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Introduction

Biosecurity is the management of infectious diseases to reduce the risk of transmission. Animal biosecurity is a comprehensive approach with the critical element being the control of disease agents and the prevention of the spread of any disease agents. This includes hygiene practices and the quarantine of and control of infectious diseases onto and within an endurance ride venue and surrounding roads and tracks. This information applies to management of infectious disease risk in general, which could include strangles, diarrhoea and respiratory illness, and includes information specifically relating to Hendra virus risk and its zoonotic potential.

While this document is not specifically related to Hendra virus and associated outbreaks, it is important to note that the ***vaccination of horses in relation to the Hendra virus is recognised as the single most effective means of controlling the spread of this virus.*** Much of Australia at this time is Hendra free, however in compiling this document the sub-committee recognises that in much of Queensland and the Northern coastal area of NSW, Hendra is very much a zoonotic threat with the potential to impact on horse and human health and this document reflects the risk that Hendra potentially exerts on endurance rides in these Hendra risk zones.

Relative to Hendra virus for the purposes of this document it is considered essential to identify zones where Hendra risk to Horses is higher. Broadly speaking the Hendra Risk Zones in Queensland are: the entire QLD east coast and the area contained within a line 200km due west of the coast. In addition, the 200 km line bulges out in an arc at Noosa, to go as far west as 20 km east of Chinchilla. The Hendra risk zone in NSW includes the north coast of NSW to as far south as 50 km south of Kempsey, and the area contained within a line 200km due west of the coast. Appendix 1 identifies local government areas where there has been a known Hendra incident. Recognizing that there should also be a buffer zone to allow for Hendra incident movement, the appendix also includes all government areas adjoining those listed. Hendra incidence areas and adjoining areas together form **the Hendra Risk Zone** referred to where necessary in this document.

All other states and territories at the time of the compilation of this document are free of the Hendra virus.

The management of infectious diseases requires the fulfilment of certain obligations prior to the ride and at the ride by people in charge of a horse, on the one hand, and by ride organisers on the other.

1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE HORSE

(i). PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE ONTO THE RIDE VENUE

All people who bring horses or livestock onto the grounds are expected to be aware of their biosecurity obligation that they must take all reasonable steps to ensure their activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.

All horses or livestock entering grounds must be from a property actively practicing good biosecurity principles within their management.

The following actions are required of the person responsible for each horse.

A. INFORMATION

Provide the ride secretary with:

- Name and contact details of the person who is responsible for each horse when finalising entries
- Details of any changes to the responsible person before the horse arrives at the ride base
- Full details of your horse/s identity and property of origin, including PIC. If any horse is returning to a location other than its property of origin, provide the details of this property prior to departure from the event venue
- Proof of current vaccination if your horse/s is/are vaccinated against Hendra virus. Accepted proof is a vaccination certificate or notation in the horse/s' logbook completed by the vet who administered the vaccine or scanned microchip by the Chief Steward, Biosecurity Manager, or Head Vet and compliant in the Hendra Vaccine registry <https://health4horses.com.au/About/Hendra-Vaccination-Lookup/>
- A properly completed Horse Health Declaration for every horse entering the ride base and their travelling companions, on arrival at the ride venue. The declaration states that the horse/s is/are healthy to the best of the responsible person's knowledge, and includes a temperature log for the stipulated number of days prior to arrival at the ride venue and subsequently, until the pre ride veterinary check. DO NOT bring an unwell horse onto the ride base. Two template Horse Health Declarations are included in the Appendix.
- If a horse is bought to the ride base without a horse health declaration it will not be permitted to enter the ride base.

B. HEALTH CHECKS

- Regularly and carefully check the health of each horse before leaving home, while travelling, and after arrival at the ride venue. Health checks should include: normal eating and drinking habits, temperatures between 37.5 and 38.5C. Any nasal discharge, coughing, fever (temperature greater than 38.5), swelling, lameness or off food or water should be noted and a veterinarian contacted to conduct an examination.
- If a horse becomes unwell while travelling, contact a vet and the ride organiser, before arrival at the ride base.

C. HYGIENE

- Ensure that the horse/s you bring to the ride venue are from properties actively practicing effective biosecurity principles
- Wash your horse/s before leaving home so that soil and organic matter are removed from their coats and hooves
- Check for any evidence of ticks and abide by all government regulations for spraying
- Wash your vehicles and floats before leaving home to remove visible dirt
- Clean all horse gear of visible dirt before leaving home
- Bring sufficient tack, feed and water containers with you, to avoid sharing these at the event
- Adhere to all regulations regarding the transport of plants (including horse feed) and animals. Interstate participants must inform themselves and abide by, the regulations which apply to your point of origin. International competitors must comply with Australian quarantine regulations.

- Keep horse feed and water under cover and away from fruit trees to prevent contamination from birds/flying foxes while travelling and at the event.

(ii) PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE AT THE RIDE VENUE

The following actions are required of the person responsible for each horse.

A. INFORMATION

- At the gate or the pre ride vet check, the person responsible for the horse will be asked to provide a duly completed temperature log for each horse entered in the ride and its travelling companions. In some events your horse(s) may be required to be identified for the duration of the event by a number written in crayon on the rump. Numbers can be rewritten if they become illegible. The RO/Chief Steward is responsible for this.
- At some events horses which have proven current vaccination against Hendra virus are identified by a green ribbon in their mane or tail for the duration of the event. The event organisers will provide the green ribbon

B. HYGIENE

- As much as possible, minimise contact with other people's horses, and restrict access to your horse/s by others
- Avoid sharing feed containers or equipment. If this must happen, gear must be cleaned and disinfected between horses.
- Clean your horse yards of manure and feed scraps on a regular basis
- Collect manure so it can be easily removed from your camp by the event organisers

C. HORSE HEALTH

- Provide a thermometer and take your horse/s temperature twice daily from arrival at the ride venue until the pre ride vet check, and during ride vet checks if required
- Immediately notify the Chief Steward/Head Vet /or Treatment vet if your horse becomes unwell during the event

D. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Please note that the person responsible for any horse requiring treatment, including sampling and laboratory testing, will be responsible for all costs associated with treatment, including all PPE gear used. Horses' logbooks will not be returned while accounts remain outstanding.

2. THE RIDE BIOSECURITY PLAN AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RIDE ORGANISERS

This Biosecurity Plan outlines a set of preventative control measures and actions aimed at reducing the risk and spread of an infectious diseases outbreak affecting people and horses on and off the venue. Every individual has a responsibility to abide by the biosecurity measures and to follow the directions of the Organising Committee (OC) or risk expulsion from the event.

The table below outlines the requirement for general information relative to the biosecurity plan

Name of event	
Address of the venue	
PIC of venue	
Number of exit and entry points	
Date of first arrivals and last departures	From: To:
Event Organiser and phone number	
Event Biosecurity Manager	
Site map attached?	

A plan should include:

- A. Emergency contact information
- B. Biosecurity policy
- C. Details of biosecurity kit and equipment required to be available at the ride
- D. Communication plan
- E. Biosecurity information for ride organisers
- F. Site map

A. EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

ORGANISATION	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	COMMENT
Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline			
Biosecurity (State details)			
Biosecurity Manager			
Event Veterinarian			
Local Veterinarian 1			
Other Local Veterinarians			
Body Disposal Company			
Clinical waste disposal			
Venue Owner/Manager			
Neighbours with horses			
Local Police			
Workplace Health Safety (State details)			
Local hospital			

B. BIOSECURITY POLICY

Competitors will be advised before and during the event that:

- They have a biosecurity obligation to take all reasonable steps to ensure their activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.
- Horse Health Declarations (HHD) are a mandatory requirement for all rides.
- The property identification code (PIC) of the horse's origin and returning property must be included on the HHD.
- Acceptance into the event will be refused if the required HHD is not presented at point of entry or designated registration point.
- No horses with signs of illness are to be brought onto the grounds.
- Equipment, including food containers is not to be shared between horses.

- Direct nose to nose contact between horses that are not regularly in contact should be minimised.
- Horse floats and trucks should be cleaned and disinfected before departing to the event.
- Biosecurity equipment identified later in this document should be available at all times.
- Competitors are responsible for cleaning up manure from yards and placing it in designated areas.
- Competitors are required to advise the event organisers immediately if a horse is sick, to stop all non-essential contact with the sick horse and not allow children to have close contact with the sick horse.
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitise hands between contacting different horses.

Please note that details relative to Horse Health Declarations and Temperature Log duration have been spelt out in more detail below. It is particularly important to observe the strong recommendations re duration of Temperature Log maintenance. These encourage vaccination against Hendra virus and take into account whether or not a ride is held in a Hendra risk area.

The Horse Health Declaration

A Horse Health Declaration (See Appendix) must be completed prior to entry to the venue and will detail the contact details of the owner or person in charge of the horse, the address and PIC number of the horse's property of origin immediately prior to travel, a temperature log, a horse health declaration by the owner or person in charge of the horse(s), and a declaration.

The Temperature Log Duration

Temperature logs must be completed by the person in charge of the horse. The temperature log duration will be decided by the ride's Head Veterinarian in conjunction with the ride Biosecurity Manager at least one month before the ride commences. Dependant on the size of the ride these two functions may be one and the same person. In conjunction with the advice to vaccinate against Hendra the strong recommendations re temperature logs are:

- For a horse not in a Hendra Risk Zone or a vaccinated horse in the Hendra Risk Zone: 3 days
- For an unvaccinated horse going to a ride in a Hendra Risk Zone, or a non-vaccinated horse from a Hendra Risk Zone going to ride in other areas the temperature log needs to be of 10 days duration
- For National Championship (Tom Quilty) and FEI rides the temperature log duration is at the discretion of the Head Veterinarian and the Biosecurity Manager but will generally be of longer duration given the broad geographic origins of participants.

Horse Health Declarations should be collected at the point of entry to the ride base in Hendra Risk Zone areas. In other areas the Head Veterinarian in conjunction with the Biosecurity Manager may permit them to be collected at the designated registration point.

Veterinary Treatment Hospital and Isolation Zone

An endurance treatment hospital is a very important area of an endurance ride base, but can pose major risks to staff, volunteers and competitors, as such it is important that strict protocols and procedures are followed.

The Biosecurity Manager, in consultation with the Organising Committee, is in charge should a biosecurity risk arise. While the Biosecurity Manager does not possess the legal powers necessary to quarantine or

restrict movements of people, they will arrange to have the details of any person and/or animal leaving the grounds if they have been directed not to.

Equipment and Access

A suitable area in a quiet place on the ride base grounds needs to be set aside as a designated treatment area. The area must be large enough to accommodate a number of horses, depending on the number of entries and the expected climate, terrain and experience of competitors. Usually approximately 5-10% of competitors may require some form of veterinary intervention, but this can vary greatly depending on weather conditions, terrain and timing of event (eg. Early in the season). The area must be protected from the weather elements (sun and rain) and private (either screens erected around the facility, or vehicles parked around the facility). The area must have adequate lighting to allow veterinary procedures to be conducted.

Access to the veterinary hospital needs to be restricted. Only the person responsible for the horse receiving treatment and the rider (if over 18) will be allowed access to the treatment hospital. No children will be allowed within the treatment hospital. If the rider or responsible person wants to update or discuss with other people (eg Strappers) they must leave the veterinary hospital. Officials who can access the veterinary hospital are the ride veterinarians, chief steward and any other ride officials at the direction of the chief steward or treatment veterinarian. There should be only one entry and exit point from the treatment hospital, to allow monitoring of those present within the treatment hospital.

No dogs or animals (other than horses entered in the ride) are permitted within the treatment hospital.

Only ride veterinarians and trained veterinary staff are to administer treatment. The veterinarian may instruct that the person responsible or rider leave the vicinity of the horse, or stand more than 5 metres away during certain invasive procedures, or for the entirety of the treatment (at the discretion of the head veterinarian).

Certain invasive procedures may not be carried out on unvaccinated horses. Also referral to external hospital facilities for further diagnostic procedures and surgery may not be an option for unvaccinated horses originating from known Hendra areas, or at rides conducted in known Hendra areas.

Riders and responsible persons must be aware that there are many limitations in the treatment of endurance horses at an endurance ride, due to the limited availability of diagnostic equipment, and the ambulatory nature of a ride base treatment facility (compared to permanent horse hospitals with 24 hour staffing and on call veterinarians and trained veterinary staff). Therefore sick unvaccinated horses which pose a Hendra virus risk will not be able to receive the same level of care as a vaccinated horse.

Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn. Please refer to the interagency report <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/hev-inf-prev-adv.pdf> Pages 24 to 32 are particularly pertinent re infectious disease control recommendations. After administration of invasive procedures and treatment of horses, the veterinarian and those in contact must follow appropriate decontamination procedures prior to leaving the vet hospital or having contact with another horse.

The Biosecurity Manager, in consultation with the Organising Committee, is in charge should a biosecurity risk arise. While the Biosecurity Manager does not possess the legal powers necessary to quarantine or restrict movements of people, they will arrange to have the details of any person and/or animal leaving the grounds if they have been directed not to.

C. BIOSECURITY EQUIPMENT

This is the *minimum* list of biosecurity equipment required at a ride in a Hendra Risk Zone but given that horses from a Hendra Risk Zone may travel to rides in other areas, this is regarded as required biosecurity equipment for all states.

Equipment required at event:

- Microchip scanner for vet inspection (Biosecurity Manager)
- PA system (Organising committee)
- Hand sanitiser for stations around yard areas and at marshalling areas (Organising Committee)
- First aid kit (Organising committee)

Biosecurity field kit

PPE equipment

- disposable gloves
- overalls
- boots/covers
- P2 respirators
- safety goggles
- paper hand towels
- heavy duty garbage bags
- clinical waste bags

Decontamination equipment

- buckets
- spray bottles
- scrubbing brush
- foot bath –detergents and disinfectant

Isolation equipment comprising

- star pickets or panel fencing
- rolls of hessian
- large tarpaulin
- hazard tape

D. BIOSECURITY INCIDENT CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the event that a sick horse is confirmed at the event, the following plan is to be followed:

Sick horse

- Organising Committee and Biosecurity Manager are to be advised of a sick horse immediately.
- Biosecurity Manager will contact the event vet.
- Horse is to be taken to isolation area, via the most direct route avoiding any unnecessary contact with other people or horses until review by the vet.

Vet attendance

- If the event vet declines to attend to a non-Hendra vaccinated horse, the owner will be required to organise for their own treating vet, and if able to travel, leave the venue.
- If the horse is unable to travel, the event vet may decide to perform a Hendra virus exclusion test and the horse will remain in isolation until the test results are available.
- If the horse is deemed to be non-infectious it may be returned to regular stable and will be managed by owner/ exhibitor and attending vet (at owner's expense).

- OR -

- If the horse is diagnosed as being a possible biosecurity threat it is to remain in isolation zone with a minimum fifty-metre perimeter to other horses or passing people.
- Biosecurity Manager will contact Emergency Disease watch hotline for the state concerned.
- All people within the isolation zone ie vet, officials, owner, are to don PPE gear when tending to horse.
- Disinfection of shoes via footbaths and strict hand hygiene to be followed.

Biosecurity issue Identified

- Biosecurity Manager in conjunction with attending vet will contact the Biosecurity authority for the state involved.
- Biosecurity Manager will ask OC to close exit points and broadcast to all present at the venue to remain on site until further information and exit points are closed.
- Event organiser will take advice about whether to continue with the event, after discussion with the Biosecurity authority of the state involved, and advise participants of this decision.
- Horse Health Declarations for all horses on site are made available to the Biosecurity authority of the state involved.
- Access to isolation area will be patrolled by the Biosecurity Manager and limited to essential personnel.
- All horse movement to cease unless authorised by the Biosecurity authority of the state involved.

Lockdown

- The Biosecurity authority of the state involved will advise if a total lockdown of the venue is required and the event organising committee will advise participants of this decision.
- The Biosecurity Manager will regularly check entry/exit points to ensure anyone leaving the venue is given an exit notice and their vehicle registration is noted.
- The Biosecurity Manager will make arrangements for waste removal if required.
- The event organiser will arrange for fodder to be available for purchase by participants.

- Further bedding, if required, will be arranged by the Biosecurity Manager in conjunction with the venue and be available for purchase by participants.
- The Biosecurity authority of the state involved will advise the Biosecurity Manager and participants of any further protocols required.
- The Biosecurity Manager in conjunction with the organising committee will arrange removal and disposal of deceased animals if required.

E. COMMUNICATION PLAN

Notification of all affected parties is a critical component for an effective infectious disease control plan. Development of a clear, concise and accurate message about a situation, the measures being taken and the procedures for event participants to follow is critical to prevent the spread of disease and panic among event participants and the general horse-owning public.

F. BIOSECURITY INFORMATION FOR RIDE ORGANISERS

Workplace health and safety requirements

Each state and territory within Australia has work, health and safety legislation. Horse Industry associations that conduct a business or undertaking have duties under work health and safety legislation to ensure the health and safety of themselves, their workers and other persons so far as is reasonably practicable. Risks to health and safety must be eliminated so far as is reasonably practicable. If this is not reasonably practicable, the risks must be minimised so far as is reasonably practicable.

An endurance ride may be a workplace for some persons but not others. Rides must:

- provide and maintain a work environment without risks to health and safety
- provide and maintain safe plant and structures
- provide and maintain safe systems of work
- ensure the safe use, handling, and storage of plant, structures and substances
- provide adequate facilities (including hand hygiene and first aid facilities) for the welfare at work of workers including ensuring access to those facilities
- provide any information, training, instruction or supervision that is necessary to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety

A Safework Australia Volunteer Resource Kit is available at:

<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/model-whs-laws/guidance/volunteers/pages/resource-kit>

Biosecurity management

Biosecurity risks can be reduced by taking steps to:

- a. prevent introduction of disease onto grounds
- b. prevent the spread of disease on the grounds
- c. minimise the effect and spread of a disease incident within the ground

These have been described earlier in this document

G. SITE MAP

A site map should include:

- entry and exit point/s
- isolation area
- stabling
- public access
- public parking
- participants' parking
- designated exercise/warm up areas
- event activities
- manure disposal area
- other waste areas (eg feed, soiled bedding, clinical waste including sharps)
- location of cleaning agents, disinfectant
- location of hand washing basins and hand sanitisers
- location of first aid kits
- location of PPE Kit
- water sources
- a traffic flow/movement of people information (spectators, competitors and officials), vehicles, animals and emergency vehicles for safe exiting of the vetting area

Appendix 1 Hendra and Conjoined Zones by Local Government Area

Hendra Zones

Broadly speaking the Hendra Risk Zones in Queensland are the entire QLD east coast and the area contained within a line 200km due west of the coast. In addition, the 200 km line bulges out in an arc at Noosa, to go as far west as 20 km east of Chinchilla. In NSW the Hendra Risk Zones are the north coast of NSW to as far south as 50 km south of Kempsey, and the area contained within a line 200km due west of the coast.

For ease of reference for ride organisers in this appendix the Hendra risk Zone local government areas are defined. Hendra Zones are defined here as any local government area where there has been a known Hendra incident. The following are the Hendra Zones in Queensland and NSW prepared from the Hendra Virus Incident Summary compiled by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

QLD

NSW Brisbane City Council

Bundaberg Regional Council

Cairns Regional Council

Charters Towers

City of Gold Coast

Douglas Shire Council

Fraser Coast Regional Council

Gladstone Regional Council

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Livingston Shire Council

Logan City Council

Mackay Regional Council

Mareeba Shire Council

Moreton Bay Regional Council

Noosa Shire Council

Redlands City Council

Rockhampton Regional Council

Scenic Rim Regional Council

NSW

Ballina Shire Council

Byron Shire Council

Kempsey Shire Council

Lismore City Council

Nambucca Shire Council

Tweed Shire Council

Somerset Regional Council

South Burnett Regional Council

Adjoining Zones Queensland

Banana Shire

Barcaldine Regional

Burdekin Shire

Carpentaria Shire

Cassowary Coast Regional

Central Highlands Regional

Cook Shire

Etheridge Shire

Flinders Shire

Goondiwindi Regional

Gympie Regional

Ipswich City

Isaac Regional

Lockyer Valley Regional

North Burnett Regional

North Burnett Regional

Rockhampton Regional

Southern Downs Regional

Sunshine Coast Regional

Tablelands Regional

Toowoomba Regional

Townsville City

Western Downs Regional

Whitsunday Regional

Adjoining Zones NSW

Bellingen Shire

Clarence Valley

Coffs Harbour

Hastings Shire

Kyogle Council

Richmond Valley

Appendix 2 – 3 Day Horse Health Declaration

Example Horse Health Declaration for HeV vaccinated horses or horses from non-Hendra risk zones.



Horse Health Declaration

For horses with current Hendra Virus vaccination or horses travelling from a property of origin outside of the known Hendra Risk Zone.

Event Name: _____ **Event Date:** _____

Owner or person in charge of horse

Full Name:			
Full Address: (Residential)			Postcode:
Phone Number:		Mobile No:	
Email:			

Property of Origin of Horses Immediately Prior to Travel

Full Address: If different to above	Postcode:
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PIC Number:	Travel Doc Number:
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Temperature Log –Taken the 3 days prior to arriving at ride base.

Horse's Registered Name	Sex	Micro chip Number <small>AERA Logbook number if no horse and not micro-chipped.</small>	Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Date of last HeV Vacc

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Horse Health Declaration

Please tick the nights you will be camping:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Declaration by owner or person in charge of horse/s attending:

I declare that the horse/s named above has / have been in good health, eating normally and not shown signs of illness during the last three days leading up to this event. I give my authorisation for the Event Organising Committee/Biosecurity Manager to call for veterinary inspection of the horse/s named above and in my care should they be showing signs of illness at any time during the course of the event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred for the abovementioned horses as a result of this veterinary examination.

I AGREE TO ENSURE THAT:

1. All horses, vehicles and equipment accompanying horse/s will be clean and free of solid material (that could contain disease agents) prior to departing property of origin.

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT:

2. The information contained in this Biosecurity Declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3 I agree to abide by all conditions that may be imposed at any time by the Event Organising Committee/Biosecurity Manager.

4. I acknowledge that in failure to comply, I may be directed to leave the event and my nominations will be forfeited.

5. I acknowledge that decontamination and disinfection procedures may be required of me if instructed by the Event Organising Committee/Biosecurity Manager.

6. I acknowledge that there is a possibility that horses might become infected with disease agents as a result of any movements and if necessary horses and premises will be quarantined in accordance with any legislation covering such occurrences including policies and procedures in effect at that time. I agree and acknowledge that the Biosecurity Manager/Event Organising Committee, its State or National Affiliated bodies and their members are not in any way liable for any cost, expense, loss, damage, claim, action, proceeding or other liability incurred by or made against me as a result of any movement of horses to the event/farm.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Appendix 3 – 10 Day Horse Health Declaration

Example Horse Health Declaration for un-vaccinated horses from Hendra risk zones.



Horse Health Declaration

For horses without current Hendra Virus vaccination from a property of origin within the known Hendra Risk Zone.

Event Name: _____ **Event Date:** _____

Owner or person in charge of horse

Full Name:			
Full Address: (Residential)			Postcode:
Phone Number:		Mobile No:	
Email:			

Property of Origin of Horses Immediately Prior to Travel

Full Address: If different to above		Postcode:.....
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PIC Number:	Travel Doc Number: (Waybill, TSS, Permit etc.)
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Temperature Log –Taken the 10 days prior to arriving at ride base.

Note: Actual time temperature taken is to be recorded.

Horse's Registered Name	Sex	Microchip Number <small>AERA Logbook number if not the horse and not micro-chipped.</small>	Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Arrival Day

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Horse Health Declaration

For horses without current Hendra Virus vaccination from a property of origin within the known Hendra Risk Zone.

Please tick the nights you will be camping:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Declaration by owner or person in charge of horse/s

I, declare that the horse/s named above has / have been in good health, eating normally and not shown signs of illness during the last 10 days leading up to this event. I give my authorisation for the Event Organising Committee/Manager to call for veterinary inspection of the horse/s named above and in my care should they be showing signs of illness at any time during the course of the event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred for the abovementioned horses as a result of this veterinary examination.

I AGREE TO ENSURE THAT:

1. All horses will be shampooed, rinsed and allowed to dry, and their hooves will be picked clean of all solid material and washed with shampoo.
2. All vehicles and equipment accompanying the horses will be cleaned to remove all solid material that could contain disease agents, and then disinfected.

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT:

3. The information contained in this Biosecurity Declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
4. I agree to abide by all conditions that may be imposed at any time by the Event Organising Committee/Manager.
5. I acknowledge that in failure to comply, I may be directed to leave and my nominations will be forfeited.
6. I acknowledge that decontamination and disinfection procedures may be required of me if instructed by the Event Organising Committee/Manager.
7. I acknowledge that there is a possibility that horses might become infected with disease agents as a result of any movements and if necessary horses and premises will be quarantined in accordance with any Legislation covering such occurrences including policies and procedures in effect at that time. I agree and acknowledge that the Manager/Event Organising Committee, it's State or National Affiliated bodies and their members are not in any way liable for any cost, expense, loss, damage, claim, action, proceeding or other liability incurred by or made against me as a result of any movement of horses to the Event/Farm.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____