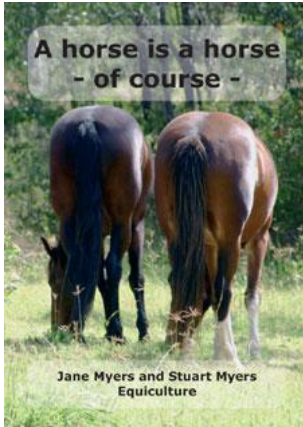


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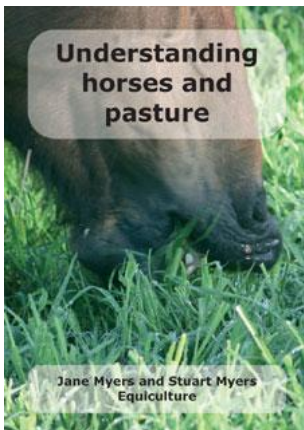


A HORSE IS A HORSE OF COURSE

This publication will teach you about horse behaviour, in particular those aspects of horse behaviour that relate to their management. It also includes some information about training horses - how horses learn - and it explains some of the scientific concepts and terminology about behaviour and horse training.

This publication will give you a thorough introduction to the subject of horse behaviour - starting with how horses behave in a natural setting. You can then aim to provide an environment that is as close to natural as possible when keeping horses in captivity. This in turn leads to better management outcomes for domestic horses.

The information is scientific based but is written so that it is understandable and applicable whatever your background. Everyone from complete novices to experienced horse people will gain invaluable information from this publication.



UNDERSTANDING HORSES AND PASTURE

Millions of years of evolution have created a symbiotic relationship between equines (and other grazing animals) and grasslands. Our aim as horse owners *and* as custodians of the land should be to replicate that relationship on our property as closely as possible.

By managing our land effectively we can ensure that the environment *and* our horses achieve optimum health. To manage our pasture well, we first need to understand it and the relationship that equines and other grazing animals have with it.

There is a belief that pasture is not good or is even dangerous for certain types of horses. However with the correct knowledge all these issues can be addressed and managed to the benefit of both horses and pasture.

Horse owners can improve the condition of their land and play an important part in increasing biodiversity. To do this horse owners need to be aware of horse

grazing behaviour *and* gain a basic understanding of pasture plants so that they can manage their pastures *and* the grazing of them. *All* horses benefit from grazing; it is what they have evolved to do for a large part of their day. In turn, grass and other pasture plant species have evolved to benefit from periods of grazing and periods of rest. Managing horses and pasture effectively is to the benefit of both.



HORSE PASTURE MANAGEMENT

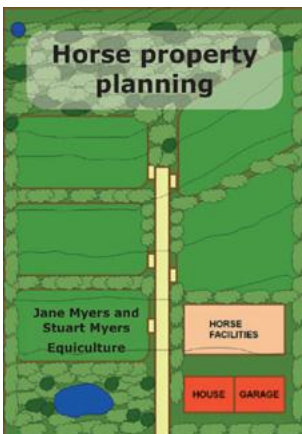
Your pasture is a valuable resource, to you, your horses and to the wider environment. Pasture, if managed well, provides an enriching environment for your horses. However if poor management systems are used, too much grazing pressure can lead to a downward spiral of land degradation resulting in pasture loss, soil erosion and weed infestation etc.

This publication explains the benefits of good pasture management and then shows you how to manage your land in a way that is a win-win situation for all concerned.

It will also show you how to integrate good pasture management strategies, along with your property infrastructure, into an efficient time and energy saving system.

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HORSE PROPERTY PLANNING

All too often a horse property develops without a proper plan. This usually results in extra work and wasted money. This publication will provide you with the information and framework you need to plan your horse property well. It deals with planning a property from scratch or making changes to a property that already has some facilities in place. It covers the seven factors you should consider before even starting your plan. It then covers the subject of infrastructure such as where fences, stables, yards, arenas, laneways and driveways should be situated.

Finally this publication explains how to bring everything together into an efficient time and energy saving system which has tremendous benefits for yourself, your horses and the environment.

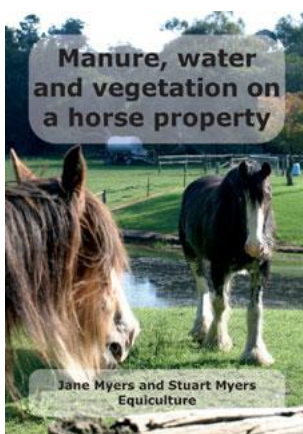


BUYING A HORSE PROPERTY

Buying a horse property is probably the most expensive and important purchase you will ever make. So it is very important that you get it right. There are many factors to consider and there may be compromises that have to be made. This guide to buying a horse property will help you to make many of those very important decisions.

Decisions such as whether to buy developed or undeveloped land? Whether to buy a smaller property nearer the city or a larger property in a rural area.

This publication will help you with what to look out for and what to avoid when selecting a property and it will provide you with a list of questions that you should ask yourself about potential properties.



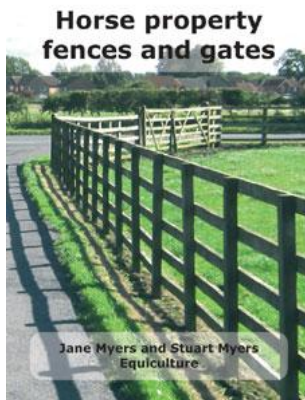
MANURE, WATER AND VEGETATION ON A HORSE PROPERTY

This publication covers the three seemingly diverse subjects on a horse property:- manure, water and vegetation. They are actually all linked and require good management in order to be an asset to your horse property. This publication is in three sections - each covering the different subjects.

Manure management shows you how to turn an often unwanted waste product into a valuable asset on your horse property. Water management shows you how to manage the water entering and leaving your property, and how to ensure that it is clean and healthy. Vegetation management shows you how to manage the trees, bushes and plants on your property for benefits that go beyond yourself and your animals. Good management of all three areas will enhance the environment for yourself, your horses and wildlife.

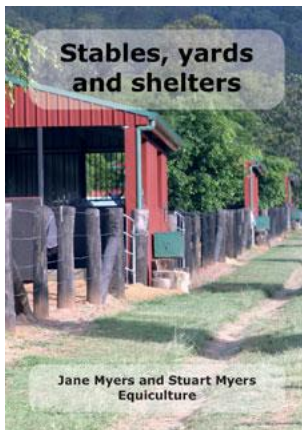
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HORSE PROPERTY FENCES AND GATES

Secure and safe fences and gates are a 'must have' on any horse property. This publication covers all aspects of this subject including fence materials, specifications, safety considerations and the layout of fences and gates on a horse property. The pros and cons of different fence types are discussed and gateways and their positioning are described in detail.



STABLES, YARDS AND SHELTERS

With regard to facilities on a horse property, stables, holding yards and shelters are perhaps second only to fences when it comes to importance for most horse owners. This publication will help you to decide just what is needed in your particular circumstances. It will also help you to decide what type of materials to use for these facilities and where they should be situated on your horse property.

The publication will also show you how you can integrate your holding yards into an efficient money, time and energy saving management system.



RIDING ARENAS AND TRAINING YARDS

This publication will help you to make important decisions about any riding/training surfaces you plan to construct. Some factors to consider include:-

- How often will you use this surface?
- Are you planning to have an arena or a training yard - or both?
- Will you carry out the work yourself (DIY) or use a professional company?
- Is it to be outdoor or indoor, or partially covered?
- Will this area be used solely for riding and training or can it also be used for other purposes?

This publication will help you to ask the right questions of any potential contractors and will help you to give contractors the right directions about what you really want. If you plan to DIY your arena or training yard this publication will help you to decide if that is the best way to proceed and if you do – what the most important considerations are.

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