



EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As Chair of Equestrian Western Australia (EWA), I am pleased to present the Annual Report. 2015 was a year of strong membership and income growth together with improved engagement with members and stakeholders.

In 2015, we welcomed Lisa Rickards and Pam McLachlan to the Board as Appointed Members. Lisa and Pam were appointed for their strong business, finance and project management skills. With the resignation of Angela Doyle, the Chief Executive Officer, Lisa resigned from the Board in October last year and has been acting in the role of Chief Executive Officer since November 2015.

Lisa has over 30 years business and finance experience and brings a wealth of experience ranging from business, finance, relationship management, facilities maintenance, project and construction management.

In 2015, we also welcomed Polytechnic West who run a Certificate II in Equine Studies course at the SEC. Course participants develop the skills and knowledge to work in the equine industry with the course covering: basic riding, grooming, transporting, horse health including feeding and watering and workplace safety and health. It has been terrific to see enthusiastic young students at the SEC learning the basics and developing a passion for the equestrian industry. We look forward to many years ahead working with Polytechnic West to grow and develop the sport in Western Australia.

2015 saw the return of a World Cup Qualifier (WCQ) run in-conjunction with the State Showjumping Championships. Congratulations to Stephanie Tucker on Oaks Redwood winner of the WCQ.

Congratulations to the Jumping Committee and Jump WA Promotions on not only for the WCQ and State Showjumping Championships being a joint winner of the EWA Event of the Year but also being a finalist in the Equestrian Australia (EA)

Sports Achievement Awards for the 2015 Event of the Year.

Congratulations also to the following finalists for the 2015 EA Sports Achievement Awards:

- Tracy Barber – Volunteer of the Year
- David Dobson – Coach of the Year
- Debra King – Official of the Year
- Perth Dressage Club – Official of the Year

We thank the Department of Sports and Recreation (DSR) for their ongoing operational funding, organisational support and capital grant funding that has enabled us to install in-ground irrigation to the General Purpose Field and repair the roof, gutters and ceilings of the Indoor Arena.

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

Thanks to the dedicated and committed Sports Discipline Committees, Official and Volunteers who organise, officiate and work at events and who make an enormous contribution to the ongoing development and success of equestrian sports in Western Australia.

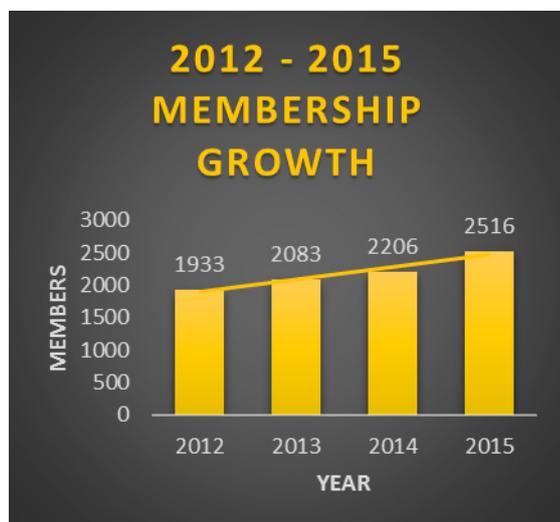
In 2016, we look forward to developing a new three strategic plan (2017 to 2019) that will drive our long term growth of the sport including the long term viability of our major asset, the SEC.

COLIN CHANTLER
EWA CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

It is pleasing to report a year of strong membership growth of 14% to 2,516 members and improved financial performance.

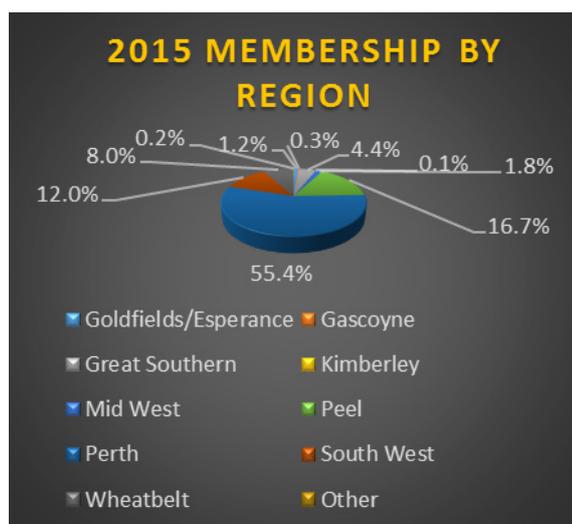


Members.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership has grown robustly since 2012 with an additional 310 new members in 2015. EWA benefits from a diversified Membership both by category and region. Members are based from all corners of the State from Esperance in the South to the Gascoyne and Kimberly regions.



Around 65% of total members are Senior Members, 24% are Junior Members with around 11% of members being Officials, Clubs and other

2015 saw the introduction of the EWA Milne Feeds Education Series with 7 Seminars held during the year that were offered free to members and attended by over 200 people. EWA thanks Milne Feeds for their ongoing support of the EWA Milne Feeds Education Series.

Engagement with members continues to improve evidenced by:

- Publication of 48 electronic newsletters.
- 32% increase to newsletter subscriptions to 2,376.
- 19% increase in Likes to the SEC Facebook site to 3,587.
- 47% increase in Likes to the EWA Facebook site to 2,144.
- 37,663 users of the EWA Website.
- 95,088 sessions of the EWA Website.
- 375,688 page views of the EWA Website.
- 36.4% new visitors to the EWA Website.

2015 EWA ANNUAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2015 EWA Annual Awards:

- Tracy Barber – Lawnswood Volunteer of the Year.
- Deborah King - Official of the Year.

- Penny Lee – D’Arcy Slater Foundation for Special Services to Sport.
- Perth Dressage Club - Club of the Year.–
- David Dobson – Horseland High Performance Coach of the Year.
- Nellandra Henry – Horseland Community Coach of the Year.
- Masters of Dressage – Event of the Year.
- World Cup Qualifier and State Show Jumping Championships – Event of the Year.
- Kinnordy Gatow owned by Michaela Martindale – Horse of the Year.
- Clare McNaughton – AllAspects Equestrian Para Equestrian of the Year.
- Sophie Ahmat – Young Athlete of the Year.
- Caitlin Bolger – Bates Sports Star of the Year.

STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

2015 was another busy year at the SEC that continues to be extremely well patronised with several events happening each weekend.

It is not unusual to have Pony Club, Polocrosse, Show Jumping, Show Horse, Breed Shows and Dressage occurring on one weekend. We thank all the event organisers for your ongoing support.

Major events at the SEC in 2015 included:

- Brigadoon I & II One Day Events
- EWA Milne Feeds Education Series
- Patron’s Cup
- PCAWA State Show Jumping Championships
- Show Horse of the Year
- State Dressage Championships
- State Interschool Championships
- Stephen Clarke Master Class
- WAYER Olga Reveler Memorial CIC One Day Event

The SEC Team worked hard throughout 2015 to not only ensure that the SEC is set up and prepared for events but also to maintain and improve the facility. Facility improvements during 2015 included:

- Cross Country Course Jump improvements with the kind assistance of WAYER and Eventing WA Promotions.
- Memorial Rose Garden at the Entrance with the kind assistance of the At Work Program.
- In-ground reticulation to the General Purpose Field with the generous assistance of DSR.

- Major clean and repainting to the Indoor Arena.
- Roof and gutter repairs to the Indoor Arena with the generous assistance of DSR.
- Replacement of bulkhead ceilings at Indoor Arena with the generous assistance of DSR.
- Installation of the Polytechnic West Classrooms on the President’s Lawn.
- Installation of a Mounting Block at the Stables with the kind assistance of LotteryWest.

Thanks to the following sponsors of the SEC for their ongoing support:

- Bates Australia
- Cavalletti
- Di Candilo Steel City
- Lawnswood
- Off the Track
- SaddlesPlus
- Valley View Realty

Thanks to the following key partners, home based clubs and key supporters of the SEC:

- City of Swan
- Department of Sports and Recreation
- LotteryWest
- At Work Program
- PolytechnicWest
- Pony Club Association of Western Australia
- Riding for the Disabled Western Australia
- Riding for the Disabled – Brigadoon Branch
- Swan Valley Horse and Pony Club
- Perth Polocrosse Club
- Perth Dressage Club
- Western Australia Showjumping Association

Thanks also to the Eventing Committee, Eventing WA Promotions and WAYER for your continued support for the development and improvement of the cross country course.

Thanks to the SEC Team who work extremely hard behind the scenes to maintain the facility and assist organisers with event preparations. Thanks also the EWA Staff for your hard work, dedication and commitment to equestrian sports in WA.

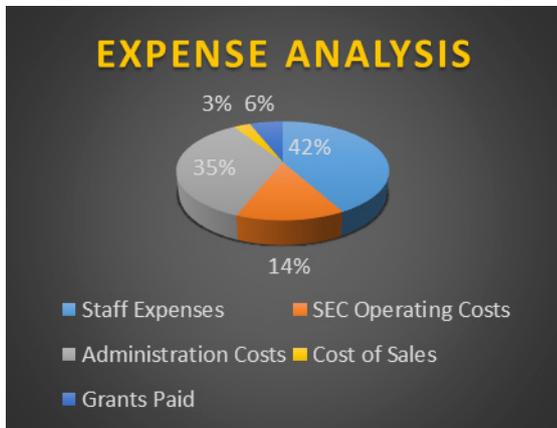
Thanks to the Board of EWA for your ongoing support, commitment and dedication.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance of EWA continues to improve with strong revenue and surplus growth, a strong, healthy liquidity position and a robust equity position.

In 2015, revenue grew by 11% to \$1,696,167 largely attributable increased revenue from the SEC. EWA also recorded an extremely healthy 63% to \$73,810 in the annual surplus and improved financial position with total equity of \$2,163,372 as at 31 December 2015.

EWA enjoys a diversified review base with 27% of total revenue from the SEC, 27% from Membership Fees and 13% from events and clinics conducted by EWA and the Sports Discipline Committees.



LISA RICKARDS
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





HIGH PERFORMANCE & EDUCATION REPORT REPORT

The EWA Athlete Development Pathway in Equestrian has truly taken form, as 2015 saw a significant overhaul of the High Performance Program.

It was determined EWA High Performance should be primarily identifying talent and supporting education to Squad riders at a developmental level with ambitions to follow pathways to National Selection.

Our Mission therefore to offer a High Performance program that:

- Identifies and develops athletes with the aspiration and potential to succeed in National and International competition.
- Offers clear pathways for athletes to move between these groups.
- Will significantly improve the success of aspiring HP athletes within WA.
- Maximises the effective use of limited funds available.
- Support clear pathways promoting Coach and Officials Development from State through to National and International accreditation standards.

Two EWA High Performance weekends were organized with Camp 1 held 28th to 29th March and Camp 2 held over the weekend of 20th to 21st June 2015 whereby all EWA HPP Squad members, Coaches and Officials were encouraged to attend.

A range of performance influencing factors were explored in 2015 including:

- Athlete fitness and conditioning with Rebecca Ashton from Equest Elite.
- Sports psychology session with Dr Tristyn Lowe.
- Athlete nutrition and hydration – with Sports Nutritionist Boris Kasakov.
- Equine nutrition – with KER Nutritionist and Veterinarian Dr Peter Huntington.

- Injury Assessment and Management and Recovery Techniques with Riders Physio Zoe Farrant.
- Effective time management – juggling work/study, life and sporting commitments – via delivery of the YR Developing Champions Program facilitated by WA Institute of Sport Personnel.
- Goal setting, regular review & analysis with Rebecca Thomas.
- Information on Horse and Athlete management tools as endorsed by EA to promote self-awareness. self-evaluation and regulation presented by Julia Battams who is the National Performance Director for Dressage & Para Equestrian.
- Education on Doping and Medication Control Policies by EA SSSM Manager Victoria Kahn.
- Dressage Protocol test riding evaluation and feedback sessions for Eventers and Dressage riders with both Pollyann Huntington FEI 4 Star Eventing judge.
- Dressage Workshop for judges, riders and Officials with Judy Peel EA NCAS Level 2 CE and A Level Dressage Judge.
- State Forum held covering Roles and Responsibilities of TD's, Judges, Stewards & Riders plus Rules and Etiquette. Valuable input from accredited NOAS Officials and Stewards across all Sports including Kerrie Robbins, Janet Reid, Gill Botten and Roz Tippett was received.
- The EWA Vaulting Squad benefitted from Core Training opportunities with Coaches Lyn Lynch and Tristyn Lowe.

Travelling the Horse long distances – Interstate and International Preparation routines followed by Sharon Jarvis, Jess Manson and Stuart Tinney.

March attendances by Sport Discipline



2015 EWA HP Program Participation numbers

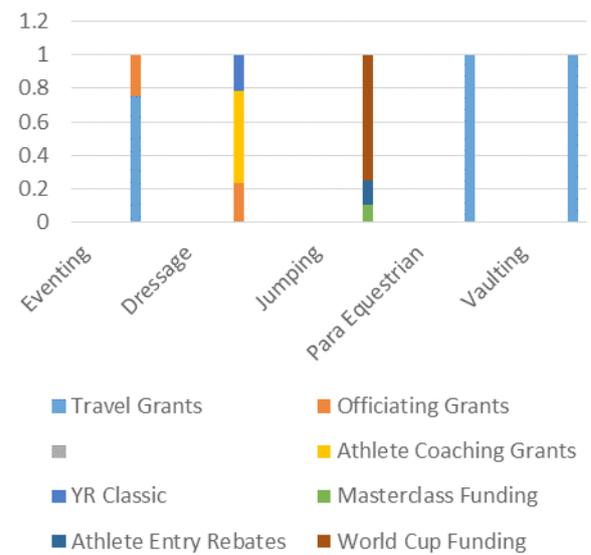


June attendances by Sport Discipline



Funding support offered to EWA High Performance athletes were broken down as follows:

Breakdown of EWA High Performance Funding Support by Discipline



The following Sport Development Projects were also proudly supported by the EWA HP Program in 2015:

- Showhorse Judges and Riders Seminar conducted by Dr Andrew Hunt.
- A Showjumping Masterclass with Australian Champion, David Cameron.
- Masters of Dressage YR Classic and Masterclass with International Judge and trainer, Stephen Clarke.
- Jumping World Cup Qualifier in Perth in-conjunction with the WA State ShowJumping Championships.

Almost 100 Squad combinations were identified in the High Performance Program across Sports of Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, Para Equestrian and Vaulting in 2015.

Many EWA High Performance Athletes, Coaches and Officials were recognised for notable performances in 2015:

- EA NCAS Level 2 Coaches Rebecca Thomas and Liz Tollarzo were recognised for their commitment and dedication in the June and December issues of EA Evolve respectively.
- HP Rider and NCAS Coach David Dobson was voted EWA High Performance Coach of the Year while EA NCAS Level 2 Jumping Specialist Coach Nellandra Henry received the award for EWA Community Coach of the year.
- Jumping Riders David Dobson, Chadd

Donovan were listed to the National Jumping High Performance and Sophie Ahmat to the Jumping Recognition Squads respectively.

- Jumping HP Squad rider Stephanie Tucker winner of the WA World Cup qualifier at the WA State Showjumping Championships.
- Eventers Sonja Johnson and Jess Manson both listed to the National High Performance Eventing Green and Next Squads, respectively.
- Para Equestrian, Sharon Jarvis technically qualified for RIO Olympic selections and now awaiting final Team Selections.
- Vaulting WA member, Kieran Halliday was nominated as a finalist for the 2015 Equestrian Australia Sport Achievement Awards for his success on the Australian Vaulting Junior Team. Kieran competed with his team mates from Team Zelos in Ermelo, the Netherlands, at the 1st World Junior Equestrian Championship. The team scored a 7.4 for their freestyle on the last day, putting them in 4th place behind Germany, Austria and the USA on that day. They finished 8th overall out of 12 teams.
- Jumping HP rider, Caitlin Bolger had enormous success taking out EWA Jumping HOTY with Danzastar and also the EWA Sport Star of the Year Award.
- Eventer Kinnordy Gatow owned by Michaela Martindale was awarded EWA Horse of The Year following their success winning at Wooroloo , placing 4th at Sydney 3 Star CCI's and finally placing 5th in CCI 4 Star just behind Sonja Johnson at the Adelaide International 3DE. Michaela also taking out the inaugural Shiela Cooke Trophy presented to the event rider who, during the past season, has displayed the necessary degree of ability, dedication and sporting spirit likely to take them to the highest level of competition.
- Young WA Dressage Rider Stephanie Spencer and Redskin R wowed the crowds the Masters of Dressage winning the YR Classic and practically every competition entered in 2015. Deon Stokes and Don Dancier also making their mark on the East Coast awarded Reserve in the Advanced Championship at the National Dressage Championships.

As we continue to progress the WA High

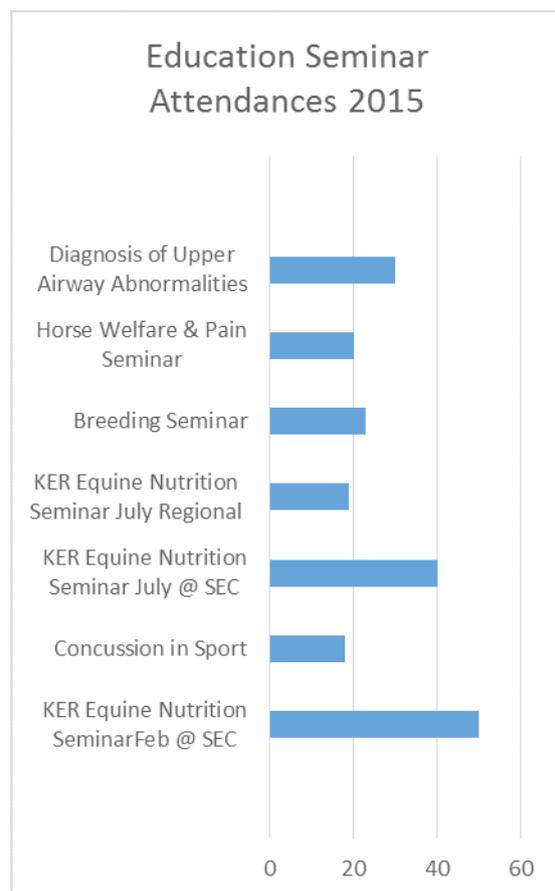
Performance Pathways, I thank all of you for your assistance and support.

2015 has seen significant progress for those involved in Equestrian sport, from grass roots to high performance. The increase of support from the West Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) with the inclusion of Developing Champions has been exceptional and now with the addition of the EWA Rising Stars Young Rider Development Program, will continue into 2016.

The Department of Sport and Recreation has also increased its support to our athletes. Thanks to the efforts of many, the WA High Performance Pathways had been noticed by some of the most important supporters of our sport – which in turn, offer further opportunity to our WA Athletes, coaches and officials.

EWA MEMBER EDUCATION SERIES

In 2015 the Equestrian WA Education Program was proudly supported by Program Partners, Milne Feeds. The EWA Milne Feed Education Series consists of a 6 - 8 short midweek Seminars offered free of charge as a Service members.



EWA SCHOOLS PROGRAM

With young riders now 22% of EA membership and growing, Equestrian Australia identified the need to improve in the areas of junior development. As such, Equestrian Western Australia recently launched the Equestrian Western Australia Rising Stars program. The Rising Stars Program takes a big step forward to work closer with the best young equestrian talent in the country to provide a key pathway for young riders aspiring to reach the ranks of an EWA High Performance Program and maybe also National Selection sometime in the future.

The EWA Rising Stars Program will offer funded support to a select number of Interschool riders to attend Youth Development Clinics under the watchful eye of specialist EA NCAS accredited Coaches at the SEC in Brigadoon.

The Rising Stars program gives the opportunity for young riders to improve themselves in a range of areas including horse management, goal setting, fitness training, and psychology which will assist them in formulating a pathway to achieve their equestrian dream.

To be selected, riders need to display a record of high achievement in (though not limited to) Interschool Competition and have a long-term goal in the sport. This is a talent identification and development program that provides young riders with a clear pathway to competing at the elite level.

Up to 40 young riders are selected for each year's EWA Rising Stars Program from across the State. As EWA Rising Stars, those selected receive a Squad uniform and participate in four intensive 2 x day Clinics at the SEC.

Members will also benefit from Mentor support offered by industry professionals including Coaches and the EWA Education Manager, plus marketing and networking opportunities, social media training and much more to promote and develop their profile and equestrian career.

EWA NCAS COACH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coaches and Officials travelled from all over Western Australia to attend the 2015 EWA NCAS Annual Coaches Forum at the SEC. It is vitally important that coaches are kept up to date with any changes to the NCAS system, for their reaccreditation applications and also for insurance reasons. The Forum gives coaches updates on any of these changes and also provides presentations by specialists in their field, on a variety of subjects.

EA's Education Manager and NCAS Level 3 Eventing Specialist and Coach Educator, Gina Haddad spoke on the current updates to the NCAS scheme and also gave a well planned presentation on using Training Apps when coaching. The ability to video riders while they are riding or jumping, and then be able to play the film back for riders to see their performance, makes coaching so much easier.

Gina then moved on to discuss Sports Psychology which is an interdisciplinary science that draws on knowledge from many related fields including biomechanics, physiology, kinesiology and psychology. Gina explained how this involves the study of how psychological factors affect performance and how participation in sport and exercise can affect psychological and physical factors. This presentation drew plenty of interest and questions from the coaches present.

Will MacArthur from Gow Gates who insure EA's coaches gave an overview on what coaches were covered for and the procedures that needed to be followed in the event of an accident to themselves or their client. Will also advised that a Webinar presentation for EA coaches would be available online from mid 2015. The webinar will be updated to ensure it reflects the most current information on the policy.

The final presentation was given by two of EA's NCAS Level 2 Coach Educators, Liz Tollarzo and Zoe Harrison on Lunging the Rider Exercises. By using a well trained lunge horse, the rider can concentrate on their balance and position without having to control the horse.

Both presenters gave a number of different

corrective exercises to show how riders could improve their balance and develop a deep steady position in the saddle. The feedback from the coaches who attended the Forum was very positive.

There were Face to Face Compulsory two day workshops in March and October given by NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator Rebecca Thomas. These workshops are held so that people interested in becoming a coach, are given some idea of what is involved in the training scheme. The first day always covers updates on EA and NCAS information, risk management, accident and injury procedures, insurance and legal issues, negligence and duty of care.

Many accredited NCAS coaches who have been unable to attend the mandatory annual coaches forum, necessary to maintain their accreditation, can and do attend this day as their update. The second day focuses on the practical side of coaching and covers group control, safety, terminology and the technical knowledge necessary to coach effectively.

The NCAS National committee meet 2 times a year and discuss the standard of coaching required for the different levels and whether any changes should be implemented. Probably the most important change is the fast tracking for riders who have achieved their Level 2 standard in Riding and Horsemastership which enables them to go straight to Level 1 coaching.

Some of the other changes include Level 2 coaches who have been accredited Coach Educators for a minimum of 5 years can now assess Level 2 Lungeing slips. Trainee Coach Candidates are not insured.

The percentage of allowable video assessment will be increased, for Coach Educators to assess their riding standard and coaching, this method is proving more user friendly, it is also easier to critique and makes assessments of candidates in remote areas more achievable.

WA NCAS Advisory Panel member Philippa Collier is also a member of the NCAS National

committee.

The Advisory Panel unanimously submitted member and NCAS Level 2 Coach Educators Rebecca Thomas and Liz Tollarzo to be profiled in the June and December editions of Evolve respectively, for consideration as the EA Coach of the Month.

A very successful Coach Educator (CE) and Skill Specific Trainer and Assessor (SSTA) course was held in July. CE's and SSTA's need to understand and apply assessment principles and processes fairly in accordance with EA NCAS competency standards at all times. These courses are intended to provide the opportunity for renewal for current CE's and SSTA's and to accredit new CE's and SSTA's. The course covers a combination of theoretical and small group practical sessions. Included were the Australian Sports Commission Mentor and Assessor Training, Practical Assessment of Riding and Horsemastership, Practical Coach Observation and a Theory and Professional Development Component. Renewing CE's and SSTA's must attend two days and new CE's and SSTA's three days.

JENNINE THOMASSON
HIGH PERFORMANCE & EDUCATION
MANAGER

DIANE BENNIT
EWA NCAS ADVISORY PANEL
CHAIRPERSON



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DRESSAGE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

There were 538 dressage /pony cards, new or renewed, processed at the beginning of the year which means dressage membership has remained steady in WA with a slight increase in riders at the Elementary/Medium level.

The Masters Series Competition that was introduced last year has been a popular innovation. The Final took place on October 4. This series will be repeated in 2016 and will include regional areas so that these riders will have a chance to qualify.

The DWA website has been increasingly popular and this year we introduced a bi-monthly newsletter which has featured event reports, equipment articles and rider interviews. We have had a great deal of positive feedback on this initiative.

Our State Dressage Championships attracted record entries-an unexpected bonus as they took place on Anzac weekend so despite our reservations of holding a competition on a public holiday it proved to be popular.

We have managed to obtain sponsorship to add three FEI dressage and Para Equestrian competition days to the calendar as this was an area riders felt we needed to address.

The participant classes continue to attract large entries. The Amateur/owner classes do not seem to have taken off in WA as they did in other States.

The highlight of 2015 was the weekend of November 20 when DWA hosted "Masters of Dressage" with Stephen Clarke. This included a Young Rider Derby as well as a competition at FEI level. The Master Class took place on the Saturday night with guest rider Brett Parberry and the Sunday was a judges symposium. More details about this event are included from the organizing committee-DJTF, later in the report.

PARA EQUESTRIAN REPORT BY VAL MAYGER

The WA Para Equestrians had a busy year in 2015. Following the very successful Information evening in February, we were able to form 2 squads – a Development Squad and a State Squad.

Two clinics and a Protocol day were held during the year and the riders benefited tremendously under the coaching and mentorship of NCAS Level 3 Dressage Coach, Roz Tippett and Para Equestrian Judge, Lisa Baker. These clinics and squad days were held in partnership with EWA and RDAWA Dressage.

Two Eastern States Classifiers visited WA early in the year and as a result we had three new riders classified and two riders had their classification confirmed.

So far, in 2016 we have 3 riders awaiting classification but to bring classifiers to WA we are required to have at least five riders to classify.

DWA has continued to support the PE discipline by including Para Tests at the State Championships and also at the FEI Showcase. 2016 State Championships are no exception, with FEI PE tests and EA Para Dressage Tests being offered.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the EA National Director of Dressage and Para Equestrian in March of this year. Julia Battams was visiting WA to work with our potential Rio Olympics contender, Sharon Jarvis. Sharon asked Julia if she would spend some time with our Para Equestrian Squad members. This she did, and generously gave of her time to hold individual coaching sessions over two half days. The riders were very appreciative of her help and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Julia was impressed with the enthusiasm of the riders and active involvement of Dressage WA.

Our award for Para Equestrian of the Year was presented to Claire McNaughton, a Grade II

rider who attended all the clinics and Squad opportunities and also all the competitions for PE riders, throughout the year. She and her partner are a real team. Murray drives her to all the PE events and warms up her horse, Aravis, before the classes – as a Grade II rider Claire is permitted to have a designated person to warm up her horse.

We are following with great excitement and our fingers crossed, the journey of Sharon Jarvis in her quest for selection for the Rio Para Olympics. At the time of writing, Sharon is ranked 3rd in Australia and is preparing for the final Selection event, the SYDNEY CDI on April 6th, 7th and 8th.

We congratulate Sharon Jarvis on being elected the riders representative at the beginning of the year.

2015 DWA NEWSLETTER REPORT BY SUZANNE SIMONS

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 DWA 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 Wednesday of each month via the EA email blast, the DWA webpage 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” 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 not only thought the amount of events that they enter but financially via the 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 (e.g. from different geographical areas, different training backgrounds, riding at different levels (from FEI to participant preliminary), para-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 committee member. It also serves to promote the DWA committee and shows the dressage community the extensive of experience across many areas held by the committee members.
- The “from the Judge’s box” section is primarily compiled by Elaine Green who selects the judge to answer a question supplied by the dressage community. This section is a continual dialogue between judges and riders and can increase the clarification of some rules. It also allows the judges to explain issues that they may consider to be an issue.
- The “from the Steward’s corner” is written by Janet Reid and covers new dressage rules (from EA and FEI) regarding permitted and non permitted gear as well as other dressage rules that riders may need reminding of. We try to include rules that are relevant at the time i.e. the hot weather policy was covered coming into the Summer Series events and arena familiarisation before the State Dressage Championships.

Most 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.

DWA FINANCE REPORT BY DINAH FLEMING (TREASURER)

At the beginning of each calendar year, the previous year’s Dressage Development Fund (DDF) revenue is used to fund the succeeding

year's priority areas. The percentage of DDF money available each year may vary and always depends on the amount of rider levies collected in the previous year.

For the year 2014 the DDF totaled \$21,000 of which in 2015 was allocated to the following priority areas:

- Judge Education and Training - \$6,000.
- Stephen Clarke FEI 5+ Dressage Judge - \$2,000.
- Dressage WA events – State Dressage Championships \$4,000, Master Series Final \$2,000, two National Young Dressage Horse Qualifiers \$500 each.
- WA Junior/YR Dressage Championship - \$2,000.
- High Performance Pathway for WA State Champions to compete at the Australian Dressage Championships - \$7000.
- Dressage WA for the administration of awards and prizes- \$5,500.

The income for the 2015 State Dressage Championships was \$41,257 and expenditure \$40,882 which resulted in a cost neutral event.

The WA State Dressage Championships benefited greatly from cash sponsorship from John Hughes and Spices Catering 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.

The Master Series Final income and expenditure was \$18,137 and \$15,579 respectively. For the Master Series Final DWA raised \$1,000 in funds for the Motor Neurone Disease WA, this was DWA's first charity fundraising venture.

Appreciation must go to Horseland who sponsored the Young Dressage Horse for 4, 5 and 6 year old horses and to Penny Hill Park who sponsored the Dressage WA Dressage Horse and Pony Rising Star Award.

In 2015 DWA continued with Midweek Dressage Events which again very popular under the

stewardship of Jackie Lancaster.

The Project Neon FEI Showcase Series was a new undertaking with 3 events planned for 2015 under the guidance of Heidi Emery and Melissa Barry Emery.

All three events (the third held in 2016) broke even mainly due to the generous sponsorship from Project Neon and the volunteers and Judges who freely gave their time at no cost to the events.

DRESSAGE JUDGES TASKFORCE REPORT BY ELAINE GREENE

2015 proved to be a busy year for the DJTF. The taskforce was involved in organising 6 NOAS workshops and 4 NOAS Seminars. Out of those workshops 3 were conducted in country areas.

We also presented The Masters of Dressage Events with Stephen Clarke Brett Parbery and Harry Boldt. The emphasis during the year was to motivate and create an interest in Dressage. We wanted to encourage new people to get on board and to show them what can be done if we all work together.

We started our publicity campaign early and received a huge response from people offering their services and some very welcome sponsorship. EWA was a huge support throughout the year. SEC staff Went out of their way to make sure our big event ran smoothly.

DJTF will work on the Masters of Dressage theme working with FEI overseas judges when the opportunity arises.

CONCLUSION

2015 was a progressive year for dressage in WA. Whilst remaining within budget, the committees managed to produce competitions and education through exposure to International judges and Mentors. We have a very solid base of hardworking volunteers as well as a very efficient EA staff who have really supported the dressage discipline in 2015.



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EVENTING REPORT

INTRODUCTION

2015 saw a successful eventing season in Western Australia with twelve events across the state from Capel, east to Dryandra and north to Moora. It is pleasing to see growth in the number of competitors attending these events in all grades, which is a reflection of the high quality of the sport in Western Australia. Many riders also made the journey across the Nullarbor to compete in FEI competitions at Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide events as well as lead up events into these CCI competitions.

FEI EVENTS

In 2015 there were four FEI events and nine National events. Unfortunately, one CIC*** event (Swan River Horse Trials) was lost due to the sale of the property where it was held, but we are confident that it will be up and running in 2017 at an alternative venue. Our premier event, Woorloo CCI***, was again held with great success. This event was a qualifier for riders planning to ride at Adelaide CCI****. The winner of the CCI*** class qualified for Adelaide CCI****. This demonstrates the importance of this event, along with the other FEI events run in this state, in the qualification pathway. WA is able to offer riders a high performance pathway that is made up of events of high standard both in course design, judges and officials. This is important as 2016 is an Olympic year.

NOTABLE RIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

May 2015 saw a strong contingent of Western Australian riders compete in the first major Australian CCI competition of the year at Sydney International Three Day Event where two riders achieved outstanding performances in the CCI*** competition to place second and fourth respectively. In the CCI* two riders were fourth and sixth in a highly competitive class.

The next major CCI competition on the national calendar was Melbourne CCI where nine horse/rider combinations congregated in Werribee to compete. Successful placings were second and third in the CCI* competition. Never before has

WA had so many riders (seven 4* horse and rider combinations and ten 2* combinations) qualify and make the journey to compete in Adelaide CCI*** event in the 4* class. It shows the extremely high standard of horse and rider combinations produced in this state.

The success of WA riders at the highest level of the sport is a positive reflection of the high standard of courses, both national and international, that have now been developed and built in WA and the support and hard work of all those that have made those events possible. It is from these courses that these riders gained the MER's and were prepared for this international level of competition.

WA EVENTING OFFICIALS - ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AND REPRESENTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

Whilst our Eventing Officials personally contribute financially to their own development and participation in the sport both nationally and overseas, Eventing WA also offers financial support in relation to education and development where possible such as the FEI Seminar held at Melbourne IHT in June.

WA Eventing Officials were recognised and invited to judge and officiate internationally in 2015. Two officials were successful in their applications for the FEI Global Education Programme. This demonstrates that our Eventing Officials are recognised to have a high quality of expertise to be invited by other countries to officiate at their FEI events and that they are prepared to finance their own development by taking part at events in other countries for the ongoing development of the sport.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Riders' Start Fees have continued to provide financial assistance to clubs to successfully run their events. The Start Fees are a way to create capital which can be allocated to clubs to increase the level of quality and safety at these events. This comes on the form of grants,

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. This forms part of the commitment of clubs and Eventing WA to continue to improve horse welfare and rider safety.

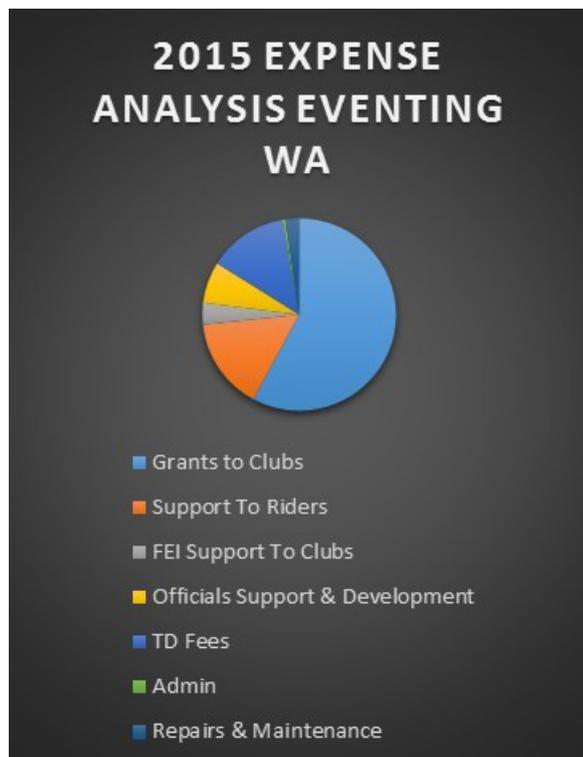
This money was also used to develop and administer eventing officials within the sport. This resulted in three WA officials attending FEI Seminar at Melbourne IHT and as a result one official promoted from National to FEI TD 1*/2*, one official promoted to 3*/4*, and one official maintained their accreditation.

Twenty horse/rider combinations were named on the 2015 Eventing WA High Performance Squad with many of these combinations also obtaining places in the National High Performance program. Riders are eligible to apply for the eventing WA coaching rebate provided by Eventing WA– a need discovered during the WA High Performance Review in 2015.

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.

REBECCA THOMAS
EWA EVENTING COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON





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JUMPING REPORT

Activities throughout 2015 encompassed many of the objectives and targets of the Jumping Committee's 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

After an absence of six years, a World Cup Qualifying (WCQ) Round was held, in conjunction with the State Championships, in October. It was a well-run successful fixture as a result of Jump WA Promotions's hard working committee and as such was recognised and duly awarded the EWA Event of the Year. Three rings provided suitable programmes catering for the various levels of competitors' and horses' ability and level of education in a serious show atmosphere. The WCQ winner was Stephanie Tucker with Oaks Redwood.

The WCQ/State Championship Show provided the opportunity for several of our local judges and officials the chance to work alongside and to be mentored by the visiting FEI Internationally qualified Judges and Steward. Additionally, stewards and several regional judges were exposed to the pressure of officiating at a show of a higher level than to which they were previously accustomed.

During the year several judge's and course designer seminars were successfully held in regional areas. It is unfortunate that the suggested International/higher National Judges' course to be held in 2016, has not eventuated.

As usual the greatest portion of our incoming funds was spent on supporting Championship fixtures and a number of leaderboard classes. In addition to the EWA Jumping Young Masters Series (also with the support of Saddles Plus), Country Novice Championship and EWA Jumping Horse Of The Year (HOTY), the Committee introduced the Silver Series. This is run at 1.15 - 1.30 mtrs and therefore provides a 'stepping stone' between the Country Novice Ch. at 1.05 - 1.15mtrs, and the HOTY at 1.30 mtr and up to World Cup Qualifier heights.

The HOTY was won by Danzastar, the Silver Series by Concorde Ego Z and the Country

Novice by Avendon Indigo.

The winners of the 3 Young Masters were Chloe Versteeghan, Breanna Possingham and Madison Skinner. The Equinworld Amateur Rider Leaderboard's first spot was shared by Wendy Reid and Sophie Stott.

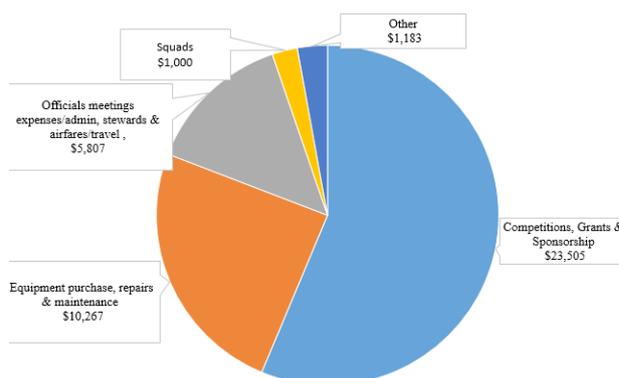
At the Australian Championships a composite team of Georgia Siciliano, Sophie Ahmat and Sam Buchanan (now a Qld resident) won the Young Rider Team competition.

The Squad structure for 2016 was changed to an Open, Recognition A: Youth, Recognition B: Young Horse and a Development Squad. Support in the way of refunding entry fees for certain classes for the Open and the Youth Squads through High Performance were in place for 2015 and will continue for 2016 while a \$250 voucher from the Jumping committee for Open Squad members for coaching was available.

Most of the monies expended on equipment over this 2015-2016 time were for repairs and maintenance that were carried out by the Ellenbrook Men's Shed in addition to them keeping abreast with the painting of new rails. For this we are most grateful.

Cessation of the Healthway grant and the fact that many clubs now have their own jumping equipment is starting to have a noticeable impact on our income.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE



As this year progress the Committee will work on the structure the 2017-2019 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 2016.

JUDITH ODGARD
EWA JUMPING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON







SHOW HORSE REPORT

The Show Horse Committee had a successful year in 2015, administering all Show Horse matters and running two successful Shows and a Judge's Seminar held jointly with the Riding Pony Society of WA. The Committee welcomed a number of new and familiar faces in 2015 including Robyn Vale (Chairperson), Janelle Karmelich, Sharon Veccia, Sara Falconer and Jane Burke as well as continuing members Kerry Wilson, Val Mayger, Marlene Kinder, Caris Reside and Fiona Graetz.

WINTER GALA AND NEWCOMERS AWARD

Our first event for 2015 was the award for Newcomer Hacks and Hunters and the Winter Gala held over the weekend of June 6 and 7. David Calbert (NSW) and Lisa Cleary (NSW) were Judges for the Shows. Both Shows were well supported and we are forever grateful for our Sponsors who contribute to the success of running our Shows. Both Judges were very complimentary of our horses and riders.

JUDGES SEMINAR

Also in June we partnered with the Riding Pony Society of WA to hold a Judge's Seminar. Our guest speaker for the seminar was Dr Andrew Hunt from South Australia. Andrew is a veterinarian who produces and shows young stock and riding ponies for the future. He owns Argyl Riding Pony Stud and was a former member of Equestrian South Australia and a previous National Show horse delegate for South Australia. A very informative and entertaining seminar was received by all who attended.

HORSE OF THE YEAR

The 2015 Horse of the Year (HOTY) Show was the 42nd HOTY Show and was held over three days from September 4-6. Historically, the HOTY Show is the highlight for the showing fraternity. As expected the 2015 HOTY Show was an enormous success with great numbers. The HOTY Show started at midday on the Friday afternoon with 60 Show Hunters followed by 74 Show Horses and Ponies strutting their stuff on the Saturday. Senior and Intermediate Senior Rider Classes were held on Saturday and the Junior Intermediate

and Junior Riders, Lead Rein and First Ridden Classes were held on Sunday. The hotly contested Intermediate, Rural and Child's Classes wrapped up the HOTY Show on Sunday afternoon. In 2016, the Child Classes will be Qualifying Classes for the 2016 Nationals and the Leading Rein Class will be divided into Show Pony and Show Hunter.

For impartiality Judges are randomly selected through a system overseen by the EWA Office. Judges are then contacted by Val Mayger, a Committee Member with no vested interest in Show Horse competitions. Our Judges for this show were Carol Heuchan (NSW), Pat Hutchens (SA), Maryanne Bullpitt (NSW) and Kym Stewart, Queensland (QLD). Judges were used on a rotational basis with three Judges officiating in any one Qualifying Class with the fourth Judge sitting out. Judges stood and scored independently for each Qualifying Class but came together to choose the Smartest on Parade winner for each of the Qualifying Horse Classes.

Two scorers are used for each Qualifying Class and results were available quickly for presentations. Points in some Classes were so close with a number of tie breakers required to break the deadlocks. Competitors had the option of nominating for the WA Bred Award in each of the Qualifying Horse Classes. This award was presented to the highest placed WA Bred Horse from each of the three Judges. As well as the Winners, 1st and 2nd runner up, Top 10 finalists were awarded in each of the Qualifying Classes.

All four Judges were highly complementary of our horses and riders and appreciated the showmanship shown amongst competitors. The Judges were of the view our winners were equal to those in any State and looked forward to seeing our lovely horses compete at the Nationals held at Werribee in December. They were also very impressed with our SEC.

Winners and 1st Runner Ups in the Show Horse, Show Hunter and Rider Classes were invited to represent WA at the Australasian Show Horse

and Rider Championships held at the National Equestrian Centre at Werribee on 4/5 December 2015.

This year the Connor family sponsored a special memorial award to the winners of the three Show Pony Classes in memory of their highly successful show pony Briary Chipmonk.

For the first time, riders were able to ride a workout of their choice to music of their choice, thus allowing them to showcase their horse's best features while still showing specified movements.

A silent auction was held on the Friday night as a fund raiser for the winners competing at the National Horse of the Year at Werribee in December. Many fantastic items were sponsored for the auction and the committee is indebted to our many sponsors who supported the silent auction. Thanks goes to Sharon Veccia for organising this fundraiser.

A function was held on the Saturday evening to thank all our wonderful sponsors, who without, a show of this magnitude would not be as successful as it was. Many of these sponsors have offered their support for 2016. The show returned quite a healthy profit.

Congratulations to all competitors and horses on delivering an outstanding level of performance. Judges, Officials and spectators were impressed with the quality of our horses and sportsmanship displayed by our competitors.

Many thanks to all our volunteers, Officials and supporters. A special thanks must go to all sixty four of our sponsors who supported this year's event, particularly our major sponsors Touchstone Farms and Ramsay's Horse Transport.

The amount of time and effort put in by all committee members to ensure the successful running of our shows is insurmountable and is greatly appreciated.

AUSTRALASIAN SHOW HORSE & RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Show Horse Championships was

held at Werribee in Victoria on 4/5 December 2015 and our Western Australian Team competed against the best in Australia and New Zealand for the honour of being an Australasian Champion.

These Championships are somewhat unique in Equestrian Australia as the riders not only compete for individual titles, but it is also very much a State Team competition. A trophy is awarded to the State gaining the most points overall and a trophy is also presented to the State demonstrating the best Team Spirit.

To compete in these Championships, Horses, Ponies and Riders must have been judged Champion or Runner-up at their State HOTY Show. If for some reason, one of these competitors is unable to go to Victoria, the second Runner-up is invited. Only two competitors from each State are permitted to compete in each class. The event is held over two days and nineteen classes are contested.

It is a huge undertaking and an expensive one, to travel horses from Western Australia to Victoria. Most qualifiers float their own horses while others accept the generous assistance of our local Horse Transport Companies – Ramsey's and Combined. This year marked the 30th Anniversary year of the Equestrian Australia Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships with 198 entries, showcasing the Australasia's top horses and Riders for Show Horse.

Day 1 left us in awe of the fantastic setup of the Nationals. From the Trade village with loads of goodies to be bought, to the Indoor Arena which was shrouded in colour with a beautiful back drop taking you back in time with eager audiences waiting on riders to present themselves in the arena. There were 9 classes on day one and 10 classes on day two. By day two, the Indoor Arena was full of eager spectators cheering, clapping and supporting their team members in every class. The atmosphere was electric with beautiful horses being ridden by amazing riders.

I wish to thank all the riders and their grooms/parents/guardians and owners for making the Nationals an enjoyable experience. Everyone's

horses were well looked after and their needs were catered for all the time.

Thank you to Marlene Kinder and your little helpers for the amazing efforts with the stable decorations - your fairy lights and pot plants were an amazing array of colour. Thank you to our amazing Team Manager Janet Reid who was always at the start to the finish of everyday making sure the team was always ready on time and well presented with her Rule Book in hand. Thank you also to Val Mayger for being there in the wings when we needed your expert advice. Our WA Show Horse consisted of 15 riders and 12 horses.

The Show Horse Committee continued to abide by all National Show Horse Rules ensuring a fair and safe environment for all competitors and supporters.

Finally, we would once again like to thank our many sponsors which are too many to list individually. They have continued to provide ongoing financial support and prizes which we were able to pass on to very deserving winners. The Show Horse Committee aims to provide all our competitors and members with the best shows we can run so they can enjoy the rewards of their efforts. We ask once again that competitors continue to thank our sponsors by letter or email for their kind donations so they know they are appreciated.

Finally thanks goes to each and every one of the Show Horse Committee members in 2015. Each Committee Member had individual tasks to undertake for our shows. The Show Horse Working Party is now busy preparing for a successful 2016 showing season. We are looking forward to our first show in 2016 which has been badged as the Autumn Pageant, generously sponsored by Off the Track WA.

SHARON WELSH
EWA DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**KERRY WILSON, VALERIA MAYGER,
SHARON VECCIA, NATALIE SAKICH**
SHOW HORSE WORKING GROUP



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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2015

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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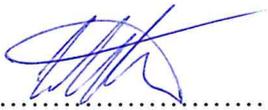
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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the financial statements as set out on pages 6 to 16;

1. Is a special purpose financial report and has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
2. Presents fairly the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia as at 31 December 2015 and the results of its operations.
3. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Equestrian Western Australia will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made and signed for and on behalf of the Board of Directors by:



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Colin Chantler
Chairperson



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Lisa Rickards
Chief Executive Officer

Dated this day 13 APRILof 2016.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors

EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity for year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc. is responsible for the preparation of the financial report information and has determined that the basis of preparation of this information described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the reporting requirements of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc's constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer's responsibility also includes the establishment of internal control as the Chief Executive Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to Equestrian Western Australia's preparation of the financial

report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by officers, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. as at 31 December 2015 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Board of Directors of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. to meet the reporting requirements as set out in their constitution and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Santo Casilli CPA

Date: 13 APRIL 2016

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	NOTE	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	295,857	264,240
Trade and Other Debtors	3	201,798	84,574
Stock on Hand (Bar & Clothing)		4,442	2,467
Other	4	25,148	29,628
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		527,245	380,909
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NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	2,123,100	2,032,596
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,123,100	2,032,596
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TOTAL ASSETS		2,650,345	2,413,505
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade Payables		60,694	90,924
Other Payables	6	352,330	246,576
Employee Entitlements	7	73,949	46,009
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		486,973	383,509
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NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Leasehold Improvements Capital Grant	9	-	1,238,576
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TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	1,238,576
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		486,973	\$1,622,085
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NET ASSETS		2,163,372	\$791,420
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained Earnings		186,420	101,620
Prior Year Adjustment		-	(1,674)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1(a)	605,000	605,000
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	8	133,376	86,474
Leasehold Improvements Capital Grant Expended	9	1,238,576	-
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TOTAL EQUITY		2,163,372	791,420
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	NOTE	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	8	1,696,167	1,522,470
Insurance Proceeds	8	7,841	818
Employee benefits Expense	8	(686,769)	(593,382)
Depreciation and Amortisation expense	8	(24,590)	(17,824)
Non Employee Labour Fees	8	-	(90,893)
SEC Direct Operating Costs	8	(232,149)	(159,118)
Administration Costs	8	(530,637)	(448,560)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	8	(150,992)	(168,315)
Loss on Sale of Assets		(5,061)	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8	<u><u>73,810</u></u>	<u><u>45,196</u></u>
Capital Grant Revenue		59,566	41,278
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity		<u><u>133,376</u></u>	<u><u>86,474</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance at 31 December 2013	706,620
Prior Period Adjustment	(1,674)
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity	86,474
Total other comprehensive income	0

Balance at 31 December 2014	791,420
Prior Period Adjustment	-
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity	133,376
Total other comprehensive income	0
Leasehold Improvements Capital Grant Expended	1,238,576

Balance at 31 December 2015	2,163,372
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of Equestrian Western Australia. Equestrian Western Australia has determined that it is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031: Materiality
AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

No other applicable Accounting standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

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

Basis of Preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

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.

a) Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and Property Plant and Equipments at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and amortisation.

The carrying amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Land Revaluation

In 2012 the EWA Board decided to revalue the land owned by EWA adjacent to the State Equestrian Centre to ensure the balance sheet value was reflective of the current value of the land. EWA engaged a registered valuer to conduct a professional valuation of the land. After receiving the new valuation the land asset value was increased to \$675,000 and an amount of \$605,000 was added to the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

b) Depreciation of Property Plant and Equipment

The amortised amount of leasehold improvements is determined using the straight line method over the useful life of the property or over the lease term. All other assets are depreciated using the reducing balance method.

The depreciation rates used for each class of the depreciable assets are;

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rates	Depreciation Basis
Plant and Equipment	15%	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing Value
Computer Equipment	20%	Straight Line

Equestrian Western Australia from the 1 January 2015 has adopted the policy that fixed assets with a cost value greater than \$300, in addition giving consideration to the nature of the expense, will be capitalised and will attract depreciation. All fixed assets with a recorded cost value of less than \$300 that is considered not to be an asset will be expensed at the date of acquisition.

The previous policy adopted in 2013 that only items of fixed assets with a cost value greater than \$2,500 and prior to 2013 are held to be not appropriate at this time.

c) Income Tax

Equestrian Western Australian 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.

d) Provision for Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date in relation to annual leave and long service leave. Employee entitlements for annual leave are expected to be settled within one year and have been measured based on current pay rates and reported as current liabilities. Under the existing award, employees are entitled to receive long service leave after 10 years of continuous service. Pro rata entitlement is effective only upon employee termination and that the employee has attained 7 years of continuous service. Such entitlement is reported as current liabilities.

Superannuation contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund of the employee's choice and are charged as expenses when incurred. Any unpaid superannuation at financial year end is reported as current liabilities.

EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

e) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all of the risk and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording as an asset the amount equal to the initial purchase price less accumulated amortisation and as a liability, being the value of the lease liability remaining as at balance date less the lease interest amount for that period.

Finance leased assets are amortised on a straight line basis over the assets estimated useful lives.

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

f) Revenue Recognition

The association recognises revenue contributions at the date of raising a tax invoice and stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g) 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. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

h) Deferred Income – Government Grants

All capital grant funds received for leasehold improvements will be recorded as a liability. As the funds are used for capital purposes, money will be released into the revenue account. Any balance in the liability account represents unexpended capital grant funds at financial year end.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	NOTES	2015	2014
		\$	\$
2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Operating Accounts		99,227	116,677
Deposits at Call		194,830	145,763
Petty Cash		500	500
Front Counter Float		400	900
Cash Float to Bar		900	400
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		295,857	264,240
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3. TRADE AND OTHER DEBTORS			
Trade Debtors		131,542	79,410
Less Provision Doubtful Debts		(7,904)	(5,140)
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		123,638	74,270
Sundry Debtors		78,160	10,304
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		201,798	84,574
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4. OTHER			
Prepayments		25,148	29,628
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	NOTES	2015 \$	2014 \$
5. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Land – At Cost		675,000	675,000
Leasehold Improvements – At Cost		1,309,692	1,246,229
Plant and Equipment - At Cost		248,513	157,372
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(110,105)	(46,005)
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		138,408	111,367
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Leased Plant and Equipment – At Cost		-	44,700
Less: Accumulated Amortisation		-	(44,700)
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 Total Property, Plant and Equipment		 2,123,100	 2,032,596
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Reconciliations

		Land	Leasehold Improvements	Plant and Equipment	Total
Opening Carrying Amount		675,000	1,246,229	111,367	2,032,596
Additions		-	63,914	56,441	120,355
Disposals		-	-	(5,261)	(5,261)
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense		-	(451)	(24,139)	(24,590)
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Closing Carrying Amount		675,000	1,309,692	138,408	2,123,100
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	NOTES	2015	2014
		\$	\$
6. OTHER PAYABLES			
Membership Renewals Received In Advance		107,496	62,927
Membership Levies Received in Advance		39,511	1,773
Grants Received in Advance		-	12,000
Unexpended Grants	1(h)	50,434	-
Unexpended Capital Grants 2014	1(h)	72,778	72,778
Employee Payables		51,566	35,703
GST Payable		22,383	19,153
Loan – Arena Lights		-	39,765
Bonds Held		8,162	2,477
		<u>352,330</u>	<u>246,576</u>
7. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS			
Employee Entitlements include Annual and Long Service Leave			
Employee Entitlements	1(d)	<u>73,949</u>	<u>46,009</u>
Movement			
Opening balance		46,009	51,406
Additional provision		27,940	(5,397)
Balance at end of year		<u>73,949</u>	<u>46,009</u>
Allocated as to:			
Current		73,949	46,009
Non Current		-	-
		<u>73,949</u>	<u>46,009</u>

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**8. DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	NOTES	2015	2014
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Membership and Registrations		459,413	452,819
Horse Performance Cards, Registrations, Transfers & Changes		81,869	96,486
Sales, Events, Facility Fees and Activities		926,929	715,619
Sponsorship and Fundraising		69,667	51,582
Operating Grants		142,322	170,322
Other Income		15,967	35,642
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		1,696,167	1,522,470
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EXPENDITURE			
Wages and Salaries – EWA		388,938	323,450
Wages and Salaries - SEC		211,906	233,786
Payroll Related Expenses		85,925	59,270
Non-Employee Labour		-	90,893
SEC Direct Operating Costs		232,149	159,118
Cost of Sales – Food and Beverage & Uniforms		40,738	52,336
Administration Costs		530,637	448,560
Audit Fees		7,800	8,450
Financial Expenses		26,917	20,419
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense		24,590	17,824
Rates and Taxes		25,615	16,079
Insurance		49,922	47,907
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		1,625,137	1,478,092
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NON - OPERATING INCOME			
Insurance Proceeds		7,841	818
Capital Grant Revenue		59,566	41,278
Loss on Sale Plant and Equipment		(5,061)	-
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Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		-----	-----
Transferred to accumulated funds		133,376	86,474
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9. LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT LIABILITY

During the year, the leasehold improvement liability of \$1,238,576 was transferred into Retained Earnings to reflect the fact that all prior capital grant monies received for leasehold improvements have been spent. Although Equestrian WA do not legally own the buildings and grounds, the buildings and grounds have been entrusted to Equestrian WA for perpetuity to ensure Equestrian WA has sole use of the buildings and grounds. A current lease arrangement exists between Equestrian WA and the City of Swan which is due for renewal in 2020. Any capital improvements made to the buildings and grounds by Equestrian WA will result in future economic benefits to flow to Equestrian WA and therefore will be reported as Leasehold Improvements and amortised accordingly.