

ELIZABETH (LIZ) KEATING, 267105**Undera, Victoria**

I have been an active member of the AQHA for over 45 years, firstly competing as an Amateur, then becoming a professional coach and trainer in 2009. I am actively involved with AQHA affiliates and presently the treasurer for the Goulburn Valley QHA & WRC, home of the prestigious Summer Sizzler show, therefore I have an understanding of what is involved from an Affiliate perspective. My passion is the grass roots of our industry, along with our Youth. I love introducing newcomers to our Association and local affiliates.

I have been a Board member for 9 years, in this time I have held the Affiliate, Traditional, and now the Youth portfolio for these past 3 years. During this time we have moved forward with fundraising through our online stallion auction, developed the youth camps, partnered with NCHA, opened the youth bank account, and have a lot of new and positive ideas for the youth moving forward as I believe our youth are the future of the AQHA.

I seek your vote so I can keep the positive momentum from my past three years while also keeping the AQHA moving forward in a positive transparent way

LYNDA HICKS, 482085**Tanawha, Queensland**

My name is Lynda Hicks and I live on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

This is my first time placing my nomination for a Board of Director Position and have thought long and hard prior to submitting my application to represent the members of the AQHA.

I have actively worked on the Committee of our local Club, Sunshine Coast Quarter Horse Performance Club in both positions of President and Show Secretary.

I believe I would bring to the Board of Directors a fresh approach from the working position of Affiliate Clubs and grassroots AQHA members and what we are currently and potentially facing in the future.

I am a very policy and procedure driven person having worked predominately my working career in either Government Positions or working Privately in Law.

We need to get back to basics, follow procedures, follow our rule book and invest in our future of our Breed in order to grow adapt and learn.

JOHN STEEL, 459479**Mooroopna, Victoria**

In my professional life in a Community Service Organisation, I am the Senior Manager overseeing programs that provide case management and care options to our most vulnerable and traumatised young people that can no longer live at

home. I have diplomas in both Community Service Protective Intervention and Business studies.

I have been involved in the equestrian industry for most of my life starting off in pony club at 8y old and then moving on to showjumping and eventing.

For 20 + years I have been a very active AQHA amateur, training all my own quarter horses to many notable successes both at State and National level in both Western and English disciplines.

I have over many years held varied positions on Affiliate committees, currently holding positions at 2 local Victorian affiliates. Now that I have retired from competing, I have been spending my time working at shows as Show Manager, Gate marshal etc.

I have been a past AQHA board member for several years holding positions from Investigative officer to Vice Present. My extensive experience together with my continued passion for the AQHA motivate my current nomination.

DEBBY CAMERON, 303959**Dakabin, Queensland**

Fresh eyes fresh ideas that is what I would like to bring. I have been an active member in the Western industry for over 45 years, most with the Australian Quarter Horse Assn.

Actively breeding showing and judging Quarter horses and our other Western Breeds, I have been an accredited Quarter Horse judge for just over 30 years and in this time have spent time with competitors and committee members from as far as New Zealand New Caledonia and all over Australia.

Everyone has some wonderful ideas that they always love to share. Owning my saddlery business in the past 18 years has certainly kept me very active with the industry, it has certainly helped me understand what our members need from our dedicated Board of Directors.

Now retired I would like to offer my services knowledge and dedication and apply for the AQHA Board of Directors.

CAROL RICKETTS, 473297**Buderim, Queensland**

To all Members,

In the past I have held the position of General Manager of the AQHA until I retired, and a Director of the Association for six years.

In October 2023 my three year Term as a Director was up, and I stood for re-election. I did not gain re-election and over the last 12 months I have thought about re-standing for the Board and made the decision to nominate for the Elections this year.

I have the knowledge of the Association Constitution, its rule book, office procedures, I understand and can dissect a

Profit & Loss Statement, and I respect, and believe in the AQHA, its goals, its members and know I have the skills to be a Director of the AQHA.

The AQHA is made up of a diverse group of people, Cutters, Campdrafters, Barrel Racers, Team Ropers, Western and English events, Breeders, members that own a quarter horse for leisure etc. I support any equine discipline that involves the quarter horse.

I am asking for your support in my endeavour to be elected to the BOD of the AQHA.

Thank you for your time in reading my bio.

LEANNE BARTLETT, 235516

Canungra, Queensland

I am Leanne Bartlett, & I live in Canungra in the Gold Coast Hinterland, Queensland.

I have an array of judging credentials including AQHA, AmQHA, NRHA, APHA, HSAA, RHAA & I am also on the judges committee of both the AQHA & RHAA & HSAA.

My passion is judging, training, coaching & showing, you will see me nearly every weekend at either an AQHA Show, Ranch Show or Reining Show either judging or showing.

I have been an AQHA Approved judge for 30 years and with 50 years of experience in the show pen, I feel I can help the members.

I have been lucky to have shown & or judged across the globe, from both the North & South Islands of New Zealand, New Caledonia, Japan & every state in Australia.

I have competed in nearly all the AQHA events, when I am not judging or showing I am running the Bartlett Training Stables specialising in beginners to advanced & all classes excluding cattle events.

I understand the economics of today & the hard times we are all in, I would like to assist the AQHA in finding ways for the members to afford to follow their dreams.

KANE SKOPP, 467399

Haigslea, Queensland

My name is Kane Skopp and together with my wife Holly, we own and operate HK Show Horses out of Rockin Horse Ranch in Haigslea, QLD.

I have been a director for the past 3 years.

During this time I have remained enthusiastic about the future of the association, prioritising current members and brainstorming strategies to bring in new members.

I have been active on several committees including Show & Performance, Traditional, Youth, Professional Horsemen and National Show.

In 2023 I voiced the need for a Marketing Portfolio, this initiative has increased our social media presence and content dramatically, hopefully showing the public the versatility and trainability of the Quarter Horse. I also developed 'Welcome to Western Clinics' to continue to educate the public and increase membership with the first one drawing almost 50 kids.

Further grants will be going to tender to assist affiliates to host clinics in each state. I would like to thank the directors for their support in my vision and hope to have the opportunity to serve the membership for another term.

WENDY (KIM) JOHNSON, 367533

Locksley, Victoria

My name is Kim Johnson,

I have been a Breeder, competitor, Affiliate committee member, both AQHA and NCHA, for over 46yrs, loved every moment.

My passion for AQHA AND NCHA, breeding and showing is committed. As a Director I have held the Portfolio's, Youth, studbook, international, Deputy President, and President. I would love to continue representing you the members, listening to your feedback, giving you a voice at the board table.

I live in Victoria with my husband Fred, together we run a breeding farm and also Cuttabar Quarter horse Stud, we have two daughters that are in our industry, our Daughter Nikki who rides, shows and breeds Cutting horses, our daughter Holly Skopp [Johnson] who Shows, and breeds Pleasure Horses, our son Brad Green who Plays Footy and Cricket, all are married and we have six amazing grandchildren all of which we are so proud.

I am passionate about AQHA and want to continue to work hard to improve our industry moving forward into the coming years for you our members.

I thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support me in the future

Thankyou Kim Johnson