

Welcome delegates and members.

I would like to thank you all for making the trip to Bathurst, I know for some it is a arduous trip and makes for a long day. I mention this as I have been approached by a number of members to once more have our meetings on a rotational basis and have been asked to transmit our meetings via T.V or whatever. I have to admit the use of this modern technology has me completely baffled and the Bathurst club does not have this facility, but if the delegates here today would like to pursue this we can discuss it further in General Business.

In regard to moving the meetings around the state, this has been debated before, I believe there are pluses and minuses and this is something which may be best to leave until our next Annual General Meeting.

In my last report to I mentioned the need for our society to increase our public face or to create a greater awareness for our sport . It is pleasing to see the publicity surrounding the Liverpool Plains drive, I can only imagine the enormous work in organising this event and it is on my bucket list as a must. Ten thousand dollars was raised, which brings the total amount of donations to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS for the Far West Children's Home....A wonderful achievement and congratulations to all concerned.

I also see our members were involved in the Beersheba Remembrance Celebrations, this brought home memories for me as my Wool Classing Teacher was at the Charge and many an hour was spent requesting old Harry to recount the epic.

All these events bring prestige to our Society, but we must always remain aware of our responsibility to our horses and always keep in mind animal welfare particularly when driving in public.

Our C.D.E s have finished for the year accumulating with the State Championships at Witwood, a terrific event with strong numbers in all classes including two competitors from Tasmania.

The Bungendore Club held the event with the help of the Elmore club members, as the work force to run these events is on the decrease [OR MAYBE GETTING OLDER] I believe clubs can work together to make events more pleasurable for all concerned .

Next year the Australian C.D.E. Championships are also at Witwood being jointly organised by The Bungendore Club and Southern Highlands Club showing how clubs can pull together for the benefit of members.

In closing I would like to thank all members and the State Executive for making my job an easy one and a special thank you to our secretary Amanda who really does all the work.

I hope all our members have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to catching up again in 2018.

Col Frost

PS Have attached the Western Australian President's Notes of the last Federal Council Meeting which I was unable to attend.

