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**... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry,
proudly moving ahead into our 30th year of servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond !**

Dear Members,

2019 30th Anniversary National Show: We are almost into countdown, there is definite excitement in the air, as Members are busily planning which Horses to take to the Nationals and making sure all their Registrations are up to date; with this in mind, below are a few reminders and information about the National Show.

One of the exciting highlights of our 30th Anniversary National Show will be a Member Special Draw: Thanks to the generosity of Eddie & Rhonda Dobbin, Dobbin & Co Carriages, there will be a special draw for Members entered in the 2019 National Show and the Member whose entry form is drawn out will be the winner of a ... **Dobbin & Co Carriages, COMPETITION JOGGER** ...how cool is that ??!! Full details are at the end of the Show Schedule.

Entries close Friday 22 March, 2019; entries received after this date will be considered late entries and we cannot guarantee that these will be included in the Show Programme. All Entries must be paid for by that date, but Members do not have to pay for Stables or Accommodation, until **Friday 12 April, 2019;** giving them more time and to spread their payments. However, please do not leave it that late to advise us of your requirements with regards Stables, Campsites or Cabins; these should be booked asap, especially if you want particular Stables or Campsites. Please contact Margaret or Colin Lawson via email, highlandmiststud@optusnet.com.au to confirm your requirements, as we have lots of bookings already.

Just to confirm the dates for the National Show are: **Bump-in after 4pm Monday 15 April, 2019;** you may arrive from 3pm but you will be directed to the Northern Car Park where you can exercise your horses if you wish; there are also toilet facilities up there. Show dates are Wednesday 17 April, 2019 to Sunday 21 April, 2019 inclusive, with **Bump-out by 8am Monday 22 April, 2019.**

National Show Schedule / Entry Forms / Important notes: We are attaching the 2019 National Show Schedule and Conditions of Entry and the Entry Forms are being posted on the MHAA® website. Members are reminded to complete the Stable / Camping / Cabin Form and transfer their information to the Work-Order, being particular to stipulate which days they require Stables and Gear Stables for, if they are not required for the entire week. If any Member has any queries with regards this, or is unable to download any of the Forms, please contact Barb Voysey to have a copy or copies emailed to you.

Following Member feedback, we have also included some changes to the Show Schedule and we hope Members will support those changes and / or additions that they have requested. Also due to Member requests, we have included several extra Classes for Veteran Miniature and Small Horses, as well as Supreme Miniature Veterans and Supreme Small Horse Veterans and we hope that the Members that have requested we include these Veteran Classes, will support them.

We are also very pleased to advise that Members who enter the Harness Classes will have the opportunity to win a Zilco Miniature Harness; for further details see the Show Schedule.

Fancy Dress Classes: Members are advised that we now have provision under our Insurance to allow a child under 6 years to sit on a Horse during the Fancy Dress Class. In the past some Members have wanted to include a child on a Horse, but we have not been in a position to permit this; however this is now possible. If anyone has any queries, please contact Barb Voysey.

Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge: As you would be aware this year we are hosting the Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge at our 2019 National Show and the New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc's Youth Team will be our guests and are bringing a Team of five Youth to try to retain the Trophy that they won last year.

Congratulations to the following Youth Members who will be the MHAA® Youth Team:-

MHAA® Youth Team:

Jessica Richards, Qld
Dimitry Thelfro, NSW
Chanel Tancred, Qld
Amelia Barry, Vic
Will Richards, Qld

We hope that Members will consider lending Horses to the Youth for the Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge and also consider allowing the NZ Youth to take their Horse into either the Youth Classes, or any Class the Member may have their Horse entered into. If you have a Horse that is trained in Performance and are willing to lend the Horse for the Challenge, or if you are willing to let one of the Youth use your Horse in any other Classes, or if you are unsure what is involved and would like to discuss the likelihood of you lending a Horse, please contact Barb Voysey to discuss.

When our Youth Team has travelled to NZ, the Members of the NZMHA brought Horses to the Show specifically to lend Youth for the Challenge, they did not enter the Horse in any Classes, they just wanted to support the Youth by bringing extra Horses and in some cases drove three and four hours just to bring the Horses to lend the Youth. It would be absolutely fantastic if we could do the same.

Please consider helping the Youth in this regard and also please make our NZ guests welcome, so they feel part of our Show.

Stables & Gear Stables: One area that Members will be able to make a saving at the National Show is Stables. As we have been able to negotiate that Members can either bring their own bedding for their Stables, or buy it at the venue and there is NO stipulation as to the number of bales you have in your Stables; this will be up to each individual Member. Members can use Bedding Straw or Wood Shavings and the only exception is that Members are NOT permitted to use PROTEQ as bedding in the Stables. Members can book the Stable/s for the whole week, or whatever days they are required. 15/16kg Bales of Shavings are available at a very reasonable price when booking Stables and I am told by some Members that they pay more for the same bales from other fodder stores. Also if you find at the National Show that you need another bale or two, you can just buy whatever extra bales you need. There is also no restriction as to the number of Horses per stable; this will be up to Member discretion; however this will be monitored daily. Gear stables can also be booked for the whole week or whatever days they are required.

National Show Programme: If you wish to advertise in the National Show Programme, you need to book your advert asap and have your advert (print ready) to Barb Voysey by Friday 22 March, 2019. Please check the National Show Programme Workorder on the website for prices and more details.

Sponsorship: We are seeking sponsorship for National Show Trophies and or product prizes for Member lucky draws or Judge choice prizes. If you, or you know of any of your friends, or your local feed store or any business that would be willing to sponsor either cash sponsorship towards Trophies, or product sponsorship, please contact Barb asap. We are very appreciative of sponsorship of any description. Those who sponsor Trophies will have their, or their business name engraved on Trophies. A Trophy Sponsorship Form is on the MHAA® website or you may wish to donate sponsorship towards Member prizes or garlands. No amount or prize is too small we are grateful for any sponsorship at all.

Entry / Stables / Cabins / Campsites / Fees: We have not increased any Fees for the National Show, other than some slight increases from the venue, which we have no alternative but to pass on.

Payments for Show Entries, Stables, Cabins, Campsites: Reminding Members that they can now make all these payments via EFT. All paperwork MUST be prepared and posted to the office in the normal manner (we always recommend Express Post) with a copy of the EFT Payment Form, which is also on the website under forms and on the National Show page under forms.

Registrations / Upgrades etc: Remember to get your Registrations and Upgrades into the office as soon as possible to ensure that they have been processed in time to enter the Show. Also remember that we have an amnesty on at the moment for Horses that are revoked and these can be upgraded without having to pay the revoked fee.

We also have an amnesty in place for rejoining Members, so if you know anyone who needs to rejoin to enter the Show, please let them know they can do so without paying the late rejoining fee. All amnesties are in place until 31 March, 2019.

Measuring at the National Show: All Members MUST be measured on Tuesday 16 April, 2019. Members who are not staying on site, but who are only coming to the Show on certain days and who are unable to be at the venue on Tuesday, will need to contact Barb to make an appointment to be measured at another appointed time. ***Reminder: ALL Horses MUST be measured before being shown.***

Bullying: National Committee will take a zero tolerance to any instances of bullying, aggressive behavior, intimidation and general unacceptable behavior **by ANYONE toward ANYONE**. Members are reminded of rules that are in place in the Constitution and General Rules & Regulations, which cover this sort of behavior and if you feel that you, or have seen anyone who has exhibited any signs of bullying or unacceptable behavior, you should advise a National Committee Member immediately. Please remember if this type of behavior is not reported, it will continue and in the interests of a safe and happy environment for everyone at our 2019 National Show, or any Show or event, this type of behavior is unacceptable and **will NOT be tolerated**. It is important to note that National Committee will respect your privacy if you have any fear of reprisal. However, if we are not advised, we cannot do anything about it. We would like everyone to enjoy their 2019 National Show experience and to this end we all need to work together in every way we possibly can.

If you have any enquiries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Barb Voysey, National Show Co-ordinator, either by email: tygerbar@internode.on.net or mobile 0418 821 100 (after 6.30pm or weekends).

Looking forward to seeing Members at the 2019 30th Anniversary National Show.

Barb Voysey
National Show Co-ordinator
On behalf of the National Committee of Management
Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc

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