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# About Us

Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) is the state sporting organisation for equestrian sports. The organisation was established in 1951 with the support of Equestrian Australia, the national equestrian sporting body, and the Royal Agricultural Society. EWA has successfully operated as an organisation for over 60 years and is the custodian for many horse sports in Western Australia, including Dressage, Para-Equestrian, Eventing, Jumping, Show Horse and Vaulting.

EWA is administered in Western Australia by a Board of Directors, a Chief Executive Officer, a small team of administration staff, and various discipline committees. EWA is sustained mainly by hard-working and dedicated volunteers, including committee members, officials, event organisers and helpers at events.

Our roles and responsibilities include:

- Serve individual members and clubs.
- Implement and develop rules, policies, processes and systems.
- Provide education, development opportunities, support and financial assistance to elite riders through the High Performance Pathway.
- Contribute to developing the next generation of equestrians through youth-specific development programs and events.
- Provide education and training to riders, coaches and officials.
- Promote and advocate for horse sport in WA.
- Regulate and increase participation in equestrian activities in WA.
- Operate the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon as the “Home of Horse Sports”.

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# Organisational Listing

## 2022 Board

Chair	Anne Wilkins
Vice-Chair	Rory Hovell
Finance Director	Roslyn O'Halloran
Directors	Alexandra Daniels
	Geoff Edwards
	PollyAnn Huntington
	Ron Fleming

## 2022 Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Zac Acott
Membership Officer	Meredith Tenger
Sports Development Manager	Kaeleigh Brown
Finance Manager	Michelle Elphick
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Reception	Sharna Keys-Fernihough
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	Ronald Gronow
	Lisa Peary
	Danny Boeser

## 2022 Sport Committee Chairs

Dressage	Stephanie Munro
Eventing	Peter McLachlan
Jumping	Didy Gundry
Show Horse	Valrie Mayger
Coaching	Gill Botten / Rebecca Thomas
Welfare	Ron Fleming

# Chair's Report

Overall, 2022 has been a successful year with plenty of accomplishments and achievements in the sport. The Board, the Committees, and EWA staff, are committed to progressing equestrian sport in WA to deliver the best experience possible for our community.

There are several exciting things happening to build these foundations which includes:

- We're making significant improvements to our High-Performance program, giving us the best opportunity to enable our local talent to pursue their dreams of Olympic glory, with a particular focus on Brisbane 2032.
- Major improvements and upgrades to the State Equestrian Centre, including surfaces and facilities. The SEC is always a key focus for EWA, and we want our sport's home to be as welcome and inclusive as possible.
- New commercial and revenue opportunities through the development of long-standing partnerships, providing increased benefits and value to all EWA members.

The board election was held in November which resulted in some minor changes. Rory Hovell is now the Vice Chair and Alexandra Daniels is now an elected Board member (previously she was an appointed member). Roslyn O'Halloran has been appointed again as the Finance Director. I would like to thank Geoff Edward who was the Chair in early 2022 and remains on the board as an active member. PollyAnn Huntington continues her role on the board and her expertise in the sport is appreciated. Ron Fleming has now completed his nine-year term on the board, and I thank him for all his hard work, dedication

and contribution to EWA. I would also like to thank Lynette Winteringham who is an advisor to the board on HR and recruitment. Lynette is a powerhouse of knowledge and has extensive expertise in this area, and we are very appreciative of her time and efforts to EWA and the sport.

We welcomed a new CEO, Zac Acott, during the year, to replace Dwight Pedlow. Dwight stood tall and led the organisation through challenging times. On behalf of the board and the membership, I would like to acknowledge and thank Dwight for his dedication and tireless work. As we move forward, I am excited for the next era and the future of equestrian sport in WA under the new leadership of Zac.

The board wishes to thank the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries for their continued financial and organisational support that has been critical to the survival of the sport in WA. They have been actively involved in helping move EWA forward.

We would also wish to thank the City of Swan for its continuing support. We also thank Racing and Wagering WA for their continued commitment to equestrian sport in WA with their new Principal Partnership of EWA via the Off the Track WA.

Finally, I would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, officials, members, parents, competitors, and staff who make our sport and our community vibrant and special.

**ANNE WILKINS**

Chair, Equestrian WA



# Chief Executive Officer's Report

## Equestrian Western Australia

After joining EWA as CEO midway through 2022, I have had the privilege of getting to know the people behind our incredible community as well as attend a multitude of events across the state.

It's been inspirational to see some of the on-horse performances as well as hear and learn about some of the amazing stories behind the scenes.

I want to commend and acknowledge each and every one of the members of our WA equestrian community for their success and achievements, no matter what discipline they are from and what role they have played in contributing to the success and growth of our sport.

Equestrian sport in WA rebounded quickly in 2022 after the COVID-19 interruptions of 2021. It was especially good to see the EWA membership of just over 2,600 the highest number for more than ten years. This is the result of the good work performed by the EWA discipline committees, our affiliated Clubs offering quality events and the ongoing success of Adult Riding and Recreational membership introduced a couple of years ago.

Huge thank to the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as a major supporter of EWA in Western Australia.



## Partnerships

Equestrian WA was thrilled to announce the expansion of Racing and Wagering Western Australia's (RWWA) long-standing support of the equestrian community and increased benefits for owners of retired racehorses in the state.

The sponsorship agreement, which runs until the end of 2024, elevates RWWA's Off the Track WA program to exclusive Principal Partner of EWA and

the primary supporter of equestrian sport in WA.

Continuing also are the popular OTTWA clinic, hosted in both regional and metropolitan areas and giving opportunities to owners of standardbreds and thoroughbreds to participate in workshops with EA accredited coaches and attend competitions across various disciplines.

We also saw tremendous growth in our partnership portfolio, securing the support of 15 new sponsors, enabling us to put funds back into the development of equestrian sport.

Thank you to all our new and existing sponsors, without your generous support we wouldn't be able to do what we currently do.



## High Performance

The EWA High Performance Program continues to aim to identify talented combinations and offer supporting education to squad riders at a developmental level with ambitions to follow pathways to National Level.

Equestrian WA hosted the very first High-Performance Forum at the start of 2022. The aim of this forum was to have all HP Squad Members

from all disciplines come together at the State Equestrian Centre, and to run an informative all-day forum.

This forum covered many topics including: Anti-Doping (presented by WAIS), Horse Physio, Saddle fitting, bit fitting, medication control, ethics and integrity, human body and fitness, equine back and anatomy.

Throughout the four sport disciplines of Jumping, Eventing, Dressage and Show Horse, there were many clinics run throughout the year in an attempt to enhance squad members skills whilst also trying to grow participation.

Congratulations to the squad members who made it onto their relevant discipline high performance squads and thank you to all those who assisted in running and organising of these HP clinics.

## Maitland Park Rising Stars

In 2022, The Rising Stars squad comprised of 34 young athletes, utilising great local coaches such as: Polly Ann Huntington, Anna Latto, Emily Grey and Phillippa Collier.

4 x two-day clinics were delivered with the focus on extending existing skill sets under the careful tuition of Level 2 coaches in the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and X-Country. This was supported by a series of Horse Management, Rider Fitness and Careers in Racing activities.

Thank you to Gill Botten of Maitland Park for her generous ongoing support of this squad.

### Competitive Edge

The 'Competitive Edge' Program run by Sonja Johnson continues to be a very successful program run for high performance riders in Western Australia, with sessions covering a range of topic from sports nutrition, psychology, strength and conditioning and much more.

Thank you Sonja Johnson your work in running the Competitive Edge Program.

### State Equestrian Centre

The State Equestrian Centre (SEC) saw a return to full activity in 2022, with a full calendar of competitions and clinics, hosting many great events including the State Dressage Championships, Horse of the Year, Andrew Hoy Masterclass, WASJA Patrons Cup, Horseland Young Horse Championships, FEI WAYER and FEI Brigadoon 2.

The year also saw many upgrades commencing at the SEC, including the re-surfacing of the Indoor Arena and Indoor Warm Up Area, and improvement to lighting and the installation of Solar on the roof of the SEC.

A huge thank again to the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for your support of the State Equestrian Centre through funding opportunities to continue to improve this great facility.

Equestrian WA would also like to thank City of Swan Councillors Rod Henderson and Charlie Zannino for their ongoing support of the SEC.

### Summary

As we look ahead to 2023, I am incredibly excited for our sport and its future and look forward to the journey we are about to share with our stakeholders. A key focus moving forwarding will be working together with all of our stakeholders, so we can ensure equestrian sport continues to thrive in WA for generations to come.

### ZAC ACOTT

Chief Executive Officer, Equestrian WA



## PRINCIPAL PARTNER



## PLATINUM PARTNERS



## GOLD PARTNERS



## SILVER PARTNERS



## BRONZE PARTNERS



## SUPPORTER PARTNERS





# 2022 EWA Affiliates

Equestrian WA would like to acknowledge the many Club, Sport and Commercial Affiliates of

Albany Adult Riders Club  
 Albany Horsemen's Association Inc  
 Australian National Working Equitation WA  
 Avon Valley Adult Riding Club Inc  
 Bakers Hill Adult Riding Club  
 Boddington Riding Club  
 Brookleigh Adult Riding Club Inc  
 Brookleigh Dressage Club  
 Brookleigh Working Equitation Club Inc  
 Broome Horse Riders Club Inc  
 Bunbury Horse & Pony Club Inc  
 Busselton Horse & Pony Club Inc  
 Capel Horse & Pony Club  
 Chapman Valley Ag Soc  
 Dressage Association Of WA Inc  
 Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc  
 Eastern Hills Horse & Pony Club  
 Eastern Wheatbelt Riding Club Inc  
 Equestrian In The Park  
 Esperance Equestrian Club Inc  
 Eventing WA Promotions Inc.  
 Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club  
 Gidgegannup Dressage Club Inc  
 Gidgegannup Equestrian Association Inc  
 Gidgegannup Horse & Pony Club  
 Gnanagara Adult Equestrian Club  
 Golden Mile Equestrian Club  
 Henty Riding Club  
 Hills Showjumping Association  
 Horse Competitions Online  
 Horsemens Adult Riding Club Inc  
 Jumping Promotions Events WA Inc.  
 Jurien Bay Horse Club  
 Kalamunda Dressage Association  
 Karratha Adult Riding Club

Katanning Equestrian Assoc Inc  
 King River Horse & Pony Club  
 Lake Hunt WA  
 Magenup Management Committee  
 Margaret River Horse & Pony Club Inc  
 Midwest Dressage Association  
 Moora & District Horsemen's Association  
 Murray Eventing Incorporation  
 Murray Horse & Pony Club Inc  
 Natural Horseplayers Inc.  
 Northampton District Ag Society  
 Orange Grove Adult Riders Club Inc  
 Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club  
 Peel Metropolitan Adult Riders Club  
 Peel Regional Carriage Drivers  
 Perth Dressage Club  
 Perth Horse & Pony Club  
 Perth Horse Trials Association Inc.  
 Pony Club WA  
 Ravensthorpe Equestrian Club Inc  
 RDAWA Trading As Horsepower Australia  
 Ripplebrook Equestrian Vaulting Academy Inc  
 Riverside Riding Club  
 Serpentine Horse & Pony Club  
 Serpentine Jarrahdale Adult Riders Club  
 Show Horse Council WA Inc  
 South West Horse Trials Club  
 Southern Districts Dressage Club  
 Southern Hills Eventing Inc  
 Southside Jump Club Incorporated  
 Swan River Dressage Inc  
 Swan River Horse Trials Club Inc  
 Swan River Show Jumping Club Inc  
 Swan Valley Dressage Association  
 Swan Valley Equestrian Club Inc

Swan View & Districts Agricultural & Arts Society  
 Taminga Jump Club  
 The Pinto Horse Society WA Inc  
 The W.A. Show Jumping Association  
 The West Australian Hunt Club Incorporated  
 Transitions Inc  
 United Breeds of WA Inc.  
 WA Young Horse Future Stars  
 Wallangarra Adult Riding Club  
 Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc  
 Wanneroo Agricultural Society  
 West Australian Quarter Horse Association  
 West Australian Young Event Riders Inc  
 West Plantagenet Pony Club  
 Western Australian Dressage Young Riders Assoc.  
 Western Australian Paint Horse Association Inc  
 WGSB inc.  
 Winning Bush GYmkhana  
 Wooroloo Adult Riding Club  
 Yalambi Farm  
 Youth Eventing Squad Wa Inc  
 Zamia Adult Riding Club



# 2022 Equestrian WA Awards Night

In a glittering ceremony at Optus Stadium, members of the equestrian community in WA came together to celebrate the major achievements of our home-grown sports stars and luminaries from sports under the EWA banner - Dressage, Eventing, Interschool, Jumping, Show Horse and Para-Equestrian.

The Awards honour those who have made an outstanding contribution to equestrian sport in WA as an athlete, coach, administrator, owner, club, event organiser or volunteer.

The stars of equestrian shone on the red carpet before the presentation of the awards took place, with Perth sports personality Tim Gossage the MC for the evening.

The event also featured a panel discussion with local star riders Sharon Jarvis, Tessa Lill and Chloe Gee, who provided a tremendous insight into their plans and aspirations moving forward.

Equestrian WA wishes to congratulate all of our award winners and nominees.



## Special Services to the Sport

*Sponsored by D'Arcy Slater Foundation*

Dressage	Beverley Leonard
Eventing	Kate Ingham 🏆
Jumping	Penelope Dodd
Para-Equestrian	Elaine Green
Show Horse	Valrie Mayger

## Volunteer of the Year

*Sponsored by Winteringham Recruitment*

Dressage	Heidi Emery
Eventing	Kate Ingham
Jumping	Liane Bolger
Para-Equestrian	Fleur Litster 🏆
Show Horse	Cathy Crosland
Other	Emily Kate

## Coach of the Year

*Sponsored by Horseland WA*

Dressage	Colin Chantler
Eventing	Makayla Wood 🏆
Jumping	David Carey
Para-Equestrian	M'Liss Henry
Show Horse	Nadine Merewether

## Club of the Year

*Sponsored by Quickmail*

Adult Riding	Waneroo Adult Club
Dressage	Swan River Dressage Club 🏆
Eventing	Eventing WA Promotions
Jumping	Jumping Events Promotions
Show Horse	Albany Horsemans

## Event of the Year

*Sponsored by Cavallino Estate*

Dressage	2022 WA State Dressage Championships
Eventing	SWooroloo TeleMedVET International 3 Day Event
Jumping	2022 WA State Jumping Titles
Para-Equestrian	Heiniger Para-Equestrian Showcase
Show Horse	Endeavon Products EWA Horse & Rider of the Year
Special Event	Equestrian in the Park 🏆

*Represents Overall winner 🏆*

## Official of the Year

*Sponsored by Choices Flooring by Gundrys*

Dressage	Janet Reid
Eventing	Penelope Dodd
Jumping	Edward Murphy 🏆
Para-Equestrian	Lisa Baker
Show Horse	Kerry Wilson

## Horse of the Year

*Sponsored by Signarama Midland*

Dressage	Desperanza
Eventing	Sandros Salute MW
Jumping	Yalambis Hugo Boss 🏆
Show Horse	BML Sandriah
	Cimeron Silver Lining
Dressage Pony	NEP Cadillac
Show Pony	Brayside Showman

## Junior Rider of the Year

Dressage	Lauren Rowe
Eventing	Teagan Christie 🏆
Jumping	Chloe Versteegen
Show Horse	Lily Hennessy
Interschools	Ruby Rae

## Rider of the Year

Dressage	Deon Stokes
Eventing	Kenya Wilson 🏆
Jumping	Tessa Lill
Para-Equestrian	Rosa-Lee Principe
Show Horse	Anna Duffy



# Interschool



## 2022 Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian State Championship & Participation Competition

The 2022 Saddles Plus Interschool State Championships and Participation Competition were held from 21-23 April 2022 at the State Equestrian Centre. Blessed with perfect weather, the event started in style with an Opening Parade held on the morning of the first day of the main events. Primary and Secondary Schools from across WA were represented with 170 riders on 195 horses, resulting in nearly 680 classes.

Mainly running to time with a massive contingent of parent helpers, volunteers and officials, classes in Dressage, Jumping, Combined Training and Show Horse meant lots of activity over the three days.

A full Awards Ceremony was held at the State Equestrian Centre in the weeks following the championships. The winners and runners up in all disciplines and the Champion Teams were presented with rosettes, trophies, garlands, and prizes generously donated by Saddles Plus. In addition, everyone who attended received delicious cupcakes with a clever Interschools icing logo.

Our WA State Team was also announced, comprising 25 successful competitors who represented WA with pride in Sydney and the Interschool National Championships. The team put in an exceptional performance resulting in WA's best ever performance at a Nationals, including Ruby Rae and Noah Woodyer winning their respective categories.

Interschools provides a pathway for high performance in Equestrian Competition, and many of the competitors go on to achieve State and National success in their riding careers. This bodes well for the future of equestrian sports.

The Interschool Equestrian State Championships and Participation Competition could not occur without sponsors' exceptional support, including Saddles Plus, Off the Track WA, Hygain, WA Department of Sport, Local Government and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, Careers in Racing, Berrybank Stud, Midland Toyota, NTR, Pimp My Pony and ACE.





# Off the Track WA



In our valued partnership with Off the Track WA, multiple targeted events were held in 2021/2022 with the primary focus was on education for owners of Off the Track Standardbred and Thoroughbred horses. There were also additional opportunities for horse and rider combinations to gain competition experience in closed events.

The partnership achieved outstanding results with 618 individual horses, attending more than 1350 classes at Off the Track events. Event feedback was overwhelmingly positive, mainly due to owners accessing such high-quality coaches for just \$30 per day.

Equestrian Western Australia is incredibly proud that the partnership with Off the Track will continue for 2023, and has been expanded to incorporate an Exclusive Principal Partnership.

In 2023, Equestrian WA will run 12 clinics until July 31st, with the second half of the year to be confirmed. Off the Track Educational Clinics, including four regional clinics throughout Western Australia including Capel, Northam, Geraldton and Murray.



## Lessons on offer in 2023

Equestrian WA provides owners to participate in clinics delivered by EA accredited coaches.

- Groundwork
- Walk/trot, Prelim/Novice, and Advanced and above flatwork.
- Poles, Jumping up to 45cm, 45cm to 60cm, and 60cm up to 80cm.
- Cross Country – when possible, at certain locations and subject to ground conditions
- Training Days – Protocol Dressage test, showjumping training rounds and cross country training
- Social Rides – offering groundwork, green flatwork and a trail riding opportunity.

It is hugely rewarding for EWA to be involved in the re-education journey for off-track horses and riders. The partnership with Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWAA) through their OTTWA program has been vital to the success of these clinics. We are proud to be part of the OTTWA initiative for retired thoroughbred and standardbred racehorses.

## KAELEIGH BROWN

Sport Development Manager



# Coaches



The EWA Coaching Committee aims to develop and support state coaches at all levels and to encourage new coaches to gain EA coaching accreditation.

There are currently 146 registered EA coaches in WA with an increase in coaches at all levels due to the running of coaching development workshops of which two were held at the SEC in 2022. Professional development also included the organising and running of the annual coaching update where 27 coaches attended. A presentation that focused on coaching para-equestrian riders was very informative.

EA coaches continue to support and contribute to the many areas of equestrian sport both locally and regionally. This includes private instruction, pony clubs, adult riding clubs and Off the Track clinics held at both local and regional locations. EWA Coaches continue to work in partnership with the WA Mounted Police in the development of their trainers to obtain EA coaching accreditation.

Two coaching workshops (Commit To Coaching) were held during 2022 that assisted in the development of new and existing EA accredited coaches. The first state run Coach Educator (CE) and Skill Specific Training Assessors (SSTA) workshop was held in August at the State Equestrian Centre and saw the accreditation of five new SSTAs, one new CE and an update for three current CEs.

New video resources, created by members of the EWA Coaching Committee, were used successfully for the first time during this course to enhance the delivery of the assessment of coaching competencies.

The pre-requisite learning module Orientation to Coaching was made available online and can now be completed at no cost. This aims to encourage members who are considering becoming accredited coaches and is an informative outline of what is involved in becoming an EA coach.

EA coaches continue to support the partnership between RAWWA and EWA by coaching at state and regional Off the Track clinics.



EA Coaching Committee (EACC) state representative Philippa Collier attended NSW for the first face to face committee meeting to be held since Covid. This was an excellent opportunity for states to come together and discuss the future development of the coaching syllabus with by implementing strategies that will review and update existing coaching workbooks and syllabus content.

Congratulations to Zoe Harrison who received the Order of Australia for her lifetime contribution to equestrian sport. Makayla Wood won the EWA Coach of the Year for 2022. These prestigious awards are an important way to acknowledge the hard work of our EA coaches and their contribution to the sport in all disciplines.

Philippa Collier (Level 2) conducted a cross-country masterclass indoors at the SEC, that showcased coaching exercises for green horses and riders demonstrating how different exercises create gain confidence for both horse and riders. The second half of the masterclass showed experienced riders and horses showed their skills over more difficult lines with the emphasis being on correct training. The evening was well attended and a great opportunity to demonstrate the advantages of correct training and coaching techniques.

The EWA Coaching Committee continues to examine current coaching methods and syllabus content to bring the best coaching practices to current and emerging coaches in WA.

I would like to thank Dwight Pedlow and his staff at the EWA office for their continuing support throughout the year and welcome the incoming

CEO Zac Acott who has already made his support for equestrian coaching in this state a clear and positive one.

In 2023, we will look at continuing the development of education packages for new coaches and providing opportunities for coaching updates and coach development that contain relevant and engaging content. Two coach development workshops aimed at existing and new coaches are scheduled for 2023.

#### REBECCA THOMAS

2023 Chair, Coaching Committee WA

## Dressage

The priorities of the Dressage WA Committee in 2022 were to foster community and communication, and continue promoting education, training and competition at all levels. Armed with an almost entirely new committee elected in November 2021, we put forward constructive plans, building on the work of the previous committee.

At the end of 2021, Dressage WA conducted a survey of Dressage-interested Equestrian WA members to gather feedback on competitions and on the funding priorities of the Dressage Development Fund. The findings included that Dressage WA funds should be prioritised towards supporting clubs that run events (26.8%), dressage spectator events (22.4%), rider education (19.9%), judge education (19.6%).

DWA and Dressage Judges Taskforce initiatives are generally self-funding through ticket sales and entry fees, with the Dressage Development Fund (DDF) used to support delivery of specific initiatives aligned to the findings above.

#### **Increased opportunities for dressage and para-equestrian competition and training at all levels throughout Perth and regional WA**

In 2022, we had a busy calendar with Dressage WA administering the following events with the support of working parties:

- State Dressage Championships
- Pegasus Pony Showcase - Leanne Pitcher, Dinah Fleming, Wendy Ryan, Toni Scott and





- Sharron Coppin.
- Para Equestrian Showcase - coordinated by the WA Para-Equestrian (PE) Panel
- HB Horsewear Grassroot Dressage Championships
- Mid-Week Dressage Series
- The Invitational
- Penny Hill Park Rising Star Award
- Horseland Young Dressage Horse Championship (first time this event has been held in a number of years)

Just over 3,000 tests were ridden in WA in 2022 - which is consistent with the number rider in 2021. The Pony Showcase and Para Equestrian Showcase showcased record numbers of competitors in 2022. The Pony Showcase continues to lead the way in WA with the use of online scoring systems. The PE Showcase has successfully advocated for the scores to be considered for National Squads. In future we hope that scores from this event may be considered for National Team selection.

Dressage WA is also supporting clubs through the Club Incentive Package, which allows clubs to apply for grants up to \$1,240. Eligibility for funds increases with the inclusion of FEI classes, PE classes, Freestyles etc. The aim of this subsidy program is to encourage clubs to hold competitions and help them meet associated costs, such as venue hire, judges, officials and prizes.

#### **Improved performance scores across all levels**

At the beginning of April, we commenced the first of four Masters of Dressage Masterclass series with Nadine Merewether. Attendance soared to over 200 people for these events as Nadine expertly worked through the levels, passing on her wealth

of knowledge to the riders, coaches and judges in the audience.

Dressage WA are seeing an exponential increase in applications for State Performance Medals. Whilst this is a self-marketing process (riders see others wearing medals and ask about them), it is exciting to see so much enthusiasm towards reaching improved performance scores. Dressage WA has elected to present these at nominated competitions throughout the year, rather than only presenting once a year.

Through the efforts of the Competitive Edge Programme and Sonja Johnson, Bettina Hoy visited WA in May to run a clinic with the PE Riders. The PE Panel also hosted a Boot Camp with Virginia Creed and a Virtual Dressage competition with Eastern States FEI Judges.

WA was represented by four riders competing at a National Level this year - Alinta Veenvliet, Astrid Grov, Andrew Forbes and Elissa Forbes. These riders did WA proud with some stellar performances, and their travel was supported by the High Performance Pathway to Australian Dressage Championships Grant from Dressage WA.



#### **Increased interest, participation and innovation in dressage and para-equestrian in WA as a competitor, spectator, coach, official, organising committee or owner**

In January 2022, Dressage WA hosted its annual awards event celebrating the achievements of the community in 2021. This included the presentation of Leaderboard Awards, State Championship Awards, Performance Medals and presentations to the brilliant volunteers that make our sport possible.

The Grassroots Dressage Championships has now become a staple in the WA calendar and was generously sponsored by HB Horsewear. This event is focused on those entering the dressage world, with entries limited to those without dressage cards and competitor membership. A feature of this year's event was the maiden class sponsored by LWD Dressage, recognising those competing in their first year of dressage.

A new initiative in 2022 was the revival of 'The Invitational' (previously known as The Indoor Championships), which was hosted in November 2022. The event required riders to qualify at named competitions throughout the year. The event was warmly welcomed by the community and was a

huge event at the end of the year, combined with the Penny Hill Park Rising Star Award.

2022 marked the launch of dressage young horse classes at the Horseland Young Horse competition. This was a huge milestone for the promotion of young horses in dressage in WA, featuring the expert guidance of Jane Ventura from Victoria that supported the education of our WA judges in this highly sought after field. Thank you to Horseland and the event committee for your support.

#### **Increased opportunities for the training, education and accreditation of WA dressage and para-equestrian judges**

Seminars and workshops are a fantastic way for our judges to tap into some of the most experienced dressage professionals in the world. The WA Dressage Judges Taskforce encourage riders and trainers to attend these dressage education sessions and also continue to work with Eventing WA to keep judges updated in this area.

The busy calendar kicked off with a New Rules Seminar hosted via Zoom in February, an EA and FEI Eventing Officials Rules Q&A hosted in March and the Super G/F Seminar and D-E Seminar were hosted in April and June respectively. DJTF welcomed Jane Ventura for an ABC and Young Horse Seminar in November. The committee also arranged for a judge educator to attend the Masters of Dressage Masterclasses with Nadine Merewether so that judges could use them as workshops towards their re-accreditation.

Two B Level judges were given the opportunity to participate in the FEI Group VIII Workshop on the 6th of April 2022 with Susie Hoevenaars and Mary

Seefried. This was an excellent opportunity to judge some high quality horse and to receive some invaluable feedback and discussion.

#### Efficient and transparent governance and administration of Dressage and Para-Equestrian in WA

Dressage WA hosted its first Rider's Forum in March 2022. For the first time, this event was live streamed, enabling WA riders from all over the State, Nationally and Internationally to participate.

The video has had a total of 954 views. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we look to use a similar format in future.

#### **State Dressage Championships**

The 2022 WA State Dressage Championships is the pinnacle event of the dressage competition calendar. Hosted at the State Equestrian Centre on 3-4 September, the event was dancing with dressage horses and riders as they competed across a range of levels from preliminary through to FEI Grand Prix. WA was fortunate to have the following interstate judges travel for the event: Adam Riess (Vic), Dr Ricky MacMillan (Qld) and Virginia Creed (Vic)

This year saw the introduction of amateur owner rider (AOR) placings for the first time in Western Australia, recognising non-professional riders. The AOR Championships were generously sponsored and supported by Hermitage Dressage.

Off the Track WA partnered with the event to recognise OTT competitors in each class – a fantastic initiative that Dressage WA looks forward to pursuing at future events.

With this year's event falling on Father's Day, Dressage WA was proud to partner with and raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). Prostate Cancer remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, claiming the lives of 10 men every day.

Dressage WA would like to extend thanks to our: Event Partners - Off the Track WA, Horseland Midland and Hermitage Dressage.

Platinum Sponsors – Statewide Bale Banding, Project Neon, Hygain and Lilydale Road

Gold Sponsor - Spooks Riding

Silver Sponsors - Zargo Australia, Gypsum Supplies, Valley Equine Vet Centre, Saddles Plus, Kamco Arenas, Custom Rosettes, EAC Animal Care & Elizabeth Riess & Associates

Bronze Sponsors - Pimp My Pony, First Bit Equine, Poseidon Equine, Evolution Equestrian & Acclaimed Catering & Events.



The 2022 State Dressage Championships would not have been possible without the tireless work of volunteers, Heidi Emery & Terrina Fairbrother, and the Dressage WA committee. Thank you to our Chief Stewards Nerida Middendorp & Tanya Appleby and their teams, our TD Janet Reid, Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Elizabeth and her team, and our scoring guru Bev Leonard. Finally thank you to our judges, volunteers and of course riders who made this event possible.

#### Financial Report

A key income stream for DWA is the Dressage Development Fund (DDF) levy, which is paid by riders when a horse or pony enters an Equestrian Australia (EA) approved Dressage Event. The amount paid is based on the number of tests entered.

In 2022, \$22,109 was raised from levies which is a marginal decrease from previous year (\$22,159), reflecting a similar number of dressage tests ridden in 2021. This money goes directly back into developing dressage in Western Australia. Dressage WA received \$4,144 from the Equestrian WA Sport Fund towards the travel of Interstate and Regional judges.

In 2022, these funds were expended on the following key activities:

- Dressage events
- Judge education and training
- Club Competition Incentive Package (\$1,840)
- High Performance Pathway to Australian Dressage Championships Grant
- Leaderboard & State Awards

Thank you to 2022 Dressage Committee members for contributing many volunteer hours, and especially to outgoing members:

- Emily Symonds
- Karen Davies
- Paula Zammit
- Elizabeth Wakely Dawes

Welcome to our new committee members and thank you to our ongoing committee members:

- Terrina Fairbrother
- Graeme Dick
- Heidi Emery
- Georgia Grose
- Tracey Strommer
- Bella Robson
- Celeste Burns
- Karen Hardy

Congratulations to the WA Dressage Community on such a successful 2022 season.

Clubs, Volunteers, Riders, Coaches, Grooms, Officials, Sponsors, services, and support crew, you all make this sport fantastic to be part of and your contribution see Dressage remain strong into the future.

**STEPHANIE MUNRO**  
Chair, Dressage WA



# Eventing



2022 was a very successful year which produced a number of highlights in particular for Eventing in WA. These comprised of a return to pre-covid membership numbers including junior riders and the continued increase in the number of adult riders competing at events. In addition a large contingent of WA Riders travelled to Victoria for the Melbourne Three Day Event where they represented WA with great results and achievements in addition to the fantastic traditional Western Australian camaraderie and team spirit.

Whilst covid has proved difficult for all equestrian sports in WA and Australia, 2022 introduced new challenges in which the Eventing Community responded with their customary dedication, hard work and success.

In 2021 the Wooroloo fires devastated the Perth Horse Trials Cross Country course and it was only through the commitment and perseverance of the PHT Committee, led by Kerrie Robbins, Trudi Hall and Wayne Copping that the Perth Horse Trials 3DE was able to go ahead in August 2022. It was great to see the event and committee rewarded for their efforts being voted Eventing Event of the year in recognition of their effort. As a part of the building program the Committee also ran an innovative "On the Run" event in May 2022 which proved highly successful.

Later in the year, the Fairbridge Committee received the devastating news that their venue would not be



available due to the foot in mouth disease concerns. This was disappointing for everyone concerned as this event is not only one of the season favourites but a critical FEI event that provides opportunities for riders to achieve the all-important MER's (minimum eligibility requirements). It was only through the determined efforts of Kate Ingham

supported by the WA Eventing Promotions Committee that eventers were able to compete in a 5th FEI event for the year as our last event of the season.

Finally, congratulations to Kenya Wilson who has joined the National Next Generation Squad following her great result at the Melbourne 3DE where she placed 5th in a very competitive field of 41 riders in the 4 Star Long, this result also contributed to her selection for the World Equestrian Games 2022 long list! Another congratulations also to Riley Lyall on his selection to represent Australia at the Oceania Championships in the Young Rider team also at Melbourne 3DE where he placed 10th and was the highest placed of the Australian team.

## High Performance

During the 2022 season Eventing High Performance organised a number of innovative and rewarding initiatives including:

- Online Competitive Edge sessions
- Clinics with well-known coaches Rod Brown, Will Enzinger, David Dobson, Bettina Hoy, Sam Lyle and later in the year a number of clinics with Grant Wilson
- The introduction of the Brumbies Squad to assist younger riders make the transition to High Performance Squads

As a part of the High Performance Program we were pleased to see the following riders move up in the squads:

- Emily Early and Sonja Johnson (2nd Horse) moved from the Recognition Squad to the State Squad
- Mia Mercuri (2nd Horse) and Riley Lyall

moved from the Development Squad to the Recognition Squad

- Michael Dagastino and Sophie Warren joined the Development Squad
- Finally the following younger riders were able to move from the Brumbies Squad into the Development – Ellie Gough, Emma Cumming, Isobel Steven- Menzies, Jaime Baker, Jaleesa Gaasdalen, Kaleysha Atkinson, Matilda Hathaway, Olivia Shore, Tanaya Redecker & Teagan Christie

## Adult Riders

Another highlight of the year was the increase in the number of adult riders competing at events and becoming involved in our sport. After seeing a similar increase in 2021 the Eventing Committee introduced the *Equestricare Equine Sports Therapy Adults Leaderboard* and a total of 28 riders featured in the results throughout 2022. Well done to the winners and prize getters and thank you Jess Blackwell from Equestricare for your support.

Thank you also to Sue Smith who has joined the Eventing WA Committee to represent this very important cohort of riders.



## Award Winners

### Leaderboards

- *Newcomers Award sponsored by Eventing Western Australia*
- *EvA65 sponsored by Centralised Bookkeeping*
- *EvA65J sponsored by Canning Motor Trimmers*
- *EvA80 sponsored by Nags to Riches*
- *EvA80J sponsored by Spooks Riding Australia*
- *EvA95 sponsored by WAYLIB Sports Photography*
- *EvA95J sponsored by Lockharts Sport Horses*
- *CCN 1\* Sponsored by Knight Health*
- *CCNJ 1\* Sponsored by Ovarit Jumps*
- *CCN 2\* sponsored by Anitone*
- *Open sponsored by Horseland*
- *WA Farm Shop FEI Grand Slam*
  - ◊ *Open 3 & 4 Star*
  - ◊ *2 Star*
  - ◊ *1 Star*
  - ◊ *1 Star Junior*

### Special Events

- *Patrons Award*
- *Sheila Cook Award*
- *Colin Dunham Memorial Award*
- *Egoline Perpetual Trophy*
- *Des Robinson Memorial Award*
- *Breakaway Trophy*
- *EWA Rider of the Year*
- *EWA Junior Rider of the Year*

PETER MCLACHLAN

Chair, Eventing WA

Tegan Cook & Good Times  
 Jade Edwards & Ebondale Soprano  
 Sune Snyman & Gordon Park Smarty Pants  
 Tracey Ellis & Ellison Park Kit Kat  
 Leah Gardiner & Two Sox  
 Teagan Hammer & What a Secret  
 Scarlett Currey & Kdale Mr Collins  
 Tegan Cook & Struan Park Just an Illusion  
 Shantelle McMahon & Japanoz Warning Signal  
 Ellie Gough & Don J'Amee  
 Emily Early & Clear Distinction  
  
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 Ellie Gough & Don J'Amee  
 Bryce Crook & Helena Farms Fernando  
 Rebecca Suvaljko & Sharman Park Obsesison

Trudi Hall  
 Emily Early  
 Jenny Brett  
 Kenya Wilson & Sandros Salute MW  
 Ellie Gough  
 Kenya Wilson  
 Kenya Wilson  
 Teagan Christie

# Jumping



2022 saw support for Show Jumping competitions in WA returning to normal levels after the initial COVID lockdowns, with many shows reporting unprecedented high levels of demand. We had reports of shows and events having entries fill up within minutes of opening. However, with some COVID restrictions still in place and with cases still occurring, many of these clubs were affected by riders having to scratch and volunteers unable to fulfil their duties.

Early in the year our committee experienced several changes, including the loss of our Chairman in April. This resulted in the appointment of Vice Chair into the position of an interim Chair, to fill this role until a replacement was found. This proved to be more difficult than expected, and with all the committee members working at maximum capacity, it was decided the Vice Chair should continue in the role, with the full support of the committee.

The treasurer's role was also vacated, plus we lost our communications coordinator due to her need to respond to the demands of her full time job. All members of the committee stepped up into these extra roles, taking on additional tasks in the interim. However, as these roles were not able to be filled until later in the year, these committee members should all be acknowledged for the outstanding work they did. They not only kept the committee functioning effectively, but also made significant improvements and developments that have set the foundation for initiatives that will consolidate

and strengthen support for everyone involved in jumping in WA.

### Key Developments and achievements

#### Rider and Club Forum

In 2022 we also acknowledged that in order to strengthen the Jumping WA community we need to build a community of support and trust and ensure that we have transparency and good channels of communication. In April we held a rider club forum and although we had relatively poor attendance, the speakers we engaged, including Rory Hovell acknowledged the importance of this initiative, and those that did attend gave valuable feedback.

Subsequently, we held another forum at the Busselton Showjumping weekend and this was really well attended. The response showed us that people wanted to have a place for their voices to be heard.





### State Show Jumping Championship

The major event for the year, the three day State Show Jumping Championship held at Serpentine saw the introduction of the State Children's Championship. With three rings running and ring one live streamed, this event ran seamlessly and attracted large crowds to enjoy WA show jumping at its best.

The 2022 State Championship Titles were awarded to:

Senior - Tessa Lil - Yalambi's Key Largo  
Amateur - Madison Gielen Kentaur Balooona  
Young Rider - Olivia Shore - Eliva Castana  
Junior - Chloe Gee - Torridon Limited Edition  
Children's - Charli Brakovich - Basil Brush  
Speed - Emily Gray - Legal Chase

### Australian Jumping Championship

This year we had many of our top riders travel to Boneo Park Equestrian Centre on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria to compete as individuals. We were also represented by a Young Rider Team which included Paris Castledine, Saachi Travers and Georgia Bouzaid from New Zealand. These girls showed they could be competitive with the top youth in Australasia.

All riders had outstanding results and demonstrated the depth of talent we have in Western Australia.

### Development

We continued to run a range of initiatives to support the upskilling of officials in 2022. On the 19th and 20th February, we held a Jumping Judges/stewards and course designer's refresher Course. Saturday was for Jumping Judges/Stewards presented by Penny Dodd, covering the latest rule updates and changes. Sunday was the Course Builder day,

presented by Fred Freeman. Both days were very well received.

In September a two-day Course designer course was run by Fred Freeman, after completing and exam we now have 4 new preliminary Course Designers. Shannon Jeffes, Rod Dowding, Scott Cusick, Penny Vincent.

We were able to assist Max Conti to attend the Australian Championships for Course Designer training and assisted course designer David Sheppard in the main arena. Max reported he gained a great deal of experience and ideas which will assist him in his role. Penny Dodd was financially assisted to travel to Portugal to attend the International Jumping Officials Club General Assembly complete her Judges and Stewards refresher/reaccreditation courses.



### High Performance

A focus of 2022 was rejuvenating the High Performance Squads and appoint Georgie Siciliano as High Performance Coordinator on the Jumping WA Committee. Jumping WA was fortunate to have Bates Saddlery and Ascot Equine Vets as our sponsor in 2022 to help us develop our High Performance Squads. We are now planning some further enhancements in 2023 in conjunction with

EWA to continue to grow the program to help our athletes get closer to the national and international level.

The High Performance Squad started the year with a clinic with visiting WA local Alison Rowland in March. The HP Show Jumping Squad was also lucky enough to join forces with the eventing High Performance squads to train with Rod Brown, who is the Eventing National Coach for Jumping. This was a standout clinic for all our squad riders.

Our last valuable lessons for the HP program were showcased from the 29th September to 2nd October with EA Level 3 Coach Michelle Strapp instructing, and Ascot Equine Vets talking about importance of wellness and recovery in our horses.



### Next Gen

Next Gen Squad was introduced in 2022 to establish a non-high performance Squad for riders 12 -25 years jumping 1.05m plus, to educate riders prior to them reaching High Performance level. Next Gen is self-funded, with the riders' raising funds through volunteer work to enable them to participate in courses and events such as some of the High Performance Clinics.

This has been seen as a highly valued initiative to build the capacity of riders to take the next step needed to understand the expectations and attitudes of a high performance athlete.

### Plans for 2023

The major learning from 2022 was that we are a committee who has great passion and capacity to support improvement, but there needs to be strategic planning, core policies and common understandings to underpin everything we do. We have made a good start towards establishing policies and practices and we are working to build more innovative and supportive programs to support our members.

A major aim for 2023 is to create our strategic plan so we can ensure there is understanding and sustainability of the initiatives we have put into place. This will help new committee members to understand, build on and enhance current projects. In 2023 we will also engage with current members and clubs to gather feedback to guide our planning, and make sure we are addressing the needs of our members.

### DIDY GUNDRY

Chair, Jumping WA

# Para-Equestrian



Western Australia has always been something of a 'Trail Blazer' in the sport of Para Equestrian [Para Dressage].

In 2008, WA was the first State to include Para Dressage in the State Dressage Championships.

In 2022, WA was the first State to have its own Para Dressage Panel. This panel works in close relationship with DWA and clubs, organises a number of events, the classification of potential riders and furthers the awareness of Para Dressage.

## Squads

We have two High Performance squads – a State Squad and a Recognition Squad.

We are very grateful for the funds we received from the raffle of the Bates Saddle and the gifts our Squad Riders received. The 2023 Squads are now in place.

At present we have two of our FEI Riders on the National Recognition Squad and one on the National Podium Squad.

## Classification

Classification as long been a problem for WA. COVID-19 didn't help, but in addition, the accredited Classifiers are all based in the Eastern States and finding a weekend that they could fly to WA and work for the two days needed was almost impossible. However, we have two local, eligible

people who have completed the Course and now have to be signed off by an accredited Classifier.

September 17 has been allotted to WA and although not ideal, once we get our WA people accredited it should not be so difficult to arrange days that suit us better.

## Events

In March a Protocol Day was organised and was well supported and in July, in conjunction with Perth Dressage Club, we held a clinic with Virginia Creed.

Our two most successful events were the Heiniger PE Show Case and the International Day of People with a Disability.

*The Heiniger PE Showcase* was a successful and fun day. By joining with the DWA Pony Dressage Showcase the whole event has a much more festive atmosphere. Once again, Heiniger was our Naming sponsor and delighted with the event. They will once again sponsor in 2023.



*The International Day of People with a Disability* was also very successful. We received a Government grant to cover expenses and we are indebted to Horseland Midland for allowing us to use the Entrance to their store on a Saturday morning to promote our sport. This was well supported by our riders who spoke to the many shoppers who enjoyed a sausage sizzle while learning more about Para Dressage.



Our athletes were also delighted to be included in the State Dressage Championships and the Invitational. Our sincere thanks to Allways Caravan and Float Hire for sponsoring the PD Classes at the Invitational.

Performances at the State Championships and the PE Showcase are very important as they are taken into consideration when selecting National Squads.

## Clinics

Clinics were held with Bettina Hoy and Virginia Creed. Our thanks to Sonja Johnson for including our Athletes and Perth Dressage Club for sharing flight costs.



## Equestrian Pathways Australia

Julia Battams brought her EPA Team to the SEC in October and it was well supported by our EWA PE athletes and a number of potential athletes.

## 2023

Plans for 2023 are well underway with entries for our Virtual Dressage Competition already open.

A Highlight for us all will be the visit, in March, of Sophie Wells, UK Gold Medal Paralympian. Out thanks to Emma Robertson and Sharon Jarvis for making this possible.

My grateful thanks to the tremendously hardworking members of the Panel, to our enthusiastic athletes and sponsors and to the EWA Team for their support.

## VALRIE MAYGER

Chair, Para-Equestrian Panel



# Show Horse



Midway through the year we had the good fortune of having three extra people join our Committee. As it originally consisted of only six members this has made a very big difference.

## Events

The *Autumn Pageant* was held in May and included the 2022 Newcomer.

Some promising new horses and ponies were entered and Hunter and Show classes in the Autumn Pageant were well supported. Our judges, Therese and Brooke Higgins from Queensland officiated.

The *Winter Gala* was our second Show for the year. We always have Eastern States judges for our Shows and this time we had Catherine Neil from Victoria and Alyson Emery from South Australia. Entries were good and it was promising to note that our Triple Cash Bonanza was encouraging competitors to support our events.

*EWA and Endeavon Products Horse and Rider of the Year.* This is our signature event of the year and the third leg of the Triple Cash Bonanza. The Cash Bonanza is a member encouragement award. To be eligible, a member must be an Owner of a Horse or Pony or a Rider and compete at all three EWA Shows. The randomly drawn winner receives \$500.00 and four other prize getters receive \$125.00 each.

The Endeavon Products Horse and Rider of the Year attracted some 115 horses and 365 entries. Winners and placegetters were entitled to represent Western Australia at the Australasian Horse and Rider Championships [Nationals] which were held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

Off the Track horses are catered for at all our shows and we are grateful to Off the Track WA for their generous support throughout the year. A special class is offered at Horse and Rider of the Year and the winner of this class is also invited to compete at the 'Nationals'.

To diversify our programme we added four classes for Arabians and Dilutes. Thanks to the WA Arabian Horse Association for their assistance in planning these classes.



## Nationals

A very small team travelled to this event but, as usual, Western Australia 'held its own'. Audrey Hansford and Brayside Showman owned by Grace Bray, were Reserve Champions in the Leadline-handler Rachel Langley and ridden by Kadance Langley, Showman was third in the Open Small Pony. Serena Smith and Leshae Itzstein also competed with great credit.

Huge thanks to Bernard Jenkinson, the Team Manager.

A committee member, Belinda Gray, organised an extremely successful Silent Auction raising \$8700.00, all of which was given to the Team and the Team Manager's flight costs.



## Judges' Seminar

In addition to Shows the Committee also held a Judges' and Riders' Seminar. Our Guest Presenter was Greg Gerry, a National Show Horse Judge and a pony breeder, Greg conducted a very successful seminar - his knowledge, ability to involve his audience and his humour made for an informative and entertaining seminar.

## Clinic

An excellent clinic was held with Les Friend, an EA accredited Coach who is in much demand in the Eastern States. Les was extremely busy for two full days and proved very popular. The clinic was subsidised for our Show Horse Squad members.

## Leaderboard Presentation

The presentation of our Leader board awards was held on January 21 at Windy Creek Estate. The Triple Cash Bonanza was also drawn at this function.

## 2023

This will be a special year as it is the 50th year of Horse of the Year in WA. The first being held IN 1973 at the Osborne Park Agricultural Show with four classes - we now have forty classes!

In closing- thank you to all our generous and loyal sponsors, thank you to the EWA Team, particularly to Meredith who does so much for Show Horse and thank you to my amazing Committee.

## VALRIE MAYGER

Chair, Show Horse WA



# Vaulting



2022 was a strong year for Vaulting in the state with an increase in EWA vaulter member numbers, and the scheduling of a yearly EA competition outside of Interschools.

## Interschools

In April 2022, EWA vaulting had 15 vaulters participate in the Interschools vaulting competition, two of which (Yindi Falconbridge and Skyelah De Vries) achieved qualifying scores for Advanced level (our second highest level in Australian competitive)



## Nationals

In October, 13 WA vaulters, one horse and three coaches travelled to Sydney to compete in the Australian National Vaulting Championships.

2022 saw the largest ever group of vaulters from WA to attend an Australian Vaulting Nationals.

Notable results were:

- 1st place Pas De Deux Barrel (B)- Emmi Kneale & Tia Kaiser
- 2nd place Preliminary Squad- REVA
- 3rd place Barrel Squad- REVA
- 3rd place Pas De Deux Barrel (A)- Matilda Yates & Yindi Falconbridge
- 3rd place Pas De Deux Walk (A)- Matilda Yates & Skyelah De Vries
- 3rd place Barrel Open/inter/adv- Skyelah De Vries
- 4th place Pas De Deux Barrel (B)- Skyelah De Vries & Elsie Cox
- 4th place Pas De Deux Walk (B)- Yindi Falconbridge & Grace Joyce
- 4th place Pre-Novice individual- Olivia Barry
- 4th & 5th place Intermediate individual- Rachel Ryan & Yindi Falconbridge
- 6th place Advanced individual- Matilda Yates
- 6th place Barrel squad- Carine RDA & Dryandra pony club

## Other Key Achievements

2022 saw the successful running of our largest interschools competition yet, as well as the running of a video competition and clinic with QLD-based coach & judge Darryn Fedrick.

WA vaulter Matilda Yates was also elected onto the EA National Vaulting Committee as the Vaulters Representative.

Our thanks extend to EWA High Performance for the use of their PIXEM camera for our video competition and clinic, to Off the Track for their sponsorship of Mackerson (WA's only horse to travel to the National Championships), Leah Kuuse for her role in organising the Interschools vaulting competition, and to Kay and Kimberley Fowler for liaising with EA on behalf of WA vaulting.

In 2023, vaulting will again be a part of the Interschools competition, an EA competition will be conducted just prior to this to include senior vaulters as well as pas de deux (pairs) and squads, WA will welcome its first interstate judges and coaches since pre-COVID, and WA vaulters will again represent EWA at the national championships, and also at the South Australian State Championships.

## MATILDA YATES

WA Vaulter





**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
**ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Board's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
**ABN 53 591 481 584**

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

Your board members submit the financial accounts of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

**Board Members**

The names of officeholders of the Board at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Anne Wilkins

Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

Other members of the Board at the date of this report are:

Rory Hovell

Geoff Edwards

PollyAnn Huntington

Alexandra Daniels

**Principal Activities**

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

**Significant Changes**

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

**Subsequent Events**

To the best knowledge of the Equestrian Western Australia Directors, there has not been any material change in the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia since 31 December 2022.

**Going Concern**

Refer to Note 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies for details on items affecting the entity that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The entity may therefore be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.


**Operating Result**


The profit / (loss) from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to:

	<b>Year ended 31 December 2022</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2021</b>
Profit / (loss) from ordinary activities	\$7,144	\$40,369

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
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**Board's Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board on : 14 April 2023

  
Chairperson – Anne Wilkins

  
Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
**ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2022 \$	Year ended 31 December 2021 \$
Revenue	2	2,577,435	2,407,375
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>2,577,435</b>	<b>2,407,375</b>
SEC Grant Expended	3	(311,688)	(229,488)
Operating expenses	3	(2,258,603)	(2,137,518)
<b>Profit (deficit) before income tax</b>		<b>7,144</b>	<b>40,369</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Profit (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>7,144</b>	<b>40,369</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Other comprehensive items		-	-
Total other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year</b>		<b>7,144</b>	<b>40,369</b>



**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			*
Cash assets	5	1,478,914	533,262
Trade and other receivables	6	281,447	487,723
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,760,361</b>	<b>1,020,985</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,925,450	1,949,706
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>1,925,450</b>	<b>1,949,706</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,685,811</b>	<b>2,970,691</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	942,595	327,085
Provisions	9	105,600	88,134
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,048,195</b>	<b>415,219</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,048,195</b>	<b>415,219</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>2,637,616</b>	<b>2,555,471</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	4	680,000	605,000
Retained profits	4	1,957,616	1,950,471
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>2,637,616</b>	<b>2,555,471</b>

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers and government grants		2,783,711	2,407,375
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,838,059)	(2,141,088)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>945,652</b>	<b>(266,287)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>945,652</b>	<b>(266,287)</b>
Cash at the beginning of the year		533,262	799,549
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,478,914</b>	<b>533,262</b>

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The financial report covers Equestrian Western Australia Inc as an individual entity. Equestrian Western Australia Inc is an association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

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

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

**Income tax**

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

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

**Inventories**

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

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

**a) Property**

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

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

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
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**b) Plant and equipment**

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

**c) Depreciation**

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

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

Class of Asset	Rate %
Leasehold improvements	2.5% - 15%
Plant and equipment	5% - 50%
Office equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	22.5%

**Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash out flows to be made for those entitlements.

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

Equestrian Western Australia Inc does not have an employer established defined benefit superannuation scheme.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc does not operate an ownership-based remuneration scheme, nor any similar scheme.

**Cash**

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



**Comparative Figures**

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

**Revenue**

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

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

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

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

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

**Government Grants**

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the group will comply with all attached conditions.

*Deferral and presentation of government grants*

Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

**Subsequent Event(s)**

To the best knowledge of the Equestrian Western Australia Directors, there has not been any material change in the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia since 31 December 2022.

**Going Concern**

A. Reliance on continued government support

EWA receives grants from the WA Government Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (‘DLGSC’) to support equestrian sport activities and for capital improvements of the SEC, including the recent indoor arena surface upgrade.

In February 2021, the City of Swan provided a once off SEC operational support for 2021 / 2022 for an amount of \$180,000 and a capital grant of \$202,894. These grants were not continued in the 2022/ 2023 year.

Continued support from the State Government is required for the organisation to continue its current level of operations and activities. The Board is currently unable to determine the level of Government support going forward.

B. Lease of Land (lot 43 on Plan 15100 and Lot 31 on Plan 15620)

EWA's lease of the State Equestrian Centre from the City of Swan will expire on the 30 June 2023. The Board intends to renew the SEC lease and has no indication the City of Swan will not extend the lease, nor that the terms of a lease would be more onerous than those currently incurred.

As described in EWA's State Equestrian Centre Facility Funding Proposal - July 2018, the State Equestrian Centre requires funding to undertake the necessary upgrade and refurbishment of the facilities. Additionally,

further funding or additional revenue streams are required to cover the annual operating costs. Since the publication of EWA's SEC Facility Funding Proposal, EWA has been liaising with the City of Swan, Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture and Federal Government to secure the required funding to maintain and upgrade the SEC facilities and with DLGSC’s support, an independent review of the SEC operating model is currently under way and will feed into further discussions with relevant parties on future operating models and funding. As at the date of signing of the financial report, the funding has not been secured nor has a conclusion been reached on the future operations of the SEC. If EWA chooses not to renew the lease for the SEC, plant and equipment associated with the SEC are unlikely to be recovered in the normal course of operations. The Board is considering the best way forward for EWA and the SEC. EWA is the state sporting organisation for horse sports in WA. Irrespective of the outcome of the SEC lease, the EWA will continue to operate without the SEC operations.

C. Equestrian Australia Limited

The board of Equestrian Australia Limited is investigating restructure options for equestrian sports in Australia. Some of the proposed options may have an effect on the operations of Equestrian Western Australia Inc in the future.

Conclusion

Due to the items stated above, there is a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. The entity may therefore be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

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**ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Note 2: Revenue and other income</b>		
Membership & Registrations	603,529	584,210
Horse Cards, Registrations, Transfers	79,825	67,893
Facility Fees SEC	559,425	413,722
Events & Activities EWA	470,228	343,508
Sponsorship & Fundraising	240,783	195,555
Operating Grants	288,568	595,156
Capital Grants	311,688	202,894
Other income	23,388	4,438
<b>Revenue and other income</b>	<b>2,577,435</b>	<b>2,407,375</b>

**Note 3: Total expenses**

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

**Charging as Expense:**

Audit fees	5,950	5,920
Capital grant expended	311,688	229,488
Depreciation of non-current assets:	112,491	107,266
Financial Costs	4,012	4,225
Insurance	160,316	131,513
Insurance - EA	116,335	113,318
EA Membership Cost	104,171	83,404
SEC Direct Costs	260,269	342,320
Events & Activities	472,154	333,826
Supplies - Food, Beverage, Uniforms	21,346	12,310
Office & Administration	247,169	225,710
Rates & land taxes	13,146	18,299
Wage Related Costs	77,031	87,122
Wages EWA	318,298	330,454
Wages SEC	345,916	341,831
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,570,291</b>	<b>2,367,006</b>

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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Note 4: Reserves and Retained profits</b>		
Assets revaluation reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	605,000	605,000
Increase (decrease) in reserves during the reporting period:	75,000	-
Balance at the reporting date	<b>680,000</b>	<b>605,000</b>
Opening retained profits	1,950,471	1,910,103
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	7,144	40,369
Closing retained profits	<b>1,957,616</b>	<b>1,950,471</b>

**Note 5: Cash assets**

Cash and cash equivalents (*)	1,478,914	533,262
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(\*) Cash and cash equivalents include cash in bank accounts, prepaid cash cards, cash on hand and short term deposits.

**Note 6: Trade and other receivables**

Trade debtors (#)	172,349	391,219
Prepayments	92,951	87,596
Other receivables	16,147	8,908
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>	<b>281,447</b>	<b>487,723</b>

(#) Trade debtors includes the following receivables:  
City of Swan of \$nil (2021: \$209,023) and  
DLGSC of \$99,000 (2021: \$99,000).

**Note 7: Property, plant and equipment**

Freehold land:		
- At Valuation (Note: An independent valuation of the land being Lot 33 adjacent to the main pavilion was obtained in February 2023 and is shown at this value.)	750,000	675,000
Leasehold improvements		
- At cost	1,633,090	1,633,090
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(656,292)	(586,338)
	976,798	1,046,752
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	557,293	545,689
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(358,642)	(317,735)
	198,651	227,954



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	1,925,450	1,949,706
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Note 8: Trade and other payables</b>		
Unsecured:		
- Trade creditors	42,013	102,408
- Other creditors (^)	877,628	219,896
- GST control account	22,955	4,781
	<b>942,595</b>	<b>327,085</b>

(^) includes unexpended grants of \$678,312 (2021: \$28,331)  
and memberships paid in advance of \$147,260 (2021: \$143,296)

**Note 9: Provisions**

**Current**

Employee entitlements	105,600	88,134
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There were 13 (2021:11) employees at the end of the year.

**Note 10: Contingent liabilities**

During the period, EWA arranged a private donation to support the funding of consultants fees engaged to further investigate the SEC Concept Plan. The consultants fees are up to \$30,000 (excl GST) and the private donation will cover 50% (up to \$15,000) of these fees with the remainder to be funded directly by EWA. To the extent, EWA recovers these fees from future government funding or grants, EWA will reimburse the private donors for the funds received. This arrangement will cease within 5 years at which point the funding provided will be considered a donation to EWA.

**Note 11: Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By / Used  
In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After  
Income Tax**

Operating profit after income tax	7,144	40,369
Depreciation	112,491	107,266
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in plant, improvements	(13,235)	(73,770)
(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables	206,276	(203,873)
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	615,510	(123,184)
Increase (decrease) in provisions	17,466	(13,095)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>945,652</b>	<b>(266,287)</b>

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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Note 12: Auditors' Remuneration</b>		
Remuneration of the auditor of the company for:		
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	5,950	5,920

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc**  
**ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Statement by Members of the Board**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Equestrian Western Australia Inc as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The reports are special purpose financial reports and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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

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



Chairperson – Anne Wilkins

14 April 2023

Date



Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

14 April 2023

Date

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

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

This declaration is made in connection with my audit of the financial report of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2022 and in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001.

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

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

  
Dennis B Yagmich  
Registered Company Auditor - 13597

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2023



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members  
Equestrian Western Australia Inc.  
303 Cathedral Avenue  
BRIGADOON WA 6059

### Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc. as at 31 December 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian accounting standards to the extent described in Note 1.

### Basis for opinion

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

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

### Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
Dennis B. Yagmich  
Registered Company Auditor - 13597  
D B Yagmich & Co

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

**Equestrian Western Australia Inc ABN 53 591 481 584**  
**Certificate by Member of the Board**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

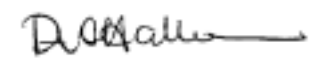
I, Chairperson – Anne Wilkins, and I, Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran certify that:

- a. We will attend the annual general meeting of the association to be held.
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated : 14 April 2023

  
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Chairperson – Anne Wilkins

  
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Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

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