

**KIM JOHNSON, 367533**

My name is Kim Johnson and I live at Locksley Victoria, with my husband, and between us we have five children of which two are involved in our industry and members of our association. I have been a Nurse/Clinical Nurse educator for 30 years and also run a breeding farm on our property at Locksley.

I have eight years experience as a Director of the AQHA and have been your Youth Convenor for the past two years and I have enjoyed these years immensely. The 2010 YWC program continued to run though 2009-2010 and came to completion on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July in USA, I was so proud of our Team and all the riders came home with Medals, what an achievement for them and us, also the inclusion of our leadership team was a great success. I hope to utilise the knowledge they have gained to help our young/beginner youth coming along.

We have developed a National Youth Judging Program that will see all state shows run this event with the support from the AQHA. I hope this program will 1] Educate our youth on our rule book, 2] give them better understanding of the judging point of view, 3] in the future will increase our Judging numbers. 4] youth will have an improved ability and understanding in all areas of competition.

I have been working on a nationally approved educational pathway that will be Quarter Horse based, this is in its infancy but a steering committee has been organised and will start the development of this program so our Youth will be able to be qualified in our industry in the future.

I wish to develop a Yearly Scholarship program so we can support our youth financially, in education in our industry. I hope to be able to bring this to fruition by 2012.

I would like to continue to work in the youth portfolio, and talk with you, the members and parents, to see if there are other areas that you think we can develop. I also have interests in Amateur, Stud Book and Judging and have been a Judge for 25yrs. I have been a member of this association for over 30 years and hold an Amateur permit. I am very dedicated to the continuing development of our Australian Quarter Horses Association.

I am very proud of being a director and representing you the membership to the best of my ability, I would like to continue to do so, over the next two years, so I ask you the members for your support.