

**MEMO TO** All interested equestrian parties  
**MEMO FROM** RAS Head Office  
**SUBJECT** Equestrian Competitor Forums  
**DATE:** 21 June 2017

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Dear All

Last year four equestrian forums were held, with a final fifth forum held at HOY. Good feedback was received from those forums, and in conjunction with other feedback, three key remits were put forward. The results of those remits will be announced at the RAS Conference.

It is recognised the RAS Showing Movement needs to be flexible to encourage all types of riders and competitors – whether they be fiercely competitive, Pony Club riders or just wanting to have a day out, or somewhere in between all of those.

In conjunction with the remits, other ideas will be put forward for discussion at conference – for example introducing “RAS Recreational Classes” to encompass those that want to attend a show but not have all of the rules, regulations and structure. Equally there were ideas put forward from the HOY forum regarding bringing the First Ridden classes in to the 12.2 and 13.2 classes to strengthen this area, and it was suggested do away with novice and replace with newcomer. All of these ideas will be discussed at conference and any thoughts or resolutions will be reported at the seminars.

It is vital that people RSVP if they wish to attend a forum as numbers will dictate whether the forum goes ahead, as well as what size room is needed.

If you would like to contribute your ideas to progress the RAS Showing Movement – attend a forum!

#### Equestrian Forum dates

- **Nelson: Saturday 15 July 2017** – Nelson A&P Showgrounds - 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 7 July to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Rangiora: Sunday 16 July 2017** – Rangiora A&P Showgrounds – 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 7 July to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Rotorua: Saturday 5 August 2017** – Rotorua A&P Showgrounds – 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 28 July to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Whangarei: Sunday 6 August 2017** – Whangarei – Barge Showgrounds – 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 28 July to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Invercargill: Saturday 12 August 2017** – Southland A&P Office – 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 4 August to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Mosgiel: Sunday 13 August 2017** – Otago Taieri Showgrounds – 11am – 1.00pm. RSVP 4 August to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Hastings: Saturday 19 August 2017** - Hawkes Bay A&P Showgrounds 11.00am – 1.00pm. RSVP 11 August to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)
- **Masterton: Saturday 20 August 2017** – Masterton A&P Showgrounds 11.00am – 1.00pm. RSVP 11 August to [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)