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Dear Members,

Tom Quilty Gold Cup

As I write this, I know that many of our interstate riders are making the long trek to [South Australia for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2024](#), 160km Ride.

The Board of the AHSA would like to wish all our members safe travelling and a successful buckle at the end of the ride.

Our South Australian Director, Carolyn Potts, will be at the presentation on Sunday to award the rugs sponsored by AHSA Ltd and to answer any questions regarding membership and/or registrations and transfer of horses.

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The Board has had its normal monthly meeting since the last Newsletter, and we have made a number of important decisions regarding the Australian Championships, and we felt it was important to get the news to members as quickly as possible to enable them to start planning.

We are aware that many members will have difficulty in being able to qualify due to the cancellation in both NSW and Qld of major shows, and so the Board has decided, that for 2025, we will waive qualifications. We would, however, wherever possible, encourage members to attend as many Agricultural shows as possible, and it is very gratifying already seeing many members out there showcasing their Arabians and Arabian Derivatives in these shows – it is one of the best ways to promote our breed to the wider equine community.

After the 2024 Australian Championships we asked for feedback regarding member preferences for Comparative system of Judging versus the Points system – the response was overwhelmingly in favour of Comparative, so for 2025, we will be using the Comparative system.

We are also confident that we have sourced a suitable manufacturer of trophies, which again, was something that members wanted.

The Board has decided to introduce a Veteran's Class this year, with more on that to follow once the programme has been finalised. The Board felt that this was an opportunity for those older horses to come out again and be applauded by members.

There has been much comment on Social Media regarding members feeling uncomfortable and not confident about showing against 'professional' handlers. The Board is mindful of this, and we will keep our 'Home-Produced' classes, together with Non-Pro classes – so refer to the rules, and remember that last year, a filly that was 'Home – Produced' won the Australian Champion title as well.

We will again have special Exhibition Classes for Crabbet and Egyptian horses, similar to last year, as they proved so popular.

There have also been a few rule changes, so please read these carefully before you enter.

We are working hard to have everything ready to open entries, and hope to be able to have staged entry fees to make it more affordable for members, and wherever possible will try to keep fees reasonable, always bearing in mind that we are limited by SIEC fees as well. We plan to keep entry fees at 2023 levels, and have reduced fees for Dressage competitors to bring them in line with Open Competitions. We have also trimmed more costs from Admin fees where we can afford to, and are confident that by doing this, more members will be able to enter.

Awards.

Award nominations are now open with details and forms on the [website](#). We look forward to receiving nominations in all categories.

Director Nominations.

These are now open and again, details are available on the [website](#).

Nominees are reminded that they will need a Director ID, together with a WWC before they can Nominate.

We are a 'working Board' and welcome Nominations from Members who feel that they can make a positive contribution to the breed and members.

Below is a table, prepared for our Auditors, to give aspiring Nominees an indication of what is expected – the Board meetings listed are from May to October, and do not include committee meetings.

<u>Director</u>	<u>Meetings attended out of 10</u>	<u>Committees</u>
Helen Rutland - Chair	10	Finance, Endurance, JOC, AANC
Adam King - Senior Vice Chair	9	Finance, Company Secretary, Affiliates
Carolyn Potts - Junior Vice Chair	10	Promotions, JOC, AANC

Kerryn Aldridge	9	Affiliates-advisor, AANC, Awards
Yvonne Downes	10	JOC, Endurance, AANC
Kym Dyball	10	JOC, AANC, Youth
Kerry Frame	9	Youth
Sharyn Hungerford	9	JOC, AANC
Hasan Rifat	4 in full, 2 half meetings	
Jill Willoughby	6	Child Welfare

Helen Rutland

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