

# State Equestrian Centre Community Engagement Forum

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# Equestrian Western Australia

Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) was founded in 1951 to govern and promote equestrian sport in WA.

EWA's duties today include:

- ▶ Serve members and clubs.
- ▶ Manage high performance aspects of Equestrian sport.
- ▶ Implement and develop rules and policies that support the sport.
- ▶ Provide communication, education and training to riders, coaches and officials.
- ▶ Promote and advocate for equestrian sport in Western Australia.
- ▶ Promote and increase participation in equestrian activities in Western Australia.
- ▶ Operate the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon as the “Home of Horse Sports” and to develop such further facilities thereof as may be considered necessary to achieve the objective of the centre to be self-funding.



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# EWA Governance

EWA is administered in Western Australia by:

- ▶ A voluntary Board of Directors.
- ▶ A Chief Executive Officer and team of administration staff.
- ▶ Voluntary Sport Committees including:
  - ▶ Dressage
  - ▶ Eventing
  - ▶ Jumping
  - ▶ Show Horse
  - ▶ Vaulting
  - ▶ Para Equestrian



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# State Equestrian Centre

The State Equestrian Centre (SEC) is located just 35 minutes from the Perth CBD and is one of WA's premier equestrian facilities.

The construction of the SEC was funded by the State and Federal Government, privately by Mr. Alan Bond and Mr. Laurie Connell, and the gift of the land by Bond Corporation.

EFAWA (later renamed EWA) managed the project under the direction of then Chair Mr. Bruce Mills.

The SEC was opened in 1985.



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# SEC Facilities (Lot 31)

- ▶ 70m x 30m Indoor Arena with grandstand seating capacity of 1400
- ▶ 60m x 35m outdoor 'International Arena'
- ▶ 80m x 80m outdoor 'C-Quest Arena'
- ▶ Two fenced outdoor warm up arenas
- ▶ Stable block with 147 stables, 4 wash bays, crush and swab box
- ▶ Large grass general purpose field
- ▶ Caretaker house
- ▶ Conference rooms
- ▶ Bar with views of the Indoor Arena and seating for 200



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# SEC Facilities (River Flats Lot 43)

- ▶ 28 hectare FEI 3\* cross country course
- ▶ Polocrosse fields and clubrooms
- ▶ Swan Fields ideal for Pony Club and shows
- ▶ Swan Valley Horse & Pony Club clubrooms
- ▶ 400 horse yards



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# SEC Ownership

When Brigadoon Estate was developed, the developers put aside both Lot 31 and Lot 43 for recreation pursuits. This allowed the establishment and building of the SEC for EWA.

The SEC was gifted to the City of Swan by Bond Corporation with the condition that it be deeded to EWA to be used primarily for equestrian pursuits.

The City of Swan has freehold title on both Lots and license the Lots and all facilities on them to EWA granting EWA full rights over the land and use.

EWA owns Lot 33 which was purchased in the 1990's.

The current EWA license of the SEC with the City of Swan expires in 2020.



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# SEC Community Partners

Under the City of Swan License Agreement, EWA can sub-license to other organisations.

Many of these have contributed to the further development of the SEC and are an essential part of the SEC future.

Current sub-licenses include:

- ▶ Pony Club Association of WA State Office
- ▶ Riding for the Disabled Association WA and Riding for Disabled Brigadoon Group
- ▶ Swan Valley Horse and Pony Club
- ▶ Perth Polocrosse Club



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# SEC Stakeholders

- ▶ EWA members
- ▶ Home based organisations
- ▶ Home based clubs
- ▶ Equestrian events
- ▶ Non-Equestrian events
- ▶ Bridle trail riders
- ▶ Local residents
- ▶ Community activities
- ▶ Emergency services
- ▶ City of Swan
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# EWA's Vision

- ▶ Endeavour to make the SEC sustainable into the future.
- ▶ Maintain the predominate equestrian use of the SEC.
- ▶ Identify new commercial users including non-equestrian.
- ▶ Continue to maintain and develop the SEC as a world-class venue.
- ▶ Actively engage with State and Local Government to secure the future of the SEC for all equestrian users.
- ▶ Clearly identify all SEC users.



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# The SEC Today

EWA understands the value of the SEC as a place to ride in beautiful surroundings and wishes to maintain this for all.

An area of responsibility for EWA is access to the SEC. EWA has an obligation to provide a safe environment to our stakeholders.

EWA currently has concerns about:

- ▶ **ACCESS & SAFETY**
- ▶ **SECURITY** of the SEC and the assets of EWA and other SEC-based groups.
- ▶ **CRIME** including vandalism, theft etc.



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# SEC Access

- ▶ The front gates to the SEC are open between 7.00am - 5.30pm with longer hours during events.
- ▶ After-hours meetings are held at the SEC and on these occasions the gates are open for longer.
- ▶ Many people also use the SEC grounds for walking and walking dogs (dogs must be on a leash).
- ▶ Bookings are required to use all arenas including the Indoor, C-Quest and warm-up arenas, Harry Boldt International arena plus the Cross Country Course.
- ▶ EWA members can book to ride on the General Purpose Field and Cross Country for no charge (subject to availability).
- ▶ Non-members can also come to ride out on the General Purpose Field and Cross Country Course this requires a paid booking. Jumping any fences does require a paid booking.



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# Bridle Trails “Orlov Trail”

EWA recognises the value of the trails for the equestrian community and supports their use.

They are gazetted through the Brigadoon Estate.

The Brigadoon bridle trails are not gazetted on the title of the SEC as a through-way.

EWA provides access through SEC on a previously marked trail. Over the years this trail has fallen into disrepair.

EWA is restoring the trail to allow riders using the Bridle Trail to have a clear marked trail through the SEC grounds.

Many riders also transport their horse to the SEC and ride out using the SEC as a start and finish point.



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# SEC Conditions of Entry (to be advertised)

- ▶ The front gates to the SEC are open from 7.00am - 5.30pm.
- ▶ Access to the SEC by vehicle is only permitted during opening hours.
- ▶ Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.
- ▶ On occasion, the SEC (or sections thereof) will be closed. This will be advertised on the EWA website, SEC booking system and social media.
- ▶ Patrons wanting to jump cross country fences must book the course through EWA.
- ▶ Patrons wanting to use any of the arenas must book through EWA.
- ▶ Patrons wanting to ride out on the SEC grounds must book through EWA.



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# Do you have any questions?



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# Thank you.

For further questions or comments please email  
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