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RESUME FORM Dressage WA committee

To be returned to the EWA Office by no later than 11.59pm Sunday 28 September 2025

Name:	Corien Ridley
Equestrian interest:	Dressage, Show Horse, Interschools
Previous Board / Committee experience:	<p>I am the current Chair of the Equestrian Australia Interschool Committee. I have completed my Australian Sports Commission, Community Officiating General Principles course as well as The Start Line – Sports Governance Foundations course.</p> <p>At my local club, Busselton Horse and Pony Club, I have held the role of club president (3yrs) and past secretary of the club (4yrs). I am also the immediate past secretary of the Southwest Zone of Pony Club WA (2yrs) and now the Treasurer, but have been on the committee for over 15yrs.</p> <p>In my work life I am on a number of committees and a member of the school executive some of which I run as the chair and others as a committee member.</p>
Reason / objectives for interest in representing EWA on the Dressage WA Committee:	<p>My equestrian interest has always been in dressage. I have competed since my pony club days and now run the successful Busselton Horse and Pony Club dressage competitions, which are an important part of the regional calendar.</p> <p>I am committed to developing dressage regionally by offering quality competitions and improving access to modern systems such as ICT electronic scoring. As a Level 2 Dressage Steward, I also aim to return to judging and contribute further to the sport.</p> <p>My objectives in joining the EWA Dressage Committee are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Support regional riders with access to quality competitions. * Promote innovation and efficiency in competition delivery. * Assist in the development of riders, officials, and volunteers. * Contribute to the continued growth and inclusivity of dressage in WA. <p>I am passionate about ensuring riders at all levels feel valued and acknowledged, and I believe my experience and skills will allow me to contribute positively to the committee.</p>
Equestrian history:	<p>I have been riding since the age of five, progressing through the Pony Club system before becoming involved with EFA WA (now EWA) in both Show Horse and Dressage. Over the years, I have developed a strong foundation across multiple disciplines, with dressage being my main passion.</p> <p>I previously held accreditation as a dressage judge but stepped away from this role when my daughter was born. While I do not intend to return to judging, I continue to contribute as a Level 2 EA Dressage Steward, Medication Control Steward, Show Horse Steward, and EA Measuring Steward. These roles allow me to support the delivery of competitions at a high standard while ensuring fairness, safety, and compliance.</p> <p>I am actively involved in running quality dressage competitions for my local club and remain dedicated to strengthening opportunities for riders in regional areas. In addition to my work at the club level, I serve as the National Chair of the EA Interschool Committee, where I have been deeply involved since my daughter's time competing at both state and national level. For the past four years, I have also held the role of WA Team Manager for the National Interschool Championships, providing leadership, organisation, and support to young riders and their families. Although I continue to run Show Horse competitions, my heart lies firmly with dressage, and I am committed to contributing to the sport's growth and success across all levels.</p>
Life/Business experience:	<p>I am the Manager Corporate Services at Cowaramup Primary School (Department of Education). I have worked for the department for over 20 years. I have undertaken an industry specific certificate at TAFE for my role.</p> <p>At my current school I am responsible for an annual budget of \$4 million and a direct line manager to 20 staff. I have worked in large secondary senior high school of 1200 students with direct staff of 55 and an annual budget of \$18 million between salaries and operational cash budget.</p> <p>I am part of the school executive working closely with the principal and deputy principals on the operation of the school both financially and ensuring best practice in implementation of numerous department policies, new initiatives and staffing within the school.</p> <p>My role is to develop a budget for the school annually, liaising with department heads and the principal, linked to our school's business plan. I then present this to the school finance committee for review and endorsement and then present to the school board for noting.</p> <p>I monitor all budgets throughout the year and acting when needed on under or overspending.</p>
General comments:	<p>My role also is very much linked to our school community and parents ensuring that we have very open and transparent communication. I love my work as there is nothing better than watching students excel in their education journey through primary school.</p> <p>In joining the EWA Dressage Committee, my aim is to support the growth and sustainability of dressage in Western Australia by ensuring access to high-quality competitions for both metropolitan and regional riders. I want to contribute my experience in event management and officiating to improve systems, promote fairness, and encourage participation at all levels.</p>