



WHSA NEWSLETTER

WHSA PATRON - Capt. Barrie M Newman RFD, ED (Retd)

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About the Cover

TW Homelands Avena (W1086) Supreme Champion Waler Exhibit at this year Baroque & Distinctive Breed Festival.

Pictured with owner John Stewart. Photo by [MCJukes Photography](#)

"the time will come when the arid plains and the burning hillsides of Central Australia, will produce a horse that will be famous all over the world, and perhaps surpass even the Arab of the desert."

E.M. Curr, a chief inspector of stock in the colony of Victoria of the last century.

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2022 WWSA Events Calendar

EVENT	DATE	STATE
WWSA National Waler Championship Show	19 March Details tba.	NATIONAL

Please contact your State Coordinator for more information.

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Newsletter Deadlines

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Submission of copy Deadline:

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Please keep the submission date in mind and ensure your submissions are sent to the Newsletter Editor at grchaplin@gmail.com or by an SMS text to 0419678125 as soon as you think of doing it. Especially welcome are items about the following:

- ◆ Walers for sale
 - ◆ Stallions at Stud for the 2021-22 breeding season
- ◆ Personal Waler stories - what are you doing with your Waler
 - ◆ Showing results
 - ◆ New Foals

Editorial

One year ago, I said in my Editorial introduction:

“As we have ended a year like no other that any of us have experienced, let us hope that 2021 will open up the country and allow our regular horse events to occur again. And as that happens, all please send contributions for the Newsletter.”

Sadly, that sentence is equally applicable to this Editorial. However, despite new COVID variants continuing to emerge, the Australian governments have permitted borders to be opened subject to certain conditions so we can now hope to return to some degree of normality.

For the WHSA, we need to reenergise our Waler promotional and breeding efforts in 2022. The new Committee has had a ‘tableful’ of issues that it will be addressing for the sustainability of the breed. But, the Committee cannot do all this on its own. It needs the whole WHSA membership both new and old to engage and join in the efforts wherever possible.

We welcome two new members to the 2021-2022 WHSA Committee and details are presented elsewhere in this issue.

So while Christmas 2021 has already been and gone, the New Year is now upon us. I trust you had all had a happy time of it sharing this season with what ever family was possible.

As you often hear from me - please send articles/news/information about your Walers and your Waler activities. I also hope to receive picture and details of recent Waler births for inclusion in the next issue.

Best wishes
Grantley Chaplin

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WHSA Patron’s Report

At this time of the year it is appropriate that I extend Seasons Greetings to the whole Waler family and to wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

After the disastrous world-wide pandemic affecting us all over the past two years and ongoing, we need to not only be vigilant to keep ourselves and our families safe, but also to be conscious of the importance of keeping an eye on others who may be alone, or showing signs of stress and anxiety during these difficult times. Sometimes, all it takes is a phone call or an opportunity to say “Hello, how are you?”.

We all need a friend to talk to, just like our soldiers in World War I, who found solace and support by talking to and being with their friend, their Waler. We are lucky to have an unwavering friend – our Walers. Please talk to them.

Warmest regards to you all.

CAPT Barrie M Newman RFD, ED (Retd)
Patron WHSA

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Outgoing Committee Member Reports

President's Report By Grantley Chaplin

Well what a year Again! It's been a time of frustrations and delays, but also a time of achievements. On the latter, it has been pleasing to see that new horse registrations are coming in on a regular basis as are new WHSA memberships. After all, that is our basic mission as a horse breed society. And it is not just any old horse breed. It is our iconic Waler horse that is recognised not only nationally, but internationally as well. However, while all that may be so, we must not rest on our laurels. The job for us to preserve and promote the Waler horse must go on with increased enthusiasm and effectiveness so that more and more people are aware of the Waler and more to the point, are wanting to acquire a Waler and for that to happen, our Waler Studs and even individual members need to keep a guaranteed supply of new Waler progeny.

In saying that, the Committee has recognised that there are challenges ahead in order to achieve that and meeting those challenges will be focus of the new committee. But as I've said before, the Committee cannot do the job on its own and needs the full commitment and efforts of the individual WHSA members.

So for the society to work at maximum efficiency and productivity, we need to have all positions filled. This is especially the case for State Coordinators where for the last couple for years we have had no one providing an Expression of Interest for a State Coordinator Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. So, all please consider offering. The Roles and Responsibilities of Coordinators can be forwarded to you on request to mail@walerhorse.com

I would like to thank the retiring 2020-21 Committee for their efforts during this last term and also congratulate all those who will form the new 2021-22 Committee. And to all, I want to wish you a belated Christmas Greeting and hope for a safe and productive New Year.

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News from the Treasurers desk By Lucy Henderson

The last year has seen little change in the membership income yet the cost of maintaining the WHSA increases. Although the society is entirely driven by volunteers the unavoidable costs such as insurance, accounting fees, office expenses, postage etc. are all on the rise.

The new accounting system in place has resulted in timely payments and receipting. The system is easily transferable that will result in the handover to the new committee seamless.

The WHSA endeavours to support and sponsor events that showcase the Waler. In the last year some of these events have been the WHSA High Point Awards, Baroque and Distinctive Breeds Association Inc., Australian Friesian Warmblood Society WA. The WHSA has provided both financial support and merchandise for prizes. Although we may not immediately see the results of such expenditure it is necessary for the Waler to be seen and publicised at every opportunity.

Another exciting project the WHSA has sponsored is the War Animal Memorial Film Project. The HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN HERMITS have a song in the making that will remember the Walers that were left behind overseas when WW1 ended. The song is called "The horses Stay Behind" written by Kerry Gambley from the Haystack Mountain Hermits.

Some members are still requesting the newsletter to be posted rather than emailed. The cost of preparation, postage and time is another drain on our finances. I request all members to have the very popular newsletter to be sent via email. Every saving will help your society to use the finances to promote the Waler.

For the sake of the Waler and their future it is your responsibility to maintain memberships, register all your Walers and become involved in any way you can with the Society. Remember as it was once famously said "It is not what the WHSA can do for you it is what you can do for the WHSA!"

Outgoing Committee Member Reports, Cont.

Merchandise Report by Lucy Henderson

As you all would have seen in earlier newsletters there is some exciting new merchandise on hand, I encourage you all to get onto the WHSA shop online and purchase some new and refreshing items for you and your horses.

By purchasing merchandise it helps the society financially and also helps promote the Waler. Wear the WHSA brand with pride, you will be surprised by how many questions you will be asked just by people seeing the WHSA logo on your shirt or jacket.

When you and your Walers are out and about you both can display our logo, use our colour scheme of black and grey piping. Remember, to be a winner you must look a winner!

Why not display the WHSA logo at your property gate? Whether you have one or 100 Walers, you already know you are a very special and lucky person and very rare in the horse world, by hanging the WHSA sign at your front gate it is a great way to show just that.

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ANNOUNCEMENT and WELCOME

The WHSA is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to the 2021-2022 WHSA Committee at the recent AGM. They are:

Shannon Robertson: daughter of Michelle Robertson and granddaughter of Geoff and Yvonne Coupland of the 'Providence Waler Stud' in NSW who are some of the earliest members of the WHSA as well as productive breeders of Waler progeny. So Shannon comes with wonderful background experience and knowledge and we look forward to her growth and development as new Committee member.

Alicia Quaife: formerly from NSW but now established in SW Western Australia with her 'Stonefield Walers' stud. Alicia will bring a much needed voice from the west into the new Committee where WHSA membership and Waler registrations have been booming over the last couple of years and where it is important for the Committee to be fully representative of the geographical distribution of the membership.

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Committee Meeting Reports - Nov/Dec

Meeting #13

- ◆ **Business Item 1: Rescheduling date for 2021 GM and AGM:** The meeting date needed to be re-scheduled due to notices not having gone to the membership by the prescribed time.
Motion: That the 2021 General Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the WWSA be held by ZOOM at 2:00 pm DST on Saturday 4 December 2021.
Moved: Joanne Russell
Seconded: Donna Whish-Wilson
Result: Carried unanimously

- ◆ **Business Item 2: Baroque Festival**
John Stewart and Joanne Russell: have completed the Stall Holder form and it has been returned to the organisers

Lucy Henderson has provided the Certificate of Currency for the WWSA public Liability Insurance for sending if required

John Stewart and Claire Stewart: will be attending on the Saturday and Sunday and have requested PR material

Grantley Chaplin: will get flyers reproduced and banners and poster boards to John Stewart.

Meeting #14

- ◆ **Business Item 1: MACCA -** Grantley Chaplin advised that there has been no response to our email to MACCA and has not as yet had a chance to send a follow-up message.
Motion: That we pass this business to the next Committee (2021/2022)
Moved: Grantley Chaplin
Seconded: Lucy Henderson
Result: Carried

- ◆ **Business Item 2: Strategy to promote the WWSA's planned WWSA National Waler Championship Show in 2022**
Date: 19 March 2022
Judges: To be determined
Prizes: To be determined
Promotion (Newsletter/Webpage/State Coordinators/Facebook)

Business Item 3: National Survey of Breeding Resources

Grantley Chaplin advised that there had been little response to the limited survey sent out and felt that a direct contact to known Waler Studs would be required in order to develop a database.

Donna Whish-Wilson said that certain information could be accessed through the database.

The Committee determined that this matter be progressed by the incoming Committee.

Business Item 4: Baroque Festival

John Stewart recommended that any future sponsorship of the event by the WWSA should be significantly reduced from what was provided this year as Only two Walers were present and two WWSA members competed (himself and Claire). There were no horse displays and the event did not provide any significant exposure of the Waler horse to those in attendance.

There was some thought that we could get some heavy judges from there to be judges for Item 2 above.

Grantley moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the Committee to John and Claire for their attendance.

Committee Meeting Reports - Nov/Dec, Cont.

♦ **Business Item 5: Info package to membership for GM/AGM**

- Draft Minutes 2020 GM for endorsement
- Draft Agenda for 2021 GM
- Draft Minutes 2020 AGM for endorsement
- Draft Agenda for 2021 AGM
- Auditor report (for Annual Statement)
- Annual Committee member and other Annual Reports

♦ **Business Item 6: AGM**

- AGM Committee nominations received: All existing Committee members except Tara have nominated for their existing positions
- AGM Attendees: All current members have been sent the link for the Zoom meetings
- AGM Proxy votes received: None received

Any other Business: Grantley Chaplin recommended that the AGM should elect a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary due to the considerable work load in the Secretariat position. This would then require 3 or 5 OCMs to be elected. He further recommended that three (3) be agreed and asked the Committee to think who might be approached to consider standing as an OCM. Joanne advised she's been communicating with Alicia Quaife in WA and will approach her.

On closing the meeting, Grantley then thanked all Committee members for their support and contribution throughout the term.

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2021/2022 WWSA—Committee Introductions

PRESIDENT - Grantley Chaplin



Grantley is a former Agricultural Scientist who along with wife Velda, has been a member of the WWSA since the early days of the society. In that time he has held various committee positions such as President and Vice President and WWSA Studbook Keeper. He is also an accredited Waler horse classifier and is currently the WWSA Newsletter Editor.

Grantley and Velda acquired their first Waler in Tasmania in 1990 (Talara Aranda Lady W0129) ex of the Garden Station and started a Waler Stud there. Later, moving to Queensland, their Talara Waler Horse Stud grew to having three working stallions and ten brood mares that between them produced 63 Walers all of whom were registered.

Grantley has also been active in promotion of the Walers through participation in regional Agricultural Shows, the EKKA Horse Breeds Expo and at EQUITANA events in Melbourne and Sydney.

I am keen to see 'new blood' in the WWSA Committee and have decided that 2021-2022 will be my final term as a member of the WWSA committee.

Dr Grantley Chaplin PhD UNSW, MSc UPNG, BScAgr USYD

VICE PRESIDENT - John Stewart



My name is John Stewart and I live with my wife and my horses in Woodhill, Queensland, about 50 km south of Brisbane. I have been playing with horses for over 40 years and during that time have been involved in a wide variety of equestrian activities.

My two daughters went through the Pony Club system here and during that time I was involved in Pony Club committees as well as becoming a Pony Club accredited Show jump judge. My own horse activities included over 30 years as an active competitor in Endurance Riding, competing in rides in Queensland and NSW. Also during this time I was involved in the formation of an Endurance riding club locally known as 'The Big Country Endurance Riders'. I spent many years on various committee positions, including President.

My involvement with Walers commenced in 2005 and my involvement with WWSA soon after. I am also a member of the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop where together with my Waler, Talara Alpha Kildare, aka Gilbert (W0282), we showcased the Waler at many Anzac day parades in Brisbane city as well as many other ceremonial parades and displays.

SECRETARY - Annabelle Olsson



Annabelle is a veterinarian who lives in far north Queensland and owns a menagerie including two Walers, a couple of brumbies from Cape York, and a heritage stock horse whose roots go back to Waler foundations. It was therefore a natural progression to join the WWSA in 2013 and end up on the committee last year. Protecting our horse heritage is critical to who we are as a nation, and in 2022 Annabelle hopes to contribute meaningfully to protecting and preserving our magnificent breed, and increasing public awareness of its incredible nature and versatility across the vastly changing Australian landscape.

*Dr Annabelle Olsson PhD, BVSc, MSc, MANZCVS (Avian Med; Wildlife Med)
Principal veterinarian, Boongary Veterinary Services, Aeroglen QLD 4870*

2021/2022 WHSA—Committee Introductions

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Joanne Russell



We run a large scale lamb and beef farming enterprise in the New England/North West region of NSW. We have had Waler horses for 13 years and operate an active Waler stud called Grassbrook Walers, implementing both natural and AI breeding within our program. We are keen to contribute to the bloodstock of the society.

I've been involved with the WHSA since we first got our Walers and have been intermittently involved with committee and other voluntary positions within the society, to help contribute to the preservation of the breed.

Picture: Joanne sitting on a resting 4year old Waler, whilst getting kisses from 9year old Waler.

TREASURER - Lucy Henderson



Lucy Henderson lives with her husband on the SW slopes of the Snowy Mountains, breeding commercial Angus cattle and Waler horses.

My first Waler was Talara Aranda Belah (W0355) purchased from Talara Waler Horse Stud in 2006. She started my love affair with the Waler and I now have 6 Waler mares and a young Waler stallion.

I soon realised that owning a Waler and being a member of the WHSA was only part of my Waler responsibilities. The WHSA is wholly volunteer operated so I wanted to become involved and help the society in any way I could. I have been a member of the WHSA since 2006 and have held a range of committee positions over a number of years.

I look forward to helping the WHSA continue to grow and help secure the future for the Waler horse.

COMMITTEE MEMBER #1 - Donna Whish-Wilson (WHSA Studbook Keeper)



I have a Bachelor of Science & Masters degree, and have been a member of the WHSA since 1990. I have had horses all my life and became interested in the Waler after seeing a report of the efforts of Janet Lane & co to rescue horses from the Kimberley WA.

I acquired my first Waler around that time, and have bred, trained and shown Walers for over 30 years. I have participated in many different horse sports, and have enjoyed eventing for a very long time, but as I get older, I have become involved in more gentle horse sports, and am now competing in Cowboy Dressage.

I accepted the position of Studbook Keeper in January 2021, and enjoy the role very much. I hope to be able to help the members over the next 12 months registering their horses.

2021/2022 WHSA - Committee Introductions, Cont.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER #2 - Shannon Robertson



I am a current university student in Lismore where I am completing my Masters of Osteopathy, and plan to expand into Equine Osteopathy. I have been involved in Waler horses since we moved to my grandparent's farm, the home of Providence Waler's horse stud. From 9 years old I had eagerly aided in handling and training young stock. Throughout the past 12 years, this is something I have continued. Breeding and training young stock is something I am passionate about, and I particularly enjoy describing the trainability of Walers to other horse people.

At 15, I was lucky enough to receive my first Waler mare TruBlu Tapestry (W0722), falling in love with the Waler personality. Together we participated in pony club and horse shows. At 17, I purchased my second Waler, a weanling gelding Shy L'il Zeus (W1084), who will grow into my other ridden prospect in the next year. In the future, I plan to attend shows with my mare and gelding throughout NSW and advertise the breed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER #3 - Alicia Quaife



Originally from the east coast, I now reside in the small town of Manjimup in the South West of Western Australia with my Husband and 2 small boys. We live on a farm and have a small Waler Stud "StoneField Walers", cattle and a Persimmon orchard.

I am relatively new to breeding but have a wonderful network of knowledgeable people around me that are very supportive and generous with their time. I can't think of anything better than to continue on the legacy of the Beautiful and Iconic Australian Waler and hope that I can bring some new and exciting ideas to the committee over the next year.

Many Thanks for having me on the Waler Society Committee and I look forward to 2022 and all that it brings! Best wishes to all! Regards, Alicia

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2020-2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS DRAFT MINUTES

**Waler Horse Society of Australia Inc.
General Meeting (GM) via Zoom
4 December 2021 2.00 pm EDST**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Grantley Chaplin, Velda Chaplin, Barrie Newman, Lloyd Mildren, Michelle Robertson, Shannon Robertson, Joanne Russell, Donna Whish-Wilson, Alicia Quaiife, Liz Hodges, Tony Hodges, John Stewart, Lucy Henderson

Apologies: Yvonne Copeland, Geoff Copeland, Annabelle Olsson

Quorum: The Chairman (Grantley Chaplin) announced that there being seven WHSA members and six of the eight current WHSA Committee present, a Quorum was present.

Minute takers: Lucy Henderson, Michelle Robertson

Draft Minutes of the 2020 GM:

Motion: That the Minutes of 2020 GM distributed to the membership prior to the meeting be taken as read.

Moved - John Stewart

Seconded - Jo Russell

Result - Carried

General Business

Grantley Chaplin stressed a need to develop strategies to ensure sustainability of the Waler breed.

Barrie Newman commented that the WHSA Newsletter is an important tool which needs to go to all past members and to other breed societies.

Grantley Chaplin stated that as a society we need to be better known across a broad range of equine areas and also to develop strategies to encourage the general membership to become more involved. He also stressed the desirability for all registered Walers to have the Waler brand applied.

There being no other items of general business presented, the meeting was concluded.

General Meeting closed at 2.18 EDST

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2020-2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS, cont. DRAFT MINUTES

Waler Horse Society of Australia Inc. Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom 4 December 2021 2.19 pm EDST

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Grantley Chaplin, Velda Chaplin, Barrie Newman, Lloyd Mildren, Michelle Robertson, Shannon Robertson, Joanne Russell, Donna Whish-Wilson, Alicia Quaife, Liz Hodges, Tony Hodges, John Stewart, Lucy Henderson

Apologies: Yvonne Copeland, Geoff Copeland, Annabelle Olsson

Quorum: The Chairman (Grantley Chaplin) announced that there being seven WHSA members and six of the eight current WHSA Committee present, a Quorum was present.

Minute takers: Lucy Henderson, Michelle Robertson

Draft Minutes of the 2020 AGM:

Motion - That the minutes distributed to the membership prior to the meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved – John Stewart

Seconded – Lucy Henderson

Result - Carried

Reports

Patron report by Barrie Newman

Great to read the Reports prepared for this year's AGM. They show many positives for the ongoing activities of the Society and, despite the COVID restrictions imposed on us all over the past two years, there is much enthusiasm amongst the Committee and the WHSA membership, which augurs well for the future of our wonderful Walers.

Congratulations to our President and all the Committee for all that you are doing for our Society.

The use of ZOOM for meetings, including the AGM itself, has proved a valuable tool to get more of our membership involved in the activities of our Society. I have also enjoyed being able to be a participant from time to time, and I call on all members to take the opportunities to attend our general meetings when ZOOM is available to them.

Our Newsletters provide a wonderful snapshot of WHSA activities around Australia and our email mailings of this important tool should be widened to include all past members and all of us should be on the lookout to on-send the newsletters to our own families, friends and other known horse-lovers to broaden its readership and coverage.

I look forward to meeting with you and talking to you on Zoom at our forthcoming AGM.

Warmest regards to you all.

*CAPT Barrie M Newman RFD, ED (Retd)
Patron WHSA*

President Report by Grantley Chaplin

As for most Australian people and organizations, 2020/2021 has been an extraordinary time. For the WHSA, it has brought great restrictions on participation in our showing and competing with our Walers. It has also impacted on the workings of the WHSA committee and not the least on the scheduling of our Annual Meetings. Fortunately, our retiring Committee members have all done a wonderful job in their respective roles for which I want to move a vote of thanks and appreciation. Without an effective Committee, the WHSA would flounder and we must not ever let that happen.

The Waler breed is now 35 years old and during the past year, Velda and I prepared a document entitled "Development of the Waler Horse Breed – the First 35 Years" which traces the history and the prominent Walers that have contributed so far. The document will become available to the membership in the New Year.

2020-2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS, cont.

DRAFT MINUTES

President Report, Cont.

During 2021, the retiring Committee began to look at the issues that will confront the sustainability of the Waler breed during the next 35 years and beyond. This task will be handed to the incoming Committee to progress. Some potential projects have already been earmarked and include establishing a National Waler Gene Bank that will ensure semen from existing key stallions will be preserved.

Of course, while the incoming Committee will have the responsibility for driving this program, the future sustainability of the Waler breed also relies very significantly on the WHSA members and especially the WHSA Waler Studs to keep breeding and selling Walers in order to continue our basic role of promotion and preservation of the Waler horse breed.

In addition to the Committee of the Day, the WHSA has a number of other voluntary roles such as State Coordinator, Studbook Keeper, High Point Award Scorer and Horse Classifier and others. Officially, all such positions become vacant at the AGM and it is hoped that the present incumbents will be willing to continue on. However, for the last few years we have been unable to fill State Coordinator positions in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia and I would urge members in those States to consider nominating for this important role. The Roles and Responsibilities of State Coordinators can be obtained on request to mail@walerhorse.com and I would also add that an Expression of Interest for the role of a new Newsletter Editor would be welcomed.

In the expectation of our country getting back to something like normality in 2022, I want to wish all members a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes in the coming year.

Treasurer Report by Lucy Henderson

Now that a new committee has been selected and another year is ahead, it is time for all of us to focus on how we can help the WHSA succeed in its ambition "to promote the breeding and preservation of the Australian Waler horse breed for the Australian community"

The WHSA needs your help! This is a crucial time in its evolution, to keep growing and secure the future of the Waler the membership needs to be proactive, get involved and offer expertise. There are endless avenues in which you can participate, social media, newsletter development, show organisation, merchandise, fund raising, media, advertising and the list goes on.

Financially the society is sustainable if we just keep on the path of the past, but for the sake of the Waler breed and the future growth of the WHSA it is crucial new initiatives be devised and implemented, these will take money, time and volunteers. This is your opportunity as a WHSA member to lift to the occasion, please get involved, ask how you can help. Every single one of you has a talent that can be used in the society. This is your chance to guarantee the future of the Waler, "Australia's own".

I wish you all a happy and safe New Year and look forward to a truly great 2022 for all of us.

Studbook Keeper Report by Donna Whish-Wilson

I am pleased to advise that I have registered 30 horses across all categories in the 9 months since I took on the role of Studbook Keeper. It is a challenging and rewarding role, and in most instances I have found the members to be friendly and very nice to deal with.

Whilst the process may seem complicated and drawn out to some, it is important to maintain the integrity of the breed, and I believe the membership are happy to comply with this process in full knowledge that ultimately their horses are deserving of registration with the WHSA.

We hope to hold some classification days next year, as these have proven most successful in WA, and provide a chance for members to get together and get their horses registered. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

We are trying to compile a list of all active stallions, and collected semen so if any members can provide information, please email me at studbook@walerhorse.com

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Motion - That the Committee Reports be accepted

Moved - John Stewart

Seconded – Donna Whish-Wilson

Result – carried

2020-2021 ANNUAL MEETINGS

DRAFT MINUTES, Cont.

Motion – That the reports of State coordinators (NT, WA, TAS), Webpage Manager, High Point Award Keeper previously distributed to membership be accepted.

Moved – Joanne Russell
Seconded – John Stewart
Result – carried

Composition of new committee Executive Members: In addition to the normal composition of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, it was felt that the appointment of an Assistant Secretary was warranted to share the significant administrative load.

Motion – That an Assistant Secretary be appointed

Moved – Lucy Henderson
Seconded – Alicia Quaife
Result - carried

Determine the number of Ordinary Committee Members: Given that the Executive will consist of five members, the number of Ordinary Committee Members required has to be either three or five.

Motion- That three (3) Ordinary Committee Members be elected

Moved – Grantley Chaplin
Seconded – John Stewart
Result – carried

Election of office bearers: Grantley Chaplin stepped down as Chairman and handed Chairmanship of the meeting over to John Stewart who announced that all positions now fell vacant. He then announced receipt of nominations for election to the new Committee as follows:

President	Grantley Chaplin (GC)
Vice President	John Stewart (JS)
Secretary	Annabelle Olsson (AO)
Assistant Secretary	Joanne Russell (JR)
Treasurer	Lucy Henderson (LH)
Ordinary Committee Member	Lloyd Mildren (LM)
Ordinary Committee member	Donna Whish-Wilson (DWW)
Ordinary Committee member	Vacant

Two Ordinary Committee Member nominations were tabled from DWW and LM, and the Chairman then called for nominations from the floor for the third Ordinary Committee Member position. Two nominations were also received - from Shannon Robertson and Alicia Quaife. This the resulted in 4 nominations for the 3 vacancies, wherein LM withdrew his nomination, leaving 3 nominees for 3 positions thereby avoiding a vote to choose four nominees for three positions. The Chairman then announced the election results as follows:

Ordinary Committee Members declared elected – Donna Whish-Wilson, Alicia Quaife, Shannon Robertson
The New 5-member Committee Executive declared elected as listed above.

John Stewart then handed Chairmanship of the meeting back to Grantley Chaplin

Annual Statement – Auditor’s report previously circulated to the membership to be submitted by the Secretary to CAV.

Grantley Chaplin, President, thanked the outgoing Committee and welcomed to the new Committee with a special welcome to Alicia and Shannon and thank you to Barrie Newman our Patron.

Meeting closed at 2.45EDST

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Grassbrook Waler Stud Horses

Ridden by Willa Russell



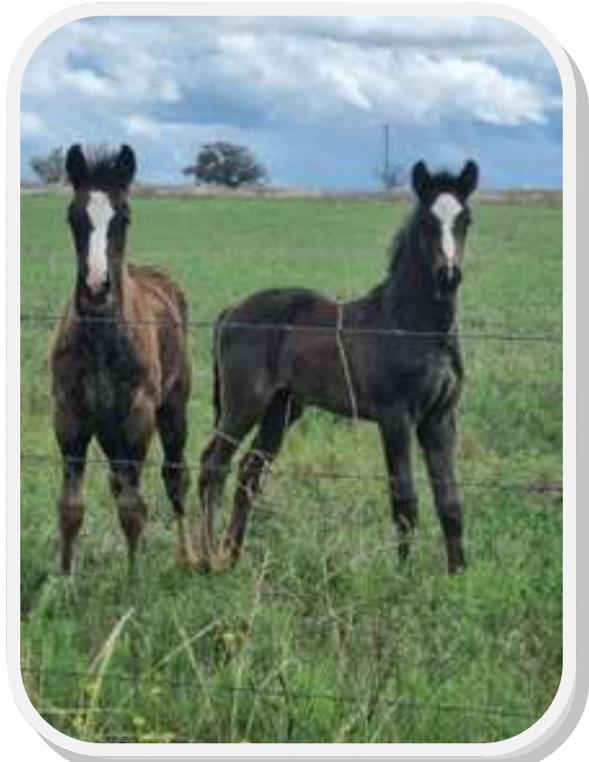
Grassbrook Osar Pirro (F1076)
Training



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Below: Grassbrook Totini (Pending)



Above left: Grassbrook Totini (Pending) and
Above right: Grassbrook Theodric (Pending)



The young horse mob in the dam

The WHSA Newsletter

The WHSA has produced regular Newsletters since its inception 35 years ago. The Newsletter is one of the official information organs of the WHSA and cannot be surpassed or replaced by other on-line platforms such as 'Havin a Waler of a time' found on Facebook (recently rebranded as "Meta").

The other official information outlets are:

- (i) the WHSA Website (www.walerhorse.com) which amongst other things has all the necessary downloadable forms for members and aspiring members to access.
- (ii) 'the Waler Horse Society' Facebook page.

It is important to note that the Committee of the Day endorses every issue of the Newsletter for its veracity and accuracy; it also oversees the content of the Webpage and WHSA administrators monitor the WHSA Facebook page.

The Newsletter is an ideal vehicle for members to share their news with all other current WHSA members who are spread right across the length and breadth of the country in its six States and two Territories. They are interested to learn all sorts of society and member news such as:

- * New members: please introduce yourselves with a story about who you are with photos of you and your horses;
- * Walers for sale: Pictures, pedigree and DOB, ability, price;
- * New season Waler foals: Pictures, pedigree etc.;
- * Activities: Showing, competition etc.;
- * Stallions at Stud: Pictures, pedigree etc.

We must not therefore let the Newsletter wane in its content or interest to members. However, the Newsletter's fate is in your hands so please consider what you can send.

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