

ARCHIVES REPORT

2017 Annual General Meeting of The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd.

AIMS.

To preserve and protect the historical records of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia, major breeders and significant horses, by collating recording and maintaining existing material the AHSA has on hand, and accepting/acquiring records and information that are significant to the Arabian horse in Australia.

SHORT TERM GOAL.

To complete an audit of what material the AHSA currently has, and to store and file it in a practical and professional manner so that the information is easily accessible.

MID TERM GOAL.

To place items on a slideshow to be viewed on a reasonably large screen in the AHSA office, and which could be issued (or sold) to affiliates if desired.

LONG TERM GOAL.

To place special items on display in the AHSA office, on a rotational basis if necessary, in a safe environment for the enjoyment and interest of all Arabian horse lovers.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2017.

- Complete the audit of items already in storage
- Identify, collate and record material on hand
- Safely store the material in a designated position
- Nominate items to be put on the slideshow
- Prepare and present items for the slideshow
- Set up the slideshow in the AHSA office
- Advise affiliates of the slideshow and how to acquire it

Not a lot has changed since my last report. The Archive sub-committee was virtually halved when Gudrun left the board. I am hoping that a couple more board members will now join me on the Archive committee. It is very difficult to find the time to search for, identify, collate and store archival items around board meetings, as we are always on such a tight time frame. I hope that we can make a bit more headway this year and get more items collated and stored. Some items, are currently being scanned and digitally stored.

The Society has sold all of the copies of "The Quambi Stud". The last ones were snapped up at the Crabbet Convention in Victoria in October, and we could probably have sold about 40 more. It is a lovely little book and contains a wealth of historical photos and information. My congratulations to the determined few people who persevered and put it all together.

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