

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I would like to wish all members a wonderful festive season and happy and healthy 2021 with less dramas than 2020 has caused.

- Since the last newsletter the Board has reluctantly accepted the resignations of Wayne Beasley, Kristin Galea and Glenys Lilley from the Board. These three hard working Directors had indicated that they would not be seeking re-election. As nominations had been received for all the vacant Board positions, the Board has appointed Kerry Aldridge (Vic), Sharyn Hungerford (Qld) and Tanya Hosking (NSW) to fill the vacant positions effective immediately and has invited Jill Willoughby (WA) to attend meetings as an observer until she is appointed to the Board at the AGM in 2021.
- The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Sydney on Saturday 17th April 2021, Covid restrictions permitting. The venue is still to be finalised but will be held at a Sydney Airport hotel in order to assist people who wish to attend from interstate. The 2020 meeting which was to be held in Melbourne was cancelled due to Covid, the move to Sydney was made on economic considerations.
- The Board has been considering the financial situation of the Society. Discussions with the Insurance Company have indicated that all Equestrian Societies are predicting a downturn of 20-30% and the Board is mindful of the need to attempt to increase income and develop new income streams if possible as well as reduce expenditure. A proposed workshop/think-tank has been proposed which will include invited members and non-members experienced in such policy making but the Board is interested in receiving suggestions from members. Any proposals should be emailed to secretary@ahsa.asn.au for consideration. Staffing levels have already been reduced and more reduction of expenditure has been implemented.
- Plans are underway for the Australian Arabian National Championships and Australian National Youth Championships to be held at Boneo Park, Victoria between 3rd and 6th March 2021 subject to the show receiving sufficient financial support from members in the form of entries and sponsorship. This lovely venue is on the Mornington Peninsula just south east of Melbourne. The Board is mindful of the fact that not all members attend shows and feel that it is imperative that the show manages to cover its costs, a final decision will be made once entries close. The show is not expected to make a profit but should not cost members that do not show money, should it be deemed that the show is not financially viable then fees will be refunded according to the refund policy published. All details pertaining to the show can be found at <http://www.arabianchampionships.com/>
- Many shows these days arrange testing for prohibited substances (swabbing). Please be mindful of withholding periods when clipping. Members are advised to refer to the FEI prohibited substances list www.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses and the AHSA Drug Testing Control System http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/771/AHSA_Drug_Testing_Control_System_2020.pdf and the AHSA Table of Penalties documents http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/795/Table_of_Penalties.pdf Exhibitors are reminded that many natural herbal additives being used in feed supplements contain unacceptable levels of prohibited drugs.
- The Board is pleased to advise that the Society has entered into a contract with Equestrian Country to produce the Australian Arabian Horse News for the next two years subject to continuing members support in the form of advertising. Members indicated that they are very pleased with the format of the "new" magazine and have been very supportive of Kerri Hill. The magazine is part of the membership benefit but it

is essential to keep the cost to a reasonable level and therefore sufficient advertising income is required for each issue in order to achieve this.

- The Board has recently reviewed the fees of the Society. Membership and Registry fees have not increased for many years despite ever increasing everyday costs and fees. The Board has considered the effects of drought, flood, fire and now Covid on the members and decided to maintain all registry fees but felt that a \$5.00 increase per membership fee was necessary. Most paperwork is now emailed to members and the Board would ask that those who have not provided email addresses do so in order to curb the cost of postage. Member liability cover 24x7 has been maintained for 2021 but personal accident cover has been removed. Those people wishing to retain this cover please contact Gow-Gates Insurance directly.
- The Arabian Horse Society member Discussion Group on Facebook was an initiative of the Board in order to provide a forum for members to politely discuss issues and obtain views and information. It was not designed as a negative place for members to air grievances that would be better addressed directly to the Board via email. It is also not a place for member-member disputes. Negative and offensive comments and posts will no longer be tolerated on this forum. Members are encouraged to use the forum in the positive manner intended, posts will now require approval before posting and Board members will moderate the page.
- The Board would also like to remind members that the Society is unable to become involved in disputes between members.
- With the reduction in office staff, the Staff and Board would ask that members utilise the website as much as possible or email rather than phone. Some matters do require a phone call but the Society receives a lot of calls for information that can easily be found online eg cost of a registration. Many calls are from people wanting to know if their paperwork has been received. Mail is opened daily and all paperwork immediately receipted, please check your credit card or bank statements before contacting the Society.
- A reminder that the office will be closed from 24th December until 4th January.
- A list of the Board structure, Sub-Committees and Committees is attached.
- This newsletter contains a brief profile of Adam King (Senior Vice Chairman) and Doug Rutherford (Junior Vice Chairman).

Kind regards
Greg Liddle
Chairman

MEET THE BOARD – ADAM KING

(Senior Vice Chairman)

A snapshot of me this year

Like most people I lead a very full and busy life. I manage a Rural agribusiness, I run a working farm and I have my family, which includes our dogs and horses.

My personal passion is and has always been my horses, and in particular, my Arabians. I've dedicated much of my life to the promotion and advancement of the Arabian horse and I'm honoured to be in a position to further the nurturing of this incredible breed of horse and the myriad of experiences and people that have enriched my life as a result.

More recently we've reignited our fascination with Warmbloods and currently have a wonderful collection of young warmbloods, some Arabian related.

I've had some spinal surgery which often precludes me from the full facet of operations at the farm, however I have my own, very reliable quarter horse which I ride out when I have a few hours to spare. These are some of the most relaxing and special moments of life.

I don't get to see every horse every day, but the first on the list and the one who gives the best 'cuddles' is Cytadel. A connection is made in those moments that's worth more than gold.

I've developed some skills through corporate business which assist me in every facet of my life. Change and change management. Interpersonal engagement negotiation. Forecasting, budgeting and sales and operation management to meet and exceed targets.

One of the most amazing experiences of my life, and totally unexpected, was snorkeling off islands in Thailand. This new and alien ocean vista with thousands of fish of every in every shape and colour!

I think the most beautiful horse show I have attended was Menton. On the beach of the Mediterranean with the old town and all its charms just across the way.

The most amazing farm I've visited would be very close contested however Janow Podlaski was very close to my heart.

Most incredibly luxurious stables? Furstenburg Marstall, with an equally incredible collection of Aswan daughters.

What does the future hold? With economies all over the scale, COVID, global warming and everything else the modern human is dealing with, where does the Arabian Horse factor? As strong as the passion as the people who protect this unequalled breed.

The AHSA has achieved an enormous amount of good reform and a back to basics policy on almost all facets this year. The two principle concerns that of the outdated constitution and e auditing of the finances.

We're now ready to move forward with the business of how we purpose our financial future which heavily relies on a unity of the Arabian horse community as a whole. This unity requires an openness to meaningful engagement and acceptance of everyone's input without rebuke. It also requires that every one of you stand up, ask yourself what you can do to help achieve our common goals.

I'm always open to any Arabian member or enthusiast to contact me by email or phone.

Warmest regards
Adam

MEET THE BOARD – DOUG RUTHERFORD

(Junior Vice Chairman)

An insight into my life with horses...

I was born and raised in Willoughby, Sydney and being the youngest of 5 kids the entire yard was a complete vegetable garden for my mother who was an incredible gardener, which certainly didn't leave room for a horse or pony. However, it seemed I took every chance I could to be around horses while on family holidays. Some of my earliest memories involving horses go back to when I was barely 8 years old, I would ride bareback on a really old bay gelding for about 250 metres down a gravel road at a very slow walk. This old guy would then turn for home and bolt flat out! We did this back and forth for around 2 or 3 hours, a couple of times a week and I loved it. Not too many years later, on holidays to Aunt

and Uncle at Cullendore near Killarney in Qld, there was another old gelding named "Mick". We would race at top speed around and around the machinery shed.

When courting Colleen (some 52 years ago, when it was still called that!) we would ride every weekend at the Palomino Corral at Belrose NSW. Initially insisting on "NO RUNNING" but soon finding out that posting to the trot was far more comfortable than bouncing like a sack of potatoes! Most Sunday mornings with the sun coming up over the ocean we would ride through the hills taking the rides out for the owners. When the USA service-men took leave from Vietnam, many of the young men enjoyed the barbecue, pool and riding through the Australian bush in the moonlight.

Sydney Royal in those days was always a wonderful full day, the first stop at the Arabian horse stables and for me the beautiful dapple grey Aethon simply left me in awe. Others that captivated me in the early years very young Ralvon Pilgrim, Royaljan, Desert Queen and Arabian Princess.

Once my apprenticeship as a licenced plumber had finished we built a home on the Mid North Coast of NSW where we soon found Sea Breeze Stud at Kincumber. Daphne and Lance McCrea and the magnificent Najaf, leading sire for many years of the most outstanding Palominos, pintos, and buckskin horses that could be seen in the showing in the 70's. We purchased Cremello and Perlino mares and an old NSW college bred mare Lucina (Razaz x Demeter) in foal to Desert Pride, a stallion owned by the late Lesley Dowey of Arabesque stud. Desert Pride produced many magnificent Arabian progeny.

We moved to Wingham Mid Nth Coast of NSW and I became a founding director and Vice Chair of the Manning Valley All Breeds Show, a one day show with 22 breeds, the largest all breeds show running in those years. Our own horses took out many Championships throughout the Mid Coast & New England as well as in Sydney.

The Arabian breeders gathered together and formed the Mid North Coast Arabian Horse Club which I was the Chairman of until our move back to Sydney and the opportunity to manage Mulawa Arabians at Kulnura, and later at Berrilee. Our duties then covered everything from conditioning, training, showing to breeding, foaling down the mare, weaning and handling youngsters and maintaining the facilities and property.

With a move back closer to Sydney metro area, I was on the NSW Division and assisted in establishing the East Coast Championships as a premier show. When the opportunity arose we moved to Cranston Park, with a small boutique band of horses owned by Mark and Wendy Smith. We had a fabulous team of show horses that had the quality, type, and movement we desired in the Arabian horse. When the stud dispersed, we moved to Queensland in the early 90's. where we had a small but extremely successful show team. One of the mares to follow us to Queensland was Joda Excitation owned by Sydney lady Annette Bauer. The evening she foaled a colt by the newly imported SK Shakla Khan, we simply could not take our eyes off him, he was so arrogant and impressive. At just a few days old he strutted out of the stables into his day paddock, with tail straight up and neck hooked ensuring that every horse and human on the farm was watching him and only him. We knew we had to have him in our lives. He was Abu Shaklan. For many years, over a wide variety of mares, Abu Shaklan produced several Australian National Champions. It didn't matter if the mares were line bred or completely outcrossed.

We enjoyed holding monthly training days under the old gums in Ebenezer Qld. Training both horses and handlers, re-educating difficult horses with a number of handlers who had been in the industry for many years who then went on to adopt my training methods to their advantage. I was sales manager for Queensland for a timber company based in Victoria, moved onto manage a large recycled timber company then downsized my position to become Dispatch Supervisor in a modular building company until retirement.

An experienced judge of many breeds for approximately 45 years, I have enjoyed judging throughout Australia and New Zealand and have been an Australian National Arabian Judge for just over 30 years, holding "International" status for the past 5 years.

Lately I have been thoroughly enjoying travelling with Colleen in our Caravan for 6-7 months each year visiting parts of Australia that we have always wanted to see

It was very exciting for me in early 2020 when I was appointed onto the AHSA Board as a director, and now on the committees for Promotion and the Youth Development. I know I have the experience and the passion, and it is giving me a great sense of achievement working for the Arabian horse community in Australia.

Executive, Committees & Sub-Committees

Chairman – Greg Liddle

Senior Vice – Adam King

Junior Vice – Doug Rutherford

Treasurer – Kevin Howard

Publicity Officer – Tanya Hosking

Archives – Yvonne Downes (Chair), Adam King, Greg Liddle, Gudrun Martini

Finance – Kevin Howard (Chair), Helen Dohan, Adam King, Greg Liddle

Junior Development – Karen Fletcher-Grieve (Chair), Greg Liddle, Doug Rutherford

Management – Greg Liddle, Adam King, Kevin Howard, Helen Dohan

Promotions & Publicity – Tanya Hosking (Chair), Adam King, Greg Liddle, Doug Rutherford

Registry – Helen Dohan (Chair), Yvonne Downes, Greg Liddle, Gudrun Martini

Events Committee

Chair Katherine McMahon

Vice Chair Jayne Bellchambers

Kerri Hill

Board Representative

Ex Officio

Sharyn Hungerford

Greg Liddle

AANC Sub Committee

Chair Katherine McMahon

Vice Chair Jayne Bellchambers

Kerri Hill

Kay Edward

Sheila Jones

Cathy Padgen

Board Representative Sharyn Hungerford

Ex Officio Greg Liddle

AAYN Championships Sub Committee

Chair Katherine McMahon

Vice Chair Jayne Bellchambers

Kerri Hill

Miranda Beasley

Jacqui Langfield

Board Representative Sharyn Hungerford

Ex Officio Greg Liddle

Judge & Official Committee

Committee Delegates

Graham Smith (Chair)
Jacqui Langfield
Sue Oberg
Sheila Jones
Colleen Rutherford

Working Delegates

Karen Fletcher-Grieve (WA & SA)
Kerry Rogers (Vic)
Kristian Dymond (Qld)
Sue Oberg (NSW)

Board Members

Greg Liddle Yvonne Downes