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... now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry, proudly moving into our 32nd year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond! ...

Dear Members,

AGM: Members are advised that the **AGM** will be held via Zoom on **Saturday 30 January, 2021 at 2pm, SA Time**. For further information please contact Barb Voysey, National Secretary, email admin@mhaa.com.au

2021 National Show: National Committee of Management have discussed the possibility of holding a 2021 National Show and believe that due to many factors involving the current situation with regards to the Global Pandemic, COVID-19, that it would not be responsible to hold a National Show this year. There are many factors that have led to this decision and the main one being that there is no way that you could plan on holding a National Show with any certainty that it could go ahead. In addition to which, it may well be that if we did hold a Show, there is every likelihood that if there was an outbreak in NSW, such as there is at the current time in both NSW and Victoria, that borders could close with little notice. If this happened Members could be put into a very difficult situation and if they were unable to travel home, would not only have to find accommodation for themselves, but also for their Horses. Reminiscent, for those who can remember, to when EI struck and people and their Horses were trapped (for want of a better word!) at SIEC for several weeks, encumbered by huge expense accommodating themselves and their Horses. Then of course, there are the additional restrictions and regulations that have now been put in place at SIEC as well as additional costs regarding cleaning; unfortunately, necessary but also restrictive and very costly to everyone.

Then, there would also be issues with regards to booking Judges and we would not be able to have an international Judge officiate at the Show; actually, the list of things affecting the holding of the Show, goes on and on.

We also believe that to hold a National Show, it should hypothetically be possible for all Members to attend, however, we believe that under the current circumstances, which change daily during a Pandemic, this would not be possible.

Therefore, taking all the above into consideration, we believe that we are doing the right thing by not going ahead with the National Show this year and believe that Members, although disappointed, will totally understand and agree with our decision.

NSW State Show: It has been exceedingly difficult, as we need to plan ahead for events, however due to the unpredictability of COVID outbreaks, we also need to be prepared to change plans unless we can assure a COVID safe as possible event and also comply with all Government restrictions required at any given time, which can change at very short notice. Unfortunately, we now find ourselves in that very situation, due to the current outbreaks of COVID in several areas of NSW, therefore we have no alternative but to postpone the NSW State Show that was planned for 23 and 24 January, 2021. We believe this is the only responsible decision that could be made, taking into consideration the health and welfare of our Members and the uncertainty at the present time in NSW, with a real possibility that we would have to postpone the Show at the last minute, which would be very disappointing to Members who had prepared Horses and therefore believed that we should make this decision now, so as not to inconvenience Members. We ask Members to bear with us for a while longer, our goal is to put on the best Show we can, when we can and in the meantime, thank you all for your patience and understanding. Recent times have been very distressing for us all and hopefully things will very soon be able to get back to some kind of normality.

NSW & Victorian State Shows: Due to the fact that we will not be having a National Show and we had to postpone the NSW State Show, we are planning to hold State Shows in NSW and Victoria over Easter and venues will be advised as soon as these are confirmed. SA Promotional Group Committee have decided not to hold a State Show this year, due to the Pandemic and if we had Members willing to assist to run a State Show in Queensland, we would hold one. Any Member who is willing to assist in this regard, please contact the National Committee

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.

Sending Paperwork to the Office for upgrades: Just a reminder that when sending paperwork to the office for upgrades, that you need to send photographs of the Horse to be upgraded. I am not sure if as Members can measure their Horses themselves for upgrades, that has made them forget to send the photos, but several Members of late have forgotten to send photos of the Horse when doing their upgrade. The reason photos are necessary is that when producing the Registration Certificate for upgrade, current pictures are required, so that the Certificate is a true representation of the Horse's appearance.

Also, as a reminder, when sending pictures for upgrades, please send them postcard size (approx. 15cm x 10cm) and please ensure that they are cut to size and trimmed ready for scanning. The photos maybe printed out on normal computer paper, no special photo paper is required. Send two pictures, one of each side, with a clear view of the Horse, preferably with a clear background. If you have any queries with regards to the requirements for photos for upgrades, please email admin@mhaa.com.au

The National Committee understand the stress and distress that many of our Members have and are experiencing with everything that has been going on and 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**



*As we leap away from
2020 ... a year we would
rather forget ... let's hope
that 2021 brings happiness,
good health, happy times
and Miniature Horse
Shows to share with
Members, Family and
Friends ...
The National Committee of
Management wishes a ...*

***HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL !!!***

