



Inaugural Roan Newsletter

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Well it's been a busy and productive first year for the Association with classes held in most states. We really need your help to progress, if your local show doesn't have Roan classes please approach them. We are happy to send the Champion & Reserve ribbons so even if only a couple turn up the Show Society will not be financially disadvantaged. We are also looking at ways to promote the non-showing roans, we have members who are interested in cutting, reining and endurance and we welcome your suggestions on how to assist them.

You will see by the attached balance sheet that no money has been spent on postage, telephone or the website. These costs have all been donated so far as the committee feels it is more important to spend our money on promotion. Hopefully we will be able to afford more advertising in the next 12 months.

I wish to personally thank not only the hard working committee but also the liaison officers in Victoria and WA, without your assistance we would still be struggling to gain classes for members.

With this newsheet is your membership renewal, thank you to those members who have renewed already. Although membership was due 1st July we felt that there were many events with closing dates around that time and people may find it easier to pay now. All fees have remained the same as last year.

Helen Dohan

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Roan Horse & Pony Society of Australia Inc will be held on Saturday 5th November 2010 at Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley Park NSW. Time and exact location are still to be confirmed but it is expected commence at approximately 6.30pm

Hi Everyone!

Well, the first year has flown past. It is probably timely to remind everyone that memberships are due now for the 2010 – 2011 year.

We currently have 56 members and are actively seeking more. The advertisement we ran in Horse Deals was quite successful with a number of enquiries being fielded as a result. It is our aim to run more ads in the future, once we are more financial.

A year ago, we ran a Dressage Day at Vines Pony Club, which was a great fundraiser. We are looking at holding more events and if anyone would like to help, please feel free to let either Helen Dohan or myself know.

There are a number of shows that are starting to offer us Roan classes. As a Society we offer to provide Champion and Reserve ribbons. Numbers are varied, sometimes only one or two, but at others seven or eight overall. We would really love to see more of you out there, showing off your beautiful Roans.

Unfortunately our attempt to have Roans represented at Sydney Royal 2011 was unsuccessful, but if we can get more consistent numbers at shows, we will succeed. So come on everyone, push on for Sydney 2012!

At the end of this first year it is vital to say some thankyou's to a number of people who have been very generous.

Jess Coady of Coady Graphics deserves a special mention for her fabulous Roan logo design and her graphic arts.

Many thanks to April from Goulburn Trophy shop for providing Champion and Reserve trophies for our first twelve months.

Nancy Lewis our Public Officer has been fabulous, sponsoring Roan classes around Taree and surrounding areas.

We have a new and very enthusiastic member from Victoria, Rebecca Scott, who is becoming a driving force, encouraging Show Societies to provide Roan classes. This is a much needed boost for our Victorian members. Please check the website for shows that are offering Roan classes and support them.

I think it goes without saying that our President/Registrar Helen is an amazing person who is always doing the work of an army.

In closing, remember to check out the website regularly for news and updates. Please forward us photos of your Roans for inclusion on the website. The website is also a great place for advertising things for sale.

Here's to seeing more Roans out and about and a bigger second year.

Best Wishes

Kerrilyn Papworth.

2009-2010 Income & Expenditure**INCOME**

Donation	\$ 5.00
Memberships 2009	\$ 830.00
Memberships 2010	\$ 190.00
Registrations	\$ 1,415.00
Stud Prefix	\$ 130.00
Overpayment	\$ 20.00
Dressage Day	\$ 2,501.00
	\$ 5,091.00

EXPENSES

Stationary	\$ 176.05
Dept Fair Trading	\$ 39.00
Insurance Affiliation 2009	\$ 330.00
Insurance Affiliation 2010	\$ 435.00
P.O. Box Hire 2009	\$ 73.65
P.O. Box Hire 2010	\$ 79.50
Advertising	\$ 391.00
Ribbons for Show donations	\$ 276.81
Show sponsorship	\$ 50.00
Dressage Day	\$ 1,486.15
	\$ 3,337.16
Total Income	\$ 5,091.00
Total Expenditure	\$ 3,337.16
Profit/Loss	\$ 1,753.84

Hunter & Northern NSW "at the Gallop"

In the first few months of contacting show societies, a couple of secretaries asked, "are roans cows?" Oh dear, there's a lot of work to be done up here.

If people hadn't heard about roans in this area ~ they certainly have now.

It has been an extremely busy 1st year on the north coast for the Roan Society with requesting classes, attending as many roan shows as possible, contacting horse associations & businesses with a view to adding a roan link and organizing articles in local newspapers.

I have been pleasantly surprised though to see how well our society has been accepted throughout Australia. There are more and more studs happily adding our link and a great number of horse/pony associations, online For Sale sites, businesses, etc. have also added our link and logo. Whenever I come across a site that I feel would do us justice, I ask for a link. In your daily contact with horse associations, studs, etc. if they don't have a roan link please ask them if they would add one. Also, if you see a roan on a website, at a show, being advertised, or wherever, ask if they are aware we now have a Roan Society and would they be interested in joining.

Over the past 12 months approx. 90% of show societies in the areas from the Central Coast through to the Qld. border and into the Hunter area have now been contacted with requests to add classes to their programs and at this stage of writing we now have classes at the majority of venues and with promise of more to come. If you attend a show on the north coast and there are no roan classes, please ask the secretary if some can be added or send contact details to me and I will be happy to ask them. Once classes are confirmed they will be placed on the roan website. A big, HOWEVER, as is the case with most shows, we do need members to support these classes in the forthcoming show season or we will lose them and countless hours of work by your committee would have been wasted and, in turn, the gained popularity of these beautifully coloured horses and ponies will wane once more.

As funding plays a vital part in the continual running of any society, I am asking north coast members, and friends, for assistance in organizing/running a fund raiser dressage day for the society at a venue to be confirmed; perhaps Taree Showground. Help on the day for all manner of tasks would be required. I would be really happy to hear from you if you are able to assist, so please feel free to contact me. Also, as I am not exactly "dressage literate" I need to fall back on experience of others so any advice with regard to running a successful day would be more than appreciated.

To finish on a personal note, my story for being part of this wonderful new society is all due to a pretty little filly called "Sarah" (Canterbury Park Gossamer Angel). The combination of a chestnut tobiano dam and a buckskin sire (now recognised as buckskin/roan) produced for us the VERY unexpected colouring of Chestnut Roan. We were amazed but now so very happy and thus the story continues...

A big Thank You to all those who have shown their beautiful Roan horses & ponies over the past 12 months -- you are great ambassadors for the Roan Society.

All the best for the forthcoming breeding and show season.

Regards, **Nancy**

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