



2025 Presidents Report: ARCHA AGM 01/11/25

Dear Members

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who has stepped up over the last few days at the 2025 National Finals to ensure the show has continued to run well. I would have loved to have been there for the whole show, to celebrate in each success and support you all as you compete in the culmination of the years' work however sometimes things don't go to plan.

Once again, the Association has made great progress in line with our strategic goals, and I am honoured to present the Presidents report to our members. Over the year we have seen some great initiatives implemented and progressed by the Board, including Australia's Ultimate Cowhorse, our first AHSRA qualifier which led to two of our youth competing successfully at the National High School Rodeo Finals in the USA and of course our first Rookie Spectacular which has been well supported and provided another avenue for our Rookie competitors to develop their skills and gain experience. These initiatives are all reflected in the increased standard and calibre of our competitors and horses which is exciting to see.

Driven by strong Affiliate events, our membership has grown with over 350 individual memberships and 280 family memberships in 2025, showing that the Affiliates are making a huge impact in their local areas and we are succeeding in building a great foundation across Australia.

2025 will see the leadership of the ARCHA pass on and I am excited to see the future of cow horse in Australia continue to move forward. As I reflect on the last 4 years as president, I am honoured to have been a small part of the growth and development of the association. We have seen real cohesion develop within the ARCHA with everyone taking good care of the industry. The board, trainers, non-pros, affiliates, owners, sponsors and competitors at all levels are contributing positively and actively working to promote this great discipline.

When I look back on the development of the ARCHA over the last 4 years, I am so proud of what we have achieved and where we have brought the industry together in a relatively short time. It's not just the Board, or just the show management. Obviously, they are the ones pulling the events together, but the body of this organisation and all of you that make it up are building it and I truly believe we are developing a unique cowhorse family that people want to be part of.

I have a huge amount of faith in the new Board and leadership of the Association to continue to build and deliver for our members and am looking forward to seeing the plans for 2026 and



further come to life. It's an exciting time, not only for the cowhorse but the performance horse industry as a whole and it will be great to catch up with you all at future events

In closing, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all our members, sponsors, and partners for their continued support of the Association and of myself. Together, we have laid a strong foundation, and I am confident that ARCHA will continue to thrive and reach new heights in the coming years.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this journey.

Sincerely,

Aaron Scobie

President

Australian Reined Cow Horse Association