# NEWSLETTER
## MAY 2021

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board members for their contribution and welcome in the New Board for 2021, a group of diverse, energetic and impassioned lovers of the Arabian Horse and our community. The Board is committed to always be inclusive, communicative, transparent and accountable.

Your newly appointed Board of Directors and Committees continue to meet regularly. Currently our principle focus is around the **Finance workshop** and Industry think tank. The future of the AHSA depends on a tough and achievable budget, along with a long-term business plan. We're also committed to **engaging Affiliate and non-Affiliate groups**. We're all in this together, so let's figure it out together! Of particular importance is **Youth development;** Investing in the future of the AHSA.

**News from the Board**

- The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 17th April via Zoom; a tool which has become an invaluable forum for us to meet regularly. Thank you to those members who participated, we value your support and input. Distinguished Service awards were bestowed on Greg Liddle and Doug Rutherford for their years of service to the Society. Honorary Life Memberships were also awarded to Yvonne Downes and Karen Fletcher-Grieve, both of whom have been tireless workers for the Society over many years. Karen did not seek reappointment to the Board and the WA position has been filled by Jill Willoughby whose profile appears below. Keeping these awards secret from the recipients was a challenge, with friends, relatives and neighbours of the recipients assisting in obtaining and hiding the certificates and badges and presenting them live on zoom at the meeting.
- **AANC & AYNC** – The Australian Arabian National Championships will be conducted at SIEC (Sydney International Equestrian Centre) in March 2022. The final date is still to be confirmed by SIEC however we have applied for 11-12 March. The Youth National Championships will be conducted back-to-back for the 40th Anniversary with the AANC rather than in October 2021. The Board has taken into consideration the cost of travel and shows as well as time needed away from home and determined that the majority of members would benefit if the two shows were held one after the other. A Non-Pro/Home Produced Championships will also be held in conjunction with the AANC. With the increase in entries and the support of members, it has been decided that these events should be recognised for their contribution to the industry and be allocated a separate show conducted consecutively with the AANC. 2022 will mark 40 years since the first AANC was conducted; all events need to develop and try new concepts in order to grow and it has been determined that the show will be conducted by a Show Committee of the Board. A poll sourcing member feedback was recently conducted and the results are now being analysed. The Board would like to sincerely thank Katherine McMahon and her team for the amazing job they have done over the past few years providing a wonderful event for exhibitors.

- As previously advised, the Society will be conducting a **think tank/workshop** with a panel of invited members and non-members in order to ensure the long term financial viability of the Society. A suggestion form is attached to this newsletter for members to return to the secretary should they wish to comment. Please be mindful that any changes need to be for the overall benefit of the Society in order to ensure its future rather than changes made which may be popular but to the Society's long term detriment

- An updated **Competition Rule Book** has been published on the website. Following a review of classes at the AANC it was determined that the criteria relating to presentation of show hunters should be reviewed. While most remains unchanged, tails may now be shaved or clipped as well as plaited or pulled. https://www.ahsa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/COMPETITION-RULE-BOOK-April-2021.pdf Please familiarise yourself with this document.

- **Endurance Sire & Dam of the Year** – the Board would like to thank AERA and Richard Collyer for their assistance with the development and implementation of this exciting new award. Proposed details for this award are:

  Criteria:

  - Horses registered with AHSA Ltd that are recorded with the society in the name of their owner will be eligible to gain points for their AHSA registered Sire and/or Dam at rides that are 80km or longer. Membership of the owner of the competing horses is not required.

  - The Sire and/or Dam must be registered AHSA Ltd in the name of their owner who must be a financial member of the Society. The sire or dam may be deceased or living.

  - Points will be calculated by AERA on behalf of the AHSA Ltd.

  Incentives:

  - The owners of the winning sire and dam will receive complimentary membership of AHSA Ltd for the following financial year and, in the case of stallions, will also receive complimentary Stallion Nomination.

  - The owners of the winning sire and dam will be invited to place articles in the Australian Arabian Horse News and the winners will be publicized by the Society on Social Media and in advertising.

  - A merit certificate will be issued to the owners of the winning sire and dam.

- **Exporting Horses** – AHSA Ltd is a member of WAHO (World Arabian Horse Organisation) and must abide by international protocols for the export of horses. Official Arabian export documentation is required for all Arabians and Arabian Derivatives exported; without this the horse is unable to be registered in the country it is exported to. All horses must have been DNA typed in Australia. Horses must be transferred to the new owner and this is noted on the export documents, the receiving Country can only register the horse in the name of the owner as recorded by AHSA. Under no circumstances is the original registration certificate to be given to the new owner or export agent; it must be returned to the Society with a signed transfer and only a photocopy sent with the horse. Foal recording is a domestic recording and not a stud book registration and cannot be used for export. If in doubt, please contact the Society as substantial penalties now exist where the correct procedure has not been followed. Where the horse has been sold to an agent and the new owner is unknown then the Certificate with signed transfer can still be sent to the Society together with export photos identifying the horse, the new owner section is not completed and no fees are required. The certificate and

transfer will be held in safekeeping until it is required by an overseas owner.

- A few housekeeping reminders from the office please:

  - Do not post items to the Society street address, only the PO Box address which is listed on all paperwork. The street post box is small, not secure and not waterproof.

  - Transfers – please post original registration certificates with the transfer to the Society rather than emailing. The certificate is required to be returned as it is essential that no more than one is in circulation at any time.

  - When emailing paperwork to the office please do not email and then post the same document. The Society receives a large amount of paperwork and it is likely that your credit card will be debited twice if you do this.

  - When emailing paperwork to the office please attach any documents as files, please do not take photos and embed the document in the emails. Diagrams of horse markings are scanned onto the registration certificates; they need to be received full size and not crumpled on the email if emailed.

  - When corresponding with a staff member about an issue please ensure that you return any relevant paperwork to that person. A large amount of time is taken in asking which staff member is waiting for a random form that is emailed to the secretary email address.

    E: Lindy Stewart – sendbacks@ahsa.asn.au

    E: Juliet Burnett – breeding@ahsa.asn.au

    E: Teresa Edwards – general@ahsa.asn.au

    E: Helen Dohan – secretary@ahsa.asn.au

**Call to action**

Members of the AHSA, stakeholders and all lovers of the Arabian Horse. We need YOU now more than ever to help build and maintain a sustainable Arabian horse community in Australia.

What can you do? Show positivity and solidarity on social media to attract new people and retain current members. Send your ideas to be discussed at the think tank.

Best Regards,

Adam King
Chairman

**MEET THE BOARD - JILL WILLOUGHBY (WA DIRECTOR)**

I joined the AHSA more than 30 years ago when I purchased my first purebred Arabian – a colt by Mahabi El Shaklan - thus I was hooked! I have ridden, bred, bought and exhibited quite a number of Arabians and supported/strapped for my daughter ever since. I was Chairman of the WA Arabian Horse Association for about 7 years until 2013 and have recently taken on that position again with the aim of trying to reinvigorate owners and riders to come back to the ring with numbers having dwindled over the past few years.

I worked in a Government role for 37 years and 'retired' 5 years ago to Manage a not-for-profit charitable organization. I would like to think my experience running a large business after many years in varying leadership positions helps me to contribute to the benefit of our AHSA members and to reassure them that we are moving forward with valuable and rewarding opinions and ideas.

I solely run a small farm and stud, have two wonderful children, work full-time and manage to babysit 8 grandchildren on a regular basis.

I have made the most amazing and sincere life-long friends through being involved with Arabian horses and have learnt so much from incredible sharing of knowledge with many people. I consider myself to be a good listener and considerate of others and I hope to be able to work with the members of AHSA in a manner in which they satisfied and to promote our beloved Arabians.

## Executive, Committees & Sub-Committees

**Chairman** – Adam King

**Senior Vice** – Doug Rutherford

**Junior Vice** – Greg Liddle

**Treasurer** – Kevin Howard

**Publicity Officer** – Tanya Hosking

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

**Finance** – Kevin Howard (Chair), Adam King, Jill Willoughby, Helen Dohan

**Junior Development** – Doug Rutherford (Chair), Adam King, Sharyn Hungerford, Jill Willoughby

**Promotions & Publicity** – Tanya Hosking (Chair), Adam King, Kerryn Aldridge, Sharyn Hungerford, Doug Rutherford

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

**AANC & YNC Committee** – Tanya Hosking (Chair), Adam King, Kerryn Aldridge, Sharyn Hungerford, Doug Rutherford, Jill Willoughby (Sub-Committee – Kate Dertell, Marie Hutchison)

**Judges & Officials Committee –** Graham Smith (Chair), Adam King, Yvonne Downes, Greg Liddle, Colleen Rutherford, Sue Oberg, Sheila Jones (State Working Delegates and additional JOC for 2021 to be advised)