

## **HEAD OFFICE NEWS**

I would like to start off this month by thanking everyone who made the trip to Tamworth for the ABCRA Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was well attended and you will see the Minutes extracts are included in this bumper issue. We have also included extracts from the Board of Directors meetings held from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

A reminder to all campdrafters that entries for the **NCCA National Championship Campdraft** open **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** and close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, or until all available cattle have been allocated. Entries are to be paid to ABCRA Head Office and will only be accepted on the Official Entry form. Please note that **all stabling and camping must be booked directly with AELEC**, please click onto the website [www.aelec.com.au](http://www.aelec.com.au). If you have any queries regarding stabling or camping just give the friendly AELEC staff a call on 0267 675858.

Attention to all our **Encouragement Campdraft** competitors - To be eligible for the end of year title you must nominate by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. This is also the closing date for the **Australian Stock Horse Society** awards. Nomination forms maybe downloaded from the ABCRA website, or alternatively give us a call and we will happily post or fax one to you.

In this issue you will see the **Rodeo Members Representative Council (MRC)** voting form. It is great to see such a response to this year's nominations and for the first time ever, we have received nominations from each of the three states. Please ensure that when submitting your voting form that you follow the correct procedure or the vote will be deemed invalid. Voting will close **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** as the newly elected Rodeo MRC will meet with the Board of Directors in October.

**Campdraft Draw Program** – Some months back we asked for feedback in regard to this program as a number of secretaries did have some issues that needing looking at. These were then raised with the programmer and it was interesting to note that many of the problems and or requests had already been addressed. We all simply had overlooked that in many instances an older version of the program was being used. If you would like to use the program, please contact Head Office and we can advise you of the link to download the whole program or the latest updates.

Many horse owners would be aware of or have heard of **EADRA - The Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement**. I recently participated in a teleconference and attended a meeting held in Sydney that were both organised to address EADRA issues. As a result of these meetings we have included in this edition the latest updates available. There is also a website set up specifically for the horse industry and information on EADRA. This can be found on the Animal Health Australia website [www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au). Click on the Horse and EADRA box.

On behalf of the ABCRA I would like to extend a ***huge congratulations to Luke Wicks*** who won the Junior Bull Riding title at the High School World Finals held in Gallup New Mexico. To Luke and the other ABCRA members that competed at Gallup, you have done your parents, friends and yourselves proud – Well Done. Look out for a report and pics in the September issue.

To finish off, I would like to remind members and committee representatives to please feel free to contact either ABCRA Head Office or a Director if you have a query/concern or an idea that you think may benefit the sport. Over the next couple of months you will see reports from both the Campdraft and Rodeo MRC printed in the magazine that will call for member feedback. I would strongly encourage members to offer their input – At the end of the day, we are here to work towards strengthening two great sports so they will continue to be enjoyed by the masses for many years to come.

I think that about covers it for this month – so take care and safe travels

**Dianne Hallam**  
**Acting General Manager**