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Dear Paul,

I apologise for taking so long to report back on how ABA members have used the funds raised by ATHRA to support Brumby rehoming activities. In order to distribute the money we asked Australian Brumby Alliance members to submit a 'bid' to explain how funds they requested would directly help Brumbies, I've summarised responses below:-

Outback Heritage Horse Association of WA - www.wildhorses-wa.com

We request \$680 to geld two recently rescued Brumbies from Lake Muir. 'Basil' is a yearling brumby rescued five months ago from the Lake Muir area (current project) and 'Spencer' is a two year old from the same area rescued last month. Gelding is essential to ensure wild rescued colts can be easily sold and suitable matched to new owners once trained. The OHHAWA uses vets to geld rescued colt & stallion Brumbies.

Coffin Bay Brumby Preservation Society - www.coffinbaybrumby.org.au

We are in desperate need of a set of Portable Yards to safely manage additional numbers of Brumbies we now have. Any contribution towards being able to purchase these panels would be of great help. We have priced panels made in Adelaide and need a set of 10 to 15 panels. Last quote was \$130.00 per panel - any assistance would be fantastic.

Victorian Brumby Association - www.victorianbrumbyassociation.org

The VBA joined Raglan Riders ATHRA group of 40 riders. We are still setting up our new sanctuary "Brumbies Run" near Beaufort, Victoria. Over the past 2 years the VBA has built a complex of purpose built Brumby handling and training yards and fundraised for all of Stage 1 (levelling, clean filled, rammed fence posts) & part of Stage 2 (buying holding yard rails). To complete Stage 2 we need to purchase rails & gates for training and accommodation yards (4 rails per 34 spans to fence) costing \$1254. Plus four gates (purpose welded) costing \$480. In return we will erect signs explaining ATHRA's funds to the yards to enable safe handling add ATHRA as a sponsor to our website and do a story on the yard & ATHRA support in our newsletter, which goes to 600 horse folk.

Hunter Valley Brumby Association – www.hvba.com.au

HVBA worked with their local fundraising ATHRA ride and with the \$885 raised will be able to purchase a second hand crush that was traded in to Metalcorp and offered to HVBA at traded in price, after seeing photos of our vet trying to geld younger brumbies without this very essential equipment to safely handle them. With the crush we can also rescue older Brumbies in 2012, any surplus will go towards buying more portable yard panels to extend our current small yards that coped with Brumby yearling to also cope with mature Brumbies. A full complex of panel yards will ensure safe 'mob' separation and accommodate larger/older brumbies which would otherwise go the abattoirs.

SEQ Brumby Association – www.seqbrumby.com

We request help towards the cost of our public liability and volunteers insurance. This financial year costs exceed \$1,200 and are due imminently. This insurance will:

- Enable us to conduct fund raising activities such as Bunning's BBQs where members raises funds to pay for the feed and care of our brumbies being gentled and rehomed;
- Enables us to have stalls at local shows where are our Brumby rehoming work can be promoted to the wider community;
- Ensures those who directly assist gentling & rehoming work, in a volunteer capacity, are covered by our insurance should an unforeseen accident occur.

Save The Brumbies – www.savethebrumbies.org

Our New England Brumby Sanctuary 'special Project' is to enable our yards to safely management Brumbies in all weathers. To date we have been unable to receive new-comers when the mud is too unsafe. All funds raised this year support this major project. The cost of second rubber matting is around \$2,000 and currently beyond us. We need to line the sides of the round yard, race and crush for safety reasons. Any help towards this project would be most appreciated and any contribution acknowledged on our website.

Total Paid was - OHHAWA - \$680, CBBPS - \$1,300, VBA - \$1,734, HVBA - \$885, SEQBA - \$1,200 and STB \$1,000, a total of **\$6,799** (Inc. \$24 int.).

ATHRA funds raised met OHHAWA, VBA, HVBA & SEQBA's requests, two thirds of CBBPS & half of STB requests. CBBPS & STB received proportionally less because the ABA committee agreed to give ABA members who supported ATHRA group rides the funds raised by that group prior to distributing remaining donations to other ABA bids.

I hope the explanation of how ABA has distributed ATHRA donated funds to best help Australian Brumbies makes good sense. Please contact me if you have further queries to answer on how ATHRA's fantastic effort has helped Australian Brumbies. I should have photos in time to show the results of what has been spent. Thanks so much again.

Yours sincerely

Jill Pickering

Jill Pickering, ABA President