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Dear Members,

We are now into countdown to our biggest event of the year ... our 2016 National Show ... which commences next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and runs through until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

The National Committee wishes all Members and Horses attending the Show a rewarding experience and a safe travel to and from the show. Members often say that at the National Show new friendships are often forged, which lead to a lasting relationship for years to come.

It is always a stressful time preparing our horses and meeting time schedules for class entries so have a thought and offer a helping hand whenever you can. Remember to keep an eye on the notice board outside the Show Office as each day a list of the Classes and those entered will be posted. This will also confirm any change to Classes you may have had after measuring.

Remember due to the bump out and clean up necessary for the Show before us, **entry to the Stables on Monday, 21 March, 2016 is NOT UNTIL 5pm**, so plan your journey time so you arrive at the appropriate time, however if you arrive earlier you can go up to the Northern Car Park and unload your Horses if you wish; there are also toilets there as well.

**Measuring will commence at 10am on Tuesday 22 March, 2016** and at this stage will be done in the end stable in the last row of one of the Stable Blocks.

Unfortunately, we won't be having live stream this year as the cost has doubled and we can't justify spending that much money, however we will be investigate other sources for next year. If any Member has any contacts in this area, please let us know.

We will however endeavor to get the results up on the web site each night so Members that are unable to attend can be kept informed.

Reminder that late entries will be accepted up until 6pm the night day before the Class you want to enter, at 1 ½ times the normal entry fee. However, if the Horse you want to do a late entry for is not already entered, remember that the Horse will have to be measured and that the Registration is current and up to date.

If you have any queries at the Show about anything, don't hesitate to come to the Show Office, as we are there to help you. If your query is about your Stabling or accommodation, you will find Margaret and Colin Lawson in the Caravan next to the walkway to the Stables and they will assist you in that regard.

For those attending, especially if it's your first National Show, remember enjoy your National Show experience, have fun and soak up the social side of the event. .... we will see you at the Show !!!

**Australia Post:** We are hearing some absolutely unbelievable time delays in the mail and want to make Members aware that we are still keeping to our excellent expected turnaround time in the Office, BUT it is once the mail gets into the Australia Post system where it gets bogged down. At the moment we are told that there are extra-long delays and 'ordinary mail' is NOT getting processed for up to 4 or 5 business days and put through the new slower mail system and it has been the norm to hear of mail posted from our Office taking anywhere up to 3, 4 and even 5 weeks to get to NSW ! Australia Post are now offering a speedier mail service by paying extra (yes after raising the price of a stamp from 70c to \$1-00) for a 'priority' mail service, which is still slower than our old mail system. At the end of the day it is Member's choice how they send their mail, but we have always recommended Members use the Express Post service, yes it's a bit more expensive, but you can track it and we are also finding lately that this is very reliable service and giving Members piece of mind knowing where the mail is. We should point out that our Office is not in an Express Post Serviced area, but the service is still much quicker than any other method at this time. We would also like to let Members know that if they include an Express Post Envelope we will post their mail back in the Express Post Envelope, that way they can track it. We did this recently for a Member in Qld and she had her paperwork back in 3 days. So perhaps Members should consider doing this and for those of you who are not aware, if you buy 10 Express Post Envelopes at the same time you can buy them at a discounted price. Also there is now a Seniors/Pension posting allowance available, which also offers quite good savings, however Members will have to make their own enquiries about eligibility etc.

If you have any queries about anything at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact your National Committee, either by phone (contact details are on the website) or via the admin email address ... [admin@mhaa.com.au](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au) which is monitored daily.

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