retirement home as a companion.

Bronsen is located in Kinglake. He came to Dean Fox's attention when he was asked to trim the gelding's hooves. They were in a bad way due to infected sand cracks that had split the hoof in two. He had rain scald, which the owners did not know how to treat, and had been scouring for most of the 4 years she had owned him. As he was running in a 20 acre, lush green paddock he was not receiving any supplementary feeding.

Bronsen was not a particularly happy boy when he arrived at his new home.. He was not nasty, rather a little 'stand-offish'. His body was sore and any work was done on him gently. Just treating his rain scald was a big job, though he was always good having his feet done. Bronsen has an old injury on his near fore fetlock. X-rays of this show that it is an old fracture which doesn't seem to bother him too much, but he has limited movement in that joint making him unsuitable for riding. He also has a lump under his jaw (offside). The dentist believed that it was probably caused by a blow to the side of the face, which also knocked out a couple of teeth.

Bronsen responded quite quickly to everything that was done to him and has now blossomed into a loving boy who LOVES a scratch. He has his moments, when he decides to hoon round the paddock like a 'bucking bronco', but on the whole he is a gentle, friendly boy. Bronsen is an excellent doer. He currently receives 1 scoop of oaten chaff (approximately 200g) which is split into 2 feeds, plus 1 slice of grass hay (also split into 2 feeds). He is only getting this as the other horses on the property are getting fed and no one wants Bronsen to be left out.



For more information about Bronsen or TREW's adoption guidelines, please email [equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au](mailto:equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au)

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### Recently Adopted — TREW Gladys

We are thrilled to announce that TREW Gladys has been formally adopted by her carer Tanya. This lovely Standardbred mare is living the life of luxury in a loving home with a horse, a pony and a donkey as companions. It has been a long road to soundness and after a horrific year of hoof abscesses in both front hooves Gladys is finally paddock sound and pain free.

Congratulations on your new family member Tanya and Thank You for all the hard work you have put into this mare right from Day One.



**ADOPTED**

## TREW Buddy — In Care

Amanda and Dean are taking exceptional care of Buddy. They are trying everything and getting a lot of other specialists involved too.



Dean was concerned that Buddy hadn't achieved his expected improvements and believed there must also be some other underlying problems.

In late April, Dr Mark Curtis was called in to examine Buddy. What he discovered wasn't good news. Buddy has arthritis in his knees and ligament damage in both front feet. The small impar ligament at the back of the hoof is detached from the bone in both hooves.

The diagram below illustrates the problem area:



- deep digital flexor tendon = yellow
- navicular bone = blue
- impar ligament = orange
- intersection of ligament and tendon = red

Buddy was given a course of Pentosan to see if this would help. Unfortunately things didn't improve. The Pentosan helped his knees but not his feet. The lameness persisted, but he can't be that much pain because he can do playful bucking, putting all his weight on his front feet and throw his back end way up in the air. Dean and Amanda were not ready to give up on him and have enlisted more specialist help.

Buddy now has another admirer, Lea Smart. Lea and her husband own and run Smart Bowen Therapy International College. Lea is donating homeopath treatments; covering the cost of tissue salts and sponsoring Buddy's upkeep. Lea has also become a member of TREW.

A big welcome and thank-you to Lea.



[www.smartbowen.com](http://www.smartbowen.com)

## TREW Buddy — In Care

### A new treatment – Tissue Salts

Lea has been receiving excellent reports from her Bowen colleagues throughout Australia on the effectiveness of tissue salts and their capacity to restore balance to mineral deficiencies that horses may incur through poor pasture, management or neglect. Many of these deficiencies have a direct effect on bone, cartilage and consequently joint formation and function, add to this problems encountered through hoof management and the problems can quickly mount but remain elusive to treat.

Lea believed tissue salts could help Buddy, so she has obtained specialist assistance from Alex Sutton, who is a biochemist based in Queensland and specialises in the inorganic elements of the organism and practices the clinical science of Biochemic Therapy – in accordance with the teachings of Dr. Schuessler and the principles of the Biochemischer Bund Deutschland (German Association of Biochemistry (BBD)).

Schuessler Salts are a specific application and formulation of mineral salts that the body can easily uptake and utilise.

When Lea ran Buddy's case past Alex, he believed that Buddy certainly presented with mineral deficiencies in several areas, many of these are overlapping and are having a bi-effect on his ability to uptake and utilise nutrient. This is why Buddy, despite being fed high energy food, does not maintain weight and due to his inability to utilise the food properly in turn causes a deficiency in the ability of the body to provide healing nutrient to the cells. Buddy's metabolic system does not know what to do with the feed it is receiving. Alex believes we can turn this around and he also believes we can improve his feet and joints, which in turn will reduce or alleviate his discomfort. Coupled with the ongoing hoof maintenance that Dean is providing, we should see rewards in a short space of time.

Buddy is on the following diet of pills:

- Calcium Phosphate
- Ferrum Phosphate
- Kali Chloride
- Magnesium Phosphate
- Natrium Chloride
- Silica

Buddy has been on the tissue salt program for about a month. He is doing really well. We are all hoping for a positive outcome.

Lea, Alex, Dean and Amanda are confident that they will be able to get Buddy to a point where he is content and a more affordable prospect for re-homing. Everyone who meets Buddy falls love with him. He loves life and loves his humans.

*Amanda giving Buddy an ear scratch.*



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## Assisting the Community — Spirit



18 months old  
Australian Brumby

This case was a little out of the ordinary TREW was asked if we could help. Initially it was thought that Spirit had been poisoned (accidentally, by eating hydrangeas from the garden). After much expense and differing opinions from multiple vets, Spirit's owner found herself with a pony that, while he was not getting any worse, he was not getting any better either and in a dire financial situation.

The usual "first visit treatments" were performed (worming, vaccinations, etc) upon meeting the pony. Shortly after Spirit had a bowel movement and an unusually large amount of dead worms were noticed in the manure. Spirit was treated over the next couple of weeks for suspected worm bounding. Spirit started showing signs of improving so we decided to continue this course of treatment.



Initially Spirit had a large hematoma below his body. This is initially suspected to be from the poisoning. The drugs the vets originally prescribed had halted its growth and it had subsided from its original size. Loose skin hung in a fold between his forelegs where the lump had been. Now that the worm burden has been controlled, the lump has disappeared and Spirit is back to being the high spirited youngster he was before.

*The follow up picture was taken 8 weeks after the initial visit. Spirit is a little muddy but a lot happier!*

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## Update — TREW Bam

TREW has just received word that one of our favourite horses, young Bam, rehomed as a two year old gelding, is starting his career under saddle this week. The spunky young gelding settled in to his new home without a hitch, soon making himself completely at home.

We look forward to following his career in whatever discipline Benita decides to take him in.



## The Teddy Award

TREW received a wonderful and substantial bequest from a kind hearted animal lover who wished to remain anonymous. However, we wanted to honour our benefactor on an ongoing basis and thought an award or prize would be ideal. The executors suggested using her nickname and so The Teddy Award has been born. This will be an annual award given to a member of the community in recognition of their contribution to equine welfare.

For this year's award the committee would like to recognise the extraordinary efforts that went into the flood relief early in the year. We have identified a number of worthy recipients and will be announcing the award winner very soon.

In future years we will be asking all members to put forward nominations. We will call for nominations a few months prior to the AGM with the determination of the award winner to be made at the AGM. All nominees will be given a certificate of recognition for their efforts. The award winner will receive a trophy and will be publicly acknowledged on our website, newsletter and via magazine/newspaper articles.



We are developing criteria to assist with identifying suitable candidates. Currently they are:

- The award winner will have made a positive impact on the welfare of equines in the broader community.
- An individual or organisation has made a significant sacrifice to positively influence the prevention of equine welfare issues.
- That their actions are more for the benefit of horses as opposed to gaining anything from their actions. That is, their actions have been selfless and not designed to generate income/profit.

The Teddy Award gives us a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation of the many wonderful efforts that people go to assist horses, owners and/or the general horse community. Please don't hesitate to put forward nominations. You can make nominations throughout the year if something note-worthy occurs.



## *Horse & Country Saddlery and 3BO Radio — Bendigo*

Horse and Country saddlery on Mclvor Road in Bendigo invited TREW to join them and 3BO at their shop on Saturday 9th of April. Bendigo's local radio station, 3BO, was doing an outside broadcast from the shop that morning and a sausage sizzle was held as a fundraiser for TREW.

TREW's Leigh and Jessie attended the event. It was an enjoyable morning, made even better with the rain holding off until the trip homeward. Leigh was invited to go on air and made his first radio appearance (a new career perhaps?). The day was finished with some shopping at the saddlery.

Thank you to Horse and Country and 3BO for inviting us and for their support of TREW and the local horse community



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## *Merriang Riding Club Car Boot Sale*

TREW was invited to have a stand at the Merriang Riding Club's Car Boot Sale held at their club grounds near Whittlesea on April 16th. We took out Education Unit along and the unofficial equine face of TREW, Mac even made an appearance.

The weather was good and we all enjoyed the event (and came home with more items than we brought). Several new members signed up on the day and we sold all the winter jackets we brought with us once the temperature started dropping (thank you Mother Nature!)



Thank you to Merriang Riding Club for inviting us to attend their event. We look forward to the next one.

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## *Supporters Corner — Dean & Amanda Fox*

We offer equine hoof care & rehabilitation using a holistic approach in the treatment of horses and their pathologies.

Having studied equine podiatry in depth and coming from a farrier background, we now employ a more natural way of hoof care. We offer rehabilitation of chronic hoof pathologies i.e. navicular, laminitis, severe hoof cracks and club foot to name a few. Horses may be given herbs, bach flower remedies and homeopathic treatments where needed. Whilst in our care, we can offer Bowen therapy, Photonic therapy, Light therapy and/or acupuncture for any body/emotional issues.

When horses arrive they are assessed both physically and emotionally and their dietary needs are met using as natural a feed as possible. Not all the horses that arrive here have just hoof pathologies and we have also successfully treated skin conditions, arthritis, ringbone, muscular/skeletal issues and torn ligaments and severe wounds.

**Thank you Dean and Amanda for your ongoing support of TREW and our horses.**

## Some of our Supporters



Thank you to all of our members, corporate sponsors and supporters. Without your assistance and support we would not be able to enrich the lives of neglected horses or help educate owners about caring for their equines.

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## *Advertise Here!*

With a growing membership base, why not advertise your business here, whilst also supporting TREW. Online advertising also available.

Advertising Rates:	Full page Members: \$25	Non Members: \$30
	Half page Members: \$15	Non Members: \$20
	Quarter page Members: \$10	Non Members: \$15

Please contact TREW with details of your advertisement: [equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au](mailto:equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au)

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## *The Last Word*

### **Thank You**

The members of the Committee would like to thank all of the TREW Members for their ongoing support and interest in equine welfare. The rehabilitation of these horses would not be possible without the ongoing support and sponsorship from you.

### **TREW's Education Unit**

Over the last year TREW has been working on developing an Education Unit that we can take out to events. As part of this project we are creating a series of Fact Sheets to help educate the community about horses and their care.

We are looking for Members who are interested in being involved in the Fact Sheet Project.

If you would like to offer your assistance, please contact [equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au](mailto:equines@triplerequinewelfare.org.au)