



Dear Members

The extended dry still has its grip on large areas of northern and western Australia, yet somehow campdrafts are still managing to be held, to the credit of all involved.

The recent National Finals at Kilkivan were well attended by members from all over Australia. My thanks to the Kilkivan committee for their efforts in staging the event and ensuring that the numerous facets of running a signature event were well covered. National Finals efforts now shift to Nebo, where the 2014 titles will be held.

Congratulations to the winners of the various titles that were awarded at Kilkivan. This year saw a special double, with Peter Comiskey the Open Rider and son Clayton the Juvenile Rider. They continue a tradition of second-generation winners of the Juvenile Title that highlights the strong connection our sport has at a family level.

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome some new committees in SWWA. This extends the zone even further in terms of potential competition venues for our members so thank-you, and we hope that your affiliation is a fruitful one for you into the future.

The Hendra Virus Vaccine is continuing to be rolled out in large numbers especially in Qld & NSW. There are no protocols as yet surrounding the compulsory use of this vaccine at campdraft events, however the ACA is working extremely closely with the government and other equine sporting/breeding bodies to develop whether this needs to occur. We are running a major workshop in early October, from which further direction will be provided and will be reported back to you in due course.

Construction has commenced on our new office premises in Roma. We envisage that we should have completed construction and be in and operating before Christmas. Further updates will be provided as things progress, however phone contacts/postal addresses and the like will not change.

As the southern run kicks off I wish all attending the best of luck and hopefully the rain will come to ensure things are managed well for you on the home front.

Sean Dillon

ACA President

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