



*Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter
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Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc*

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... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry, proudly moving into our 33rd year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond!

Dear Members,

National Committee hope Members and their Families are coping with the current restrictions that may be in place in their area due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and that they are staying safe while protecting themselves, their Families and others and want to assure Members that we will do all we can to support you through these unprecedented times.

We wish to advise Members that our Registry Office will be closed from close of business Monday 20 December, 2021 and will re-open on Tuesday 4 January, 2022.

Measuring Horses: Due to the fact that restrictions are still in force in many areas of Australia and as National Committee want to relieve as much stress as we can for Members, **we are extending the period indefinitely that we are allowing ALL Members to measure their OWN Horse/s that need to be registered and/or upgraded.**

All Members need to do is send the necessary paperwork to the office and it will be processed in the normal way. If you have any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact us.



AGM: With the current situation with regards travel restrictions and possible State lockdowns, we will again be holding our AGM via Zoom on Sunday 30th January, 2022, at 2pm SA Time. Attached is the Notice of AGM and Agenda. If Members have any queries with regards to the AGM, please contact the National Secretary Barb Voysey.

National Committee Nominations: Attached is the Nomination Form for National Committee positions that are available, so if you think you have something to offer and would like to nominate for a position on the National Committee please submit your Nomination. Full details are on the Form. If you have any queries in this regard or would like to confirm what a position entails, please contact Barb Voysey, National Secretary.

State Committee Nominations: Members in States that are eligible will be sent Nomination Forms for State Committee positions early in the New Year. These are being sent out later than usual, due to the fact that in some States, it has not been possible to hold Shows and/or events, however, now that Shows are being able to held in most States, it would be great to get some Shows organized for Members. So please if you can assist in anyway in this regard, please put your hand up. If you don't feel you want to go on a Committee, but would like to assist with Shows, then please contact us, as we have Members who are really keen to start showing again and all the help we can get with putting on Shows would be appreciated. If you have any ideas or would like to see any Shows in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sending Paperwork to the Office: Members are reminded that the best method of sending paperwork to the office is via Express Post, as the item may be tracked and the Post Office put the mail in the MHAA® Post Box. Please DO NOT SEND via Registered Post, as this necessitates a signature and an extra visit to the Post Office. Members co-operation in this regard is requested.

Stallion Returns: Stallion Returns can be submitted at any time and many Members submit them as soon as they have served all their Mares. Also remember that you should put ALL the Mares you serve on the Return, even if they are not MHAA® registered and also don't forget to put any outside Mares that were served by your Stallion. Also if your Stallion serves an outside Mare, or you sell a Mare in Foal, it is your responsibility to provide the Mare owner with a Service Certificate.

Also don't forget if you sell a Stallion half way through the breeding year, for example: if you sell a Stallion and sign the Transfer form on 1 December, you should submit a Stallion return for the period 1 August to 1 December and the new owner should submit a Stallion Return from 2 December to 31 July the following year. If you have any queries with regards to submitting Stallion Returns, please contact us.

Now is a good time to go through your Registrations and see if you have any upgrades due or overdue, or some Registrations that you may need assistance with. Therefore, if any Member has any issues with regards registrations or upgrades, or for that matter anything you think we may be able to assist with, or want to discuss an issue you are having with your Horse registration, do not hesitate to contact us, as we will do everything we can to assist Members not only through this very stressful period, but at any time. Members are often surprised to find out that we can assist them with an issue that they thought was just not possible to resolve. So, with this in mind, you have nothing to lose in asking for assistance and Members can direct any queries to the National Secretary, Barb Voysey, via email admin@mhaa.com.au or mobile 0418 821100.

At times like this, when many of our fellow Members are going through some very stressful times, it helps to touch base and check if they are ok and let them know that they are being thought about and that you are there to support them.

It has been a shocking couple of years for Members and we hope that the New Year will be much better for all. In the meantime, if anyone is experiencing any form of hardship that they think we may be able to assist with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**National Committee of Management,
Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc**

*Take care, stay COVID Safe,
like the Claus Family ...*



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

