



*Welcome to the Christmas e-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 30th year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond ! ... ..**

Dear Members,

We wish to advise Members that our Registry Office will be closed from close of business Friday 21 December, 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January, 2019.

**2019 National Show:** Our 2019 National Show will be held from Wednesday 17 April, 2019 to Sunday 21 April, 2019 inclusive; with bump in being Monday 15 April, 2019 and bump out being Monday 22 April, 2019.

**This year's National Show, marks our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and is shaping up to be a special one, with some excellent prizes and opportunities for Members to be involved in another great Show.

**Due to the popularity and Member feedback with regard to the fantastic Harness events last year, we will be having a special Harness section at the National Show again this year and we are very excited to advise Members that Eddie Dobbin has advised us that he will be donating a Dobbin & Co Performance Jogger, therefore there will be the opportunity for Members to win a Dobbin & Co Performance Jogger !**

**As the details of the Harness section and the National Show in general and the prizes on offer are confirmed and finalized Members will be advised**

If you have any ideas or suggestions with regards to the 2019 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 2019 National Show, our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one to remember and with all the extra and special events planned, it is sure to be just that !

**2019 National Show – Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge:** We are very pleased to advise Members that NZ Miniature Horse Association have confirmed they will be attending our 2019 National Show with a Youth Team to compete in the 2019 Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge. Therefore we are inviting MHAA® Youth Members to submit their nominations to be part of the MHAA® Youth Team to compete at the 2019 National Show.

To be considered for the Youth Team, Youth must compete, or have competed at MHAA® Shows in the Performance Classes and have a good understanding of the Performance Rules. Youth must also have Parental or Guardian permission to nominate and be able to attend the 2019 National Show in Sydney. **Nominations should be sent to Barb Voysey, National Secretary by 13 January, 2019.** If you have any queries with regards to the criteria, or any other aspect of the Youth Challenge contact Barb Voysey.



**2018 / 2019 National Committee:** We confirm the 2018 / 2019 National Committee Members, as under:-

**President:** Margaret Lawson: **Vice President:** Kerry Starling: **Secretary:** Barb Voysey: **Care-taker Treasurer:** Barb Voysey: **Registrar:** Eola Kay **Fine Lines Editor:** Michele Waghorn: **National Committee:** Rebecca Howe: Ann Kelly.

National Committee would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Members, to sincerely thank Brian Neal for his enormous contribution to MHAA® during the last 14 years that he served on the National Committee. His devotion to the Association and it's Members goes way beyond any words could convey and we have been very fortunate to have him involved over those years in a variety of positions on the National Committee as well as the mainstay of our National Show. We are very grateful that Brian will continue his involvement with the Association in a variety of honorary ways, as well as assisting the Victorian Promotional Group.

We encourage Members to submit content for Fine Lines; so if you have any pictures, Stud or Foal news, please send to the Editor, Michelle Waghorn at [finelines@mhaa.com.au](mailto:finelines@mhaa.com.au)

#### **General Reminders:**

Members are reminded of the Amnesty that is in place until 31 December, 2018: Anyone who has not re-joined their Membership can re-join without having to pay the late fee.

**Reports from MHAA®:** Members can purchase the following reports for \$16.50 each.

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

**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.

**Measuring Horses:** When getting your Horse measured for an upgrade or measuring someone else's Horse for an upgrade, remember that 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.

If you do not know any other MHAA® Member, or unable to get someone to measure your Horse for you, a Vet can also measure your Horse. If you use a Vet to measure your Horse, remember to make sure the Vet notes on the measure section either by a stamp or Vet number that they are a Vet, not just put their name.

**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 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.

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,  
Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc**



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

*Stay Safe ☺*