



BIOSECURITY PLAN

EVENT	Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2025
LOCATION	Smith and Others Rd, Sassafras, Tasmania

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 Ride Organising Committee (ROC) and the Biosecurity Officer or risk expulsion from the event.

This plan includes:

1. Event Details
2. Emergency contact information
3. Biosecurity protocols and principles
4. Details of biosecurity kit
5. Site Plan, Contingency Plan

1 EVENT DETAILS

Name of event	Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2025
Address of the venue	Smith and Others Rd, Sassafras Tas
PIC of venue	MBLA0100
Number of exit and entry points	There are two access points into the camping area although only one will be used unless something occurs to require the use of the second access point – eg mud / water. There is one entry and egress point from the vet ring / marshalling area.
Date of first arrivals and last departures	From: Midday Tuesday 6 May 2025 To: Midday Tuesday 13 May 2025
Event Organiser and phone number	Deborah Wyllie – 0408 177 206
Event Biosecurity Officer	Mark Dunn – 0427 981 517
Site map	See below

2 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

ORGANISATION	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	COMMENT
Biosecurity Tasmania		03 6165 3777 (all hours)	dpiw.tas.gov.au/biosecurity
Head Vet	Khyle Stewart	0488 775 666	
Chief Steward	Andrew Miles	0428 265 263	
Treatment vets	Celine Lee	0420 242 112	
Local Vet(s)	Meander Valley Veterinary Service	6362 2108	
Referral clinic	Meander Valley Veterinary Service	6362 2108	
Body Disposal contact	Pat Lamprey	0400 125 267	Ride base owner
Clinical waste disposal			Per event vets
Venue Owner/Manager	Pat Lamprey	0400 125 267	
Police		Emergencies – 000 otherwise 131 444	
Tasmanian Workplace Health and Safety		1300 366 322	worksafe.tas.gov.au/
Local hospital	Mersey Hospital, Latrobe	(03) 6478 5500	

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Specific requirements for this event

- All horses and vehicles will be met by ride officials at a Biosecurity checkpoint at the Perry property on the Bass Hwy, approximately 2 kms from the event base so that documents can be inspected and, where required, horses examined by a vet before arrival at ride base.
- All horses must present with a Horse Health Declaration showing a 10 day temperature log (day 10 is the day of arrival at the Biosecurity Checkpoint). A prefilled Horse Health Declaration will be provided for all horses at time of nomination.
- A Ride Base Temperature log will be provided from day of arrival up to the morning of pre-ride vetting. Any temperature above 38.5 C must be immediately reported to an official.
- During the event, a designated isolation area will be provided so that a horse or horses assessed as a potential biosecurity risk, can be contained separately from other horses. A risk-based approach will be adopted to manage any incident during the event.
- Horse yards are set up to allow at least one-metre separating between horses that not stable mates.
- Horse manure is to be collected daily and deposited in the designated areas.
- Dogs are not allowed at this event.

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 may 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 thoroughly cleaned before leaving to go 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 anyone to have close contact with the sick horse.
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitise hands between contacting different horses.

The Horse Health Declaration

A Horse Health Declaration 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. Prefilled HHDs will be provided to entrants at the time of entry.

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 officer, in consultation with the Organising Committee, is in charge should a biosecurity risk arise. While the Biosecurity officer does not possess the legal powers necessary to quarantine or restrict movements of people, they will arrange to record 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 (and will be) set aside as designated

Veterinary Team Hospital 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. Horses may require some form of veterinary intervention. This can vary greatly depending on weather conditions, terrain and timing of the event (e.g. Early in the season). The area must be protected from the weather elements (sun and rain) and be private with screens erected around the Veterinary Treatment Hospital. The area must have adequate lighting to allow veterinary procedures to be conducted.

Access to the Veterinary Treatment Hospital needs to be restricted at the discretion of the Treatment Vet. If the rider or responsible person want to update or discuss with other people (e.g. strappers) they must leave the Veterinary Treatment Hospital. Officials who can access the Veterinary Treatment 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 Veterinary Treatment Hospital, to allow monitoring of those present within the Veterinary Treatment Hospital.

No dogs or animals (other than horses entered in the ride) are permitted within the Veterinary Treatment Hospital.

Only ride veterinarians and trained veterinary staff are to administer treatment. The veterinarian may instruct that the person responsible or rider to 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 able to be carried out on some horses. Referral to some external hospital facilities for further diagnostic procedures and treatment must be made in consultation with the responsible person. Immediate referral may not be an option for some unvaccinated horses. Referral may not be an option for some horses on financial grounds.

Riders and responsible persons must be aware that there are 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 Veterinary Treatment Hospital (compared to permanent horse hospitals with 24-hour staffing and on call veterinarians and trained veterinary staff).

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 Veterinary Treatment Hospital or having contact with another horse.

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4. DETAILS OF BIOSECURITY KIT AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE AT EVENT

The TEERA ride trailer is equipped with a Biosecurity Field kit that contains:

PPE Equipment:

- disposable nitrile 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 with protective caps or panel fencing
- rolls of hessian
- large tarpaulin
- hazard tape

Site Plan



Biosecurity Incident Contingency Plan

In the event that a horse at the event is sick with symptoms similar to the symptoms of a notifiable disease, the following plan is to be followed:

Sick Horse

- ROC and Biosecurity officer are to be advised of a sick horse immediately.
- Biosecurity officer will contact the head 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 horse is deemed to be non-infectious it may be returned to its regular stable and will be managed by the person responsible (for the horse) and the attending vet (at the responsible person's expense – see page 6).
- An event vet may decide to perform a diagnostic exclusion test and the horse will remain in isolation with a minimum five metre distance to other horses or passing people until the test results are available.
 - i. If a diagnostic exclusion test is performed with a positive result returned the event halts and State Government Biosecurity legislation ensues.
 - ii. If a diagnostic exclusion test is performed and there is strong suspicion that a positive result will be returned the event could be halted pending confirmation of the result.
 - iii. All people within the isolation zone i.e. vet, officials, owner, are to don PPE gear when tending to the horse.
 - iv. Disinfection of shoes via footbaths and strict hand hygiene are to be followed.
- If the diagnostic exclusion test result is negative the horse may return to the ride Vet hospital if treatment still needed, or to its regular stable if no further treatment is required.

Biosecurity Issue Identified

- Biosecurity officer in conjunction with attending vet will contact the Biosecurity authority for the state involved.
- Biosecurity officer will ask ROC to close exit points and broadcast to all present at the venue to remain on site until further information and while 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 officer 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 officer 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 officer 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 officer 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 officer in conjunction with the Head Veterinarian and ROC will arrange removal and disposal of deceased animals if required.

BIOSECURITY CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SUSPECT BIOSECURITY RISK

SICK HORSE
 Veterinarian will determine the status of a horse which is a potential biosecurity risk.
 Horse will be isolated in the quarantine area.
 Biosecurity Manager will be informed and access to the horse will be restricted.

NOT ISOLATE
 Vet determines that the sick horse is not a biosecurity risk

ISOLATE
Quarantine/isolation area.
 Horse owner/trainer contacted and attends.
 Vet advises owner of situation.

Addendum

Links to State Government Departments responsible for

VET
 Vet determines appropriate course of action and advises Biosecurity Manager.
 Vet may decide to do further examination of the horse, or, if Hendra virus is suspected, may decide to advise the owner that the horse requires a Hendra exclusion test?

VET CONFIRMS SICK HORSE IS NOT A BIOSECURITY ISSUE

VET SUSPECTS SICK HORSE MAY BE A BIOSECURITY ISSUE
 Event Biosecurity Manager ensures isolation of the suspect horse.
 Vet contacts Biosecurity Tasmania.
 Event Biosecurity Manager and other officials determine other horses with close contact with suspect horse and isolate these. These at-risk horses return to owners' properties and remain isolated until tests confirm status of suspect horse.
 Biosecurity Manager, other officials, in consultation with vet and Biosecurity Tas (If appropriate) determine whether event continues or not.

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CONFIRMED BIOSECURITY ISSUE
 BQ determine actions to be taken from this point.

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EVENT CONTINUES
 Event Organisers will manage the sick horse and in-contact animals in conjunction with the horse owner/s

EVENT CEASES
 Biosecurity Tasmania will manage emergency disease incidents in conjunction with event organisers & horse owner. If there are movement restrictions, event organisers will arrange and manage the daily husbandry/welfare needs of the horses and people on the grounds

Environment:

<https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/>