



BIOSECURITY PLAN

Quercus Park, 415 Oaks Road Carrick Tasmania 7291

Owned by Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc. (RYT)

Property Identification Code (PIC): MJWE0350

Property Size: 93.98 Hectares

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OVERVIEW

Within this document we will be outlining Quercus Parks defence mechanisms against pests and diseases on the property. The property is used for various activities and within each sub heading it will outline the current biosecurity practices in place and requirements for site hirers.

Our major risk is Agfest Field Days where attendees come from all over the world to attend one of the largest Agricultural events in the southern hemisphere. Within each sub heading we have outlined our practices to reduce risk of pest introduction on the property and the spread of disease to animals.

1. SHEEP

1.1 Sheep Grazing:

Licensed to Phillip and Ruth Paterson, sheep are moved around the Quercus Park property as required and taken back to their property Moreton Hill 513 Oaks Road, Carrick. Movement of stock is made via neighbouring property. All movement of mobs are recorded by diary note and a National Sheep Health Declaration form is completed. The Patersons are required to maintain a register and keep copies of declarations for a 7-year period.

Rural Youth Tasmania (RYT) are not responsible for any of the stock whilst on the property, however, will notify the Patersons if any animal welfare concerns arise. Grazing within a specific area where an event has taken place and there has been vehicle and people movement should not take place for 10 days.

Should deaths occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and must be removed. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Hotline on 1800 675 888.

In the event of stray sheep from neighbouring properties, the owner is contacted asking to collect ASAP. Whilst waiting for collection the stray sheep are contained in the yards near the eastern property entrance.

1.2 Sheep at Events

Sometimes throughout the year sheep are brought to the property for events such as Young Farmer Competition, in this instance the event organiser is required to follow the below guidelines:

- Complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to appropriate persons;
- Comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area.
- Complete a National Sheep Health Declaration form before unloading the sheep and provide a copy to RYT within 48 hours; www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/
- Complete individual or mob movement permit and send copy to RYT Office within 48 hours;
- Documentation must be available to view at the event by the property owner or regulatory authority on request;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks for sheep;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Provide an area where injured or ill animals can be held away from the general public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding as it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

If a sheep is becoming sick it must be immediately reported to Animal Health Stewards. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and must be removed at the owners expense.

RYT will complete a sighted livestock registration function through NLIS database for the duration the animal is at Quercus Park and save a copy of all documentation and keep for a 7-year period.

1.3 Sheep at Agfest:

Exhibitors, sheep contractors or demonstrators are permitted to bring sheep into the property if they advise the Field Day Organisers upon application and follow the below guidelines:

- Comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.

- Complete a National Sheep Health Declaration form www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/ before unloading the sheep and provide a copy to event organiser no later than Wednesday prior to event days;
- Complete individual or mob movement permit and send copy to event organiser no later than 7 days prior to the event;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- If a sheep becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and must be removed at the owners expense;
- Aware of onsite contact numbers in the event of a livestock injury, health issue or death;
- Provide an area where injured or ill animals can be held away from the general public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding and it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Pen/yard is to be secure and animal parts cannot protrude barriers and become in contact with members of the public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Spread pen/yard allocation as much as possible to minimise nose to nose contact between animals from different locations;
- Complete or contract the scanning of animals and upload to NLIS;
- Collate individual or mob movement permits;
- Complete a sighted livestock registration function through NLIS database for the duration the animal is at Quercus Park;
- Maintain records of paperwork received for the event and keep for a 7-year period;
- Notify ground cover provider of the sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes;
- Complete a SheepMAP Certificate of Compliance.

2. HORSES

Property is hired for horse events throughout the year both privately and by clubs for various activities. All horse owners travelling to Quercus Park are required to complete a Tracing Log, which can be found by this link <https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/efaform.pdf>. Horse event organisers or clubs are required to keep a copy of all declarations for 7 years and send a copy to RYT within 48 hours. Event organiser must have the declarations available to view at the event by the property owner or regulatory authority on request.

Event Organisers will follow the below guidelines:

- Complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint a Horse Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of horses coming together at horse events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Minimise public access to stable areas;
- Spread stabling allocation as much as possible to minimise nose to nose contact between horses from different locations;
- Provide separate vehicle parking areas for competitors and spectators;
- Provide adequate horse washing facilities;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities;
- Provide taps or water station for filling water buckets for horses;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Designate an area that a horse can be moved to should it become ill during the event;
- All animal waste is collected and removed from the property at the conclusion of each event;
- Develop a contingency plan should a stock standstill be declared while horses are in attendance for an event.

All event organisers and participants must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.

If a horse becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease such as equine influenza (horse flu) is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and must be removed at the owners expense. The horse owner is responsible for all medical treatment costs for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

2.1 Northern Tasmanian Eventing Club (NTEC):

Hire areas of the site for the purpose of Cross Country Equestrian Eventing, Equestrian training and competitions. Weed Control in the area of land in which they are developing is completed by NTEC at their expense. NTEC are responsible to maintain a tracing log register and keep copies of the owners declarations of horses coming and going from the property, including PIC numbers (where possible) for all horses brought into Quercus Park. This club also abide by all rules outlined in section 2.

2.2 Midlands Spurs Polocrosse Club:

Hire the eastern car park for the purpose of polocrosse events and training. The club is responsible for maintaining a tracing log register and keep copies of the owners declarations of horses coming and going from the property, including PIC numbers (where possible) for all horses brought into Quercus Park. This club also abide by all rules outlined in section 2.

2.3 Horses at Agfest:

Exhibitors and demonstrators are permitted to bring horses into the property if they advise the Field Day Organisers upon application and follow the below guidelines:

- You must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.
- Complete a Tracing Log form <https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/efaform.pdf> before unloading the horse and provide a copy to event organiser no later than 7 days prior to the event;
- Aware of onsite contact numbers in the event of a livestock injury, health issue or death;
- Horses that are left overnight at the property, the owner will be required to complete a waiver;
- If a horse becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and it must be removed at the owners expense;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding as it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Yard is to be secure and animal parts cannot protrude barriers and become in contact with members of the public;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes;
- Maintain records of paperwork received for the event and keep for a 7-year period;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this.

3. DOGS

Members, contractors or site hirers are not permitted to bring domestic or working dogs on to the site without written permission. In the event permission is granted the dog must be microchipped, fully vaccinated and wormed to ensure safety of onsite stock, vaccination certificate may be requested.

Owners must comply to the Dog Control Act 2000 and Animal Welfare Standards. All dogs must wear a collar with an id tag and remain on a lead unless in a designated off leash area. Only exception to this rule is where the animal is competing in a competition and leads and/or collars are not permitted or working livestock on the property. Any injury to onsite stock or other animals including other dogs is at the dog owners expense. Owner must collect their dogs' faecal matter and dispose off site.

If a dog is becoming sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials if applicable and seek veterinary assistance. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property.

3.1 Quercus Park United Kennel Club (QPUKC):

QPUKC have a purpose-built dog showing facility at Quercus Park which is used throughout the year including Agfest for demonstration purposes. The club must abide by the above requirements and keep a register of animals which includes the owners details and place of origin of each animal and must have it available to view by the property owner or regulatory authority on request. QPUKC must sight or receive a copy of the animals certificate of vaccination and proof of worming for all dogs brought on the property.

3.2 Dogs at Agfest:

Agfest Field Days only permit service dogs to be brought into the event unless the animal is deemed part of a display or demonstration. All dogs brought into the event require approval upon application including dogs for the Sheep Dog Trials must follow requirements outlined in section 3.

- Where puppies or dogs are displayed within an exhibit or animal nursery they must comply to all legal requirements. In the event of selling or giving away an animal from an animal nursery or exhibit, the owner must provide proof it has been microchipped and vaccinated. Buyer cannot take animal directly from the event and collection of the dog must be arranged at an alternate location;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Exhibitor must provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers for use after touching the dog;
- Dogs must always be kept within confined area, animal parts cannot protrude barriers and come into contact with members of the public;
- Dogs cannot be walked around the event, unless making their way to a demonstration or vehicle;
- Aware of the onsite contact numbers in the event of an animal injury, health issue or death;
- Dogs that are left overnight at the property, the owner will be required to complete a waiver;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding as it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes.

4. CATTLE

Cattle which includes but not limited to Beef and Dairy are brought to the property for both private events such as a Rodeo or RYT event such as the Young Farmer Competition are required to follow the requirements outlined below:

All cattle travelling to Quercus Park are required to complete a movement permit and send a copy to RYT within 48 hours. All livestock must also be tracked through NLIS. This must be completed by the event organiser and options on how to do this can be found at;

dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/agriculture/animal-industries/identifying-selling-moving-livestock/buying-selling-cattle/nlis-for-cattle/transferring-cattle-on-the-nlis-database.

Event organiser must ensure that before unloading the cattle that a National Cattle Health Declaration Form www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/ has been completed and copy provided to them. The event organiser is required to keep a copy of all declarations for 7 years and provide a copy to RYT within 48 hours. Documentation must be available to view at the event by the property owner or regulatory authority on request.

Event Organisers will follow the below guidelines:

- Complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of cattle at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Spread pen allocation as much as possible to minimise nose to nose contact between cattle from different locations;
- Provide separate vehicle parking areas for competitors and spectators;
- Provide adequate animal washing facilities;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Designate an area that a cow can be moved to should it become ill during the event;
- All animal waste including bedding is collected and removed from the property at the conclusion of each event;
- Develop a contingency plan should a stock standstill be declared while cattle are in attendance for an event.

All event organisers and participants must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.

If a cow becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and it must be removed at the owners expense. The event holder or owner is responsible for all medical treatment costs for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

RYT will complete a sighted livestock registration function through NLIS database for the duration the animal is at Quercus Park and save a copy of all documentation for a 7-year period.

4.1 Cattle at Agfest

Exhibitors and demonstrators are permitted to bring cattle into the property if they advise the Field Day Organisers upon application and follow the below guidelines:

- You must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.
- Complete a National Cattle Health Declaration Form www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/ before unloading the cattle and provide a copy to event organiser no later than Wednesday prior to event days;
- Complete livestock movement permit and send copy to event organiser no later than 7 days prior to the event;
- Aware of the onsite contact numbers in the event of a livestock injury, health issue or death;
- Cattle that are left overnight at the property, the owner will be required to complete a waiver;
- If a cow becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and it must be removed at the owners expense;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Yard is to be secure and animal parts cannot protrude barriers and come into contact with members of the public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding and it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Spread site allocation as much as possible to minimise nose to nose contact between animals from different locations (if applicable);
- Complete or contract the scanning of animals and upload to NLIS;
- Collate livestock movement permits;
- Complete a sighted livestock registration function through NLIS database for the duration the animal is at Quercus Park;
- Maintain records of paperwork received for the event and keep for a 7-year period;
- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes;
- Notify NLIS of a livestock movement.

5. ALPACAS, GOATS & PIGS

No private hires of the facility for these animals to date, purely applies to Agfest Exhibitors and Animal Nursery.

Exhibitors and demonstrators are permitted to bring Alpacas, Goats & Pigs into the property if they advise the Field Day Organisers upon application and follow the below guidelines:

- You must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.
- Complete a National Health Declaration Form www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/ before unloading the animals and provide a copy to event organiser no later than Wednesday prior to event days;
- Complete livestock movement permit and send copy to event organiser no later than 7 days prior to the event;
- Aware of the onsite contact numbers in the event of a livestock injury, health issue or death;
- Livestock that are left overnight at the property, the owner will be required to complete a waiver;
- If an animal becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property and it must be removed at the owners expense;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Yard is to be secure and animal parts cannot protrude barriers and come into contact with members of the public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding as it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Spread site allocation as much as possible to minimise nose to nose contact between animals from different locations (if applicable);
- Complete or contract the scanning of animals and upload to NLIS;
- Collate livestock movement permits;
- Complete a sighted livestock registration function through NLIS database for the duration the animal is at Quercus Park;
- Maintain records of paperwork received for the event and keep for a 7-year period;

- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes;
- Notify NLIS of a livestock movement.

8. CHICKENS & BIRDS

No private hires of the facility for Chicken or Bird shows to date, purely applies to Agfest Exhibitors and display within the Animal Nursery.

- Exhibitor to comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all animals are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.
- Exhibit organiser should keep different species separate wherever possible. In particular, waterfowl should not be displayed near pigeons, poultry or other birds.
- Aware of the onsite contact numbers in the event of a livestock injury, health issue or death;
- Exhibitors is required to provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Exhibitors should avoid handling birds other than their own, but if they do, they should wash their hands in between handling birds.
- If a bird is becoming sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property.
- Exhibitors should clean and disinfect all equipment and containers before and after the field day and should also ensure their show birds are kept separate from the rest of their flock for a while before they are put back in the flock.

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this.
- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes.

9. CATS

No private hires of the facility for Cat shows to date, purely applies to Agfest Exhibitors and Animal Nursery. Guidelines:

- You must comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required, provision of a rest area and limited time on display.
- Cat must always be kept within cage, animal parts cannot protrude barriers and come into contact with members of the public;
- Cats on display must be microchipped, fully vaccinated and wormed. A copy of the vaccination certificate may be requested.
- Aware of the onsite contact numbers in the event of an animal injury, health issue or death;
- Cats that are left overnight at the property, the owner will be required to complete a waiver;
- If an animal becomes sick it must be immediately reported to stewards or event officials. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property.
- If an animal is deemed unfit, poor health or has poor temperament by event organiser it must be removed immediately;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities for public and handlers;
- Responsible for disposing of own animal waste including bedding as it cannot be left at Quercus Park;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park.
- Where kittens or cats are displayed within an exhibit or animal nursery they must comply to all legal requirements. In the event of selling or giving away an animal from an animal nursery or exhibit, the owner must provide proof it has been micro chipped and vaccinated. Buyer cannot take animal directly from the event and collection of the feline must be arranged at an alternate location;

Field Day organiser will provide the following:

- An Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to the event and communicate to all stewards;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks of animals at events;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Notify ground cover provider of sites which have had animals housed, advising that ground cover must be dumped, and it cannot be reused or sold for other purposes.

BOUNDARY FENCES

Fences are maintained as required by RYT and when replaced we consider fences that reduce wildlife, feral animals and stray livestock from entering the property.

FERAL ANIMALS & VERMIN

Wild and feral animals cause disease and destroy large areas of cropping land. Vermin can contaminate water causing disease and damage buildings. Identified wild and feral animals include but not limited to hares, rabbits, wallabies, possums, rats, mice, feral cats and sulphur crested cockatoos.

Vermin traps are placed around the buildings and maintained on a monthly or as required basis by our Property Caretaker.

Pest control is completed every six months by an independent contractor.

Wildlife and Feral Animals are managed by crop protection permits as required.

WEEDS

Weeds are managed prior to seed set by RYT through Property Caretaker, Members at working bees and the Paterson's with the use of pesticides as per manufacturers instructions. Onsite gorse is treated and managed by private contractor Coastal Weed Spraying.

Recommend to Agfest horticultural exhibitors that they check all plants, soils and container that they are free of disease, bugs and that plants are healthy.

Animals and machinery from infected properties with Chilean Needle Grass are not permitted to enter the property.

Invasive species and exotic plant pest must be reported.

WATER SUPPLY AND STORAGE

All potable water is brought in by water carriage contractor BJ Transport. They also maintain the water tanks on the property to ensure they are sanitised as required.

Nonpotable water is pumped from the Liffey River as required as per our water rights.

Storm water flows to catchment on northern side of the property.

Sewerage is treated by onsite treatment plant and irrigated onto shelterbelt along River Road, treatment plant is monitored and maintained by Professional Plumbing.

Sewerage from Agfest Field Days from portable toilet blocks and portaloos is taken off site by private contractor Veolia.

PLANT WASTE

Where possible plant waste is removed and burnt on the property, in locations such as shelter belts and nature walk fallen limbs are collected and mounded into piles no larger than 1 square metre to assist with nature's biodiversity.

PROPERTY CLEANLINESS

Spilled food, rubbish dumps and carcasses can attract pests or wild animals that carry diseases onto the property. We remove or contain anything that is likely to attract vermin, insect pests or wild animals.

PEOPLE, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

People can unintentionally carry diseases, pests and weeds without even realising. We have limited the risk of visitors carrying new pests and diseases onto the property by:

- Access point for any visitors is South Road and sign in/out register is required, further details below for Agfest period;
- NTEC, QPUKC, Scout Group and Polocrosse use North Road and complete sign in register when arriving and exiting;
- Disclaimer on register advises that all visitors to the property must ensure that their vehicles, equipment, boots and clothing are clean and free from pests, weed seeds and plant material.

Agfest Period:

Unable to control people who unintentionally bring in diseases, pest and weed. Property is not used for sheep grazing period for 21 days post event hopefully to reduce risks.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTRE REQUIREMENTS:

If the event Quercus Park is activated as an emergency management centre the following is required to ensure animals are kept safe and biosecurity of the site is maintained:

- Complete an Emergency Animal Disease Action Plan prior to centre opening and communicate to appropriate persons;
- Comply with the Animal Welfare Guidelines to ensure all livestock/pets are treated in accordance with good animal welfare practices including adequate shelter, feed and water as required and provision of rest areas.
- Livestock owners to complete a National Health Declaration form before unloading livestock and provide a copy to Animal Welfare Steward. Records must be kept for 7 years.; www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/
- Complete livestock movement permit and send copy to Animal Welfare Steward;
- Organise a veterinarian to be on call;
- Liaise with DPIPW for support from their networks;
- Have a portable animal welfare kit on site;
- Appoint an Animal Health Steward, who understands the biosecurity risks;
- Document a number to call in an emergency, or an alternate method of communication, and ensure participants are aware of this;
- Contact local suppliers to loan yards and cages for domestic animals, liaise with Site Manager regarding delivery logistics;
- Set up Craft pavilions for domestic animals e.g. A/B Dogs, C/D Rabbits, E/F Cats etc;
- Organise onsite signage for directing animal arrivals;
- Provide an area where injured or ill animals can be held away from the general public;
- Provide adequate hand washing facilities;
- Ensure equipment brought into Quercus Park is clean and do not share equipment with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Ensure equipment coming on to Quercus Park is clean, is not shared with others and have a separate supply of feed and water for livestock;
- Arrange with Waste Contractor for animal waste including bedding disposal bin;
- Owner is responsible for all medical treatment cost for animals whilst in transport or at Quercus Park;
- Vehicle Access point for any visitors is Main Gate sign in/out register is required;
- Disclaimer on register advises that all visitors to the property must ensure that their vehicles, equipment, boots and clothing are clean and free from pests, weed seeds and plant material;
- Site Manager to consult with Biosecurity Tasmania the need for wash down facilities.

If an animal is becoming sick it must be immediately reported to Animal Health Steward. If an emergency disease is suspected, it must be immediately reported to the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888. Should a death occur the animal is not to be buried on the property.

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