



Dear Members

By now you may have received your membership cards and new rulebook (for those members who have renewed their membership) or will do so shortly. Please note that all members are being provided with a rulebook, not just one per membership group.

A recent rule change that was approved by the management council relates to animal welfare. Effective immediately, if at anytime during a run a beast either shows signs of **bleeding, lameness or distress** the judge must terminate the round. Further to that, NCCA Rule 7.4 states that the judge can terminate a round where the competitor mistreats either beast or horse (meaning lameness or blood need not be obvious for the judge to terminate the round if he/she feels a competitor is mistreating the stock).

Development approval has at long last been received from the Maranoa Regional Council and work can now commence on the building of our new office facility. There exists an opportunity for members who are Trade Sub-Contractors (e.g. plumbers, plasterers, painters, earth works, joinery, electrical & data) and Building Material Suppliers (e.g. concrete, floor coverings) to be involved in the construction and interested parties are asked to contact the Registered Builder, Steve Mocatta (QBSA 24784) - Phone 0428 797 532 to ascertain details of works.

The Committee forum that was held in early March was very well attended with a range of topics discussed and several problems solved. We are looking to have more of these forums in the coming months, so if you are interested in hosting or attending a forum, please contact the office to register your interest.

I would like to thank the office staff for the initiative displayed in the compilation of our committee information packs. These packs contain an updated version of the committee handbook, sections on insurance and several blank forms for committees to copy and utilize in the running of their events. One point I would like to clarify to all members and committees. The ACA has clarified the situation surrounding Public Liability cover for gymkhana events run by ACA committees. The cover does exist and will be extended to the committee where the intention to run a gymkhana is notified through to the office for endorsement. Each time a gymkhana is to be held, this must be endorsed by the ACA, and all participants must be members of the ACA. Sorry for any confusion regarding this matter, however the cover is solid and guaranteed, subject to the conditions mentioned.

Sponsors are an integral part of every event members attend. Whilst you may not be able to purchase from every sponsor or support their business all the time, the committees who they support would be extremely grateful if their sponsors could be acknowledged by those who win/compete in their events. Cattle donors belong in the same bracket. Small courtesies often have large returns when put into the context of organizing the next event.

Thank you & best of luck at your next draft.

Sean Dillon
ACA President
