

AGM 2020 Youth Development Report

The current Youth Development sub-committee consists of myself as Chair, Greg Liddle (AHSA Chair), Wayne Beasley and Kristin Galea.

The last twelve months has seen some trying times across the country, affecting many of our affiliates and clubs. However, despite this adversity, some Youth based activities have been run successfully in various parts of the country, including art competitions as well as online shows and educational activities.

Thanks to the Youth National Championships working Committee, headed by Miranda Beasley, another well supported and very successful Youth National Championship Show was run at K-Ranch, Mount Hunter, on October 4 - 6, 2019. Close to forty enthusiastic Youth members, as well as six New Zealanders competed in saddle, led and sporting classes for a variety of championship titles. Many of these competitors returned from the year before, and it was encouraging to also see some new faces.

The 2020 show has unfortunately been put on hold, but plans are underway for another bigger and better 2021 event.

Due to the generosity of one of our former AHSA members, the late Jean Findlay-Gower, an amount of money has been bequeathed to the Society. The Board has determined that this should be invested into a Youth Development Grant. Affiliates will be invited to apply to the Board for an amount of money to be used for Youth education and support. Details and application forms will be available on the AHSA website.

As always, AHSA is keen to support our Youth members in their enjoyment of their Arabians, whatever that may be. If your group or affiliate has a Youth programme in place, please advise us of any support you may require.

Here's looking forward to a progressive year ahead.

Karen Fletcher-Grieve