

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR AGM 2014

I would like to begin my report by thanking all members for supporting MHAA® and helping us to make it the strong and vital Association it is today.

We are now the only all Miniature and Small Horse group in Australia, while there are several other groups who encompass different small breeds, heights, types and colours etc. I believe by specialising in our two height groups only, we are able to offer our Members and their Horses all our time and undivided attention and hopefully this can help perpetuate our unique little equines well into the future for all to get to know and enjoy for generations to come and realise just how special and versatile these Miniature Horses are.

The last year has been a very successful one for MHAA® with Memberships and registrations up by a substantial amount and we thank all Members for contributing to that, the Office has been processing work at a very fast and efficient rate, something that is favourably commented on regularly by Members and our thanks must go to our Contractor for his efforts in that regard.

Our finances are in the best shape they have been for quite some time, all of which enables us to offer the very best we can to our Members, who all benefit greatly from a strong forward moving Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc.

Our current National Committee have been fortunate enough to get a lot of positive feedback from Members, which is so beneficial to us in our planning to keeping the Association not only running in a sound and efficient manner, but also moving it on into the future and encompassing modern technology. This also compliments and assists the services we are able to offer our Members and improve the overall efficiency of the Associations operations, which ensures a positive future for MHAA® and our chosen breed, the Miniature Horse.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted MHAA® in the last year Committee Members, fund raisers, sponsors, show stewards, measurers, canteen helpers, the list is endless but includes the Members and friends who have put their hands up for the benefit of the Association, it's Members and their Horses.

A special thank you to all outgoing Committee Members, without your willing help we just wouldn't be able to do what we do for the Members.

Also a big welcome to incoming Committee Members, I'm sure you will also contribute whatever you can as well and I must of course give a big thanks also to those already serving on Committee's within the organisation so many of you have volunteered both now and previously and I feel that everyone's contribution have made MHAA® what it is today. The ideas and input you add to the mix, is what makes an organisation such as ours, function at it's best.

Please everyone keep the ideas and feedback coming, remember it's your Association and all contributions are gratefully received, as the saying goes.

I look forward with lots of optimism for the future of MHAA® and the Miniature Horse breed in Australia; please keep supporting us.

THANKS TO ALL.

Margaret Lawson
President