



EQUESTRIAN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As Chair of Equestrian Western Australia, I am pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report which produced a year of strong membership participation and income growth together with improved engagement with members and stakeholders.

Colin Chantler and I swapped roles at the end of 2016, with Colin becoming Vice Chair and I took on the role of Chair. Colin has shown great leadership whilst Chair and continues to be a very valuable member of your board.

In 2016, we welcomed Laurie Barnes and Merinda March to the Board as Appointed Members. Laurie brings business skills and previous Board experience from the Kings Park Tennis Association and Merinda brings business acumen from business management and governance.

Sophie Stott resigned from the board at the end of 2016, 12 months short of her tenure as she was finding it difficult to fit board business in with her busy schedule or running her family business, competing in Show Jumping and caring for her family. Sophie's contribution to the board and EWA has been invaluable and we thank her for her 8 years of service. We look forward to her continued support.

The Board recruited a new CEO mid-way through 2016 and appointed Dwight Pedlow to the role. Dwight brings many years of equestrian experience to the role, having competed in most disciplines, including nationally, as well as having been involved in running his own equestrian facility, been a past board member and employed by the SEC in its earlier days. He replaced our acting CEO Lisa Rickards who stepped in when our previous CEO resigned.

During 2016 the Board spent a lot of time looking at our structures and planning for the future. This is rolling into 2017 as we move more towards planning and discussing with our members, the City of Swan and the State Government how we move our sport and facilities forward in a sustainable and progressive manner.

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 2016, in particular Sharon Jarvis for her achievement in representing Australia at the Para Olympics in Rio, and to Sonja Johnson for being shortlisted for the Eventing team and her successes in Europe.

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 continue to repair and upgrade the State Equestrian Centre. Refurbished stables and cleaning and repainting the front of the building are the most noticeable changes and certainly have given the venue a fresh, clean feel. 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 2016 we look forward to continued growth into 2017.

Ron Fleming
Board Chairperson





I would like to start the 2016 CEO report by acknowledging the work of past employees including former CEO Lisa Rickards, High Performance Manager Jennine Smith, Facility Manager Simon Barrey and Grounds Person Neil Dunderdale.

2016 was year of change for EWA with myself becoming CEO in October. It is a great honour to be CEO of such a wonderful organisation that represents over 2,300 members, 87 affiliated clubs and runs the State Equestrian Centre. I was very fortunate on arrival to find a team of staff that are extremely dedicated and hard working.

EWA is a not-for-profit members-based organisation, and with this in mind, our main role is to manage the sport under the direction of the EWA Board and the Sport's Committees. The work of all volunteers from the Board, Sport Committees, Panels, Clubs, Event Organisers and Members is what makes EWA successful.

Since taking on the role of CEO I have firstly focused on the management of the day-to-day business with a Human Resources review and a review of all necessary compliance requirements. This process is now complete and the focus can move to improving the operations systems of the business. The down side of this period of review of the business was that we have not been able to focus on improving the membership services and member engagement as we would have liked to. As 2017 progresses we can start the process of a EWA membership review, with the goal of improving services and support to all members, promoting the sport, building partnerships and exploring new membership categories.

EWA membership numbers were similar in 2016 to 2015 and participation of the members at events strong. The Sport Chairperson Reports to follow will cover the individual Sport highlights. It is good to see many successful events being held throughout the state in all of the disciplines from Perth to the Great Southern, Central West and inland regions.

2016 was of course an Olympic year and WA was very fortunate to have Sharon Jarvis selected for the Para Olympic Equestrian team for Dressage and Penny Dodd as an Officia. Unfortunately Sonja Johnson just missed out on a place in the Eventing team.

WA riders continued to be successful when competing on the East Coast, which is testament to the level of competition, coaching and rider commitment in WA.

The SEC continued to be the State's premier Equestrian facility with strong bookings in 2016. While hosting many EWA Events and Championships the SEC is also hired by a variety of equestrian users including Western, Breed Societies and many other members of the Equestrian community.

SEC home clubs and associations include:

- 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 Show Jumping Association

On many weekends multiple events are being held at the SEC, not only by our home clubs, but with other SEC bookings. This would not be possible without considerable work by the SEC staff and I thank them.

Department of Sports and Recreation capital works continued with the painting and refurbishment of the front of the Indoor Arena, the replacement of the EWA Office ceiling and air-conditioning and the repainting of the office. The windows in the upstairs area, office and announcers box were resealed or reinforced where needed. We also took the opportunity to high pressure water wash the exterior of the building, with great results. The SEC turns 30 years old and the continued maintenance and development of the facilities will be identified in an asset management plan also being funded by DSR to be completed in 2017.

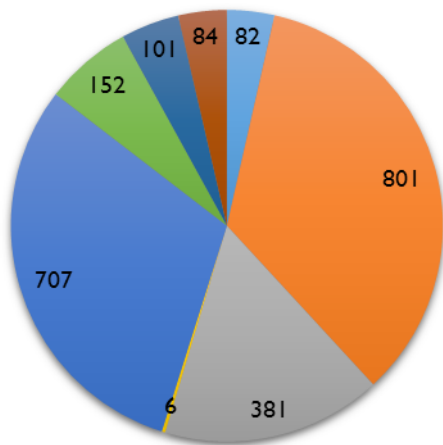
The accounts have been restructured to meet current accounting requirements and the Incorporations Act. Therefore there are several notes to explain the difference from 2015 to 2016. Despite the tough economic climate revenue grew by nearly 8% to \$1,838,770 with an operating income surplus of \$51,250 and a growth in total equity to \$2,214,622 as at 31 December 2016.

In summary, 2016 was a year of change and consolidation and I look forward to being part of the team that will continue to support and progress EWA and SEC in 2017.

Dwight Pedlow
Chief Executive Officer

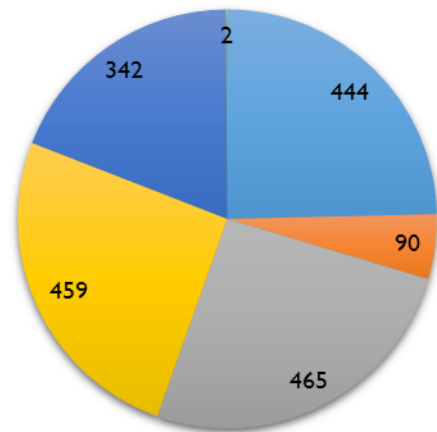


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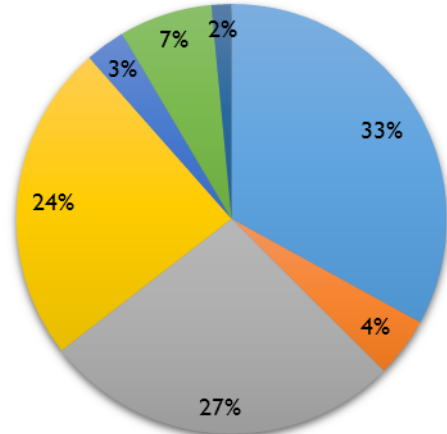
- Club Affiliates
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- Supporter Official

Competition Licenses



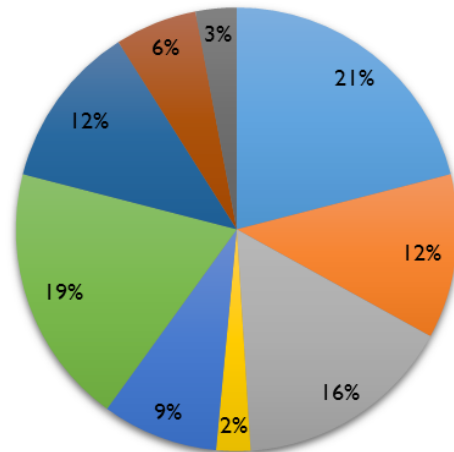
- Dressage
- Pony Dressage
- Eventing
- Jumping
- Show Horse
- Vaulting

Income



- Membership and Registrations
- Horse Performance Cards, Registrations, Transfers & Changes
- Sales, Events and Activities SEC
- Sales, Events and Activities EWA
- Sponsorship and Fundraising
- Operating Grants
- Other Income

Expenses



- Wages and Salaries – EWA
- Wages and Salaries – SEC
- SEC Direct Operating Costs
- Cost of Sales – Food and Beverage & Uniforms
- EA Membership Costs
- Events and Activities Costs
- Administration Costs/ Payroll Related Expenses/ Audit Fees/ Financial Expenses
- Depreciation and Amortisation Expense
- Rates and Taxes/ Insurance





HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Equestrian Western Australia High Performance Program aims to identify talent and offer supporting education to Squad riders at a developmental level with ambitions to follow pathways to national selection. This is reflected in the selection criteria for each discipline by way of identifying athletes on a pathway for national progression.

2016 saw a total of 86 athletes included in the EWA High Performance Program from the disciplines of Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, Vaulting and Para Equestrian Dressage. Selectors worked hard determining criteria that reflected this pathway progression.

Education Opportunities

EWA offered a number of educational opportunities to High Performance athletes, coaches and officials in 2016. International dressage judge and coach Christoph Hess worked with Western Australian High Performance riders during a three day clinic as well as conducting protocol tests. The positive energy and clear training principles Christoph shared were well received by athletes. The Western Australian equestrian community was treated with the opportunity to enjoy a Master Class conducted by Christoph discussing principles of training through the grades. This involved fourteen Eventing and Dressage combinations from young horses to Grand Prix.

Para Equestrian riders appreciated the expertise of EA NCAS Level 3 Dressage coach Roz Tippett at four high performance clinics in 2016. Eventing riders were given the opportunity to work with Olympian Amanda Ross over three days with riders gaining much knowledge from lessons in Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country. Amanda went on to host a Master Class at the Young Event Horse competition the following day for the wider equestrian community. Equestrian Western Australia were also able to support the Swan River Jumping Final Four Master Class with Young Horse specialist and World Cup riding Amanda Madigan.

Notable Results

The Rio Olympics saw Western Australian Para Equestrian Dressage rider Sharon Jarvis compete for Australia at the Paralympics. Sharon travelled many miles to attend selection events to ensure her selection in the Grade III Dressage section and performed with determination and decorum to achieve outstanding results at the pinnacle of the sport and finish 9th in the world at the Paralympics

Sonja Johnson had international success with Parkiarrup Illicit Liaison travelling all the way to Aachen CICO3*. Sonja was selected to represent Australia at the Aachen leg of the FEI Nations Cup and the team was successful in winning this leg of the competition after strong performances in all three phases. This is the first time a country other than Germany has won this leg of the Nations Cup competition.

The 2016 Australian Dressage Championships saw three Western Australian riders compete in classes from Medium to Grand Prix level. The Western Australian FEI Team finished a very close second place in the State Teams competition ahead of Queensland and Victoria State Teams. A team consisting of Deon Stokes, Terrina Fairbrother and Stephanie Spencer performed consistent tests throughout the competition with many wins and placings including Deon Stokes taking home three Australian Championships.

High Performance Eventing Squad members Shanae Lowings, Deon Stokes, Kate Ingham and Kenya Wilson represented Western Australia in the team's competition at the Australian Three Day Event finishing a competitive third place. Western Australia also had two High Performance members compete in the CCI**** competition at this event, both finishing in the top ten placegetters.

The World Cup Jumping Competition at the Perth Royal Show is an important milestone on the EWA Jumping calendar. This event was supported by the Equestrian Western Australia High Performance program. Ten entries were taken for the event including three riders new to this level indicating important progression up the High Performance pathway. The Jumping World Cup provided a good opportunity to present the state's top jumping riders to a wide audience and this year was able to live stream the entire class enabling a large number of spectators to enjoy this spectacular event. High Performance athlete Stephanie Tucker was the eventual winner riding Oaks Redwood and Caitlin Bolger and Danzastar were runners up.

Sara Botten
High Performance Coordinator



There is evidence of riding instructors from as early as 400BC and it is a well-known fact that 'any sport is only as good as its coaches'. Without doubt, horse riding is by far the most difficult sport to master, due to the presence of an unknown quantity - the horse. WA is very fortunate to have many accredited and professional coaches from all disciplines who are passionate and patient in their efforts to assist riders at all levels.

The Equestrian Australia's very prestigious Coach of the Month Award is open to all states to nominate the coaches they feel are the most deserving. The award is a way of highlighting the EA coaches and educators who work with dedication and passion all over Australia. In 2016 the EWA NCAS Advisory Panel nominated EA NCAS Level 1 David Dobson for the month of July and EA NCAS Level 2 Jumping Specialist Nellandra Henry for the month of September. It shows the esteem that WA coaches are held in that both won their month's award.

The reaccreditation process for NCAS coaches now occurs every three years rather than every two years. The move follows feedback received by EA from its members, encouraging a more generous period in which to meet reaccreditation requirements. The extension is also supported by the Australian Sports Commission as it brings Equestrian's reaccreditation into line with other major sports.

The NCAS Annual Coaching Forum was a great success with a large number of coaches attending. It was especially pleasing that some of the coaches were not due for their three yearly update but still chose to attend. It is encouraging that the majority of coaches want to keep up to date with what is happening in their field.

Updates to the EA NCAS scheme were given by the EWA Education and High Performance Manager Jennine Thomasson and EA NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator Philippa Collier, which included information on the Gow Gates Coaching Insurance Webinar. Annette Bowan BSc, Phys, Dist, MSc (University of Liverpool) APAM, gave a very interesting insight into common biomechanical issues with horse and rider case studies, including possible physical deficits contributing to them and ways to help address these problems. Gail Simms EA NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator spoke on the EA National 'Ready Set Trot' program. The program has been designed for children 6 to 12 years, who may or may not have a pony of their own, and is to introduce young people to

Equestrian sports.

EA NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator Rebecca Thomas and EA NCAS Level 1 General Coach Para Olympian Sharon Jarvis gave a lecture about using learning theory to train performance horses, and followed this with a practical demonstration in the arena. Sharon also rode a Freestyle demonstration in the arena with her dressage horse 'Ceasy'. EA NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator Philippa Collier gave a very interesting and well-planned presentation on the sequence of footfalls and leading legs on landing, over poles and jumps, followed by gymnastic exercises for jumping and dressage horses over poles and grids in the arena.

The two day EA NCAS Coach Educator and Skills Specific Trainer and Assessor and Mentor Update clinic was presented by NSW National Presenter Sandra Pearson-Adams, an EA level 3 General Coach Educator and a Fellow of the British Horse Society, of which there are only 70 in the world. EA Level 2 General Coach Educator and EWA NCAS and EA National Committee person Philippa Collier was the State Presenter. Topics covered an insurance update, including risk management, assessment of Intro and Level 1 riding, and an in-depth horse management overview consisting of theory and then relocating to the stable area for the practical aspects. Milne Feeds State Manager and Equine Nutritionist Michelle Meylan gave a very interesting presentation on equine exercise physiology and the science of monitoring and assessing training intensity based on heart monitoring, plus the process of aerobic and anaerobic energy conversion that creates the muscle contraction required for exercise.

These Seminars are vitally important for coaches to learn about any current changes to updating and also increases their overall knowledge.

EA NCAS Level 2 Coach Educator Rebecca Thomas held a number of well-attended Orientation and Face to Face Clinics and also a Level 1 Update Clinic. A great initiative by EA is the Online Coach Updating – a 3 hour seminar which covers the EA and NCAS structure and function, risk management, accident and injury facilities, safety for riders and coaches, ethics and behaviour, legal issues, negligence, duty of care and EA insurance. This initiative provides an achievable way for coaches who live long distances from a metropolitan area or are overseas can fulfil their insurance requirements.



WA is very fortunate that members of the Advisory Panel are prepared to travel long distances to assist candidates with their NCAS accreditation. Philippa Collier travelled to Albany so that 9 coaches could complete their Regional Coach Update and Rebecca Thomas went to Darwin, where there are no Coach Educators, to assist an NCAS candidate and is also continuing to mentor her training towards EA NCAS Level I General Coaching accreditation.

The EA National NCAS Committee was disbanded and a new EA NCAS Education Committee has been formed. Philippa Collier, a member of the former National Committee, has been invited to sit on that Committee. One of the topics on their 2017 agenda is fast tracking pathways.

In 2016 the Panel said goodbye with many thanks to EWA Education Manager, Jennine Thomasson, who moved on to a different career. We are very fortunate to have been allocated Sara Botten who is in charge of High Performance as our new NCAS Administrator. The EWA NCAS Advisory Panel would also like to acknowledge with gratitude all the people who bring their horses and act as demonstration riders for our clinics and seminars.

Diane Bennit
EWA NCAS Advisory Panel Chairperson



2016 ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

More than 200 members of the WA equestrian community gathered at Mulberry on Swan on Friday 3 February to celebrate the sport's highest achievers of 2016 as part of the Equestrian Western Australia Annual Awards Night. The evening was a great success, with the presentations occurring from 6:30pm-9:30pm (including a dinner break) followed by music, dancing and socialising until midnight.

EWA would like to thank our generous sponsors - Di Candilo Steel City, D'Arcy Slater Foundation, Horseland, Asset Edge Residential and Bates - for their support. Thanks must also be given to the charismatic Shaun Lowry for being MC, and to Horseplay Photography for covering the event. We would also like to congratulate all of the award finalists and winners on their success as a result of the commitment and dedication they have shown to their sport.

2016 EWA Award Winners

- Administrator of the Year Winner - Wendy Dunstan
- Volunteer of the Year Winner - Jan Lawrie
- Official of the Year Winner - Janet Reid
- Special Services to the Sport Winner - Harry Boldt
- Club of the Year Winner - Perth Dressage Club
- High Performance Coach of the Year Winner - David Dobson
- Community Coach of the Year Winner - Nadine Merewether
- Event of the Year Winners - WASJA Patron's Cup & Eventing in the Park
- Owner of the Year Winner - Nikki Harwood
- International Horse of the Year Winner - Parkiarrup Illicit Liaison owned by Nikki Harwood
- Domestic Horse of the Year Winner - Don Dancier owned by Kate Barton
- International Athlete of the Year Winner - Sonja Johnson
- Para Equestrian of the Year Winner - Sharon Jarvis
- Young Athlete of the Year Winner - Shenae Lowings
- Domestic Athlete of the Year Winner - Tegan Lush

A special congratulations must also be given to Nikki Harwood who was awarded Equestrian Australia Owner of the Year at the 2016 Equestrian Australia Sport Achievement Awards held in March 2017.

Thank you to our valued sponsors:





Di Candilo Steel City Administrator of the Year
Wendy Dunstan



Volunteer of the Year
Jan Lawrie



Official of the Year
Janet Reid



D'Arcy Slater Foundation
Special Services to the Sport
Harry Boldt



Horseland Community Coach of the Year
Nadine Merewether



Owner of the Year &
International Horse of the Year
Nikki Harwood & Parkiarrup Illicit Liason



Asset Edge Residential
Domestic Horse of the Year
Don Dancier (Accepted by Deon Stokes)



Bates Domestic Athlete of the Year
Tegan Lush



Club of the Year
Perth Dressage Club



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Events

There were several events that promoted Dressage in WA in 2016. The EWA Summer Series was popular as usual and attracted good numbers when the weather permitted. The State Dressage Championships took place on May 6th and 7th, generously sponsored by John Hughes and supporting the charity Cystic Fibrosis. The event was a great success with over 450 tests being ridden from Preliminary to Grand Prix.

Horseland Midland generously provided the venue for our Riders Forums which have proved a very popular initiative where riders, coaches and officials can make suggestions and air their views. A Regional Rider's Forum was held on 6th of August in conjunction with the Henty Winter Dressage Championships. Attendance was high and it gave a chance for our regional riders to ask the questions and raise issues. Stephanie Munro (Young Rider Representative) attended, Kim Thomas was Chair and Maria Schwennesen was guest speaker.

There was also a Metro Rider's Forum held in August but due to very low RSVPs, DWA decided to cancel it and hold it at a later date on January 23rd 2017 at Horseland Midland. This forum was very successful and well attended with a presentation from Michelle James from Penny Hill Park. The forum commenced with Steward Janet Reid and 2017 rule changes the forum then opened up for questions. A transcript of forum has been uploaded to the DWA website. Rider issues have been taken back to DWA for discussion, investigation and resolution. Riders are then informed of the results of the discussion.

The Masters Series Final was held on the 10th and 11th of September and although it was very successful, it has been decided that a change is in order and DWA are pleased to support the new Leaderboard system instigated by EWA. The Penny Hill Park Rising Star also proved popular and plans are in place for this to be judged by a visiting Eastern States judge in 2017.

The Dressage Committee has been extremely cohesive and committed and it is especially pleasing to see that we have a number of younger members taking roles and bringing new initiatives to dressage.

Dressage Judges Task Force (DJTF)

NOAS accredited Judge numbers remained the same at 55 for 2016. We have had new judges join the scheme and others leave for various reasons such as no longer

being an EWA member and family commitments. We have a good range of judge levels with Elementary having the most judges. We have worked hard to encourage new judges into the system and to this end we now have 9 G level judges. Two of these will be sitting their F level upgrade exam in May.

In 2016 DJTF presented 5 seminars and 2 workshops. Presenters included Christoph Hess, Mary Seefried, Wendy Barker, and Kim Thomas. Regional seminars and workshops have been instrumental in producing the increase in new judges entering the system.

In 2017, DJTF will continue working with Eventing WA to keep our Eventing judges up to date and have already included a UK FEI Eventing Judge/Trainer into our Judge education program and have another workshop lined up for April with Les Smith UK.

The Dressage Development Fund (DDF) contributes to the running of the DJTF Judge Education program each year. This program covers the presentation of NOAS seminars covering levels G-A, Para Equestrian, Young Dressage Horse, and workshops in both metropolitan and regional areas. DJTF also covers the cost of candidate exams (written and practical), and shadow judging. In 2017 our presenters include, Stephen Clarke (UK), Susie Hoevenaars, Wendy Barker, Kim Thomas, Pollyann Huntington, Andrew Fletcher (UK), and Ricky MacMillan.

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 webpage and on the DWA Facebook page.



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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 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.
- The “From the Judge’s Box” section is primarily compiled by Elaine Greene 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 rules and judging criteria.
- The “From the Steward’s Corner” is written by NOAS Steward, Janet Reid, and covers new dressage rules (from both EA and FEI) regarding permitted and non-permitted gear, as well as other Dressage rules that riders may need reminding of. Janet tries to include rules that are relevant at the time of publishing so riders can put them into practice at their next event (i.e. the hot weather policy was covered coming into the Summer Series events and arena familiarisation before the State Dressage Championships).
- 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.

Financial Report

At the beginning of each calendar year, the revenue from the previous year’s Dressage Development Fund (DDF) forms the Dressage WA operating budget for the next year. The percentage of DDF money available each year may vary as it depends on rider levies collected by the clubs from the previous year.

For the year ending December 2015 the DDF totaled \$23,800, a \$2,000 levy increase from 2014. In 2016 the DDF allocations were made as follows:

- Judge Education and Training - \$6,000
- Christoff Hess - \$2,000
- Dressage WA events: State Dressage Championships - \$2,000, Master Series Final - \$2,000, two National Young Dressage Horse Qualifiers - \$500 each.
- WA Junior/YR Dressage Championship - \$600
- 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 2016 State Dressage Championships was \$50,748 and expenditure \$48,197 which resulted in a small profit of \$2,500. The WA State Dressage Championships benefited greatly from cash sponsorship from John Hughes Group 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 again a cost neutral event. Appreciation must go to Horseland who sponsored the Young Dressage Horse for 4, 5 and 6 year old horse and pony classes and to Penny Hill Park who sponsored the Dressage WA Dressage Horse and Pony Rising Star Award.

In 2016 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 all



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operated on a cost neutral basis, thanks to the show event organisers and the many volunteers.

Clubs

Dressage clubs in WA are continuously offering riders very high standards of competition as well as clinics presented by a variety of local, interstate and overseas instructors. Dressage WA is always available to assist any of the clubs running their competitions. Unfortunately we would like to see more events being offered but as with everything they take a lot of time and dedication by often just a few members of the club.

Clubs are informed via Facebook and DressageWA of any rule changes or updates as well as a very comprehensive newsletter every month. As a new initiative in the newsletter, the DWA Club Representative is going to submit an article featuring tips for organising events for clubs who are new to this.

Conclusion

Overall, 2016 was a successful year for Dressage in WA and we are looking forward to more competitions and another visit from Judge General Stephen Clarke in 2017.

Dressage Committee





EVENTING REPORT

2016 saw a thriving Eventing season in Western Australia with eleven events conducted including FEI events in both long and short format. Many riders also made the journey across the Nullarbor to compete in FEI competitions at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Wallaby Hill events as well as lead-up events to these FEI competitions. Eventing WA continues to oversee improvements across all facets of the sport with a focus on safety and welfare of the horse.

International Events

In 2016 there were four FEI events conducted in Western Australia. Our premier event, Wooroloo CCI***, was again held with great success. This event was a qualifier for riders planning to compete at Adelaide CCI****. The winner of the CCI*** continued their successful season by completing Adelaide CCI****. This event remains important as a qualifying High Performance event along with other FEI events run in this state.

These events are important in developing a pathway for Western Australian riders towards the 2018 World Equestrian Games. Eventing WA is excited to see the ongoing development of these events across the state. 2017 will see WAYER conduct a long format CCI and the inclusion of Swan River Horse Trials with a CIC event in October - two important additions to the FEI Events calendar for Western Australia.

Officials Development

At a national level, eight technical delegates officiated at events both in Western Australia and interstate. Eventing WA aims to provide ongoing opportunities for continual education and accreditation in 2017 for technical delegates, course designers, stewards and ground jury members.

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. This occurred at the FEI Seminar held at Puhinui, New Zealand, in December

WA Eventing officials were recognised and invited to judge and officiate internationally in 2016. One official was successful in their application 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.

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Eventing WA collected \$73,571 in levies across the eleven events held. This money goes directly back into developing Eventing in Western Australia.

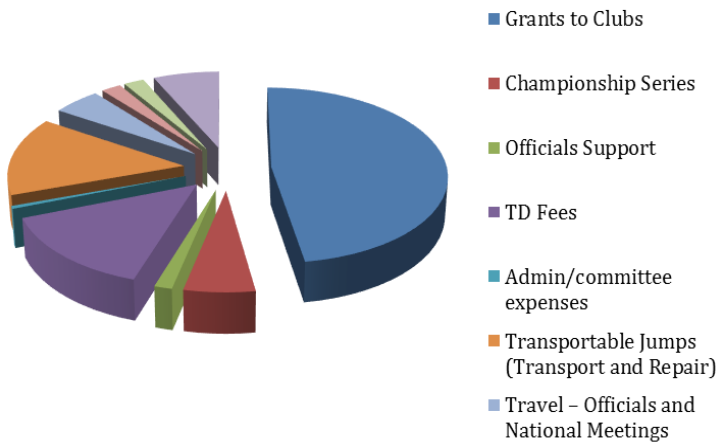
The Riders Start Fees have continued to provide financial assistance to clubs to successfully run their events. The Start Fees are a way to create capital that is allocated to clubs to increase the quality and safety at these events. This comes in the form of grants, assistance with FEI fees and officials. 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.

This 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.

Allocation	Expenditure
Grants to Clubs	\$35,015
Championship Series	\$4,295.10
Officials Support	\$1,080
TD Fees	\$10,500
Admin/committee expenses	\$375.09
Transportable Jumps –	\$10,640.13
<i>Transport and Repairs</i>	
Travel –	\$3,639.50
<i>Officials and</i>	
<i>National Meetings</i>	
High Performance	\$1,500
FEI Calendar Fees	\$1,536.36
Equipment - Radios	\$4,990



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High Performance

Twenty horse and rider combinations were named on the 2016 Eventing WA High Performance Squad with many of these combinations also obtaining places in the National High Performance program. It is positive to see the progression of riders through the squad structure with a number of riders moving from the Recognition Squad to the State Squad throughout the year, as well as new riders joining the High Performance Program.

Riders are eligible to apply for the Eventing WA Coaching Rebate provided by Eventing WA to assist with coaching costs. Many Western Australian riders travelled to the east coast in 2016 to compete in international events with completions and high placings achieved at these events.

The success of WA riders at the highest level of the sport when competing on the east coast is a positive reflection of the high standard of courses, both national and international, that have now been developed and built in WA. It also includes the support and hard work of all the volunteers that have made those events possible. It is from these courses that these riders were able to gain the necessary MER's and competition preparation for international events. This is a direct result of the strategic plan to develop the sport both at a grass roots through to a high performance level.

Safety

Equestrian Australia has taken the initiative to put together and implement the Risk Management Working Group for ongoing management and development of safety in Eventing in Australia. Eventing WA looks

forward to gaining an insight into these initiatives and implementing them in order to improve safety within the sport. There is currently a review of Minimum Eligibility Requirements by the National Eventing Committee in order to encourage horse and rider combinations to demonstrate a more consistent performance record before upgrading.

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 of the families and supporters who continue to make this a great sport.

Eventing WA would like to take this opportunity to thank long-serving technical delegate Graeme Scott for his services to the sport in Western Australia.

Eventing Committee



INTERSCHOOL REPORT

Saddles Plus State Interschool Equestrian Championships

2016 saw another successful year of competition that allowed junior athletes the opportunity to be part of the largest youth equestrian program in the state. The standard of competitors was very high with overall great results.

Run over four days at the State Equestrian Centre, the atmosphere was busy every day with a full program of Dressage, Jumping, Show Horse and Combined Training. Evening entertainment included a demonstration from Para Olympian Sharon Jarvis and NCAS Coach Rebecca Thomas on desensitisation techniques in their lead-up to the Rio Olympics, Masters of Dressage with Harry Boldt, and of course the VIP Dinner where sponsors and other VIP's enjoyed the speed and suspense of the higher Show Jumping classes.

Saddles Plus were the major sponsor again in 2017 and also supported the Junior Leaderboard Series. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.

Saddles Plus Interschool Youth Series

2016 was the first year of presenting a Leaderboard Series of events for Interschool athletes to attend other than Interschool State Championships. The Interschool Youth Series was designed for riders under the age of 18 competing in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Show Horse and Eventing.

A number of affiliated clubs were nominated to host the Leaderboard in conjunction with their own events to allow Interschool competitors an opportunity to be selected to represent the WA State Team for the Australian Championships held in NSW. Ribbons and vouchers from Saddles Plus were on offer for prizes for each Series competition with trophies presented at the EWA Awards Night to the overall winners.

The Series was open to all riders holding a current EWA Competitor or Participant Junior Membership and consisted of nine events including 12 Local and Regional Events and the WA State Interschool Championship. Riders did not need to compete in any local events to participate in the State Interschool Championships. Competition Licences (Horse Performance Cards) were also not required for Classes restricted to "Interschool Competitors only".

Australian Interschool Championships

The 2016 WA team was chosen from results gained from the WA State Interschool Championships and Youth Series Leaderboard. The team consisted of 49 riders across the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Show Horse and Combined Training. 29 pool horses were sourced for the team of riders with 21 of the team's own horses travelling over for the competition held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

Coaches were chosen to help the team at SIEC. A huge thanks goes to Wendy Cumming (Dressage) and Chadd Donovan (Jumping Specialist), as well as Liz Tollarzo who also attended to help riders prepare for their events. Their valuable knowledge was greatly received by all riders.

Rising Stars Program

The Rising Stars Program gives an 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 needed 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.

The 2016 Rising Stars Program offered a number of Youth Development Clinics under the watchful eye of specialist EA NCAS accredited Coaches at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon. Rising Stars Squad Riders also benefited from Mentor support offered by industry professionals including coaches and the special presenters, plus marketing and networking opportunities, social media training and much more to promote and develop their profile and equestrian career.

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JUMPING REPORT

Activities throughout 2016 encompassed many of the objectives and targets of the Jumping Committee's 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

After the resounding success of the State Jumping Championships incorporating a qualifying round of the World Cup in 2015, an approach to the Royal Agricultural Society WA was made with view to hold, after an absence of six years, a World Cup Qualifier at the 2016 Perth Royal Show. With the support of the Royal Agricultural Society, and Equestrian Australia, a very successful Qualifier was achieved. EWAJ would like to thank EWA High Performance for their contribution enabling EWAJ to support the RAS in the running of the event. The WCQ class drew entries of 11 with a starting field of 9 very talented combinations that gave a great exhibition of the sport of jumping here in WA. The event was even streamed live on the day attracting an even bigger audience than was present at the show. The live streaming announcement attracted a lot of social media excitement in the days preceding the class. The WCQ winner was Stephanie Tucker with Oaks Redwood.

During the year, in cooperation with the PCAWA Show Jumping Subcommittee, judge and/or course designer seminars were successfully held in regional areas. These events were held in Busselton and Serpentine, with the Serpentine seminar being conducted by Penny Dodd and FEI accredited international course designer Peter Gillespie.

The 2016 calendar year was of a financial benefit to the sport of jumping. A rise in competitions brought about a substantial increase in equipment hire over and above the amount budgeted, and was the cause for our profits. Over \$20,000 of income came from the hire of equipment while levies also brought in over \$20,000 of income. Other income came from EWA and High Performance reimbursements.

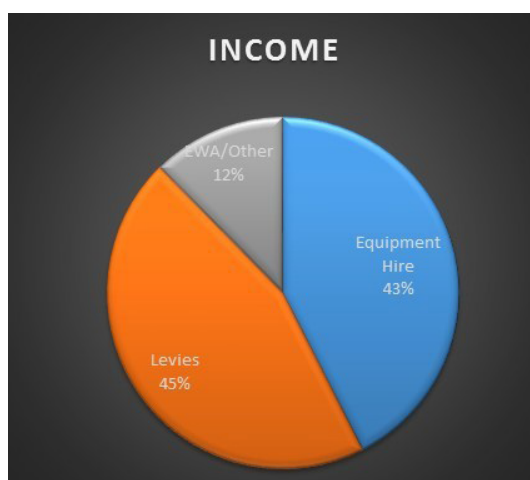
On the other end, the majority of expenses were for competitions and grants such as Horse of the Year, Silver Series, Country Novice Championships and support of the 2016 WA State Jumping Championships and the WCQ at the 2016 Perth Royal Show. All this plus other support was in excess of \$24,000.

Over \$6,000 was expended on equipment maintenance and purchases. Once again, in 2016 EWAJ's equipment repairs and maintenance were carried out by the Ellenbrook Men's Shed, guided extremely well by

Committee member Rosemary Inglis. Rosemary was the Committee's nomination for Jumping Volunteer of the Year for 2016, a truly deserved award.

The remaining 21% of expenses was spent on the support of travel expenses for both officials and riders, coaching vouchers for squad members, administration costs and insurance.

A profit of just over \$10,000 was made in the year which will be directed and used towards the expanding support and grant proposals in 2017. In 2017 the Committee has budgeted for a loss of \$13,800, despite the increase in jumping levies as of the 1st March 2017, as the Committee works towards putting the funds back into Jumping in WA.

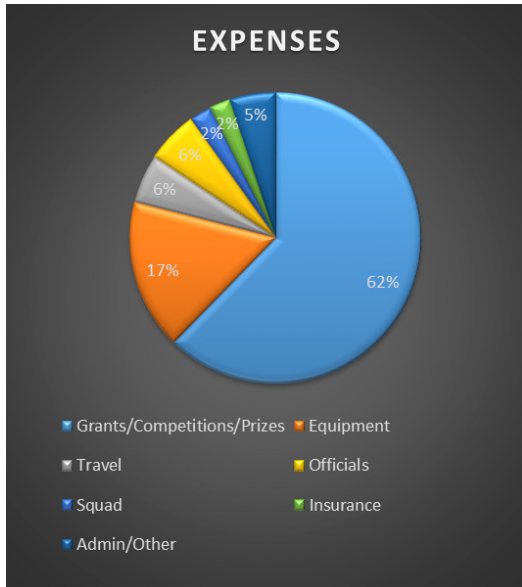


The EWAJ Silver Series that was first introduced in 2015 along with the EWAJ HOTY, the Country Novice Championship Series and the Young Masters continued to be well supported by the Jumping community in 2016.

The EWAJ HOTY for 2016 was Yalambi's Carmen that, ridden by Maddison Stephen, went on to place 5th in the Australian Jumping Championship Open Class at Werribee in September 2016. The Silver Series was won by Nell Henry riding Noblewood Park Corsair with the Country Novice Championship being won by Rebecca Donovan riding Carpina. The winning combinations for the 80cm, 1m and Junior Jumper divisions of the YM were Grace Lamont on Maralinga Philosopher, Samantha Lamont on Windfall Gain and Izabelle Dobson on Bridget Jones respectively. The ever popular Equineworld



JUMPING REPORT



Amateur Rider leader board was won by Karen McInnes.

Towards the end of 2016 the Committee had discussions in regards to revamping the sponsored series and were excited to announce the introduction of a Bronze and Novice series of classes in 2017 to replace the former Country Novice Championship series. The Bronze series will have a leader board attached to it, as do the EWAJ HOTY and Silver Series, but the Novice will just be a series of standalone classes. However the Committee has also decided to reintroduce a Newcomers leader board that will be purely for those jumping horses in the first year of official 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 continued in 2016 while a \$250 voucher, from the Jumping Committee, for Open Squad members for coaching was available on application.

The Jumping Western Australia Facebook Page which started in mid-2012 now has just under 1400 members. It is the primary communication tool of 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. In 2016 a closed Facebook page was introduced 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.

Leaving the EWAJ Committee, at the end of 2016, after many years of valued and dedicated service was Fred Freeman. Fred, a life member of EWA and former chair of EWAJ, has given so much to the sport of jumping in WA over many years and his presence, and experience, on the committee will be sadly missed. The Committee, on behalf of the jumping community in WA, would like to express their gratitude to Fred for all his hard work over his many years of service.

As this year progresses 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 2017.

Kevin Gianatti
Jumping Committee Chairperson



PARA EQUESTRIAN REPORT

Julia Battams Clinic

Julia Battams, the Equestrian Australia Director of Dressage and Para Equestrian, visited Perth mid-year and generously offered to hold a clinic which was a great success and gave Julia an opportunity to speak to the riders and outline what was entailed in National and International competition. It also gave Julia an idea of the opportunities that PE riders have in Western Australia. She was impressed with the Partnership between EWA and RDAWA Dressage, remarking that this wasn't as evident in other States. Although Julia is no longer under contract to EA, she is still very involved with Para Equestrian and has developed a specialised programme for PE riders in Victoria.

Rio Paralympics

Rio caused a great deal of excitement amongst the Squads as Sharon Jarvis, in spite of breaking her leg, was selected in the Australian team to compete at the Rio Paralympics. Sharon has now relocated to Victoria where she will be working with Julia Battams on her Victorian programme and will have more opportunities to compete with her two horses. She will be missed in WA as she was a willing mentor to other PE Riders and helped in many ways. Sharon will, however, still compete as a Western Australian. Sharon was recognised at the EWA Awards Night with Para Equestrian of the Year and a Nomination for International Athlete of the Year

High Performance

Once again Para Equestrian had a Recognition Squad and a State Squad with 8 riders in all. RDAWA Dressage and EWA continued their partnership and Roz Tippett was once again the Squad Coach. EWA High Performance Manager, Sara Botten, has the Squads in place for 2017. All riders have been notified and we have a sponsor this year in La Noir Saddleworld.

Clinics

In 2016 a number of riders had difficulty either with attending clinics mid-week or with obtaining suitable horses. In lieu of this, the 2017 clinics will be held on a Saturday where possible and we are always on the lookout for possible mounts for our riders.

The EWA High Performance Manager included the PE Riders in all 2016 Squad Workshops, which was really appreciated. We had two new additions to the Recognition Squad – Rosa-Lee Principe and Chelsea De Jonge. Rosa-Lee will probably be a Grade III athlete but hasn't yet been classified and Chelsea also has not been

classified but will probably be a Grade V athlete. The EWA High Performance Manager, Sara Botten, and CEO Dwight Pedlow have been working to get Classifiers to WA this year and at present it looks very likely. Roz Tippett will continue in her role as Coach in 2017.

State Dressage Championships

To encourage all our riders, whether they have been classified or not, to compete we are including both FEI and EA PE tests at the State Dressage Championships. Those who are just beginning on their Para Dressage journey and/or have not been classified will be given the opportunity to ride the EA PE tests which are not as difficult. Those who are classified and who have been riding in this discipline for some time will be encouraged to ride the FEI Tests.

FEI Showcase

Two Grade III riders - Fleur Litster and Claire McNaughton competed at the FEI Showcase and also at the 2017 Summer Series. Clubs continue to generously include PE tests if riders request them to do so.

Para Equestrian Judge's Seminar

The Dressage Judges Task Force ran an excellent Seminar for PE Judges on February 10/11. The presenter was Wendy Barker - an FEI 4* PE Judge and Judge Educator. The theory component was held on Friday evening and the ridden component was held on Saturday morning. Six riders volunteered to ride the PE tests for the judges – Lesley Smit, Kate Eiszele, Kelly De Jonge, Sharon Jarvis, Claire McNaughton and Fleur Litster - and six squad members attended the theory session. This resulted in some very informative discussion with the judges, particularly on the Compensatory Aids that the riders were permitted to use. Riders were also able to discuss their tests with the judges and Rosa-Lee Principe, who was unable to ride that day, was Wendy's Writer.

2017

The FEI has made recent changes to the nomenclature in the Grading System from January 1. There will now be Grades I, II, III, IV, V. Grade IB will now become Grade II and so on. New FEI and EA PE tests have been introduced to come into effect from January 1. These tests were used at the Summer Series and Judges' Seminar.

Valrie Mayger

WA Para Equestrian Representative





SHOW HORSE REPORT

At the beginning of 2016, the EWA Board made a decision to change the administration of the Show Horse Discipline. It was to be administered from the EWA office and a Working Party would organise events. The small Working Party consisted of Sharon Veccia, Kerry Wilson, Natalie Sakich, Valrie Mayger and Sharon Welsh from the EWA office and they conducted two very successful shows in April and in June. Due to the uncertain start to the year and the small number comprising the Working Party, we decided to concentrate on running well organised events and regaining the confidence of EWA Show Horse members.

Autumn Pageant, Winter Gala & Newcomers and Intermediate Horse of the Year

With the tremendous sponsorship support of Sharon Joyce from Off the Track WA, we were able to introduce a number of new initiatives which proved very popular with the Show Horse community.

At our Autumn Pageant in April we introduced a Childs Day on the Saturday with a full programme of qualifying classes for the National Championships offered for riders under 18 years. Sunday saw an open programme of qualifying classes offered, with the addition of Off the Track Classes making their debut in EWA Show Horse.

In June we held our Winter Gala Show and our Newcomer and Intermediate Horse of the Year Show. In previous years the Intermediate Horse of the Year was held in conjunction with our State Horse of the Year Championships, however the Working Party felt that entries would be higher if the Intermediate HOTY was held separately and this, in fact, proved to be correct. Entries were also higher in the Newcomer classes giving both of these areas their own prestige.

In July, Rhiannon Bealey from the EWA office joined us and proved to be an asset to the Working Party, particularly as we were planning for our premier event of the year. Marlene Kinder had also joined us. Marlene has a real gift in decorating the arena and it was a great relief to be able to leave this important task to her and know that it was going to look outstanding.

WA Horse of the Year

The 2016 HOTY was held over three days and attracted 337 entries. It was sponsored by a number of loyal supporters of Show Horse in WA and the naming sponsor was Off the Track WA. All the Childs Classes were held on Friday, Open Show Pony, Show Galloway and Show

Hack classes were held on Saturday and Open Show Hunter Pony, Galloway and Hack and Rider classes were held on Sunday. In accordance with the National Show Horse Rules, four judges officiated over the competition and were rotated through the classes.

A new initiative was the Off the Track 'Feature Class', on the Saturday evening. This class was held during our Sponsors' Evening and was judged by Race Horse Trainer, Carol Warwick, Leading WA Apprentice Jockey, Lucy Warwick, and one of our Judging panel members, John Paget, who has taken many Off the Track racehorses to success in the Show Ring. This class was very well supported by competitors with 31 entries - the highest number entered in any class at HOTY.

A Silent Auction was held over the weekend with all proceeds going to assist riders who qualified to represent WA at the National Championships.

2016 Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships

18 horses and 22 riders made the trip to Werribee (VIC) to compete at the EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships in December. Janet Reid once again managed the team and did an amazing job. Equestrian Victoria hosted these Championships and is to be congratulated on a fantastic event.

In all, WA came away with some good results.

- Runner-Up Child's Large Galloway Hunter Redline Classic Edition - Orleans Graetz [Owner/Rider]
- Runner-Up Large Galloway Hunter Bevanlee Folklore - Paula Ayres [Owner] Chris Lambert [Rider]
- Second Runner-Up Small Show Pony 12hhs & under Yartarla Park Mannequin – Taylor Williams [Owner] Ivy Parsons [Rider]
- Second Runner-up Large Show Pony 13-14hhs Breebrooke Just Joey – Amelia Hall [Owner/Rider]

Judge Education

Show Horse did not hold a Judges' Seminar in 2016 but after HOTY, Tenille Walters was invited to join the Working Party and agreed to organise a Seminar and Riders' Forum in 2017. This was held on March 18 at the State Equestrian Centre with great success. The Show Horse Council of WA joined us and shared the costs. Lynda Hayes, a National Judge from Victoria, presented and the Riders' Forum was facilitated by EWA Board



SHOW HORSE REPORT

Chairperson Ron Fleming. Having a combined seminar enabled judges from both organisations to reaccredit at the same time and meant judges who have dual accreditation did not have to attend two seminars.

National Show Horse Committee

The new Chair of the National Committee, Wendy Hunt, has brought a number of tasks to fruition that have been outstanding for some time. A review of the National Show Horse Rules and Measuring Rules has taken place and these are now published on the Equestrian Australia website. These rules will affect Dressage as well as Show Horse. Discussion is also taking place with EA on the accreditation of Show Horse Stewards.

2017

We are looking forward to an even more successful year in 2017, when all our EWA shows will be qualifiers for an ENSW initiative in 2018 – The Southern Cross Show Horse Spectacular. This event will be held on March 16, 17 and 18 in 2018 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre and judged by International and Australian judges. Competitors will have to qualify in 2017.

In conclusion, Show Horse, after an uncertain beginning to the year, finished 2016 with a cohesive Working Party, three successful shows, a successful team representing EWA at the Nationals and a healthy bank balance. The EWA Show Horse Working Party would like to extend our sincere thanks to the CEO, Dwight Pedlow and his staff for their assistance and support.

Valrie Mayger

Show Horse Working Party Member & WA National Show Horse Representative

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2016**

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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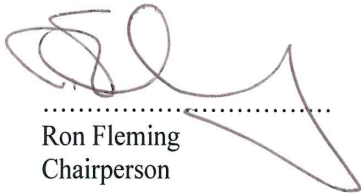
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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the financial statements as set out on pages 7 to 21;

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 2016 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:



.....
Ron Fleming
Chairperson



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Dwight Pedlow
Chief Executive Officer

Dated this day 19th of April 2017.



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Auditor's independence declaration to the Board of Directors of Equestrian WA.

In relation to my audit of the special purpose financial report of the Equestrian WA for the period ended 31 December 2016, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of Australian Professional Accounting Bodies.

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Santo Casilli FCPA

Date: 19 April 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Equestrian WA, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the Board of Directors. Our audit opinion is provided in order to satisfy the reporting obligations as outlined in the Association Incorporations Act 2015 and also meeting the requirements as set out in Equestrian WA's Constitution.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial report of Equestrian WA for the year ended 31 December 2016 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions as outlined in Note 1 of the financial statements and presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Equestrian WA as at 31 December 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

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 WA in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of financial reports in Australia, and we have 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 and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the special purpose financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist Equestrian WA in complying with the financial reporting obligations as outlined in the Association Incorporations Act 2015 and also meeting the requirements as set out in Equestrian WA's Constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Board of Directors of Equestrian WA and should not be distributed to or used by other parties.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Equestrian WA management, on behalf of the Board of Directors, is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report and for establishing such internal control as the Equestrian WA management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a special purpose financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, Equestrian WA management with the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing Equestrian WA'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 the Board of Directors either intends to cease operations of Equestrian WA, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing Equestrian WA's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose 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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Equestrian WA's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Equestrian WA management, if any.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Equestrian WA management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Equestrian WA's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report.

We have communicated with Equestrian WA management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and, via our management letter, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we may have identified during our audit.



Santo Casilli FCPA

Date: 19 April 2017

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue	10	1,828,053	1,696,167
Insurance Proceeds	10	-	7,841
Employee benefits Expense	10	(664,307)	(686,769)
Depreciation and Amortisation expense	10	(117,661)	(24,590)
SEC Direct Operating Costs	10	(322,012)	(232,149)
Administration Costs	10	(688,264)	(530,637)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	10	(130,568)	(150,992)
Loss on Sale of Assets		(2,046)	(5,061)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	10	----- (96,805) =====	----- 73,810 =====
Capital Grant Revenue		150,587	59,566
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity		----- 53,782 =====	----- 133,376 =====

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	237,193	295,857
Trade and Other Receivables	3	187,513	201,798
Stock on Hand (Bar & Clothing)		7,080	4,442
Other	4	90,151	25,148
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		521,937	527,245
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NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	2,114,927	2,123,100
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,114,927	2,123,100
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TOTAL ASSETS		2,636,864	2,650,345
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade Payables		58,187	60,694
Other Payables	6	298,398	352,330
Employee Entitlements	7	52,625	73,949
Provisions	8	10,500	-
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		419,710	486,973
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		419,710	486,973
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NET ASSETS		2,217,154	2,163,372
		=====	=====
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained Earnings		1,558,372	186,420
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1(a)	605,000	605,000
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	10	53,782	133,376
Leasehold Improvements Capital		-	1,238,576
Grant Expended		-----	-----
TOTAL EQUITY		2,217,154	2,163,372
		=====	=====

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	NOTE	2016	2015
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS			
Receipts from Customers		2,081,145	1,863,972
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(2,075,232)	(1,691,733)
Interest Received		2,413	3,692
GST Paid		(105,456)	(134,159)
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Net Cash (Outflow) Inflow from Operating Activities	9	(97,130)	41,772
		-----	-----
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		4,464	200
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment		(115,998)	(120,355)
		-----	-----
Net Cash (used in) Investing Activities		(111,534)	(120,155)
		-----	-----
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Department Sports & Recreation Capital Grant		150,000	110,000
		-----	-----
Net cash Inflow from Financing Activities		150,000	110,000
		-----	-----
Net change in cash and cash equivalents held		(58,664)	31,617
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		295,857	264,240
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2	237,193	295,857
		=====	=====

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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

Balance at 31 December 2015	2,163,372
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity	53,782
Total other comprehensive income	-

Balance at 31 December 2016	2,217,154
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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 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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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
Leasehold Improvements		
– Buildings	2.5%	Straight Line
– Grounds	10- 20%	Straight Line
- Fencing	5%	Straight Line
- Arenas	10.5%	Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	15%	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing Value
Office Equipment	20%	Straight Line

Equestrian Western Australia from 1 January 2015 has adopted the policy that fixed assets with a cost value greater than \$300, will be capitalised and will attract depreciation. All other fixed assets with a recorded cost value of less than \$300 will be expensed at the date of acquisition.

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

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1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

incurred. Any unpaid superannuation at financial year end is reported as current liabilities.

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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1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)

i) Change in Accounting Policy - Membership Income Recognition

Previously, membership income was recorded net of Equestrian Australia (EA) Membership Costs. These costs are EA Levies and Rider Insurance.

From 1 January 2016, membership income has been recorded at gross value with EA Membership costs expensed.

	NOTES	2016 \$	2015 \$
Membership Income		601,235	613,947
EA Membership Costs		(155,351)	(154,534)
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Net Membership Income		445,884	459,413
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	NOTES	2016	2015
		\$	\$
2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Operating Accounts		88,066	99,227
Deposits at Call		146,786	194,830
Prepaid Cash Cards		685	-
Petty Cash		356	500
Front Counter Float		900	900
Cash Float to Bar		400	400
		-----	-----
		237,193	295,857
		=====	=====
3. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Trade Debtors		100,036	131,542
Less: Provision Doubtful Debts		(7,137)	(7,904)
		-----	-----
		92,899	123,638
Sundry Debtors		94,614	78,160
		-----	-----
		187,513	201,798
		=====	=====
4. OTHER			
Prepayments		90,151	25,148
		=====	=====

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	NOTES	2016 \$	2015 \$
5. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Land – At Cost		675,000	675,000
Leasehold Improvements – At Cost		1,342,512	1,310,143
Less: Accumulated Amortisation		(87,389)	(451)
		-----	-----
		1,255,123	1,309,692
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Plant and Equipment - At Cost		323,411	248,513
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(138,607)	(110,105)
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		184,804	138,408
		-----	-----
 Total Property, Plant and Equipment		 2,114,927	 2,123,100
		=====	=====

Reconciliations

		Land	Leasehold Improvements	Plant and Equipment	Total
2015					
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	2016 \$	2015 \$
7. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS			
Employee Entitlements include Annual and Long Service Leave			
Employee Entitlements	1(d)	52,625	73,949
		<u>52,625</u>	<u>73,949</u>
Movement			
Opening balance		73,949	46,009
Additional / (Reversal) provision		(21,324)	27,940
		<u>52,625</u>	<u>73,949</u>
Balance at end of year		<u>52,625</u>	<u>73,949</u>
Allocated as to:			
Current		52,625	73,949
Non Current		-	-
		<u>52,625</u>	<u>73,949</u>

8. PROVISIONS - GENERAL

Provisions - General		10,500	-
		<u>10,500</u>	<u>-</u>

A general provision has been provided for at year end to meet an outstanding Fringe Benefits Tax liability.

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9. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	NOTES	2016 \$	2015 \$
(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operation with Profit			
Net (Loss) Profit from Operations	10	(96,805)	73,810
Non-cash flows in profit:			
Depreciation and amortisation		117,661	24,590
Employee benefits		(21,324)	27,939
Loss on sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		2,046	5,061
Provisions - General		10,500	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) / Decrease in Stock on Hand		(2,638)	(1,975)
(Increase) / Decrease in Trade Receivables		30,739	(49,368)
(Increase) / Decrease in Other Receivables		(16,453)	(67,856)
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments		(65,000)	4,481
Increase / (Decrease) in Trade Payables		(2,508)	(30,230)
Increase / (Decrease) in Other Payables		(26,923)	52,090
(Increase) / Decrease in Goods & Services Tax Payable		(26,425)	3,230
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Net Cash (Outflow) Inflow provided by operating activities		(97,130)	41,772
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10. DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	NOTES	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
Membership and Registrations		601,235	459,413
Horse Performance Cards, Registrations, Transfers & Changes		85,231	81,869
Facility Fees SEC		499,826	496,174
Events and Activities EWA		436,384	430,755
Sponsorship and Fundraising		49,844	69,667
Operating Grants		133,963	142,322
Other Income		21,570	15,967
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		1,828,053	1,696,167
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EXPENDITURE			
Wages and Salaries – EWA		388,036	388,938
Wages and Salaries - SEC		230,776	211,906
Payroll Related Expenses		45,495	85,925
SEC Direct Operating Costs		322,012	232,149
Cost of Sales – Food and Beverage & Uniforms		46,780	40,738
EA Membership Costs		155,351	-
Events and Activities		365,246	332,943
Administration Costs		167,667	197,694
Audit Fees		8,400	7,800
Financial Expenses		14,502	26,917
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense		117,661	24,590
Rates and Taxes		7,207	25,615
Insurance		53,679	49,922
		-----	-----
		1,922,812	1,625,137
		-----	-----
NON - OPERATING INCOME			
Insurance Proceeds		-	7,841
Capital Grant Revenue		150,587	59,566
Loss on Sale Plant and Equipment		(2,046)	(5,061)
		-----	-----
Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		-----	-----
Transferred to accumulated funds		53,782	133,376
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11. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Following a significant flood event in the Swan Valley on 11th February 2017, the State Equestrian Centre received major damage to the Cross Country Course and the horse yards on Swan Fields. This also resulted in loss of income for the State Equestrian Centre. Equestrian Western Australia has been successful in claiming against our insurance policy and is expecting to receive full compensation.

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