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Human safety and animal welfare: the focus of an upcoming seminar about managing incidents involving horses

The Animal Emergency Incident Management Network ANZ (AEIMN ANZ) is hosting the *Equine Event Incident Management Seminar*, May 13, 2025 at Melbourne Veterinary School, the University of Melbourne. The conference aims to advance the management of human safety and animal welfare during emergencies at equine events and to foster collaborations.

Jim Green, Director of Operations at the British Animal Rescue and Trauma Care Association (BARTA), based in the UK, is the keynote presenter. With a distinguished career in animal rescue and emergency response, Jim has been instrumental in developing standardised methodologies and delivering animal incident management training globally. His extensive experience includes collaborations with firefighting communities and veterinary and animal-related organisations. Jim has worked with the veterinary response teams at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and pioneered the translation of the structured responses used by emergency services into a format now adopted across all UK racecourses and at several of the UK's major equestrian competitions.

Josh Slater, chair of the AEIMN ANZ, said 'With delegates from most states of Australia already registered, the seminar will be a unique opportunity for individuals responsible for managing and responding to incidents at equine events to come together and plan for the future.'

Jim Green, of BARTA, said 'I am really looking forward to supporting the AEIMN seminar in Melbourne. As we develop an International Community of Practice for Incidents Involving Animals, bringing people together to share and learn is crucial in building relationships and driving positive change. Australia and New Zealand have made huge progress in this area of community resilience, and I am excited to relay that learning back to the wider community.'

AEIMN ANZ is grateful to the conference sponsors, Resquip and Large Animal Rescue Equipment Australia.

The seminar is targeting horse event organisers, veterinarians, venue managers and officials. Tickets are available <https://www.aeimanz.org/equine-incident-management-seminar-melb>

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The Animal Emergency Incident Management Network ANZ promotes safer practices during domestic animal incidents. Through strategy development, policy advocacy, knowledge advancement, and practical training, AEIMN ANZ supports professionals in enhancing human safety and animal welfare during emergencies across Australia and New Zealand. For more information visit www.aeimanz.org.