



## Amateur Division Presidents Report 2024-2025

**AGM 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7:30pm**

**Via Zoom Link**

Thank you to our volunteer past committee members, your hard work and dedication to promote our Amateur activities and awareness is deeply appreciated. A big thank you to Rachel Turner (Amateur Director) and the staff (I will not name them in case someone is inadvertently missed out) at the AQHA office for all your support and knowledge, truly we are a united team.

### The 2024/2025 Committee

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| • President –        | Leonie Gorski             |
| • Deputy President – | Yasmin Lee-Steere         |
| • Vice President-    | Janet Mansley             |
| • Secretary –        | Kim Slocum                |
| • Treasurer –        | Yasmin Lee-Steere         |
| • Committee Member - | Carol Elliott             |
| • Committee Member - | Carol Ahern               |
| • Committee Member - | Rebecca Fatchen           |
| • Committee Member - | Maddy Kay                 |
| • Committee Member – | Linda Cavello (resigned)  |
| • Committee Member – | Jodi Jakubenko (resigned) |
| • Committee Member - | Justine Jones (resigned)  |

Returning Committee members	Outgoing Committee members
Yasmin Lee-Steere	Leonie Gorski
Carol Elliott	Carol Ahern *
Rebecca Fatchen	Janet Mansley
Maddy Kay	
Kim Slocum	

\*Carol Ahern is not renominating, thank you for being a valuable committee member and we look forward to 'catching up' at various AQHA events.

### **Amateur Teams Challenge**

The Amateur Teams Challenge competitions run at State and National level, they were embraced by Novice, Amateurs and Select Amateurs alike. Competitors were encouraged to find their team members and create new or rekindle old friendships. The camaraderie was evident, giving people a reason to chat with one-other, discussing event performances as opening sentences for a continual team conversation. Socialisation, competing and having fun with our horses, the perfect recipe for a successful event. Amazing prizes have already been purchased for this season.

### **Clinics**

Thank you for our Clinicians and Amateurs who attended our Free Clinics in the following States. So much learning, so much fun, so much socialising...

Victoria	Clinician – Kate Elliott
QLD	Clinicians – Holly Skopp
WA	Clinicians – Sue Williams
SA	Clinicians – Holly Skopp
NSW	Booked Wagga and Holly Skopp, but due to lack of interest, it was cancelled.

### **Business Plan 2025/2026**

The Amateur Division Business Plan has been submitted to the AQHA to be ratified by the Board. Confirmation and/or feedback will be forthcoming after the Official AGM on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in Melbourne.

### **Q26 Senior Select Amateur Incentive**

To encourage our mature aged Amateurs to continue to compete in Q26, we will sponsor five events, \$50 per event, for the highest scoring Senior Select member to be presented in specific Select pattern classes.

### **State Championship Shows**

At all state championship shows we offer the \$50 bonus on Showmanship, Ranch Riding and Horsemanship select pattern classes.

Once again, thank you to our past committee and I wish every success to the 2025-2026 committee.

**Leonie Gorski**

2024-2025 President