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Dear Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Below are the key highlights from our recent board meetings.

**Continuation of Registration Amnesty:** The Board decided to continue the Registration Amnesty for horses over five (5) years of age only, for an additional 12 months. All horses under the age of five have had the opportunity to be registered under the amnesty. The Endurance Amnesty remains unchanged and has no expiration date. Details of The Amnesty can be found here: Registration Amnesty Extended.

**Promotions**: After the success of our advertising in Horse Deals magazine last year, a package of six full page adverts has been approved by The Board. Adverts will be designed around features in the magazine and The Australian Arabian National Championships. The team is brushing off the digital cobwebs and fine-tuning our social presence on Facebook and Instagram. A full review of the Arabian Horse Lifestyle Magazine is currently under way. Comments from members are invited.

**Working with Children Check (WWC):** We're happy to report to QLD volunteers, that the previous Blue Card issue is sorted. Please contact us if you are experiencing any difficulty. You'll also note that our Judges Panel on the website, now has confirmation of Judges WWC status, making it easier for event committees to select

their judges. Judges are reminded that if you have not yet supplied your WWC card details to the JOC, please do so immediately to avoid being removed from the panel. Information on applying can be found here: Judges Information and Forms.

The review on our WWC policy is progressing well, with recommendations and information having been sent to the board for review and to be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Financial Matters:** A Treasurer has been appointed by The Board. Until such time as The Treasurer takes up this position, Adam King will fill this role as Interim Treasurer. Finance has identified a number of small savings for the office which are currently being put in to place. These include replacement of halogen and fluorescent lighting with LED and upgrading our telephone system. We have deferred major financial decisions until such time as the finance sub-committee has met with The Treasurer.

**Archives**: the archives committee will travel to the office to review and catalogue The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. archives, with a view to turning dusty old ledgers into pixelated treasures and preserving and restoring our collection of books and art. This is an exciting project a long time coming.

**Affiliation & Membership Review:** Affiliation with the Society is currently under review and our affiliates are back in the spotlight. Many have rejoined, and others are looking at their options. We're committed to building our Arabian family and have asked affiliates for feedback on why they have or have not re-affiliated and what we need to do to address their concerns. Many believe affiliation is all about the insurance; while this is a major benefit, there are many benefits of partnering with the AHSA, including show grading and the rule book. For more information, please contact us. See Affiliates and/or Become an Affiliate on the website for more information.

The Board discussed forming a Membership Committee to discuss ideas to encourage new members, including restructuring membership categories. It was decided that this would be rolled in to the Affiliation subcommittee.

**Endurance and Racing:** Considerations for industry involvement and appropriate insurance are ongoing. AERA riders, listen up. AHSA has Logbook Amnesty ? Let's get those logbooks sorted ! Parentage verification matters. Why Should I register my Endurance Arabian....

**Youth Development** has seen an upsurge in activity recently with a number of youth days being held across the eastern states. The Youth Pages have been updated on the website, please visit to get involved.

**The Judges Organising Committee** continue to hold workshops and training days to educate candidates and upskill judges. A reminder to judges that your participation in training is a requirement of your judges contact. We're also pleased to announce that we are planning a Judges Meeting and Seminar to be held in conjunction with the 2025 AANC. Please mark this is your diaries. Judges will be notified by email.

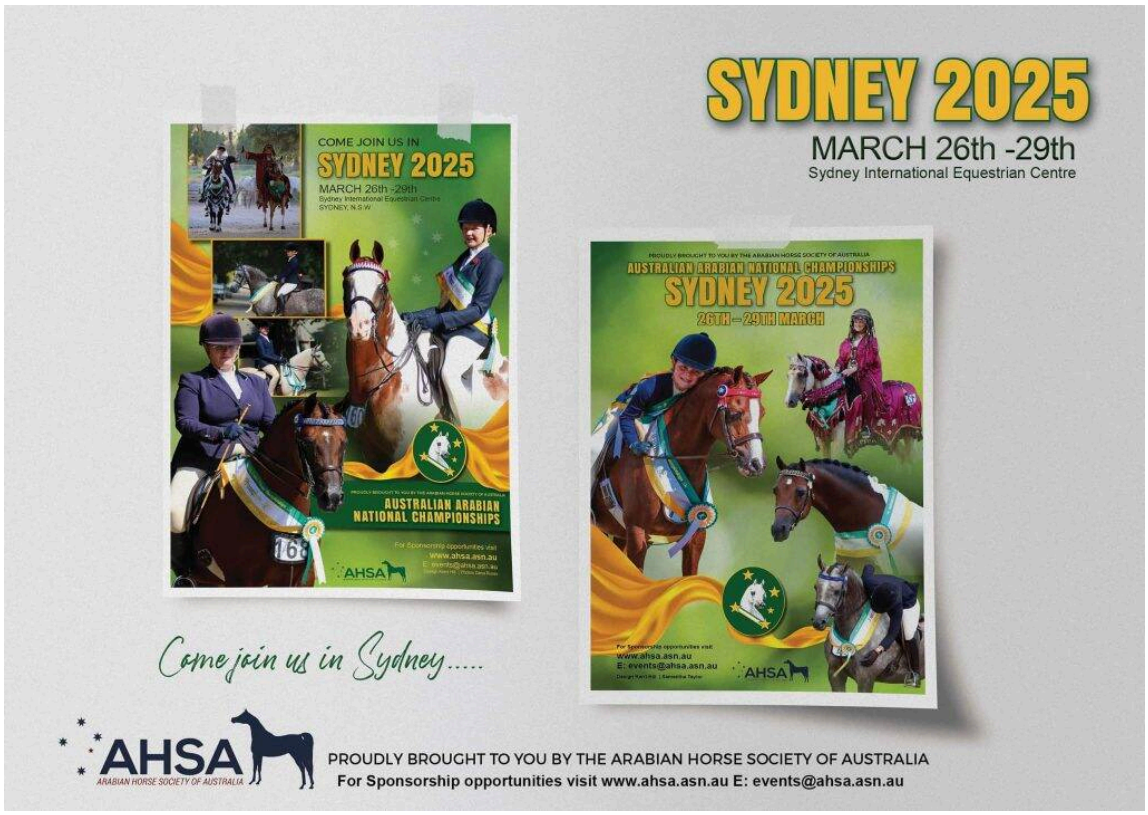
If you would like to become a candidate, please visit: Judges Information and Forms.

**Australian Championships:** Preparations for the 2025 Australian Arabian National Championships at SIEC are well underway. The first round of International and Domestic judges have been invited and we are reviewing our program and scoring system.

Rules have been updated as per The AHSA Ltd Rule Book and will be available to view online soon. Qualifications remain as per stated and may be reviewed for the 2026 event.

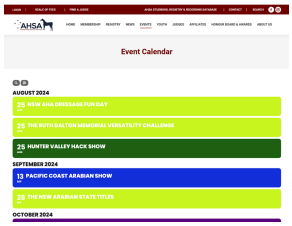
Your interest in sponsoring or partnering with the 2025 AANC is invited.

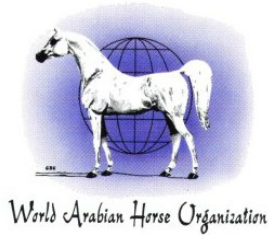
Check here for updates:




**Website -** New pages, changes and updates for your interest:

- **!! NEW Event Calendar !!**
- **WAHO - What is the World Arabian Horse Organization**
- **Youth State Representatives**



**Social Media Code of Conduct:** Please be mindful of our social media policy which you have agreed to as part of your membership. Most important of all, please, "be kind to each other".

You can find a copy of the Social Media Code of Conduct, along with the Constitution and all other AHSA Ltd policies at: AHSA Policies & By-Laws

**Member Disputes:** Reminder that the Society does not get involved in civil matters. Disputes of a personal nature between members should be resolved through other avenues. The Society's primary function is to act as a Registry for its members.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Adam King

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## Registry and Housekeeping Matters from the Office

- Do not post items to the Society street address AND DO NOT MAIL CASH. Please only mail to the PO Box address which is listed on all paperwork. The street post box is small, not secure and not waterproof. The AHSA Ltd will not be responsible if you post cash and it fails to arrive (believe us, it does still happen!).
- **Registry Amnesty**
  You asked and we all listened, at a recent Meeting of The Board of Directors, it was agreed that the current **Registration Amnesty would be extended until 31st July 2025**, with one change. The Amnesty is now for horses five years and over.
    - *Registrations for Purebred Arabian Fillies/Mares and Stallions and any Derivative Stallions five years and over, received between 1st August 2024 and 31st July 2025, will only be charged the 18-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/1/2022.*
    - *Registrations for Derivative Fillies and Mares five years and over, received between 1st August 2024 and 31st July 2025, will only be charged the 12-24 month fee as per the current Scale of Fees dated 1/1/2022.*

  Any Member that is experiencing difficulty beyond the Amnesty should contact The Registrar to discuss.

- 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 very possible that your credit card will be debited twice if you do this.
- Similarly, **DO NOT email the same paperwork to multiple staff members** as they do not have time to check every submission with each other before beginning the process and again it is likely that your credit card will be debited twice if you do this.
- Please **ensure that all attachments are attached**, not embedded and LEGIBLE. Diagrams of horse markings are scanned onto the registration certificates; they need to be received full size and not crumpled, illegible or in your shadow. The markings on your certificate are only as good as the diagrams you submit.
- 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.
    - Admin – office@ahsa.asn.au
    - Juliet Burnett – breeding@ahsa.asn.au
    - Teresa Edwards – general@ahsa.asn.au
- **Affiliates** - We now have our new Calendar Plugin on the website and I have spent some considerable time loading logos, adding your events and where possible, adding links to your schedules and such. Please if there is something that i have missed or if your Events Calendar had dates marked TBA, then send me an email on general@ahsa.asn.au with all the details and I will gladly add or update your events.

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A full list of your current AHSA Ltd Board of Directors,
their profiles and contacts can be found here:
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