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... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature / Small Horse Registry, proudly in our 31st year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond !

Dear Members,

Well 2020 is certainly proving to be a year to test our resilience, with severe drought, ferocious and devastating fires, floods and now the country crippled by this COVID-19 pandemic; hopefully if everyone does the right thing we will come out of this with a stronger and better understanding and appreciation of the lifestyle we have in Australia and also hopefully a more tolerant appreciation of others.

This Easter will be a very different one to which we usually experience and for some of us, we would normally be at the National Show enjoying each other's company, but this year we need to stay home, protect ourselves, our Families and everyone else from COVID-19.

With Shows on hold, this is an ideal time to catch up on paperwork and make sure all your Horse Registrations are up to date and with this in mind we have been contacted by Members who are wishing to upgrade their Horses, but with the current movement restrictions and safe distance regulations that are in place, are unable to have anyone come on to their property to measure their Horses for upgrade.

Therefore as National Committee want to relieve as much stress as we can for Members, we will allow ALL Members to measure their own Horse/s that need to be upgraded. At this stage, this procedure will be in place until 31 July, 2020, so all Members need to do is send the necessary paperwork to the office and it will be processed in the normal way.

If any Member has any other issues with regards registrations or upgrades, please do not hesitate to contact us, as we will do everything we can to assist Members through this very stressful period.

2020 MHAA® Youth Team: National Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Youth Members who are the 2020 MHAA® Youth Team for their fund raising efforts and for being so committed and being part of the Youth Team

Jessica (Jess) Richards, Qld (Team Captain); Dimity (Dim) Threlfo, NSW; Maddison (Maddi) Worthington, Qld;

Jasmine (Jaz) McLean, NSW; William (Will) Richards, Qld, unfortunately due to the current COVID-19 travel restrictions the team was unable to fly over to compete and with the NZ lockdown the NZMHA Nationals had to be cancelled.

We must also say a big thankyou to all the Parents of the Team who worked tirelessly to assist the Youth and a special mention of all the work that Lesley Richards did organizing the Auction and Raffle and also for arranging NZ Horses so that every Youth travelling over had Horses to show before they got there. This would have been so helpful for the Youth as it's very difficult to have to arrange when you get to NZ; so all the time and effort Lesley put into making these arrangements for ALL Youth Team Members was very much appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the team over the past few months as they were working towards travelling over to compete in New Zealand. The team uniforms are on their way from Tequine Embroidery so the team Members will look forward to them arriving and photos being taken to share with you as they arrive. The Auction money has been used to cover costs as deposits for accommodation, travel and bus commitments still had to be paid. The Team really appreciated all the support and well wishes sent by everyone and hope you all stay safe at this time.

National Committee hope you all have a pleasant Easter break staying home and staying safe ... we are all in this together ... so need to look out for each other ... TAKE CARE & STAY SAFE ... our thoughts are with you all !!

**National Committee of Management
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