



## ROAN NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

### NEW BANK DETAILS – CBA

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### President's Report

Hello Roan Members and welcome to our Spring Newsletter.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating all the winners of the Roan 2023/24 Point score competition, a great effort by you all. Please refer to the attached for full results.

A lot of time and effort goes into preparing your ponies & horses to get them ready for shows and events and the Roan Society really appreciates your dedication in presenting them at these gatherings; continually supporting your society in this way.



Now foaling season has begun, when your roan baby appears, please take a few minutes and put photos and information on the Roan Facebook page for others to enjoy. Never too much foal spam. We all love to share your happy moments.

After all, these babies are the future of the Roan Society.

Things for your calendar....

26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Roan Annual General Meeting.

Please see details attached.

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Roan Nationals being held at Hawkesbury Showgrounds, at the NSW All Coloured Extravaganza. Please get your entries in and support our show. Entries close on October 14<sup>th</sup>, late entries accepted until the 20<sup>th</sup> at a higher fee.

Enter online via <https://www.vaws.com.au/>

As always, a little reminder...if your local shows don't have roan classes, please approach them or message your committee and we will supply sashes.

All the best through the lovely months of Spring, whether it be breeding, showing, eventing or riding your roans, they are standing out in the crowd and make us very proud to own a Roan horse or pony.

Kind regards,

Nancy Lewis



## Committee Member Profile: Linda Dowey

A horse. That was always on the top of my Christmas list. Every year on Christmas Eve I'd sneak outside and check if Santa left a horse - but there never was. Of course there wouldn't be one, we lived in Melbourne, on a suburban house block. My non-horsey parent's response was "If ever we move to the country, you can have a horse". Anyway, the best I could do was to save my pocket money. When I'd saved \$5, I would head to the local riding school and hire a horse for the day (a saddle cost extra).

Dreams can come true! My parents bought a hotel in Culcairn, in the Southern Riverina. Soon after, Mum and Dan bought my first horse. Moni was an aged Arabian mare that was put in foal for me. She was simply the best horse a teenage beginner could have. She came with a bridle and a brush. So, I had to ride bareback, but I didn't mind. I had a horse whom I loved. Her foal, Tara, was just like her dam and she eventually became my first endurance horse.

A move to The Hills District and then the Hawkesbury followed as I began my Bachelor of Teaching degree at university.

By chance, I met some horsey people through the hockey team I had joined. I was asked if I'd be able to help at an endurance ride, so I did, not knowing anything about it. I was in awe of the scene; the connection between horse and rider was quite unlike any I had seen before. I wanted to try it. I became hooked. I purchased an Arabian gelding, Aragon. Together we developed a connection like no other. Before I knew it, I was competing in 80km, 100km, 160km State Championships and National Championship Tom Quilty's, 200km and 400km Shahzada marathons. Our partnership saw us win numerous NSW and National Horse and Rider of the Year Awards and Distance Awards. We successfully completed almost 10,000 km. Aragon died in his 39th year. Such an amazing boy; but this is another story.

It was during my endurance riding that I decided to enrol in TAFE to study Horse Management at night. There, I learned so much from my lecturer, Lesley Dowey.

Sometime later, at an endurance ride at Tumbarumba, I met a vet, Christopher Dowey, Lesley's son. Our stars must have aligned that weekend, as Chris was to become my husband. That was about 30 years ago!

Chris and I have a few acres in Pitt Town, NSW where we have raised our two children, Abigail and Christian. We had a couple of horses, dogs, cats, and chooks. Life was good. I began looking for a pony to see Abby through her younger years as I knew she'd quickly outgrow her miniature pony, Fury.

This is where our lives took a turn from Arabians to Welsh ponies. We were introduced to Helen Dohan and a chestnut roan foal, Woranora Camelot. Abby was 2 years old when Woranora Camelot joined our family. Camelot was perfect in all respects. He had a



fabulous temperament, correct conformation and a cheeky personality. So, our showing journey was about to begin.

I hadn't really shown horses before, so this was a learning curve for me. Thankfully, Helen guided me and saw to it that Camelot was presented immaculately. Expertly broken-in by Nicolette Jones-Ryan, Camelot eventually was ready for Abigail to learn to ride. He has successfully been shown at Royal Shows, All Welsh Shows, Youngstock, Ag Shows, Inter-Schools and gymkhanas. He has done pony club, trail rides and done 5 & 10km social endurance rides. He has taught quite a few children to ride. Camelot has looked after his little riders every step of the way.

One image I can never forget is seeing Abby, Camelot, a dog and a chook in the lounge room watching the Wiggles on TV. How priceless is that!

We have been blessed to have some amazing horses who have taught us so much about partnerships, loyalty, understanding, hard work, trust, humility, love and life.

Now, our cheeky little roan pony is 22 years old. He is still enjoying life along-side the Arabians. Maybe he'll have a new little rider someday. We are still working full-time; me as a teacher, Chris as a vet, Abigail is at university and Christian is working. We are still heavily involved in the endurance riding scene - Chris with the vetting side and I am on the Sydney Region, Zone 1 Committee. I have a little mare we bred that I plan to begin endurance training - if I ever get time!

What lies ahead? We hope to once again breed on a small scale. The Arabesque Arabian Horse and Pony Stud has seen a few quiet years; but perhaps soon a few more stars might align.

Linda Dowey

General Committee Member



## 2023-2024 ROAN POINTSCORE RESULTS

### NSW JUNIOR HALTER ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Rae Park Madame 30 pts owned by Sharon Rae Maynard

### NSW SENIOR HALTER ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Sonic Thunder 35 pts owned by Louise Slater

### NSW SADDLE ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Sonic Thunder 60 pts owned by Louise Slater

### VICTORIAN JUNIOR HALTER ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Bamborough Jacaranda 30 pts owned by Rachel Hirs

2<sup>nd</sup> Stormview Cerys 22 pts owned by Fran Langley

3<sup>rd</sup> Vineyard Spice Magic 21 pts owned by Nicole Williams

### VICTORIAN SENIOR HALTER ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Stormview Lexus 35 pts owned by Fran Langley

2<sup>nd</sup> Nattai River Simwnt 22 pts owned by Kelsey Moon

3<sup>rd</sup> El Shaddai Park Suzie 21 pts owned by Shellee Arter

4<sup>th</sup> Shanamon Queen 7 pts owned by Fran Langley

### VICTORIAN SADDLE ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Nattai River Simwnt 33 pts owned by Kelsey Moon



## QUEENSLAND SENIOR HALTER ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Bamborough Joaquin 76 pts owned by Lian Deschamps

2<sup>nd</sup> Woranora Nelson 43 pts owned by Lian Deschamps

## NATIONAL DRESSAGE ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> One Lightning Roan 28 pts owned by Paula Byrne

2<sup>nd</sup> Mannaroo Aragon 1 pt owned by Rhiannon Wingard

## NATIONAL WORKING ROAN OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> One Stylish Lass 9 pts owned by Tass Hulton

## NATION LEADING REIN PONY OF THE YEAR

1<sup>st</sup> Nattai River Simwnt 4 pts owned by Kelsey Moon

2<sup>nd</sup> Woranora Nelson 3 pts owned by Lian Deschamps

## FROM THE PUBLICITY OFFICER,

Congratulations to the Pointscore winners and thank you to the members that supported it. The winners will receive a beautiful sash and certificate. If you are attending the Roan Nationals, you will receive your awards on the day. The Victorian winners will receive theirs at one of the shows with roan classes, show to be confirmed. If you are not going to be at either of these shows, your award will be sent in the mail. In the Summer newsletter we will have a winner's gallery. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do, so you can enter society sponsored classes and the pointscore competition.



Hopefully we will see more members participate in the 24-25 competition. It is free to enter and if you fill out your points sheet after each show it will be completed in time for the closing date. Please fill out the forms clearly so Lian can read them easily. Please also add your points up, then all Lian needs to do is confirm your score by adding it up also. The committee are all volunteers, so anything that the members can do to help us save time, is really appreciated.

## WESTERN COMPETITORS

Western competitors get on board! Particularly for those roan owners that aren't yet members. If you are involved with a western group, and holding events, we are happy to sponsor an award. All you need to do is contact one of our committee members with the details.

The Roan society recently sponsored an award for the highest placed registered roan at the Western Dressage 2024 National Show. Congratulations to the winner, Montana Hamilton and her chestnut roan QH gelding, Tapt Dancin Dundee.





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