

EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# ANNUAL AWARDS 2023

Hosted by Tim Gossage

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## **Equestrian WA Annual Awards 2023**

Discover the legacy of excellence at Equestrian Western Australia's Annual Awards Night.

For years, this prestigious event has celebrated the dedication and achievements of our equestrian community. From thrilling competitions to heartwarming moments, the Awards Night is a showcase of passion and talent.

Align your brand with this rich tradition and support the spirit of achievement.

Join us as we honor the best in equestrian sports, creating lasting memories and forging connections in the vibrant horse community.



#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Equestrian Western Australia acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we meet today, and pay our respect to Elders past and present.



#### **OUR HOST**

#### Tim Gossage

It is with great pleasure to introduce the charismatic and seasoned sports broadcaster, Tim Gossage, as the Master of Ceremonies for tonight's awards program. Tim has not only been a prominent figure in the world of sports journalism but also a captivating host known for his wit and charm. We thank Tim for joining us for yet another year of celebrations.



### **OUR VENUE**

## The Ritz-Carlton, Perth

We extend our sincere gratitude to The Ritz-Carlton, Perth, and its exceptional staff for kindly hosting the our Annual Awards Night.

I'm sure you can agree we are truly privileged to celebrate this special evening in such an exquisite venue.





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## **WELCOME**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the prestigious 2023 Equestrian WA Annual Awards Night at The Ritz-Carlton Perth. Tonight marks a special occasion for the equestrian community in Western Australia as we gather to honour and celebrate the remarkable individuals who have made an indelible impact on our sport.

Tonight's awards are more than accolades; they are a testament to the passion, dedication, and commitment that these exceptional individuals have demonstrated as athletes, coaches, administrators, owners, club members, event organisers, and volunteers. Their tireless efforts have not only elevated the sport but have also inspired the next generation of equestrians.

I extend my warmest congratulations to all the nominees. Your achievements have set a standard of excellence that resonates throughout the equestrian community, and tonight, we recognise and applaud your outstanding contributions.

As we revel in the achievements of the past year, we also look forward to the promising horizons of the upcoming 2024 season where we continue to grow and expect exciting opportunities and challenges that will further elevate our beloved sport.

Tonight, let us celebrate, inspire, and look ahead to a future filled with even greater accomplishments. Thank you for being a part of this momentous occasion.

Yours sincerley,

**Zac Acott**Chief Executive Officer
Equestrian WA



## **OUR CATEGORIES**

The 2023 Awards showcase various modifications emphasising accomplishments and commitment across all levels of our sport and clubs, including the introduction of a new category—the Breeder of the Year Awards.

- · Sports Star Rider of the Year
- Sports Star Junior Rider of the Year
- Club of the Year Metro
- Club of the Year Regional
- · Horse of the Year
- · OTTWA Horse of the Year
- · Coach of the Year Performance
- Coach of the Year Community Club
- Event of the Year Club
- Event of the Year Special Events
- · Official of the Year
- · Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Service to the Sport
- \*NEW\* Breeder of the Year

### 2022 AWARD WINNERS RECAP

#### **KENYA WILSON**

Sports Star - Rider of the Year

#### **TEAGAN CHRISTIE**

Sports Star - Junior Rider of the Year

#### **SWAN RIVER DRESSAGE CLUB**

Club of the Year

#### YALAMBI HUGO BOSS

Horse of the Year

#### **MAKAYLA WOOD**

Coach of the Year

#### **EQUESTRIAN IN THE PARK**

Event of the Year

#### **EDWARD MURPHY**

Official of the Year

#### KATE INGHAM

Volunteer of the Year

#### KATE INGHAM

Services to the Sport













# Maitland Park Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS)

A heartfelt thank you to Maitland Park, invaluable supporters and sponsors of the Equestrian WA Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS). Your unwavering commitment to nurturing young equestrian talent is truly commendable. With your generous contribution, we can continue fostering growth, skill development, and a love for horsemanship among our dedicated junior riders. Grateful for your ongoing partnership and belief in the power of equestrian excellence.

#### **BEST & FAIREST AWARD FINALISTS**

DRESSAGE	<b>EVENTING</b>	<b>JUMPING</b>
Alivia Coppin	<b>Scarlett Currey</b>	Chloe Wood
Alyssa Scott	Serena Smith	Isla Bolton
Amy Lockhart	Siena Stasiw	Isobel Egan
Mia Avila	Taylor Palmer	Scarlett Currey

SHOW HORSE
Erin Bertola
Taylor Palmer

Alyssa Scott
Chenin Hislop

Lateesha Coppin Meg Fowler

#### MOST IMPROVED AWARD FINALISTS

DRESSAGE	<b>EVENTING</b>	JUMPING	<b>OFF-HORSE</b>
Amelia McDonald	Chloe Wood	Caitlin Godfrey	<b>EDUCATION</b>
Caitlin Godfrey	Emily Stampalia	<b>Isobel Egan</b>	Alivia Coppin
Isla Bolton	Serena Smith	Ryleigh Conway	Amy Lockhart
Uma Sky Fisher	<b>Taylor Palmer</b>	Serena Smith	Sune Snyman
			Tazmin Smith

## LIFETIME SERVICE TO THE SPORT

The Lifetime Service to the Sport Award acknowledges a sustained and significant commitment, applauding individuals who have played a pivotal role in shaping the equestrian landscape. Their enduring passion and dedication serve as an inspiration to others, embodying the spirit of community, sportsmanship, and excellence that define the equestrian world. This award not only honors the recipients for their past achievements but also serves as a beacon for future generations, encouraging a legacy of service, leadership, and love for the equestrian sport.

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#### **NOMINEES**

## **Valrie Mayger**

Terrina Fairbrother

Karen McInnes

Kay Fowler

Kerrie Robbins

Sue Warren

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

The Equestrian WA Volunteer of the Year Award is a distinguished accolade that pays tribute to individuals who exemplify selfless dedication and contribute their time and skills to enriching equestrian sports in Western Australia. This prestigious award acknowledges the invaluable efforts of those who go above and beyond in their volunteer roles, leaving a lasting positive impact at the Club, Regional, and State levels.

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### **NOMINEES**

Emma Crofts Marlene Kinder

Jessica Ridley Noeleen Kentish

Karen McInnes Sara Roth

Kelly Thomas Sharon Elizabeth

**Kerry Wilson** Sue Warren

Kimberley Fowler Tracey Sands

Malcolm Kentish Trudi Hall

Marie-France Prevost

**Marjory Stanger** 

- Discipline Winner
- Overall Winner

# COACH OF THE YEAR - PERFORMANCE -

The Equestrian WA Coach of the Year - Performance Award celebrates coaches whose dedication and expertise have left an indelible mark on both human and equine athletes. Acknowledging significant contributions to individual or team success in senior or junior competitions at state, national, and/or international levels, this accolade highlights their pivotal role in achieving outstanding results. Beyond the arena, recipients also stand out for their contributions to the wider coaching community through mentoring and other impactful efforts, showcasing a commitment to advancing the sport as a whole.

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## **NOMINEES**

**Colin Chantler** 

**Nellandra Henry** 

**David Carey** 

**Roz Tippet** 

Elizabeth Wakley Dawes

Sonja Johnson

**Gail Simms** 

Stephanie Spencer

Liesl Wilding

Discipline Winner

Overall Winner

# COACH OF THE YEAR - COMMUNITY CLUB -

The Equestrian WA Coach of the Year - Community Club Award honors coaches whose dedication and skill have profoundly impacted both human and equine athletes, fostering development at Clubs throughout WA. Recognising their vital contributions to rider development at the grassroots level, this award celebrates their commitment to nurturing talent within 'club-land.' Beyond their immediate impact, recipients also showcase a commitment to the wider coaching community through mentoring and other significant contributions, embodying the spirit of community and growth in equestrian sports.

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**NOMINEES** 

**Philippa Collier** 

# CLUB OF THE YEAR - METRO -

The Equestrian WA Club of the Year Award celebrates an affiliated club's exceptional community engagement across multiple levels. Recognising outstanding contributions to the sport of Equestrian in WA, from grassroots development through programs and coaching to high-level performance, the award encompasses club governance, strategic partnerships, profile building, events, culture, and financial sustainability. A testament to excellence, this accolade signifies a club's comprehensive commitment to advancing equestrian sports, embodying the values of inclusivity, performance, and strong community ties.

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## **NOMINEES**

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WA Show Jumping Association

**Swan River Dressage Inc.** 

Jumping Promotions Events WA Inc.

# CLUB OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL -

The Equestrian WA Club of the Year Award celebrates an affiliated club's exceptional community engagement across multiple levels. Recognising outstanding contributions to the sport of Equestrian in WA, from grassroots development through programs and coaching to high-level performance, the award encompasses club governance, strategic partnerships, profile building, events, culture, and financial sustainability. A testament to excellence, this accolade signifies a club's comprehensive commitment to advancing equestrian sports, embodying the values of inclusivity, performance, and strong community ties.

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**NOMINEES** 

Eastern Wheatbelt Riding Club Inc.

**Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc.** 

Swan River Horse Trials Club Inc.

# EVENT OF THE YEAR - CLUB -

The Equestrian WA Event of the Year - Club Award acknowledges an EWA-sanctioned event by an affiliated club that stands out for its exceptional standard of excellence, surpassing others in the equestrian realm. Whether hosting local, regional, state, national, or international competitors, the award highlights the event's distinction in delivering a remarkable experience and achieving a level of excellence that sets it apart as an exemplary showcase within the equestrian community.

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## **NOMINEES**

W.A.Y.E.R & Toyota Midland International Horse Trials 2023 Brigadoon CCI-S

Horseland Young Horse Event

Perth Showjumping League

Jumping Promotions Events
WA State Titles

# EVENT OF THE YEAR - SPECIAL EVENT -

The Equestrian WA Event of the Year - Special Events Award acknowledges excellence in an EWA sanctioned event organised by an EWA committee, affiliated sport, or commercial affiliate. Reserved for events surpassing standards, whether local, regional, state, national, or international, it recognises outstanding achievement in organisation and execution, setting a benchmark for excellence in the diverse landscape of equestrian competitions.

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### **NOMINEES**

2023 Saddles Plus Interschool WA State Championships

Show Horse WA 50th Anniversary
Horse and Rider of the Year

Heinger Para-Equestrian Dressage Showcase

Yalambi Easter Jumping Classic

Dressage WA State Championships

Dressage WA 2023 Pony Showcase

Overall Winner

## OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

The Equestrian WA Official of the Year Award celebrates an EA accredited official exemplifying excellence in officiating, setting themselves apart through exceptional conduct and professionalism. Recognising their significant contributions to the sport of officials in WA, including development efforts, this award highlights achievements across various competition levels. Serving as an ambassador, the recipient aligns with Equestrian WA values, showcasing dedication and proficiency in fostering fair and exemplary competition.

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## **NOMINEES**

**Abigal White** 

Corien Ridley

Lisa Baker

Nerida Middendorp

**PollyAnn Huntington** 

## **BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

The Equestrian WA Breeder of the Year Award honors individuals whose dedication to breeding horses of the highest quality has significantly impacted equestrian success, with exceptional achievements at State, National, or International levels. This award celebrates a breeder's positive and encouraging attitude, inspiring and guiding both horses and riders, thereby contributing to the overall progression and spirit of equestrian sports.

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#### **NOMINEES**

Dynamik Stallions

Kristy Jarvis

**Eve Jarvis** 

Jade Edwards

Penny Hill Park

Michelle James

Riverwood Lodge Caitlin Bolger

Yalambi Farm Stud

Rory Hovell

Overall Winner

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## **HORSE OF THE YEAR**

The Equestrian WA Horse of the Year Award celebrates equine excellence, honoring a horse that has delivered exceptional performances in both domestic and international competitions. This award recognises outstanding achievements at all levels, from local to international events, highlighting the horse's remarkable contributions to the sport during the defined period.

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## **NOMINEES**

#### DRESSAGE

**BML Silhouette Byalee Breathless** 

## **Desperanza**

Diede Dieni Idol

## **PARA-EQUESTRIAN**

Kendall Park Odyssey **Lord Larmarque** OFH Directors Choice

Sylvania Montgomery

VAULTING

Mackerson

#### **EVENTING**

Don Jamee **ESB Irish Tribute** Kdale Miss Emma Parkiarrup Showtime **Sandros Salute MW** 

## **JUMPING**

Afrodizijak E

## **Cornets Prinzess**

Gladiator P Luisianna E Tinka's Bay Yalambis Finnigan Yalambi's Fiorenza Yalambi's Hugo Boss YPH Picasso

#### **SHOW PONY**

## **Kennallywood Alabama**

Kolbeach Rendition Mallawa Park Hashtag Priory Fenella Whitmere Benjamin Button Yarralea Minks Agent

### **SHOW HORSE**

Cawdor Park Kingsman **Cimeron Silver Lining** Contredance

Petite E'Toile PS Rolls Royce

#### PONY DRESSAGE

**Anjershof Chico** Kings Town Gwyneth **NEP Cadillac** 

- Discipline Winner
- Overall Winner

## OFF THE TRACK WA HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Equestrian WA Horse of the Year Award, in collaboration with Off the Track WA, celebrates exceptional performances by Off the Track horses in domestic and international competitions. Recognising the outstanding contributions of these horses during the defined period, the award highlights their achievements and showcases the versatility and excellence of retired racehorses in equestrian pursuits.

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### **NOMINEES**

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Reduction

**Azarax** 

Barz Open

Moet

Hava Little Faith

SV Super Maxi

**GI War Machine** 

Madamchino

Petite E'Toile

Overall Winner

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## JUNIOR RIDER OF THE YEAR

The Equestrian WA Junior Rider of the Year Award acknowledges a rising athlete's exceptional performances in domestic and international competitions during the defined period. Celebrating outstanding achievements at all levels, the award honors the recipient's significant talent, dedication, and commitment. These young riders also serve as ambassadors for the sport, embodying the

spirit of equestrian excellence and sportsmanship.

## **NOMINEES**

#### **DRESSAGE**

Alyssa Scott

Chenin Hislop

**Lauren Rowe** 

Lyla Valuri

Sarah Inglis

### INTERSCHOOL

**Imogen Freeman** 

#### **SHOW HORSE**

Ava Bowles

Codie Lambert

Erin Bertola

Leshae Itzstein

Lily Hennessy

Kadance Langley
Mercedes Mathews

## **EVENTING**

Charlee Morton-Sharp

**Ellie Gough** 

Eva Shore

Holly Brimblecombe

Ruby Rae

**Scarlett Currey** 

## **JUMPING**

Allira Bond

Ellie Gough

**Layla Diamantis** 

Leah Possingham

Ruby Rae

## **VAULTING**

Yindi Falconbridge

Discipline WinnerOverall Winner



## RIDER OF THE YEAR

The Equestrian WA Rider of the Year Award celebrates athletes achieving exceptional performances in domestic and international competitions.

Acknowledging outstanding displays at all levels, from local to international events, recipients embody significant talent, dedication, and commitment.

Serving as ambassadors for the sport, they contribute to its growth and inspire others with their remarkable achievements during the defined period.

## **NOMINEES**

#### **DRESSAGE**

#### Alinta Veenvliet

India Levene Melanie Nixon Roz Tippett

Stephanie Spencer

## PARA-EQUESTRIAN

Chelsea De Jonge
Sharon Jarvis
Suzin Wells

#### **EVENTING**

## Kenya Wilson

Mia Mercuri Olivia Shore Riley Lyall Sonja Johnson

Sophie Warren

William Baxter

## **SHOW HORSE**

Anna Duffy
Bronte Adams
Courtney Vale
Lauren King
Richard Rice
Sophie Vince

## **JUMPING**

Bridget Kelly
Caitlin Bolger
Emily Hovell
Leon Carroll
Richard Dabner
Tessa Lill

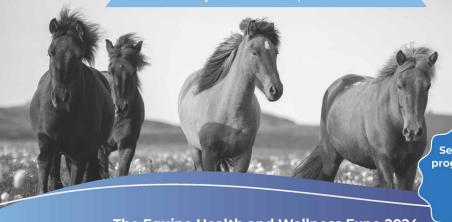
**VAULTING Olivia Curry** 

- Discipline Winner
- Overall Winner





Saturday 24th February 2024 The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle



See the Expo program details



The Equine Health and Wellness Expo 2024 is a full-day lecture-based educational event specifically for horse owners and riders.

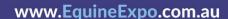
With two lecture streams incorporating 9 passionate and well-known speakers, PLUS a large trade exhibition, this promises to be an incredible day. With special guest speaker for our keynote lecture, Dr Rachael Smith.

The Expo is the ONLY one of it's kind in Western Australia, and is open to anyone who is wanting to level up their equine-specific knowledge and connect with like-minded equestrians.

Ticket price: \$147.00 per person

10% Discount Code: EWA10





Are you keen to become an exhibitor or a partner of the 2024 Equine Health & Wellness Expo? Get in touch to discuss partnership opportunities:



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#### **OUR SUPPORTERS**

A massive thank you to our event supporters, whether it was printing assistances or capturing our glamorous evening, Equestrian WA would like to thank those who support our celebration.





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## EWA ANNUAL AWARDS SELECTION PANEL

Enormous gratitude to the Equestrian WA Annual Awards Selection Panel for their unwavering dedication and time invested in this process. Comprised of representatives from each discipline, your commitment to showcasing excellence in sport has been instrumental. Thank you for your invaluable contribution to our equestrian community's recognition and celebration.

