



## **Summary of Business**

### **Excerpts from the Minutes of the EWA Board of Directors meeting**

**held at 6.30pm on 15 July 2026**

**ATTENDANCE:** A Wilkins (Chair), R Hovell (Vice-Chair), R O'Halloran (Finance Director), PA Huntington, K Kent, M Dagostino, K Freeman, J Mofitt

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

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| Anne Wilkins 2024-2026                              | Member, Moora & Districts Horsemen's Assoc<br>Member, Swan River Dressage Club                                                                                                 |
| Rory Hovell 2024-2026                               | Showjumping Competitor<br>CEO & Manager Yalambi Farm Stud (Breeder)<br>Yalambi Jumping Classic Show Organiser<br>Equestrian Coach                                              |
| Roslyn O'Halloran (Finance Director) appointed 2025 | Child is a member of Swan Valley Pony Club                                                                                                                                     |
| PollyAnn Huntington 2025-2027                       | WAYER Organising Committee (OC), FEI Official, EAJOC Committee Member                                                                                                          |
| Kelly Kent 2025-2027                                | Wallangarra Adult Riders – Committee Member/Communications<br>Australian Friesian Warmblood Horse Society – Deputy Chair<br>Event Director OC, EWA Para Dressage Showcase 2026 |
| Michael Dagostino 2026 - 2028                       | Director of Perth Racing<br>Director of Harvey Water<br>Equestrian Competitor                                                                                                  |
| Kaisa Freeman – 2026                                |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Jodi Moffitt – 2026                                 | Eastern Hills Pony Club - Secretary<br>Daughter – riding member of Eastern Hills Pony Club & EWA competitor                                                                    |

#### **1. FINANCE REPORT**

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The Board reviewed the organisation's financial position, including cash reserves, financial reporting, and investment opportunities.

The Board confirmed that expenditure control, sponsorship recovery, commercialisation of the SEC and workforce structure remain priority areas.

***IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED*** to approve and adopt the draft June Financials.

The board discussed the membership and half-year membership and agreed to retention initiatives be presented at the next board meeting in August.

## **2. EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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### **2.2 SEC Advisory Committee**

Rory Hovell was endorsed as Chair of the SEC Advisory Committee, and PollyAnn Huntington is the other board representative. The two Board members are to review the applications and interview potential candidates.

***IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:*** Complete candidate assessment and provide a recommendation to the Board.

### **2.3 SEC Operations**

Funding for the C-Quest and warm-up arenas are now available from the department and the board supported progressing a properly scoped and competitively quoted proposal.

***IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:*** To obtain detailed quotations, including scope, programme, water requirements, warranties, and pricing.

### **2.4 By-law amendment**

The Board considered a request from a State Discipline Committee to permit extended service for committee members beyond the existing tenure limit. The Board preferred a controlled exception rather than an automatic extension.

***IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:*** Finalise the proposed by-law wording for Board approval and subsequent issue before the discipline chairs meeting on the 23 July.

### **2.5 CEO Update: Acting CEO and incoming CEO**

The Board confirmed that the former CEO, Zac Acott, is expected to return to EWA in early October 2026. His prior three-year tenure was viewed positively, particularly in relation to grants, sponsorship, strategic alignment and operational stability.

The Board agreed to identify suitable interim CEO candidates for August- October.

***IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:*** The Chair and directors were authorised to identify and engage a suitable interim/acting CEO, subject to agreed commercial terms and availability.