



TAUPŌ RIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Equine Assisted Services

OUR HORSES



Shannon is a clydie x chestnut mare, 22 years old. Shannon was previously owned by a trekking company in Rotorua. She is a big gentle giant, who had helped our high needs students and more. She is very sweet and loving and really enjoys her hugs (and food). Shannon is now part of our EAG programme.



Hekla -18 years old, Black Icelandic pony. Hekla is 1 of only, 150 Icelandic ponies in NZ. Hekla is a great pony, very calm and quiet and a HUGE favourite



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Barney is a fabulous Pony (31 years old) who has been previously owned by children attending pony club. Barney is a character, that is slow and steady. Barney is predominantly used for our high needs' riders



Jake, 28 years old.... a fabulous horse for the riders who are more capable, Jake is a fun horse who has previously been found on the hunt field.

Now retired



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Mystery - is a 25-year-old ex-pony club pony. Mystery is lovely to lead and is very good with children. She is new to Taupo RDA, but she has already begun helping in sessions and is already a real favourite...



Cali - 30 years, has previously been used as a mounted games pony and has competed at National level (reining horse) Cali is a very affectionate boy who loves to be part of our team. We love him too!



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Banjo is 30 years old and is
our main therapy horse, he is
completely safe. Banjo is our
“go to” horse for anyone
worried, cautious or with
physical disabilities.



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Thank you for considering sponsoring one of our therapy horses. They are amazing animals and worth every moment we get to spend with them. The cost Annually to sponsor a horse will be \$2898.00 inc GST. This contribution will provide the following....

- *Basic vet care*
- *Annual dentistry needs*
- *Drench (worming treatments)*
- *Grain*
- *Hay*
- *Covers, purchase and repair*
- *4 weekly Farrier visits (hooves treated and trimmed)*
- *Misc (salt blocks/mineral supplement) per week*
- *Chiropractor (when needed)*

Items required	Amount	Yearly quantity	Price per annum
Hay - 1 bale per week	8	52	416.00
Dentist \$150.00 Annual	150	1	150.00
Basic Vet Cost including drench	542	1	542
Farrier	50	12	650
Chiropractor (min beginning of each term)	40	5	200
Misc (salt blocks/mineral supplement) per week	10	52	520
Hard Feed (grain)	10	26	260
Covers (winter/summer or repairs)	160	1	160
			2898.00 inc



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Your help, will allow us to continue to provide help to children and young adults, whilst ensuring the horses have the ultimate care throughout the year. Below is a table breaking down the costs...

I _____ (name) agree to pay the annual
costs to provide basic care to _____ (amount) horse/horses

DATE: ____/____/____

beginning 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024.

Payment to:

Taupo District riding for Development

BNZ - 02 0428 0174781 000

Please provide a logo for your business if you would like to be displayed on our website and Facebook page as a sponsor. We also welcome you to bring in a sign (no posters please) to display on our arena wall (max size 120cm wide x 70cm high).

Thank you again, for considering us.



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Feedback from Sport Waikato Awards (2022)



Volunteer (Posted 2022-09-20 15:38:31)

I retired January 2014 and started at RDA February, and have been there ever since. Love watching the children grow and develop new skills. Very rewarding.

By: John Calder

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Director (Posted 2022-09-20 13:12:50)

The Taupo District is so fortunate to have some an amazing group of volunteers that operate the Taupo RDA. We are proud sponsors of the RDA and the work they do.

By: yvonne westerman

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Manager (Posted 2022-09-20 09:33:02)

I forgot to mention.... Our place (Taupo RDA) has a huge amount of volunteering work done behind the scenes... committee members, gardeners, accounting, grooming, paddock clearing, building maintenance and weekend warriors! Our volunteers are the best!!!! I am so privileged to be part of an amazing group of people, dedicated to helping those in need of a bit of help each and every week!!!!

By: Georgie Fairest

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Mother of a Rider (Posted 2022-09-19 22:14:17)

This program has helped my Son Slade a lot, by bring him out of his comfort zone, making new friends and of cause bonding with his amazing friend (horse) Shannon. I love hearing how his day goes when he goes horse riding his smile is always from ear,,xx

By: Jessica Roberts

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Taupo RDA (Posted 2022-09-19 21:41:42)

The Taupo district is extremely fortunate to have this incredible facility run by a group of awesome staff and volunteers. Two students from our rural school attend RDA each week. The students have different barriers and their individual needs are catered for at each session. There is always excitement and anticipation before they leave for RDA and plenty to talk about upon their return. Our teaching staff, teacher aides, and non-teaching staff are warmly welcomed at Taupo RDA. We are always included and feel like part of the wider family. The atmosphere at Taupo RDA is always full of fun and excitement for riders, staff and volunteers. Individual achievements are celebrated regardless of how big or small they may be. It's awesome to see the riders intrinsic motivation and smiles on their faces when they achieve their goals. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at RDA for the inclusive environment they have created and for the endless support and laughter they provide our tamariki.

By: Tirohanga School

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Riding Coach (Posted 2022-09-19 21:33:52)

We have the most AMAZING volunteers who dedicate and devote their time to come and help make a difference to all our Riders lives. Their friendship, kindness, patience and dedication to making a difference, making it fun, making it matter is what I love about all of them. I can't thank them enough for what they do - they really are all AMAZING human beings ❤️

By: Kerrie Whistler

[Reply](#)



Mrs (Posted 2022-09-19 21:08:32)

I am a mother to a 29 year old young lady who attends weekly sessions with RDA, the team and environment are absolutely amazing. Riding means so much to our daughter she just buzzes when it is riding day. The work that the team does with our young children and adults is absolutely amazing. I would love to seem them win a well deserved aware in recognition of all the hard work they do.

By: Laurie Newman

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Thank you (Posted 2022-09-19 21:07:23)

My son has only started riding this term and it has been so beneficial to him. He has grown in self-confidence and has developed a new found confidence around other animals where he did have debilitating anxiety around animals. The staff/volunteers are so incredible they are so positive and celebrate each child. I feel so privileged that my son has been able to have a chance to experience such an amazing environment.

By: Tabitha

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Feedback from a local primary school (2022)....

Both of our students have benefitted from RDA in different ways. For one child, it is about improving muscle tone and improving posture for her physical disability. For the other child, RDA is helping with social and emotional skills.

Both children benefit from the sensory-motor experiences, fine and gross skills, balance and coordination plus the camaraderie they are learning to support each other in all RDA activities.

As the parent and teacher of the children at our school, I generally don't get to experience the children riding at RDA. Our teacher aide joins the girls each week.

I have been very fortunate to take both girls to riding and experience first-hand the numerous benefits that RDA offers. The staff are welcoming and have a wealth of knowledge and experience that they all bring to the development of these young people. The children love the horses and the riding. The staff carefully analyse the needs of the children (provided by the teachers) and create incredible learning experiences socially, emotionally and physically for the them.

I know that many other children, whom may not necessary have a noted/diagnosed disability, would benefit from this experience.