

## Secretaries Report 2021

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 thank you to the Alana Vickers and Vanessa Wilkins who will not be continuing, on the committee. I would like to particularly thank Alana as she has been a pleasure to work with, efficient and had some great ideas on how to improve things. She will be missed, and I hope she would consider come back on the committee when she is able.

While COVID has impacted everyone's lives in some way we have managed to soldier through and the Society is as strong as ever. It was a real shame that HOY 2021 had to be cancelled but no one has a crystal ball and hard decisions had to be made. Many A&P shows continued to run Pinto sections and they have been well supported. And we had a couple of new shows include a Pinto section this year. Cheviot A&P in the South Island ran a Pinto/Gypsy cob section that was a huge success with over 20 entries in some classes.

While A&P shows try to find their feet as some have been impacted hard financially due to COVID some classes will change, and some will have to be combined to show that we have the numbers entering these shows to continue with the Pinto section. Some are also 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.

We have also been working closely with other Breed Societies to ask the RAS to include Breed Novice wins on the height/performance card. At this stage unsure how successful we have been, but it is an ongoing issue that we feel strongly needs to be addressed by the RAS. I represented the Pinto Society at the Central Districts meeting and the AGM this year and hope our presence there indicates how serious we are in having our voice heard.

This year we have changed the Remit and AGM voting forms to an online version which seems to have been very well received with more remits in than any other year.

With a new position being created on the committee for marketing/social media we hope that we can have some online surveys to get feedback on what you as a member would like to see the Society offer. We are also hoping to be more proactive on the social media side.

On a personal note, please remember that all our committee have jobs, family, and personal commitments so while we try hard to reply in a timely manner this cannot always be achieved.

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