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USA Branch of Australian Stock Horse Society meets for the first time

First Australia, now the world – that’s the future for the Australian Stock Horse, with today’s historic first meeting of the USA Branch of the Australian Stock Horse Society. A five-member executive has been elected to spearhead the Australian Stock Horse Society’s international push, with all members passionate about promoting the breed in the United States.

Australian Stock Horse Society Limited Board Chairman, Ms Joy Poole OAM, said it was an important step in highlighting the strengths of the Australian Stock Horse, which is renowned for its versatility and superior performance amongst work and leisure breeds.

‘Instead of tapping into a population of 23 million, our push into the USA now means we are tapping into a population of 350 million, which augurs well for the future of the Australian Stock Horse Society,’ Ms Poole said. ‘Most of the people on the Australian Stock Horse Society’s first executive in the USA first came into contact with the breed while playing polocrosse in Australia. They recognise the breed’s incredible versatility.’

The first USA Branch Executive for the Australian Stock Horse Society comprises:

Kellee Campbell - A veterinarian, Kellee has been breeding horses for the past 20 years and stands an Australian Stock Horse stallion at her property in central Texas. Kellee has made several trips to Australia, including a week-long study of the Australian Stock Horse breed at the Australian Stock Horse Society World Championships in Tamworth in May this year.

Susan Johnson - Of the 11 horses on Susan’s 20-acre ranch in McDade, Texas, five are Australian Stock Horse crosses (four First Crosses and one Second Cross). A 44-year-old small animal veterinarian, she and her husband Paul have played polocrosse for more than 20 years.

Marilyn Murphy - A breeder of Australian Stock Horses since 2002, Marilyn had the first registered Australian Stock Horse born in the USA and the first one bred and born in the country. Marilyn has made two trips to Australia – one of which included a visit to the Australian Stock Horse Society’s Head Office in Scone – and her son and daughter have both represented the USA in Polocrosse World Cups.

John Thomson - An expat-Australian, John is one of the trailblazers for the Australian Stock Horse in the USA. He has four imported and 13 Stud Book Australian Stock Horses in his herd, and produces up to five Stud Book Australian Stock Horses each year – all of which he breaks-in and trains. A teacher by day, Aussie John is a proud advocate for the breed in the USA.

John Gleeson - Another ex-pat Aussie, John now calls Texas home and has lived in the USA for several years. John imported an Australian Stock Horse stallion, WALDRONS STARMAN, to the USA and along with his entire family is heavily involved with polocrosse in the USA.

About The Australian Stock Horse Society

Established in Scone, New South Wales in 1971, the Society is the largest of more than 70 individual horse breed associations in Australia. It features 66 branches throughout Australia, with more than 9,500 individual members and in excess of 180,000 registered horses.

The successful performance of the Australian Stock Horse has not only been recognised throughout Australia, but through exports to United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and Africa. The Society conducts a National Championships on an annual basis to emphasise, highlight and record the success of the breed in the competition area.

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