

CORROBOREE EQUUS

Friday 27th September to Sunday 6th October 2013
at Tallangatta (NE Victoria) Showgrounds



Information Communiqué No 1

Friday 27th of September - Arrival and settle in

Saturday 28th September - Arrival and settle in and “official” opening gathering at 4 pm

Sunday 29th to Sun 6th Oct – See below

When do I need to be there?

It is up to you to make it when you can, and stay for as long as you like. In saying that, the “official opening” will be at 4pm on Saturday 28th September. It would be great for the majority to be present for at least the first few days to get to know each other....but it is entirely up to you really, and whenever you come you will be warmly welcomed ☺

Horse Facilities:

At the showground there is a moderate sized paddock with some pasture. The paddock can probably hold about 8 horses comfortably.

We are negotiating with the showground committee to be able to erect a temporary fence to create another decent sized shared paddock to house horses if needed. And we are also looking at other local paddock options close by.

If you would like to use the shared paddock, your horse will need to be barefoot for the safety of other horses. You also accept full responsibility for your horse if you choose to put him/her in a shared paddock.

The above paddocks will offer free space and some pick, but you will need to provide appropriate supplementary food for your horse. There are also plenty of grassed areas to take your horse for a wander and a graze.

Because of the Showground’s insurance, unfortunately electric fencing is not allowed unless within a secure fenced paddock. We are currently looking at ways to “work around” this.

There are also small day yards available if you would prefer to keep your horse separately.

Those who bring a horse will be responsible for picking up poo and keeping things tidy/clean.

If you are planning to bring a horse/s, please let us know how many and how you would prefer to house them. This will help us with the organisation. Thanks.

Human Facilities:

Camping is available at the showground under large elms and oaks, as well as open space. Some powered sites are available TBC. There are two showers and plenty of toilets for campers. Extra showers can be found at the local caravan park, but there may be a cost involved to use them (TBC). We have access to a large enclosed building for gatherings/undercover events /hot water urn/movies etc.

If you do not wish to camp there are two hotels, one motel and a caravan park in Tallangatta. See list below for phone numbers.

- Tallangatta Hotel - 02 6071 2513
- Victoria Hotel - 02 6071 2672
- Lakelands Caravan Park - 02 6071 2457
- Tallangatta Motor Inn - 02 6071 2208

How to Get There:

Tallangatta is 42 km from Albury Wodonga via the Murray Valley Highway (B400).

Tallangatta exits off the Hume Freeway are well signposted for northbound and southbound traffic. Take the western end entrance (first one you come to if you are coming from Wodonga) into Tallangatta township off the Murray Valley Highway, and then the first left for the showgrounds.

For those who might want to fly, there are regular flights to Albury from Sydney and Melbourne, and rental car facilities at the airport and in Albury.

And for those arriving by horse.....

If you are interested in sharing transport of some description, let us know the details and your contact info. We will email it out to all those who are coming.

What's the Cost?

Corroboree Equus is not a commercial or money making event for anyone, it is just about getting together like minded people and enjoying each other's company....so really all you need to budget for are your own food and accommodation costs.

For participants who are camping at the showgrounds the cost is:

- ❖ \$15 per night no horse
- ❖ \$20 per night with horse
- ❖ \$30 per couple per night with or without a horse.

Offsite accommodation varies but is quite reasonable, contact the operators for rates.

You will also need to provide food/meals for you and your horse.

If there are any unexpected organisational costs we may whip the hat around to help cover these.

What to Bring:

- Clothing for mild, cool and maybe wet weather, as well as sunny days.
- All your own food and supplies (available at the local shops too)
- All your horse's needs for a week – food, tack, toys etc
- Camping and cooking gear (if you are camping 😊)
- Camp chair
- Beanbag/blanket (for star gazing)
- Camera
- Musical instrument/s if you play
- Favourite music to share
- Favourite horse photos to share with the group
- Books or DVDs that have inspired you. The idea is to have a table where these are all left so others can browse at the table and be inspired by what's out there. Please put your name on your items. (There will be a data projector and screen available if we would like to watch any of the DVDs)
- Business cards/brochures if you have them. (We will have a table for you to pop them on so people can have a look and take one if they are interested)
- Anything else you think would be worthwhile for the gathering

What's the Weather Like in Tallangatta Mid Spring?

Generally this time of year is superb. Mild days and cool nights. But you never know.....so be prepared for rain events. Daytime temps are low to mid 20s, and nights about 5°-10°C.

Food:

For your horse:

Although there is usually plenty of grass around Tallangatta at that time of year please factor in a 'less than better season'. Bring hay or hard feed to supplement the "pick". If you don't want to transport hay/feed all the way, contact us for local fodder and horse feed supplier options.

We will have a water trough in the shared paddock, but something for your horse's water too.

For you:

Corroboree Equus is a self catered event. With that in mind we are hopeful that people will gather and share space and conversation at meal times.

We might try and organise a 'pot luck' meal (stay tuned for details closer to the date), or perhaps that will just happen naturally. Maybe there are some gourmet campfire cooks amongst participants?

Local Medical Facilities:

Tallangatta has a hospital, medical clinic and pharmacy.

Albury-Wodonga, ½ hr drive, has major hospitals and medical facilities as well.

Local Veterinary Facilities:

Tallangatta Veterinary Clinic has vets who are experienced with horses.

Dogs:

If you are bringing a dog please ensure that it is well behaved, people and horse friendly, and is securely on a lead or tied up at ALL times in the showgrounds. There are plenty of nice off lead walks nearby.

You also need to be responsible for picking up and disposing of all of your dog's poo. Thanks.

More Info about Tallangatta:

Known as "the town that moved" Tallangatta was relocated during the 1950s due to the raising of Lake Hume dam wall. The population is about 1500 and it is a self sufficient small township. It services the valleys and farming communities of the Mitta, Tallangatta Valley and Old Tallangatta areas. It has two pubs, one takeaway, a bakery, butcher, supermarket, pharmacy, hardware, a couple of hairdressers, handybank, bank agencies and credit unions. For more info on Tallangatta check out the internet.

Is there something you could offer or contribute to Corroboree Equus?

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- Facilitate a discussion on a subject of interest or expertise that you have
- Facilitate or lead a group activity such as star gazing, yoga, meditation, animal communication, knot tying, horse art, music, something else...
- Campfire cooking, camp scones, morning tea
- Bring your musical instrument and share some music
- Run an art session
- Demo something horse orientated
- Something else.....Anything.....

Please let us know if you could contribute something to the gathering to help us plan the week. We would love it if people offered to share something ☺

We will send out another Information sheet closer to the date; meanwhile if you have any questions or suggestions please contact us.

Hope you can make it to Corroboree Equus.

RSVP

By the 6th of September to any of us below.

Please advise:

- If you are bringing your horse, and if so how many
- The dates you plan to come
- If there is something you could contribute to Corroboree Equus, however big or small.

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*We have been given permission to visit a large herd of local horses. There are 36 or so in this group and many sub herds. They are all Arabs of differing ages, lines, colours and levels of human handling. They are very curious about who walks up to them.

**And if the weather permits (and the snow melts) we could do a day trip to the high country and meet up with the Alpine brumbies. This would be a bush walk and moderate fitness will be required - 10 - 20 km walk.

