



SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

NEWSLETTER

August 2025 Addition

WELCOME TO 2025/2026 FIRST SHCA COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER.

Many years ago Eileen Gibson and Bruce Flood formed the Hack Exhibitors' Association in Sydney. Over time the name and structure of the organisation has changed several times as it evolved into an Australia-wide and then an Australasian Show Horse organisation with members in all states and territories of Australia as well as New Zealand. During its existence SHCA and its earlier forms have conducted more than 30 Grand National Show Horse events at equestrian venues around the Sydney area. Each year SHCA members strive to qualify to attend the Grand National. Judges from the UK are invited to judge at these National Championships.

SHCA's governing body is its Council whose members are elected by NSW Affiliates and Interstate and NZ Constituent Affiliates to represent their groups to achieve best outcomes for SHCA and the Affiliates they represent. As at 25th August 2025 SHCA has 1889 financial members across all Australian States and Territories and New Zealand.



Champion Small Open Galloway

Photo Credit: Lisa Gordan

SHCA held its 2025 AGM at the Novotel Hotel Wollie Creek, Sydney on Saturday 23rd August.

As per normal AGM procedure, the Executive Committee and Management Committees stood down and elections were conducted for positions in the 2025/2026 year. The results of the elections were:

Executive Committee

POSITION	NAME	AFFILIATE GROUP
President	Sean Aylett	SHCA Qld
Senior Vice President	Deyarne Pointon-Wales	NNSW SHA
Junior Vice President	Christine Black	SHCA WA
Secretary	Natalie Currall	Hawkesbury & Hills
Treasurer	Dean Douglas	Sydney Regional

Judges Committee

POSITION	NAME	AFFILIATE GROUP
Judge Co-ordinator	Deyarne Pointon-Wales	NNSW SHA
Member	Denise Fenwick	SHCA SA
Member	Leanne Corney	Central Coast
Member	Alyson Sidney	NNSW SHA
Member	Melissa Ovens	Hunter Regional

Measuring Committee

POSITION	NAME	AFFILIATE GROUP
Chief Measurer	Helen Kirton	Tablelands
Member	Michael Smith	Dubbo
Member	Greg Trembath	SHC Competitors Association
Member	Christine Black	SHCA WA
Member	Alan Copeman	SHCA NZ

Disputes & Discipline Committee

POSITION

NAME

AFFILIATE GROUP

Member
Member
Member
Member
Member

Andrew James
Rachael Douglas
Shaun Pascoe
Danni McCusker
Alyson Sidney

SHCA Vic
SHCA Qld
NSW Regional
NSW Regional
NNSW SHA

Public Officer: Deyarne Pointon-Wales

Auditor: FRUITION Accountants & Advisors

Finance and Grand National Committees will be elected at the next meeting.



Thank You, Retiring Executive and Management Committees

We offer our thanks and appreciation to members of the 2024/2025 SHCA outgoing Executive Committee who have contributed knowledge, skills, time, effort and a great deal of commitment during their periods of service to SHCA.

Thank you to the following members who have represented us:

President - Kylee Cowgill, Senior Vice President - Andrew James, Junior Vice President - Alan Copeman, Secretary – Wendy Manchester, Treasurer – Yvette Pietsch

We also thank Grand National Secretary, Sue Quarrell, Council members who attended meetings and those who served on the following five SHCA Committees – Judges Committee, Measuring Committee, Finance Committee, Disputes & Discipline Committee and the Grand National Committee.

THANK YOU TO ALL RETIRING SHCA COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS.

We commend and appreciate all who have volunteered in Council positions, at Shows, Measuring Days and Development Clinics across Australasia. You make this organisation function.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss – “The Lorax”



Champion Childs Shetland
Photo Credit: Lisa Gordan

PLANNED MEETINGS

Three SHCA Council Meetings are scheduled for the remainder of 2025. These meetings will be held in Sydney at the following dates and times:

Sunday 14th September 9.00am – 3.30pm

Sunday 26th October 9.00am – 3.30pm

Sunday 14th December 9.00am – 3.30pm

If you are a member who has a development idea, a concern, or any business that you feels is worthy of consideration take it to a meeting of your Affiliated body for discussion. If it is decided that your idea or concern should be presented to Council, your Delegates know the procedure that is followed to present your business to the meeting. Members can also send correspondence to the SHCA’s elected Secretary if they have business that they would like to be addressed. E: secretary@shca.org.au

SHCA HOPES TO CONTINUE PUBLICATION OF REGULAR NEWSLETTERS THAT CONTAIN:

Rule Changes, Rule Reminders, Event Dates – Shows, Clinics, Meeting Dates, Brief
Show Reports if space permits

2025 GRAND NATIONAL

Memories

