



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

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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 into our 29th year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond ! ... ..**

Dear Members,

We wish to remind Members that our Registry Office will be closing at 4pm Friday 22 December, 2017 and re-opens on Wednesday 3 January, 2017.

There are a few matters that we need to bring to Members attention:-

**Amnesties:** Please note the extension of Amnesties 1 & 2:

1. Anyone who has not re-joined their Membership can re-join without the late fee. **Extend to 31 Jan 18.**
2. Horses that are revoked, i.e. not upgraded at 4 years 6 months: can be upgraded without paying the revoked fee. **Extend to 31 Jan 18.**
3. Any new Member who joins after 1 January, 2018 only pays half the Membership Fee, but pays the joining Fee in full. **This year only.**

**Reports from MHAA®:** Members can now purchase the following reports:-

1. All Horses registered in a Member's name in the database
2. All Horses bred by a Member.

The Reports will be \$16-50 each and an item will be added to the Work Order.

**2018 National Show:** Our 2018 National Show will be held from Wednesday 28 March, 2018 to Sunday 1 April, 2018 inclusive; with bump in being Monday 26 March, 2018 and bump out being Monday 2 April, 2018.

Next year's National Show is shaping up to be a special one, with some excellent prizes and opportunities for Members to be involved in another great Show. **We will be having a very special Harness section at the National Show and there will be the opportunity for Harness competitors to win a Dobbin & Co Sulky and a Zilco Miniature Harness, as well as some other great prizes.**

So if you compete in the Harness Classes, or are thinking of competing in the Harness Classes, now will be the time to get practicing on your Harness skills, so that you can enter the 2018 National Show and take advantage of the opportunity to win yourself a new Dobbin & Co Sulky or a Zilco Miniature Harness ! Remember ... you have to be in it ... to win it !!!

**ALL Members will also have the opportunity to take part in a FREE Member draw to win a voucher for \$500 towards the purchase of a Dobbin & Co Sulky.** This opportunity will be made available to ALL Members and not confined to Members who will be at the National Show and a Voucher will be sent to all Members, so they can participate in the draw. Remember the old saying ... you have to be in it ... to win it !!!

Following the success of this year's National Show and the popularity of the Performance Challenge, this will definitely be included in the Show Schedule again and I know there were a lot of Members who wished they entered it, once they saw what a great event it was. Especially with the inclusion of the fantastic new Performance gear and the interesting obstacles that we had built for us, like the spider jump (kindly made by Colin & Margaret Lawson) and all the other new gear made for us by Raelene & Malcolm Stewart, with the assistance of some other friends, which saw the humble jump and walk through turned into something very special !



**2018 National Show: (Contd)** If you have any ideas or suggestions with regards to the 2018 National Show, don't hesitate to forward them, as all Member input is appreciated and always taken into consideration. Let's work together to make the 2018 National Show one to remember and with all the extra and special events planned, it is sure to be just that !

**NZMHA 2018 National Show – Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge:** As advised earlier, we have been invited to be a part of the 2018 Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge as part of the NZMHA National Show and send a Youth Team to compete in Christchurch, NZ in March, 2018. We are very proud to announce that the following very talented MHAA® Youth Members will be our 2018 Trans-Tasman Youth Team:-

**Jessica Tome'; Brody Wolfenden; Reanna McDowell; William Richards; Chanel Tancred-Gehle; Jessica Richards (Reserve)**  
We know you will want to add your CONGRATULATIONS to all the above Youth Members and hope that you can assist them with their fundraising towards their trip to NZ. If you have any ideas for fundraising, or are willing to assist the Youth, please contact them.

**2017 / 2018 National Committee:** We confirm the National Committee positions as under:

**President:** Margaret Lawson: **Vice President:** Kerry Starling: **Secretary:** Barb Voysey: **Treasurer:** Brian Neal: **Registrar:** Eola Kay  
**Editor:** Michele Waghorn: **National Committee:** Rebecca Howe. All National Committee contact details are on the website.

You will notice that we now have an Editor for Fine Lines and she is currently working on an Edition of Fine Lines and we will keep Members up to date in that regard.

**Changes of address or email:** Please remember if you change your postal or email address, you need to notify the office by using the change of address form, which is on the website.

Please note that when you send in your Membership Renewal Form and your details have changed from those in the data base; these will automatically be updated.

**General Reminder re getting your Horse measured for an upgrade or measuring someone else's Horse for an upgrade:** If you bred the Horse or own the Horse, you CANNOT measure the Horse, nor can anyone in your Family or part of your Membership.

As always, if you have any queries about anything, please contact Barb Voysey, the National Secretary or email [admin@mhaa.com.au](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au)

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

*Drive Safely ☺*