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Dear Members,

After considerable deliberation, taking into account the feedback we have had from Members, due to the ongoing drought and the devastating fires that are still ravaging our country, including the aftermath of these fires; the National Committee wish to advise Members with a great deal of sadness that we will not be holding a National Show this year.

This was not an easy decision to reach, nor was it a hasty one; however with so many of our regular National Show attendees still in extreme drought, paying huge premiums for their horse feed and if that was not enough, having to cope with the devastation, not only mentally but physically and financially of the fires and / or their aftermath, many have said they just cannot afford the expense and to them, the luxury, of a National Show. Many have approached us privately, as they do not want to advertise their situation and we appreciate how the devastation has and is affecting a lot of people, and we believe a lot more people than anyone realizes. We also believe that for many Members, the situation will get worse before it gets better and that's why we have held off making this announcement until now.

Many of our Members have had to return to the workforce, simply to buy feed for their Horses and some have even had to find work to pay for what we should all have as a free and plentiful commodity water !

Others are really struggling in a depressed market place and just making ends meet and those who have had to make the heartbreaking decision to sell some of their Horses, in some cases some of their prized and beloved show stock, but haven't been able to do so, due to the drought and the fact there are so many Horses for sale. There have also been many Members who have found themselves in the heartbreaking position of having to euthanize some of their older stock.

It has been a heartbreaking and financially draining year and in some cases several years for many of our Members, some of whom are still paying for last year's National Show and to be absolutely honest we as an Association cannot afford to provide any sort of services that we are not paid for, as much as we wish to assist our Members; we must consider the future of the Association and all Members.

We know that many Members will feel that they are being deprived of their annual holiday, which is what many Members feel the National Show is, but we, as a National Committee believe that it would not be in the best interests of the Association or its Members if we held a National Show knowing that the numbers attending would be considerably down on previous years.

We would be derelict in our duties as a National Committee of Management if we held the National Show knowing in advance that we would not get the entries and although it saddens us to have to say to Members there will be no National Show this year, we know this is the right thing to do for the long term benefit of the Association and its Members and we trust that Members will understand why we feel we must take this course of action and support us in doing so.

Let's turn a negative into a positive and take the time we have to prepare for the 2021 MHAA® National Show, as Members say from time to time, why don't you have this, or that or why not revamp the whole National Show ? So, let's utilize this time to do exactly that ! If anyone would like to submit suggestions or be involved in a 2021 MHAA® National Show Committee please let us know asap and we can start planning a fantastic and exciting event for our Members.

In the meantime, it will be business as usual for the Association and as always, if you have any queries, please contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au

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