



HUNTER
THOROUGHbred
BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION

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HTBA MEMBER BENEFITS



7 Reasons why Membership is important

1. **Unites** owners, breeders, trainers, staff, suppliers, and all industry Hunter Valley industry participants to advocate and **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, media releases and HunterBred eNews updates.

3. **Keep abreast of key issues regarding horse health and wellbeing** through our research resources and information sessions.

4. **Group advantages and savings** from HTBA Gold Sponsors Seasonal offers and Seminars.

5. **Foster and support the growth of the industry and future leaders** through our education programs, events, 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** for Annual Awards and Scholarships.

Our Commitment

The Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association is devoted to upholding over 200 years of breeding history by fostering, promoting and protecting 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 preserve and grow 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 some 200 years the Hunter's Thoroughbred Breeding industry has developed into Australia's premier thoroughbred breeding region. The extensive honor roll of elite 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 breeding thoroughbred champions and championing thoroughbred breeders.

The HTBA, through its diligence and dedication to our cause is a recognised and respected advocate for the Hunter Valley Thoroughbred Industry.

Paving the way forward a brighter, more secure future as a key pillar of growth as the region ambitions to a new chapter in the history of its development.



HTBA: Working on issues that affect you ...

- Uniting breeders, owners, trainers, managers, workforce 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 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.
- Advocating and building on skills needs as an industry of critical national, state, and regional importance.
- Providing research insights, resources, 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 and management accredited courses, information sessions and updates on the latest issues.
- Fostering, promoting, and protecting the Thoroughbred Industry in the Hunter Valley.
- Actively advocating on key policy, legislative and industry issues that affect our industry at all levels of government - Local, State and National – including air quality, water security and protection from incompatible development.
- Increasing awareness on the importance and value of Australia’s largest thoroughbred industry concentrated in the Hunter Valley to the regions resilience and economic prosperity.
- 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 and accredited government supported courses.
- Connecting and supporting our workforce with exclusive events.
- Promising economic growth and tourism for the upper hunter region.

Achievements

- 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.
- 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 \$1.5mil 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.
- HTBA sponsored scholarships to the Irish National Stud Course. That have graduated with distinction and awarded medals honoring the dedication and knowledge of the industry.
- Concept development of Thoroughbred Explore interactive exhibition demonstrating the Thoroughbred Industries vast career pathways and educating general public about the breeding and racing industry.
- Supporting a community of (in good times & in bad – droughts, fires, floods) more than 125 charities in the region.
- Hunter Valley Equine Critical Industry Cluster recognised as state and nationally significant.
- Protecting the Equine Critical Industry Cluster from coal seam gas and new open cut mining 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 the industry's most valuable assets, our people.
- Attracting new clients to the region – including at the Annual HTBA Yearling Sales in partnership with William Inglis & sons.
- Supporting initiatives to boost industry collaboration, recognition, growth and networking.





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 internationally renowned 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 some \$9 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.
- **Breeders of Champions and Champions of Breeders.**



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