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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 (WA), 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 Equestrian Sport in WA”.



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Organisational Listing

2023 Board

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

2023 Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Zac Acott
Membership and Standards Officer	Meredith Tenger
Sports Development Manager	Kaeleigh Brown
Accounts/Finance Manager	Liesl van der Merwe
Marketing and Partnerships Manager	Madison Treloar
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Facilities Coordinator	Eva Lewis
State Equestrian Centre Staff	Ronald Gronow
	Ted Bower
	Marcus Minjoot

2023 Sport Committee Chairs

Dressage	Gabriella Robson
Eventing	Jacinta Withoud
Jumping	Sophie Parkes
Show Horse	Bernie Jenkinson
Coaching	Rebecca Thomas

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Chair's Report

2023 has been a successful year with plenty of accomplishments and achievements in the sport. The Board, the Committees, and Equestrian WA (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:

- 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 (SEC), including surfaces and facilities. The SEC is always a key focus for EWA, and we want our sport's home to be as welcoming 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.

Another satisfying achievement in 2023 was the review with the Australian Sport Commission on Sports Governance Standards. EWA results exceeded the State, National and Equestrian Averages. EWA's average score was 3 out of 4 for all Sport Governance Standards, the State Average is 2.91, the National Average is 2.66 and the Equestrian Average is 2.75.

EWA excelled in the following areas:

- **Principle 2 The team** - aligned sport through collaborative governance.
- **Principle 3 The gameplan** - a clear vision that informs strategy.
- **Principle 5 The rulebook** - documents

that outline duties, powers, roles, and responsibilities.

- **Principle 9 The scorecard** - embedded systems of internal review to foster continuous improvement.

The board election was held in November; Rory Hovell returning as Vice Chair and Roslyn O'Halloran has been appointed again as the Finance Director. Geoff Edwards, PollyAnn Huntington and Alexander Daniels continue their roles on the board and all board members expertise are appreciated. Kelly Kent has been appointed to the board in December 2023 and her communications and governance skills are important and beneficial for our sport.

The board acknowledges CEO of EWA, Zac Acott's tremendous work and contributions. Zac has been in the role for two years (by mid-May 2024) and his energy and enthusiasm is captivating to all. The board is very appreciative of his commitment and dedication.

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 like to extend our gratitude to the City of Swan for their ongoing support, Racing and Wagering WA's dedication to equestrian sport through their Principal Partnership of EWA via Off the Track WA, and all sponsors, volunteers, officials, members, parents, competitors, and staff who enrich our sport and community.

ANNE WILKINS
Chair, Equestrian WA

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Equestrian Western Australia

I am honoured to present the annual report for Equestrian WA, showcasing our achievements and progress over the past year.

Equestrian sport in WA continued its strong 2022 season with a consistent membership total of around 2,600 members. 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.

This year saw the implementation of our new 2023-2024 Equestrian WA Strategic Plan to better deliver and grow the sport within Western Australia; promoting core values of Teamwork, Integrity, Inclusion, Excellence and Fun & Enjoyment.

Our members are our most valuable asset; as CEO, I assure you that the EWA Board, Sport Committees, and EWA Staff are committed to the long-term journey ahead, ensuring the best experience for our community and continuous improvements for our sport.

EWA would like to thank Off the Track WA (OTTWA) and Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) for their continued support of not only of Equestrian WA as our principal partner; but the wider equestrian community through their community grants and events partnerships.

A huge thank you to the State Government through

the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries who are major supporters of Equestrian sport in Western Australia.

Partnerships

Gratitude extends to Off the Track WA (OTTWA) and Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) for their continued support in 2024 as Equestrian WA's Principal Partner. This partnership sees all OTTWA Passport Holders receive a rebate of \$15 on their EWA membership and can claim 50% off Base Horse Registrations, whilst also being able to redeem one (1) hour free hire at the State Equestrian Centre.

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

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





State Equestrian Centre

The State Equestrian Centre (SEC) continued to see a lot of activity in 2023, with a full calendar of competitions and clinics, hosting many great events including the State Dressage Championships, 50th Anniversary Show Horse of the Year, Christopher Bartle Clinics and Masterclass, WASJA Patrons Cup, Horseland Young Horse Championships, Perth Showjumping League, and FEI WAYER.

2023 also saw a lot of improvements around the SEC, highlighted by the re-surfacing of the Indoor Arena and Indoor Warm Up Area. On Friday 28 April, the SEC launched the new Indoor Arena Surface with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony featuring the EWA Board and CEO, Jessica Shaw MLA, Lisa Baker MLA and Hon. Samantha Rowe MLC. After the formal proceedings of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the \$3,000 Invitational Jumping Grand Prix commenced featuring some of WA's top Show Jumping Talents. Between 400-500 patrons attended the event, in what is the start of a new chapter in the history of the SEC. Thank you to all those who attended the evening.

The year also saw new LED lighting installed in the Indoor Arena and Pavilion, Solar Panels installed on the roof of the SEC, Water Tanks and Fire Hydrants installed to assist in fire prevention and works on the GP Fields to get the grassed arena to a higher standard.

The aim of Equestrian WA is to continue to provide the best facility we can within the limitations of our finances.

Thank you again to the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for their support of the SEC through funding opportunities to continue to improve this great facility. Without this vital support, projects at the SEC cannot be achieved.

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

Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS)

The Maitland Park Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS) was established in 2023 replacing the 2022 Rising Stars program. 2023 saw the JEDS squad comprise of 28 dedicated riders aged 11 to 17, the squad demonstrated exceptional commitment to their equestrian pursuits.

Throughout the year, the squad participated in a series of intensive clinics aimed at enhancing their riding skills and equestrian knowledge. These sessions were pivotal in preparing them for the challenges of the High-Performance Program, providing them with the tools necessary to excel in competitive equestrian sports.

Under the guidance of experienced coaches and with the unwavering support of Maitland Park, the squad members displayed tremendous growth both as riders and individuals. Their passion for equestrianism was evident in their dedication to learning and improvement, setting a strong foundation for their future endeavours in the sport.

Overall, 2023 was a year of significant progress and achievement for the Equestrian WA Junior Equestrian Development Squad, highlighting their potential for success in the years to come.

We thank Gill Botten for her ongoing support of the Junior Equestrian Development Squad.

Acknowledgments

Lastly, I would like to thank the EWA Board for their guidance and support in leading this great sport. Thank you to our committed staff who continue to push to improve our sport and serve our members and stakeholders and thank you to those sitting on our EWA Sports Committees for their time and effort in assisting in running our sport.

Summary

Whilst we reflect on 2023, and look ahead to 2024, 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 our stakeholders, so we can ensure equestrian sport continues to thrive in WA for generations to come.

ZAC ACOTT

Chief Executive Officer, Equestrian WA



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2023 EWA Affiliates

Equestrian WA would like to acknowledge our Club, Sport and Commercial Affiliates across the state.

Albany Adult Riders Club	King River Horse & Pony Club
Albany Equestrian Centre Association Inc.	Lake Hunt WA
Albany Horsemens Association Inc.	Magenup Management Committee
Australian National Working Equitation WA	Magenup Riding Group
Avon Valley Adult Riding Club Inc.	Margaret River Horse & Pony Club Inc.
Bakers Hill Adult Riding Club	Midwest Dressage Association
Boddington Riding Club	Moora & District Horsemans Association
Brookleigh Adult Riding Club Inc.	Murray Eventing Incorporation
Brookleigh Dressage Club	Murray Riding Club Inc.
Brookleigh Working Equitation Club Inc.	Natural Horseplayers Inc.
Broome Horse Riders Club Inc.	Northam Agricultural Society
Bunbury Horse & Pony Club Inc.	Northampton District Ag Society
Busselton Horse & Pony Club Inc.	Orange Grove Adult Riders Club Inc.
Capel Horse & Pony Club	Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club
Dressage Association Of WA Inc.	Peel Regional Carriage Drivers
Dryandra Pony Club	Perth Dressage Club
Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc.	Perth Horse & Pony Club
Eastern Wheatbelt Riding Club Inc.	Perth Horse Trials Association Inc.
Equestrian In The Park	Perth Regional Appaloosa Club Inc.
Esperance Equestrian Club Inc.	Perth ShowJumping League Inc.
Eventing WA Promotions Inc.	Pony Club WA
Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club	Ravensthorpe Equestrian Club Inc.
Gidgegannup Dressage Club Inc.	RDAWA Trading As Horsepower Australia
Gidgegannup Equestrian Association Inc.	Ripplebrook Equestrian Vaulting Academy Inc.
Gidgegannup Horse & Pony Club	Serpentine Horse & Pony Club
Gnangara Adult Equestrian Club	Serpentine Jarrahdale Adult Riders Club
Golden Mile Equestrian Club	Show Horse Council WA Inc.
Gosnells Riding & Pony Club Inc.	South West Horse Trials Club
Henty Riding Club	Southern Districts Dressage Club
Hills Showjumping Association	Southern Districts Working Equitation Club Inc.
Horsemens Adult Riding Club Inc.	Southside Jump Club Incorporated
Jumping Promotions Events WA Inc.	Swan River Dressage Inc.
Jurien Bay Horse Club	Swan River Horse Trials Club Inc.
Kalamunda Dressage Association	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 Hunt Club Great Southern Inc.
 The Pinto Horse Society WA Inc.
 The W.A. Show Jumping Association
 Transitions Inc.
 WA Young Horse Future Stars
 Wagin Agricultural Society Inc.
 Wallangarra Adult Riding Club
 Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc.

Wanneroo Adult Equestrian Club Inc.
 West Australian Young Event Riders Inc.
 West Plantagenet Pony Club
 WGSB Inc.
 Winning Bush Gymkhana
 Wooroloo Adult Riding Club
 Yalambi Farm
 Yarloop Equestrian Association Inc.
 Youth Eventing Squad Wa Inc.
 Zamia Adult Riding Club

CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to recognise the outstanding achievements of the following clubs, who won the Club of the Year awards in the Metro and Regional categories at the 2023 EWA Annual Award.



Swan River Dressage Club

Swan River Dressage Club, based in Western Australia, achieved distinction as the 2023 Equestrian WA Club of the Year - Metro Award recipient, graciously sponsored by Quickmail. Renowned for its dedication to the equestrian community, the club fosters excellence in dressage through training, competitions, and camaraderie. With a commitment to equine welfare and rider development, Swan River Dressage Club stands as a beacon of excellence in the equestrian world.



Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc.

Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc., nestled in Western Australia, clinched the prestigious 2023 Equestrian WA Club of the Year - Regional Award, graciously sponsored by AFGRI Equipment. Celebrated for its unwavering support for riders and horses, the association promotes equestrian excellence through events and programs. With a focus on community engagement and skill development, Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc. shines as a beacon of achievement in the equestrian community.

2023 Equestrian WA Awards Night

The 2023 Equestrian WA Annual Awards Night, hosted at The Ritz-Carlton Perth, celebrated excellence within the Western Australian equestrian community. Following the comprehensive review of the Annual Awards Policy in 2023, significant changes were made to categories such as Coach of the Year, Event of the Year, and Club of the Year. Additionally, the introduction of two new awards, Breeder of the Year and the Chairs Award, expanded recognition within our community.

Throughout the evening, attendees were reminded that these awards represent more than accolades; they symbolise the dedication, passion, and commitment demonstrated by individuals across various roles within our sport. From athletes, horses and coaches to administrators, owners, club members, event organisers, and volunteers, their collective efforts have elevated the sport and inspired future generations.

Congratulations were extended to all nominees for their exceptional achievements, which have set a standard of excellence resonating throughout the equestrian community. Gratitude was also expressed to our award sponsors whose generous support enables us to recognise and celebrate the remarkable individuals who enrich our sport and community.

Thank you to all who contributed to this memorable occasion, including our valued award sponsors.



Chairs Award

Winner Kerrie Robbins

Patrons Award

Dressage	Nadine Herbert
Jumping	Judith Odgaard
Eventing	Julie Cameron
Show Horse	Debbie McCosh

Lifetime Service to the Sport

Sponsored by D'Arcy Slater Foundation

Winner Valrie Mayger OAM

Volunteer of the Year

Sponsored by Horseland WA

Dressage	Marjory Stanger
Eventing	Sara Roth
Jumping	Karen McInnes
Show Horse	Kerry Wilson
Vaulting	Kimberley Fowler
Club	Tracey Sands

Official of the Year

Sponsored by Di Candilo Steel City

Winner PollyAnn Huntington

Coach of the Year

Community Club

Sponsored by Winteringham Recruitment

Winner Philippa Collier

Coach of the Year

High Performance

Sponsored by Horseland WA

Winner Sonja Johnson

NEW Breeder of the Year

Sponsored by Platinum CPD

Winner Yalambi Farms

Club of the Year – Regional

Sponsored by AFGRI Equipment

Winner Dryandra Regional Equestrian Club

Club of the Year – Metro

Sponsored by Quickmail

Winner Swan River Dressage Club

Event of the Year – Club

Sponsored by SKG Radiology

Winner Jumping Promotions Events
WA State Titles

Event of the Year – Special Events

Sponsored by SKG Radiology

Winner Show Horse WA 50th
Anniversary Horse of the Year

Horse of the Year

Sponsored by Signarama Midland

Dressage	Desperanza
Eventing	Sandros Salute MW
Jumping	Cornets Prinzess
Show Horse	Cimeron Silver Lining
Para-Equestrian	Lord Lamarque
Vaulting	Mackerson
Pony Dressage	NEP Cadilac
Show Pony	Kennallywood Alabama
OTTWA	GI War Machine

Junior Rider of the Year

Dressage	Lauren Rowe
Eventing	Ellie Gough
Jumping	Layla Diamantis
Show Horse	Mercedes Mathews
Interschools	Imogen Freeman
Vaulting	Yindi Falconbridge

Rider of the Year

Dressage	Alinta Veenvliet
Eventing	Kenya Wilson
Jumping	Tessa Lill
Show Horse	Lauren King
Para-Equestrian	Sharon Jarvis
Vaulting	Olivia Currey

KEY | ***Bold*** = Overall Winners

Interschool



2023 Saddles Plus Interschool Equestrian State Championships

The 2023 Saddles Plus State Interschool Championships was held from April 19th to 22nd at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon. Embraced by idyllic weather conditions, the event commenced with an Opening Parade on the inaugural day, setting the stage for an enthralling four (4) days of competition. With participation from Primary and Secondary Schools across WA, the event witnessed a remarkable assembly of 158 riders mounted on 177 horses, encompassing nearly 588 classes.

Featuring a diversified schedule of five (5) disciplines and supported by a substantial contingent of parent volunteers, dedicated officials, and enthusiastic volunteers, the championships showcased an array of activities over the course of four eventful days. Amidst the fervour, the occurrence of the Eclipse posed logistical challenges, yet was navigated adeptly.

A culminating Awards Ceremony held at the State Equestrian Centre in the ensuing weeks celebrated the achievements of winners and runners-up across various disciplines, along with the honour bestowed upon Champion Teams. Supported by Saddles Plus, the ceremony saw the presentation of rosettes, trophies, garlands, and prizes. Additionally, attendees were treated to delectable cupcakes adorned with a clever Interschools icing logo.

Noteworthy mentions include Ruby Rae from Australian Christian College, crowned as the



Champion Secondary Rider, and Ruby Gilbert from Mother Teresa Catholic College, clinching the title of Champion Primary Rider. Australian Christian College emerged triumphant once more, securing the overall School Award, while Margaret River Senior High School claimed the Rural School award. Furthermore, the WA State Squad was announced as well as Corien Ridley as Team Manager.

The spirit of competition extended beyond state borders, as Team WA comprised of 25 talented competitors travelled to represent WA at the Marcus Oldham National Interschool Championships in Werribee. Amongst them, veterans and newcomers alike showcased their prowess, with nine (9) horses traversing the expanse of the Nullarbor. Notably, the provision of competitive pool horses by Victoria bolstered WA's performance, culminating in standout achievements such as Imogen Freeman's victory in the National Senior Show Horse category, earning her the distinction of Overall Show Horse Rider of the Nationals.

The Interschools platform serves as a pivotal pathway for high-performance equestrian endeavours, with many competitors progressing to achieve State and National accolades in their riding careers, signifying a promising future for equestrian sports.

The success of the Interschool Equestrian State Championships owes much to the exceptional support extended by sponsors, including Saddles Plus, Off the Track WA, the Department of Sport, Local Government and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, and Careers in Racing. Their unwavering commitment ensures the continued growth and vitality of equestrian pursuits in our region.



Off the Track WA



In 2023, Off the Track WA and Equestrian WA hosted 15 clinics, providing essential support for 604 horses transitioning from racing careers. These clinics facilitated 1258 lessons, focusing on rehabilitation, retraining, and growing the education of these riders and horses.

The clinics attracted a diverse group of participants, including horse owners, trainers, and enthusiasts, fostering a community dedicated to the welfare of retired racehorses. Through educational workshops, practical demonstrations, and hands-on training, the clinics emphasized the importance of proper care, education, and training techniques for these horses' successful transition. Clinics were held across the state including Capel, Murray, Northam and Geraldton. Also including clinics held at the State Equestrian Centre and clubs south of the river.



Off the Track Clinics offer a variety of lessons including:

- **Groundwork** where riders learn how to safely educate their horses about manners and responsivity to aids.
- **Flatwork** to teach horses to become calm, supple, loose and flexible but also confident, attentive and keen.
- **Jumping** lessons where riders have the opportunity to train from poles through to full courses.
- **Cross Country** lessons for horses to gain experience in an open environment and different terrains as well as training over solid cross country jumps.
- **Social Rides** where horses can walk or trot through trail paths in a group being led by local members.

The wonderful coaches' commitment to excellence was reflected in the positive feedback from attendees, who praised the clinics' organisation, content, and impact on their understanding and approach to rehoming racehorses. Looking ahead, Off the Track WA and Equestrian WA aim to expand its reach and impact, continuing to be a vital resource for the racing industry and horse welfare advocates.

KAELEIGH BROWN

Sport Development Manager



OFF THE TRACK WA

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Off the Track WA (OTTWA) supports and promotes retired thoroughbreds and standardbreds in their second careers as companion, pleasure and/or performance horses.

Off the Track WA Passport Holders receive the following opportunities:

- OTTWA Sponsored Event Eligibility
- Interstate Competitor Sponsorship
- Access to Community Funding & Sponsorship
- Eligibility for OTTWA Profile Stories
- Access to OTTWA Clinics
- OTTWA Retraining Program
- Access to EWA Membership Benefits
- Access to Pony Club WA Membership Benefits

Off the Track WA & Equestrian WA

What members receive:

- One Hour Arena Hire
- Opportunity to attend Pegasus Feeds/EWA Horse Edu Series
- 50% discount on Horse Registration
- \$15 off EWA Annual Membership



Coaches



The 2023 season was a vibrant and dynamic period for the Western Australian equestrian community, marked by remarkable achievements and significant developments across both on-horse and off-horse perspectives. As the Coaching Committee, we are pleased to provide an overview of the season's key highlights, successes, and plans for the future.

Throughout the season, our equestrian community witnessed exceptional performances and memorable moments at key events. These events served as platforms for athletes to showcase their skills, determination, and passion for the sport. Notably, the 2023 EWA Awards Night held at The Ritz-Carlton Perth was a momentous occasion where outstanding individuals were recognised for their contributions.

At the forefront of these accolades was Philippa Collier, a dedicated member of the EWA Coaching Committee, who was honoured as the Coach of the Year. Philippa's unwavering commitment to coaching excellence and mentorship has left an indelible mark on our community, inspiring both athletes and fellow coaches alike.

A significant opportunity presented itself for coaches to attend the Christopher Bartle High Performance clinic as observers. This immersive experience provided invaluable insights into high-level coaching techniques and strategies, empowering coaches to enhance their practices and elevate performance standards within their respective disciplines.

From an off-horse perspective, the 2023 season was characterised by key developments and

achievements aimed at advancing coach education and support. The Coaching Committee successfully delivered the annual coaching update for currently registered EA coaches, ensuring that coaches remained informed and equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques to support their athletes effectively.

Collaboration with the High-Performance team resulted, with coaching opportunities integrated into squad clinics, including the involvement of Christopher Bartle. This collaborative approach maximised coaching effectiveness and enriched the development pathways for aspiring athletes, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and excellence within the equestrian community.

The Coaching Committee led positive changes and impacts throughout the season, driven by a commitment to excellence and innovation. A significant milestone was achieved through the expansion of the committee with the appointment of three new members. These appointments, filling co-opted and sports discipline positions, brought a diverse range of skills and perspectives to the committee, enriching its capacity to support and guide the coaching community effectively.

Furthermore, a positive working relationship was developed with the High Performance team, laying the foundation for continued collaboration to involve coaches in squad clinics featuring international coaches. This partnership not only enhanced coaching experiences but also fostered stronger connections between different segments of the equestrian community, driving collective progress and success.

Achievements and Acknowledgements

The 2023 EWA Annual Awards celebrated outstanding individuals within the coaching community, with Philippa Collier receiving recognition as Coach of the Year - Community Club and in addition, Sonja Johnson was honoured as the Coach of the Year – High Performance, underscoring her exceptional coaching prowess and dedication to excellence.

In a significant milestone for coach education, Liz Tollarzo and Sonja Johnson embarked on their Level 3 Coach course, marking the first such course held by EA in 13 years. This achievement reflects a commitment to continuous learning and professional development within the coaching community, ensuring that coaches remain at the forefront of best practices and standards.

The Coaching Committee extends its profound thanks to Zac Acott, CEO of EWA, and the EWA Board for their constant support and guidance throughout the season. Their vision and commitment have been instrumental in driving positive change and advancement within the Western Australian equestrian community.

Future Plans

Looking ahead to 2024, the Coaching Committee is dedicated to building upon the successes of the previous season and continuing to elevate coaching standards and support within the community. Key initiatives include the delivery of coach development workshops for current members, providing opportunities for ongoing growth and learning.

Additionally, efforts will be focused on advancing governance and coach education initiatives to enhance the social license for equestrian sport, ensuring that our community remains at the forefront of excellence and innovation.

As we reflect on the achievements and progress of the 2023 season, we look forward to an exciting future filled with continued growth, collaboration, and success within the Western Australian equestrian community.

REBECCA THOMAS

Chair, EWA Coaching Committee



Dressage



The priorities of the Dressage WA (DWA) Committee in 2023 were to support and foster our clubs in their event organisation, continue with education of our judges and stewards, and to continue promoting education, training and competition at all levels. With new committee members joining an already strong team we were able to put forward new financial incentive packages for our clubs, develop a new way forward for our leaderboard awards and host one of the most successful State Dressage Championships in Western Australia. There is NO sport that operates in this day and age without either private or governmental support. Our sport is no exception. For us to run more competitions, arrange master classes, clinics and overcome difficulties we face by our geographical isolation, means that our reliance on sponsors has become increasingly imperative.

Nationally, 2023 saw the introduction of new EA Dressage tests from Preparatory through to Advanced level. With the support from Dressage Judges Taskforce and clubs we were able to provide educational opportunities through workshops, judge training seminars and ridden training and protocol days to enable both riders and judges the opportunity to become familiar with these new tests. Through this process, it was evident that online scoring was the only way forward for our state. To provide a more sustainable future for the sport, DWA purchased 11 tablets to be used at DWA and club events for scribes and judges. Huge thanks must go to; Terrina Fairbrother, supported by Julie Millet who have been instrumental in the implementation of the live scoring system state wide. Many hours have been dedicated to the

training and education of riders, judges, scribes and event organisers to keep this a smooth process.

Looking back at 2023, we had a busy calendar of events run through Dressage WA with the support of several working parties:

- Wheatbelt Steel State Dressage Championships
- Hygain Pony Showcase
- Heiniger Para Equestrian Showcase-coordinated by WA Para-Equestrian
- Mid-Week Dressage Series
- Peter Storr Masterclass
- The Invitational
- Rising Star Final – Sponsored by PHP
- Horseland Young Dressage Horse Championship – Sponsored by Horseland & Bates



The 2023 Wheatbelt Steel State Dressage Championships was the highlight of the competition year. I was fortunate to be able to work together with event directors, Terrina Fairbrother and Ian Smith as well as an enthusiastic team including Tracey Strommer, Graeme Dick, Kristy Padburg, Pia Kelly, Steph Munro, Alexia Sita, Celeste Burns and Georgia Grose. Thank you must also go to Elaine Greene, who as Chair of Dressage Judges Taskforce was professional and passionate in liaising and organising four interstate judges for our competitors and our trainee judges sitting exams. These were Kerrie Swan-Bates, Jobina Kennedy, Julie Jones and Nell Marshman. Nadine Herbert helped to oversee our 10 judge trainees' exams making sure they all ran smoothly, which led to all judge candidates passing with flying colours. Our Technical Delegate was Janet Reid who was supported by Chief Stewards; Tanya Appleby and Nerida Middendorp. These events are not possible without our fabulous Judges and Stewards. Thanks must also go to Bev Leonard who generously took on hosting duties for the Judges and Stewards during the event.

A great deal of work went into securing valuable sponsors, a major proportion of which have offered sponsorship again for 2024. A highlight of the event was the seated lunch on the Sunday showcasing our FEI riders' freestyles for entertainment. This added an aura of elegance to the event and was very well supported by our sponsors. Thank you to the team headed by Siobhan Dick, Gale Strain, Marjorie Stanger, Jacqui Crossley, Marion Hercock and Joe Bryant. I must compliment the entire committee who worked tirelessly as a team to make this event a huge success.

Dressage WA would like to extend our thanks to our event partners - Wheatbelt Steel.

Platinum Sponsors - Ascot Equine Hospital, Acre Safe, Equi Move, Project Neon, Amacron Equine, Cavallo Equestrian WA, HHG Legal Group, Allways Caravan, Feed XL, Kyamba Lodge, Rebuck Australia, Beci Equi Couture, The Saddle Solutions Company, OTTWA.

Gold Sponsors - Closing Loops Coaching, Elizabeth Reiss & Assoc., City Livestock, LaNoir Saddleworld, Milne Feeds, HBT Insurance, Advanced Feeds, Theault, Back on Track, Horseland Midland, Zilco, Khonkes Own, Budget Stockfeeds, Tread Lite, Cavalor Equicare, Epplejeck International, Bella Robson, Pegasus Equestrian Products, Spooks Riding Australia, Zagro Australia, EAC Animal Health and Padburg Family.

Silver Sponsors - Byfields Business Advisers, Pimp My Pony, HB Horsewear, West Coast Vet, Kamco Arenas, Riviera Floats, Equissage, Jarrett Arena Mirrors, Orthotic and Prosthetic Solutions, Yalup Farm Equestrian, KER, Combined Horse Transport, Take the Reins Occupational Therapy, Sharon Jarvis Equestrian, Oakford Stockfeeds and Lisa Baker.



The Hygain Pony Showcase and Heiniger Para Equestrian Showcase hosted record numbers of competitors in 2023. Both events are leading the way in the pony dressage and para equestrian scenes. We are proud to host such events in WA, which we saw some fabulous performances from combinations gaining scores towards National squads and potential future National Team selection. Thank you to our Pony subcommittee of Dinah Fleming, Leanne Pitcher, Wendy Ryan, Toni Scott and Sharron Coppin. Our Para Equestrian Showcase was run by our PE Dressage Committee Elaine Greene, Val Mayger, Lisa Baker, Sharon Jarvis and Suzin Wells.

Locally, our WA Dressage community were fortunate enough to have British Dressage Rider, Trainer and Judge Peter Storr facilitating a Young Horse Masterclass and Masters of Dressage Symposium organised by Elaine Greene and DJTF. High Performance Squad Riders and riders with top scores from the State Dressage Championships were selected to ride in the clinic and were subsequently selected to be demonstration riders for these masterclasses. This provided a unique and fabulous educational series for riders of all levels from our grass roots riders starting on young horses through to our elite FEI riders. Both the Friday night and Sunday masterclasses were well attended by an enthusiastic crowd whose feedback was extremely positive.

The 2023 Horseland Young Horse Championships was a great success. Showcasing all Olympic disciplines, it is a unique way to bring our sport and community together. Cheryl Campbell, Trudi Hall, Graeme Dick, Celeste Burns and their support team ran a fabulous event and Dressage feel very lucky to have been included in the last two (2) years. Hosting both FEI official and unofficial young horse classes allowed more riders to participate and be a part of this event. Our FEI Young Horse qualifier

was won by Tayla Heath on Glenhill Venezio who qualified for the PSI Dressage with the Stars, National Young Dressage Horse Championship in 2024. The Champion of Champions sponsored by Bates Saddles was won by G Star and Gemma Davis.

To round off the competition year, DWA hosted The Invitational and The Rising Star Final proudly supported by Penny Hill Park. This event was run by Heidi Emery and her fabulous support team. Riders were required to qualify throughout the year at specific events and perform the highest level test under an esteemed panel of judges. Two of these judges were FEI judges – Susie Hoevenaars and Connie Bookless who travelled from the Eastern States. Our Rising Star Final has been generously supported by Michelle James of Penny Hill Park for many years. Our thanks goes to Michelle for her ongoing support of our young horses and breeding programs here in WA. This event showcased our young horse combinations who were in their first year of competitive dressage. Our overall Champion was G Star, owned and ridden by Gemma Davis. Our Pony Champion was won by Tiimli Enthusiast, owned and ridden by Lyla Valuri.



WA was represented by Alinta Veenvliet and Desperanza at National & International level this year. Alinta did WA proud with some impressive performances at The Sydney CDI, Willinga Park Dressage by the Sea CDI, NSW State Dressage Championships, PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars and the Australian Dressage Championships. Particularly exciting that Alinta and Desperanza have been long listed for the Paris Olympics.

Of immediate importance outside of the competition arena is the need to set protocols and guidelines to facilitate proper management of the funds at our disposal. The development of the sport is of course our primary goal. A key income stream for DWA is the Dressage Development Fund (DDF) level, which is paid by riders when a horse or pony enters an Equestrian Australia approved Dressage Event. In 2023, this fund raised \$22,159 which is a incredible increase from the previous year. This money goes straight back into the sport along with any additional funding from DWA.

In 2023, these funds were expended on the following activities:

- Judge education, training and examinations
- Steward training and education
- Club Competition Incentive Package
- The Invitational Final
- Leaderboard & State Awards
- Peter Storr Masterclass and Symposium

Looking towards 2024, DWA have highlighted several key aspects of the sport to support including both events and funding. DWA currently fund the education and training of dressage stewards and judges who are pivotal to our sport. In 2024, the funds put to this training and development will be increased to support the upgrading of judges to A, B and young horse level. There will also be additional funds put towards the training and education of our local stewards. On the competition front,

DWA will be introducing WA's first Youth Dressage Festival being held in April. This will be the first time an event in WA will run the FEI Youth tests which are used both Nationally and Internationally. It will be an exciting event that we hope to build and develop in future years, providing an important building block for our young riders to develop and work towards competing at the National Youth Dressage Championships and CDI competitions on the East Coast.

Thank you to our 2023 Dressage Committee members for contributing many volunteered hours, and especially to outgoing members:

- Steph Munro
- Heidi Emery

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

- Graeme Dick (Vice Chairperson)
- Julie Inglis (Treasurer)
- Terrina Fairbrother
- Georgia Grose
- Tracey Strommer
- Celeste Burns
- Alexia Sita
- Kristy Padburg

BELLA ROBSON

Chair, Dressage WA

Jumping



This year's State Show Jumping Championships was a resounding success, earning the accolade of the best Equestrian event in Western Australia. Organised by Jumping Promotions and Events WA, the event showcased an extraordinary level of competition and entertainment that captivated both participants and spectators alike. The meticulous planning and execution delivered an exceptional experience, making it a standout event in our annual calendar.

A special highlight of the EWA Awards was the outstanding performance of Bridget Kelly's horse, Cornets Prinzess. Demonstrating remarkable skill and consistency, Cornets Prinzess was recognised as our overall top-performing show jump horse. This prestigious achievement speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work invested by Bridget Kelly and her team.

Moreover, this year's Eric Marsden Trophy was proudly awarded to Rick Dabner. This trophy, which honours the senior rider accumulating the most points throughout the year, is a testament to Rick's excellence and commitment to the sport. His achievements have not only earned him this well-deserved trophy but have also set a high standard for his peers.

This year marked significant strides in strengthening the backbone of our equestrian events through focused enhancements in officiating and course design. We successfully hosted multiple officials courses, including a notable regional session in Albany. This particular course saw enthusiastic participation, with 21 attendees gaining valuable insights and skills. Such training sessions are vital

for maintaining high standards and ensuring the smooth running of competitions.

We are delighted to welcome aboard four new officials who are set to bring fresh perspectives and expertise to our events. This group includes three innovative course designers and one judge, each chosen for their dedication and potential to contribute positively to our events. Furthermore, we celebrated a significant milestone as one of our existing course designers advanced to Level 2, a testament to their commitment to professional growth and excellence in equestrian sports course design.



These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting our athletes and officials alike, fostering a thriving environment that champions both competitive success and community spirit within the equestrian sports realm.

We also extend our gratitude to Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) for their continuous support and collaboration. Their contributions are integral to our success, providing the necessary resources and guidance that help us thrive.



We are also thankful to our clubs for organising events that meet competitive aspirations while fostering camaraderie and inclusion among our members. Their efforts create opportunities for growth and enjoyment at all levels of participation.

Each of these groups and individuals embodies the spirit of commitment and cooperation that is so vital to our sport. We are profoundly thankful for their support and look forward to another year of shared achievements and progress.

As we step into 2024, Jumping WA is excited to unveil several key initiatives that promise to enhance our sport and provide even more opportunities for our community. A major development is the introduction of the Ring Two Series Classes. This expansion is designed to give back to riders of all levels, offering more inclusivity and helping to foster a broader range of talents within our sport.

We are also focused on elevating the competitive standard and support for our athletes through increased funding for High Performance and Next Generation Squads. These investments aim to nurture promising talents and ensure that our elite and emerging riders have the resources they need to succeed on both national and international stages.



Jumping WA will organise indoor training nights, providing riders with invaluable opportunities to train under varied conditions and refine their skills. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to accessible and comprehensive training programs.

Additionally, we are hopeful to see a Level 3 coaches qualified in Western Australia this year. Having higher-qualified coaches will significantly boost our training capabilities and provide our riders with advanced insights and techniques critical for their development.

These plans are crafted with the aim of advancing every aspect of our sport— from grassroots to elite levels— ensuring a thriving, dynamic future for equestrian jumping in Western Australia.

SOPHIE PARKES

Chair, Jumping WA



RIDE WITH RESPECT



Welcome riders,

As we come together for another exciting event, let's harness the spirit of camaraderie and excellence that defines our equestrian community.

Whether you're in the saddle, volunteering your time, or officiating, you are an integral part of showcasing Equestrian WA's values.

Teamwork is our foundation, where every rider, official, organiser, and supporter play a vital role. **Integrity** guides us, ensuring fairness and respect. **Inclusion** is our commitment, embracing diversity and fostering a welcoming environment.

As Equestrian WA ambassadors, let's pursue **excellence** while remembering the joy of our shared passion.

So, saddle up, hold your head high, and let's embark on this journey together, where **fun and enjoyment** ride alongside our pursuit of greatness.

Here's to an event filled with unforgettable moments and the unwavering spirit of Equestrian WA!

Zac Acott

Chief Executive Officer
Equestrian WA



TEAMWORK

- Collaboration
- Accountability
- Respect



INTEGRITY

- Fair
- Ethical
- Transparent



INCLUSION

- Welcoming
- Equality
- Belonging



EXCELLENCE

- Performance-driven
- Courageous
- Innovative



FUN & ENJOYMENT

#RideWithRespect

Eventing



The 2023 Eventing WA season was characterised by outstanding performances, notable achievements, and significant developments both on and off the horse. As we reflect on the season's highlights, it's evident that the dedication and talent within our equestrian community continue to shine brightly.

The season kicked off with a spectacular start at the first FEI event of the year at WAYER, where Kenya Wilson's victory aboard Sandros Salute MW in the CCI4* set the tone for what would be a remarkable year. Kenya's continued success, including participation in the 2023 Oceania Competition in Hastings NZ, solidified her position as a standout performer with eyes set on Paris 2024.

At the 2023 Adelaide Equestrian Festival, WA riders made their mark with impressive performances across various categories. Notable achievements included Kenya Wilson's fourth-place finish in the CCI5* and strong showings from Will Baxter, Mia Mercuri, Riley Lyall, and Natalie Hibbert in the CCI3*. WA officials PollyAnn Huntington and Penny Dodd also played crucial roles, further showcasing the depth of talent within our community.

A highlight of the season was the formation of a WA Team to participate in the Melbourne 3DE, with all riders delivering exceptional performances. Sonja Johnson's victory in the CCI4L at Wooroloo further exemplified the calibre of talent within our region, while Will Baxter's success in the 4S category underscored his growing prominence in the sport. Special mention goes to Ellie Gough for her multiple wins throughout the season, demonstrating skill

and determination in every competition.

From an off-horse perspective, the 2023 season saw key developments aimed at advancing the infrastructure and support systems for Eventing in WA. The annual TD CD Seminar held at Murray Equestrian Centre provided valuable insights and training opportunities for aspiring officials, with presenters PollyAnn Huntington and Sylvia Roberts sharing their expertise with attendees.

Eventing WA made significant investments in new competition entry and scoring systems, as well as cellular scoring tablets, to enhance efficiency and accuracy. Riders now have access to preliminary dressage scores immediately after their tests, facilitating transparency and efficiency in event operations. Despite increased fuel expenses, efforts were made to renovate and maintain eventing portables, ensuring the safety and quality of competition facilities.

Acknowledgements and Achievements

PollyAnn Huntington's achievement of attaining her FEI Level 4 Eventing Judge qualification in 2023 is a testament to her dedication and expertise. With years of commitment to the sport, PollyAnn's accomplishment elevates the standard of officiating within the region and enhances the credibility of eventing competitions. Her achievement inspires aspiring officials and underscores the importance of continuous learning and development in pursuit of excellence in eventing. PollyAnn's achievement marks her as the only current official of this level residing in the southern hemisphere.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to organising and running events. Special recognition goes to our officials, whose expertise and dedication are essential to the success of our sport.

Additionally, we express gratitude to Sue Warren for her invaluable administrative support and to Julie Cameron and Wendy Dunstan for their roles in implementing new scoring systems.

The contributions of the 2023 Eventing WA members, including outgoing member Kerrie Robbins, are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to their continued support in the future.

Future Plans

Looking ahead to 2024, Eventing WA has a robust training agenda planned, including the TD CD Seminar and a Cross Country Control Seminar with David Permezel. Cross Country Course Building workshops are also on the radar, highlighting our commitment to ongoing education and development within the sport.

JACINTA WITHOUTD

Chair, Eventing WA



Para-Equestrian



PARA-EQUESTRIAN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2023 has been another huge year of growth and development for Para-Equestrian in WA.

Two major competitions ran in cooperation with Dressage WA events; the 2023 Para-Equestrian Showcase and the WA Para-Equestrian State Championships. It is so wonderful to recognise that many more clubs are now looking to include para in their programmes and we as a committee are exploring how we can assist this with information, advice and hopefully, resources looking forward to 2024!

Training Day

On the 2nd September 2023 the PE Panel ran an EA Para Dressage and EA Dressage Training Day at Bella Vista Indoor Arena. The day was well supported giving riders the opportunity to ride their dressage tests without the pressure of competition. 27 tests were ridden on the day.

Thank you to Lisa Baker who judged the Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests and to Gill Botten who judged the EA Dressage tests. Big thank you to Fleur Litster who kept us all to time and to Janet Reid who was our fabulous writer for the tests. We enjoyed a 'thankyou' celebration lunch with Val Mayger OAM who had some wonderful memories and some comical incidents to share. Thank you to Sharron Coppin for allowing us to use Bella Vista, such a beautiful venue.

Sophie Wells - UK Multiple Paralympics Gold Medallist comes to WA to coach

Working in cooperation with Melissa Cannon from NSW, WA Para was privileged to host multi-medallist para-athlete Sophie Wells in March 2023.

Sophie coached our WA athletes and their horses for a full two days after which we joined her for dinner and an absolutely inspirational talk on the last evening of her visit. The WA Para-Equestrian Committee was delighted to support the work of Sharon Jarvis and Suzin Wells to deliver this opportunity to our athletes and we were able to provide a \$100 travel voucher for athletes to help with the cost of petrol to attend.

Classification

WA had eight (8) athletes Classified/ re- Classified in August 2023 at our WA Classification weekend. Additionally, Suzin Wells was Classified FEI Grade 4 at the Australian Dressage Championships, Boneo in October 2023.

Australian Dressage Championships and CPEDI

Sharon Jarvis, Suzin Wells and Chelsea De Jonge travelled to Boneo Vic to compete at the Australian Dressage Championships.

WA's Olympic medallist, Sharon Jarvis PLY competed on two horses as she warms up for her tilt at Paris Para Olympic team. She also has arranged for a brilliant new partnership between the remarkable stallion, Lord Lamarque (owned by Jade Edwards and Alan Moody) and athlete Stella Barton in the FEI 3* Grade 1 CPEDI.

Chelsea and her new partner Don Dancier (owned by Gill Botten) won FEI 3* Grade 5 Championship. Her achievements in many east coast competitions have been outstanding and this team is definitely one to watch heading into Paris Para Selection and World Equestrian Games. After becoming a bilateral amputee 10 weeks prior to the Australian Dressage Championships, Suzin Wells completed

her first national and international competitions and went on to win the FEI 2* Grade 4 Medium Freestyle by over 10%. What an achievement; we know there is more to come! Suzin is now a member of the National High Performance squad for para dressage.

Clinics

Suzin was one of 40 attendees who participated in an off-horse camp conducted by Para Olympic Coach Chris Nunn at Essendon Football Club over 3 days in November 2023. This was organised by Equestrian Pathways Australia.

WA athlete Sian Glanney rode a horse organised via EPA to compete in the Off the Track Magic Millions in QLD. Her show jumping was outstanding on a horse she had only 2 rides on before the invitation to travel to QLD.

Regionally based (Denmark) para athlete, Andrew Forbes with his wonderful big red partner, Royal Magic previously competed at the Australian Dressage Championships (2022) and this year has announced his retired from competition. After speaking to Andrew recently it is clear that he has so very much to continue to offer our sport in WA as he completes his qualification in Equinology Body Work and continues to judge and coach in the Great Southern.

Promoting and Growing Para Sport in WA

The WA Para Panel organised a sausage sizzle at Horseland Midland to celebrate the National Day of Disability. Thanks to Cheryl Campbell for allowing us to work from her wonderful business! Funding provided through a grant from the Department for Communities, Disability Services, this event was high profile in our community and showcased para equestrian pathways, athletes and assistive technology that is available while raising awareness of Para-Equestrian sport.

WA is growing our sport every week!

For example, newly classified para athlete Danielle Loizou-Lake and her partner, BML Jack Sparrow recently started to compete and show huge potential for the future. Danielle is a most welcome addition to our sport and in her profession has represented Australia on a world platform by attending a conference at the UN in New York on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

A key component of our pathways work is to link into NDIS and other supports. This year, Suzin Wells has helped WA athletes to unlock NDIS funding to support and expand participation in para sport. We hope to expand this work.

A huge thank you to our loyal and generous sponsors including, Heiniger Australia, Combined Horse Transport, Duncan Equine, OPS Prosthetics, All-Ways Canavan Hire, Oakford Stockfeeds, Suzin Wells - First Bit Equine, Dressage WA, Christie Lyn Photography, Sharon Jarvis PL and Lisa Baker MLA.

VALRIE MAYGER OAM

Chair, Para-Equestrian Panel



Show Horse



The 2023 Show Horse WA season was a vibrant and successful period, depicted by a series of standout events and achievements that showcased the talent and dedication within our show horse community. As we reflect on the season's highlights, it's evident that the Show Horse Committee's commitment to excellence and inclusivity has contributed to the growth and success of our sport.

The season featured three major events: the Autumn Pageant & Newcomers, Winter Gala, and the landmark 50th Anniversary of Equestrian WA Horse and Rider of the Year (HOTY). The HOTY event, in particular, held special significance as it was also recognised as the 2023 EWA Annual Awards, Event of the Year. These events provided platforms for riders and horses to demonstrate their skills and compete at the highest levels.

Among the standout performers were Don Desandro, Cimeron Silver Lining, Asharley Valentino, and BL Bellissimo, who captured attention with their exceptional performances at the Supreme Autumn Pageant. Similarly, Don Desandro, Kingsfield Nobleman, Mallawa Park Hashtag, and Petite E'Toile showcased their talent and versatility at the Supreme Winter Gala. At the EWA HOTY, a National qualifier held in Sydney, WA riders excelled, with notable achievements including Petite E'Toile as OTT Runner-up and Contredance securing Small Hunter Galloway honours.

Off-horse developments played a crucial role in enhancing the overall experience for participants and spectators alike. The Show Horse Committee organised a successful Les Friend clinic, inviting

squad members to participate and providing opportunities for skill development and knowledge-sharing. This clinic, which saw a total of 43 lessons completed over three days, received positive feedback and contributed to the growth and improvement of riders and horses alike.

In addition to the clinic, the committee hosted a judges' seminar aimed at fostering the development of judges within the community. This initiative was part of a broader effort to enhance the professionalism and expertise of officials, ensuring fair and consistent judging standards across events.

A key focus for the Show Horse Committee in 2023 was promoting a positive and supportive environment for volunteers and competitors alike. Initiatives such as the Horseland WA Volunteer of the Month Award and recognition for exemplary conduct among competitors helped foster a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship within the community. Additionally, efforts to raise awareness of welfare issues and promote friendly behaviour among competitors led to tangible improvements in conduct and behaviour throughout the season.



Acknowledgements and Achievements

The success of the 50th Anniversary EWA HOTY event was a highlight of the season, not only for its significance but also for its exceptional execution.

If not for the amazing performances from all who competed in this event, it was allowing riders and spectators to get a glimpse of our sport from across the years by walking through memory lane. This exhibition of riders and their mounts from across the 50 years made for a unique history lesson of how the sport of Show Horse has developed over time. It was evident that the dedication and hard work of the Show Horse Committee and its volunteers shined through this event and its riders.

The Show Horse Committee extends its sincere gratitude to the dedicated members of the 2023 committee, whose tireless efforts and commitment were instrumental in the success of the season. Special thanks are also extended to our sponsors and national team sponsors for their generous support, without which these events would not have been possible.

Future Plans

Looking ahead to 2024, the Show Horse Committee is focused on ensuring the financial stability and continued growth of the sport. Key priorities include supporting current members, nurturing young riders and judges, and delivering successful events such as the Autumn Pageant, Winter Gala, and 2024 HOTY.

With a commitment to excellence and inclusivity, the committee is poised to build upon the successes of the past season and continue advancing the sport of Show Horse in Western Australia.

EILEEN MORRIS

Vice Chair, Show Horse WA



Vaulting



The 2023 Vaulting season in Western Australia unfolded as a thrilling chapter filled with growth, achievement, and vibrant participation. From local showcases to prestigious championships, vaulters, horses, and their supporters demonstrated unwavering dedication and passion, making it a memorable year for the sport.

Throughout the year, the vaulting community showcased their skills and talents at various events. The Equestrian WA Interschool Vaulting Championships held in April attracted sixteen (16) vaulters, each displaying remarkable athleticism and finesse. Notable performances included Yindi Falconbridge's impressive victory in the Intermediate Individual category and Emmi Kneale's exceptional display in the Novice Individual category. The event provided a platform for young vaulters to showcase their abilities and set the stage for future success.

In October, a consort of six (6) vaulters, accompanied by vaulting horse Mackerson, travelled interstate to compete in the South Australian State Vaulting Championships. The WA team's stellar performance, including Yindi Falconbridge's first-place finish in the Intermediate Individual (Freestyle) category and Olivia Barry's victory in the Pre-Novice Individual category, highlighted the strength and talent of WA vaulters on a national stage. The team's success was a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the support of their coaches and supporters.

Off-horse initiatives played a crucial role in advancing the sport's development and inclusivity. WA vaulting judge Abbie White's successful

attainment of Level 2 Equestrian Australia Judge Accreditation was a significant milestone, enhancing the judging expertise available within the state. Additionally, the establishment of the WA Vaulting Working Group in November marked a new chapter in the governance and strategic direction of Vaulting in WA. Comprising six (6) dedicated representatives, the working group aims to drive initiatives that promote growth, development, and inclusivity within the sport.

The incorporation of vaulting into the revised EWA Annual Award Policy in December 2023 further underscores the sport's growing recognition and importance. These amendments will enhance wider recognition for the discipline and provide opportunities for further engagement and promotion of our sport.



The implementation of a new rule regarding the removal of side reins during competition, prior to the judges' salute for Vaulting in Australia, reflects ongoing efforts to prioritise horse welfare and enhance the overall vaulting experience. This rule adjustment received widespread support and is expected to contribute to the continued welfare and development of vaulting horses in competition settings.

In addition to rule changes, WA vaulting clubs and organisations continued to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for vaulters of all ages and abilities. Strong partnerships with local clubs, including RDA Carine, RDA Oakford, and HorsePower Australia, have provided valuable opportunities for vaulters with disabilities to participate and excel in the sport. These initiatives have not only expanded access to vaulting but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among participants.



Acknowledgements and Achievements

One standout story from 2023 was the journey of WA's most advanced vaulter, Matilda Yates, who travelled to Europe for advanced training and participation in international vaulting championships. Matilda's dedication, skill, and commitment to excellence have not only brought recognition to WA vaulting but also fostered connections and collaborations with European vaulters and coaches. Her experiences abroad have contributed to the global awareness and appreciation of vaulting as a sport.

The vaulting committee extends heartfelt thanks to the entire vaulting community within WA for their dedication, passion, and contributions throughout the year. Special recognition is given to Leah Kuuse, Kimberley Fowler, and Marianne Rothfuss for their exemplary coordination of vaulting competitions and events. Gratitude is also extended to Off the Track WA for their continued sponsorship of Mackerson and to Kay Fowler for her steadfast dedication to advancing vaulting in our state.

Future Plans

As we look ahead to 2024, the Vaulting Committee is committed to building on the successes of the past year and continuing to drive growth and development within the sport. With the establishment of the WA Vaulting Working Group, we have a renewed focus on strategic priorities and initiatives that will support the growth of vaulting at all levels.

We remain dedicated to fostering partnerships, expanding access to vaulting opportunities, and promoting the sport's inclusivity throughout the state.

MATILDA YATES

Member, Vaulting Working Group

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
ABN 53 591 481 584

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
ABN 53 591 481 584
Board's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Your board members submit the financial accounts of the Equestrian Western Australia Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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

Kelly Kent (appointed 11 December 2023)

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 2023.

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:

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Profit / (loss) from ordinary activities	(\$54,348)	\$7,144

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Board's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board on: 14 May 2024



Chairperson – Anne Wilkins



Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2023 \$	Year ended 31 December 2022 \$
Revenue	2	2,999,921	2,577,435
Gross profit		2,999,921	2,577,435
SEC Grant Expended	3	(600,066)	(311,688)
Operating expenses	3	(2,454,203)	(2,258,603)
Profit (deficit) before income tax		(54,348)	7,144
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit (deficit) for the year		(54,348)	7,144
Other comprehensive income:			
Other comprehensive items			
Total other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		(54,348)	7,144

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			*
Cash assets	5	886,252	1,478,914
Trade and other receivables	6	304,320	281,447
Total Current Assets		1,190,572	1,760,361
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,870,718	1,925,450
Total Non-Current Assets		1,870,718	1,925,450
Total Assets		3,061,290	3,685,811
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	388,183	942,595
Provisions	9	89,838	105,600
Total Current Liabilities		478,021	1,048,195
Total Liabilities		478,021	1,048,195
Net Assets		2,583,268	2,637,616
Equity			
Reserves	4	680,000	680,000
Retained profits	4	1,903,268	1,957,616
Total Members' Funds		2,583,268	2,637,616

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers and government grants		2,942,651	2,783,711
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,535,313)	(1,838,059)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	11	(592,662)	945,652
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(592,662)	945,652
Cash at the beginning of the year		1,478,914	533,262
Cash at the end of the year	5	886,252	1,478,914

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Equestrian Western Australia Inc
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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.

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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.

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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.

Volunteer services are not recognised in the financial statements.

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.

Leases

EWA's lease of the State Equestrian Centre from the City of Swan is recognised at its contract value.

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 2023.

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 following upgrades/ improvements:

2022: commencement of the indoor arena surface upgrade and fire emergency services, and

2023: completion of the indoor arena surface upgrade, fire emergency services, lighting upgrades.

Commencement of solar panel installation and main switchboard upgrade (completed in 2024).

Subsequent to 31 December 2023, EWA has further received \$400,000 plus GST to fund the following upgrades / improvements: switchboard upgrades, replacement of indoor arena emergency doors, replacement of certain lighting poles and LED lights and other miscellaneous expenditure in accordance with the SEC Asset Management Framework.

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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 31 December 2024. 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.

During 2022 and 2023, EWA along with their appointed independent consultants continued to further investigate opportunities for the SEC. EWA is liaising with the City of Swan, Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture and other key stakeholders on the future prospects for the State Equestrian Centre and investigating further commercial opportunities for the centre. This project is continuing in 2024.

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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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 2: Revenue and other income		
Membership & Registrations	614,521	603,529
Horse Cards, Registrations, Transfers	100,772	79,825
Facility Fees SEC	570,647	559,425
Events & Activities EWA	541,610	470,228
Sponsorship & Fundraising	323,626	240,783
Operating Grants	223,025	288,568
Capital Grants	600,066	311,688
Other income	25,654	23,388
Revenue and other income	2,999,921	2,577,435

Note 3: Total expenses

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

Charging as Expense:

Audit fees	7,550	5,950
Capital grant expended	600,066	311,688
Depreciation of non-current assets:	113,158	112,491
Financial Costs	3,370	4,012
Insurance	177,540	160,316
Insurance - EA	119,097	116,335
EA Membership Cost	111,223	104,171
SEC Direct Costs	330,352	260,269
Events & Activities	497,971	472,154
Supplies - Food, Beverage, Uniforms	54,537	21,346
Office & Administration	215,122	224,012
Gifts in kind expenses	73,037	23,156
Rates & land taxes	13,144	13,146
Wage Related Costs	54,544	77,031
Wages EWA	306,207	318,298
Wages SEC	377,351	345,916
Total expenses	3,054,269	2,570,291

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 4: Reserves and Retained profits		
Assets revaluation reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	680,000	605,000
Increase (decrease) in reserves during the reporting period:	0	75,000
Balance at the reporting date	680,000	680,000
Opening retained profits	1,957,616	1,950,471
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(54,348)	7,144
Closing retained profits	1,903,268	1,957,616
Note 5: Cash assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (*)	886,252	1,478,914
(*) 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 (#)	176,609	172,349
Prepayments	115,638	92,951
Other receivables	12,073	16,147
Trade and other receivables	304,320	281,447
(#) Trade debtors includes the following receivables: DLGSC of \$110,000 (2022: \$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	750,000
Leasehold improvements		
- At cost	1,649,790	1,633,090
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(726,219)	(656,292)
	923,571	976,798
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	599,019	557,293
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(401,872)	(358,642)
	197,147	198,651
	1,870,718	1,925,450

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 8: Trade and other payables		
Unsecured:		
- Trade creditors	61,597	42,013
- Other creditors (^)	290,434	877,628
- GST control account	36,152	22,955
	388,183	942,595

(^) includes unexpended grants of \$87,045 (2022: \$678,312)
and memberships paid in advance of \$152,764 (2022: \$147,260)

Note 9: Provisions

Current

Employee entitlements	89,838	105,600
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There were 14 (2022:13) employees at the end of the year.

Note 10: Contingent liabilities

During 2022, EWA arranged a private donation to support the funding of consultants fees engaged to further investigate opportunities for the SEC. The consultants fees are \$30,000 (excl GST) and the private donation will cover 50% (\$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	(54,348)	7,144
Depreciation	113,158	112,491
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in plant, improvements	(58,426)	(13,235)
(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables	(22,873)	206,276
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	(554,411)	615,510
Increase (decrease) in provisions	(15,762)	17,466
Net cash provided by operating activities	(592,662)	945,652

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 12: Auditors' Remuneration		
Remuneration of the auditor of the company for:		
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	7,550	5,950

Note 13: Related Parties Disclosure

All transactions with key management personnel during the period were on no different terms to those applying to EWA members or the general public.

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Statement by Members of the Board
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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 2023 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 May 2024

Date



Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

14 May 2024

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 2023 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 30th of May 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Equestrian Western Australia Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, 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 2023, 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 30th day of May 2024

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Certificate by Member of the Board
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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 2023 will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated : 14 May 2024



Chairperson – Anne Wilkins



Financial Director - Roslyn O'Halloran

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