

## **Polocrosse Association of Australia to be part of AHIC Advisory Committee**

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“We support the establishment of this committee wholeheartedly,” said Peter Crauford, President of the Polocrosse Association of Australia. “We are looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to the AHIC and to ensuring the issues affecting our members are understood by the Board.”

“This committee should help ensure feedback and ideas can flow between the AHIC and our organisation more effectively as it provides a formal channel of communication. We have welcomed the opportunity to be involved.”

The representatives on the Advisory Committee will bring to the Board views and issues from their respective groups and will act as a sounding board for the many and varied horse related subjects that the AHIC Board considers.

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"We have individually contacted each of the relevant member groups and the plan has received their unanimous support," said Dr Smyth. "Our membership is looking forward to the opportunity to have input at Board level. The Advisory Committee will create a more formal communication channel between each of the member groups and the AHIC which can only benefit the industry."

Confirmed members of the Committee to date include representatives from the Arabian Horse Society, Australian Quarter Horse Association, Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association, Australian Stock Horse Society, Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Australia, Polocrosse Association of Australia and Australian Pony Stud Book. Additionally the committee will include nominated representatives from the Equine Veterinary Association and state horse industry councils and may be further expanded.

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