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## Society doubles expectations

Registrations for the inaugural national branch conference of Australia's leading equine breed association have doubled expectations, confirming the Australian Stock Horse Society's leadership in its field.

2006 marks 35 years since the Society was established in Scone – a milestone the Society is using to launch its inaugural branch conference. The two day event (details below) will draw more than 100 delegates from across Australia, twice the number organisers expected.

The programme on 29 and 30th July will include a selection of specialist guest speakers covering a range of topics from branch membership to hosting events and horsemanship.

Commenting on the event, Society chief Mr Cooper Wright said, 'The aim is to help the branch network to develop a range of skills, ensuring at both national and local level, we maintain our leadership in Australia's flourishing equine sector. We are delighted with the interest and in particular look forward to welcoming these visitors to Scone where it all began in 1971.'

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be conducted as part of the weekend programme on Saturday afternoon, with an anniversary dinner celebrating 35 years of achievement the highlight on Saturday night.

As testament to the fact the Society has grown into a truly national organisation over the last three and half decades, every State in Australia will be represented at the event, with delegates travelling from North Queensland to Tasmania and Western Australia.

**WHAT:** 2006 Australian Stock Horse Society Inaugural Branch Conference (29 & 30 July 2006)

100 Delegates will travel from around Australia to Scone, NSW to attend the event including the Board of Directors and representatives from all States. The programme will include the Society's AGM and 35th Anniversary Dinner.

**WHERE:** Hunter Valley Equine Research Centre, Bunnan Road, Scone.

**WHEN:** Saturday 29 July from 9am. AGM from 2pm.

Sunday 30 July BBQ Breakfast from 8am.

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### EDITOR'S NOTES:

1. Established in 1971, the Australian Stock Horse Society with almost 10,000 Members and over registered 165,000 horses is Australia's largest organisation of recreation/work horses.
2. Its mission is to maintain the heritage and to promote the bloodlines and high-performance of the Australian Stock Horse among equestrian activities and the public.
3. For more see [www.ashs.com.au](http://www.ashs.com.au)

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