

## **Presidents Report AGM 2023**

To begin with...I have only been in this position for a short amount of time due to the stepping down of Deborah Biggs. Firstly I would like to recognise her here for the many years of service she has put into the club as President. I would also like to extend thoughts to those that were affected by the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle. This again unfortunately caused the cancellation of Horse of the Year, but this is insignificant to the losses many experienced.

Showing wise we have been running classes now under a weight classification rather than type and we do look for feedback on this change, is it easier/ clearer? We welcome your thoughts.

Also in the show realm, the Society ran Its South Island show under the capable hands of Zoe Charles and the North Island ran again in conjunction with the National Showing Champs with Marie Whitworth facilitating this. I would like to thank them both for the hard work this takes and to also extend a further thanks to Marie for her work through the years after stepping down from the committee.

Also, please remember when showing, although we have our specific Pinto rules, As we are affiliated to the RAS we also run under their overarching rule structure and we cannot contradict these so it is very helpful for all competitors to familiarise themselves with these rules which are available on the RAS website.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all their work this year, especially that of both Julie and Cherie who being Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar who take on the lion share of the Pinto Society's workload. To all those that have helped secure sponsorship to enable shows to run and to those who have given their time to help at these competitions, again thank you.

I hope going forward we get to enjoy a more settled year competing than we have experienced recently!

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