



RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL STABLE HIRE POLICY

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DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	March 2027

1. OBJECTIVE

To establish criteria for the use of the Stables located at the Richmond Shire Council Racecourse.

Council operates and maintains horse stabling at Richmond Racecourse and agrees to rent stables, feed sheds and allow usage of other facilities for a period of 12 months at a time.

2. CONDITIONS

All persons wishing to hire stables off the Richmond Shire Council must satisfy each of the following conditions:

- a) Hire charges are fixed by Council and are payable yearly in advance, accounts will be issued in September. Pro-rata monthly hire will be allowed for new applicants. An updated application will need to be completed yearly before the payment is received.
- b) Council will provide two (2) feed sheds that will be available for an annual charge.
- c) Seven (7) days' notice in writing must be given to Council if the stable/stables are surrendered for any reason. A credit note or refund will be issued for the remaining months at a pro rata rate.
- d) Failure to pay hire fees (stable and / or feed shed) will be in line with Council's Debt Collection Policy and may result in the impoundment of livestock which Council can auction to recoup outstanding debts.
- e) Council may terminate this agreement at any time upon giving seven (7) days' notice.
- f) If wishing to hire more than 4 stables, a letter of application for consideration must be made to Council. **All horses must be registered racehorses.** Proof of registration must be provided to Council on request.
- g) Stables are to be maintained in a clean condition at all times. Manure must be removed from stable area and placed in a designated area for removal monthly, no manure is to be placed around trees.
- h) Cleaning of the facility is the responsibility of the Hirer including removal of hay, sawdust, manure and the replacement of bedding.
- i) Verbal or physical abuse of Council staff or other Hirers will not be tolerated. Eviction of persons and horses from the grounds will occur if this should happen.
- j) Sharps & needles are to be disposed of in the containers provided.
- k) Council shall be responsible for water and electricity at the premises. Both these utilities are a major cost item for council and the usage of these will be monitored carefully. Any excess usage will be charged to the Hirer.
- l) The Hirer must obtain and keep updated insurance for public liability, fire and theft at their own cost and provide evidence of the insurance to Council. A current trainer's licence which includes public liability insurance will suffice. This will need to be provided to Council on an annual basis.
- m) Damage (apart from normal wear and tear) to the rented stables/feed rooms is the responsibility of the Hirer and any repair costs will therefore be recovered from the Hirer.
- n) No alterations, modifications or improvements to the stables/feed sheds are to be undertaken without the prior written approval of Council.
- o) The Hirer must respect the rights of other Hirers of the facility at all times.

- p) The Hirer shall abide by any lawful direction given by Council or its authorised representative.
- q) Council will keep facilities in a safe and sound working condition. Please notify Council of any damage, malfunction or required maintenance, including damage to the fixtures, fittings, drains, hoses, plant and or equipment within 24 hours of detecting the issue.
- r) Sand roll yards are only to be used as sand roll yards and not day yards.
- s) All hoses and lights must be turned off when leaving the stables, both morning and night, penalties will apply for excess usage.
- t) Stallions are permitted to be stabled at this facility; they must be in a steel stable at all times.
- u) No vehicle or floats are to be inside the stable area.
- v) Registered dogs are allowed in the stable area but must be on leash at all times.
- w) No electric fences or taped off areas allowed inside stable area, they are allowed to have them outside the stable area only when there is no event at the Racecourse.
- x) All children in the horse area must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- y) The Hirer is responsible for cleaning out stables prior to any major event or when their tenancy is terminated.
- z) Richmond Turf Club must receive prior application for the use of starting gates for training purposes.
- aa) All track work riders must be properly licenced and wear the appropriate PPE.

3. POLICY

Council offers the following stables for hire for a period of 12 months rental:

Stables: 1 – 16

Feed sheds are available for hire on an annual basis at the same cost as stable hire.

4. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Stable Hire Agreement
- Debt Collection Policy

IMPLEMENTATION

This Policy will commence from the Policy reviewed date and will be made available to all corporate staff on Council's intranet site/network, and to all outdoor staff via their supervisor/coordinator. Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time. This Policy will typically be reviewed when a review has been deemed appropriate by organisational processes (e.g., audit recommendations), or when legislative requirements change.

APPROVAL

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