

Presidents Report March 2014

As the year progresses it is now becoming a reality that the big dry has taking its toll on several committees who will be unable to run their events. Committees are reminded that the ACA insurance covers all committees and there members for the entire year including working bees, meetings, schools etc. For those members who have received helpful rain congratulations and for those who have not please hang in there as I am sure everyone will be thinking of you.

On a brighter note the new ACA office building was officially opened by Patron Ed McCormack on Saturday the 15th of February. It was terrific to see Life Members Bryan Wormwell, Ed McCormack, June Lingard and Noel Chiconi along with past secretary Robyn Paine and a list of Roll of Honour recipients make the trip for this special occasion. Gerard Piper from Riverina along with Stephen Aisthorpe from Top Country also came along to represent their respective companies as ACA major sponsors. Greg Wallace OAM was awarded with Life Membership of the ACA at the opening along with his name on the opening plaque, for his outstanding service to the ACA and the building of the office.

On the 15th and 16th of February there was also a Management Committee meeting held in Roma which was very well attended. Amongst the items up for discussion was two subjects that I had called for the members and committees to comment on. Firstly it was unanimously decided to leave the lady rider unchanged from its current status. Secondly the Ambulance levy was left on the table with more information to be gathered and further discussions' to be had. Also of interest to members is the eligibility for Rookie horses with a section in the magazine outlining this. A new horse title called the ACA open cut out horse was ratified at the meeting and will commence in the forthcoming year. Congratulations to St George who were awarded the National Finals in 2015 as well at the meeting. Once again thank you to all those people who took the time to comment on various issues to help the Management Committee make some very important decisions.

As I mentioned in my last report positions on the Management Committee will be up for nomination soon so please give it some consideration. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 8th of April at Nebo. All members are welcome. The ACA AGM is planned to be at Paradise Lagoons with a date and time to be confirmed.

I hope to catch up with a lot of you at the finals at Nebo. Safe Campdrafting.

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