



I would like take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for the hospitality shown to Donna and myself on our recent trip to Normanton Campdraft where I had the pleasure of judging. It is always pleasing to see committees trying to improve their draft and I know the competitors appreciated your efforts greatly.

It is amazing the number of committee's still able to run their drafts with the current weather conditions and state of the cattle market. Competitors should be extremely grateful for the committee's efforts and cattle donors support.

Expressions of interest are open for the 2016 ACA National Finals; further details are in the magazine or on the website. If your committee is interested please don't hesitate to contact Finals subcommittee chairman Sean Dillon or the office and they will kindly send you out a copy of the guidelines.

With regards to office matters, we wish Dianne all the best for the future as she has decided to move on and will be leaving us soon. Dianne's position has been advertised as The ACA's Operations Manager and will incorporate the duties of the ACA Secretary. More details can be found on the ACA website.

There seems to be some confusion on the NCCA stallion containment rule that has recently been adopted by all campdraft associations. Firstly if you are travelling with a stallion you do NOT need to have panels if you do not want to. However that horse must be DOUBLE TIED at all times. The only time a stallion does not have to be double tied is if he is behind the correct panels in daylight hours only and ALL STALLIONS MUST BE DOUBLE TIED AT NIGHT WHETHER IN PANELS OR NOT. The panel stipulations are as follows; Panels must be at least 1500 mm in height, they must be the equivalent of 4 bars 25 mm wide or better e.g. 3 bars 33.3 mm wide etc. And they must be secured to a truck, post or tree not just free standing. I urge all stallion owners to comply with these regulations to ensure the longevity of stallions competing at our campdrafts.

Congratulations to all the successful applicants who nominated for councillor positions. Your term will start at the AGM which is to be held at The Convention Centre, RNA Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane on the 8th of August 2014 at 5 pm. Thanks must also go to the unsuccessful applicants for taking the time to nominate and out-going councillor's as well for their valuable contributions. Also on the 8th of August the ACA will be conducting a strategic review which will be attended by sub committee, rider, committee and office representatives.

The next ACA management committee meeting will be at the Pullman in Brisbane on the 9th and 10th of August with our Bi Annual Major Sponsors dinner on the Saturday night. The sponsors sub committee have been working hard on a new sponsor's proposal to come in to effect on the 1st of April 2015, if you have any questions about this please contact Chairman Trader Wilson.

If you are at the Ekka on Friday the 8th August please come along to the AGM and catch up with the ACA councillors.

Happy drafting

Ian Atthow

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