

NSW ACDS NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2018

I would like to get the Whip Around to the printer early in March 2018. The cut-off date for contributions is February 26, so that reports and photos from the events on February 24/25 can be included. However all other news and photos really should be in to me well before that.

I always feel it is a pity when not all clubs are represented in the NSW news in the Journal, or in the Whip Around. I urge members to rally around whoever is responsible for sending club news to me, and make their jobs easier by providing items such as event or show reports, visits to interesting museums or collections, news of new horses or retired horses, new vehicles, good places to go driving or new types of events to try out or maybe some useful tips. It is so disappointing to receive a message saying 'no club news'.

On the other hand, I want to congratulate all the wonderfully reliable publicity officers who never fail to write newsy items for their clubs, and get them to me on time. It is a big task, required eight times a year. Their club members will know who they are, so give them a pat on the back – they are treasures.

A reminder about photos: It is absolutely the best if each photo

a) is fairly big (*at least 1MB – 3MB*) for the Journal, but may be smaller for Whip Around

b) is on a *separate attachment* by itself, not embedded in text or part of an email message

c) is *titled with the names of the person/people depicted, together with the photographer's name* – so much easier than having to look it up in a separate place

d) depicts *safe practice, good risk management and correctly fitted harness*.

Regarding *photos of juniors*: I need to know that parental/guardian permission has been given *in writing* and a record of this is in the club's files.

The coming Whip Around will include the Nomination Forms for Office Bearers for 2018/19, and for the Annual Awards for Excellence in 2017. I urge every member to get busy and seriously think about nominating for one of the many positions on offer. It is a great way of giving something back to the Society. Likewise try to make a point of nominating a member /or members for the Awards. There are many people quietly beavering away out there, who deserve to win one of the range of awards. It is your opportunity to show how you appreciate their efforts.

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