



Well it certainly is a funny old country we are lucky to live in. After several campdrafts not being able to run for years of drought we are now seeing some events having to be postponed or cancelled due to wet weather. I ask members to please be mindful of the committees decision in these cases as there are several things that contribute to the running of the draft, e.g. getting the cattle to the draft as well as being able to get them home, providing a safe surface to compete on, catering and the list goes on. Before complaining about the event not being able to run, put yourself in the committees shoes.

The Bi-annual Sponsors Dinner was held in Brisbane recently, a great night was had by all and as always please remember these sponsors and support them in their businesses. The AGM was also held in Brisbane after it had to be rescheduled with Paradise Lagoons being postponed. Reports from the AGM are also printed in this edition.

A very well supported and productive 2 day Management Committee meeting was conducted in August as well. There are some rule updates from this meeting published in this magazine and as always the most up to date rule book is available on the website. A topic from the recent meeting is the way the ACA horse and rider titles are contested. The ACA has decided to invite members to make suggestions on this subject and will look at the responses and discuss at up and coming meetings.

The Clermont committee are full steam ahead planning for the 2017 National Finals, it is shaping up to be a terrific event. Nominations were called for the 2018 Finals and I am glad to announce that they will be hosted by the Burke and Wills committee in the Northern zone.

Good luck to the ACA representatives at the NCCA championship at Warwick and also to all members at the up and coming drafts.

Until next time, happy campdrafting.

Ian Atthow
President



President's AGM Report

Good morning ACA members and welcome to the 2016 ACA AGM. I thank you all for taking the time to attend today.

We have some new faces joining the Council this year and I welcome them to the Management Committee and thank them for putting their hands up and having a go.

I would like to thank our two new Vice Presidents, Hugh and Stephen, who will join myself, Sean and Greg on the Executive Group. As new people join some have moved positions and some have retired from their duties. To those retiring, on behalf of the ACA membership I thank you immensely for your service to the ACA.

I was once given some advice to surround myself with good people and I have been very fortunate in my time as President to have some great people supporting me.

Tonight will see the ACA host its Bi-annual Sponsors Dinner to say thank you to them for supporting our great sport.

I am extremely proud of the Financial Report that will be delivered here today. The last financial year was the first in recent years to follow a budget that was adopted by the Management Committee twelve months ago here in Brisbane. The Council and staff have taken this budget very seriously and the rewards to the association have been great.

Recently the ACA received a Community Benefits grant to upgrade the top level of the ACA office. I am also glad to report that the loan to build the office has been paid out in the last year as well.

In closing I would like to thank the ACA staff, Management Committee members, my wife Donna and all my family for all their help recently as our family makes our new home at Millmerran. Luckily for us we are still in undoubtedly the best zone of the ACA – the South East zone.

Thank you all once again and happy campdrafting.

Ian Atthow
President
