



EQUESTRIAN  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT





**CREATING A THRIVING EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY**



# ABOUT US

Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) is the state sporting organisation for horse sports in Western Australia.

EWA is administered by a Board of Directors, a team of administration staff, Sport Committees for the disciplines of Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, Show Horse and Vaulting.

EWA is also largely sustained by the contributions of hard-working and dedicated volunteers from committee members to officials, organisers and helpers at events.



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## 2017 BOARD

Chair	Ron Fleming
Vice Chair	Colin Chantler / William Newton-Wordsworth
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## 2017 COMMITTEE/WORKING PARTY CHAIRS

Dressage	Gill Botten
Eventing	Rebecca Thomas
Jumping	Kevin Gianatti
Show Horse	Valrie Mayger
Vaulting	Jane Beaverstock
Coaching (NCAS)	Diane Bennit



As Chair of EWA, I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report which produced a year of strong membership and income growth together with improved engagement with members and stakeholders.

During the year our Vice Chair, Colin Chantler, resigned from the EWA Board and later joined the Board of Equestrian Australia (EA). Whilst it was a loss to EWA, it is a benefit to EA as he has experience and knowledge of the State Branch issues along with a passion for ensuring our high performance and elite riders are supported at a national level.

At the annual elections of Board Members, Ann Avery was elected to replace the vacancy left by the resignation of Sophie Stott, which had been filled on a casual basis by Kathy Van Eykelenborg. Kathy has remained on the Board as a co-opted Director, filling the important Finance Director role, for which she is well qualified as a practicing accountant.

During the year, the Board identified two new membership categories which we were able to gain approval from the EA Board to implement in 2018. These are the Recreational Rider and Adult Rider categories. It is hoped that this will lead to an increased number of members for EWA, in membership categories that suit their needs.

Unfortunately we lost two of the great stalwarts of our sport in 2017. Hazel Pither - a lady who is remembered for her great service to Jumping, as a Committee member of what was then the Equestrian Federation (EFA) Branch and Jumping Committee, and as an official and the mother of very talented riders. Hazel, along with her husband John, made things happen. For that we are forever grateful and her services to EWA have been recognised by the naming of the horse entrance to the Indoor Arena at the State Equestrian Centre (SEC).

Sadly we also lost Dan Johnson – husband of Phoebe and father of Sonja. Dan was a great supporter of Eventing and our international medal winner, his daughter Sonja. The sacrifices the Johnson family

have made to travel from their farm in Albany to Perth, interstate and overseas are immeasurable, and Dan was always there to assist. Locally he was 'The Starter' for innumerable cross country phases, and his calm demeanour and encouraging words were highly regarded by all riders.

Our Sport Committees and other sub-committees and panels that work tirelessly for the benefit of our sport and members have again provided ongoing support for the betterment of our sport. It is opportune to thank all members of Committees and other volunteers for the invaluable support they provide each year.

Congratulations to everyone who achieved success in 2017. The winners of our annual awards were recognised at the magnificent Aloft Perth this February - a recently opened venue with spectacular views across the new stadium to Perth CBD. It was a great night for celebrating the year that was and plan for 2018.

The Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries (formerly the Department of Sport and Recreation) worked with EWA to develop an Asset Management Plan for the ongoing maintenance of the State Equestrian Centre. This plan was finalised mid-year. Our CEO and I will continue to work with the Government to secure a sustainable model for the State Equestrian Centre. The Board also wishes to thank the Department for their ongoing operational funding, organisational support and capital grant funding that has enabled us to continue to repair and upgrade our venue.

We also thank our major sponsors and partners including the City of Swan, who continue to play an important role in supporting equestrian sports.

As we celebrate the successes and achievements of 2017 we look forward to continued growth into 2018.

**Ron Fleming**  
EWA Board Chairperson



# CEO'S REPORT

2017 was my first full year at EWA and what a start to the year we had. January and February arrived with two large bush fires in the area resulting in the SEC being used as a DFES command point resulting in the SEC closing to the public for a total of 8 days. Fortunately no homes or livestock were lost in the fires.

Then came the February floods that inundated the Swan Valley causing major damage throughout the Valley. The flood water rose covering most of the cross country course with up to two metres of fast flowing water. This resulted in 23 transportable and 44 fixed cross country fences being destroyed and 19 requiring major repairs, plus major damage to the water jump complex. Fortunately, the EWA insurance policy covered the loss of the cross country jumps and the SEC loss of income, resulting in a settlement of over \$250,000. I would like to thank the all members and the City of Swan that assisted in the flood aftermath.

The rebuilding of the cross country course by Eventing Promotions, Western Australian Young Event Riders (WAYER) and EWA is still progressing and the joint planning will enable us to both provide a better course for events and training opportunities into the future.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries funded capital works program that started in 2016 was completed in 2017. The installation of two 6.8 metre fans and refurbishment of the six exhaust fans in the Indoor Arena has made an incredible difference on hot/humid days. Funding also enabled the replacement of the stable dividers in the 49 original stables making them much safer. We were able to secure sponsorship from Horserail, Landmark Midvale and Southern Wire to add to the grant to replace the front perimeter fence, the result being the replacement of the entire Cathedral Avenue boundary fence. This has greatly improved the visual impact on entry to the SEC and

added security to the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Brigadoon paddocks.

A \$63,000 grant through the Local Projects, Local Jobs has enabled the SEC to replace the 35-year-old PA van with a custom built PA/Judges/Officials van. This was only possible with the support of Jessica Shaw MLA for Swan Hills. The new van is amazing ,so please have a look at it and all the new improvements at the SEC when you are next here.

2017 was year of consolidation for the SEC with bookings continuing to be strong and new hire agreements introduced with our home based clubs. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our former Facility Manager, Tracy Walters, over the past years. The SEC grounds team has continued with maintenance projects and care of the grounds to continually raise the standard of the facility.

The Waugal Lagoon, the wet lands at the end of the cross country course, is in the process of being removed from the title of the SEC grounds. The project agreed to by EWA, the City of Swan and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Australia will see the site's responsibility, fencing and rejuvenation overseen by the WWF. As one of the few natural remaining wetlands on the Swan River, we recognise the importance of protecting it for the future.

2017 saw total membership drop by 11 percent to 2,303 when compared to 2016, while horse discipline Competition Licenses fell from 1,800 to 1,710. The number of Affiliated Clubs rose from 84 to 93 which was very promising.

In looking to the future we conducted a review of the membership categories, and after consultation with the Adult Riding Clubs Association and the broader equestrian community, introduced two new membership categories for 2018 - EWA Adult Riding and EWA Recreational. These new memberships allow a true pathway from beginner

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to elite competition. We will now be able to develop strategies to encourage more participation at all levels of the sport.

The EWA Sport Committees had a very busy year with their highlights and those of members covered in the reports to follow.

EWA continued to receive funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to support our membership services which we are very appreciative of.

The financial position of EWA is not where we would like it to be and we are constantly looking at the new opportunities for income and to ultimately reduce costs to our members. The organisational restructure

including a restructure of all employee positions lead to several changes to increase efficiency and reduce costs. This enabled the employment of an Events and Business Development Manager to identify new income opportunities and maximise the profile of current events. One such event in 2017 was the State Jumping Championships which showed that a very successful event can be run with EWA/SEC staff and volunteers working together.

I would like to acknowledge the support I and everyone at EWA have received from the Board, Sport committees, members and SEC clients over the year. I wish you all the best for 2018.

**Dwight Pedlow**  
EWA Chief Executive Officer

	2016	2017	+ / -
<b>MEMBERS</b>			
Competitor Senior	801	777	-2.9%
Competitor Junior	381	329	-13.6%
Participant Senior	707	758	+7.2%
Participant Junior	152	163	+7.2%
Supporter Coach/Other	101	98	-2.9%
Supporter Official	84	77	-8.3%
Affiliate	81	93	+14.8%
Life	7	8	+14.3%
<b>HORSE COMPETITION LICENSES</b>			
Dressage	444	440	-0.9%
Pony Dressage	90	90	+0.0%
Eventing	465	392	-15.7%
Jumping	459	459	+0.0%
Show Horse	342	319	-6.7%





# AWARDS

## SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE SPORT

Sponsored by the D'Arcy Slater Foundation

Dressage Val Mayger  
 Eventing Karen Wood  
 Jumping Diane Bennit  
 Show Horse Natalie Sakich  
 Vaulting Paula Patricelli  
**Overall Winner Karen Wood**

## ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Dressage (Dual Winners) Alexandra Doumany & Tahlia Piper

Eventing Susan Warren  
 Jumping Jessica Aspinall  
 Show Horse Kerry Wilson  
**Overall Winner Susan Warren**

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Paddock Property

Dressage Beverley Leonard  
 Eventing Ruth Ellis  
 Jumping Rosemary Inglis  
 Show Horse Sharon Veccia  
**Overall Winner Rosemary Inglis**

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Horseland

Dressage Gail Simms  
 Jumping Phillipa Willis  
 Show Horse Nadine Mereweather  
**Overall Winner Gail Simms**

## OWNER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Cavalletti

Dressage Michelle James  
 Eventing Sonja & Phoebe Johnson  
 Jumping Caitlin Bolger  
 Show Horse Celeste Mills  
**Overall Winner Sonja & Phoebe Johnson**

## OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by iVideo Production

Dressage Gill Botten  
 Eventing PollyAnn Huntington  
 Jumping Edward Murphy  
 Show Horse Val Mayger  
**Overall Winner Gill Botten**

## PARA-EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by DiCandilo Steel City

**Winner Chelsea De Jonge**

## YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Paper Stork

Dressage (Dual Winners) Chloe Moon & Kjersti Grov  
 Eventing Madison Gielen  
 Jumping Rosie Oliver  
 Show Horse Ivy Parsons  
**Overall Winner Rosie Oliver**

## ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Bates Saddles

Dressage Elizabeth Tollarzo-Gorham  
 Eventing Lauren Browne  
 Jumping Caitlin Bolger  
 Show Horse Anna Duffy  
**Overall Winner Anna Duffy**

## CLUB OF THE YEAR

Dressage Henty Riding Club  
 Eventing (Dual Winners) WA Young Event Riders & Eventing WA Promotions  
 Jumping WA Show Jumping Association  
 Show Horse Albany Horsemen's Association  
**Overall Winner Henty Riding Club**

## EVENT OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Equine Images WA

Dressage Dressage WA Project Neon FEI Showcase Series  
 Eventing Southern Hills Eventing Alcoa CIC  
 Interschool WA Interschool State Championships  
 Jumping WA Showjumping Association 60th Anniversary Patrons Cup  
 Show Horse EWA Horse & Rider of the Year  
**Overall Winner WA Showjumping Association 60th Anniversary Patrons Cup**

## HORSE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by West Coast Vets

Dressage Matavia Fisher King owned by Melanie Nixon  
 Eventing Jocular Vision owned by Emily Gray  
 Jumping Oaks Redwood owned by Stephanie Tucker  
 Show Horse Sanlirra Puppet Show owned by Rhiarn Perks  
**Overall Winner Jocular Vision owned by Emily Gray**

EWA Bates Athlete of the Year Award Winners  
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The first use of the term “coach” in connection with an instructor or trainer arose around 1830 in Oxford University and was slang for a tutor who “carried” a student through an exam. The word “coaching” thus identified a process used to transport people from where they are, to where they want to be. The first use of the term in relation to sports came in 1861. The levels of riding ability, either for recreational or competition, reflects the standards of coaching. I doubt that any person in any sport has not at some time received some assistance to improve their level of competency.

Due to the recent significant changes in the Australian coaching system, I have decided to preface my report with an overview of how the coaching system stands at the minute. The National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) was an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and was first developed in 1979. In 2012, an independent review was commissioned by the ASC to determine whether the NCAS was still meeting the needs of the sector.

The findings were clear. Since the establishment of the scheme, adult learning theories and practices have shifted, new technologies are available, participant expectations of the sport experience have changed and parental involvement in sport is different. As a result, the ASC retired the NCAS initiative which affects all funded sports within Australia. This means that each Sporting Organisation is now responsible for their own schemes. EA’s coaching and officiating schemes will continue, however the NCAS prefix is no longer being used and accredited Coaches will now be referred to as EA Coach, EA Dressage Judge etc.

EA received special dispensation to allow a progressive roll out of these changes due to the highly embedded nature of these acronyms in our coaching programs. Each Sporting Organisation was asked to make the necessary changes by early February 2018.

EA is still fully endorsed by the ASC as the National Sporting Organisation for equestrian sports, and is in a uniquely agile position to absorb these changes as they are already developing a new Coaching Pathway with new titles, and it is expected that this will be a relatively simple process.

The 2017 Coaching Update was very well attended due to the very interesting line up of topics given by experienced and well prepared presenters. An overview of the changes to the EA program was given by EA Level 2 Coach Educator Philippa Collier and Sara Botten. It is vitally important that Coaches are kept up to date with any changes in the coaching system.

Janet Reid, an FEI Steward, gave an overview of the ‘Role of the Steward’ in Dressage which covered Coaches, riders, Officials and unusual tack. Clarification of EA Dressage Rules was also given for the appropriate Code of Conduct, protective headgear regulations, correct outfits for different test levels, warm-up etiquette, the type and fitting of nosebands and acceptable snaffle bits. It is estimated there are 129 snaffle bits, so the degree of knowledge to be an FEI Steward must be considerable.

EA Level 2 Coach Educator Zoe Harrison gave a unique presentation on ‘Lunging the Handler’, with a number of people queuing up to be the ‘horse’. Lungers had to practice their accuracy in controlling where the ‘flick’ of the lunge whip connected, and practised on cones, in lieu of horses hocks. The theme of the presentation was ‘Perfect the Technique First’, then lunge the horse. It was an interesting and educational session, as well as being very entertaining.

An in depth overview of Gow Gates insurance coverage pertaining to the equestrian industry, was given. This type of information is invaluable for those involved with horse riding, breeding, running events and coaching, and it is essential that people are aware of what their cover entails.

Experienced clinician Dr Kathy Klein gave a fascinating presentation titled “Lameness and the Performance Horse”, and started by defining lameness and drawing the attention of the Coaches to the ethical and welfare implications associated with lameness. Kathy then ran through the procedure for a thorough lameness work-up by a vet, discussing the various kinds of imaging and diagnostic tools currently available in WA and their usage and limitations. Kathy worked through some simple rules for lameness evaluation that the Coaches could apply to their own and client’s horses. Finally, using a series of short videos and by polling the audience for their views, she fine-tuned the Coach’s abilities to effectively detect and identify lameness.

Another presentation was the “Coach Collaboration Through Jig Saw” exercises given by EA Level 2 Coach Educator Rebecca Thomas. Those present were put into groups and decided on the most relevant and interesting coaching topics they would like discussed later in the day. The topics created a lot of interest and lively discussion.

The EA Advisory Coaching Panel also held extra Coaching updates and Orientation to Coaching workshops throughout the year. EA Level 2 Coach Educators Philippa Collier and Rebecca Thomas presented two three-day clinics in December/January which incorporated EA Intro and Level 1 candidates. These clinics also incorporated 5 of the new EA Fast Track candidates in each of the two clinics. Philippa and Rebecca also contributed to the Fast Track program as presenters.

A Coach Educator (CE) and Skills Specific Trainer Assessor (SSTA) Theory and Updating Forum was presented by Alison Gestier, then EA Pathways Manager, and a CE and SSTA update was held with EA Level 3 Coach General, Ron Paterson from Queensland, as presenter. Equestrian Australia has only ever offered two scholarships and Ron was the recipient of both, the second as a co-winner with the late Gert Donvig.

The Update covered Intro lunging, group, individual and a Level 1 flat coaching lesson, Level 1 individual and group jumping lessons and two training sessions with horses at different levels.

The Panel nominated Nadine Merewether for the 2017 Coach of the Year, in the Sport Achievement Awards which were held at the EA Awards Night at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

I would like to thank Sara Botton for her contribution to the Panel and we wish her all the best in her new position as EWA Events and Business Development Manager. The Panel is very fortunate to have Sharon Welsh, EWA High Performance and Athlete Development Officer, as our administrator and we look forward to working with her.

I am not sure whether the equestrian community is aware of the tremendous amount of time and effort that my Panel members put into maintaining the very high level of coaching that we are fortunate to have in WA. They are an amazing group of people.

**Diane Bennit**  
EWA Coaching Advisory Panel Chair



## EVENTS

There were several events that promoted Dressage in WA in 2017. The Twilight Dressage Series was popular as usual and attracted good numbers. The State Dressage Championships took place on 6 & 7 May, generously sponsored by Valley Equine Veterinary Centre and supporting the charity the Flying Doctor Service. The event was a great success with over 460 tests being ridden from Preliminary to Grand Prix.

The DWA Rider Forums have proved a very popular initiative where riders, Coaches and Officials can make suggestions and air their views to the Committee. A new initiative was the "Rulebook Quiz" which DWA put on their Facebook page bi-monthly and received many hits and engendered lively discussion. The Penny Hill Park Rising Star competition for horses in their first year of official competition also proved popular and riders were judged this year by FEI\* and Young Horse Judge Susie Hoevenaars.

In 2017 DWA continued with Midweek Dressage events which again proved very popular under the stewardship of Jackie Lancaster and the Project Neon FEI Showcase Series. The Midweek and FEI Showcase events operated on a cost-neutral basis thanks to the show event organisers and the many volunteers.

In November, Gill Botten (Chair), Elaine Greene, Marjory Stanger and Kate Baxter resigned from the committee after several years of service. Suzanne Simons took over the position of Chair and Val Mayger the Vice Chair.

## DRESSAGE JUDGES TASK FORCE (DJTF)

We finished 2017 with 60 judges on the WA Judge list including 1 FEI 3\* Judge, 8 A level Judges, 3 FEI Eventing Judges, 3 Young Horse Judges, 1 FEI Para-Equestrian Judge and 8 Para-Equestrian Judges. We have several Judges entering the system this year at G level including from country areas thanks to the enthusiastic work of our Country Liaison on the Task Force. We had

1 Judge successfully upgrade to B level, 2 to C level and 2 to F level.

2017 saw some exciting initiatives in WA for judges and Dressage riders, Coaches and enthusiasts. The DJTF conducted 5 seminars, 3 workshops and various talks, mentoring and discussion opportunities for our judges. We have tried to encourage our riders and Dressage Coaches to attend to increase communication and understanding in the Dressage community. Kim Thomas, Polly Ann Huntington, Ricky McMillan and Susie Hoevenaars conducted seminars for us and Wendy Barker, Andrew Fletcher (UK) and Stephen Clarke (UK) conducted workshops. There were shadow judging and mentoring opportunities with our own mentors and judge educators as well as FEI 5\*judges, Mary Seefried, Susie Hoevenaars and Stephen Clarke. Our Midweek Dressage competitions also provided discussions at lunch time between judges and riders which was a valuable to improve judge/rider understanding.

The highlight of the year was the visit to WA by Stephen Clarke UK FEI 5\*. Stephen conducted a workshop, a masterclass, a symposium and mentored several of our local judges as they sat in or judged beside him. Virginia Creed and Stephen presented a fabulous evening demonstrating and explaining Dressage freestyles. His visit again produced much excitement in WA and enthused the Dressage community.

Elaine Greene, our long standing DJTF Chair, is standing aside in 2018. Thankfully she will still be on the Task Force as her knowledge and enthusiasm is still very much needed. Hannie Byrne is taking over the reins and she is lucky to have an experienced team to continue the good work. We welcome Dinah Fleming as a new DJTF member and Virginia Longley (co-opted) to the team.

## DWA NEWSLETTER

The DWA newsletter was first published in February 2015 in an effort to increase communication from DWA to everyone involved in Dressage as well as an attempt to increase participation in all facets

of Dressage in WA. It provides an informal and formal flow of information to riders new to the sport, riders familiar with the sport, and to judges and officials. The target audience is anyone with an interest in Dressage, however articles are generally specific to competitive Dressage. The newsletter promotes transparency from the DWA Committee to the Dressage community by publishing some event budgets and financial related reports. It also serves as a pathway of communication for offers of sponsorship and volunteers.

The DWA newsletter is only available in digital form (.pdf) and is published on the first Thursday of each month via the EWA email blast, the DWA website and on the DWA Facebook page. The newsletter is divided into several components that cover a wide range of topics.

The "Meet a Dressage Rider" section was included as a way of acknowledging riders who have been dedicated to competing but not necessarily winning consistently. It is these riders that continue to contribute to the development of the sport, not only through the amount of events that they enter, but financially via the Dressage Development Fund (DDF) which accompanies the entry fees. There is a very strict criteria for riders to be considered in this section and every attempt is made to select a wide variety of riders from different geographical areas, training backgrounds, riding levels (from FEI to Participant Preliminary), Para-Equestrian riders, pony riders and young riders.

The "Meet a Committee Member" section is to inform the Dressage community of the current Committee members so that queries can be directed to the correct representative. It also serves to promote the DWA Committee and shows the extensive experience and diverse areas of expertise held by the Committee members.

Dressage events are also covered in the newsletter, however this is dependent on the event report being supplied from the clubs in a timely manner. It provides a place to summarise the results but also to acknowledge the sponsors of those events. It also provides publicity to the clubs that run these events

and it hoped that event participation will increase partially as a response to this publicity. Flyers for DWA-run events are included in the newsletter as promotion for DWA.

Other articles are included in the newsletter and their content varies. Care is taken to ensure that none of the material included in the newsletter can be perceived to be advertising. All photos are used with acknowledgement or are supplied by the photographer themselves. The final draft of the newsletter is circulated to the DWA Committee for approval prior to publication.

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A key income stream for DWA is the Dressage Development Fund (DDF) levy, which is paid by riders when a horse or pony enters an Equestrian Australia (EA) approved Dressage event. The amount paid is based on the number of tests entered. For 2017 the DDF levy was \$8 for one test and \$14 for two or more tests.

During 2017, \$22,300 was raised from levies. This money goes directly back into developing Dressage in Western Australia. In 2017, these funds were expended on the following activities:

- Dressage events, seminars, judge education and training - \$14,000
- Grants paid to riders - \$1,000
- Awards and prizes - \$1,000
- Administration of Dressage WA - \$2,000; and
- State Dressage Championships - \$2,000

The income for the 2017 State Dressage Championships was c. \$40,000 and expenditure c. \$42,000 which resulted in a small loss of c. \$2,000. The WA State Dressage Championships benefited greatly from cash sponsorship from Valley Equine Veterinary Centre and also from the many Championship and class sponsors whose contribution allowed for beautiful rugs, rosettes, sashes and prizes awarded to the winners and place getters.

## Gill Botten

EWA Dressage Committee Chair



The 2017 Eventing season in Western Australia oversaw thirteen events hosted by eleven clubs including both FEI and National level events comprising both long and short formats. Seven of these events were held in regional areas. WA riders also competed at FEI events held in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, Camden and Wallaby Hill.

Unfortunately, severe flooding in February destroyed much of the State Equestrian Centre cross country training and competition course and infrastructure. Despite this adversity, it created the opportunity to redevelop and redesign the current course to international standards.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

In 2017 there were four FEI events conducted in Western Australia. Our premier event, Wooroloo CCI\*\*\* had excellent entries in the FEI classes. Due to flood damage earlier in the year, the Perth Horse Trials Committee generously changed their May CNC event to a CIC event in order for WA riders to obtain MER's for major CCI events.

Unfortunately, due to flooding, WAYER CIC event was unable to run its international classes and hosted a CNC Combined Training for 1\*, 2\* and 3\* entrants still maintaining international judges. A CNC 1 and half star class and below was run also. This was a momentous effort undertaken by the WAYER Organising Committee to get an event up and running.

Alcoa CIC\*\*\* was a successful event yet again in 2017, with large entries particularly in the star classes. Swan River Horse Trials returned in 2017 after absence the year before and hosted a CIC\*\*\* competition. This competition will continue in 2018.

## OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

Eventing WA continues to support and develop Eventing Officials both at national and international level. This resulted in the upgrading of two FEI

Ground Jury officials to 3\*/4\* status and two cross country course designers to National Level 2 and Level 3 accreditation.

Eventing WA ran an Officials' seminar at the start of the season which saw Wayne Copping 3\*/4\* CD and TD host. This offered ongoing education and development of cross country course design and technical delegate skills.

Eventing Stewards play an important role in the sport by looking after the welfare of the horse, safety of riders and fostering a fair playing field for all. Swan River Horse Trials were generous in hosting a Stewards Course, supported by EWA, at their October event. There were twelve attendees with Chris Wallace as course director.

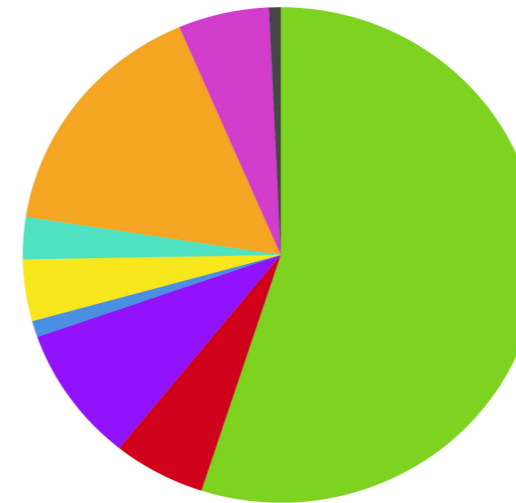
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Eventing WA collected \$75,702 in levies across the thirteen events held. This money goes directly back into developing Eventing in Western Australia.

The Rider's Start Fees have continued to provide financial assistance to clubs to successfully run their events. The Start Fees are a way to create capital that is allocated to clubs to increase the quality and safety at these events. This comes in the form of grants and assistance with FEI fees and Officials. The money is used to upgrade facilities, courses and safety aspects of the course such as footing which includes the continuing use of the Aera-vator purchased in 2012 and the preparation and repair of ground on the cross country courses.

It also includes the purchase of safety equipment in line with the latest international safety standards as laid down by the FEI. For example, the purchase of Spirofix to secure portable cross country fences and the purchase of a new equipment trailer to assist clubs and Officials with the transport and distribution of safety and essential equipment. This forms part of the commitment that Eventing WA has to clubs to continue to improve horse welfare

and rider safety.



2017 Allocation Expenditure:

Grants to Clubs	\$47,085
Safety	\$4,960
Transportable Jumps (Transport & Repair)	\$7,594
Officials Support	\$909
Seminars & Workshops	\$3,439
Travel (Officials & National Meetings)	\$2,353
TD Fees	\$13,800
Championship Series	\$4,878
Admin/Committee Expenses	\$627

## HIGH PERFORMANCE

There were twenty-five riders as part of the High Performance Program in State Recognition and Youth Squads. The inclusion of the Youth Squad in 2017 fosters the development of riders between 16-25 years of age on a pathway to National High Performance Squads. These athletes participated in a number of workshop developing skills in sports psychology, nutrition, equine behaviour, health and fitness. These were organised as part of the EWA High Performance Program.

Results of note for 2017 were Tayah Andrews who was selected for the team to represent Australia at the Trans-Tasman Championship in Melbourne CCI\*\*\* in the 2\* class. The Australian team won this competition. Lauren Browne won WA's only CCI\*\*\* competition finishing on a very competitive score. Sonja Johnson placed fourth in the CCI4\*\*\* in Adelaide.

## SAFETY

The Terry Snow Foundation (Safety Funding initiative) and Equestrian Australia has made a 50% funding initiative towards frangible devices for each state. The other 50% cost was met by the Start Fees paid by WA riders. This enabled WA to purchase thirty-six frangible devices that will not only cover the new 2018 rule change that will make frangible devices compulsory for certain cross country fence types at 3\*, but extras that will be utilised at 2\* and 1\* level as a proactive response to improve the minimum standards of safety.

## CONCLUSION

Eventing WA continues to develop and promote the sport to a high level, enabling WA riders to be competitive alongside the best in Australia. This is a reflection on the hard work and commitment of the organisers, riders, volunteers, Officials and all the families and supporters who continue to make this a great sport.

We are looking forward to the 2018 World Equestrian Games and the exciting new rebuild of the State Equestrian Centre cross country course with input and design from international course designers.

**Rebecca Thomas**

EWA Eventing Committee Chair



# INTERSCHOOL

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

As part of our duty of care and risk management responsibilities, Interschool WA required riders to gain qualifications for Jumping, Dressage, Eventing and Show Horse prior to entering the 2017 WA Interschool State Championships. The aim of competency was to ensure that riders gained experience to compete at their height/level in a full competition environment. Competing at Interschools is a large challenge for a horse and rider if they have never been anywhere but their home club, or if they only compete once a year at the WA Interschool State Championships. It also familiarises the rider with the current rules and accepted behaviours for their discipline.

Riders at Interschool State Championships are now safer and have less accidents because they are more experienced competitors. If riders complete all qualifying at these events the objectives of producing experienced competitors are met, allowing these young riders to cope with the situations they will face as a competitor.

The 2017 WA Saddles Plus Interschool State Championships event was a great success. A lot of positive feedback was received, particularly in regards to the Off the Track Challenge held on the Saturday night of the competition. This was the first challenge of its kind to occur in WA and six jockeys and six Interschool riders displayed an extraordinary array of talent with power and speed over a full course of brightly coloured jumps. The indoor arena was filled with lots of excited spectators that had come from afar to watch this spectacular event. The SEC bar was also open to the public and the VIP's enjoyed a buffet dinner from the comfort of the indoor arena balcony.

## JUNIOR SERIES LEADERBOARD

The 2017 Saddles Plus Interschool Junior/Youth Series was designed for riders up to 18 years of age competing in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Show Horse, Vaulting and Eventing. The Series was open to all Junior/Youth horse and rider combinations holding a current EWA Competitor or Participant Junior Membership and consisted of ten events in each discipline, with the Saddles Plus Interschool State Championship being the Championship event.

Points could only be gained at EWA/EA Affiliated events with rider ages taken from the rider's age at the start of the membership year beginning 1 January 2017. The Primary competition was restricted to athletes enrolled up to and including year 6 in the year of competition and the Secondary competition was for those enrolled in year 7 to 12 in the year of competition. Saddles Plus has kindly come back on board to sponsor the 2018 Series and we thank them for their support.

The 2017 Leaderboard winners were:

EvAJ80: Isabelle Lawrence & Springbrook Reggae  
EvAJ95: Georgia Shipp & Star of Illusion  
EvAJ105: Jayde Tyack & Prospect Lodge Decker  
CNC1\*: Madison Gielen & Deveraux Top Up  
Primary Dressage: Ella Jones & Roseden Ella Blue  
Secondary Dressage: Chelsea DeJonge & Aspen Way Royal Gala  
Primary Jumping: Bianca Gales & Orange Springs Lyka  
Secondary Jumping: Angus Donovan & Noblewood Park Conchetta  
Primary Show Horse: Erin Bertola & Springwater Kitty Jones  
Secondary Show Horse: Orleans Graetz & Redline Classic Edition

# INTERSCHOOL

## AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our WA Team of thirty-two talented riders headed to Toowoomba to partake in the Australian Championships against the best young riders from each state. Unfortunately only two Eventing riders from WA travelled over with their horses. With the event held in Queensland, the long trip meant that our team was smaller than usual.

Over thirty pool horses were required for our state's riders, but we were lucky to have been provided with some great horses which allowed our riders to perform at their best. The team coaches were Bettina Broekman and Amanda Pritchard, who both worked tirelessly over the five days to provide support to the riders despite the hot and dusty conditions. Luckily sunscreen was supplied by Feel Good Inc. as we all needed it!

The final team scores left WA in fourth place. The closing ceremony was filled with an array of many colours of the states and all of the teams joined in on the festivities, with many of our riders leaving the event with new friends and contacts for the future.

## RISING STARS PROGRAM

2017 saw an increase in Rising Star members to fifty-five, ten more than the previous year. All clinics were action-packed with a full schedule over two days. Classes included flatwork, jumping and cross country lessons, horse management workbooks working towards their coaching pathway and WACE/University points and lectures on sports psychology, physiotherapy, drugs in sport and veterinary subjects.

In 2017, EWA partnered with La Noir Saddleworld to offer scholarship packages to three Rising Stars athletes who gained outstanding results throughout the year. Each package included an EWA Membership and Competition License, a trophy, and La Noir merchandise. The winners were Taylah Welsh with San Rubin II, Madison Gielen with Deveraux Top Up, and Chloe Versteegen with Raylyns Eliza.

Three trophies were also awarded to the most improved combinations. The winners were Ashleigh Middendorp with Joshua Brook Budweiser, Tanaya Radecker with Talaq Citi, and Hannah Reay with Princess Fantasia. Congratulations to all of these riders.

## Sharon Welsh

EWA Development Officer



2017 WA Australian Championships Team  
Credit: Equestrian Western Australia



Activities throughout 2017 encompassed many of the objectives and targets of the remaining year of the EWA Jumping Committee's 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. The Committee will be working on updating their Strategic Plan to align with the revised EWA Strategic Plan in early 2018.

There were not too many weekends during the 2017 season where there was not at least one fixture, whether it be a city or country fixture, for our members to attend. There were a couple of milestones for jumping organising committees during the year. The jumping fixture at the Northampton Agricultural Show was an integral part of the show's 100th anniversary. Probably the biggest celebration on the jumping calendar was reserved for WA Showjumping Association's 60th Anniversary culminating with their Patron's Cup show in October. To top the year off the club was presented with the Event of the Year Award at the 2017 EWA Awards for this event. The winner of the 2017 Patron's Cup was Shawn Squire on Maxie Mouse - a much deserved win after many years of competing in the event. To finish off a great year for WASJA their president, Rosemary Inglis, was awarded EWA Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Earlier in 2017, EWA Jumping sought an expression of interest to run the 2017 EWA State Jumping Championships. The EWA office came forward with a proposal and from their work commenced on the 2017 Championship event. The Committee is currently working with the office on a proposal to allocate the EWA office the event for the next three years.

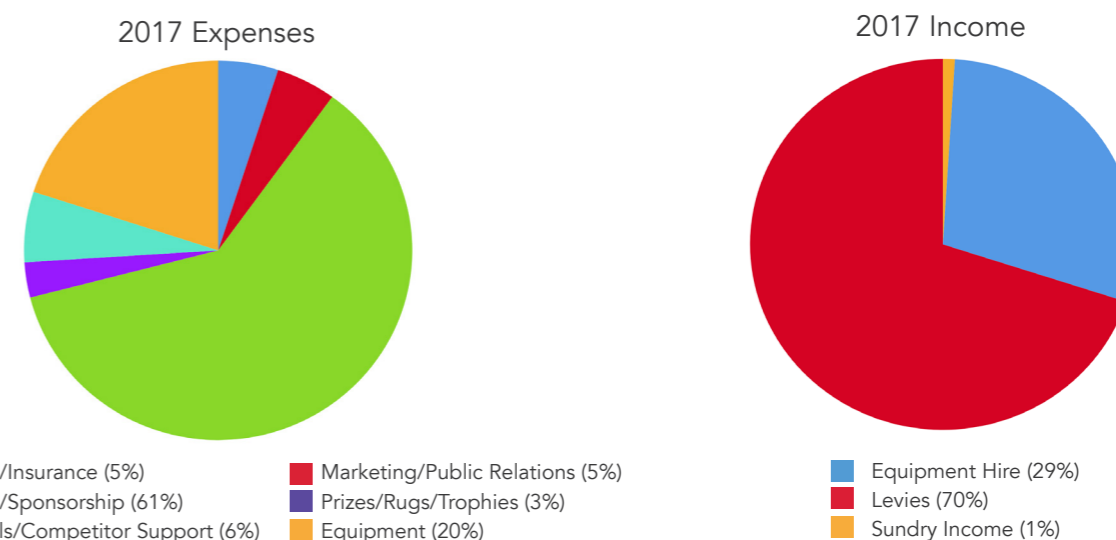
Once again during the year the Committee worked with the PCWA Show Jumping Subcommittee to present a judge and course designer seminar during the 2017 State PCWA Showjumping Championships. Participants were able to get a hands on opportunity to hone their judging and course designing skills. After participating in the seminar, conducted by EA Judge Educator Penny

Dodd, participants were able to sit an exam to either upgrade or start their judging levels. From this activity the number of both EA and PCWA accredited Officials has been boosted. In early December support was given to two of our leading FEI Judges in WA, Penny Dodd and Kerrie Robbins, to attend the FEI Judges Seminar in Sydney in order for them to keep up their FEI accreditation.

The 2017 calendar year saw the beginning of a number of changes to further jumping in WA. EWAJ had a slight increase in jumping levies from \$2.50 to \$4 per round. As the levies had not been previously increased for a number of years, it was required to keep up with inflation, along with establishing the funding for a number of benefits and proposals. This brought about a significant increase in income, to the value of \$39,313. Equipment hire brought in \$16,109.

This year also brought in a redevelopment in EWAJ competition grants, with the introduction of the Bronze and Novice Series and an increase in the prize money for these prestigious Horse of the Year (HOTY) and Silver Series classes, all of which attract many riders. The amount of \$28,487 was given back to the competitors in these classes. The committee strives to provide quality equipment for competitors, which required \$9,139 being spent on equipment repairs and purchases. The remaining 19% of expenses was spent on travel, squads, officials, administration, marketing, insurances and prizes. Included in this 19% of expenses was the \$2,000 allocated from the marketing budget towards the cost of the live streaming for 2 days of the EWA State Jumping Championships, which had hits from all over the world. A great success.

The profit for the year was \$9,319. In 2018 EWAJ has budgeted for a loss as we begin to action proposals, such as purchasing a number of new extravagant jumps and increasing recognition and support for our squads. EWAJ has again applied to hold another Word Cup towards the end of the



year and host some workshops for all show jumping members.

During 2017 we saw the introduction of the new, EWAJ-supported Bronze and Novice Series. These two new leaderboard classes replaced the previous very successful Country Novice Championship Series. The Bronze series has a leaderboard attached to it, adding to the already very successful Horse of the Year and Silver Series leaderboards, whereas the Novice Series is a series of standalone classes that are run at various events throughout the state giving an introduction to those horses commencing their official jumping careers. After the first year, and with feedback from the riders, a slight change has been made to the criteria for the Bronze and Novice classes, in that combinations will now be able to compete in both the Bronze and Novice classes, at the one fixture, providing they meet the jumping point's eligibility. For 2018 there has been a few changes in the criteria for our supported series mainly around the criteria of unused prize money where there are small numbers of starter in the supported classes.

The EWAJ HOTY for 2017 was Oak's Vendetta, ridden by Caitlin Bolger, capping off a great year for this combination who won the EWA State Open Jumping Championship in late October. The

Silver Series was won by Annabel Cowcher riding Winterkind II, with the inaugural Bronze Series being won by Ben Wilson on Bondi Beach. The ever-popular Equineworld Amateur Rider leaderboard was won by Karen McInnes, repeating her success from 2016.

In 2017, thanks to the kind sponsorship of Equineworld, we saw the introduction of the Amateur B leaderboard which was jointly won by Jessica Hoffren and Kate Wheatley.

For 2018 EWA Jumping is excited to announce the return of the Young Masters Series with a series of classes held throughout the state for our under 21 year old riders. The series will be conducted over three sections - 80cm, 1m and a Junior section and will be kindly sponsored by Kentaur Australia.

Once again in 2017 EWAJ offered support to the members of the various State Jumping Squads. In addition to support in the way of refunding entry fees for certain classes for the Open and the Youth Squads, a \$250 coaching voucher for Squad members for coaching was available on application from EWAJ. During the year travel support of \$500 was also made available to those riders that undertook interstate travel to compete at major events through Australia. Many riders



# JUMPING

took advantage of the support with probably the biggest success being when Chloe Versteegen, on Raelyn's Eliza, won the inaugural Children's Championship class at the 2017 Australian Jumping Championships.

Members of the jumping community were once again recognised at the annual EWA Awards Night for 2017. The Jumping nominations were as follows:

- Special Services to Sport - Diane Bennitt
- Official of the Year - Ed Murphy
- Jumping Event of the Year - WASJA's 60th Anniversary Patron's Cup Event
- Coach of the Year - Philipa Willis
- Club of the Year - WASJA
- Owner of the Year - Caitlin Bolger
- Athlete of the Year - Caitlin Bolger
- Jumping Horse of the Year (Not to be confused with our HOTY leaderboard) - Oaks Redwood
- Young Athlete of the Year - Rosie Oliver
- Administrator of the Year - Jess Aspinall (WASJA)
- Volunteer of the Year - Rosemary Inglis
- Jumping Patron's Award for 2018 - Ross Newman (GCEC)

It was great to see that as well as WASJA's success (Volunteer of the year for Rosemay Inglis and Event of the Year for their Patron's Cup event), Rosie Oliver was awarded the Young Athlete of the Year Award.

The Jumping Western Australia Facebook Page which started in mid-2012 and now has just under 1,500 members and continues to be a great way for EWAJ to communicate with the jumping community. It is the primary communication tool of the EWAJ and is used to update members on information from EWAJ, advertise affiliated competitions, advertise photographs from affiliated events and any forms of communication relevant to official jumping competition in Western Australia, Australia and overseas. Posts to the page are strictly monitored to comply with the Equestrian Australia Social Media Policy. The page is very successful and the EWAJ receives a great deal of positive

feedback in relation to it, particularly its ease of use. The closed Facebook page for jumping Officials, introduced in 2016, continues to be of great use for jumping officials as a form of discussion between all Officials in regards to any rule changes or issues that may arise during the year.

Moving into 2018 the composition of the EWAJ Committee will see only a small change with the introduction of a new rider's representative in Caitlin Bolger. Caitlin was elected late in 2017 after an election amongst the riders and it will be great to have Caitlin as a member of the Committee bringing with her many years of experience of competing at a junior level right through to Grand Prix level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our previous rider's representative, Maddi Stephen, who has now moved interstate to further her jumping career. Maddi's input as the rider's representative was invaluable and her presence at most of the major jumping fixtures here in WA will be sadly missed.

I would also like to thank all the members of EWA Jumping for their continued hard work and support of the sport of jumping here in WA.

As this year progress the Committee will work on the structure the 2018-2020 strategic plan. Meanwhile I'd like to thank all who have constructively contributed to our wonderful sport of jumping and wish all connected with it a pleasantly satisfying 2018.

The EWAJ Committee endeavours to support its members in this great sport of showjumping, striving to bring prestige and success to WA, and aiding our riders and horses to reach a National and International Level.

**Kevin Gianatti**  
EWA Jumping Committee Chair



Oak's Vendetta ridden by Caitlin Bolger  
Credit: Eric Lloyd Photography



# STATE JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS



2017 State Jumping Championships  
Credit: Eric Lloyd Photography

## OVERVIEW

The 2017 WA State Showjumping Championships took place on the 27-29 October 2017 at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon. Held in the centre of the Swan Valley, the event included the State Senior, Junior and Young Rider titles as well as the State Speed Derby, EquineWorld Amateur A and B titles and FEI World Jumping Challenge including Youth Olympic Games qualifier. More than 200 riders completed in over 800 rounds across the three days of competition.

EWA and Jumping WA were excited to offer an opportunity for young athletes to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games through the World Jumping Challenge Competition. This was an important event in the high performance pathway for athletes under 18 years of age to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games in 2018. This World Jumping Challenge competition enabled riders to ride a prescribed course over three rounds with 6 of the 7 athletes achieving a much coveted qualifier.

EWA was also excited to host two international FEI Officials at this competition – FEI Level 3 Judge Audrey Cameron (NZ) and FEI Level 3 Course Designer Gerrit Beker (NZ). Audrey and Gerrit worked with a team of more than 40 officials and volunteers to make the event a success.

EWA took the ambitious step to live stream two days of competition with assistance of the Jumping Western Australia using local production company iVideo. This was an exciting initiative and included interviews and promotion of supporting businesses as well as expert commentary throughout the event. The live stream created enormous exposure for the sport of jumping with approximately 43,000 views received over the two streamed days of competition.

EWA were also honoured to host representatives from City of Swan and Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries during the premier class, the Senior State Championship. This Championship was won by La Noir Saddleworld EWA High Performance member Caitlin Bolger riding Oaks Vendetta.

## PROGRAM & PRIZES

The event committee took careful consideration of the program for riders which needed to

accommodate grassroots level riders to the top horse and rider combinations. 46 classes were offered across the three days with more than \$25,000 prize money and vouchers awarded along with rugs, sashes and garlands. The Jakoma Equestrian Speed Derby Championship was run between the two jumping arenas and up the bank and over other natural obstacles and was an exciting initiative from the Jumping WA Committee. The Kentaur Grassroots Arena held classes from 60cm to 110cm offering prizes and vouchers to the top five riders in each class. The opportunity to divide these classes by age group was also well received. Saturday saw a third ring at the event to ensure all entries in the grassroots classes were accommodated. It was great to see this part of the sport experience growth and development.

## TRADE VILLAGE, SPONSORSHIP & V.I.P

EWA were fortunate to gain the support of more than fifty sponsors from many different industries and organisations. Major sponsors Jumping Western Australia, EWA and City of Swan had representatives participate in presentations of major titles. A vibrant trade village area accommodated equestrian businesses and food vendors. It was great to see this area buzzing throughout the weekend especially during the Championship classes. Sunday saw over a hundred special guests enjoy lunch and beverages during the State Senior, Young Rider and Equine World Amateur titles.

## 2018 STATE JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Equestrian Western Australia are looking forward to hosting the State Jumping Championships in 2018 and hoping to build on the solid foundation the 2017 provided. Development of the event will include more trade opportunities, educational lectures, development of interactive live streaming of the event as well as a streamlined entry system, live scoring, increase in prize money, feature derby fences and gala jumping evening.



# PARA-EQUESTRIAN

The successful partnership between Equestrian Western Australia and Riding for the Disabled Association of Western Australia (RDAWA) Dressage continued in 2017.

## CLASSIFICATION

EWA and the RDAWA jointly funded a Classification weekend in May. Two classifiers from the Eastern States classified seven riders. As a result, three new riders were classified, three were reviewed and one was confirmed.

## CLINICS

Three Squad clinics were held throughout the year and were well attended. Roz Tippett, a Level 3 Dressage Coach, conducts these clinics which are held at the State Equestrian Centre. If the clinics are not filled we invite other Para-Equestrian riders to take part. In June, Sally Francis visited WA and we organised a successful clinic with PE riders and Special Olympic Riders. Our Squad Members are also included in all the High Performance Workshops conducted by EWA and are very well supported by the EWA High Performance Manager.

## COMPETITION

Para-Equestrian tests were held at the WA State Dressage Championships and clubs will also hold these tests, when requested by riders. The successful Dressage WA FEI Showcase series also

scheduled Para Equestrian tests at all their events.

Our Grade V riders are competing very successfully in open competition and two of our beginning riders are competing in Prep Tests. One of our Grade V riders, Chelsea De Jonge, represented Western Australia at the National Interschool Championships in Toowoomba and she also competed in the CPEDI at Boneo Park in January, this year. On both occasions she rode a borrowed horse and was placed highly in all her tests.

We have two Grade V riders who, at present, are not ready to compete in Para-Equestrian tests as they have young horses who are not yet working at the Grade V level. However, they are competing in open competition in the lower tests.

Sharon Jarvis was elected as the National Para-Equestrian Rider Representative and has also been asked to join the Paralympic Committee, representing Equestrian. Although Sharon is currently based in NSW to allow her more competition opportunities, she is still very connected to WA, visiting regularly and encouraging our riders.

### **Val Mayger**

EWA Para-Equestrian Representative



Credit: Eric Lloyd Photography



# SHOW HORSE

## GOVERNANCE

The Working Party, which had steered the sport in 2016 and 2017, became an elected Committee. The six members of the Working Party, who worked extremely hard over the past two years to improve the profile of Show Horse, now form the Show Horse Committee. We have recently called for Expressions of Interest for an EWA Show Horse Rider to join the Committee as the Riders' Representative.

## FEES

In 2017, Equestrian Victoria made a decision to reduce the EVIC membership fees for Show Horse members and this provoked much discussion and concern throughout Australia. The EWA Show Horse Working Party made a submission to the EWA Board outlining how this might be achieved in Western Australia. The Chair and the CEO met with the Working Party and presented their decisions, which would not reduce the cost of Show Horse Membership but would instead concentrate on giving these members more value for their fees.

As a result, in 2018, Show Horse will have a Development Squad which will operate under the High Performance program and will be administered by the High Performance Manager, consistent with other EWA High Performance Squads. Applications have already been received and riders are excited to be a part of the High Performance Program.

In addition, EWA Affiliated Clubs who hold Show Horse competitions will be eligible to apply for funding to hold a Championship Show each year. This has been well received by clubs and a number have already requested dates for these shows.

## SHOW HORSE FORUM

On February 28 a Forum for EWA Show Horse Members will be held at the State Equestrian Centre. This will be attended by Board Members and the CEO and will be an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered. This is a great initiative and we sincerely thank the Board and our CEO, Dwight

Pedlow for their foresight.

## EVENTS

Three successful events were held by the EWA Show Horse Committee during the year. We introduced Owner/Rider classes at all three shows and these proved popular with our competitors. Our Off the Track WA classes also continued to attract entries and we were generously supported in these classes by Off the Track WA. Our sincere thanks to Sharon Joyce for her support.

Equestrian New South Wales launched a new show to be held in March, 2018 – the Southern Cross Show Horse Championships. To compete at this Show competitors had to qualify at nominated shows in each State. Our three EWA Shows were nominated as qualifiers and as result many WA competitors, who are travelling to NSW in March, have entered for this Show.

Our EWA Horse of the Year was again, a great success. One hundred and sixty seven horses and ponies took part and over five hundred entries were made in forty five classes. Thirty six of these classes were qualifiers for the EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships. A full day's competition was devoted to classes for riders 17 years and under. Owner/Rider and Off the Track classes were also held. All classes were qualifiers for the Southern Cross Show Horse Championships.

We are delighted that our major sponsor Pet Stock-Bio John has agreed to join us again in 2018.

In response to an overwhelming request from our Clubs, qualifying for Horse of the Year will be reintroduced in 2018. WA is a club oriented State and we believe that we should support the clubs affiliated with EWA wherever we can.

# SHOW HORSE

## EA AUSTRALASIAN HORSE AND RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

WA fielded a smaller team this year but arguably one of the most successful. Our riders were often in the top three places. These Championships are a State Competition and riders must qualify at their State Horse of the Year, horses and ponies must be registered in that State and riders must be current financial members. This is really the only time Show Horse riders get to represent their State. A highlight of the Championships was WA rider, Anna Duffy, winning the Champion Senior Rider in an extremely competitive field.

## EWA JUDGES SEMINAR

A joint Judge's seminar was held in March with the Show Horse Council of WA. The presenter was Lynda Hayes, a well known and respected EA/SHC Judge and competitor. This was followed by a Rider's Forum. Each organisation met 50% of the costs of the seminar.

## EA NATIONAL SHOW HORSE COMMITTEE

Val Mayger has served three terms of two years on this committee and in accordance with the EA General Regulations, stepped down at the end of 2017. Kerry Wilson has now been appointed as the WA Delegate.

Under the Leadership of the Chair, Wendy Hunt, much has been achieved by the National Committee in 2017. An extensive review of the National rules was carried out resulting in more clarification and the removal of contradiction in a number of rules.

## EWA AWARDS

A most successful EWA Awards night was held on February 2, 2018. Not only was it a great night celebrating achievements from all the disciplines of EWA but for Show Horse it was particularly memorable when Anna Duffy was awarded Athlete the Year – a first for Show Horse!

## THE YEAR AHEAD

The EWA Show Horse Committee is excited about the prospects of this discipline in 2018 and in the future. There are a number of innovative ideas still to be enacted that we feel will prove attractive to members.

We thank the Board for their foresight and willingness to look at the future of Show Horse and in particular, we acknowledge the work and assistance of the CEO, Dwight Pedlow and his staff in the EWA office.

**Val Mayger**  
EWA Show Horse Committee Chair



Credit: Eric Lloyd Photography



## A WHOLE NEW WORLD

2017 brought with it the excitement and trepidation of creating a new discipline working group under the banner of Equestrian Western Australia. The sport of equestrian Vaulting has burgeoned in the past decade, with Australia coming into its own on the International stage, and Western Australia claiming significant notice nationally.

The Vaulting Western Australia Working Party have been privileged to offer their experience and skills over the past twelve months. We would like to recognise that the programs, education, competitions, and experiences of this year would not have been possible without the assistance and support from Equestrian Western Australia and the Equestrian Australia National Vaulting Committee.

Much of 2017 was spent aspiring to a sustainable future for Western Australian vaulting. With the assistance of the Department of Sport and Recreation alongside other State Sporting Organisations, the Working Party have formulated extensive strategic and marketing documentation with intention to finalise and actively promote new policies in the near future. The knowledge that has been gained over its first twelve months will undoubtedly assist in growing and strengthening the strategic vision of Vaulting Western Australia.

## INTERSCHOOL VAULTING COMPETITION

The first event held by the Working Party, in association with Interschool Western Australia, was an excellent introduction to official competition in Western Australia. The program was held in conjunction with a series of clinics run under the guidance of Queensland Coach and FEI Judge Darryn Fedrick.

The standard of competition was very high and there was excellent feedback given to the Event Committee regarding improvements for the future. The clinics were well attended by athletes from

preliminary grades all the way through to High Performance, and the skills gained in these clinics were well applied throughout the rest of the year.

A huge vote of appreciation goes to Saddles Plus as the sponsors of the event, La Noir Equestrian for their support of the High Performance clinic and High Performance throughout 2017, and the local administrators who worked extremely hard to make the event a success.

## VAULTING IN THE VALLEY

2017 brought with it a range of new ideas, one of which was the protocol day at Brookleigh Equestrian Estate. This event was designed to encourage participation of vaulters across all class types, while affording volunteers and event staff an opportunity to learn more about the various responsibilities required on competition day. The event again afforded many educational opportunities to the Event Committee, volunteers, longers, horses, and vaulters.

## 2017 STATE VAULTING COMPETITION

The hard work of the year culminated in the State Vaulting Competition. Teams and Independent Athletes from across the State competed in individual, pas de deux, and squad events under the leadership of local judges Paula Patricelli and Carol Brice, and FEI judge Chris Wicks, hailing from Canberra.

This event allowed the Working Party to gain essential knowledge surrounding the hosting and regulation of State Championship events. Clubs across the State banded together to help in the financial and administrative development of the competition. Positive and constructive feedback was given by all judges and participants, and with experience gained from the competition series throughout the year, the Working Party are anticipating continued development in the standard of events. The standard of competition was very high and will unquestionably improve

further with continued regular events available in Western Australia.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL VAULTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

A contingency of six vaulters attended the 2017 National Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. These vaulters, also members of the High Performance Squad, represented Western Australia exceptionally well, both in the quality of their performances and in their behaviour.

Horses were sourced for all vaulters from eastern states clubs, with thanks going to Quicksilver Vaulting and Southern Highlands Vaulting for the use of their horses and longers, and for providing coaching to the Western Australian vaulters as they prepared to compete on unfamiliar horses. The assistance of the team chaperone and the extended vaulting family was invaluable for both seasoned competitors and those attending their first interstate event.



Claudia Marie (Right) & Sally Paragalli (Left),  
2017 Australian National Vaulting Championships  
Credit: Vaulting Western Australia

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Western Australia was honoured to have two vaulters competing at the international level in 2017: Claudia Leahy and Kieran Halliday.

Claudia competed at her first CVI1\* at the Australian National Championships in Sydney. Her compulsory round was exceptional and the knowledge gained from the competition is set to lead Claudia in to a fruitful 2018.

Kieran Halliday successfully qualified for CVI2\* in April after a solid interstate campaign, and made history as the first Australian to compete at two Junior World Championships (2015, 2017), and the first Australian male to compete as an individual at a Junior World Championships. With international competition under his belt, Kieran is now coaching his local club while training towards future international competitions.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

The creation of any new discipline is guaranteed to be a stressful event, and the 2017 Working Party handled all of the learning curves with grace and unity. We are looking forward to putting in to practise the experience gained from our first year of operation, and working with existing and potential clubs to find ways to better support their activities.

Our sincere thanks goes to the staff of Equestrian Western Australia, the Equestrian Australia National Vaulting Committee, and the Department of Sport and Recreation for their ongoing advice and support.

## Jane Beaverstock

EWA Vaulting Working Party Chair



# Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2017

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**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Committee's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2017.

**Committee Members**

The names of officeholders of committee members at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Ron Fleming  
 Financial Director - Kathy Van Eykelenborg

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Equestrian services.

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 December	31 December
2017	2016
\$	\$
167,768	53,782

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on : \_\_\_\_\_

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 Chairperson - Ron Fleming

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 Financial Director - Kathy Van Eykelenborg

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	<u>2</u>	2,130,354	1,828,053
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>2,130,354</b>	<b>1,828,053</b>
Other income	<u>2</u>	171,089	148,541
Administration expenses		(2,133,675)	(1,922,812)
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b>167,768</b>	<b>53,782</b>
Income tax expense - not applicable			
<b>Net Profit for the year</b>		<b>167,768</b>	<b>53,782</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
<b>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>			
<b>Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:</b>			
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax</b>		<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>167,768</b>	<b>53,782</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash assets	<u>5</u>	368,779	237,193
Receivables	<u>6</u>	154,088	187,513
Other	<u>7</u>	65,916	97,231
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>588,783</b>	<b>521,937</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	<u>8</u>	2,211,939	2,114,927
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>2,211,939</b>	<b>2,114,927</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,800,722</b>	<b>2,636,864</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	<u>9</u>	336,400	355,639
Current tax liabilities	<u>10</u>	13,390	6,459
Provisions	<u>11</u>	65,035	52,625
Other	<u>12</u>	975	4,987
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>415,800</b>	<b>419,710</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>415,800</b>	<b>419,710</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>2,384,922</b>	<b>2,217,154</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	<u>4</u>	605,000	605,000
Retained profits		1,779,922	1,612,154
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>2,384,922</b>	<b>2,217,154</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	2,301,443	2,238,022
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(2,169,857)	(2,296,686)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>131,586</u>	<u>(58,664)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	131,586	(58,664)
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>237,193</u>	<u>295,857</u>
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u><u>368,779</u></u>	<u><u>237,193</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash</b>		
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash at bank	23,177	18,603
Cash at bank	72,350	69,463
Prepaid Cash Cards	713	685
Cash on hand	500	356
Cash on Hand - Front Float	900	900
Cash on Hand - Bar Float	400	400
Bank - Short Term Deposit	270,740	146,786
	<u>368,779</u>	<u>237,193</u>

**Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Net Profit**

Operating profit (loss) after tax	167,768	53,782
Depreciation	111,652	117,661
Provision for doubtful debts	(7,137)	7,137
(Profit) / Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	(171,089)	(148,541)
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
(Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors	40,561	(194,650)
(Increase) decrease in prepayments	31,623	(90,151)
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals	24,485	58,187
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	(47,735)	302,439
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	12,410	52,625
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	6,931	6,459
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b><u>169,469</u></b>	<b><u>164,948</u></b>

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**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

**Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987.

The financial report covers Equestrian Western Australia Inc as an individual entity. Equestrian Western Australia Inc is an association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 1987.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**Income tax**

Equestrian Western Australia is a not for profit association and management has self-assessed that its operations are exempt from income tax under the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997) as amended.

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

**Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

a) Property

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. It is a policy of Equestrian Western Australia Inc to have an independent valuation every three years, with annual appraisals being made by the directors.

The revaluation of freehold land and buildings has not taken account of the potential capital gains tax on assets acquired after the introduction of capital gains tax.

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**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

b) Plant and equipment

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

c) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to Equestrian Western Australia Inc commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Properties held for investment purposes are not subject to a depreciation charge. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Class of Asset	Depreciation Rate %
Leasehold improvements	2.5% - 6.67% PC
Plant and equipment	15% DV, 20% PC
Office equipment	20% PC
Motor vehicles	22.5% DV

**Leases**

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership, are transferred to Equestrian Western Australia Inc are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that ownership of the asset will be obtained or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability. Lease payments received reduce the liability.

**Investments**

Shares in listed companies held as current assets are valued at those shares' market value at each balance date. The gains or losses, whether realised or unrealised, are included in profit from ordinary activities before income tax.

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of non-current investments is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. The recoverable amount is assessed from the quoted market value for listed investments or the underlying net assets for other non-listed investments.

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The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts.

**Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount.

Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash out flows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by Equestrian Western Australia Inc to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc does not record, as an asset or a liability, the difference between the employer established defined benefit superannuation plan's accrued benefits and the net market value of the plans assets.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc operates an ownership-based remuneration scheme, details of which are provided in the Notes to Accounts. Profits or losses incurred by employees, being the difference between the market value and the par value of the shares acquired, are not recorded as remuneration paid to employees.

**Cash**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in all call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts.

**Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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**Subsequent Event(s)**

There are no known subsequent events of a material nature which need to be reported to the members.

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

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**Note 2: Revenue and Other Income****Revenue:**

Membership & Registrations	583,059	601,235
Horse Cards, Registrations, Transfers	74,063	85,231
Facility Fees SEC	471,537	499,826
Events & Activities EWA	468,884	436,384
Sponsorship & Fundraising	85,030	49,844
Operating Grants	147,779	133,963
Insurance recoveries	270,865	
Other income	29,137	21,570
	<u>2,130,354</u>	<u>1,828,053</u>

**Other income:**

Profit on sale of property, plant, equip	(5,763)	(2,046)
Capital Grant Revenue	176,852	150,587
	<u>171,089</u>	<u>148,541</u>

**Note 3: Profit from Ordinary Activities**

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before  
income tax has been determined after:

**Charging as Expense:**

Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- Other	111,652	117,661
Total depreciation expenses	<u>111,652</u>	<u>117,661</u>



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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Note 4: Reserves</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		
Assets revaluation reserve	605,000	
	<u>605,000</u>	
Increase (decrease) in reserves during the reporting period:		
Assets revaluation reserve		605,000
		<u>605,000</u>
Balance at the reporting date		
Assets revaluation reserve	605,000	605,000
	<u>605,000</u>	<u>605,000</u>
<b>Note 5: Cash assets</b>		
Bank accounts:		
Cash at bank	23,177	18,603
Cash at bank	72,350	69,463
Other cash items:		
Prepaid Cash Cards	712	685
Cash on hand	500	356
Cash on Hand - Front Float	900	900
Cash on Hand - Bar Float	400	400
Bank - Short Term Deposit	270,740	146,786
	<u>368,779</u>	<u>237,193</u>

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**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Note 6: Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade debtors	154,088	194,650
Provision for doubtful debts		(7,137)
	<u>154,088</u>	<u>187,513</u>
	<u>154,088</u>	<u>187,513</u>
<b>Note 7: Other Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	58,527	90,151
Other	7,388	7,080
	<u>65,916</u>	<u>97,231</u>
<b>Note 8: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Freehold land:		
- At cost		
(note : a kerbside market appraisal value is, \$389,000)		
	675,000	675,000
	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
Leasehold improvements:		
- At cost	1,454,163	1,342,512
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(160,811)	(87,389)
	<u>1,293,352</u>	<u>1,255,123</u>
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	416,255	323,411
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(172,668)	(138,607)
	<u>243,587</u>	<u>184,804</u>
	<u>2,211,939</u>	<u>2,114,927</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Note 9: Payables</b>		
Unsecured:		
- Trade creditors	82,672	58,187
- Other creditors	253,729	297,452
	<u>336,400</u>	<u>355,639</u>
	<u><b>336,400</b></u>	<u><b>355,639</b></u>

**Note 10: Tax Liabilities****Current**

GST control account	12,515	(4,041)
FBT - Provision	875	10,500
	<u>13,390</u>	<u>6,459</u>

**Note 11: Provisions****Current**

Employee entitlements*	65,035	52,625
	<u>65,035</u>	<u>52,625</u>

\* Aggregate employee entitlements liability

	65,035	52,625
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There were 11 employees at the end of the year

**Note 12: Other Liabilities****Current**

Sundry	975	4,987
	<u>975</u>	<u>4,987</u>

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	2017	2016
<b>Note 13: Auditors' Remuneration</b>		
Remuneration of the auditor of the company for:		
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	7,800	8,400
Other services	<u>7,800</u>	<u>8,400</u>

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**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement by Members of the Board**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

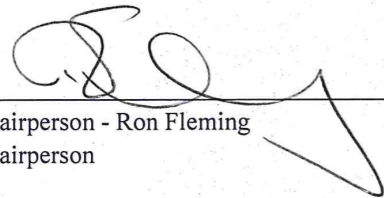
In the opinion of the Board the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia Inc as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

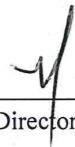
The reports are special purpose financial reports and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Chairperson - Ron Fleming  
Chairperson



Financial Director - Kathy Van Eykelborg  
Treasurer

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Members  
 Equestrian Western Australia Inc.  
 303 Cathedral Avenue  
 BRIGADOON WA 6069

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

This declaration is made in connection with my audit of the financial report of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2017 and in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to this audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to this audit.



Dennis B Yagmich

Dated this *4* of *April* 2018



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Members  
Equestrian Western Australia Inc.  
303 Cathedral Avenue  
BRIGADOON WA 6069

**Opinion**

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc. as at 31 December 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian accounting standards to the extent described in Note 1.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Equestrian Western Australia Inc. to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporations Act 2015 and the reporting requirements as set out in the constitution of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



Dennis B. Yagmich  
Registered Company Auditor  
D B Yagmich & Co

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

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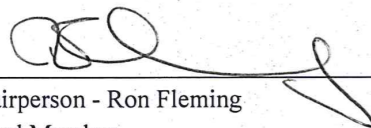
**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Certificate by Members of the Board**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**


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I, Chairperson - Ron Fleming and I, Financial Director - Kathy Van Eykelborg certify that:

- a. We will attend the annual general meeting of the association to be held,
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated : 1 MAY 2018

  
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Chairperson - Ron Fleming  
Board Member

  
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Financial Director - Kathy Van Eykelborg  
Board Member

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Compilation Report to Equestrian Western Australia Inc**

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We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Equestrian Western Australia Inc, which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. These have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

*The Responsibility of the Committee*

The committee of Equestrian Western Australia Inc is solely responsible for the information contained in the general purpose financial statements and the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information.

*Our Responsibility*

On the basis of information provided by the committee, we have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

*Assurance Disclaimer*

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The general purpose financial statements were compiled for the benefit of the committee who is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the general purpose financial statements.

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C. Pope & Associates  
Midland WA

3 April, 2018



**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Membership & Registrations	583,059	601,235
Horse Cards, Registrations, Transfers	74,063	85,231
Facility Fees SEC	471,537	499,826
Events & Activities EWA	468,884	436,384
Sponsorship & Fundraising	85,030	49,844
Operating Grants	147,779	133,963
Insurance recoveries	270,865	
Other income	29,137	21,570
Profit on sale of property, plant, equip	(5,763)	(2,046)
Capital Grant Revenue	176,852	150,587
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,301,443</b>	<b>1,976,594</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Audit fees	7,800	8,400
Depreciation & Amortisation	111,652	117,661
Financial Costs	6,090	14,502
Fringe benefits tax	16,405	
Insurance	160,303	53,679
SEC Direct Costs	502,504	322,012
EA Mmembership Cost	108,102	155,351
Events & Activities	374,864	365,246
Supplies - Food, Beverage, Uniforms	54,792	46,780
Office & Administration	110,037	167,667
Rates & land taxes	14,413	7,207
Wage Related Costs	69,936	45,495
Wages EWA	394,382	388,036
Wages SEC	202,396	230,776
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,133,675</b>	<b>1,922,812</b>
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>167,768</b>	<b>53,782</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>167,768</b>	<b>53,782</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Items recognised directly in equity:</b>		
Net increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve		605,000
<b>Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity</b>	<b>167,768</b>	<b>605,000</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>167,768</b>	<b>658,782</b>
Opening retained profits	1,612,154	1,558,372
Net profit attributable to the association	167,768	53,782
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>1,779,922</b>	<b>1,612,154</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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