



# ABCRA HEAD OFFICE NEWS



Over the past month business has remained constant to say the least – As membership renewals, committee date applications and affiliations stream in – the annual audit has taken place. In amongst that, negotiations with Tamworth Regional Council have continued in regard to relocating ABCRA Head Office to the Corporate Precinct block adjacent to AELEC; Public Liability and associated Insurances reviewed and the odd zone meeting. A full update will be available at the **ABCRA Annual General Meeting** that will be held for the first time at *West Leagues Club, Phillip St, Tamworth* on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010**. I would encourage as many committee representatives as possible attend. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand where the ABCRA is up to and be a part of the decision making process that ensures the Association's growth. To everyone that will be attending, it would be greatly appreciated if you could give us a quick call and **RSVP by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** to assist with catering.

One final **Campdraft Members Meeting** is scheduled to take place at Coonamble (June long weekend) to discuss two very important issues prior to the upcoming Board Meetings. The two proposals are –

1. That Campdraft Finals contestants commence Finals on a clean slate
2. To change the Open Horse points structure

It is important that members be given the opportunity to have their say – If you as a member have not already attended one of the previous meetings to discuss the two options, I would encourage you to do so at Coonamble.

Attention all **Rookie** competitors – Nominations close Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. I was a little alarmed recently when I mentioned to a competitor that they should nominate and their response was “no I will wait until next year” – The competitor was under the impression that they could only ever nominate once, which is incorrect. A member is eligible to nominate each year until they break into open status – If you have any queries please give us a call at the office.

In this issue you will see that a nomination form for **the Rodeo Members Representative Council (MRC)** has again been included. The MRC play an important

role in our Association and are there to represent the competing members. From the six Councillors voted in, two will be elected to the ABCRA Board of Directors. **Nominations will close Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010**. If you are interested in nominating but would like more information regarding the role of the MRC, please do not hesitate to contact either Rodeo MRC Chairperson Sandra Martin or myself

A reminder to all campdrafters that entries for the **NCCA National Championship Campdraft**, will 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 will be paid to ABCRA Head Office and will only be accepted on the Official Entry form.

**Staff matters** – I would like to welcome onboard a new staff member, Carlene White. Carlene takes on a full time maternity relief position and brings with her a wealth of experience, particularly in the area of customer service. We are sure that she will be a real asset to the team. Many of our members and committees would have had the pleasure of dealing with Emma Wells in the past – Emm will be taking some time off shortly to take on a very important role – That of first time mum! We wish her all the very best and the advice from the old mother hens in the office so far is – “Get lots of rest now whilst you can”.

**ABCRA Magazine Deadlines** - As Emm will be taking at least six months maternity leave, we have made alternative arrangements in regard to the ABCRA magazine. Paul Parker (Impulse Print) and Jen Cowley (Oracle Solutions) will add their expertise to the overall production as of the August issue. It is important that all members and committees understand that we as an association will still maintain content rights. All material ie Campdraft and Rodeo ad booking sheets will still be sent directly to Head Office. It is very important that we all understand, however, that the magazine deadlines will have to *be strictly adhered to*. This is to ensure that the magazine reaches the newsstands and you the members on time.

Just a reminder to all our committees, included in your Campdraft and Rodeo packages is an **Animal Welfare Incident Report**. To assist us maintain accurate

statistics for future reference, it is very important that this form is returned to Head Office following your event. A number of committees did not realise that this form was to be returned even in the event of no incidents - which is 99.9% of the time.

Finally good luck to all our ABCRA members heading over to the states for the High School Finals.

That about covers it for this month - take care and safe travels

Regards,

*Dianne Hallam*  
**Acting Executive Officer**

## PLEASE NOTE

Program changes to  
**Bowen River Rodeo**  
**\$200 Novice Horse Barrel Race**  
Entry \$23.80 AB \$11  
Saturday afternoon last event.

**Full Program was an insert  
in last months May  
Magazine**

## IMPORTANT DATES

RSVP for ABCRA AGM by 16.06.10  
ABCRA AGM 23.06.10  
Rookie Nominations Close 30.06.10  
Rodeo MRC Nominations Close 02.07.10  
Encouragement Rider Noms Close  
31.08.10  
ASHS Nominations Close 31.08.10  
End of ABCRA Points Year 30.11.10

## ...IMPORTANT NOTICES...

### Attention all Committees & Members

#### *Please Note changes to upcoming magazine issues*

In the past we have had a combined May/June issue. However as of May 2010 we will publish a May issue and then a combined June/July issue. As the ABCRA Annual General Meeting will be Wednesday 23 June, the 2010/11 Campdraft & Rodeo Date list will be published in the August magazine.

#### *Membership Renewals*

Memberships Renewals were due as at 1st May 2010. A membership renewal form will not be posted out but was included in the April and May issues and on the ABCRA website.

#### *Attention Rodeo Competitors and Secretaries*

It would appear there has been some confusion regarding the new payout splits - Please refer RRC.5 (page 47) in the Rule Book. Rodeo events (except Team Roping) based on total paid out prizemoney per round.

Up to \$2500 Five ways  
\$2501 - Six ways

Team Roping Payout per round

\$300 - \$500 3 ways  
\$501 - \$1000 4 ways  
\$1001 - \$3000 5 ways  
\$3001 - 6 ways

#### *Attention Campdraft Competitors and Secretaries*

Please refer to CD.1. Pointscore System Ladies Campdraft (page 105) Should read only "Ladies events are restricted to females 17 years and over".

If anyone has any queries please do not hesitate give the team at ABCRA Head Office a call.

#### *ABCRA Annual General Meeting*

##### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

West Leagues Club, Phillip St, Tamworth.  
ABCRA AGM Wednesday 23rd June 2010

#### *Campdraft Members Meeting*

Campdraft members meetings will be held at Coonamble June long weekend.

Campdraft Finals contestants starting Finals on a clean slate and proposed change to Open Horse points, will be up for serious discussion. Your attendance is important.

#### *Rodeo Round Preferences*

A reminder to competitors that round preferences are not guaranteed.

If you do not get drawn where you require, it is your responsibility to trade out.

## 2010 RIDE TUFF / ABCRA BUCKING STOCK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



### ATTENTION All Roughstock Contractors!!

*It is that time of the year again!* Ride Tuff's Eddie and Jo Fisher have been sponsors of the ABCRA for the past seven years. As a part of this partnership, Ride Tuff sponsor the three impressive buckles awarded to the Bucking Stock of the Year champions. We are pleased to announce that Ride Tuff will continue to sponsor these three awards in 2010.

To be eligible, Stock Contractors *must* nominate a list of stock in each category (Remember you can nominate as many as you like in each category) by **Friday 25th June 2010**. Each of the nominated stock will then have the prefix "Ride Tuff" added to their name. Please keep in mind that the **only** stock eligible for the Ride Tuff ABCRA Bucking Stock of the Year awards will be those that have been nominated by the 25th June – These will be the only awards presented to Bucking Stock for 2010.

Leading up to the ABCRA National Finals Rodeo, contractors will then be called upon to nominate the stock that they wish to have included on the Ballot Paper. The nominees will be voted on by the top 15 competitors, in each of the relevant events, prior to the first round of the ABCRA National Finals Rodeo.

The ABCRA would hope that all contractors will continue to support this incentive offered by Eddie and Jo Fisher – Basically you can only benefit from it! A nomination form is available on the ABCRA website [www.abcra.com.au](http://www.abcra.com.au) or simply give us a call at the office and we can send one out to you. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Dianne or Darianne at Head Office.