

# Media Release

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## Record Prices for Australian Stock Horses at Dalby 2005

Australian Stock Horses have broken records with sale prices again soaring at the hugely successful Annual Dalby Australian Stock Horse Sale in Queensland over the weekend. The sale grossed a record \$1.8 million, with interest high and bidding steady over two days on Saturday 3 December and Sunday 4 December 2005. A highlight of the weekend was the sale of hotly contested mare BINNIA BADCAT for the record breaking price of \$65,000, on account of TP & TM Palmer, Murrurundi NSW. The breeding of this mare boasts the bloodlines of WARRENBRI ROMEO and BLUE MOON MYSTIC. The Palmer Family enjoyed a very successful sale, with other entries bringing prices of between \$50,000 and \$30,000.

Buyers travelled from around Australia to secure registered Australian Stock Horses, indicating a clear preference for traditional Stock Horse breeding and heritage bloodlines. With a sale average of \$7,633, an increase of 13% above the previous record, the Australian Stock Horse continues its growth in popularity with buyers keen to purchase at Approved Sales such as Dalby. Demand and sale prices were strong across all categories, with Mares averaging \$8,864, Stallions and Colts averaging \$8,156 and Geldings averaging \$4,910.

Commenting on the outstanding success of registered Australian Stock Horses at the weekend's Approved Sale at Dalby Steve Guihot, Executive Manager of The Australian Stock Horse Society said, "The record breaking performance of our registered Australian Stock Horses at the Dalby Sale was outstanding. Sale prices reflect the sense of confidence and optimism that our industry is currently enjoying."

"Records continue to tumble and average prices grow every year at Dalby. The average sale price has jumped a staggering 44% at Dalby in the last 5 years since the world marvelled at our Australian Stock Horses during the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. This year alone the gross sale price is up 10% to \$1.8 million - another record level. All vendors and purchasers are to be congratulated" Mr Guihot added.

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Popularity of the breed appears to have been buoyed by the success of registered Australian Stock Horses both in Australia and overseas. During the lead up to the Sale, registered Horses enjoyed a clean sweep at the Warwick Gold Cup, claiming the top positions of all major campdrafts, including 8 of the top 10 places in the Gold Cup which has been billed as the 'Holy Grail' of campdrafting. Registered Australian Stock Horses also dominated the top 10 positions in the Canning Downs, Stallion Campdraft and Ladies Campdraft, taking out the top places in all of these events, along with scoring the Highest Cut Out in almost every event of the weekend.

Results such as these highlight that the Australian Stock Horse is an extremely adaptable horse, with attributes such as temperament, athleticism and versatility suited to an extremely broad cross section of sporting and equine activities.

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### **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

#### ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE SOCIETY:

1. The Australian Stock Horse Society has 10,000 Members and has registered over 165,000 horses since establishing itself in 1971.
2. The Society is the largest organisation of recreation/work horses in the country.
3. 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 general public. It aims to (i) preserve the heritage and identity of the Australian Stock Horse; (ii) promote the development and popularity of Australian Stock Horses throughout Australia and the world and (iii) maximise the benefits of owning a Registered Australian Stock Horse and being a Member of The Australian Stock Horse Society.
4. The ASHS is headquartered in Scone, NSW and currently employs twelve staff.
5. For more see [www.ashs.com.au](http://www.ashs.com.au)