

**Name: Jason Hunter**

**Nominating For: President**

**What I look like:** (note- I am on the left with the flag) **About Me:** I live in Gippsland Victoria with my wife Rhonda and three children Niesha, Ella and Angus. I am 45 years old and run my own business as a diesel mechanic. I have been involved with horses all of my life and had an interest in Walers after learning of my Grandfather and Great Grandfather's involvement in the military with the British Cavalry.



We have our own Waler stud Rosehaven Walers and breed four or five foals each year. The last 2 years in particular we have become more involved with the Light horse and attended many major events in Victoria. For many years now I have been breaking and training all our own horses to various disciplines and from time to time take on outside horses. I also do all of my own farrier work which helps when you have 28 horses. My family and I have been members of the WHSA since 2011 and I have been an Ordinary Committee Member for 2014 2015 and Vice President for 15/16. This year my family and I have taken on the Outback to Arena Clayton geldings for presentation at Equitana later this year. For over 15 years I have been involved with Martial Arts and have achieved 3rd Dan Black belt and have run many classes and clubs. In 2012 I won a national title in continuous kumite (fighting) with the National All Styles competition. I have been on the local school council and the committee of the local trail riding club.

Given the chance I am sure I can voice the opinions of the membership and follow through and achieve amicable outcomes.

**Name: Jo Russell**

**Nominating For: Vice President**

**About Me:** I have been involved with horses before I could walk— one could say it is in my DNA; brought up in country NSW, I come from a lineage of horse-people and my husband and I are the principles of Grassbrook Walers, which we run in conjunction with breeder/beef cattle, opportunistic lamb fattening and growing broiler chickens at Manilla NSW. I grew up making pocket money off other peoples “problem” horses, and despite my family growing and life being busy, my respite from work and family farm is the Waler. I have performed the job of Editor of the WHSA newsletter for nearly 3 years and am well immersed in the Waler Society. I am an avid reader (time permitting) and use a little bit of everything I have learned, in any training I put into my horses.

I have served on Committee for 3 years now, and am confident in representing those who speak to me about their views or concerns, and do my best to approach all matters of committee from a membership-



centric perspective



**Name: Tracey Allen**

**Nominating For: Secretary**

**About Me:** I have served the WHSA as Secretary for the last 11 months. My husband and children have Cooinda Orana Walers in SE Qld. We breed Walers and love to represent the breed in various competitions, expos and Light Horse. We are passionate about the future of Walers. During my term on committee as secretary, my background in IT assisted with

introducing efficiencies such as the use of Survey Monkey for committee voting on 'General Agenda Items': this helps to ensure the handling of registrations and new memberships for example, and they can be turned around in a little over a week, sometimes sooner. We also now have a 'cloud' storage system which over time, will allow us to ensure the archives for all Society business are kept safe for future generations. Ideally, I would like to continue as Secretary for the next year in order to continue setting up the new improved system for future secretaries and for the smoother running of the Society.

**Name: Chase Day**

**Nominating For: Treasurer**

**What I look like:** (note- I am on the right)

**About Me:** I have decided to re-stand for the position of Treasurer (again!). Hopefully I have been doing an OK job of it, and you are all happy for me to continue to so!!!

Bit about me (for those who don't know me): I am an American who was raised in England and now lives in Australia. I have been riding horses since I was about 7-ish. I got my first horse at the age of 13, and have pretty much had horses consistently since then. I bought my first Waler, Jamiesun, in 2008. His half sister, Sunray, followed a couple of years later. Almost immediately after purchasing Jamiesun, I became involved in the WHSA... I have been the Victorian State Coordinator since 2008 and the Treasurer since 2011. I have also briefly edited the newsletter, maintained the website and been Interim Studbook Keeper.



When I am not Waling, I am employed in Administration/Accounts. For fun I do Reenacting (Viking, Medieval, Napoleonic, Frontier America and Australian Light Horse). I do this both on, and off, Jamiesun. I also like doing Steampunk stuff. For riding- I enjoy Skill At Arms, Working Equitation and Classical Dressage (Jamiesun enjoys none of these things- he likes to eat). Recently, we have been focussing on modernising and streamlining the way the WHSA works and I am keen to continue with this, as I feel all members will benefit. I also wish to continue to be involved in organising events and working on promoting the Waler Horse to the wider equestrian community.

**Name: Shelley Powell**

**Nominating For: Ordinary Committee Member**

**About Me:** I can still remember my introduction to the Waler horse like it was yesterday. I had just acquired myself a directory on all things horse in Western Australia. Flicking through the pages through to the breeders section I became very excited to discover a Waler horse stud, listed at the very back of my new book. All my life I had been a lover of all things horse and had my favourite horse breeds.



The Quarter Horse, Arab, Appaloosa, Thoroughbred amongst them. The strange thing is I never remained loyal to any of them, for none of them could inspire a sense of Australian pride. Call me a romantic old fool for I can honestly say discovering Ian and Ros's listing of their Waler stud in that book all those years ago was truly an awakening moment for me. I finally felt I had found the horse for me in the Waler. I felt my face light up immediately, declaring then and there I would make contact with the owners as soon as I possibly could. Within weeks I was travelling south of Perth to Ian Hutchins and Ros Love's Djimberly Ridge Waler Stud. My partner and I spent a couple of ours with Ian, asking him everything he knew about the Waler Horse and the Society that had been formed some 13 years before then.

I love trail riding and are a member of an affiliated ATHRA Horse Trekking Club. I think I can offer a great support as a committee member, for I have been involved for many years, always remaining passionate about the Waler horse and promoting it as a winning competitor, a highly durable allrounder and a horse for the whole family.



**Name: Caroline Camilleri**

**Nominating For: Ordinary Committee Member**

**About Me:** Between wrangling 2 horses, 5 dogs and a flock of chooks, I run my own photography business and I couldn't be happier :) I am actively involved in the pure bred dog world both as a DogsNT Councillor and club committee member, am an active member of Darwin Camera Club and I am also an advisory councillor for the Royal Agricultural Society NT. So now it's time to throw my hand in to support the WHSA council and nominate for a position. I've had my beautiful Waler mare Amonet for 7 years, and she is everything I ever dreamed a horse could be. These past years have been fantastic for us NT Waler horse owners, and having the AGM here in

Darwin last year really made us feel so much more a part of the WHSA. We might not be many, but we are devoted and love our Walers dearly. I would like to nominate on behalf of us to continue an active presence of NT Waler members with the society.



**Name: Peta Bennett**

**Nominating For: Ordinary Committee Member**

**About Me:** More than 20 years of Walers.....

They steal your heart, they empty your wallet, they fill up our paddocks....but after you have one Waler, no other breed of horse will ever measure up. Like so many other Waler society members, this too is my story.

I joined the society over 20 years ago when I purchased my first Waler and within 12 months has also acquired a mare, Arrellah Sprite. Sprite went on to be my dressage horse; my star of the RNA horse breeds expo; an RNA champion for 2 years running, the 2nd year while 8months in foal; a parade horse and a participant in the reenactment of the WWI forces day complete with 1920's outfit for the rider (me) and bagpipes!!

My commitment to the breed has continued – and I am not a commercial stud with resident stallions. But I have bred 7 walers, and actually sold 4, which isn't really good for the bank balance, but I've made great friends from their new owners. My new 'baby' Saba, is my latest project. A bit of a challenge for a 60+ person, as she will mature at 16.2+ - but I'm working towards the next Masters Equestrian Games!!!

I currently still have 5 Walers as beautiful paddock ornaments, when not being ridden and one other on loan as a teacher for a mature 'coming back to riding' lady. I wouldn't be without these wonderful horses. They feed my soul.

My non-horsey life involves running my own business – to support the horses – and being involved in various horse related activities such as RDA, natural horsemanship, western dressage and classical dressage ( School of Legerte).

I have continued my love of the waler, and I'm committed to the ongoing campaign to raise awareness of the breed, and to forever banish the question – 'didn't they all die in the war?'. During my 20+ years membership in the WHSA, I have been on committee on several occasions. Differences of opinion on the direction of the society, and its future focus

influenced my decision at that time, however I am now in a position to offer more time to the society and I believe the WHSA now needs a broader base for the committee with a wider view on the future.

**Name: Ben Kinblad**

**Nominating For: Ordinary Committee Member**

**About Me:**

Awaiting details