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FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026

9.00am – 12noon	Equestrian District Judges Convenors Meeting
12.30pm – 2.30pm	Horse Stewards Council Executive Meeting
3.00pm – 5.00pm	RAS Management Team Meeting (Districts Reps. and the Executive)

6.00pm – 7.30pm	Pre – Conference catch-up - Canapes / Cash Bar Guest Speaker: Kerry Harmer Castle Ridge Station
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SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

9.00am – 9.10am	Welcome - RAS President Ben Burgess	
9.10am – 9.45am	Royal Show and Royal Events Reports from 2025.2026 host shows - Lex Peddie & Dyarne Robson (Canterbury A&P Assn) – Royal A&P Show host - Paul Vanner & Vicki Jagersma (Stratford A&P Assn) – Royal A&P Show host - Sophie Holst & Paul Vanner (Executive) – Poverty Bay Royal Event	
9.45am – 10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.15am – 12.15pm	‘Your Show’ – • Presentations (Website) Guest Speakers: - Annabel Roy (Upper Clutha A&P Soc.) – Communication & Marketing - Cindy Shanks (Central Otago A&P Assn.) – 2026 Golden Fleece host - Hannah Morrah (Hawkes Bay A&P Soc.) – Tomoana Showgrounds • Discussions/Workshops – <i>Thinking Outside the Square</i> - Catering for your community - Volunteers - How do we encourage more entries - Sponsorship Opportunities	
12.15pm to 1.10pm	Lunch	
1.10pm - 1.30pm	Rural Ambassador Speeches	
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Guest Speaker: Sophie Kirk – Halter	
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Outcome of the Morning Discussions/Workshop	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Guest Speaker: Hayden Phillips - Olympic Hockey Player	
4.15pm approx	The Day's Wrap-up	

Saturday 27 June 2026



Evening Programme

Attendees are encouraged to dress to the theme **"BLACK & WHITE" THEME**

6.00pm – 6.30pm **Pre–dinner drinks/Cash Bar**

6.30pm - 7.15pm **Dinner**

7.15pm – 7.30pm **Rural Ambassador Award Presentations**

7.30pm **QUIZ NIGHT - A Fun Night for all –**

you may learn something along the way!



SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026

8.30am **Equestrian Breed Meeting, followed by the
Equestrian Main Meeting**

9.30am **United Breeds Society (UBS) Meeting**
Conference feedback, Q and A - take-home messages

10.30am **Morning Tea**

11.00am **RAS Annual General Meeting**

11.45am approx. **Close of Conference**

Immediately following the close of Conference...

RAS Management Team Meeting – District Chairs and Managers

Wishing you a safe trip home

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Opening Speech by Ben Burgess, President of The Royal Agricultural Society of NZ

Good morning everyone, and welcome.

It is a real privilege to welcome you all to this year's Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Conference.

To our member A&P societies, district representatives, breed and kindred societies, judges, life members, sponsors, invited guests, and everyone who has travelled from around the country—thank you for being here.

Our annual conference is our opportunity each year for us to come together as one organisation. It allows us to step away from the busy show calendar, reflect on the season that's been, share ideas, tackle challenges, and plan for the future.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge the incredible people who make our movement possible. Across New Zealand, thousands of volunteers give their time freely to organise shows, steward competitions, maintain grounds, judge events, and welcome exhibitors and visitors through the gates. They don't do it for recognition—they do it because they believe in what agricultural shows represent. On behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society, thank you to every volunteer for the commitment and passion you continue to show.

The 2025–2026 season has again demonstrated the strength and resilience of our network. While many societies continue to face financial pressures, rising costs and changing expectations, what continues to impress me is the willingness of people to adapt, support one another, and find new opportunities. That spirit has always been one of the greatest strengths of our movement.

Agricultural shows remain incredibly important. They celebrate excellence in livestock, equestrian sport, home industries, horticulture and the many talents found within our rural communities. They also provide a bridge between rural and urban New Zealand, helping people understand where their food comes from and showcasing the innovation, dedication and pride that exists across our primary industries.

As President, I believe our responsibility is not only to protect the traditions we value but also to ensure the Society continues to evolve. We need to encourage younger generations into leadership, embrace new ideas, strengthen our governance, and make sure the Royal Agricultural Society continues to provide value and support to every affiliated organisation.

This conference gives us the opportunity to have those conversations. I encourage everyone to participate, ask questions, share your experiences and challenge us where needed. We all have the same goal—to leave this conference with a stronger Society and an even brighter future for agricultural showing in New Zealand.

Finally, I'd like to thank our Executive, Christine and Jill. Events like this don't happen without a great deal of planning and commitment, and I am very grateful for everything you've done.

Thank you all once again for your support of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand.

I wish you a successful, productive and enjoyable conference.

EQUESTRIAN BREEDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Sunday 28 June 2026 at 8.30am, Hotel Elms, Christchurch

ATTENDANCE:

Breed Delegates: Leigh Taylor (Chair/Side Saddle), Angela Henskes (NZ Pony Breeders), Nicky Hutchinson (NZ Riding Pony), Leeanne Morrison (Equestrian Pleasure), Sonia Waddell (SI Premier), Jaime Winter (Clydesdale), Bernadette Woffenden (Shetland).

Also, in attendance were:

Executive: Ben Burgess (President / UBS Chair), Sophie Holst (Vice-President), Hamish Grigg (Treasurer), Sophie Kirk, and Paul Vanner: RAS Head Office: Christine Roberts (Operations Manager), Jill Timms (Admin/Horowhenua).

Committees: Rick Croft (Measuring Convenor), Melissa Jebson (Hon.Life Member/Judge Convenor/Malvern), Maxine Mulligan (Hon.Life Member/ED Judge Convenor/Clean Sport Convenor), Alan Windle (HSCEX Chair/WD Judge Convenor)

Members: Shelly Birdsall (ED), Heather Brake (Rotorua), Sarah Butterick-Kent (Ashburton), John Fleet, Steph Gowing (Whangarei), Allan Grant (Wairarapa), Nicki Hamburger (Canterbury), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford/WD Manager), Alice Jones (Oxford), Greg Keyte (Waikato), Liz Maslin (Waikato), Chris Mason (ND Chair), Duncan McArthur (CD Council/Temuka Geraldine), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Morrinsville), Hannah Morrah (Hawkes Bay), Mel Morris (Northern), Pauline Pattullo (Banks Peninsula), Dyane Robson (Canterbury), Phillippa Sanders (CD Councillor/Blk & Col. Sheep/Mackenzie), Geoff Smith (RAS Past President/RA Judge), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Andrew Stokes (Beef Cattle Chair), Paddy Stronach (Duvauchelle), Sue Thomas (Hawkes Bay), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep), Jane Williams (Rotorua),

Rural Ambassador Finalists: Deana Barfoote (ND), Joanna Fowlie (MND), Elizabeth Graham (SD).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Paul Vanner – Executive Member	Warm welcome extended to delegates.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Leigh Taylor – Equestrian Breeds Chair	Welcome by the Chair to the 2026 Equestrian Breeds Annual General Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1		No apologies received from affiliated Breed Societies members.

4	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest was declared.

5	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
5.1	Confirmation of 29 June 2025 Equestrian Breeds Annual General Meeting Minutes.	Circulated in Agenda and tabled. Decision: THAT the Minutes of the 29 June 2025 Equestrian Breeds Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. Moved: L Taylor Seconded: B Woffenden CARRIED
5.2	Matters arising from Minutes	No matters arising.
5.3	General Business added to the Agenda	No further General Business was advised.

9	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
9.1	Equestrian Breeds Chairperson.	Mrs Leigh Taylor – 3-year term remains until 2027.
13	Close	Discussion - Action
		Meeting declared closed at 8.38am.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Equestrian Breeds Chairperson – Leigh Taylor

The 2025–2026 season has highlighted both the strength of breed participation within RAS equestrian events and the need for continued evolution in how equestrian governance and championships are structured.

Breed Sections

Breed Sections where held have continued to be well supported, often attracting stronger numbers and engagement than some RAS Open Showing classes. This reinforces the importance of breeds and kindreds to the overall vitality of equestrian competition at RAS events and demonstrates the strong loyalty exhibitors have to their respective societies.

RAS Showing Championships

The RAS Showing Championships, which were assembled at relatively short notice, appear to have been well received and successfully delivered. This is an encouraging outcome and reflects the commitment and goodwill across the equestrian community to support RAS initiatives.

It is hoped that the RAS Showing Championships will become a permanent fixture on the calendar. Looking ahead, I would hope for the Championships to incorporate Breed and Kindred Sections and to evolve along the lines of a Royal Equestrian Event, where all equestrian breeds and kindreds are offered the opportunity to be represented. Such an approach would recognise the significant contribution of breeds and kindreds to participation and engagement, while strengthening pathways for exhibitors at all levels.

Governance and Structural Considerations

The motion to transition the role of Equestrian Breed Chair from the United Breeds Executive (UBE) to the Horse Stewards Council Executive (HSCE) has been withdrawn. While the motion did not proceed, it has provided a valuable opportunity to revisit and thoughtfully discuss the original intent and reasoning behind the current governance structure. I acknowledge that this matter would have benefited from broader engagement earlier in the process and apologise for not socialising the intention more widely prior to submission, noting the time pressures that existed around the deadline.

At present, the Equestrian Breed Chair sits within the UBE alongside dairy, beef, sheep, and united breed representatives (including pigs, goats, alpacas, etc.). In contrast, the HSCE is responsible for making recommendations to the RAS Executive on all equestrian matters.

The RAS Rule Book already functions as the default authority where a breed or kindred does not have a specific ruling. This is clearly articulated in **ER 6**, which states:

“Affiliated Breed and Kindred Societies’ rules cannot contradict or compromise the classes or events covered by these rules.”

In this context, situating the Equestrian Breed Chair within equestrian-focused governance structures appears logical and aligned with operational realities.

Looking Forward

We cannot continue to do the same things we have always done and expect different outcomes, and it is important that we remain responsive to the changing equestrian landscape. A key focus moving forward should be continuing to support A&P Shows to deliver equestrian events that align with their local demographics and resources, while also maintaining a clear and positive pathway through to the RAS Showing Championships as the pinnacle event. It is essential that this support is provided in a collaborative and flexible manner, ensuring shows feel guided and supported rather than directed, and that strong relationships are maintained across all levels of the equestrian community.

6.2 Affiliated Breed Societies

6.2.1 Clydesdale Horse Society – Gareth Pryce (President)

The Clydesdale Horse Society membership remains stable. The Society established the New Zealand Clydesdale Championships four years ago, which is hosted North Island and South Island year about at an established A&P show in an attempt to increase numbers exhibiting. This has proven to be successful with numbers of Clydesdales attending typically increasing fivefold and the supreme Champion being awarded a Society Gold Medal. The Society has also implemented show preparation and show etiquette days to encourage new members to participate at their local A&P Show. It has been rewarding to support enthusiastic members and in Auckland they have been lifting the bar with hospitality, engaging with public, and expanding classes with up to 20 Clydesdales in a class. Barrel racing Clydesdales has been popular with exhibitors and spectators.

Of greatest concern for our breed, is the decline in the number of horses being bred each year, when demand for registered Clydesdales is very high.

The Clydesdale, first introduced in 1842, was the horse that helped build our nation. It is now under pressure, not only from people's limited time, land and money, but from other breeds. 50 years ago, the Clydesdale was virtually the only draft horse breed remaining in New Zealand. Now people can choose from Shires, Gypsy Cobs (Introduced 2005), Gypsy Vanner (Introduced 2004) and Drum Horses (Introduced recently). Not only do these breeds compete with the Clydesdale for people's resources, but are also taking registered Clydesdale horses out of our gene pool with being used for appendix breeding.

The Rare Breeds Conservation Society of New Zealand and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (UK) lists the Clydesdale horse as a rare breed. As a breed society, we have been actively encouraging our members to breed, register, and show their Clydesdale horses to keep our wonderful breed alive.

6.2.2 Connemara Pony Society of NZ – No report received.

6.2.3 Donkey and Mule Society of NZ – Andrea Thomson (President)

The Donkey & Mule Society of NZ was established in 1974 as the Donkey Society of NZ and the Register was set up at that very same time as the founding members were aware of the importance of registration.

Our society has one of the best donkey and mule registers in the world having a sound basis and great detail and strong compliance from members. There are currently 5,665 Donkeys and mule registered with the Donkey & Mule Society of NZ. This includes part bred donkeys and mules and the following pure breeds; American Miniature Mediterranean Donkeys, English/Irish Donkeys, Australian Teamster Donkeys, Ponui Island Donkeys and American Mammoth Donkeys.

The strongest showing area this season was in the wider Auckland area. The donkeys shown were all AMMD (American Miniature Mediterranean) There was only one show in the lower North Island which was a Donkey & Mule Society show. The Canterbury area is reasonably healthy and a keen group showed mules and donkeys in Southland. The standard of the donkeys and mule shown was high.

Most members of the Society have donkeys as companion animals and do not show.

The number of studs has reduced greatly in the last few years. There is only one American Mammoth stud which is located near Milton. The founding Mammoth Stud in the Waikato was disbanded three years ago and nearly all the donkeys were exported to Australia. There are four English/Irish Studs remaining and they are all in the South Island. The AMMD are the most active breeding group and a good number of studs are found in both islands. The quality of these donkeys is high as we were fortunate that the breeders who imported stock were discerning when they selected donkeys to import mainly from the USA.

There are few driven donkeys today, whereas some years ago it was a well-supported activity of donkey owners, and donkeys competed at NZCDS competitions and A & Ps with distinction.

The society has 150 members and although we lose some members every year, new members join during the year to make up the deficit so the membership is holding steady.

6.2.4 Irish Draught Horse Society of NZ – Helena McLeod Nevin (President)

The IDHSNZ had another great year with its hardworking committee, new members, new horse registrations and some great promoting of our breed. We are still very glad to be affiliated to the RAS

and to have our breed classes showcased at the Royal A&P Shows and Royal Equestrian Events. We look forward to next season.

6.2.5 Morgan Horse Association of NZ - No report received.

6.2.6 National Miniature Horse Society of NZ – No report received.

6.2.7 NZ Arabian Horse Society – No report received.

6.2.8 NZ Golden Horse Society – No report received.

6.2.9 NZ Gypsy Cob Association - Sarah Carter Hall (President)

We are all well into Autumn which is both a stunning and tricky time as a horse owner. I don't know about your horses; but the bursts of grass growth have mine behaving like lunatics! Hot tip if you are interested, I have found a weekly dose of Oral mag; which lifts magnesium blood levels for up to 10 days, has been a huge help for my horses to feel better mentally.

First of all, a huge thankyou to our NZGCA Committee members. Everyone on the team is a volunteer and their effort is incredibly valued. Amidst their already busy lives they put hours of work into the Association to help ensure we can meet our primary goal of protecting and promoting these beautiful horses; our Gypsy Cobs and Drums. Thankyou also to our members, for being part of and supporting the NZGCA. It's wonderful to be part of a group of people so interested, dedicated and passionate about our horses. Thank you all for the different ways you are part of the NZGCA; registering your horses, coming to shows, sharing information or advice, engaging in discussions, posting photos and activities with your horses and more. You are all very appreciated.

2025/26, has not been an easy one for many of us. The NZ economy is struggling, and this has impacted on many of us in our day to day lives, and in future planning. In many ways, including being a horse owner, it has become harder to meet our goals. The NZGCA Committee are very aware of this situation and are tending to our work in a way that reflects this understanding. Keeping our services, assistance and events at a reasonable cost has always been our goal and will remain that way in order to reduce pressure on our members.

Our Association continues to grow with an increase in registered Purebreds Gypsy Cobs, Partbred Gypsy cobs and Drum horses. Membership numbers are down this year from last year by 8%; which is not surprising given the current economy. We hope to maintain our current members, and attract new members, by ensuring we are running the Association responsibly and effectively. We also want to continue to provide ways for interaction such as our North and South Island shows, encouraging fun social media engagement, opening discussion on various topics and seeking your feedback on preferred options regarding a variety of initiatives.

An example of seeking members feedback to inform decisions occurred recently when we asked for input about how the 2026 South Island show should be run - as a stand-alone show or joined in with a larger show. This feedback helped us make the decision to join the Rangiora show in Christchurch this October - getting everything in place for this show is well underway and we hope it will be a fun and successful event. The South Island show (8th Nov 25) and North Island show (21/22 Feb 26) were both successful and well-run shows. With the cancellation of HOY; we added a fun games day to the North Island show to try and create a more significant event to look forward to. Huge appreciation again to our sponsors for these shows - their generosity made these shows not only more enjoyable, but possible. The photos from both shows were just stunning, with horses adorned in rugs, garlands and ribbons. While these shows were wonderful, unfortunately attendance was low at both. This has an impact on the sustainability of running these shows. It is for this reason the idea of joining the 2026 South Island show with a larger show came about. We remain open to the idea of running stand-alone shows again; but we are also committed to being flexible with our approach according to the different circumstances presented.

Financially, the NZGCA accounts are in good order. Thank you to Annika, our treasurer who does an excellent job of managing this. Please refer to the financial report for detailed information on our finances. Our finances are managed through Xero which has made for a more streamlined process and a clearer outlay of information. To provide a little background on how accounts are managed, to improve clarity, the Association ensures that separate bank accounts are used for operating and reserve funds (such as the term deposit). For optimum security, our bank accounts require two designated people to authorise payments. As part of meeting the new constitution requirements in relation to managing finances, the NZGCA has also employed the services of Candy Gillespie accountants (Matamata) to

finalise our end of year accounts. Often accountancy firms would prefer not to look after clients only needing this annual service, so we really appreciate this firm for taking us on. We have some seriously big undertakings now behind us; especially the adaptation and updating of the NZGCA constitution. This task was enormous and required by NZ law to ensure our Association could continue. The time spent on this by Tracy Wilde and Annika Jackson was both impressive and greatly appreciated. Next up on our big jobs to do list is assessing and updating the NZGCA handbook; we hope you enjoy the new and improved model coming soon! We also have our registrar database requiring a revamp which will be an involved process. We are aiming for a more user-friendly approach to registering your horses, finding relevant information and updating records. Thank you again for your time and with warm regards.

6.2.10 NZ Miniature Horse Society - No report received.

6.2.11 NZ Pinto Horse Society – Julie Pascoe (Secretary)

The New Zealand Pinto Horse Society continues to go from strength to strength each year, with a steady increase in horse registrations.

We extend our sincere thanks to all A&P shows that include Pinto classes in their schedules. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and we hope that our ongoing sponsorship contributes in some way to the successful running of these events. We are pleased to see a good spread of shows featuring Pinto classes throughout New Zealand. If there are any additional A&P shows interested in introducing a Pinto section, we would be very happy to offer sponsorship support.

Unfortunately, Horse of the Year was cancelled this season; however, we remain hopeful that the event will return stronger than ever next year.

During the season, we successfully held two NZ Pinto Horse Society shows—one in the North Island and one in the South Island. Both events were well supported by our members and proved to be enjoyable and successful shows.

Finally, we would like to thank the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) for their continued support of our Society.

6.2.12 NZ Shetland Pony Breeders – Bernadette Woffenden (President)

I would like to acknowledge the hard working and supportive RAS committee members. They give many hours of their voluntary time to further the society and complete the many administrative duties involved in each of their roles. The NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society value and appreciate each of you and your significant support and guidance that you extend to us whenever we reach out.

Entries in NZSPBS Sections have been small across the country at all shows but most have been supported. I think Nelson A&P was the only one that I am aware had no Shetland entries. Due to the loss of a long held show secretary in South Canterbury, several shows have changed their format where a traditional Shetland section has not been run but hopefully in time and with support from those affected by this, it can change. Many of our members have expressed concern that there are less shows available for them to attend which run the traditional and preferred format.

A reminder that shows can apply to our society for ribbon sponsorship if they run their Shetland Section under NZSPBS and RAS guidelines. Contact Lesley Lewis our Secretary and she had the guidelines readily available. Every year these are shared to shows throughout New Zealand and with the RAS along with judging guidelines to support judges not familiar or confident with the breed characteristics and qualities. Last year we reminded shows that we are happy to check registration for any Shetland Pony entries at their event, to ensure they meet NZSPBS and RAS guidelines for the Shetland Pony Section. We are pleased to report that several shows took us up on our offer in both Islands. We will continue to offer this. Any ribbon sponsorship for a Shetland Pony section is also available upon an application to our NZSPBS Committee Secretary.

Thank you for the continued Support and representation of our Shetland Pony Breed society.

6.2.13 NZ Standardbred Breeders Association – Brad Reid (EM)

1. Acknowledgement of Resignation and Transition

After approximately eleven years in the Standardbred Showing role, Julie DeFilippi tendered her resignation, effective 31 March 2026. The NZSBA wishes to acknowledge the significant contribution Julie has made over more than a decade. The Passport system, the relationships built with the RAS and

affiliated shows, and the year-on-year administrative effort behind keeping Standardbred sections running across the country represent a substantial body of work that has provided the foundation the breed section now stands on.

Regrettably, the working relationship has not concluded on terms that either party would have preferred, and we acknowledge that openly. None of that diminishes the contribution Julie has made, and we extend our sincere thanks for her service to the breed and to the showing community.

Looking forward, identifying a suitable replacement in the very near future remains a priority so that we can provide certainty to the two riding affiliates — the North Island Standardbred Association (NISA) and the New Zealand Standardbred Riding Association (NZSRA) — and to competitors heading into the new season. In parallel, we are actively consulting with both affiliates and their members to shape a clearer path forward. The focus of those conversations is on greater consultation, lowering barriers to entry, lifting participation, and ultimately evolving the breed section from the foundations and platform Julie has established over the past decade.

Actions already taken include establishing showing@thebreeders.co.nz as the central point of contact, commencing development of a dedicated website, and initiating direct engagement with NISA and NZSRA on registration, results recording, and show entry processes. Names have already been put forward as potential successors, and a joint meeting with both affiliates has been scheduled to work through the outstanding questions before the season opens.

2. Regional Overview of HOY-Qualifying Shows

The following is a regional breakdown of shows conducting Horse of the Year (HOY)-qualifying Standardbred sections for the 2025/2026 season:

- Northern: 5 Mid Northern: 6 Western: 4 Eastern: 4 Central: 15 Southern: 8

At the time of writing, the Horse of the Year Show (HOY) has been cancelled. It remains uncertain whether the event will proceed in future seasons. This uncertainty has added to the broader challenges currently facing the show sector.

In conjunction with Harness Racing New Zealand — who had sponsored the ridden section at HOY — we ran the Standardbred Inhand Showing Award as an initiative to repurpose the funds refunded following HOY's cancellation. The award operated as a high-points competition across eligible RAS shows and affiliated shows where a Standardbred passport was required, running from 1 August 2025 through to 12 April 2026. Points were awarded across Open Inhand classes (Open Standardbred 158cm and under, Open Standardbred over 158cm, and Best Mare/Filly or Best Colt/Gelding/Stallion), with placings earning between 2 and 5 points, Champion attracting a 10-point bonus, and Reserve Champion a 5-point bonus. Each competitor's top five show results counted toward their total, with clear tie-break provisions based on Champion wins and total competitors faced.

While we appreciate that high-points competitions are best communicated at the beginning of any season, we felt this was a meaningful way to recognise and reward those who had competed throughout the year despite the disruption to the calendar. Feedback landed somewhere in the middle relative to understanding the circumstances behind the initiative, and on balance it is something we are likely to continue into the 2026/27 season.

3. Entry Numbers and Participation

Across the wider show rings, entry numbers are currently very low. While Standardbred breed sections are comparatively maintaining their numbers, they remain significantly reduced compared with previous years.

Cost-of-living pressures are frequently cited as a contributing factor and are undoubtedly having an impact. However, feedback from competitors indicates that additional factors are influencing reduced participation among Standardbred exhibitors.

4. Passport System and Microchip Verification

Outgoing representative's observations:

There continues to be pushback, particularly within the North Island, regarding the Passport system. With the removal of brands and the implementation of microchips, clarification is required around verification processes.

Key concerns include:

- If all shows are supplied with scanners, who will be responsible for scanning and verifying horses?
- Will those individuals be required to download and use the appropriate application to confirm that a microchip is registered with Harness Racing New Zealand?

It is not sufficient for a horse to be scanned and confirmed as merely “having a chip” without verification that the microchip corresponds to an HRNZ registered Standardbred. The potential for incorrect identification or misuse exists.

Most stewards are volunteers with limited breed-specific knowledge. Clear guidance is required regarding their responsibilities and the correct procedures to follow. Standardbreds represent a small breed section within the showing sector, and many shows may prefer to discontinue the section rather than purchase a scanner solely for this purpose — let alone provide and train personnel at each show to undertake scanning and verification.

NZSBA position:

We acknowledge the concerns above and recognise that verification is a genuine consideration for the breed section’s integrity. At the same time, we are actively consulting with NISA, NZSRA, and their members to find a workable outcome that doesn’t place an unreasonable burden on volunteer-run shows or on competitors.

Our starting position is that the current passport production timeline of approximately six weeks, combined with the cost and logistics of vet verification, has become a barrier to entry — particularly for casual competitors and those at the local-show level. We are exploring options including a simplified registration card, digital verification (a PDF held on a phone), and a central searchable register that affiliates, shows, and the RAS can reference. Any change will be shaped by the affiliates and their members, with the RAS brought into the conversation once we have agreed on the conditions and pathways forward.

5. Branding Discontinuation and Community Sentiment

Outgoing representative’s observations:

While discussion continues around Passports, they do not appear to be the primary cause of declining entries. Feedback suggests that concerns are largely raised by a small number of individuals, while most competitors understand that Passports function as breed registration and are provided at no cost. However, there remains strong dissatisfaction within the community regarding the discontinuation of branding. This change may have unintended long-term consequences for identification, rehoming, and Life After Racing initiatives. Many owners valued the visibility and recognition branding provided, particularly in the show environment.

NZSBA position:

We recognise the community sentiment around the loss of branding and the genuine concerns this raises around identification, particularly in a Life After Racing context. Realistically, however, brands are not coming back any time soon, and our role as HRNZ’s partner in breeding is to work within that reality rather than against it.

Our position going forward is to continue working with the riding associations, shows, and competitors to ensure access to microchip scanners and to establish a system of identification that is easy, accessible, and fit-for-purpose across all levels of competition. The objective is a verification model that protects the integrity of the breed section without creating administrative or financial barriers that push competitors away from the ring.

6. Pukekohe Show and Show-Level Inclusivity

Outgoing representative’s observations:

The Pukekohe Show elected to run Standardbreds as the only breed with both a RAS section and a separate “Local Conditions” section, the latter operating without Passports. Despite objections and a recommendation to deny sponsorship, this structure proceeded.

This approach was viewed by the outgoing representative as undermining the work undertaken to implement the Passport system, which was designed to ensure that only purebred Standardbreds are eligible for the Standardbred section and to prevent partbreds from entering those classes. The decision proceeded with HRNZ sponsorship support, creating concern among competitors, particularly where sponsored classes have permitted horses to trot or pace. Many exhibitors have invested significant time producing Standardbreds suitable for the show ring in accordance with RAS recommendations, where pacing is not acceptable.

NZSBA position:

We appreciate the perspective above and acknowledge that pacing in the show ring is not considered acceptable at the RAS level. That standard has been built over time and is one we continue to respect at the formal end of the showing calendar.

That said, our position going forward will be to support greater inclusivity at shows of this nature and to provide broader opportunities for competitors and organisers who are keen to promote the Standardbred as a viable life-after-racing and showing proposition. The integrity of RAS-level competition can be protected without requiring every show on the calendar to apply the same standard. Local-conditions classes, lower-level shows, and casual entry opportunities have a legitimate place in growing the breed's profile and in introducing new owners and competitors to the ring — and we would rather have those people in the sport than locked out of it.

Our intention is to work with NISA, NZSRA, the shows, and the RAS to clearly delineate what applies at each level, so that competitors, organisers, and sponsors all know where they stand.

7. Acknowledgement

On behalf of Julie DeFilippi, we acknowledge and sincerely thank John Mooney for the help and support provided to her over the years in this role.

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to Harness Racing New Zealand for their ongoing financial support of the Standardbred Showing portfolio, and to Natalie Gameson in particular for the guidance and counsel she continues to provide as we work through this transition. That support is genuinely valued and underpins much of what we are able to deliver.

6.2.14 Welsh Pony and Cob Society – Society advised that there was no report this year

EQUESTRIAN (MAIN) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Sunday 28 June 2026 at 8.39am, Hotel Elms, Christchurch

ATTENDANCE:

Executive: Ben Burgess (President / UBS Chair), Sophie Holst (Vice-President), Hamish Grigg (Treasurer), Sophie Kirk, and Paul Vanner: RAS Head Office: Christine Roberts (Operations Manager), Jill Timms (Admin/Horowhenua).

Committees: Alan Windle (HSCEX Chair/WD Judge Convenor), Rick Croft (Measuring Convenor), Melissa Jebson (Hon.Life Member/Judge Conv./Malvern), Maxine Mulligan (Hon.Life Member/ED Judge Convenor/Clean Sport Convenor).

Members: Shelly Birdsall (ED), Heather Brake (Rotorua), Sarah Butterick-Kent (Ashburton), John Fleet, Steph Gowing (Whangarei), Allan Grant (Wairarapa), Nicki Hamburger (Canterbury), Angela Henskes (NZ Pony Breeders), Nicky Hutchinson (NZ Riding Pony), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford/WD Manager), Alice Jones (Oxford), Greg Keyte (Waikato), Leigh Taylor (Chair/Side Saddle), Liz Maslin (Waikato), Chris Mason (ND Chair), Duncan McArthur (CD Council/Temuka Geraldine), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Morrinsville), Hannah Morrah (Hawkes Bay), Mel Morris (Northern), Leeanne Morrison (Equestrian Pleasure), Pauline Pattullo (Banks Peninsula), Dyanne Robson (Canterbury), Phillippa Sanders (CD Councillor/Blk & Col. Sheep/Mackenzie), Geoff Smith (RAS Past President/RA Judge), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Andrew Stokes (Beef Cattle Chair), Paddy Stronach (Duvauchelle), Sue Thomas (Hawkes Bay), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep), Sonia Waddell (SI Premier), Jane Williams (Rotorua), Jaime Winter (Clydesdale), Bernadette Woffenden (Shetland).

Rural Ambassador Finalists: Deana Barfoote (ND), Joanna Fowle (MND), Elizabeth Graham (SD).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Paul Vanner - Executive	Welcome extended again to delegates attending this meeting.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Alan Windle – Equestrian Horse Council Executive Chair	Welcome from the Chair, who opened the 2026 Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meeting at 8.39am. The Chair thanked everyone for their support and confidence in voting him back in to the role.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1	Dawn Kennedy (SD Judge Co-Convenor), Rebecca Stewart (Malvern), Katrina Lau-Guild (Eq Judge), Annabel Hampton (Mackenzie), Cara O'Connor (MND Judge Convenor), Janice Mitchell (SD Judge Co-Convenor), Lou Tait (SI Premier).	Decision: THAT the apologies as noted in 3.1 be received. Moved: M Mulligan Seconded: L Taylor CARRIED

4	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.

5	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
5.1	Confirmation of 29 June 2025 Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meeting Minutes	Circulated in Agenda and tabled. Decision: THAT the Minutes of the 29 June 2025 Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

		Moved: M Jebson Seconded: N Hutchinson CARRIED
5.2	Matters arising from Minutes (not on Agenda)	No matters arising.
5.3	General Business added to the Agenda	No further General Business was tabled.

6	Reports	Discussion - Action
		Circulated in Agenda, and tabled at meeting – see pages 21-31
6.1	Horse Stewards Council Chair	Decision: THAT the Horse Stewards Council Chairperson's 2025.2026 Annual Report, as circulated and tabled, be received. Moved: A Windle Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
6.2	Affiliated Equestrian Societies 6.2.1 NZ Carriage Driving Society 6.2.2 NZ Equestrian Pleasure Soc. 6.2.3 NZ Riding Pony Society 6.2.4 NZ Side Saddle Association 6.2.5 Pony Breeders Society of NZ	Affiliated Societies delegates were all asked for a written report Decision: THAT the affiliated Equestrian Societies tabled reports be received. Moved: L Taylor Seconded: L Morrison CARRIED
6.3	Districts Horse Stewards Chairperson's Reports 6.3.1 Northern – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.3.2 Mid Northern 6.3.3 Eastern – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.3.4 Western – <i>No separate Chair</i> 6.3.5 Central 6.3.6 Southern	Decision: THAT the Mid-Northern, Central, and Southern Districts Horse Stewards Chairperson's Annual Reports as tabled be received. Moved: H Grigg Seconded: M Jebson CARRIED
6.4	Clean Sport - National Clean Sport Convenor – Maxine Mulligan	Decision: THAT the National Clean Sport Convenor's report as tabled, be received. Moved: M Mulligan Seconded: S Thomas CARRIED
6.5	Equine Health – Cara O'Connor	Decision: THAT the Equine Health Representative's Annual report as tabled, be received. Moved: M Jebson Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
6.6	RASNZ Showing Championships 2026 – Convening Committee	Decision: THAT the RASNZ Showing Championships 2026 report as tabled be received. Moved: M Mulligan Seconded: L Morrison CARRIED
	RASNZ Showing Titles Championship Show 2027	Maxine Mulligan – Advised that the RASNZ Showing Titles Championship Show will be convened in the first week of March 2027. Venue will be the Tomoana Showgrounds. Affiliated

		Breeds will be asked to join us during the week. Hopefully a couple of other disciplines will run adjacent to our event. Further details will be forwarded as they are finalised. Note: Show Schedules will not be checked by Head Office for the 2026.2027 show season. Qualification for entering the 2027 Championships will be the same qualification as previous HOY Shows, ie placings in the respective section at an RAS affiliated Show/Event that they will be entering in at the Championships; plus Competitors must enter and compete in at least 3 RAS affiliated Shows/Events to gain their attendance qualification. Geoff Smith – commended and congratulated the 2026 Showing Championships committee for convening a very successful 2026 Showing Championships. A positive step for the organisation going forward.
6.7	Judges	
	6.7.1 National Judges Convenor - Melissa Jebson	Decision: THAT the National Judges Convenor's Annual report as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson Seconded: S Waddell CARRIED
	6.7.2 Districts Judge Convenors	
	6.7.2.a Northern – M Jebson (Acting) 6.7.2.b Mid-Northern - M Jebson (Acting) 6.7.2.c Eastern – Maxine Mulligan 6.7.2.d Western – Alan Windle 6.7.2.e Central – Melissa Jebson 6.7.2.f Southern – Dawn Kennedy & Janice Mitchell (Co-Convenors)	Decision: THAT the Districts Judge Convenor's Annual reports as tabled be received.
		Moved: M Jebson Seconded: S Waddell CARRIED
6.8	Measuring - National Measuring Convenor – Rick Croft	Decision: THAT the National Measuring Convenor's Annual report as tabled be received.
		Moved: R Croft Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
6.9	Youth Equestrian Team	No Tri-Nation's Equestrian Youth Team Event took place in 2025.2026. Melissa Jebson – no response has been received from England, and Australia's format has changed with selecting their team. Melissa will follow-up again with both countries.

7	Personnel	Discussion - Action
7.1	Clean Sport	
	7.1.1 Stewards	RAS Executive review's any recommendations on a case-by-case basis.
7.2	Judges	Names of New/Upgraded Judges, and new Tutor Judges

		tabled, as follows...
	7.2.1 Northern	Working Hunter/Hunter Jumping: John Fleet
	7.2.2 Mid-Northern	Tutor: Cara O'Connor: Grade 2-1 – Natacha Otto; Grade 3-2: Louellen Davies.
	7.2.3 Eastern	No additions or upgrades for ratification.
	7.2.4 Western	Grade 3: Kevin O'Hara
	7.2.5 Central	Grade 3WT: Sonia Waddell
	7.2.6 Southern	Tutor Judge: Kristine Russell; Grade 3WT: Rob Hall
		Decision: THAT the above names and their Grades as noted be acknowledged and ratified.
		Moved: M Jebson Seconded: S Thomas CARRIED
7.3	Measuring	Rick Croft - Measuring Seminars were held over 3 days in early June via ZOOM. All Measuring Stewards must attend a Seminar at least once in every two years. Witnesses and Writers are encourage to attend these seminars too, to keep up-to-date.
	7.3.1 Measuring Inspectors	RAS Executive will review the District's nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.
	7.3.2 Measuring Stewards	RAS Executive will review the District's nominations, and anything resulting from conference, at their next meeting.

8	Fees and Levies	Discussion - Action
8.1	Equestrian Levies	Equestrian Levies collected for 2024.2025 Show season tabled – see page 32. Payments received since the Agenda included – - Masterton: 2025.2025 and 2025.2026. Those Shows yet to pay their levies have been followed up many times. Districts and delegates present were asked to follow up with their respective Associations/Societies with their outstanding levies.

9	Correspondence	Discussion - Action
9.1	Wairarapa A&P Society	Payment to RAS Showing Judges. Decision: THAT as all Associations/Societies are different as to what they can offer Judges who adjudicate at their show, that we cannot tie anyone to a fixed financial amount.
		Moved: M Mulligan Seconded: N Hutchinson CARRIED

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10	General Business	Discussion - Action
10.1	Equestrian Remits Results – #3 to #12	Results of Equestrian Remits were announced - all voting forms were counted by a Government Electorate Office Manager.
Remit		
3.	GR 6: Abuse of Exhibits (Lunging)	48 FOR / 12 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
4.	EEFS/J/ER: Judges Adjudicating Breed Sections	58 FOR / 3 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
5.	CDE: Novice Classifications – include Overseas RAS Shows	59 FOR / 2 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
6.	GR 9: Riders Under 17years to wear Short Riding Boots	32 FOR / 29 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - PASSED
7.	GR 9: Riders on Ponies to wear Short Riding Books.	37 FOR / 23 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - PASSED
8.	MSS: Adult Rider – Remove Novice Rider Class	39 FOR / 22 AGAINST / 2 ABSTAINED - PASSED
9.	MSS: Adult Rider Class – Age Amendment / Remove Novice Class	13 FOR / 47 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - FAILED
10.	MSS: Junior Rider – Remove Novice Rider Class	22 FOR / 39 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - FAILED
11.	Equestrian Levy – ESNZ Classes Exempt	28 FOR / 32 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - FAILED
12.	MSS: Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter – Combine Novice classes	13 FOR / 40 AGAINST / 3 ABSTAINED - FAILED
		One Voting Form - INVALID
		Leigh Taylor – spoke to Remit 6 that Under 17yr riders on horses wearing short boots are going to look stupid. Cannot this vote be over-ruled. Response – any change to this new rule needs to be via the Remit process in 2027.
10.2	Animal Welfare	Some Judges have voiced their concern of some horses/ponies health and safety conditions being shown in the ring, with some even been awarded. Discussion took place, comments noted included... - Need to be careful as all animal sports are currently being looked at by MPI. - Need clear guidelines. - Clydesdale Society is currently looking at guidelines for

		their Society, and will be enforcing them. - A Condition score for breed section animals may help. - Concern is also being expressed in other sections at Shows eg, cattle, poultry etc. - Judges are awarding entries when they should not be awarded. - Equine Health Welfare and Ethics – guidelines can be used as a template.
10.3	General	The Chair gave an overview on two sections that delegates need to take back to their associations/societies for further discussion, for the benefit of showing going forward. First Ridden Section – see page 34 Galloways – see page 34

11	Election of Officers	Discussion - Action
		Any nominations go through to the Annual General Meeting.
	11.1.1 Chairperson	Alan Windle – term remains until 2028.
	11.1.2 National Clean Sport Convenor	Maxine Mulligan – term remains until 2028
	11.1.3 National Judges Convenor	Melissa Jebson – term remains until 2028
	11.1.4 National Measuring Convenor	Mr Rick Croft – term remains current until 2027.

12	Close	Discussion - Action
		The Chair thanked all for attending.
		Meeting declared closed at 9.38am.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Horse Stewards Chairperson's Report – Alan Windle

Well after an absence I have returned into the Chair and I thank all for your support.

I certainly hope to make the HSC more accessible to all. I have already seen that all District managers are advised when HSC meetings are happening and hopefully they are filtering this out to all the shows in their Districts?

The HSC is always available to all and by advising when we meet welcome any topics and queries, and scenarios pertaining to the council to be tabled and discussed.

At the Conference Equestrian meeting I will be speaking on a couple of topics and welcome discussion after my presentation.

If you have anything you wish to bring up I will allow time where feasible to bring the relevant questions up, or add to the agenda general business. I look forward to catching up with you all at Conference

I would like to thank all members of the HSCEX and Christine Roberts for your support

6.2 Affiliated Equestrian Societies

6.2.1 NZ Carriage Driving Society – no report received.

6.2.2 NZ Equestrian Pleasure Society – Leeanne Morrison (President)

The membership of the society remains stable at around 100 riding members.

Shows are reporting lower than normal entries unfortunately this seems to be a common theme over most disciplines.

Which is something that concerns the society and we are trying to encourage attendance.

The society held championship classes one in the South Island and one in the north in lieu of HOY.

We are unsure where we will hold our championship for the upcoming season.

Hopefully a combined championship across the breeds and RAS classes can be arranged.

6.2.3 NZ Riding Pony Society – Christine Rowe (President)

The NZ Riding Pony Society has had a busy 12 months, taken up mostly with the updating of our constitution which was signed off at our recent AGM.

The South Island Melville Black Memorial class was again hosted by Canterbury A&P Show, with the North Island Melville Black Memorial being hosted by the North Island Premier Show. The NZ Riding Pony Society held its own successful show in February with a small increase in entries.

We continue to support A&P Shows throughout NZ that run our classes with winners Rosettes and 2nd to 3rd ribbons. We thank the A&P shows that host these classes on our behalf. Numbers in these classes have varied between the North and South Islands, being better supported.

We have recently held our 49th AGM in Christchurch where 2 Honorary Life Memberships were presented.

We also had a guest speaker in attendance, Mr Michael Pitman a renowned Christchurch horse trainer.

6.2.4 NZ Side Saddle – Leigh Taylor (President)

There was a wonderful turn out of riders at the Canterbury A&P Royal Show. Only three entered at Stratford A&P Royal Show. Poverty Bay A&P hosted a Royal Event Equestrian section. Two riders made the trek to Gisborne.

Attendance at shows has been variable but enthusiastic. Congratulations to everyone who has been out and about flying the flag for NZSSA.

The RAS Showing Championships (for showing classes only), which was assembled at relatively short notice after the cancellation of Horse of the Year appears to have been well received and successfully delivered.

It is hoped that the RAS Showing Championships will become a permanent fixture on the calendar. We can only hope for the Championships to incorporate Breed and Kindred Sections and to evolve along the lines of a Royal Equestrian Event, where all equestrian breeds and kindreds are offered the opportunity to be represented.

A motion has been tabled with RAS that there only be one Royal Show in the country each year. It is a huge cost to an A&P Association to put on a Royal Show. The show has to pay per section for the honour of hosting a Royal show and not every show is in a position to do that.

The motion to transition the role of Equestrian Breed Chair from the United Breeds Executive (UBE) to the Horse Stewards Council Executive (HSCE) has been withdrawn. At present, the Equestrian Breed Chair sits within the UBE alongside dairy, beef, sheep, and united breed representatives (including pigs, goats, alpacas, etc.). In contrast, the HSCE is responsible for making recommendations to the RAS Executive on all equestrian matters.

While the motion did not proceed, it has provided a valuable opportunity to revisit and thoughtfully discuss the original intent and reasoning behind the current governance structure. It is acknowledged that this matter would have benefited from broader engagement earlier in the process and socialising the intention more widely prior to submission, noting the time pressures that existed around the deadline.

Thank you to everybody for your support over the past season and look forward to next season.

6.2.5 Pony Breeders Society of NZ – Michelle Mair (Secretary)

Our membership is about the same with a few new members joining this year. The registrations are down a bit to other years which is worrying.

Members have been enjoying our new look newsletters which are mostly emailed to them along with RAS updates etc. The other way we keep connected is through our Facebook page. This year with the cost of traveling we are having an online Foal Show with exhibitors sending in photos of their foals. This is open to the whole country to enter as it is open to pony foals as well as hack and hunter foals. We did this a few years ago with great success and it is lovely to promote the breeders. We would like to congratulate the winners of our lovely sashes. Thank you to the A&P shows for supporting our sash classes and the volunteers who make the shows happen and work behind the scenes organising. We wish you all the best for the coming season.

6.3 Districts Equestrian Chairperson Reports

6.3.2 Mid Northern – Louellen Davies

Across our district, the 2025-2026 season has seen an increase in gate sales, but in many cases horse and cattle entries were patchy. I believe the latter reflected the weather, and access wasn't always available. One thing that is obvious is that our seasons are changing. The heavy downpours we have had are very restricting, as very few shows own their own grounds and are governed by another corporate. From time to time, shows clash with other events, no matter how hard we try to avoid it.

Throughout the Mid Northern District, the quality of the horses presented has been exceptional. The time, expense, and commitment that go into the presentation of both horse and rider are phenomenal. There is no return on investment - only the love of the sport and the satisfaction of competition.

Shows must be congratulated for attempting to hold non-MSS classes (for example: Nervous Nellies, Novice, Intermediate, and others). In most cases these were not well supported and will not be held again next season.

Led classes are also proving popular, with many long-time horse people having a very enjoyable time in the ring.

It is also obvious at some shows that we have a group of returning older riders, which is very encouraging.

Waikato held a non-RAS show which was very well patronised. This seems indicative of what is happening: shows are trying to run extra classes without success; however, as a separate event they are proving popular.

Our volunteers are the golden group - there could be no show without them. Many shows are now giving a gift or cash as a token of appreciation. Volunteers are often there all day with no interest other than contributing to the community and wanting to give something back.

Throughout the district there is a big shortage of younger people, which is a worry because in most committees the members are (as the saying goes) the wrong side of 21. Most disciplines are having the same trouble. It is worth pausing for a moment during our meetings to ask: would anyone want to join us, and what do we have to offer?

In some cases, politics and pettiness overshadow the good. This needs to stop; backbiting and whispers are unhelpful additions to a well-functioning committee.

Shows evolve. Our public want to be entertained, but they also want the heritage displays and classes as well. Long gone is the yearly show that was the high point of the year, when town and country came together, mum had a new frock and dad had a night off from milking. Today there is so much choice.

We must run our shows as a business or we will not survive; accountability and transparency must be at the forefront. Each year we endeavour to create, or engage, new attractions and amusements.

This is the time of year when you find yourself scratching your head, trying to come up with something fresh and within budget. Health and safety is a biggie and is mandatory; many shows now require a traffic plan. My local show has a cost of \$5500.00 before any other expenses.

The government contribution of \$1000.00 per show for four years was very gratefully received. Our thanks to Bruce McRobbie and Todd McLay.

Jocelyn Charleston has retired as a Tutor Judge, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of supporting and mentoring upcoming judges. Her commitment to the role is to be commended.

Last, but not least, was the cancellation of the Horse of the Year show - so much for competitor's planning. However, from every situation there comes a plus: the RAS show was run efficiently and enjoyed by all, and although it was getting on in the season, the horses presented very well.

I think it is essential that we take a deep breath and give ourselves a pat on the back. We are not paid - we are all volunteers putting on a large event for our community.

6.3.5 Central – Hamish Grigg

This year marked an exciting year in the Central Districts Equestrian Calendar with the Royal Show of New Zealand being hosted by the Canterbury A&P Association. Though, over the district we continue to have lower Equestrian competitors, there was a lift in some event numbers at the Royal show. Hopefully this is an indication of potential growth in the Equestrian numbers once general economic pressures finally ease off. Hunter classes remain strong over the district however more variation over the other classes.

It has been great to see that Shows continue to have strong visitor numbers and are well supported by trade and sponsors. The weather has not helped this year with multiple shows being affected by the excessive rain causing disruptions to programs or in some cases cancellations. We all hope that next year brings more calm conditions. Those that managed to land on the few sunny days this showing season were well supported throughout.

Every year all shows highlight the incredible work that is done by Committees, Administrators, Volunteers and Judges do and this year was no different. We are slowly starting to see glimpses of the hard work and initiative shown to create brilliant events that our visitors love and our competitors want to be a part of. The crest of the mountain is getting closer and hopefully it will be easier going in a few years' time. We are incredibly lucky to have a strong group of people in the Equestrian Section who work tirelessly, giving their time and energy all year round for the competitors and community we create. Thank you all for your hard work for the Equestrian Section and you're A&P Shows.

6.3.6 Southern – Ian Tippet

The past season began with the unfortunate resignation of our District Judge Convenor, Kristine Russell. The roles has since been filled jointly by Dawn Kennedy and Janice Mitchell.

Entry numbers were down across many showing classes this season, however, the standard of entries remains high. Many shows had only one or two entries per class. What next season will bring is anyone's guess, given rising costs such as fuel.

A number of shows are now offering additional class types and sections in their programmes, which seems to be helping encourage people to bring their horses and ponies to shows.

We thank all our judges for the time they willingly give to officiate at our shows. We also extend our thanks to our Tutor Judges for the effort and time they invest in training and supporting new judges. We also extend our thanks to the other volunteers who give their time in helping make the show days run.

Some relevant information was not able to be shared during the process surrounding Kristine's resignation due to a potential conflict of interest. As a result, not all parties had the same context at the time. It is also noted that perspectives from outside the district may have informed aspects of the discussion. Any learnings from the process should be applied constructively going forward.

After reflecting on the current needs of the committees. I have been considering whether the equestrian chair role is still required in its present form. I have also decided that it is the right time for me to step down. I have enjoyed serving in the role and I'm grateful to everyone I've worked alongside. I'm happy to assist with a smooth handover in any way that would be helpful.

6.4 Clean Sport

6.4.1 National Clean Sport Convenor – Maxine Mulligan

A total of 18 x Clean Sport Tests have been completed this season – 9 in the South Island, and 9 in the North Island, including 2 tests each at the Royal A&P Shows in Stratford and Christchurch; and at the RAS NZ Championship Show at the end of March.

I am pleased to report that the PRs of all horses/ponies tested have been very amenable and co-operative to work with and all tests have returned a negative analytical result.

I think that most competitors are accepting of testing as a necessary part of the showing movement; and that sooner or later, their turn will come.

As a result of a 2024 positive test we have one pony and the Person Responsible currently serving a second 12 x month disqualification from any involvement or competing at any RAS show or event; or that of any RAS affiliated show/event; following the positive test result for 2 x Forbidden Substances. The initial twelve months disqualification was extended by another twelve months to 31.07.26 because the imposed fine remains unpaid.

We are always on the lookout for anyone who is interested in becoming a Clean Sport Steward.

It requires a person with excellent people skills, who can remain calm, reassuring and friendly even in difficult circumstances; has no connections with any competitor (or equine); who maintains confidentiality, is methodical and thorough and who can give the necessary time to perform several tests per year within their area. There is a remuneration available per test as well as assistance with any travel costs.

It is important to point out that Christine is always minimising the costs of her testing by working it in with her required visits for another purpose eg: a Royal A&P Show or Event. We do, however, ensure that every show ultimately has 'random' testing done at their show.

I thank the Shows who have had testing within their show program this year for their help and co-operation; and all personnel who have witnessed the tests with Christine.

The New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services lab are very helpful and co-operative to work with, in processing our tests. We are lucky to have access to them.

A very big thank you yet again to Christine Roberts for the wonderful job that she does with testing on behalf of the RAS. She is calm, methodical, reassuring, and thorough in following due process. We are lucky to have her as a role model and tutor for future test stewards.

Clean Sport testing is a vital tool in helping to ensure fair play in our sport.

6.5 Equine Health – Cara O'Connor (RAS MPI Representative)

While there has been a lot going on, the main focus remains constant on the development of the NEIT system.

New Zealand Equine Identification and Traceability System

Communications Overview

- The National Equine Identification & Traceability (NEIT) system has been live for 6 months
- As of April 1st, there are a number of vet clinics registered as approved implanters and there has been a steady rise in the number of horses in the NEIT system.
- Crucial horse location data is needed to form one source of truth should NZEHA need to export this data for MPI in the face of an outbreak.
- NZEHA were donated 1600 microchips by NZTR which we are passing on the vets. To date, around 640 of these chips have been sent out to vet clinics with the condition that the horses are registered in NEIT after implantation

A key element that has impacted our current position is the lengthening journey towards having regulations in place to move horse owners from voluntarily microchipping and registering their horses, to having this officially mandated under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Meetings with MPI to discuss next steps on public consultation are ongoing. The timeline prediction was to get regulations coming in approximately June 2027. Unfortunately this has been postponed by MPI and the timeline for regulations is now shifting to late 2027 or early 2028 at best. This is having a huge impact on our communications rollout.

In February the NEIT working group had a strategic review meeting.

It was decided that work within the veterinary industry was the key priority in the medium term, supported by event attendance to engage with horse owners and continued engagement with breeders on key updates.

Vets play a key role in getting horses microchipped and in to the system, ensuring they are well educated on the system, being registered as 'Approved Implanters', confident to explain the benefits to horse owners and begin a registration are fundamental to the success of NEIT

The NEIT working group has acknowledged that it is important to remain engaged with horse owners and breed society groups but they will be very specific given the budget and time restraints.

NZEHA will attend one public facing event in 2026/27 FY – Equifest 2026

- To promote voluntary compliance, and move to mandated compliance messaging once more certainty about the timeline emerges.

Regardless of the outcome a strong partnership with our key stakeholders will be necessary to bring NEIT to its full potential.

A responsible disease incursion preparedness plan is essential and must be associated with an efficient identification and traceability system, knowing how many horses we have, where they are and who is responsible for them. The Australian experience with Equine Influenza is a prime example of the inefficiencies or more correctly the deficiencies associated with not having the equine population identified and easily traced.

Although the NEIT system dominates an annual review there are many other continuing important activities that are constantly requiring attention.

1. Grooms on Air Transport

A draft copy of the guidance document for transport of horses by air has been created and now close to completion

2. Risk Analysis for Imported Horses.

The outcome of the rapid risk assessment of the Import Health Standard for Equids, carried out by MPI is still awaited to progress the submission that had been made by NZEHA.

3. Readiness project.

MPI are compiling a register of all veterinarians with a view to have a MOU between MPI and veterinarians who are involved in an incursion response system.

6.6 RAS NZ Showing Championships 2026 – Committee

With the cancellation of the 2026 Horse of the Year Show, the small, committed committee that has convened and managed the showing section of the HOY Show since 2013 saw a golden opportunity to put together and stage a Championship Show of national significance on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ – our own show! The RAS Executive supported this initiative in support of our equestrian competitors.

It was staged at the Tomoana showgrounds over 3 days, on the planned week of the HOY dates at the end of March, in conjunction with the ESNZ Show Hunter season finale show, and the National Games Championships – we each had our designated area of the grounds and facilities; with the facility manager, Ike Baker, as the overall co-ordinator. Due to the lateness in the season, the economic climate & fuel situation, and the relatively late notification of the new show to the competitors, the entries were about one third less than we had hoped for.

The show concept was enthusiastically applauded by all, well supported with competitor sponsorship and participation; and was very successful on all counts. Most of the top-quality horse and pony exhibits attended, including three ‘trucks’ from the South Island.

The International judges who had been engaged for the HOY show were almost all re-available to come out to NZ at short notice!. A husband and wife from the UK, three Australians and one NZ judge officiated, and were a happy professional team.

The show went without a hitch, with a lovely relaxed and happy atmosphere, and so much more space available to everybody in the beautiful Autumn setting.

A very big thank you to the Royal Agricultural Society Executive for enabling this to happen with enthusiastic support; and to all the extra people who helped in so many ways from flower arrangements to publicity, announcing and stewarding. It was a great team effort, so ably led by our convenor Cara O'Connor, and our national operations manager, Christine Roberts. Many accolades have been received since the show. There were no issues, injuries or protests, so therefore very successful.

All the sponsors and supporters are too numerous to mention, but their support was so much appreciated and made the show possible. However, special mention must be made of Bay Ford who have supported the RAS showing team with courtesy cars for many years, and did so yet again, without hesitation.

We would like to thank Ike Baker for his professionalism – he is a young man with a very positive vision for the success of the Tomoana events facility, and has been great to work with.

Mention also must be made of Geoff Smith and thank him for his endless commitment to all things RAS. He has been a part of this showing team from very early on as an announcer, and adviser on all things judicial. He has given us his intention to retire and will be sorely missed. A RAS Blue Medal of Excellence was awarded to him at the Championships for his long service to showing.

There is an overwhelming opinion out there that this RAS flagship show must continue as the season finale show, showcasing excellence in Equestrian Showing. With a great platform established to build

on, the enthusiasm, will, and energy are there for this to happen, regardless of the ongoing outcome of any future HOY show.

6.7 Judges

6.7.1 National Judges Convenor – Melissa Jebson

The 2025/2026 season has been a busy one for our District Convenors, Tutor Judges and our Equestrian Judges throughout New Zealand. Currently we have nearly 200 listed RAS Judges, with about a dozen on leave and over a dozen working through the judging process which is looking healthy. The District Convenors have had five meetings over the last twelve months with four of them through Zoom call. We started with a face-to-face meeting for a day and a half at Conference 2025 in June. At all meetings we review the Judges list as this list is a live document and this list is always being updated when changes are notified to us from Judges. We also have a non-active list which are the names of Judges who are unable to judge for whatever reason – travelling overseas, illness, surgery etc. At last year's June meeting we worked through updating our judging process plus our Judges Assessment book format and reviewed the old Memorandum of Commitment/Judges conduct policy. This Policy has been re-named 'Working Relationship between RAS and Equestrian Judges'. This was adopted and sent to all Judges. Also at this meeting we discussed the programme for our Seminar Roadshow. By running a Roadshow, we send the same message across all Districts with the same presenters speaking the same message. We also went through the successful remits and what is required training wise to assist our judges. Other topics were also discussed. This was an ideal opportunity to update and plan as we move forward. Thanks to the RAS Executive for making this extra valuable time together possible.

The 2025 Judges Seminar was a Roadshow this year with International Judge and Western District Judges Convenor Alan Windle the guest speaker. Our Operations Manager Christine Roberts and I travelled with Alan to all District Seminars. A huge thank you to Districts and the Society for covering morning tea, lunch and venue costs for the Seminars. Our judges do a lot of work and training for our A&P Shows and it was only a small gesture but was well received.

During the last ten months we have introduced an 'Expression of Interest' form (that we developed (June 2025) for those interested in becoming an RAS Equestrian Judge. (This replaces the old Nomination form.) After this has been returned to RAS Head Office, the respective District Convenor is notified and an interview undertaken to accept or decline the application. This new system is working well, and if the application is accepted then a pathway forward is then directed by the District Convenor and the Tutor Judge team.

Over the last twelve months I communicated with all our Judges in a spring and a Christmas update. This gives me the opportunity to convey any concerning matters that come to the surface during our Show season. I have also dealt with a few complaints that came my way but, overall, everything has ticked over well this year.

The District Convenors have also been working through the disconnect between the Australian and New Zealand judging systems. We hope to gain some traction over the next twelve months to assist our top NZ Judges successfully gain judging appointments in Australia.

With the assistance from Janice Macdonald (Grade 1 Tutor Judge) we are working through updating our Written papers. Thank you Janice for assisting in this exercise as your input is very much appreciated and valued.

Animal welfare issues have surfaced over the past show season that Judges are struggling to deal with. This has been taken to the Horse Stewards Council Executive and will be discussed at the Sunday's Equestrian Main meeting at Conference.

We have just completed our Bi-annual Tutor Judge Seminars in Hastings in the North Island and Christchurch in the South Island. Huge thanks to our Tutor Judges across New Zealand who give up their time to tutor and assess our candidate and upgrading judges. Your role is pivotal in our judging process, and you do a fabulous job. The bi-annual meetings reviewed and worked through the policies that help Convenors and Tutor Judges in their role, plus they endorsed the way we are heading. These seminars are vital for moving forward.

My huge thanks to the team of District Convenors over the past twelve months – Kristine Russell in Southern who passed the Convenor baton to Janice Mitchell and Dawn Kennedy, Maxine Mulligan (Eastern), Alan Windle (Western) and this month we welcome Cara O'Connor into the role in Mid-Northern. Our Tutor Judge team is a connected bunch that work well together. A huge thank you also

goes to Christine Roberts for all her hard work over the year, for her attention to detail, and the glue in our ever-evolving sandwich.

I wish all our Shows and our Judges all the best for the 2026/27 show season.

6.7.2 District Judges' Convenors

6.7.2.a Northern – Melissa Jebson (Acting)

The 2025/2026 season has been a very productive one for the small pool of thirteen Northern District Equestrian Judges. All Judges have worked diligently at the eleven District Shows plus judging at Shows out of the district when appointed. One judge had a judging appointment at the Melbourne Royal Show in November which was a great honour.

The annual Judges Seminar was a Roadshow this year and was held within the District at Pukekohe Showgrounds with 54% of Northern District Judges attending. Alan Windle was the key speaker concentrating on judges' etiquette, conformation and type. Attendees all participated and asked great questions.

One Judge completed assessments and is now a fully qualified Working Hunter/Hunter Jumping Judge. The district has two Grade 1 Showing Judges, Deborah Dixon and John Fleet. John is also a Working Hunter and Hunter Jumping Judge whom I am working with to becoming a Tutor Judge which will be great for the district. The bi-annual Tutor Judge seminar is to be held in Hastings on the 23rd May and I hope that the northern district Council will assist John with his expenses in attending this seminar on behalf of Northern District.

We have one candidate in the area who has expressed interest in becoming a judge. We will work through the requirements following an interview which is yet to take place.

The Northern District Facebook page is working well for those who are on the page and I have been approached a couple of times throughout the season with judging queries. A huge 'Thank you' to all the Northern District Equestrian Judges who assist regularly at our A&P Shows. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

6.7.2.b Mid-Northern – Melissa Jebson (Acting)

Since June 2025 I have been acting Convenor since the previous Convenor resigned. It has been a very productive year for all Judges, with quite a few Judges receiving appointments from other Districts including two Judges gaining overseas appointments, one at Melbourne Royal in November and one at Sydney Royal Easter Show in April.

65% of listed Judges attended the District Judges Seminar this year at Pukekohe A&P Showgrounds which was part of the Roadshow which went to all RAS NZ districts. All attendees participated in the exercises and asked challenging questions.

Natacha Otto successfully upgraded to Grade 1 with another Judge still requiring appointments so she can be assessed. Louellen Davies successfully completed the process and upgraded to Grade 2. We currently have four candidate judges working through the requirements in becoming judges. One Judge requested that she was only available for local Shows and I thank Christine Roberts for facilitating this on the Judges list.

I have accepted Jocelyn Charleston's resignation as a Tutor Judge after many years assisting Judges through the process and I thank Jocelyn very much for her dedicated work over many years. With one other Tutor judge in the District (Cara O'Connor) we are currently bringing on another Grade 1 judge (Katrina Lau-guild) into the tutoring process and I hope that the Mid-northern district can assist both ladies to attend the bi-annual Tutor Judge Seminar which is to be held in Hastings on Saturday 23rd May.

During the year I have had queries from Mid-northern district Judges come through to me during the season which I have worked through with the Judges concerned.

Thanks to all Mid-Northern District Equestrian Judges who assist regularly at our A&P Shows. Your dedication and commitment is very much appreciated.

6.7.2.c Eastern – Maxine Mulligan

Our Eastern District shows all went ahead, with fine weather, but sadly with entries even lower than the season before. It has become increasingly frustrating for our Judges who are constantly faced with classes of 2 or 3 competitors to judge (if they are lucky). I cannot see it improving any time soon given the increasingly harder financial times that we are living in.

Alan of Western District and I have planned jointly throughout the season, with the Judge's Roadshow at Manfeild in Feilding on 20th July 2025, workshops in Waverley, and Feilding (for Tutor Judges), a zoom workshop in early August for the candidates & Judges who missed the Roadshow; candidate judge's interviews in Stratford, Feilding & Hastings, and 2 x days of ring-side tuition for candidates and upgrading judges at the RAS NZ Showing Championships in Hastings at the end of March.

Another Workshop is planned for late August/early September this year, with some candidates sitting their written papers in the afternoon. The date is t.b.c.

Candidate interviews' were introduced into the judge training process 2 years ago as the 'first step' and are now up and running. It is a very informal interview/chat with 2 Tutor Judges to introduce the applicant to the training process; and to assess their background, knowledge, motivation and reasons for wanting to become a judge, as it is not for everyone. This addition to the process can save a lot of heartache further 'down the line'. It also enables the candidate to assess whether it is really what they want to do. Once the applicant is accepted as a candidate judge following the interview, they then start the training process.

There is currently a review under way of the whole Judges' Training system and processes. It will take time for this to be completed, but we already have some changes in place – a more user-friendly & concise "Expression of Interest" application form; the Memorandum of Commitment & Code of Conduct papers that Judges were required to sign have been reviewed and replaced with the new "Equestrian Judges' Working Relationship with the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ" document, which was issued to our Judges at the Roadshows in July, and by email since. It outlines the expectations of conduct and commitment required from an "Equestrian Judge/Official" of the RAS, in a friendly way.

The Eastern/Western Annual Judges Seminar was held at the FoodEast Building in Hastings on Sunday 24th May, following the North Island Tutor Judge's Bi Annual meeting at the Tomoana showgrounds on 23rd. A big thank you to the Hawkes Bay A&P for providing the venue, in support of the judges. 11 x judges attended, including 3 from Gisborne, and 12 apologies were received. The combined AGM of our Tutor Judges and Convenors was held on Tuesday 12th May via zoom.

I am very grateful for the financial support from the District for some of the costs incurred in Judges' Seminars & Workshops, for both myself and our Tutor Judges.

Thank you to the Tutor Judges who have so willingly worked with and assessed new & upgrading judges, and contributed so much to the Seminars and Workshops.

Thank you to Alan Windle, my fellow Western Judges' Convenor, and to Western Tutor judge Jan Macdonald, in working together for most of our Districts' 'happenings' over the year, and mutual support of each other.

I wish all our judges well for the coming show season and thank them for their contribution to Equestrian showing by giving freely of their time and knowledge. It is a pleasure to work with them all.

6.7.2.d Western – Alan Windle

Well, what a huge twelve months we have had with certainly more coming over the next few months. Shortly after 2025 AGM, the National Road Show of Judges Seminars took place over four venues, two in each island with myself and Melissa Jebson the guest speakers, so the same gospel was delivered from Northland to Southland for all the attending judges. Good turnouts were received and good feedback and if everyone took a little snippet home it's deemed successful.

During the season Tutor Judges were out and about with new judge Kevin O'Hara (Hawera) after passing his written paper. Then, at his first three judging appointments, had a tutor with him and he passed all these with flying colours, I myself doing his last one at the Feilding IA&P Show early December.

We had a very well attended successful workshop recently in Waverley and I must thank Leeanne and family for providing live horses to help our day to the success it was, much appreciated and well attended by a number of trainee judges going through the system.

The new expressions of interest form for potential new judges has been well received and myself and fellow tutors have interviewed many new candidates already allowing them to move onto going through the process of becoming an RAS judge.

I recently attended the RAS Showing Championships in Hastings where for the first time I conducted ringside training and questioning for new candidates, and listed judges upgrading or wanting to attend. I did four sessions over 2 days, and it was really appreciated; some candidates attending all four sessions and whilst it was intended for Eastern and Western, a South Island candidate also attended. It has been discussed, and we feel it is an added tool to be used in the future where live horses of a good quality in a showing environment can be accessed with many interesting views.

Coming up we have our Bi Annual Tutor Judges conference and Annual Judges seminar being hosted by Eastern this year both being held on consecutive days in Hastings which will involve costs to Western Tutors and contributions to venue hires etc.

Our AGM for Tutor Judges combined with Eastern is being held this week and in this District it is looking likely the status quo of convenor and current tutors will remain unchanged and will need ratification by the District. We will be meeting a day early at Conference. This is the District convenors from NZ to move forward on the proposed new judging system re grading and revamping, and this will also no doubt be on the table at the Tutors Bi Annual meetings.

We also will be holding another Judges workshop and examination day with new and existing judges upgrading and also resists in the next couple of months in Dannevirke, following similar lines to the Waverley workshop but adding the sitting of papers in the afternoon.

Our annual judge's seminar this year in Hastings will involve a trip to a stud farm to access live animals as an added bonus.

In November this year all going well in conjunction with the Egmont A&P Show, Maxine and I will run a Hunter Jumping & Working Hunter workshop and hopefully exams for those wishing to sit the papers involved.

I would like to thank the many people who help out to make my workload flow with ease, including Christine Roberts, Maxine Mulligan (a Trojan horse), Leeanne kindly assisting at the Waverley workshop, Brenda Simson opening the venue and all my devoted tutors, especially Jan McDonald who works tirelessly behind the scenes.

Many thanks to you all.

6.7.2.e Central – Melissa Jebson

The 2025/26 season has been a busy one for Central District Tutor Judges. We ran two judges workshops this year, one in April and another in July. We also welcomed another Tutor Judge, Maree Milliken on to the Team.

67% of our listed district judges attended this year's road show/seminar in July which was held at Hornby Workingmen's Club in Christchurch. It was great to have Alan Windle speaking on conformation, type, judging etiquette etc in a roadshow that went to all Districts. A huge thank you to CD Council for paying for both room hire and catering for all the judges. Our Judges do a great job for our shows so much appreciated.

We ran a Working Hunter/Hunter Jumping workshop in conjunction with Ellesmere A&P Measuring day in September which was a very worthwhile session. There were a few complaints we had to work through in the spring, and I thank Christine Roberts for her assistance here.

During the season the District Tutor Judge panel have met four times which has proved very valuable. We have facilitated quite a few stand-ins with candidate judges and we thank the Shows for allowing us to complete this. We currently have six showing candidate judges at various stages within the process, two Judges wanting to upgrade 3-2 and one 2-1, plus three candidates wanting to become Working hunter/Hunter jumping judges.

A huge thank you to the Tutor Judge team and to our Judges who work tirelessly throughout the district for our A&P Shows.

6.7.2.f Southern – Dawn Kennedy and Janice Mitchell (Co-Convenors)

As joint convenors of the Southern District, we write this report following the resignation of Kristine Russell, after the Equestrian seminar in July 2025.

On a brighter note we can report that Kristine has agreed to rejoin the Southern Districts Tutor Judges group, but unfortunately not as Convenor.

This past season seemed to be without too many dramas which is always good. We have Georgie Day waiting on assessments next season to become a Grade 1 judge. These assessments at Grade 1 level require at least five competing entries in each class – conformation, paced and mannered, and rider classes so the assessments are not straight forward keeping in mind the numbers of entries we get at some of our shows. We have also had Rob Hall do some practical assessments at Grade 3 level.

We are presently gauging numbers of judges wanting to upgrade before next season, so we can run workshops etc before the exams in July/August. Some up and coming judges judged along side our Tutor Judges for some experience at the recent newcomers show, which gave them an insight as to judging procedures, etiquette etc. A hunter school was also held recently in the district with 2 interested candidates taking part in a workshop with one of our tutors. As this may become an annual event it gives candidates the opportunity to attend another workshop, other than just the seminar.

6.8 Measuring

6.8.1 National Measuring – Rick Croft

2025.2026 Measuring Stands have been well attended, with no concerns and numbers on par with the previous year.

Here we are again, ready to start up the measuring stands around the country for another season! We are fortunate to have a dedicated and knowledgeable group of volunteers to keep things ticking along. The processes we have in place make the business of measuring horses relatively trouble free. So, thank you all for your time and support.

This year we have had some discussions regarding the use of lasers vs. The 'stick'. Opinions seem to be pretty well aligned with what we are used to. I have only conducted measures with a laser, and it has always seemed safe, quick, and accurate. Those familiar with the mechanical measure seem equally satisfied with the status quo. There is a bit of interest from a few stands about converting to a laser system, and I am tracking down a bit of information to see if that can be done without major modifications/expense.

I've seen photos of various configurations, and it sparked my curiosity. I would be interested to see pictures of the variety of stands around the country. My interest is more historical than technical - there are no plans to make any changes in the way we measure horses. So, if you are so inclined, I would love to see pictures of your stands, and the measuring gear.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable measuring season for 2026/27!

8. FEES AND LEVIES

8.1 Levies Collected as at 16 June 2026

	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
NORTHERN			
Auckland	No Show	No Show	No Show
Bay of Islands	\$970	\$1042	\$455
Clevedon	\$992	\$885	
Franklin	\$662	\$807	\$1513
Helensville	\$523	\$630	\$720
Kaikohe	\$485	\$402	\$539
Kaitaia	\$211	\$576	\$353
Kumeu	\$600	\$169	\$346
Nth Hokianga	\$311	\$504	\$490
North Kaipara	\$585	\$408	\$98
North Wairoa	\$610	\$431	\$427
Whangarei	\$935	\$1287	\$995
MID-NORTHERN	23/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Cambridge	\$1697	\$967	No Show
Katikati	\$243	\$300	\$186
Matamata	No Show	\$663	No Show
Morrinsville	\$486	\$544	\$634
NI Premier	\$570	\$446	\$520
Paeroa	No Show	No Show	No Show
Rotorua	\$122	\$164	\$262
Tauranga	\$113	\$18	\$7
Te Aroha	\$862	\$650	\$415
Te Aroha H&H	\$175	\$127	\$279
Te Kauwhata	\$1213	\$1567	\$829
Te Puke	\$214	\$247	\$97
Waihi	\$513	\$565	\$425
Waikato	\$1227	\$2246	\$2170
EASTERN	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Ctl.Hawkes Bay	\$290		\$1382
Dannevirke	\$1076	\$1304	\$1168
Hawkes Bay	\$2000	\$2452	\$2253
Masterton	\$925	\$350	\$350
NZ National H&F	\$1920	\$1031	\$1005
Poverty Bay	\$1065	\$1324	\$1927
Wairarapa	\$1438	\$1333	\$1114
Wairoa	No Show	No Eq Show	No Eq Show
WESTERN	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Egmont	\$1028	\$1167	\$1399
Feilding	\$1482	\$1430	\$1175
Horowhenua	\$1489	\$1087	\$816
Manawatu	\$1478	\$1313	\$1163
Stratford	\$1075	\$744	\$998
Taihape	No Show	No Show	No Show
Taranaki H&P	\$222	\$210	\$264
Waimarino	\$443	\$550	\$397
Wanganui	\$1211	\$958	\$980
Waverley	\$835	\$685	\$555

Levies outstanding for the show seasons

Ceased Membership in 2023, 2024, or 2025

	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
CENTRAL			
Amberley	\$938	\$853	\$452
Amuri	\$389	\$363	\$629
Ashburton	\$1260	\$1310	\$1033
Banks Peninsula	\$499	\$451	No Show
Buller	\$273	No Eq sect	\$122
Canterbury	\$2178	\$1285	\$1778
Cheviot	\$613	\$65	\$108
Duvauchelle	\$491	\$442	\$455
Ellesmere	\$1341	\$1132	\$1280
Flaxbourne	\$444	\$600	\$451
Golden Bay	\$249	\$321	\$129
Hawarden	No Show	\$439	\$405
Inangahua	\$592	\$310	\$325
Kaikoura	\$784	No Show	\$785
Mackenzie Highland	\$764	\$603	\$556
Malvern	\$1185	\$890	\$778
Marlborough	\$1212	\$710	\$612
Mayfield	\$618	\$482	\$474
Methven	\$661	\$570	\$540
Motueka	\$417	\$276	
Murchison	\$629	\$525	\$550
Nelson	\$609	\$774	\$634
Northern (Rangiora)	\$2057	No Show	\$1659
Oxford	\$1090	\$1193	\$927
Rai Valley	\$520	\$540	\$396
Sth Canty Show	\$1009	\$460	\$440
Sth Canty Eq Show	\$1096	\$788	\$696
SI Premier Show	\$696	\$897	\$790
South Westland	\$36		
Temuka-Geraldine	\$464	\$510	\$326
Westland (Hokitika)	\$486	\$212	
SOUTHERN	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Central Otago	\$929	\$810	\$997
Gore	\$737	\$357	\$608
Lake County		\$460	
Maniototo	\$347	\$289	\$392
Mt Bengier	\$708	\$525	\$571
North Otago	\$638	\$777	\$310
Otago Taieri	\$742	\$720	\$472
Palmerston/Waihemo		\$420	\$448
South Otago	\$537	\$350	\$604
Southland	\$877	\$839	\$688
Strath Taieri	\$535	\$573	\$285
Tokomairiro	\$546	\$569	\$662
Upper Clutha	\$1249	\$1250	\$962
Waiau		\$356	
West Otago	\$454		\$406
Winton	\$830	\$615	\$607
Wyndham	\$811	\$679	\$533

9.1 Correspondence

29 May 2026

Christine Roberts
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Dear Christine

Payment to RAS Showing Judges

A & P Shows would find it extremely useful if there were a schedule of payments to guide what we are to pay RAS Showing judges when they attend our shows and judge for us. At present it is unclear, and often a little embarrassing, as we almost have to ask them what we should pay them.

At present there seems to be great disparity in this regard with some Shows are:

- Paying nothing to very little;
- Paying a moderate mid-range amount;
- Paying significantly large sums of money; and/or
- Giving sponsors product instead of money

I would propose a schedule of sorts that provides for:

- Standardised pay per day;
- Payment amounts at both Candidate and Qualified levels;
- When mileage would be considered necessary (what distance from the event would it be considered that mileage should be paid?), and how much; and
- Would also be very useful to have firm guidance on who pays for flights and accommodation and is payment made on top of this?

It would also be very helpful to understand who funds a candidate and tutor attendance at a show (ie, is the Show expected to pay for both, or does RAS contribute to this to grow the number of judges available)?

Yours faithfully



Margaret France
Complex Manager

10.3 First Ridden Section

As we all know First Ridden was introduced to fill the gap with children coming off the lead and before the open rings. In other words, to gain skills and experience with limited demands created within the ring.

It was also ideal for those starting off later into riding being too old to compete in the Lead Rein section.

These days a look at larger shows will show you quite clearly that the ideal of what this section was introduced for is at the other end of the spectrum and is generally a professional section for very capable riders who are using this section for as long as age or time allow prevails.

This as we all know has created the lack of these capable children competing in the B and C Show Pony rings and the smaller rings in Section D – Hunter Pony.

Many ideas have been mooted before, the odd remit put forward to try and clean up these problems, but generally we must go back to what this section was created for and where we are now – totally different.

I understand standards may differ in different parts of the country but with what I would like to go forward with would help these areas.

The only way forward is not restricting wins or times or changing ages, it is removing what keeps them all in this section, the – championships, garlands and supremes, and instead, shows offering a sash for most points. This is no biggie with no more usually than 5 classes in the section, it can be completed and added in the ring and the sash presented.

These very capable riders will certainly move on very quickly when skills are required, to the open rings where all the kudos is available and leave the ring for the genuine First Ridden rider, gaining experience and skills before they themselves, move on.

10.3 Galloways

With the low entries generally in the NZ Show rings and no answer to increasing and encouraging more entries we can not go on year after year and watch the numbers keep declining.

I did a lot of travelling last season and saw this at big shows which truly saddened me.

Enough is enough, we all know that the Park Hack section carries a large number of animals that are Riding Pony crosses. They in general lack hack type qualities and are there only because of height as that is where they have to be. Many over age riders take their Show Ponies over height with them to continue riding.

The quality park hack a smaller version of the Hack oozing Hack qualities is now very thin on the ground.

What I would like to lead is a discussion hopefully ending in a remit next year to introduce this section. I am not here today to determine heights, list of classes that is not what today is for. Generally the section would include basically a show Galloway and Hunter Galloway plus Championship, a Novice class, Best Presented etc.

The Hack section which would open the smaller hack class to be over 148cm and then the larger hack class. I hear you saying that the small hack won't beat the big hack for champion. That's rubbish – if the smaller one has the better conformation and quality, it will. How many times has the smaller hack taken Supreme?! I also liken it to a 128cm Pony taking Supreme over the bigger ponies – this happens often!

So the sections I see for the future would be Hack, Galloway, Hunter and Riding Horse.

I haven't ruled out that if an animal height wise fits, it could start in both the small hack class and galloway but the jury is out at this stage.

It's just an idea and may boost entries. It would be then the judges deciding is it a small hack or galloway? This also would boost entries and revenue for the shows so hence haven't closed the gate on that.

As I say, its ideas, suggestions to re-invigorate something into showing which I don't feel will every get back to the years ago era, but I damned if I wish to watch year after year the demise of something I have my heart attached to and has given me many memories as a competitor which led me to many wonderful judging experiences.

UNITED BREEDS SOCIETY COUNCIL (UBS) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Sunday 28 June 2026 – 9.30am, Hotel Elms, Christchurch.

ATTENDANCE:

United Breeds Society (UBS) Council Executive: Ben Burgess (HSCEX Chair/RAS President), Kelly Allison (Dairy Cattle Breeds Chair), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Andrew Stokes (Beef Breeds Cattle Chair), Leigh Taylor (Equestrian Breeds Chair).

Executive: Sophie Holst (Vice-President), Hamish Grigg (Treasurer), Sophie Kirk, and Paul Vanner: Christine Roberts (Operations Manager), Jill Timms (Admin/Horowhenua).

Committees: Rick Croft (Measuring Convenor), Melissa Jebson (Hon.Life Member/Judge Convenor/Malvern), Maxine Mulligan (Hon.Life Member/ED Judge Convenor/Clean Sport Convenor), Alan Windle (HSCEX Chair, WD Judge Con.),.

Members: Shelly Birdsall (ED), Heather Brake (Rotorua), Sarah Butterick-Kent (Ashburton), Lynda Dickson (Cheviot), John Fleet, Allan Grant (Wairarapa), Nicki Hamburger (Canterbury), Nicky Hutchinson (NZ Riding Pony), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford/WD Manager), John Jebson (CD Chair), Alice Jones (Oxford), Greg Keyte (Waikato), Karla King (Gore), Liz Maslin (Waikato), Duncan McArthur (CD Council/Temuka Geraldine), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Morrinsville), Hannah Morrah (Hawkes Bay), Mel Morris (Northern), Leeanne Morrinson (WD Chair, Equestrian Pleasure), Nick Rattanong (Galloway Cattle), Annette Robinson (Nelson), Dyarne Robson (Canterbury), Phillippa Sanders (CD/Blk & Col. Sheep/Mackenzie), Sindy Shanks (ED), Peter Sherriff (NZ Holstein), Geoff Smith (RAS Past President/RA Judge), Paddy Stronach (Duvauchelle), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep), Sonia Waddell (SI Premier), Jane Williams (Rotorua), Jaime Winter (Clydesdale), Bernadette Woffenden (Shetland), Kay Worthington (Lowline Cattle).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Ben Burgess - President	Warm welcome extended by the President to meeting attendees.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Ben Burgess – President	Welcome from the Chair, who opened the 2026 United Breeds Society (UBS) Council Annual General Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1		No apologies received.

4	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.

5	Chairperson's Report	Discussion - Action
5.1	United Breeds Society (UBS) Chairperson - Ben Burgess	Decision: THAT the United Breeds Society Chairperson's 2025.2026 Annual Report as on page 40 be received.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: P Vanner CARRIED

6	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
6.1	Confirmation of 2025 United Breeds Council (UBS) Annual General Meeting Minutes	Decision: THAT the Minutes of 29 June 2025 United Breeds Council (UBS) Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: K Allison CARRIED

11	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
11.1	Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson	One Nomination Received – Mr Andrew Stokes Nominator One: Mr Ben Burgess (RAS President) Nominator Two: Mr Harry Meijer (Oxford A&P Assn Pres.) Mr Stoke's nomination will go through to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.

DAIRY CATTLE BREEDS – Kelly Allison (Chairperson)		
12	Reports	Discussion - Action
		Circulated in Agenda, and tabled – see pages 44-46
12.1	Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson – Kelly Allison	Great to see the fruition of a North Island, and South Island Royal A&P Shows. Apologies for not being able to get to either, but congratulate both Associations. Closing paragraph in report – will elaborate more later in the meeting. Decision: THAT the Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson 2025.2026 Annual Report as tabled, and additional verbal report, be received. Moved: K Allison Seconded: B Burgess CARRIED
12.2	12.2 Brown Swiss Cattle Breed. 12.3 NZ Ayrshire Association 12.4 NZ Guernsey Cattle Breed. 12.5 NZ Holstein-Friesian Assn. 12.6 NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders 12.7 NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn. 12.8 Purebred Jersey Breed Soc. 12.9 South Island Dairy Heifer. 12.10 Dairy Cattle Ethics Comm.	Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report. Chair – noted that reports received again are a bit light, but this may be due to a couple of breeds not having Secretaries currently. South Island Regional competitions continue to run, but no South Island final. \$4440 received in the 2025.2026 showing year. See pg 47. Decision: THAT the Annual Reports of the affiliated Dairy Cattle Breeds Societies as tabled, be received. Moved: K Allison Seconded: B McRobbie CARRIED

13	Royal Show Schedules	Discussion - Action
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Dairy Cattle Section schedules will be reviewed, as and when necessary. Current schedule is available for any affiliate to access.</i>

14	Correspondence (Inward)	Discussion - Action
14.1	Mid-Northern District Council – Bruce McRobbie	Dairy Cattle Conditions at Shows – see page 48 Bruce McRobbie spoke to the letter – concern express at the Morrinsville Show by past competitors as to why the dairy

		cattle being shown are too light. Believe that judges should be taught that cattle need to be in better conditions to award. The Dairy Ethics Committee should be putting something in place and teaching the competitors the condition of animals being shown. Chair – there is a gap between the commercial and showing exhibitors. Dairy Ethics need to deal with this concern as their group is made up of all affiliated Dairy Breeds. Unfortunately, the concern was also sent directly to MPI, and not through the appropriate channels ie to the RAS UBS in the first instance. Peter Sherriff – It's a Breed Society issue, not Dairy Ethics. Believe that youngstock now are being raised for showing. In-Milk Cows are totally a different thing. Cows being shown by overseas genetics, producing high milk production. Cows may be shown a bit leaner, but still have quality, and are being well fed. Don't agree where the judging of cattle is now, but things have changed. Judges speak to their placings at shows regularly on how they have judged the class in front of them that has been awarded. Educating the public via a QR code could be looked at. Decision: THAT we forward this letter to the Dairy Ethics Committee and affiliated Breed Societies for further discussion to be had and then actioned..
		Moved: K Allison Seconded: B McRobbie CARRIED

15	General Business	Discussion - Action
15.1	Dairy Ethics Committee	No report was received or tabled from the Dairy Ethics Committee.
	15.1.1 In-Milk Dairy Cattle Levy	Messages have gone out on a regular basis to Shows reminding them that they need to pay their Dairy Cattle In-Milk entries levy to RAS Head Office, which is held on behalf of the Dairy Ethics Committee for their use of any expenses.

16	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
16.1	Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson	Mr Kelly Allison – term remains until 2028.
SHEEP BREEDS – Ian Stevenson (Chairperson)		
17	Reports	Discussion - Action
		Circulated in Agenda, and tabled – see pages 49-50
17.1	Sheep Breeds Chairperson – Ian Stevenson	Decision: THAT the Sheep Breeds Chairperson's 2025.2026 Annual

		Report as tabled, be received.
		Moved: I Stevenson Seconded: D Timms CARRIED
17.2	17.2 Black & Coloured Sheep Assn. 17.3 Cheviot Sheep Society 17.4 NZ Sheep Breeders Assn. 17.5 NZ Southdown Sheep Society 17.6 Perendale Sheep Society NZ	Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report . Decision: THAT the Annual Reports of the affiliated Sheep Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.
		Moved: I Stevenson Seconded: G Timms CARRIED

18	Royal Show Schedules	Discussion - Action
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Sheep Section schedules will be reviewed, as and when necessary. Current schedule is available for any affiliate to access.</i>

19	Competitions	Discussion - Action
19.1	NZ Ewe Hogget Competition	NZ Sheep Breeders did not run a competition in 2025.2026, and have not for a few years now, due to the cost.
19.2	National Golden Fleece Exhibition	Report - see page 51. Powerpoint presentation given yesterday by Sindy Shanks (Secretary), Central Otago A&P Association who hosted the 2026 exhibition. Congratulations to Central Otago A&P Association and WS Hickey and Son on a great display of wool excellence.

20	Correspondence (Inward)	Discussion - Action
20.1		None received.

21	General Business	Discussion - Action
21.1		No further General Business tabled.

22	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
22.1	Sheep Breeds Chairperson	Mr Ian Stevenson – term remains current until 2027.

OTHER BREEDS – Ben Burgess (BB) Chairperson		
23	Reports	Discussion - Action
23.1	23.1 Alpaca Association of NZ 23.2 Mohair NZ 23.3 NZ Boer Goat 23.4 NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Assn. 23.5 Llama Association	Breed Societies delegates were all asked for a written report – see pages 51-52

	23.6 NZ Pig Association 23.7 NZ Sheep Dog Trials 23.8 Premier Dairy Goats NZ 23.9 Rare Breeds Association	Decision: THAT the Annual Reports of the affiliated Breeds Societies as tabled, be received.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: K Allison CARRIED

24	Royal Show Schedules	Discussion - Action
		<i>As part of the Strategic Business Review all Sheep Section schedules will be reviewed, as and when necessary. Current schedule is available for any affiliate to access.</i>
25	Correspondence (Inward)	Discussion - Action
25.1		None tabled.

26	General Business	Discussion - Action
26.1	Remits #1 and #2	Results of Alpaca Remits were announced - all voting forms were counted by a Government Electorate Office Manager.
1.	Rules 99 and 100: Alpacas and Llamas – Separating Rules	33 FOR / 1 AGAINST / 22 ABSTAINED - PASSED
2.	Rule 100: Alpacas - New Rule	33 FOR / 2 AGAINST / 22 ABSTAINED - PASSED

GENERAL – Ben Burgess (BB) Chairperson		
27	Young Judges and Paraders	Discussion - Action
27.1	RAS of NZ Young Judges Final	No competition held in 2025.2026. Discussions are ongoing with the prospects of rejoining the Australasian competition, but a concern is of the number of sections they have that don't resonate with NZ Showing..
27.2	Australasian Final.	NZ RAS did not participate in the 2026 Australasian Final as per the decision of the United Breeds Society Council in previous years.

28	Any other Breed Business	Discussion - Action
28.1		No further business tabled.

29	Election of Chairperson	Discussion - Action
29.1	United Breeds Society (UBS) Chairperson	Due to no nomination being received, the Executive will look at co-opting a person to fill this position of UBS Chair.

30	Close	Discussion - Action
		The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.
		Meeting was declared closed at 10.17am.

5. UBS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Ben Burgess

Welcome along to the annual RAS conference – great to see you all back here for another year
The season and pricing have been kind to most and it great to see the industries so buoyant, long may it continue

This year we hosted two royal shows and thank you to those societies for putting on such great events.

I had the pleasure of getting along to both canterbury as a competitor and Stratford to look around and help out with stewarding in the beef section

I had the pleasure of getting round some shows this year both as a competitor, judge. Show attendance and numbers seem to rebound and it is positive I believe to see the bridge that out shows and breed societies offer to the public. The educational aspect we provide should not be undervalued.

Agricultural and pastoral shows are a significant part of New Zealand's rural culture and heritage. They serve as a platform for farmer to showcase their livestock, crops, farming techniques and more. They also provide an opportunity for communities to come together and celebrate rural life and meet up with friends and family. It was fantastic to see this aspect and the importance of it in this year's budget and I'm sure the money will be put to good use across the country in showcase our rural excellence

I look forward to catching up with everyone again in the South Island for conference

7. REPORTS – BEEF CATTLE

7.1 Beef Cattle Breeds Chairperson – Andrew Stokes

Sorry for the lateness of this report as being new to the role.

The beef cattle showing has had another very good year around the country with numbers staying much the same as last year or up.

As I am new to the role I have not followed a lot of the North Island shows but the ones in the South Island have been strong and well run.

One of the new events that was run was the cattle weekend at the Wanaka show for the youth and this was a great success for the people that attended.

There were no matters brought to my attention at a national level.

7.2 Australia NZ Blonde d' Aquitaine Society - No report received

7.3 Belgian Blue Cattle Society – No report received

7.4 Charolais Breeders NZ Inc – No report received

7.5 Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc. – No report received.

7.6 Galloway Cattle Society – No report received.

7.7 NZ Angus Association – No report received.

7.8 NZ Beef Shorthorn Assn – No report received.

7.9 NZ Charolais Cattle Society – Stuart Bryant (President)

Welcome to the 54th AGM of the New Zealand Charolais Cattle Society via Google Meet.

Our thoughts go out to all Charolais breeders and former members that have been affected by various weather events during the year. To those members who have lost family members over the last year condolences from the Charolais Society. In particular the tragic death of our council member Wayne Semenoff. Wayne was appointed to our Council back in 2002 and served as president for nine years, he remained on Council until his death.

In 1980 the family began the purchase of their Broadwood property, the sections were bought one at a time. Wayne started his farming career that year and Gay began teaching at Broadwood School.

Wayne bought 23 Angus weaner heifers for \$21 each and helped out on his parents' farm over the hill before working as a stock agent at Wrightsons. Wayne started developing their Charolais stud in 1984.

Wayne and Gay attended World Charolais Congress events in Canada, Hungary the British Isles and Australia while growing the improving their herd.

Thank you to all those members who attended the 53rd AGM tour based in Nelson last year thanks to Joanne, Liz, Annette, Euan, Gibbs and Martin Families.

Going Forward for the Society:

Over the past two years for various reasons the number of breeders remaining in the Society has reduced, some of the main reasons for the reduction are:

1. Breeders exiting the industry.
2. Breeders retiring from farming.
3. Breeders transferring to other Breeders Association.

As a Society we have to give serious consideration to what the future looks like for members. Our numbers are currently:

- 9 active cattle breeding members,
- 4 non-active cattle breeding members,
- 12 Associate members.

Moving forward we are required to reregister under the Incorporated Societies act 2022 hence the revamp of the constitution to comply with the new regulations, but we do need to monitor the future of the Society with the reducing number of members.

Currently the Society is in a strong financial position, but we need to consider how we use the funds going forward. We, as a Council agreed to put forward to the AGM, that due to general economic decline and to assist those breeders who remain loyal to the Society, we will keep the reduced cow fees for the 2026 Financial year.

Forthcoming Bulls Sales

Well-bred grown and presented bulls will always attract a premium price. Good luck to all our bull breeders/sellers for the 2026 Bull selling season.

I would like to record my thanks to Annette, Euan and Liz for the work they do to ensure the smooth running of the Society's affairs. Annette & Euan run the office in a prudent and efficient manner on a day-to-day basis throughout the year.

To the Council thank you for your efforts.

7.10 NZ Hereford Association – No report

7.11 NZ Highland Cattle Society – Judy Smyth (President)

To Members of New Zealand Highland Cattle Society It is with solemnity that I present my Presidents report for 2025/2026 yr, it has been an unsettled year of serious time-consuming challenges for Council that have required constant ongoing management. I am aware that my style of management as President, could be viewed as "soft" but I am and continue to be an advocate for natural justice, due process and personal moral codes of ethical conduct. Having been cautionary in my opening statement I need to balance that with genuine gratitude and positivity.

Personnel Lisa Holloway of Woolly Manor Moos in Otaki and who is currently a Councillor, has taken on the Registrars role, for which the Society is very grateful. Lisa has had a considerable number of years' experience in both Breeding and Showing Highland Cattle, so she is a wonderful fit for the role. The Council thanks most sincerely Shirley Blanchard, the outgoing Registrar for her expertise and competence she brought to the role and is very grateful for the time and support she has given to Lisa by way of a "handover", to fully understand the complexities of the tasks associated with the role. Also, a big thank you must go to you, the Membership for your patience whilst waiting some months for outstanding tasks to be completed. The backlog of Cattle Registrations and Transfers are now up to date.

Scott Withers, our Council Secretary has tendered his resignation due to a change in his employment circumstances, balancing this with continual Council work has become untenable. We thank Scott most sincerely for the time he so willingly donated to the Society within the Secretarial role of, a myriad of tasks. Anne Meyer, a current Councillor has offered her expertise in IT & Communication skills to undertake this role after the AGM. Martin Mcleod 1 of our 2 Vice Presidents has also resigned from Council, the gap he has left is immense and his legacy as a long-standing Member, Councillor for countless years and both Bull Assessor and Co-Ordinator is 2nd to none. Bruce Burnell a current Councillor has taken on the role of North Island Bull Assessment Co-ordinator, Bull Assessment applications will still be furnished to the Registrar who will process them and Bruce will co-ordinate with the Breeder applicant and team of Bull Assessors in order that task is completed. James Brown remains

as the South Island Co-ordinator. Finances

Our Financial position remains cautiously stable with a conservative budget in place for this financial year; however, it is notable that, Income Revenue from Merchandise sales is supplementing the Societies Cash flow. Doug Maclean, our Treasurer has highlighted to Council just how important it is to increase the Membership and for Members to be registering cattle, in order to provide the funds necessary, to maintain a healthy Society cash flow which should be 1 of the core goals of both the Council & Society. The Treasurers Report furnished by Doug will speak to the financial specifics.

The Constitution The NZHCS Constitution has governed the Society since the Society was first incorporated in October 1993, some 30 years ago. To comply with new Charities Commission legislation, a significant review of our Constitution was undertaken by Council with Leadership, from Doug Maclean our Society Treasurer, in the first half of last year, 2025. The newly drafted, updated Constitution was subsequently circulated to all Members and ratified at a Special General Meeting held in late October of last year 2025, this was passed and updated the 1993 format. This was then furnished to the Charities commission and includes the necessary clauses that ensures we are compliant with both the Charities Act and the Incorporated Societies Act. A huge thank you must go to Doug who guided Council through achieving/meeting such a significant milestone task. The Breed The demand for quality Highlands remains relatively stable although considerably lower than the halcyon days when we had some 400 members.

There is no doubt that strong public interest is shown in Highlands when in the public arena ie shows and field days. Thanks must go to Ginny Alexander and her support network for consistently flying the Highland flag at our yearly National Field days at Mystery Creek and to Anne, Lisa and Pete who have attended 4 shows in the Lower North island this past show season with a minimum show team of 5 animals. Judges have spoken eloquently on the calibre of the animals, particularly when placed ahead of other Beef Breeds to become Supreme Champions. Significant changes have been made to Bull Assessment as a result of, the Breed Committee spending considerable time reviewing and revising Bull Assessment documentation.

The following are the changes that have been made in the interest of continually upgrading the standard of our Stud bulls and for effective and efficient maintenance of the Processes and Procedures around the Assessment process itself. 1. You may apply for a Bull to be Assessed at any time of year. The applicant will need to furnish a Myostatin negative test for the Bull, Assessment will take place once the Bull has reached a minimum of 12 months of age. 2. Only progeny from Fullbloods or P3 parents (P4 progeny) will be eligible for Assessment and subsequent Registration into the Herdbook. 3. A minimum Daily growth rate of .6 kgs is required, should the Bull fail this Daily growth rate, he will be declined for Registration, if a 2nd Assessment is required a 2nd Assessment fee is payable. 4. Bulls will be Assessed as being either ... Below, At, High, against Breed Standard criteria, 3 Benchmarks now, not 4. 5. Frame scoring will be introduced as a, new optional measurement. 6. A 3rd form of Assessment will be implemented by means of Video link if costs of getting Assessors onsite become prohibitive or when Assessors cannot attend an Assessment in a timely manner. 7. More than 1 current photo is required of the Dam if she is not present I am delighted to report that our policy of compulsory testing of Bulls for the Myostatin gene, prior to Assessment has been fully implemented and to date, no further Bulls have tested positive for the gene, some Folds have chosen to test all Dams as well, to ensure that male progeny born are declared " Free of" by birth/inheritance.

To date the goal of containment towards eradication is being met. We are however, monitoring another genetic defect "Rats tail" and this will be visually checked for at Assessment. The Herd Book For the past 18 months Council has wrestled with the knowledge that a Member of the Society has registered Cattle in the UK Herdbook without first Registering them in the Herdbook of the Country of Birth, namely New Zealand. This has been perceived as contravening our Herdbook Rules and Regulations Nationally and Internationally. Our Rules and Regulations were examined over time by a small group of Counsellors, and a technical loophole was found by means of a non-alignment of clauses which nullified the perceived breach. The clauses were then rewritten to align, subsequently Council received a formal written complaint centred around the above issue which has now been assigned to an external mediator for an unbiased, non-emotive perspective. All parties have agreed to abide by the findings. This next year Must be one of revised priorities and strategic direction in order that the Society through Council, reinvigorates and recovers from the difficult circumstances of this past year. I believe we need to ... 1. Implement Codes of Conduct. 2. Learn to navigate disagreement constructively and fairly. 3. Review Herdbook Rules & Regulations for currency, constructively, through different lens and perspectives. 3. Remember

our Core Objectives, showcasing our cattle in as many ways to the public as possible, to invigorate Society Membership, engagement and Cattle transactions. Acknowledgements

My sincerest thanks, on behalf of you the Membership, must go to those specific persons who sit in Management roles both within and outside of Council and fulfill a myriad of tasks in an extraordinary manner. Anne M, my Vice President, or should I say my "Therapist" who has stood by me through some dark days as President and the loss of Paul. This lady is kind, very, very capable and highly efficient across several domains. Doug M, Council Treasurer, who is fiscally very, very competent, dependable, measured and a voice of calm, well-informed reason. Scott W, Council Secretary, who has often been the "frontsman", that has fielded your inquires and provided the structural framework for Council meetings. Shirley B & Lisa H , Past & Present Registrars, the go-to persons for all Breeding matters, Registrations, Transfers, DNA Testing etc, they are the person who ensure traceability of your Folds Breed pedigrees and accuracy of, as reflected in the Society Herdbook. All the above persons offer their expertise in a voluntary manner and as a Society we owe them a debt of gratitude. Finally, to all Councillors, Anne, Lisa, Bella, Bruce, Jim and James, you have all donated your time, effort and respective skills in a very dedicated manner during some highly emotive, turbulent times this past year and it behooves me to thank to you all most sincerely for your significant contributions to both Council and the Society. 'I finish with the Gaelic proverb ... "Tar eis gach stoirme tagann aiteall" ... which translates as, after every storm comes a spell of calm, let's make it count!!!.

7.12 NZ Lifestyle Highland Society – No report received.

7.13 NZ Maine Anjou Cattle Soc – No report received.

7.14 NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle – No report received.

7.15 NZ Red Poll Cattle Breeders – No report received.

7.16 NZ Salers Society – No report received

7.17 NZ Lowline Breeders – Fiona Henschman (Chairperson)

Our first year as the combined NZ Lowline Breeders promotion group has gone very smoothly, with Facebook, Messenger and emails used to keep all members involved.

We held a successful field day in February for new members in combination with our AGM in Hunua.

Lowline cattle have been shown in both islands successfully including the Royal Shows held at Stratford and Christchurch, and several shows in the South Island by Kay and her team of Rangiora High School students. It was wonderful having Kay and her students come up to Stratford recently to a youth beef handling camp with a good tour of Taranaki while they were here.

Individual members promote our breed at every opportunity resulting, for example, in my first purebred bull sold to a dairy farmer as an easy calving option in the Taranaki area.

Animals have again been sold direct to the butcher with their own abattoir and also sold to customers to grow and raise on their own properties.

Prices have been extremely good for beef and the smaller cuts from Lowline make a lot of sense when prices are so high.

Demand for Lowline bulls for the dairy sector is steady and growing with breeders struggling to keep up with demand.

Sales have been steady to other stud breeders as well so we are confident of the future of the breed and happy with the NZ group still keeping members engaged.

7.18 Simmental Cattle Breeders – No report received..

7.19 South Devon Cattle Society – No report received.

7.20 Speckle Park International – No report received.

7.21 Welsh Black Cattle Breeders – No report received.

12. REPORTS – DAIRY CATTLE

12.1 Dairy Cattle Breeds Chairperson – Kelly Allison

As I sit down to write this report I reflect on a season that has seen record production on our property and this seems a similar story around most of the country.

With a settled start to spring, a summer with favourable conditions for milking cows and a very good autumn to finish the season strong, add to this the forecasters predicting a drier and settled winter which looks good for the start of the next year.

With the payout remaining strong and this continuing for next season and the beef schedule still high – this is underpinning cow values both in the cull market but also in cow replacement market making the average cow as valuable as it has ever been.

On the other side of the equation the increase in costs of production is a challenge to the dairy industry, as it is to all primary sectors. This has certainly been highlighted in the last three months with the conflict in the Middle East.

With the show season well and truly in the rear-view mirror and looking back the shows that have dairy cows entered seem to be maintain good entry levels and the quality of stock is of a very high level. The Royal Shows went ahead and were both successful in their respective Island, unfortunately I was unable to attend due to commitments on farm. The Dairy Event was again very well supported and remains the highlight in the showing season for a number of members.

My observations over the last few years is the gap between show/pedigree people and the commercial dairy farmer seem to be growing and I think for the strength of the movement we need to bridge this gap so that we remain relevant in the future dairy industry, this is not just a RAS problem but also a breed society problem.

12.2 Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders – No report received.

12.3 NZ Ayrshire Association – No report received.

12.4 NZ Guernsey Cattle Breeders - No report received.

12.5 NZ Holstein-Friesian Association – Cherilyn Watson (General Manager)

Holstein Friesian NZ was strongly represented throughout the country during the 2025/26 showing season, with excellent participation across numerous events and competitions. This strong presence has enabled Holstein Friesian NZ to reconnect with members face-to-face at shows and events nationwide. Alongside these in-person engagements, we have continued to maintain an extensive social media and online presence, further expanding our reach both within New Zealand and internationally.

The highly successful HFNZ/Semex On-Farm Competition continues to grow in popularity, with entries increasing again for the 2026 competition. Conducted entirely on-farm, the competition begins with animals judged within their respective regions. The top two animals in each class from every region then progress to the national final, where all finalists are independently assessed by a single judge. Winners will be announced at the Holstein Friesian NZ Annual Conference in June 2026.

The 2025/26 HFNZ North Island Championships were held at the 2025 Waikato A & P Show. Charbelle Tatoo Pix EX 95 E2, owned by Charbelle Holsteins was awarded Supreme Holstein Friesian North Island Champion Cow. The HFNZ South Island Championships were held at the South Otago A & P Show in November 2025. Rosedene Barolo Azzy VG87, owned by R Martin, Stirling, was named Supreme Holstein Friesian South Island Champion Cow. Congratulations to all exhibitors on a successful show season, and thank you for your continued efforts in showcasing the Holstein Friesian breed at the highest standard.

The National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp has now entered its twelfth year remains a key focus of Holstein Friesian New Zealand's Black & White Youth programme. Open to young dairy enthusiasts from all breeds, the four-day camp was held in Taranaki in 2026 and welcomed 24 (max) participants from across the country. Attendees developed valuable skills, connected with like-minded young people, and formed friendships that will last a lifetime.

We extend our sincere thanks to the members and businesses whose ongoing support makes this camp possible each year. The success of the programme was evident at the 2026 NZ DairyEvent Youth Show, where more than 75% of entrants had attended one or more youth camps over the past twelve years. This initiative continues to play an important role in supporting the future of showing across the New Zealand dairy industry.

Judging remains an integral part of any breed society, and Holstein Friesian NZ is committed to maintaining high standards through regular education and assessment opportunities. Judges are monitored annually through Judging Schools held throughout the country, with all senior Holstein Friesian judges required to attend a judging school every second year to maintain accreditation standards. In 2026, three judging schools were conducted across Waikato, Taranaki, and Canterbury.

The Holstein Friesian breed continues to demonstrate significant diversity both internationally and within New Zealand. This diversity provides solutions for a wide range of farming systems and reinforces the Holstein Friesian as the breed of choice for many dairy farmers. Holstein Friesian NZ remains committed to advocating on behalf of all breeders to ensure the black and white cow continues to be recognised for her many outstanding attributes and enduring contribution to the dairy industry.

12.6 NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders – No report received.

12.7 NZ Milking Shorthorn Association – Cherilyn Watson (General Manager)

The NZ Milking Shorthorn cow has been well represented at shows around the country in the 2025/26 season. The North Island Championships were held at the Waikato A & P Show in November 2025, with Champion Cow being awarded to Westell Jedi Rollie S1S EX exhibited by the Sneddon Family, Tokoroa. The Reserve Championship went to Laurendale Jazz Aria, exhibited by E Pirie from the Ngatea. The 2025/26 South Island Championships were held as an on-farm competition in February 2026, with an impressive 148 animals entered. Westell Hunt Missy S0S VG88, owned by the Simmons Family from Invercargill was crowned Supreme South Island Champion Cow. Judges for the Milking Shorthorn breed are certified through attendance at other NZ dairy cattle breed society judging schools. Existing judges are encouraged to regularly attend these judging schools, alongside any new judges interested in certifying. One year into the new administration arrangement with Holstein Friesian NZ is progressing well and has seen a complete re-brand for the Milking Shorthorn breed. The breed has also grown in numbers, which is pleasing, and a good sign for the future.

12.8 Purebred Jersey Breed Society – Ron Horn (President)

It gives me great pleasure to write this report.

The Purebred Jersey Breed Society has had another busy year of events which involved members continuing their breeding programmes of maintaining the true Jersey cow. Classification of herds once again was an integral part of this.

We welcomed our new journal editor, Jacoba Gread, who has much experience in compiling catalogues and articles on breeding matters. She has already produced a fine journal which covers all aspects of the Society.

Our last AGM was held at Pukekohe which was well attended where I gave a report on our trip to Australia on the World Jersey Conference Tour. This year's AGM is being held in Hāwera which I am sure will be an interesting and well organised event.

A highlight of our last conference was the awarding of Distinguished Member Awards to Murray and Linsey Skedgwell. They make a great team who consistently bred magnificent cows at their Mount Lake and Elmsbrook Studs along with the help of their daughters Julie and Alannah.

It was with some sadness that the Harvest Glen, Lindale and Tyndale studs have been dispersed after being very active in the Society over a long number of years. These studs are not easily replaced because of the limited number of young people getting into the breeding game.

The important thing is that there is still a strong desire to keep the Purebred Jersey Society playing its part in the dairy industry.

12.9 South Island Dairy Heifer Competition – not held in 2025.2026 show season.

12.10 Dairy Cattle Ethics Committee – Levies collected as at 16 June 2026

NORTHERN	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025.2026	CENTRAL	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025.2026
Auckland				Amberley			
Bay of Islands			\$60	Amuri	\$80	\$60	\$140
Clevedon				Ashburton			
Franklin				Banks Peninsula			
Helensville	\$115	\$80	\$55	Buller			
Kaikohe				Canterbury	\$205	\$170	\$375
Kaitaia		\$35		Cheviot			
Kumeu				Duvauchelle			
Nth Hokianga				Ellesmere	\$15	\$15	
North Kaipara				Flaxbourne			
North Wairoa	\$95	\$95	\$155	Golden Bay	\$50	\$75	\$55
Whangarei	\$85	\$45	\$125	Hawarden			
				Inangahua			
MID-NORTHERN	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025.2026	Kaikoura			
Cambridge				Mackenzie Highland			
Katikati			\$15	Malvern			
Matamata		\$40	No Show	Marlborough	\$140	\$10	
Morrinsville	\$155	\$191	\$200	Mayfield			
Rotorua	\$70	\$70	\$135	Methven			
Tauranga				Motueka			
Te Aroha	\$95			Murchison	\$175	\$120	\$270
Te Kauwhata	\$105	\$65	\$70	Nelson			
Te Puke	\$50	\$95	\$125	Northern (Rangiora)	\$15	No Show	\$60
Waihi	\$25	\$80	\$55	Oxford	\$145	\$90	\$90
Waikato	\$410	\$380	\$600	Rai Valley			\$20
				Sth Cnty Show			
				South Westland			
				Temuka-Geraldine			
				Westland (Hokitika)	\$80	No section	
EASTERN	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025/2026	SOUTHERN	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025.2026
Ctl.Hawkes Bay				Central Otago		\$5	
Dannevirke				Gore		\$140	\$170
Hawkes Bay				Lake County			
Masterton				Maniototo			
Poverty Bay				Mt Benger			
Wairarapa				North Otago	\$10	\$30	
Wairoa				Otago Taieri	\$5	\$125	\$15
				Palmerston/Waihemo		\$10	\$15
				South Otago	\$25	\$25	\$70
WESTERN	2023.2024	2024.2025	2025/2026	Southland	\$290		
Egmont				Strath Taieri			
Feilding				Tokomairiro			
Horowhenua	\$130	\$120	\$130	Upper Clutha			
Manawatu	\$545	\$820	\$665	Waiau			
Stratford	\$420	\$420	\$440	West Otago			
Waimarino				Winton	\$65	\$60	\$60
Wanganui				Wyndham			\$155
Waverley							

Mid-Northern District Council



Letter to the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand regarding dairy cow condition at shows

To the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand,

We are writing to formally raise concerns regarding the body condition of some dairy cattle being presented at shows. Feedback has been received from both within the industry and from the public that a number of dairy cattle, particularly in-calf heifers and calves, are entering the ring in lighter-than-desirable condition. It has been observed that animals with a body condition score of around 3 are being shown where a condition score of a minimum of 4 would be considered more appropriate. There is increasing concern that this trend is becoming normalised within the showing environment.

In our view, show cattle should reflect a commercially acceptable body condition score and present a standard that supports both good husbandry and public confidence in the industry. There is concern that judges may now be accepting, and in some cases expecting, lighter- conditioned animals, which risks sending the wrong message to exhibitors and the wider public. This issue is approaching the threshold of an animal welfare concern and is also to the detriment of farmers if such presentation becomes accepted practice.

We respectfully ask that the Royal Agricultural Society give consideration to this matter and table it for discussion at the AGM, with a view to providing guidance to member bodies, judges, and exhibitors on appropriate expectations for the condition of dairy cattle shown in competition. We believe this would help uphold animal welfare standards, maintain public confidence, and ensure the showing of dairy cattle continues to reflect sound and responsible farming practice.

Yours faithfully,

Leigh Taylor
Manager
Mid Northern District Council 027 4312092

17. REPORTS – SHEEP

17.1 Sheep Breeds Chairperson – Ian Stevenson

Sheep and sheep meat values continue to ride on long overdue highs. Wool values continue to rise with crossbred prices at the moment at their highest point since 2011. Fine wool values have also shown healthy increases in the last twelve months. Long may the present and increasing prices remain into the future.

Sheep sections at A & P shows with keen breeders in their catchment continue to receive good entries. Canterbury A & P hosted a Royal Show in 2025 with very good entries in the sheep section which created strong competition in classes and for the top awards. Well done to all involved in the hosting of a Royal Show at Stratford. Considering there had been no sheep at the Stratford show for many years the very good number of entries you received and the efforts you went to with the penning of them all is to be commended.

The 2026 NZ Royal Golden Fleece Exhibition and awards were recently hosted by the Central Otago A & P Association in Omakau on 18th April. It marked a major celebration for the wool industry coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the historic W S Hickey Wool Store. Fleece entry numbers were very good and of a very high standard.

17.2 Black & Coloured Sheep Association – Phillippa Sanders (Delegate)

Membership has remained steady during the year. Same branches have gained new members while others have unfortunately had losses.

Our sheep numbers at shows have remained steady, especially good entries at both Royal Shows.

Wool entries have declined in some areas but people still looking to buy fleeces for the Handcraft use. Members had success in the All Breeds section at Royals.

We are pleased to see shows adding our extras to their schedules i.e. Shearing Dates, and guidelines that hope members follow.

It is great seeing the Black and Coloured Sheep being included in the All Breed Section and holding their own successfully.

17.3 Cheviot Sheep Society – Blair Gallagher (President)

Firstly I would like to thank Judith Pascoe for her wonderful tenure as secretary of the Cheviot Society. She took over the role in 1994 (32 years) and I personally have really enjoyed my relationship working with her. As most of you are aware Christine Roberts will take over Judith's role in the coming financial year.

It was with great sadness that fellow Cheviot breeders Brian and Anna Coogan passed away during the year. They took over Barry Cleaver's stud and were great stockmen and sheep breeders.

Hopefully breeders have had some positive feedback from the Cheviot feature in the Farmers Weekly magazine. Thank you to the breeders who supported this by advertising.

Stratford Royal Show was incredibly well supported with 21 Cheviot entries. John Spellman won Champion and Supreme Champion Ram' with Gilbert Timms Champion ewe.

Annabel Tripp has submitted her resignation. Even though she loves the Cheviots she wants to simplify her operation at Snowdon.

On a personal note, 'Rangiatea' are really looking forward to hosting this year's Canterbury ward conference on Friday 15th - hopefully we get fine weather.

I hope as many members as possible will have the opportunity of joining us for our 2026 AGM.

17.4 NZ Sheep Breeders Assn – No report received

17.5 NZ Southdown Sheep Soc - No report received

17.6 Perendale Sheep Society NZ – Russell Proffit (President)

2025-2026 has possibly been one of the best in NZ Agriculture history for a long time with record Beef & Lamb prices & wool at a 10-year high. We still have some external pressure out of our control to keep things interesting.

The Perendale world has been another busy year starting with another great trip around Manawatu Wairarapa & Wellington. As always, a great time catch up with everyone and visit parts of NZ that you

normally wouldn't see. Thanks to the great Ward 3 team for all the effort and organising. The tour finished with final dinner and awards evening where we had the privilege of awarding a special Life Membership to Ivan Evans. Ivan has been a strong advocate for the Perendale breed for many years and a great support and exhibitor/convenor of numerous shows in his area. The Struan Trophy was awarded to John Henriksen. John is one of the unsung heroes of the Perendale breed working away in the background supporting everyone along the way. If you need something done ask John, you know it will get done. Why these two great Perendale stalwarts were recognised it doesn't go unnoticed all our wonderful members Breeders and Perendale supporters.

The 2025 Golden Sash was hosted by Stratford at the Royal A&P Show, where for first time it had Sheep exhibited in 30 years. The Perendale name was extremely well represented with over half of the total sheep - approx 80 Perendales exhibited. Thank you to Dave McKelvie for doing a brilliant job adjudicating on an impressive lineup of Perendales.

Congratulations to all exhibitors who entered in the Golden Sash class - twenty 2ths entries, and placed as follows: 1st Rua Peka Peka; 2nd J & C Henriksen ; 3rd Gilbert Timms; 4th Warren D'Ath; 5th Warren D'Ath; 6th Rua Peka Peka.

Another well supported and successful 2026 Gore Ram Sale, with the average being \$4,042 (\$3563 in 2025). Congratulations to Snowdon, with the top price of \$14,000.

A special mention goes to Ken Elliott with the sale of his Perendale ewes in March this year. Ken has been a very passionate Perendale breeder for many years.

It's great to see strong demand still for the breed with a very competitive marketplace with land use change and plenty of breed choice for commercial farmers to choose from. We as a breed need to make sure we keep our breed in the forefront of the industry with quality promotion and like Sir Geoffrey Peren and his band of followers, make sure we are breeding a sheep to take NZ Sheep farming into the future.

I have been working closely with B+LGNZ to keep Perendale at the forefront of their mines and trying to make sure they remember that breed societies exist and work well to improve the sheep farming in NZ. We as members, need to keep advertising/telling our story about our wonderful breed we have. We have been using some different medias over the last few years, and we need to make sure that the cost benefit is correct as we need to keep our cost in mind. We have found Facebook to be one of the cheapest media, but this only works best if we all share or like Perendale stories photos videos.

Lastly a special thanks to Christine who is always on the phone or email to get hold of and keeps everyone on their toes. You do such a wonderful job - keep up the great work. To all our Council – thanks for your support, and let's make sure we keep our great breed moving forward.

'keep living the dream'

19. COMPETITIONS

19.2 National Golden Fleece Exhibition – Melissa Jebson (Working Group Chair)

The 2025 Golden Fleece Exhibition was hosted by the Mackenzie A&P Association at their 2025 Show in Fairlie on Easter Monday, 21st April. Congratulations to all our exhibitors from all over New Zealand, some of whom were first time exhibitors.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors – Yaldhurst Wools, PGG Wrightson, Merino NZ, Mulcahy Wool, Kurow Wools, Ewe Need Us, Black and Coloured Sheep Society, Perendale Sheep Society, Corriedale Sheep Society, Duncraig, Philippa Sanders, Bev Forrester and the Mackenzie Highland Show. Without their support we would not be able to run this event which is in its 56th year.

Congratulations to all prize winners especially the Supreme winners :

Fine Wool – John and Carol McKenzie, Burnham

Strong Wool – Wildon Park (Hayden Hickey), Central Otago

Black and Coloured – Rachel Hmprihres, Feilding

Huacaya Alpaca Fleece – Shammara Alpacas (Arnya & Frank Walkington), Akaroa

Suri Alpaca Fleece – Pari Nui Alpacas, Richard and Wendy Farquhar, Dunedin.

Thank you to our Judges – Grant Andrews (Fine Wool), Gavin Crump (Strong Wool), Catherine Jane (Black & Coloured), (Strong Wool), Lisa Ford (Alpacas).

As part of this exhibition the Creative Fibre Ladies Group from Timaru had a competition to create articles from donated strong combing Merino and English Leicester wool fleeces. The Ladies had a ball

creating amazing items through spinning, dying, felting, knitting, embroidery, hand spun and hand-woven lock and the final articles made a great display.

Congratulations and thank you to all exhibitors who made their fleeces available for this year's exhibition. Thanks to Christine Roberts the RAS Operations Manager for all your help, expertise and attention to detail. Thank you also to the Golden Fleece working group who organised this event in conjunction with Pip and Rachel from the Mackenzie Show Committee. A great team effort, well done.

23. REPORTS – OTHER BREEDS

23.1 Alpaca Association of NZ – Peter Young (President)

The Alpaca Association is currently facing some challenges in regards to showing. We have an aging membership without a lot of youth coming through. We also have a dearth of qualified judges in New Zealand.

Despite this, showing numbers have remained reasonably solid with 13 shows having alpaca competitions of either breed and/or fleece throughout the country. Numbers of alpaca shown mostly range between 50 and 100 with a high of 109 at Rangiora. With our membership numbers stabilising in the past year following years of decline we are hopeful these numbers can at least be maintained as alpacas remain a popular drawcard with the public.

A major problem for our industry in recent times has been the lack of qualified alpaca judges in NZ forcing the Association to import judges from Australia for a number of shows. This is clearly a costly exercise and not sustainable in the longer term. Efforts have been made in the past 2 years to introduce a training program in NZ with limited success thus far but it remains a priority. The Alpaca Association of NZ has put in 2 remits for voting on. The first is for the separation of alpacas from Llamas under the RAS Regulations as we are very separate entities. The second is for the removal of the Tb testing requirement for alpacas to attend shows as per other non-bovine species. There has not been 1 recorded case of TB in alpacas in the last twenty-five years and Ospri have acknowledged they are not a risk. The AANZ will remain vigilant in conjunction with Ospri and MPI on all potential diseases but it is hoped members who have not renewed their required Tb certificates due to availability and/or cost of testing will return to showing should these remits be successful. We look forward to working even more closely with RAS in the coming year as a way forward in developing our industry.

23.2 Mohair NZ - No report received

23.3 NZ Boer Goat – No report received

23.4 NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association – No report received.

23.5 Llama Association - Judy Webby

The committee has been working hard all year to keep NZLA on people's radar.

Our register, with detailed records since the 1980s, is a key asset. Unfortunately, many NZ llama breeders overlook its value—while plenty of cria appear on social media, most go unrecorded. With a limited gene pool, responsible breeders should register llamas to track lineage. Registration is free, and registered llamas command higher prices.

In 2023, seven cria were registered; in 2024, just three; and this year, we jumped to twelve. Still, these come from only four breeders—even though social media shows there are loads more llamas out there who could join us. Keeping good records really matters—a recent request came in for eight young llamas (12–24 months), and it would've been great if we could have filled that from our members.

Our latest promo was all about getting llamas registered across New Zealand. We had a \$250 Prezzy card up for grabs plus a free introductory membership, it was promoted on Lifestyle Block pages as well as our own Facebook page. Not as many folks joined in as we hoped, but we did welcome a new member and got two past members back.

A very sad incident was us getting \$1,000 ripped off by a scammer. Georgiah Brook (also known as Georgia Amon) first put a post on our FB page to sell 3 female, possibly pregnant and 1 male llama. Keith kindly visited to assess them, and fortunately took photos. Shortly after that she said they urgently had to be moved, that same day. The committee agreed that this was a worthy case for the rescue fund, Brenda Mclean offered to take the girls, and a local, Steve, was going to take the boy. Corey went to considerable trouble to organise SPCA to uplift the llamas and house them until we could arrange transport to the adopters. The first sign of trouble was when Georgiah declined that offer and said she would deliver them.

We paid the \$1,000 but then ran into trouble arranging pickup, as she said they had been moved but

was not forthcoming with their new venue. She said she would be visiting them at 5pm, so Steve agreed to go to their last address to check it out. She did not turn up but Steve met the owner of the property who said she had told Georgiah to remove the llamas because she had not paid the grazing fee. They went on the 21st, the same day we paid her

As Georgiah said they must have been taken without her permission I put the photos Keith took up on FB. This resulted in Nick Rattanong contacting me to say it was his float that was used to upload the llamas, and he saw \$1000 cash change hands for them. He was not prepared to say where they are. The time he was there matched the time I was communicating with her regarding bank details for our payment.

Sean Kavanagh then contacted me to say they were his llamas, Georgiah brought them from him for \$2,000, but only made 2 payments of \$50.

After initially denying any deception, Georgiah committed to paying \$50 a week, she made one payment of \$25.

The incident was reported to the police, who so far, have taken no action.

I would like to thank the committee for their support, especially Davina who has been diligent in producing an entertaining and interesting Como Se Llama, Lynn for understudying the Registry Managers role, and taking it over from me this year, and Simon Gurse for his voluntary work as our Web Master

We have 2 committee members stepping down this year, Past President Corey who has been providing valuable veterinary information and access to the discounted MAS public liability insurance. And Kevin Cole who gave the Treasurer's role a good try, their work has been appreciated.

It is now time for my annual reminder that it would be good for the NZLA to have a new President. After 16 years on the committee in various roles I am still hoping someone will put their hand up to take over, so think about that over the next year.

23.6 NZ Pig Association – No report received.

23.7 NZ Sheep Dog Trials – No report received.

23.8 Premier Dairy Goats – No report received.

23.9 Rare Breeds Association – No report received.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY of NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Sunday 28 June 2026, 11am, Hotel Elms, Christchurch.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive: Ben Burgess (President / UBS Chair), Sophie Holst (Vice-President), Hamish Grigg (Treasurer), Sophie Kirk, and Paul Vanner: Christine Roberts (Operations Manager), Jill Timms (Admin/Horowhenua).

United Breeds Society (UBS) Council Executive: Kelly Allison (Dairy Cattle Breeds Chair/Ayrshire), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Andrew Stokes (Beef Cattle Chair), Leigh Taylor (Equestrian Breeds Chair).

Committees: Rick Croft (Measuring Convenor), Melissa Jebson (Hon.Life Member/Judge Convenor/Malvern), Maxine Mulligan (Hon.Life Member/ED Judge Convenor/Clean Sport Convenor), Alan Windle (HSCEX Chair, WD Judge Con.),.

Members: Shona Addison (Helensville), Shelly Birdsall (ED), Heather Brake (Rotorua), Sarah Butterick-Kent (Ashburton), Lynda Dickson (Cheviot), John Fleet, Steph Gowing (Whangarei), Allan Grant (Wairarapa), Nicki Hamburger (Canterbury), Nicky Hutchinson (NZ Riding Pony), Vicki Jagersma (Stratford/WD Manager), John Jebson (CD Chair), Alice Jones (Oxford), Greg Keyte (Waikato), Liz Maslin (Waikato), Chris Mason (ND Chair), Duncan McArthur (CD Council/Temuka Geraldine), Bruce McRobbie (MND Chair/Morrinsville), Hannah Morrah (Hawkes Bay), Mel Morris (Northern), LEEANNE MORRISON (WD Chair, Equestrian Pleasure), Pauline Pattullo (Banks Peninsula), Nick Rattanong (Galloway Cattle), Annette Robinson (Nelson), Dyanne Robson (Canterbury), Philippa Sanders (CD/Blk & Col. Sheep/Mackenzie), Sindy Shanks (ED), Geoff Smith (RAS Past President/RA Judge), Ian Stevenson (Sheep Breeds Chair), Leigh Taylor (Chair/Side Saddle/Te Kauwhata), Sue Thomas (Hawkes Bay), Diana Timms (Cheviot Sheep), Gilbert Timms (Perendale Sheep), Sonia Waddell (SI Premier), Jane Williams (Rotorua), Alan Windle (HSCEX Chair, WD Judge Convenor), Jaime Winter (Clydesdale), Bernadette Woffenden (Shetland), Kay Worthington (Lowline Cattle).

Rural Ambassador Finalists: Joanna Fowlie (MND), Elizabeth Graham (SD).

1	Welcome	Discussion - Action
	Ben Burgess – RAS President	Warm welcome was extended by the President to meeting attendees.

2	Chair of Meeting	Discussion - Action
	Ben Burgess	The Chair opened the 2026 Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting.

3	Apologies	Discussion - Action
3.1	Flaxbourne A&P Assn., Lorraine Gardner (Cheviot), Annabel Hampton (Mackenzie), Kaikoura A&P Assn., Dawn Kennedy (SD Judge Co-Convenor), Katrina Lau-Guild (Eq Judge), Malcolm McKerrow (RAS Hon.Life Member), Janice Mitchell (SD Judge Co-Convenor), Lex Peddie (Canterbury), Corey Prouting (Executive), Michelle Radford (Stratford), Michelle Mair (Taranaki All Breeds), Cara O'Connor (MND Judge Convenor), Rebecca Stuart (Malvern), Paddy Stronach (Duvauchelle), Lou Tait (SI Premier), Georgina Woods (2026 Rural Ambassador).	Decision: THAT the apologies as noted in 3.1 be received.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: C Roberts CARRIED

4	Obituaries	Discussion - Action
4.1		The meeting recognised those members who had passed away during the year, noting the following:
	4.1.1 Northern District	None tabled.
	4.1.2 Mid Northern District	George Hiha (Eq Judge), Barbara Keyte (Eq TJudge), Allan Whitehead (RAS Life Member).
	4.1.3 Eastern District	None tabled.
	4.1.4 Western District	None tabled.
	4.1.4 Central District	Gavin Frahm (Oxford Past President & Patron), John Harwood (Nelson Past President, Life Member), Shirley Sheed (CD Past Chair). Sheep Breeders – Joe Catherwood, JT Miles, and Neville Moorhead
	4.1.5 Southern District	Rosemary Isaac (Otago-Taieri President).

5	Conflict of Interest	Discussion - Action
		No conflict of interest declared.

6	Standard follow up items	Discussion - Action
6.1	Confirmation of 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes	Link included in Agenda – see Minutes page 59 Decision: THAT the Minutes of 29 June 2025 Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. Moved: B Burgess Seconded: S Holst CARRIED
6.2	Matters arising from Minutes (not on Agenda)	Bruce McRobbie – Concern that the 2025 Minutes and Financial Report were not included in the Minutes. Both should be sent out to all A&P's. Note: - 2025 AGM Minutes were included in the 2025 Gazette sent out to all members on 10 July 2025, along with the link to the Performance Report. The 2025 Minutes and Performance Report have also been listed on the website to view and/or download, on both the public page and members only page, since 10 July 2025. - 2025 AGM Minutes and 2026 Performance Report - links to both were included in the 2026 AGM Agendas that were emailed out to all Members including Breed Societies and Conference Delegates on 17 June 2026, immediately following the sign off by the Executive and Auditor. The 2026 Performance Report has been listed to read and/or download on the public page of the website since 17 June 2026. The 2026 Conference Agenda and Performance Report have also

		been listed on the Members Only page of the website since 17 June 2026 to view and/or download.
6.3	General Business added to the Agenda (if time permits)	No further General Business received from the floor.

7	Reports	Discussion - Action
7.1	Presidents Annual Report	President's 2025.2026 Annual Verbal Report - refer to Opening Speech, page 6.
7.2	RAS Consolidated Performance Report	Performance and Financial Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 was circulated and tabled – see link on page 59. Hamish Grigg – A good financial Year. Two Royal A&P Shows ran which saw extra income, but also more expenditure as a result. Rebates were given to the districts. Increase of assets, due to the re-valuation of the Trophies. Income and Expenditure of the 6 Districts are also included in the figures listed. Most of the MPI/Government Grant has been paid out, with any surplus needing to be refunded to MPI/Government. Decision: THAT the RAS Consolidated Performance Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, as tabled and circulated be received and accepted. Moved: H Grigg Seconded: B Burgess CARRIED
7.3	Equestrian Breeds Annual General Meeting – Leigh Taylor	Nothing to report.
7.4	Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meeting – Alan Windle	Reports are all up to date. A good forward moving meeting with discussion papers put forward to take back to the Associations/Societies for discussion. Thank you for the support from fellow Convenors Decision: THAT the verbal report by the Chair from the Equestrian (Main) Annual General Meeting be received. Moved: A Windle Seconded: M Jebson CARRIED
7.5	United Breeds Society (UBS) Annual General Meeting – Ben Burgess	Concern with conditions of some Dairy Cattle being shown will be referred back to the Dairy Ethics Committee. Decision: THAT the verbal report by the Chair from the United Breed Society Annual General Meeting be received. Moved: B Burgess Seconded: K Allison CARRIED
7.6	Districts Chairpersons Reports	As circulated in Agenda, and tabled – see pages 60-65. Decision: THAT all District Chairpersons reports as tabled, be received. Moved: B Burgess Seconded: S Holst CARRIED

7.7	Royal A&P Shows	Presentations were made yesterday from the 2025 host shows - Canterbury and Stratford.

8	Finance	Discussion - Action
8.1	Annual Membership Levy Review	No increase in the Annual Membership Levy was tabled by the Executive. Decision: THAT the meeting accepts that there is to be no increase in the Annual Membership Levy for 2026.2027.
		Moved: H Grigg Seconded: K Allison CARRIED
8.2	Equestrian and Dairy Cattle Levies	Decision: THAT the meeting accepts that there is to be no increase in Equestrian and Dairy Cattle In-Milk levies for 2025.2026.
		Moved: H Grigg Seconded: A Windle CARRIED
8.3	Appointment of Auditor	Decision: THAT Ashton Wheelans Ltd be re-appointed as the Society's Auditor for the 2026.2027 financial year.
		Moved: H Grigg Seconded: B Burgess CARRIED

9	Remits, Motions, Business or Proposed Resolutions	Discussion - Action
9.1	Remits Results – #1 to #12	Results of Equestrian Remits were announced - all voting forms were counted by a Government Electorate Office Manager.
Remit		
1	99 and 100: Alpacas and Llamas – Separating Rules	33 FOR / 1 AGAINST / 22 ABSTAINED - PASSED
2	100: Alpacas - New Rule	33 FOR / 2 AGAINST / 22 ABSTAINED - PASSED
3	GR 6: Abuse of Exhibits (Lunging)	48 FOR / 12 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
4.	EEFS/J/ER: Judges Adjudicating Breed Sections	58 FOR / 3 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
5.	CDE: Novice Classifications – include Overseas RAS Shows	59 FOR / 2 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - PASSED
6.	GR 9: Riders Under 17years to wear Short Riding Boots	32 FOR / 29 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - PASSED
7.	GR 9: Riders on Ponies to wear Short Riding Books.	37 FOR / 23 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - PASSED
8.	MSS: Adult Rider – Remove Novice Rider Class	39 FOR / 22 AGAINST / 2 ABSTAINED - PASSED

9.	MSS: Adult Rider Class – Age Amendment / Remove Novice Class	13 FOR / 47 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - FAILED
10.	MSS: Junior Rider – Remove Novice Rider Class	22 FOR / 39 AGAINST / 0 ABSTAINED - FAILED
11.	Equestrian Levy – ESNZ Classes Exempt	28 FOR / 32 AGAINST / 1 ABSTAINED - FAILED
12.	MSS: Riding Horse and Saddle Hunter – Combine Novice classes	13 FOR / 40 AGAINST / 3 ABSTAINED - FAILED
		One Voting Form - INVALID
9.2	Motions	
	9.2.1 Royal A&P Show	Circulated and Tabled. Gilbert Timms – spoke to the motion. Discussion followed – - When the original rule was voted in was outlined. - One Royal A&P Show in each island means that Royal A&P Shows are accessible for all. - Royal Events can be run by all affiliated Associations/Societies. - One Royal Show a season is giving kudos, but use and promote Royal Events, Motion: THAT The Royal Agricultural Society of NZ to only allocate one A&P Association/Society to host a Royal A&P Show in the same showing season. <i>Moved: Gilbert Timms, Horowhenua A.P & I Association.</i> <i>Seconded: Barry Mansell, Horowhenua A.P & I Association</i> Decision: THAT the above motion be voted on.<i>Deci</i>
		Moved: G Timms Seconded: D Timms
		Votes counted: 34 - FOR: / 11 AGAINST / 0 - ABSTAINED
		CARRIED
	9.2.2 Proposed Constitutional Change	THAT 11. United Breeds Society Council (d) The chairperson of the United Breeds Societies Council and Breed Chairpersons (excluding Equestrian Breed Chair), along with an Executive member, will form the United Breed Society Executive, And, 12 Horse Stewards' Council (d) The chairperson of the Horse Stewards' Council, the National Convenors of Measuring, Judges and Forbidden Substance and the Equestrian Breed Chair along with an Executive Member will comprise the Horse Steward's Council Executive. <i>Moved: Leeanne Morrison, President, NZ Pleasure Soc.</i> <i>Seconded: Louellen Davies, President, Katikati A&P Soc.</i> Motion was withdrawn by Mover prior to Conference.
9.3	Recommendations from	
	9.3.1 Equestrian Breeds AGM	None tabled.

	9.3.2 Equestrian (Main) AGM	None tabled.
	9.3.3 United Breeds Society AGM	None tabled.

10	General Business	Discussion - Action
10.1	Honorary Life Membership(s)	Mr Geoffrey Smith – Past President. Citation – see pages 65-66 Chair congratulated Mr Smith on his Award that was presented to him, prior to the AGM.

11	Election of Officers	Discussion - Action
11.1	Patron	Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro. Current Patron – whilst in her term as Governor General.
11.2	Executive	
	11.2.1 Vice-President	Ms Sophie Holst – co-opted in 2025, term ends. Ms Sophie Holst has put her name forward for election. Nominator One: Helensville A&P Assn Nominator Two: Ben Burgess (RAS President) Action: Ms Holst's nomination to be ratified at this meeting Decision: As only one nomination was received and did not exceed the vacancy number, THAT Ms Sophie Holst be ratified and duly ELECTED.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
	11.2.2 Executive Member – 2 positions	Mr Paul Vanner-- co-opted in 2025, - term ends Mr Vanner has put his name forward for election. Nominator One: Stratford A&P Association Nominator Two: Sophie Host (RAS Vice-President) Action: Mr Vanner's nomination to be ratified at this meeting Decision: Due to the nomination received did not exceed the number of vacancies: THAT Mr Paul Vanner be ratified and duly ELECTED.
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
		Mr Corey Prouting-- co-opted in 2025, - term ends Mr Prouting has put his name forward for election. Nominator One: Horowhenua A,P&I Association Nominator Two: Stratford A&P Association Action: Mr Prouting's nomination to be ratified at this meeting Decision: Due to the nomination received did not exceed the number of

		vacancies: THAT Mr Corey Prouting be ratified and duly ELECTED .
		Moved: B Burgess Seconded: M Mulligan CARRIED
11.3	Horse Steward's Council Executive	All Term remains current.

12	Close	Discussion - Action
		The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and support at the 2026 Conference, including executive, staff, current role holders, and wished everyone a safe trip home.
		Meeting was declared closed at 11.28am.

7. REPORTS

7.1 President – Ben Burgess – see page 6.

7.2 RAS Consolidated Performance Report – Link on website will be uploaded before Conference
<https://www.ras.org.nz/about/our-conference/>

7.5 Districts

7.5.1 Northern District – Chris Mason (Chairperson)

This season saw a fantastic turnout across our Northern District shows, with good weather contributing to good attendance. While some events experienced particularly hot and sunny conditions, leading to larger crowds earlier in the day and quieter afternoons, the overall turnout was very positive. Trade and food vendors sites also enjoyed strong sales throughout the region.

The Northern District Show Star competition was a resounding success, which helped increase equestrian entries across the region. A huge thank you to Grace Adnitt for all her hard work on this project, please find her Show Star report below. Reports from each of the District Shows follow.

Clevedon

Our Show followed our usual format of being slightly better in terms of both attendance and a slightly increased profit, in relation to the previous two years.

A slow start due to some damp weather on the Saturday turned out to be glorious windless Sunday for everyone. Saturdays seem to be less well attended due to family commitments such as sports, but Sundays really make up for any shortfall. We always place extra volunteers on Sundays, to manage the traffic, carparking etc. Overall, a very successful Weekend Show.

Bay of Islands

It was a very warm Show Day for the Bay of Islands Show in 2025. We had a few showers come through to cool things down, but not to dampen the atmosphere.

We had great numbers for all areas with Equestrian numbers up and a variety of new Trade exhibitors. We welcomed back Dairy Cows which was exciting for everyone. Calf Club and Pet Lamb were as popular as ever. The Hall competitions saw a big jump in new faces, with a few changes to the schedule bringing in first time exhibitors. Gate numbers were up slightly from the previous year, and everyone looked to be having a lovely day out.

Whangarei

The 144th Whangarei A&P Show, held at Barge Showgrounds on Saturday, 6th December 2025, once again delivered a vibrant and successful community event. Gate numbers remained comparable with previous years.

The Show proudly highlighted a Kauri protection theme, helping raise awareness of this important regional issue. The theme was well supported and provided an educational and engaging focus across the grounds.

Livestock and equestrian sections attracted good support, alongside a wide range of trade sites and family entertainment. A particularly hot and sunny afternoon created some challenges, with attendance easing slightly later in the day. However overall crowd numbers and engagement was very positive.

The Society extends a sincere thank you to all volunteers, exhibitors, judges, competitors, sponsors and members of the public whose continued support ensures the ongoing success of Whangārei A&P Show.

Kaikohe

The Show was a really good day, despite numbers being slightly down. We had great feedback that the Show was awesome and people love the traditional events like sack racing for kids. Our pig racing still draws people, and we had good numbers for both horse and goat sections. It's our 100th Show next year so lots of planning ahead for our Show committee.

Paparoa

The 2026 show went really well. The key factor for success – the weather, was perfect and it made for really good attendance numbers. Our lead up was a little stressful as the wet weather of mid-January meant we still had hay on all our grounds until a week before the show, but once that was off, we were away. I cannot praise our committee and community enough for the effort that went into preparing for and running the show, it felt like a well-oiled machine. The fundraising that had gone on through the year meant we were again able to offer free kids rides and activities which let lots of families have a fun day without being financially challenging.

Our equestrian section seemed to go well. The hunt club ran a show jumping ring for the first time in a long time. The indoor entries were up. Local bands played which gave a great atmosphere.

The costs of running the show are still a challenge. Traffic management was \$4500 which is a killer.

Anyway, next year is the 150th NKAA show so we would like to book in the same weather again and try to raise even more money to put on a great event.

Arapohue

Northern Wairoa A and P Show at Arapohue was a summertime success for 2026, with early rain showers clearing to a glorious February Day. With a very strong showing in the cattle section, accolades for long service in the shearing, new attractions in the form of medieval knights and archery, and an incredibly well patronised indoor section, show day was a riot of colour and spectacle.

From the equestrian ring to the classic cars and all across the showgrounds people came out to support their local show and celebrate rural life. Tossing the sheaf, gumboot throwing and the big tug of war were all hotly contested, and the mixed weather meant that hot chargrilled barbecue and ice creams were in equal demand. Thanks must go, as always, to the committee and the supporters of this historic event, now closing in on one and a half centuries in heritage. Our sponsors, contestants, judges and patrons are the heart of the show, and it's thanks to all of them that we can turn on a day of classic Kiwi fun and hospitality each year.

Broadwood

The North Hokianga 111th A&P Show held on Feb 21, 2026, was again a great success, with good gate takings. It was a nice summer's day. The public enjoyed strolling around the trades section under the trees. While there, they watched the Shearing and Chopping events. There were a number of things for the younger ones, especially Chicken Shit Bingo! Dog Trials, Chopping and Shearing had good entries. Home Produce entries were up from last year.

Equestrian entries were about the same as other shows of our size. Recreational equestrian classes on the Friday evening is still very popular, giving the local riders an idea what is required for Showing. We would like to thank the Judges on the day and on Friday night that offered advice and encouragement to the young riders. All the hard work the Committee and Volunteers did before, during and after the Show, made it a great day! Thanks to the sponsors, competitors and public who supported our Show.

Franklin

Pukekohe Show was a great success, with large increases in entrants and competitors across Home Industry, Equestrian and Cattle. Attendance numbers were similar to previous years, and trade and food stand numbers increased on last year.

As usual, local clubs and users of the grounds are a focus of the Show, and it was fabulous to welcome back returning groups, as well as hosting some new clubs. A historical display featured within the building which used to be the Secretary's Office, was a hit and has prompted thinking for a permanent exhibit. Great feedback was received and the Committee is already planning the 2027 Show!

Kaitia

Great show, the motorbike rider drew in the crowds! Plenty of free rides for the little ones. Again the crowd so big the food stalls ran out before the day finished.

Helensville

We had a great 122nd Helensville Show – just over 8000 through the gate and nice weather (overcast with a light wind, a couple of showers around 3pm).

Our theme of The Horse was very well received, and it was fabulous to have new rings for the Donkeys, Clydesdales and Kaimanawa. People loved the Donkeys in particular, which were in a separate area from the equestrian. We also had a display by the Rare Horse Breeds team, with about 9 different breeds, which was very popular all day.

We introduced a new demonstration area which had all day entertainment by various groups (Mounted Games, Kumeu Western Riding Club, Side Saddle, Rare Breeds in costume, Parade of Breeds, Kidz kartz and the heavy horse performance rings) and that appealed to lots of people.

Trade had sold out six weeks prior. A couple of food vendors did not show, which meant those that were there all had a brilliant day, sold out early (and were shattered by the end of the day!).

Equestrian entries were excellent in the new Kindy ring (the old Lead Rein/First Ridden) and Hunt Jumping ring – both along non-RAS rules. OK for Pinto, Standardbred, Mini, Saddle Hunter, Sport (and the new Donkey/Clydie/Kaimanawa). Poor in Hack, Pony, Led Pony, Welsh (and yet last year they were excellent in Led Pony & Welsh). We seriously cannot predict it! There were a lot of late entries this year.

We are very appreciative of our loyal livestock entrants. This year there was good competition in our PGG Wrightson Flock Sheep classes. We had an unprecedented year of entertainers cancelling within the last couple of weeks, with 3 groups pulling out. We were able to fill the gaps but that was annoying and perhaps a sign of the times! I'm not sure if that is a trend seen by other shows.

There has been lots of positive feedback, which is very heartening. Great work by our Helensville Show crew, this year led by new President, Sophie Holst. Like everyone, we need more help in the last week, as we all get older, but we made it and it was an excellent Show.

Kumeu

The 2026 Kumeu Show, was a fantastic weekend, with record gate sales and a strong turnout - particularly on Sunday. We were lucky with the weather, and the mix of attractions helped create a vibrant atmosphere across both days.

We continued to build on what's working while also adding something new. Canopy Carnage, the freestyle tree climbing competition, returned for its second year. Lawn mower racing, run in conjunction with the Rodney & Waitākere Mower Club, made its debut and brought plenty of energy.

A big focus for us this year was lifting our marketing, with refreshed materials and a stronger social media presence helping build momentum and awareness leading into the Show.

Competition remains the heart of what we do. Having some of New Zealand's top sheep shearers and woodchoppers always draws a crowd. We were also fortunate to have two Australian judges join us in the Dairy Goat and Alpaca sections, which brought a valued outside perspective.

It was especially encouraging to see strong entries across the Equestrian, Indoor, and Poultry sections. The animal petting area continues to be a major drawcard for the public, and we're lucky to have such a generous group of farmers within our committee and wider community who make that all possible.

A sincere thank you to our committee, stewards, volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, competitors, and supporters. There is a huge amount of work that goes on before, during, and after the Show, and it simply wouldn't happen without the time, energy, and heart that so many people put in.

Northern District Show Star Competition

Show Star has been well received it has seen 30 consistent entries across the shows.

BOI, Whangarei, Kaikohe and Paparoa have had consistent entries, results have dropped off for the later shows and I wonder if riders lower down the list don't think they stand a chance against the higher up. I wonder if a spot prize for the person that attended the most shows is a good idea - if there is more than 1, draw it out of hat. We need to work on some rule changes if we continue with this next season as some riders are at a disadvantage.

But all in all it has been well received, I do believe it has encouraged riders to do more, for example word on the street was half the quality animals at Paparoa may not have attended if it wasn't for the Show Star competition. Feedback from the winners was positive with Kayte Korach saying, *'Thank you to all the Northern Districts shows that participated in the Show Star competition held this season. It was very much enjoyed by our family. It added another level of competition and something to strive towards in a section that we normally have limited options for classes, LR and FYR.'*

District matters

A huge thank you to all Show Managers, Presidents, Committee members and Volunteers whose effort during the season helped us achieve the results above and keep the movement in good heart.

This year we have had a District Manager in place, Ellie Ball of Whangarei A&P Society. We are still working hard to improve channels of communication across the district and increase interest in our Shows throughout the

region. Help us to make this happen – please respond to emails and requests from our District Manager in a timely manner.

Best wishes and every success for next Show season to all A&P Shows throughout New Zealand.

7.5.2 Mid-Northern District – Bruce McRobbie (Chairperson)

It is with pleasure I present the 2025/26 Chairman's annual report of the Mid Northern District of the Royal Agriculture Society of New Zealand.

Te Aroha Hack and Hunters had a great day being the first show of the season.

Matamata show was cancelled due to the weather and ground conditions.

Waikato ran a very successful show very good entries in both the dairy and beef sections also along with alpacas and sheep. Equestrian entries were not as great as last season.

Te Aroha had great day. Dairy numbers were up, good horses classes but pony classes were down.

Waihi had a brilliant day and large crowds a great result for their new show committee. Dairy cattle entries were up and the youth section was well supported. 70 head of dairy stock, 27 entries in the youth classes and 30 entered in the young handlers classes. Horse entries were down but there were good entries in the dairy goats.

Tauranga this show had only 3 ponies and 2 horses entered

Te Kauwhata had an excellent show although horse entries were down but good entries in the dairy section. Dairy goats were also on show.

Rotorua had another good show good entries in dairy cattle, dairy goats and horses.

North Island Premier Showing champs ran another good show.

Katikati horses down, dairy cattle were back again. Another good show.

Te Puke the weather played havoc but they pushed although weather affected the gate. Entries in the horses were disappointing but up in dairy cattle with 51 entries rather than 5-8.

Morrinsville had another great show. Dairy cattle 150 head with hostin the Jersey New Zealand North Island Championship. Over 70 head of beef cattle, a great alpaca display as well as dairy goats. Equestrian section numbers were up. The Clydesdales Society held their North island Championship with over 50 entries. Pig racing was held again and \$15500 given to child cancer.

Overall public attendance was up at all shows. Dairy and beef entries were up at all shows but dairy goats are struggling with low entries and pony sections are also low on entries.

Our thanks to Annie Gill being our entrant in the rural ambassador this year.

Finances have remained steady.

To Leigh, thank you for your dedication to your role of being district manager.

To all council members and show representatives, I thank you for all your support.

7.5.3 Eastern District – Tina Sergeant (Chairperson)

It has been a slower year for the Eastern District committee.

Due to a lack of support, we were unfortunately unable to host the awards as we had hoped. That said, it has still been a huge year across the district.

Poverty Bay celebrated their 150th Royal A&P Show, Hawke's Bay pushed through and hosted a show in some of the worst wind I have ever seen, and Wairarapa and Central Hawke's Bay both put on beautiful events. Wairoa held their first event since the cyclone, which is an incredible achievement. NZ Nationals saw huge entries and attracted crowds from all over the country following the cancellation of Horse of the Year. Dannevirke and Masterton also delivered great events, and the RAS Championship Show received fantastic feedback as a replacement.

I do want to apologise that I have not been as active as I had hoped this year. However, I am incredibly proud of our district for putting aside \$10,000 into a term deposit last year, giving us a solid emergency fund if it is ever needed. We still have funds available, and I would really like to see these used to upskill our district. This could include supporting judges and measurers, attending the RAS AGM, or investing in things like new jumps or ring bunting. These are all long-term investments that will benefit our shows for years to come.

I have also recently gone through the leftover rosettes from the district points awards. If I were to stand again, I would not be able to run the awards as previously planned. However, I would be more than happy to rework these and send them out to shows with vouchers attached for categories such as "Best

Volunteer” and “Sportsmanship Award.” I see this as a simple but meaningful way to give back to our district.

7.5.4 Western District – Leeanne Morrison (Chairperson)

First of all thank you to Vicky for taking on the role of secretary/Treasurer!

The year has gone very fast and by the feedback from shows most had a good show. The environment we are in is often challenging and its great to see the shows meeting these challenges.

Western Districts hosted a judges seminar in Waverley in March and there was a very good turnout which was great to see.

Stratford A and P hosted a very successful Royal A&P Show in November congratulations to the hard working team behind this event. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but the feedback received, it was an awesome weekend

Thanks to all the show committee's and helpers who are the backbone of the a and p movement and good luck for the upcoming season.

7.5.5 Central District – John Jebson (Chairperson)

Another Show season done and dusted. Between my wife and I we have managed to attend a good chunk of Shows in our district over the season, and we have thoroughly enjoyed everyone.

A successful Show season overall with only one Show having to cancel due to a weather event, when their grounds were flooded in January. We had

two successful Royal Events in the last twelve months plus a very successful Royal Show in our District.

At the Marlborough Show in Blenheim in November, they facilitated a Royal Event in the Indoor Produce section. At the Mayfield Show in March they celebrated their Centennial Show by hosting a Royal Event in their Indoor Produce section. Both Shows had plenty of support in their respective Royal events with the entries they received from their exhibitors. To cap it off, both Shows had kind weather and good crowds. We also had a full Royal Show in our District hosted by the Canterbury A&P in November. The weather was very mixed. Day one experienced four seasons in one day leaving the going very muddy, day 2 was very hot and humid, and day 3 ended with a hailstorm immediately following the Grand Parade. Stock entries were up to or on par with previous years. Some sections in the Equestrian area were well down. The Equestrian section had three Australian Judges and one English judge adjudicating. The Wool Zone was a highlight and created a lot of interest.

The overall theme from most Shows was a positive vibe, reasonable weather and good patronage through the gate, getting people out and about and supporting their local community A&P events. Well done to all our Show committees across our District for producing these great community events.

It was good to see Committees taking advantage of the red and yellow card for bad behaviour and issuing cards. This is what they are there for and the district fully supports the A&P's that issued them.

Just a reminder to all the Shows that applied and received the MPI Government Grant, that you must send a report back to RAS Head Office relaying how that money was used. If no report is forwarded within one month of your Show this may jeopardise any future grant given out by MPI.

Thank you to you the Councillors who have got out and about around the Shows in our district this season, and for assisting when required, the Shows they liaise with. Councillors are only a phone call away and are ready and able to answer any questions or problems that arise, so use them.

Thank you to Christine Roberts for keeping me in line and up to date. You are a rock and the Council greatly appreciate all that you do.

Don't forget that Central District are once again hosting our National Conference at Hotel Elms in Christchurch from 26th – 28th June. Take the opportunity to attend this event while it is so close to home as we may not be hosting again for a while.

Finally, well done to all our Show committees and all the best for the 2026 – 2027 show season.

7.5.6 Southern District – Rob Hall (Chairperson)

It is with pleasure that I, Rob Hall, present the 2025/26 Annual Report. We had Southern District representatives attend all our 17 shows over the busy season.

We enjoyed mainly good weather with a particularly bad start to the season, with a rough spring and challenging conditions to bring stock out in show condition. However, the weather improved to the point where temperatures reached up to 32 degrees - sizzling for Southern regions!! Most shows had good

gate takings with Pet sections and Home Industry competitions being very well supported with tents and sheds bulging with produce. Winton hosted our 2025-26 Premier show.

The Premier Show is an initiative by former chairperson Jackie Kelly and provides Southern Districts with a chance to show case one of our 17 A&P's annually. The show was held in fine weather. Winton has a challenging show venue having to hire the Winton Racecourse annually. But the hard-working committee make their situation work to put on a show that they can be proud of. Their relocated sheep pens greatly benefited competitors and the public.

Southern Districts has a very active Equestrian following with Judges out every weekend during the season, organised by our Judges Convenors – This past season saw Kristine Russell resign as the Equestrian Judges Convenor. Thank you Kristine for all your hard work and thank you for the hours you have put into developing our Southern Judges – your efforts are appreciated – Thank you. Thank you to Janice Mitchell and Dawn Kennedy who jointly lead our team as our joint Judges Convenors. The equestrian movement is strong in the Southern District, which relies on a big contingent of volunteers to make events happen – Thank you.

Our Dairy rep for RAS SD, Amy Green, does a great job in a ending as many shows as possible, promoting youth events and dairy heifer competitions which are run by SD A&P's. There were up to 60 Dairy young handlers involved this year - a very strong following. The dairy heifer competitions in the autumn saw over 30,000 stock judged around the region. Credit goes to the prize winners - the dairy industry is in great hands! Thanks to our judges, sponsors, drivers, and committee members for maintaining this competitions annually. We have a strong beef following in the Southern Region, which sees many of the competitors supporting Canterbury A&P. Like the Dairy sections, the Beef run a Young Beef Handlers accumulator.

Goats, Alpacas and Sheep add to the strong livestock sections at all the Southern Shows – which reflect the strong rural influence Southland and Otago have on the NZ economy. Our District manager, Ruth Stiven, and I attended the 2026 NZ RAS National Golden Fleece Exhibition hosted by the Central Otago A&P in Omakau in conjunction with the WS Hickey & Son Woolstore. What a spectacle. An amazing venue, celebrating Rural Excellence and wool. 1 Special congratulations to the 3 section Supreme Fleece Winners that all come from our very own Southern District:

- Fine Fleece – Armidale Merino Stud
- Strong Fleece – P & P Dodd
- Black & Coloured Fleece – D & M Maxwell

We have a RAS Southern District representative (Jackie Kelly) on the Telford Farm Board which oversees the Telford Training Institute, a working farm which trains future tertiary students in agriculture. A fantastic asset in the southern region.

Our Rural Young Ambassador this year has been Elizabeth Graham who represented Southern District with credit at the RAS Conference last June. Elizabeth is an active member in the Southern Districts, exhibiting Donkeys and Sheep at various shows, while being involved in the Young Farmers movement. I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth has again been selected as this year's RAS Southern District Rural Young Ambassador.

We had a great team representing the Southern District at the RAS Conference and AGM in Christchurch last June – a great event – I encourage everyone to try and attend this encouraging, interactive event – its positive and you come away enthused.

Each of our 17 A&P shows in the Southern District are supported by active breeders groups in Sheep, Dairy, Beef and Equestrian. These groups encourage excellence in agriculture breeding which goes hand in hand with the RAS moto. The agricultural industry and rural communities are closely linked to the towns in the region who actively support the showing movement in the south. We are very lucky to be well supported by volunteers and sponsorship – to those folk and businesses we are indebted too and thank them for their continued support year after year.

Thank you Ruth Stiven – our district manager.... Or what every title she chooses to use depending on her mood!!! I enjoy our yarns / debates / roadies and adventures we get up to – Thank you for your encouragement and support. We have a very active Southern District Committee that supports our A&P's in the region – thank you team for all your hard work. You all play a vital part in promoting excellence in Agriculture in our diverse region that plays a very big part in our country's economy. Thank you.

10.1 Honorary Life Membership – Mr Geoffrey Smith, Waiuku

We are delighted to be recognising Geoff for the prestigious award of Honorary Life Membership of the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS).

This award is given to individuals in recognition of their outstanding dedication and exceptional contributions to our organisation. They have shown unwavering commitment, exemplary service, and a lasting positive impact on our community. Those who know Geoff will be aware of his contribution but here is a précis of his time and involvement (which is still ongoing) with the RAS.

Geoff's presence within the wider RAS organisation first became known in 2007 when he attended the Bay of Islands conference. He had recently been shoulder-tapped to join the committee of his local A&P Association, the Franklin A&P Society. At their regular meeting, correspondence from the RAS around the forthcoming annual conference was tabled. The committee was about to agree to their usual procedure, which was to nominate a proxy to act on their behalf, when Geoff asked for further discussion on the matter. "Who or what was the RAS?" When it was explained it was the national and governing body for the A&P Associations in New Zealand (NZ), Geoff's response was immediate, "Then we need to be involved and make a contribution." This typified Geoff's attitude – he is, and has always been, the sort of person who gets involved and wants to contribute.

It may be timely at this point to highlight Geoff's career outside of the RAS organisation as it outlines the skills and knowledge he brought with him. He began his working life as a teacher but then moved to industry. His involvement in industry included high turnover consumer goods, manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, and public health. He has held many roles at both local and regional level, chairing several committees and helping those less fortunate. The skills developed over this time brought a wealth of knowledge to the RAS, enriching the organisation and its development over the years.

From that first involvement in 2007, Geoff was noted as a potential RAS Executive candidate. In fact, he was approached at that time, but his view was he needed to consolidate his involvement at local level before anything else. He went on to be Vice President and then President of the Franklin A&P Society, as well as becoming a member of the RAS Strategic Task Force.

In 2011 he accepted a nomination for the RAS Executive which was successful. Soon after this, portfolios for Executive members were introduced. Geoff's portfolio was Legal and Constitutional, and his exceptional literacy skills were put to effective use developing the Memorandum of Commitment for Volunteers, the Resolution process, assisting with a rewrite of the equestrian rule book and helping prepare a new Constitution for the organisation.

At the same time, Geoff was part of the Northern District Council and served as a committee member, as well as chairing the committee for some years.

During Geoff's time on the Executive there was a real drive to encourage and involve youth within the wider organisation. Continuing the good work of Past President, Mick Lester, Geoff championed the youth movement, mentoring Rural Ambassadors and Stock Judging candidates who then went on to represent NZ in the Australasian competitions. Geoff often travelled with the teams ensuring they were well supported and networked with other like-minded people along the way. Geoff's abilities were soon recognised by our Australian counterparts, and he was invited to be a guest speaker at the Queensland Youth Conference. Geoff's involvement and travel with the teams was at his own expense, and to this day he still advocates for youth within the RAS organisation and supports them with an annual financial contribution.

In 2013 Geoff was appointed Vice President of the RAS organisation. It was an unwritten rule if you stood for Vice President, you were prepared to stand for President. Geoff, in his normal humble way, was not sure he had what it took to be President of such a prestigious and long-standing rural organisation. Despite living on a lifestyle block and running a small team of cattle, as well as breeding sport horses, Geoff was concerned that he was not a farmer and this was what was needed for such an organisation. He sought advice from a mentor at the time, along with consulting Past Presidents, Hugh Treadwell and Bruce Orr, before accepting the nomination. As they reminded him, it takes all sorts and a range of skills to run an organisation, so being a farmer was not essential.

Serving three years as Vice President and then three years as President rounded out a total of eight years on the Executive. A huge commitment and one Geoff relished. During this time, he visited as many A&P Shows as he could, attended District Annual General Meetings, supported Royal Shows and Events, as well as attending complementary events such as Horse of the Year, where he stewarded and acted as announcer and any other role requested of him.

Geoff's time on the Executive finished in 2018; however, he remained involved at the local level. Then COVID-19 hit. The organisation, like many others, underwent challenging times. During the COVID period, Geoff was co-opted back onto the Executive for twelve (12) months to aid in navigating the uncharted territory that COVID brought with it.

Aby supported by his long-term partner John (Fleet), John has also been involved with the RAS. John was the show coordinator for Franklin A&P Society for many years, as well as being part of their measuring team. He went on to be the RAS Measuring Convenor for several years and is currently a Grade 1 Equestrian judge. Geoff, and John, are passionate supporters of the organisation and are familiar faces throughout the show year, attending and supporting shows both in the North and South Island.

We owe our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Geoff, who is due to receive this well-deserved honour. His legacy of service continues to inspire and strengthen our community.

PRESENTATIONS – Links

- [Canterbury A&P Association: Host of 2025 Royal A&P Show
Canterbury-RAS-Presentation-June26.pdf](#)
- [Stratford A&P Association: Host of 2025 Royal A&P Show
Royal A&P Show North Island 2025](#)

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