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ASSOCIATION

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**HTBA MEMBERS BENEFITS**

# HTBA Breeders of Champions and Champions of Breeders



## 7 Reasons why you should be a member

HTBA – The Voice for Hunterbreds

- 1. Unites** owners, breeders, trainers, staff, suppliers and all industry Hunter Valley industry participants to **promote the Hunter Valley Thoroughbred Breeding industry** - locally, nationally, globally.
- 2. Stay informed and up to date on industry matters, legislation, policy, and advocacy:** nationally, statewide and locally – through our submissions, advocacy, press releases and media updates (members resources).
- 3. Keep abreast of key issues regarding horse health and wellbeing** through our research and information sessions.
- 4. Be entitled for group advantages and savings** from our Gold Sponsors, training and seminars.
- 5. Foster and support industry leaders of the future** through our education programs, scholarships and training initiatives.
- 6. Be part of an industry of regional, state, national and international significance that is here to support its members.**
- 7. Nomination eligibility** at Annual Awards and Scholarships.



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## Our Commitment

The Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association is devoted to upholding over 200 years of breeding history by fostering, promoting and preserving the thoroughbred breeding industry in the Hunter Valley.

We are dedicated to improving awareness of the value and importance of our industry domestically and globally and to retaining our position as one of the most influential and respected premier breeding regions in the world as a Centre of Thoroughbred Breeding Excellence.

The Hunter Valley is Australia's Thoroughbred Breeding Capital. We are committed to working with our Industry, Community, and Governments at all levels, to retain the industry's global status and prosperity.

### A proud history with an eye to the future ...

The history of thoroughbred breeding in the Hunter Valley dates back to the very early days of settlement - from the first breeding land surveyed and the first settler and stud established by George Bowman in the early 1820's and the importation of the Thoroughbred Stallion 'Crawford' to Potter Macqueen's Segenhoe Stud in 1824. For near on 200 years the Hunter's Thoroughbred Breeding industry has developed into Australia's premier thoroughbred breeding region. The extensive honor roll of winning horses and people, a list too long and ever increasing continues supremacy in Australia's Thoroughbred Breeding Industry today. It now stands as one of three global Centres of Thoroughbred Breeding Excellence, alongside Kentucky in the USA and Newmarket in the UK.

From the formation of the Upper Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Society in 1951 (which led to the formation of the Bloodhorse Breeders Association of Australia (NSW Division)) to today - the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association (HTBA) has a long history of championing the Thoroughbred Breeding Industry, spanning some 70 years.

The HTBA, through its careful and considered approaches, has become a recognised and respected advocate for the Hunter Valley Thoroughbred Industry.



## HTBA: Working on issues that affect you ...

- Uniting breeders, owners, trainers, managers, staff and participants with a strong voice behind a common cause – the sustainability, growth and prosperity of our industry.
- Fostering the development of our people and future leaders – including by partnering with Training Services NSW – Dept. of Education developing traineeship initiatives and upskilling existing staff to build a strong future workforce and address the skills shortage.
- Providing research insights and bio security updates/alerts.
- Recognising and commemorating our people and champion thoroughbreds through our Annual Awards celebrations.
- Educating members on all aspects of the breeding industry through in-house veterinary seminars, supervisor/management accredited courses, information sessions and newsletters on the latest issues.
- Fostering, promoting and protecting the Thoroughbred Industry in the Hunter Valley.
- Actively advocating on key policy, legislative and industry issues at all levels of government - local, state and national.
- Educating policy makers and increasing awareness on the importance and value of Australia's largest thoroughbred industry concentrated in the Hunter Valley.
- Promoting our industry – through social media, public exhibition displays at major national, state and community events.
- Investing in world leading research and development on industry, horse health and horse husbandry with AgriFutures Australia.
- Supporting our leaders of the future through the HTBA's annual Scholarship to the Irish National Stud Course.
- Promoting stud tours and client Stallion farm open days.
- Boosting economy and tourism for the upper hunter region.
- Recognised as the respected authority on Hunter Valley Thoroughbred Breeding matters for local breeders, state, national and international visitors, and governments at all levels.

# Recent achievements

- Development of the NSW Thoroughbred Breeders Workforce Development education program, defining the career pathway for the industry, phase one piloted in the Hunter Valley securing over \$1mil in training programs support for upskilling existing workers and engaging new entrants at entry level traineeship fee-free to participants.
- Practical training sessions for middle management and staff – on issues ranging from supervisory and management courses, mare reproduction, foaling, foal confirmation, nutrition and farriery to legal requirements, work health and safety, and practical research information workshops.
- Hunter Valley Equine Critical Industry Cluster recognised as state and nationally significant.
- Equine health and husbandry: Website resources library, bio-security information, helpful guides, advice and advocacy for the provision and use of Equine Herpes Virus vaccine and Hendra Virus vaccination and disease prevention.
- Equine research facilitation and support for researchers with AgriFutures Australia Thoroughbred Horse Program.
- HTBA sponsored scholars to the Irish National Stud Course. That have graduated with distinction and awarded medals honoring the dedication and knowledge of the industry.
- Equine Critical Industry Cluster heightened protection and protected from coal seam gas developments.
- Hunterbreds continuous domination of the top the Magic Millions and Inglis Sales best seller list and Australian Stallions.
- HTBA Awards booster of the Employee of the year awards, commemorating the achievements of staff incorporating a new Leadership Award.
- Attracting new clients to the region – including at the Annual HTBA Yearling Sales in partnership with William Inglis & sons.
- Concept development of Thoroughbred Explore interactive exhibition demonstrating the Thoroughbred Industries vast career pathways and educating general public about the breeding and racing industry.
- Collectively supporting more than 125 charities in the region.
- Supporting initiatives to boost industry recognition, potential and local tourism for economic development





## Strength in numbers

By becoming a member of the HTBA you join a strong, dedicated and united team pro-actively advocating for the development, promotion and protection of Australia's largest premier thoroughbred breeding region.



## Facts: The Hunter Valley is ...



- Home to Australia's multi-billion dollar Thoroughbred Breeding Industry.
- 1 of 3 Thoroughbred Breeding Centres of Excellence in the world.
- The largest domestic producer and exporter of premium Australian thoroughbreds and birthplace of 1 in 2 racehorses born in Australia every year.
- Economically significant – contributing to the industry's \$2.6 billion to NSW economy and \$5 billion to Australian economy every year.
- A significant national and state employer and the largest agricultural employer in the Hunter region.
- Home to more than 200 stallion and broodmare farms - representing the 2nd largest concentration of thoroughbred studs in the world (after Kentucky in the USA).
- Australia's most sophisticated, concentrated network of equine support industries – including the Scone Equine Hospital, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Recognised as an Equine Critical Industry Cluster of state and national significance.
- An integral part of the Hunter's and Australia's history and heritage producing champion equine athletes for over 200 years.



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