The Australian Stock Horse Standard of Excellence

• Head alert and intelligent with broad forehead, full, well-set eyes, wide nostrils. A fine, clean gullet, allowing plenty of breathing room.

• A good length of rein, well set into the shoulder.

• Sloping shoulder, not too heavily muscled, a well-defined wither slightly higher than the croup.

• Deep chest, not too wide in proportion, but showing plenty of heart room.

• Ribs well sprung and back strong and of medium length in proportion.

• In forelegs, forearms well developed, cannon bones slightly flat, pasterns short and slightly sloping.

• Hindquarters strong, rounded and well-muscled, nicely sloping to give a full line from croup to hock. Hocks broad, flat and clean, the cannon relatively short with well-defined tendons. The hind legs well under when standing.

• The hooves hard and in proportion to the size of the horse with a wide heel and feet straight.

• Preferred heights between 14 and 16 hands.