

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

A Special General Meeting under the Reining Australia Constitution

NATIONAL SHOW QSEC proposed 28-31 October 2026	CONSTITUTION AINSL membership Special resolution	HORSE REGISTRATION Breeding authority PV & imported semen	BOARD & NRHA Board confirmation Six-month Compact
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Notice is given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Reining Australia Incorporated will be held as follows.

NOTICE DATE	9 August 2026
MEETING DATE	Sunday, 30 August 2026
TIME	7:30 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)
MEETING FORMAT	Online meeting using technology approved by the Board
REGISTRATION	Email secretary@reiningaustralia.com.au by 12:00 noon AEST on Saturday, 29 August 2026 with your full name and RA membership number or register with link provided
MEETING ACCESS	Verified participants will receive the meeting link and instructions by email

Why this meeting is being called

The Board is asking members to decide whether the 2026 National Championships may be held at QSEC rather than AELEC; whether the AELEC-only requirement should be replaced by a transparent annual venue-selection process; whether the Constitution should be amended to add the Affiliate Insurance Levy (AINSL) membership class; whether RA should adopt an aligned horse-registration and breeding-authorisation framework, including Genetic Parentage Verification (PV) pathways and safeguards for imported semen; whether members confirm the current Board and its transition from interim status, excluding advisers and non-Director portfolio holders; and whether the Board may undertake the six-month Australian Reining Reunification Compact process. No final merger or permanent NRHA governance structure is proposed at this meeting.

Business of the meeting

1	Opening and confirmation of quorum The Chair will open the meeting, confirm that the meeting has been duly convened and determine whether the constitutional quorum of 20 voting members is present.
2	Meeting procedure The Chair will explain participation, speaking and registered online voting procedures. Proxy voting is not permitted.
3	Resolution 1 - future National Championships venue authority Members will consider replacing the 2020 AELEC-only venue requirement with a transparent Board venue-selection process.
4	Resolution 2 - 2026 National Championships at QSEC Members will consider authorising the 2026 National Championships at QSEC from 28 to 31 October 2026, subject to final operational safeguards.
5	Resolution 3 - AINSL membership constitutional amendment Members will consider a special resolution to amend clause 5.2 by adding the Affiliate Insurance Levy (AINSL) membership class.
6	Resolution 4 - horse registration, breeding authorisation and alignment Members will consider the proposed RA Horse Competition Licence, Gold Buckle and related evidence framework, including imported-semen authorisation and Genetic Parentage Verification (PV) pathways.
7	Resolution 5 - confirmation of the current Board Members will consider confirming the current Directors and the transition from interim status. Adviser and non-Director portfolio roles are excluded, and constitutional terms and AGM election requirements remain unchanged.
8	Resolution 6 - Australian Reining Reunification Compact Members will consider the exact six-month reunification motion set out in this notice. Any final structural proposal must return to members.
9	Close The Chair will declare the results and close the meeting after the notified business is completed.

Resolutions to be considered

Six resolutions will be considered separately. Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 are proposed as ordinary resolutions and will pass if supported by more than half of the valid votes cast by eligible members present and voting. Resolution 3 is proposed as a special resolution to amend the Constitution and will pass only if supported by at least 75% of the valid votes cast. Resolution 5 is a member confirmation of current Director appointments and does not create or reset a two-year term. All resolutions remain subject to the Constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).

PROPOSED ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1

Replace the AELEC-only venue requirement

“That the member resolution adopted on 23 February 2020 requiring the Reining Australia National Championships to be held at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) be rescinded, and that the venue for each future National Championships be determined by the Board after appropriate consultation and assessment of cost, financial risk, accessibility, facilities, participation, horse welfare and the interests of Reining Australia and the sport.”

Purpose and effect. This resolution removes venue exclusivity while requiring the Board to apply transparent, relevant decision criteria. It does not itself select any venue for years after 2026.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 1.

PROPOSED ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2

Approve QSEC for the 2026 National Championships

“That the Board be authorised to conduct the 2026 Reining Australia National Championships at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC), Caboolture, from 28 to 31 October 2026, subject to final venue contracting, a Board-approved sustainable budget, sufficient entries, appropriate insurance and operational readiness.”

Purpose and effect. This resolution gives the Board authority to adopt QSEC for 2026 while preserving clear financial and operational conditions before final commitment.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 2.

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION 3

Amend clause 5.2 - Affiliate Insurance Levy membership

Motion

5.2 Membership Classes

(i) AFFILIATE INSURANCE LEVY (AINSL) MEMBERS (being natural persons who have paid the subscription specified) shall pay an AINSL fee, for each financial year, and be eligible to attend any events at affiliate level and must sign a waiver/release form. AINSL Members are not entitled to attend meetings and not be entitled to a vote.

This membership is for the purpose of making reining available to anyone participating at any Reining Australia approved clinics or shows and covers the whole event throughout the financial year. AINSL Members shall be bound by all Reining Australia Rules and Regulations. AINSL Memberships are not eligible for Reining Australia programs.

AINSL membership is paid to Reining Australia. AINSL is offered subject to appropriate Insurance and Underwriting conditions.

Purpose and effect. This motion adds the AINSL membership class to clause 5.2 of the Constitution on the terms set out above.

Special-resolution requirement. The notice states that the motion is proposed as a special resolution. It requires at least 75% of the valid votes cast. If carried, Form A6 must be lodged with NSW Fair Trading within 28 days, and the amendment does not take effect until it is registered.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 3.

PROPOSED ORDINARY RESOLUTION 4

Horse Registration, Breeding Authorisation and Alignment of RA Requirements**MOTION – Horse Registration, Breeding Authorisation and Alignment of RA Requirements**

That Reining Australia amend its Horse Competition Licence, horse registration, Gold Buckle Futurity and associated administrative requirements to provide a consistent evidence framework for horse identity, parentage and, where applicable, breeding authorisation.

For the purposes of issuing a new RA Horse Competition Licence, an applicant must provide one of the following forms of breeding evidence:

1. an AQHA registration certificate for the horse;
2. a registration certificate issued by another recognised horse breed association or registry accepted by Reining Australia; or
3. where the horse is not registered with AQHA or another recognised breed registry, a stallion breeder's certificate, service certificate or other written certification issued or authorised by the stallion owner, breeding-rights holder or their authorised agent confirming that the breeding resulting in that horse was authorised.

Imported semen. Where imported semen has been used to produce a horse that is not supported by an AQHA or other recognised breed registration certificate, Reining Australia must be satisfied that the breeding resulting in that horse was authorised by the international stallion owner, breeding-rights holder or their authorised agent before issuing a new RA Horse Competition Licence or accepting the horse for competition in the Gold Buckle Futurity or another RA aged event.

Identification evidence. Veterinary identification, photographs, proof of ownership and proof of date of birth may be used to establish the identity, ownership and age of an unregistered horse, but do not of themselves establish that the breeding was authorised.

Gold Buckle nomination. Gold Buckle nomination may remain open to any horse regardless of breed or breed registration. Where a horse was produced using imported semen and is not supported by an AQHA or other recognised breed registration certificate, the nomination may be lodged but must not be treated as fully verified for competition eligibility until the required stallion breeding authorisation has been provided. In all cases the horse must satisfy the aligned RA Horse Competition Licence requirements before entry into the Gold Buckle Futurity is accepted.

Consequential alignment. The Board is authorised and directed to make all consequential amendments necessary to the RA Rule Book, Horse Competition Licence application, Gold Buckle Futurity conditions and forms, website guidance, Nominate/JotForm workflows, database fields and administrative procedures so that the requirements are consistent and give effect to this resolution.

Genetic Parentage Verification (PV). The Board is authorised and directed to liaise with AQHA and each other relevant recognised breed association or registry to establish the Genetic Parentage Verification (PV) standards and verification pathways that Reining Australia will recognise. RA should, where practicable, recognise DNA parentage verification already undertaken or accepted by the relevant breed association or registry rather than require unnecessary duplicate testing. PV may be required or accepted as evidence of genetic sire and dam parentage where appropriate. For avoidance of doubt, PV confirms genetic parentage only and does not, by itself, establish that the stallion service, semen use, embryo production or breeding resulting in the horse was authorised. Any breeding-authorisation requirement under this resolution remains a separate requirement.

False or misleading information. An applicant must declare that the information and documents provided are true and complete. False, altered or misleading breeding documentation may result in refusal, suspension or cancellation of the relevant licence or program eligibility and may be dealt with under applicable RA disciplinary rules.

Effective date and transition. The amended requirements apply from an implementation date fixed by the Board after this resolution is carried and after completion of any consultation and administrative steps required by the Constitution, Rule Book or Regulations. The implementation date must not precede the

date this resolution is carried. Existing Gold Buckle nominations are not invalidated solely because the evidence was not required at the time of nomination; however, an unregistered horse produced using imported semen must satisfy the new breeding-authorisation requirement before any Gold Buckle or other RA aged-event entry accepted on or after the implementation date. Existing Horse Competition Licences remain valid for ordinary competition unless otherwise reviewed under RA rules, but the Board may require additional breeding evidence where eligibility for an RA breeding or aged-event program depends upon compliance with this resolution.

Purpose and effect. This resolution establishes an aligned evidence framework across the RA Horse Competition Licence, Gold Buckle Futurity and related systems. It separates horse identity and genetic parentage from proof that the breeding itself was authorised, with particular safeguards for imported semen.

Implementation requirement. Any consequential Rule Book or Regulation changes remain subject to the consultation, notice and Board approval processes required by the Constitution and applicable RA Regulations.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 4.

PROPOSED ORDINARY RESOLUTION 5

Member confirmation of the current Board

That the members of Reining Australia Incorporated confirm and endorse the following current Directors to continue as the Board of Reining Australia, subject to the eligibility, term, rotation and casual-vacancy provisions of the Constitution:

Dean Robinson, Dennis Neylon, Terri McDonald, Chris Wales, Liz Galliot, Dean Sutton, Steph Dunnachie, Donnie McLaughlin, Dean Oven, Nat Kritikou, Kieran Moses, and Chris Gould.

For clarity: (a) this resolution confirms the current Board and its transition from interim status but does not extend or reset any Director's constitutional term; (b) a Director appointed to fill a casual vacancy continues only for the balance of the term applicable under clause 12.3(d); (c) the election and rotation requirements in clause 12, including elections required at an Annual General Meeting, continue to apply; (d) advisers, portfolio advisers and non-Director portfolio holders are not elected to the Board by this resolution and do not become Directors by reason of an advisory or portfolio role; and (e) the Constitution provides for twelve Directors, so any Board positions not lawfully occupied after this resolution remain vacancies to be dealt with under clause 12.3 and the ordinary constitutional election process.

Purpose and effect. This resolution gives members a separate opportunity to confirm and re-endorse the current Directors and to remove the interim description from Board communications, while preserving every constitutional eligibility, rotation, casual-vacancy and term requirement.

Constitutional limitation. The current Constitution ties fresh two-year Director elections to the Annual General Meeting process. This resolution is therefore confirmation and endorsement of the existing Board appointments, not a fresh two-year election or an amendment of the Constitution.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 5.

PROPOSED ORDINARY RESOLUTION 6

Australian Reining Reunification Compact

Motion – Australian Reining Reunification Compact

That Reining Australia Incorporated supports, in principle, a six-month Australian Reining Reunification Compact process to reunite Reining Australia with the worldwide NRHA community and authorises the Board to work with NRHA, NRHA Oceania and all Australian affiliate clubs on a proposed national reunification model.

The process will seek to combine the international governance, pathways and global opportunities of NRHA and NRHA Oceania with Reining Australia's established national programs and industry development, creating a unified and sustainable future for Australian reining.

The process must explore NRHA/Oceania governance for NRHA-sanctioned matters, Reining Australia's role protecting all existing Reining Australia programs, records, nominations, member rights, affiliate relationships and restricted funds.

No final merger, constitutional amendment, asset transfer, winding up, program transfer or permanent governance structure may proceed unless approved by Reining Australia members at a further general meeting.

The Board must report back to members within 6-months with either final documents for approval, a recommendation to extend the process, or a recommendation that the process not proceed.

Purpose and effect. This resolution gives the Board time-limited authority to work on a reunification model and report back. It does not approve any final structural change.

Board recommendation. The Board recommends that members vote FOR Resolution 6.

Resolutions are separate

Members may vote differently on each resolution. Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 are ordinary resolutions. Resolution 3 is a special resolution to amend the Constitution and is subject to the higher 75% threshold and NSW Fair Trading registration requirements. Resolution 5 is a member confirmation and re-endorsement of the current Board for the balance of applicable constitutional terms; it does not reset Director terms, fill unoccupied seats automatically or replace the AGM election process.

EXPLANATORY INFORMATION

Context for members

2026 National Championships

- **Previous position.** The postponed 2026 National Championships had been planned for AELEC under a member resolution adopted in 2020.
- **Financial risk.** The prior Board postponed the event after low nominations and higher venue and operating costs created a material financial risk.
- **QSEC pathway.** QSEC has confirmed availability from 28 to 31 October 2026 and provides an opportunity to deliver a shorter, more affordable event model.
- **Conditions remain.** Member approval would not require the Board to proceed regardless of circumstances. Final contracting, budget sustainability, entries, insurance and operational readiness must still be satisfied.

AINSL membership class

- **Purpose.** Create a low-cost Reining Australia membership class for natural persons participating at Reining Australia-approved affiliate clinics or shows under the proposed insurance levy arrangement.
- **Participation and obligations.** AINSL Members would pay the prescribed annual AINSL fee to Reining Australia, sign a waiver/release form and remain bound by all Reining Australia Rules and Regulations.
- **Rights and limits.** AINSL Members would be eligible to attend affiliate-level events but would not be entitled to attend meetings, vote or participate in Reining Australia programs.
- **Constitutional effect.** Resolution 3 is a special resolution. If carried, the amendment must be lodged with NSW Fair Trading within 28 days and will take effect only when registered.

Horse registration, breeding authorisation and PV

- **Alignment.** Resolution 4 aligns the Horse Competition Licence, horse registration, Gold Buckle Futurity and associated administration so that identity evidence, genetic parentage and breeding authority are treated as distinct matters.
- **Imported semen.** Where an unregistered horse was produced using imported semen, RA would require evidence that the breeding was authorised by the international stallion owner, breeding-rights holder or authorised agent before a new licence or relevant aged-event entry is accepted.
- **Parentage verification.** RA would liaise with AQHA and other relevant recognised breed associations or registries on Genetic Parentage Verification (PV), recognise reliable association-verified DNA results where practicable, and record PV separately from breeding-authorisation status.
- **Implementation.** The rule would not operate retrospectively from a date before member approval. Any consequential Rule Book or Regulation change must follow the consultation, notice and Board approval requirements that apply under the Constitution and RA Regulations.

Current Board confirmation

- **Current Directors.** Resolution 5 covers Dean Robinson, Dennis Neylon, Terri McDonald, Steph Dunnachie, Donnie McLaughlin, Dean Oven, Jo McConnell, Nat Kritikou, Kieran Moses, Vicki Tucker, Jess Henry and Chris Gould
- **Advisers excluded.** Advisory and portfolio support roles do not confer Director status and are not included in the member confirmation unless the person is separately named as a current Director.
- **Constitutional position.** The current Constitution provides for a twelve-Director Board, two-year Director terms declared through the Annual General Meeting election process, and specific rules for casual vacancies. Resolution 5 therefore confirms and re-endorses the current nine Directors and the transition from interim status; it does not create new two-year terms. Any unfilled seats remain vacancies to be handled under clause 12.3.
- **Future election.** Any fresh two-year election or change to the Director-election framework must be conducted in accordance with clause 12 and, if the Constitution is to be changed, by a separately notified special resolution and NSW Fair Trading registration.

Australian Reining Reunification Compact

- **Purpose.** Support, in principle, a six-month process to reunite Reining Australia with the worldwide NRHA community and authorise work with NRHA, NRHA Oceania and all Australian affiliate clubs on a proposed national reunification model.
- **Combined strengths.** The process seeks to combine NRHA and NRHA Oceania international governance, pathways and global opportunities with Reining Australia's established national programs and industry development.
- **Protected matters.** The process must explore NRHA/Oceania governance for NRHA-sanctioned matters and Reining Australia's role protecting all existing programs, records, nominations, member rights, affiliate relationships and restricted funds.
- **Further member approval.** No final merger, constitutional amendment, asset transfer, winding up, program transfer or permanent governance structure may proceed without approval by members at a further general meeting.

- **Six-month report.** The Board must report back with final documents for approval, a recommendation to extend the process, or a recommendation that the process not proceed.

Voting and participation

MATTER	POSITION
Who may vote	Members who have voting rights under the Constitution, are current and eligible, and are at least 18 years old.
One vote	Each eligible voting member has one vote on each resolution.
Proxy voting	Not permitted under clause 26(d) of the Constitution.
Technology	A member participating through the approved online platform is taken to be present and, if voting, to have voted in person.
Quorum	20 voting members must be present when the meeting proceeds to business.
Voting threshold	Ordinary Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 require more than half of the valid votes cast. Special Resolution 3 requires at least 75% of the valid votes cast.
Only notified business	No business other than the business stated in this notice may be transacted.
Constitutional effect	If Special Resolution 3 is carried, Reining Australia must lodge Form A6 within 28 days. The constitutional amendment takes effect only when registered by NSW Fair Trading. Resolution 5 does not extend or reset Director terms; unfilled Board positions remain vacancies under the Constitution.

Registration and questions

- **Register.** Email secretary@reiningaustralia.com.au by 12:00 noon AEST on Saturday, 29 August 2026. Include your full name and RA membership number.
- **Access instructions.** The meeting link and participation instructions will be sent to verified registrants. Members should join at least 15 minutes early for identity and connection checks.
- **Questions.** Members may submit procedural or factual questions to the Secretary before the meeting. Questions do not add new business to the agenda.
- **Accessibility.** A member requiring reasonable assistance to participate should contact the Secretary as early as possible.

By order of the Board of Reining Australia Incorporated

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