

## Secretaries Report 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current committee for all their hard work over the past year as it does take a lot of time and commitment to keep the Society running smoothly and without them there would not be a Society. Zoe has run the South Island Pinto show for several years and has done and continues to do a fab job. Kara and Marie have this season checked all the North Island show entries which is quite a job in itself. Katrina for taking on the role of President. Cherie Jackson for her role of Registrar which she does exceptionally well, as well as checking all the South Island show entries. And finally to Melissa, Katie and Ellie for being able to support whenever required.

I would also like to acknowledge the two committee members who resigned this year. Deborah Biggs who has been the President for many years. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work she has put into the Society and thank her personally for supporting me in my role as secretary. Marie Whitworth who has also been on the committee for several years and ran the North Island Pinto show, I would like to thank her for her service.

My thoughts are with those members and their families who have been impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. The Society donated hay nets to help those where the ground was not suitable for hay, which we hope helped in a small way, this was coordinated by Marie with help from Kirsty Whiting from Zeberdee Equestrian who matched our donation, which was extremely generous.

It was a real shame that HOY 2023 had to be cancelled again this year but totally understandable. Hopefully HOY 2024 will be bigger and better than ever.

Many A&P shows continued to run Pinto sections and they have been well supported. Some are looking for sponsorship and have reached out to competitors to help with sponsorship, stewards etc. I cannot stress enough how important it is to support these shows as we will lose them if we do not enter the classes.

This season the RAS have included Pinto conformation wins on the height/performance card. This has been a long process for this change to happen and we are grateful to them.

If you have any feedback on any improvements or suggestions, please let me or one of the committee know. As we are only good as our members.

Regards

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