

Advanced Hoof Management 2 Day Workshops 2026



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THE BAREFOOT BLACKSMITH

'New ways to solve old problems'

Prerequisite

Previous attendance at either a Barefoot Blacksmith Standard Workshop, or at one of our affiliated trainers' standard workshops (no exceptions!)

Dates: see our schedule at
www.barehoofcare.com
or host with us in your area.

Time: Arrive 8.15am for an 8.45am start,
finish around 4.30 pm on day 1 and 3pm on day 2.

Cost: \$450 VIC
\$500 NSW, SA & QLD

Fees also include a 140+ page class workbook, a data stick containing dozens of our published articles, the Barehoofcare handbook, a comprehensive assessment of your horse, trimming your horse under our guidance and help with boot fitting if needed.

Catering: BYO lunch.
Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Bookings and Enquiries: Prior booking is essential (participants limited to 10)
Contact us before booking to ensure there are places available.

Course placements are filled in order of payments received along with completed booking forms.

Contact: 0461 371 779 or email
admin@barehoofcare.com

Please bring your tools, gloves and your horse's hoof boots (if used). There will be new tools available for purchase on the day.

Bring your horse: These workshops are designed for you to bring your horse or horses, (max. 2) to work with, but if you can't bring your own due to distance (or other reasons) you can still benefit by seeing how all the other horses in the class have their various hoof issues managed.

Who is the clinic for?

People who have previously attended a Barefoot Blacksmith Standard Workshop, (or one of our affiliated trainers' workshops) and are wanting to progress further with their knowledge and trimming skills.

This 2 day workshop aims to:

- Refresh and consolidate basic maintenance trimming and take your hoof management knowledge, observation, and practical skill sets to a higher level.
- Help solve any problems you may be having; either with your horse handling/tool skills/trimming or your horse's progression as a barefoot mount.
- Update you with recent developments in the continuing evolution of equine hoof care.

Content: (spread over 2 full days)

There will be a mix of theory, demonstrations and supervised trimming over two days, including:

- Recognition of normal hooves, including variations within normal limits.
- Recognising and managing imbalances and deformities.
- Observations and palpations of a good hoof versus a bad hoof.
- Biomechanical pathways between hoof and body.
- Managing common pathologies such as navicular, ringbone, side bone, laminitis.
- Specific requirements of different breeds and equestrian disciplines.
- The effects of metal shoes.
- Tool selection and maintenance.
- Workplace ergonomics; making a hard job easier.
- Sustainable hoof protection update, including: boots, pads, tips and polyurethane shoes.
- A group discussion of each horse in the class that includes a comprehensive observation and issues 'work up'.
- Slow motion videoing and playback of the class' horses.