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**MHAA® Strong and getting stronger ... ..**

**... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry,  
proudly moving ahead into our 26<sup>th</sup> year of servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond ! ... ..**

Dear Members,

Before we go into our short break over the holiday season, we have some important information and reminders to pass on to Members.

**Office Closure:** Members are reminded that the Registry Offices closes over the Christmas / New Year period and therefore will be closed from normal close of business hours on **Wednesday 24 December, 2014 and reopens on the morning of Monday 5 January, 2015**. Please do not post mail to the office between these dates, as the mailbox will not be cleared during that time.

We will endeavour to have all paperwork processed and matters resolved before the office and National Committee breaks for the holiday period; however if there are any matters outstanding, these will be attended to as soon as possible after the resumption of Association business early in the New Year.

**Photos for Registration Certificates:** Members are reminded when sending photos to the office for their Registration Certificates to ensure that they send suitable size photos; please DO NOT send photos the size of a postage stamp and please DO NOT send photos A4 size; **the ideal size is 6"x 4" with the horse taking up approximately 80% of the photograph**. Also please DO NOT send Show photos and definitely no photo credits, i.e. name of the Photographer, on them, as if you send them to the office with your Upgrade or Registration Application, these will be returned and not used.

**Show Rules:** Members are advised that there have been some changes to the Show Rules and that the updated Show Rules are on the website. In the main the changes are in the sections on Judges Rule IV and Ring Procedure Rule V11, with Members attention drawn in particular to the addition of Rule V11, "L. No whips of any description to be allowed in Halter Classes". Please read them through and note the changes and if you have any queries, please contact the National Secretary.

**Youth Handling Colt/Stallions:** We wish to remind Members of the Ruling regarding Youth Handling Colts/Stallions and confirm that this applies to ALL Youth Members under the age of 18 years. We also wish to confirm that in line with our insurance requirements and in keeping with most other Horse Groups, National Committee does not make any dispensations in that area.

**Promotional Calendar:** National Committee have discussed the suggestion that we produce a promotional Calendar for 2015 and Member feedback is required asap, so that we can determine the feasibility of the exercise, as if we go ahead we would be looking at having it printed in very early January. It is envisaged that every month a different Stud could be promoted and if you are interested in advertising and securing a month and wish to discuss the possible costs etc you need to contact Rebecca Howe asap. Rebecca's email is: [excellenceacademy66@gmail.com](mailto:excellenceacademy66@gmail.com)

**Registrar:** National Committee wish to thank all the Members who expressed interest in the position of National Registrar and advise that Wendy Allenby has been appointed to this position.

If you have any registry queries, Wendy's email is: [d.allenby@bigpond.com](mailto:d.allenby@bigpond.com)

**2015 National Show:** Plans are well underway for our National Show, the event a lot of our Members look so forward to. Just to confirm the dates are: Bump-in Monday 30 March, 2015, Show dates Wednesday 1 April, to Sunday 5 April, 2015 inclusive, with Bump-out Monday 6 April, 2015. The Show Schedule will be out early in the New Year, taking on board Member feed-back with regard to Classes and in general about the Show. Thankyou to the Members who have contacted us in this regard, as Member feed-back is vital to the success of any event.

*Members should be thinking about the Horses they are planning to take to the National Show, so that they can get their paperwork in order and avoid the last minute rush which causes un-necessary work for everyone.*

**Trans Tasman Challenge:** We are delighted to be hosting the Trans Tasman Challenge in 2015 at our National Show and the New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc's Youth Team will be our guests and are bringing a Team of 5 to try to win back the Trophy, that we were successful in winning in NZ earlier this year. *Any Youth Member who is interested in being a part of the MHAA® Youth Team, should contact Barb Voysey, National Secretary, as soon as possible so that the Team can be formed and start communicating with each other.* The only criteria to be eligible to apply to be in the Youth Team, is that the Youth is an MHAA® Member who knows the Performance Rules, has competed in Performance Classes at MHAA® Shows in their State and is able to attend the National Show.

**Contacting National Committee:** If you have a query and are unsure if it is a registry issue, please either contact the National Secretary or email, [admin@mhaa.com.au](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au) queries will then be directed to the person who is best equipped to answer the query.

Please DO NOT send messages and/or queries to the MHAA® National Facebook page, or any State Facebook pages, as this is a very unreliable method of contact. Also please remember that queries should be referred to the National Committee and not sent to the Registry Office.

Also kindly remember that when contacting any one of our National Committee that most of us work in addition to our voluntary National Committee position and please allow a reasonable time frame for a reply. We will always try to respond within 24 hours, but sometimes work or Family makes this difficult, so we ask for Members understanding in this regard. Also please have some consideration regarding the time of day that you are ringing anyone on Committee.

Members co-operation in regard to this would be appreciated, as we do try to make ourselves available to Members as often and as much as we are able to.



*Wishing you all and your Families  
a very Happy Christmas  
and hope the New Year  
brings you good health  
and happiness.  
Drive Safely ☺*

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