

NT SHOW HORSE ASSOCIATION



January 2025

THE YEAR AHEAD

Sun 16TH MAR – PRESENTATION CLINIC

Sun 30TH MAR – T-SHIRT SHOW

Sat 12th APR – T-SHIRT SHOW

ANZAC DAY – NOVELTIES and T-SHIRT SHOW (Friday 25th APR)

Sun 25TH MAY – OFFICIAL SHOW

Sat 7TH JUN – PRESENTATION CLINIC

Sun 8TH JUN – OFFICIAL SHOW

Sun 6TH JUL – HORSE OF THE YEAR 2025

Sun 3rd Aug – ENT HORSE OF THE YEAR 2025 (TBC)

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE!

We are thrilled to introduce the new committee members for the upcoming season! Let’s welcome:

Carmen Nowak – Chair/Public Officer Tori King – Vice Chair

Michael Duckenfield – Secretary Karen Duminski– Treasurer

Committee Members: Candice McDonald, Kirstie Murch and Estra Spano

Our team is eager to work together to bring fresh ideas, exciting events and enhanced experiences for all our current and new members. We look forward to the year ahead with your support.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendars!

We have a jam-packed season ahead, and we can’t wait to see you at these upcoming events:

Sunday 16th March – Presentation Clinic

Sunday 23rd March – Measuring Day

Sunday 30th March – T-shirt Show

Keep an eye on our socials!

We have 4 measuring days coming up this year to be held at Fred’s Pass Reserve. They will be held on **23 March, 26 April, 25 May** and **22 June!** We will also be launching a new website and revamping our social media to ensure all members can stay as up to date as possible.

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WANT TO KNOW IF YOUR HORSE IS A HACK OR HUNTER?

In the world of show horse competitions, the terms “Hack” or “Hunter” often come up, but what do they mean? Understanding the distinction between these two classes can help riders choose the right event for them and their horse. Keep reading to find out more:



Take a Chance 2022 HOTY

SHOW HORSE “HACK”

A Show Horse is a quality, comfortable, well-mannered, and educated riding horse, sound of wind and limb. These horses are elegant with refined appearance, often exhibiting a dressage-like frame. They perform collected and extended gaits with a balanced build designed for aesthetic appeal.

BONE STRUCTURE

Hacks tend to have finer, more refined bone structure. Their legs are often lighter and leaner with a more delicate build, which allows for the clean, light movement that is characteristic of hack classes. The overall impression of the hack horse is one of elegance and beauty, so a fine, well-balanced frame is crucial. In addition, a Hack is generally bred to showcase the conformation that supports elevated movement and style.

SHOW HUNTER

A Show Hunter is a horse that exhibits the conformation, movement, and temperament suitable for hunting. They are judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation, with an emphasis on fluid smooth gaits and a balanced frame. The frame of a Hunter differs to that of dressage or hacking horses as it travels in a more natural and relaxed outline.

BONE STRUCTURE

Hunters, on the other hand, typically have a more substantial and robust bone structure, designed to carry more weight and handle the physical demands of jumping. They often have thicker, stronger legs and a more muscular build. This more powerful frame allows the horse to maintain a steady, controlled rhythm while jumping and covering ground over fences. A hunter’s movement may be slightly less elevated than a hack horses, but it is still graceful and smooth, with an emphasis on roundness and fluidity over jumps.

Thank you for your continued support!

We are excited to embark on this new journey with you and look forward to a fantastic year ahead. Stay tuned for more updates and events. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of our committee members or by sending us an email at ntshowhorseassoc@gmail.com

Be sure to check out our new website and updated social media for more events, membership and deadline details!

Warm regards,

NT Show Horse Association Committee

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MEASURING DAYS

Sunday 23RD MAR

Saturday 26th APR

Sunday 25th MAY

Sunday 22nd JUN