

Director's Report to the NSW State Annual Meeting of Members.

31/05/2025

The RPSBS Board of Directors have met regularly this year using ZOOM as their format to ensure all Directors are able to attend and that we are using members funds appropriately. As the Director from NSW, I have attended every meeting called.

As was announced at the 2024 National Annual Members Meeting, the Board have been focusing on finding a suitable date and venue for the proposed National Riding Pony show to celebrate the Society's Jubilee in Australia. This has not been a simple task. Just the size of our country and the diverse climates, not to mention showing schedules and the need to not trample on already established major events, such as EA Nationals, the Grand national and Royal shows has made the task extremely taxing. Currently, the Board believes the most suitable opportunity is the offer from the Canberra Royal committee for the Riding Ponies to be the 2026 "Feature Breed" at the show. Our first and most preferred option was to host a standalone show, but alas this has proved to be an impossible dream. We are awaiting further details from the Canberra committee regarding our proposed program, and we are hopeful of making a major announcement at the National Annual Members Meeting on 14/6/25. All RPSBS members are invited to attend the National Annual Meeting either in person or to join via the ZOOM link. If you can attend please contact the Secretary (to the Board of Directors) via email to let her know.

Apart from the Jubilee show venue and the development of the show program, other tasks the Board have undertaken this year include the commencement of the audit of the Judges Panel, to ensure contact details are correct and up-to-date etc. We are also undertaking publishing a special Jubilee edition of The Annual. One significant change is the move to make this year's edition A4 size rather than the usual A5. This will allow room for more photos and other members information. Please take time to look at your photos and to arrange to send your special memories to The Annual editorial committee for inclusion in the 2025 edition. We want to make this edition of The Annual a real keepsake. The Board has also commenced review of numerous documents, and these will be announced as we continue the reviews.

As the NSW Director I was very proud to report to the Board on the success of the 2024 NSW State RP show. Our is the most heavily attended State show undertaken by the State RP committees – so from the Board of Directors, congratulations to us all.

All these Board activities have kept me busy this year, along with my role within the NSW. committee