

Registrar and Office Managers AGM Report 2026

I would like to sincerely thank our current Office Staff for their continued dedication and service to The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd (The AHSA Ltd) and its members throughout 2025. Staffing has remained the same as in 2024, with Lindy Stewart in a permanent part-time role and Adam King working on a casual basis, both providing valuable Registry Administration support. Juliet Burnett continues as Assistant Registrar, and I remain in the role of Registrar and Office Manager.

Despite being a small team, the staff manage a significant workload for both the AHSA Ltd as well as our contracted services the RPSBS Ltd. I am very proud of the way our team consistently demonstrates professionalism and commitment in supporting the AHSA Ltd Board and AHSA Ltd Members.

In my role as Office Manager, I continue to focus on reducing costs where possible. I'm pleased to report that our new telephone system, installed in August 2025, has already delivered a 35% reduction in usage costs over the following four months, with estimated annual savings of \$1,223.

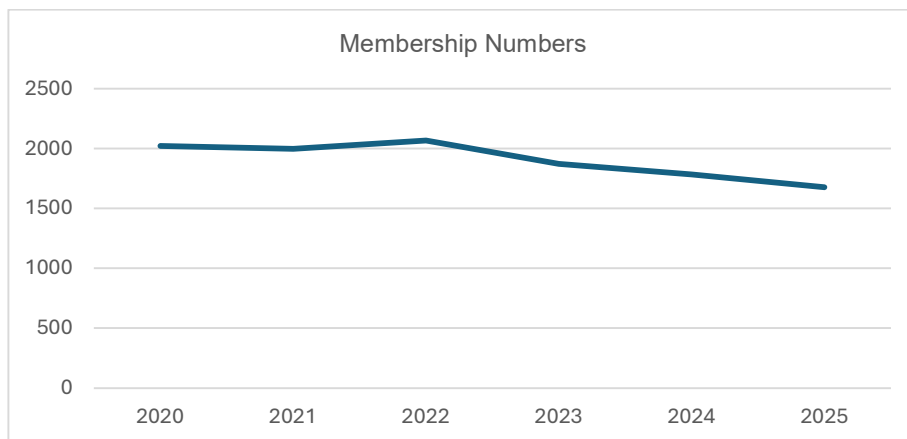
I also oversaw building works to create a separate entry for our upstairs offices. The boardroom furniture was moved downstairs, allowing our former reception area to be repurposed as a library and boardroom. More recently, the upstairs offices have undergone repairs, painting, and a professional clean in preparation for leasing. These improvements should help increase our chances of securing a tenant and generating additional income.

At the conclusion of 2025, we were fully compliant with Employment Relations and Work Health and Safety requirements. This undertaking began in 2024 and was a significant effort, especially starting from a position without formal contracts or policies, but it was an important step in creating a safe and compliant workplace.

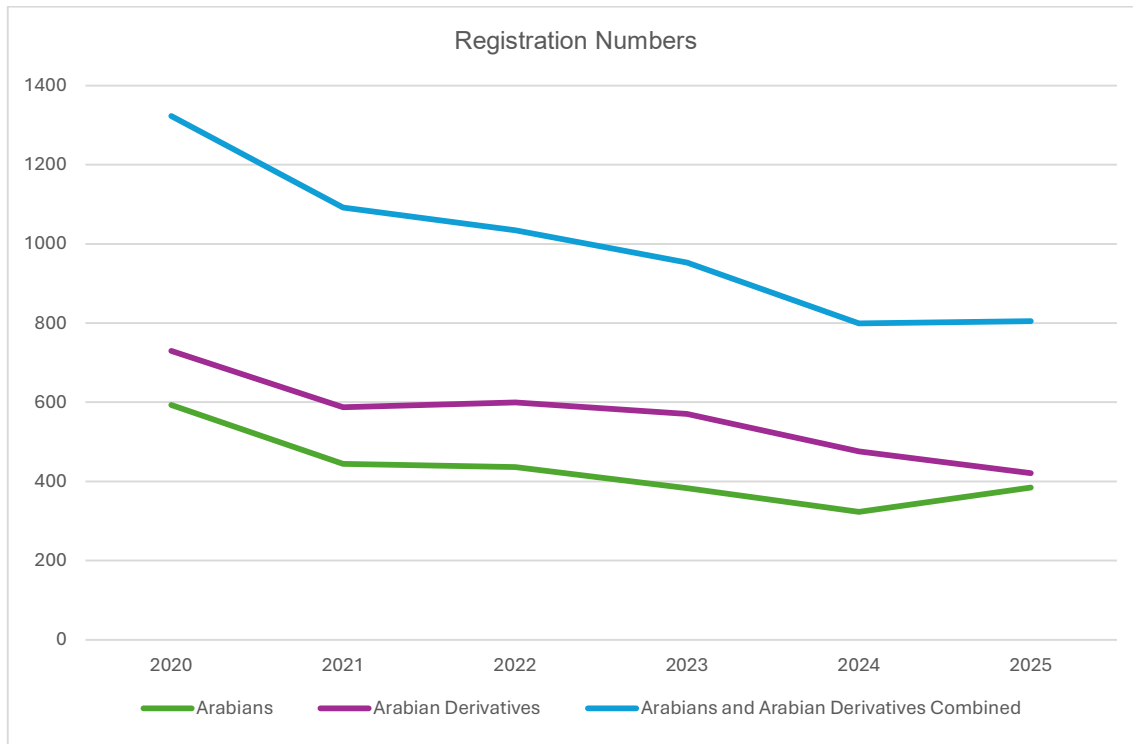
Although membership declined slightly by 0.06%, overall Membership and Registration data shows encouraging stability. This is a positive result given the figures presented at the 2025 WAHO Registry meeting, which showed declining trends across international registries.

Membership Data

Membership	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	3003 (3360)	3289	3417	3389	3075	2951	2596	2022	1997	2067	1871	1783	1676
Life	27	30	28	28	30	29	30	31	30	34	34	33	32
Full	2806 (3155)	3071	3174	3142	2788	2656	2414	1847	1812	1840	1716	1632	1559
-Ordinary		2737	2484	2425	2170	1975	1721	1401	1369	1680	1574	1481	1421
- Company		26	27	24	20	24	18	15	16	17	22	19	16
-Overseas		24	17	15	12	12	14	8	5	7	8	11	11
-Associate		208	454	495	420	473	410	291	285	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
-Pension		76	192	183	166	172	158	132	137	136	112	121	111
Junior	170 (205)	175	192	201	159	154	140	81	88	103	77	70	47
Panel Judge		11	15	12	8	9	8	6	9	7	6	5	2
Friends & Subscribers		2	8	6	5	6	3	2	3	26	3	3	1
Participant					85	97	93	55	55	57	35	40	35



Stallion/Mare/Gelding	74	37	74	92	146	91	74	52	50	47	660
Foal Record						7	5	4	6	4	26
Total	1693	1483	1338	1203	1323	1092	1035	953	799	805	



As reported last year, since 2019 (pre-COVID), our membership had decreased by 31% and registrations by 39%. Reports from the 2025 WAHO Conference confirm that this is not unique to us, with many WAHO Registering Authorities worldwide experiencing similar challenges and only a small number seeing growth, which indicates that this remains a global issue.

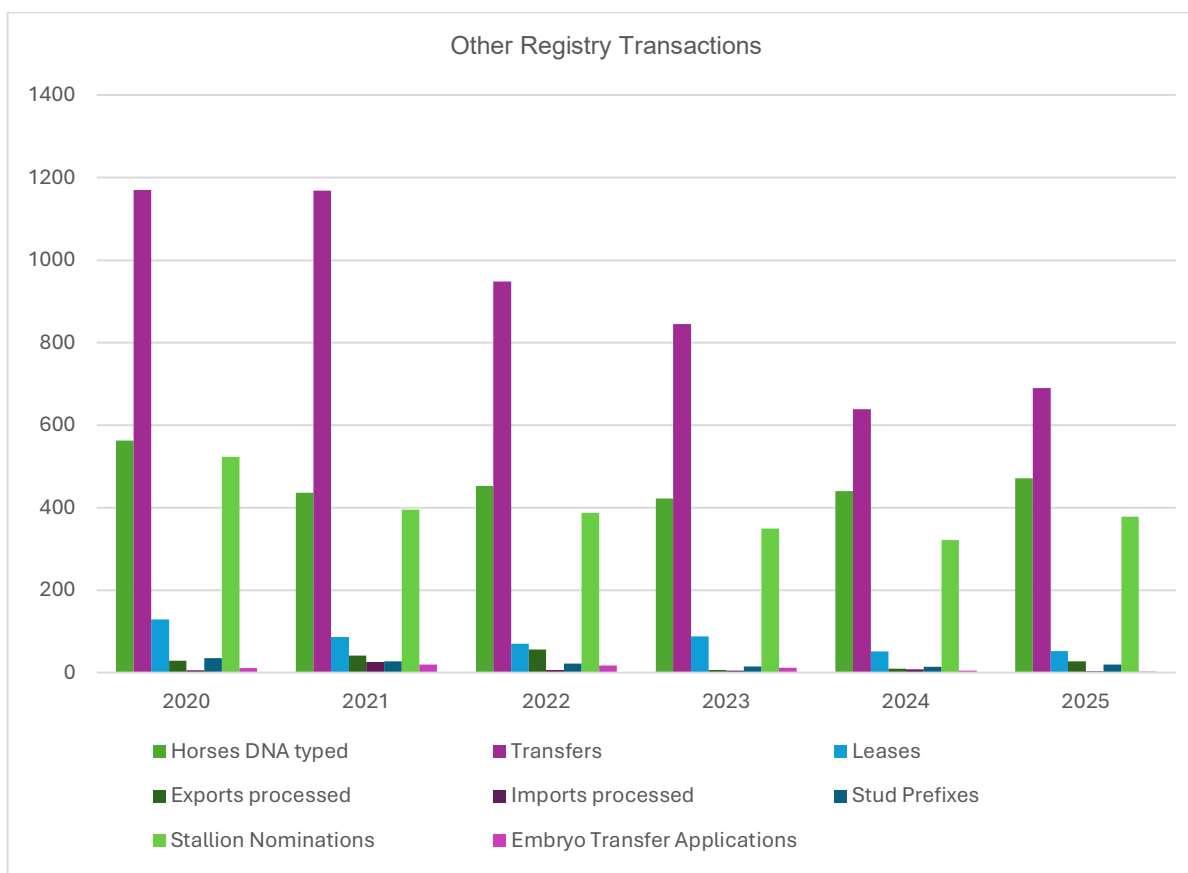
Cost-of-living pressures in Australia continue to impact horse owners, with many prioritising essential living and animal care costs over discretionary spending such as registrations, transfers, and AHSA Ltd membership, especially those involved with multiple registries.

That said, our most recent results show signs of stabilisation. Membership having only declined slightly by 0.06%, while overall registrations have remained steady, with a small increase of less than 1%. Encouragingly, Purebred Arabian registrations have increased by 18%, showing renewed interest despite broader industry trends.

Other registry transaction data shows growth in several areas, with the most notable increases in the number of transfers processed, stallions nominated for stud, and exports. The strong growth in exports, which have almost tripled, is a very positive development, highlighting increased global demand and showcasing the quality and competitiveness of Australian Arabian horses internationally.

Other Registry Transactions

Registry Transactions	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Horses DNA typed	651	613	540	728	563	436	453	422	440	471
Transfers	1655	1409	1312	1105	1170	1168	948	845	639	690
Leases	211	194	136	131	129	86	70	88	51	52
Exports processed	67	46	16	27	29	42	56	7	10	28
Imports processed	8	7	2	10	6	26	7	5	8	3
Stud Prefixes	63	50	36	35	35	28	22	15	14	20
Stallion Nominations	877	701	618	557	523	395	387	349	322	378
Embryo Transfer Applications	17	7	15	12	11	20	18	12	5	2



Due to ongoing interest, our Registration Amnesty for horses over five years of age has been extended until July 2026. This allows eligible horses to be registered at the 12–24 month-old fee within their relevant registry. Our Endurance Horse Amnesty also remains available, enabling horses currently competing or having previously competed in endurance rides, and who have an Open Log Book which can be provided as proof of participation, to be registered at the minimum fee. We strongly encourage breeders with outstanding applications to take advantage of these limited-time opportunities.

In April 2025, I had the privilege of attending the WAHO – Abu Dhabi Conference and Registrars Meeting with Director, Adam King. The WAHO World Registrars Meeting in Abu Dhabi was attended by almost 100 delegates from 55 countries and focused on updates to WAHO rules and key registry issues. Most rule changes were minor, with an emphasis on improving consistency and practical application across member countries.

Below is a short summary of the key topics and outcomes of the Registrars Meeting:

- Clarification that export certificates are to be exchanged directly between studbooks, not issued to individual owners or breeders.
- An existing rule preventing registry staff from owning or breeding Arabian horses was removed, as many countries advised this was not practical to enforce.
- A proposal to introduce a specific export certificate for embryos was accepted, improving traceability and documentation of embryo transfers.
- There was discussion around the increasing use of online studbooks, with a shared goal of developing more accessible and regularly updated digital databases across all registries. This discussion clearly identified that AHSA Ltd has one of the most well-regarded online studbooks available.
- Genetic testing for hereditary conditions remains inconsistent worldwide. Most registries offer testing, but publication of results is generally left to the breeder or owner.
- The meeting confirmed that communication between WAHO and member studbooks remains strong.
- Embryo Transfer (ET) continued to be a major topic of discussion. While each country retains control over its use, concerns were raised about welfare, cost, and long-term breeding impacts. A proposal to limit donor mares to one ET foal per year was widely supported but could not be enforced as a rule due to legal constraints in some countries. Instead, a strong recommendation was adopted.

Overall, the meeting highlighted the need for continued collaboration between registries to address global challenges, maintain breeding integrity, and support the long-term sustainability of the Arabian horse.

In closing, while challenges remain, AHSA Office Staff are committed to supporting the Board and our members with honesty, care, and a strong work ethic. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.