



## MEMBERS BULLETIN DECEMBER 2015

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS – OFFICE CLOSURE**

On behalf of the Riding Pony Stud Book Society, we extend our best wishes to all our members and their families for an enjoyable and safe Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

We thank you for your continued involvement and support of our events throughout the year, showcasing the talent of both horse and rider.

The RPSBS office will close over the holiday period from Friday, 18 December, 2015 and will re-open on Monday, 4 January, 2016.

Transactions that need to be completed prior to the Christmas break, must be submitted by Wednesday, 9 December, 2015. Any urgent requests received after this date, may attract a Fast Track fee.

### **UK TRIP – Applications Now Open**

Applications for positions on the RPSBS Youth Squad who will visit the United Kingdom (UK) in July/August 2016 are now open.

An exciting program has been prepared and includes the opportunity to compete in two International Challenges to be held at the National Pony Society's Summer Championships, attendance at the Longines Royal International Horse Show and a personalised tour of the Rotherwood Stud.

Four positions are available for suitably qualified members, aged between 14-18 years.

Full details are available on the RPSBS National website: [www.rpsbs.com.au](http://www.rpsbs.com.au). Applications close: 5.00 pm AEDT, Friday, 18 December, 2015.

All enquiries can be made to the National Secretariat, Vicki Callaway, T: 03 9723 1166 or E: [vicki@rpsbs.com.au](mailto:vicki@rpsbs.com.au).

### **OFFICE BEARERS UPDATE**

Recently the RPSBS Board accepted the following resignations:

Chairperson	Sally George
Treasurer	Michelle Labahn
General Committee	Annie Coxon

The Board thanks these members for all their involvement and contributions.

The Board also welcomed the following new committee members:

Robert Cockram	Victorian State Representative
Tania Hay	Tasmanian State Presentative

The new Executive Team of the Board of Directors is as follows:

Chairperson	Robyn Vale
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson	Margaret Fricker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson	Eleanor Gerry
Treasurer	To be advised

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

The Board reviewed the varying State requirements for Working With Children checks. Revised and updated legislation continues to be introduced and applies to all volunteers and in particular, RPSBS Judges. To ensure that legal obligations are met, RPSBS Judges and volunteers who are involved with juniors must have a valid Working With Children check. This will be a mandatory requirement from 1 July, 2017, providing ample time to complete applications.

In the short term, all Judges and volunteers of the Society are requested to provide copies of their Working with Children Check so this can be added into the database and managed for compliance in the future. Your assistance in this matter, is greatly appreciated. Copies can be sent to the National Office via mail, fax or email.

## **FOAL RECORDING – *Adult Registration***

A reminder that Foals recorded and registered must be adult registered as Stallions or Geldings by 4 years of age. Delays may occur for transfers and registrations for ponies and progeny that are not correctly recorded in the Stud Book.

Full details of Gelding and Stallion registrations can be found on the Registration Form, available on the Forms section of the National website: [www.rpsbs.com.au](http://www.rpsbs.com.au).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Judges, Riders, Handlers and Owners, associated with showing ponies, must be current financial members of the Society as per the Rules and Regulations. This is also necessary for insurance compliance.

All members must be able to produce a Judge, Member or Participant card upon request, or show as financial in the RPSBS Stud Book. Non-compliance may result in being ineligible to judge or participate in the show.

All members are requested to ensure their riders and handlers are registered in the Stud Book as a member or participant.

## **STALLION RETURNS**

At the recent Board meeting, a motion was passed to remove the requirement to submit Stallion Returns for each breeding season. In future, pony registrations will need to have a Service Certificate (to be issued by the Stallion owner). When the progeny is owned by the breeder, no service certificate is required.

This is effective immediately. Members who have paid for their 2015/16 Stallion Returns will be issued with a Service Certificate book at no charge within the coming weeks.

Service Certificate Books can be purchased through the National Office at \$35 each.

Stallion Returns recorded to date will continue to act as proof of service in association with Service Certificates, as per the Registration Rules and Regulations.

## **FAST TRACK SERVICE**

As at 1 September, 2015 a Fast Track fee of \$40 has been introduced for urgent transactions. Members can select this service by contacting the National Office. Fast Track requests are actioned the same day and must be received before 4.00pm (after this time, will be processed the next day).

Members requesting a quick turnaround of membership renewals after 30 September, can be processed urgently. The Fast Track fee will be applied and the late fee waived.

In addition, due to the current delays being experienced with Australia Post deliveries, Express Post Service is also offered at an additional rate of \$7.00.

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