

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

Welcome from the Chair of Equestrian Victoria

Roll Call

Bruce Chamberlain (Chair), Michelle Chamberlain, Barry Roycroft, Lyn Roycroft, Susannah Clarke, Rick Howell, Robbie Allan, Peter Gardiner, Jan Smith, Paul Williams, Annie White, Reg Cleland, Damian Nosedo, Caroline Coleby, Sue Smith.

Apologies

Kim Anning, Maggie & Hamish Mc Donell, Kellet McDonell, Jade Woodhead, Jody Marchant, Katherine Climas, Jonathon Smith, Chris Smith, Catherine Davies, Elia Lom, Dale Plumb, Prudence Chamberlain, Terry Van Hethuysen, William Fell, Gabriella Farries, Emmalee Weston, Victoria Green, Ingrid Green, Sally Watkins, Lilah Nieuwland, Deborah Hodsson, M.Jess, Judy Slater.

Executive Director Jackie Woodhead

In Attendance Darren Boyd – Lander & Rogers, Anne Shelley, Ute Raabe - Minute Secretary

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

MOTION: "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27th October 2009 be confirmed"

Moved: Reg Cleland

Seconded: Sue Smith

Carried

Business Arising

M Kelly Honorary Life membership was awarded at the DWTS dinner in March 2010.

President's Report

Welcome to our 2010 Annual General Meeting.

All of the equestrian events and major achievements of Equestrian Victoria will be detailed throughout all of the other reports to be presented to you tonight. I won't double up by mentioning them here.

What I will talk about however is the state of change that we are going through. This change has mostly to do with governance – how we run our sport and who runs it.

During late 2009, Equestrian Victoria and the other Branches brought in a new Constitution for Equestrian Australia and we expanded the size of EA's Board up to 7 members. We also gave the new Board a mandate for strong governance and a positive attitude and co-operative relationship with the Branches.

In April 2010, the new EA CEO, Grant Baldock took up his position and he and EA's Board have moved quickly to develop a new strategic plan in conjunction with the Branches and other key stakeholders. Members should read this strategic plan on EA's website as it sets the plan for significantly raising the profile and patronisation of our sport. Grant has set the task for focusing on seven achievable aims at a time, rather than a motherhood statement on a raft of desires. From this I am sure that our members will see measurable action.

The outgoing CEO, Franz Venhaus has stayed on doing some project work and readers may recently have seen his photographic work from the World Equestrian Games. Franz managed EA through its move to an independent governance structure and consolidated

its financial position. He leaves EA as a strong and well regarded National Sporting Organisation and I am sure this has had much to do with Equestrian's favorable position following the Crawford Report and the release of the government's Australian Sport - Pathways to Success paper.

This change in Constitution for EA and the Memorandum of Understanding between EA and the Branches and between the Branches themselves contained reciprocal arrangements for Branches to modernise their own Constitutions and to ensure that there were no inconsistencies with the new EA Constitution. As a result we tasked our retained lawyers, Lander and Rogers who have a specialist section in the sporting field, to develop a new Constitution for EV following on from an outline provided by one of our member lawyer's. The new Constitution is submitted for voting on tonight. Most, if not all, other Branches have gone or are going through the same procedures.

Equestrian Victoria has its own rolling three year Strategic Plan which is due for renewal over the coming year. Flowing from this I expect that all sub-committees and disciplines will want to develop their own documented and public strategic plans so that they and the members know where their sports and events are going and the reasons for any changes.

One of the key drivers for all of this, and pushed strongly by EA's major funding body, the Australian Sports Commission as well, is transparency and fairness. We in governance positions and every member should have great clarity on who does what, who has power to do what and where money goes and making sure that decisions made are good, that they are made openly and without fear or favor. Governance needs to be clear and available to all members. It should be a position gained on merit and on the basis of the wishes of the members. Our proposed Constitution is designed to move EV into a more modern governance structure to continue to ensure transparency and fairness. For those interested further in this, I invite members to read publications on guidelines on good governance on the ASC's website.

Almost finally I thank our CEO, Jackie Woodhead who has steered both EV and WPNEC through a financially trying year and all of our staff who have shared this load as well. Of course our multitude of volunteers have made everything possible and we are both humbled by the contribution that you make to everything that we do and pleased that we can provide a wonderful equestrian environment for you to pursue your pleasures of involvement with horses and horse events.

Finally, I thank all of our Board members for their contributions of time, energy, thought, skill and reputation in governing our sport over the last year. Although difficult at times, it is a rewarding experience to do a job well and I commend you on what the Board has achieved.

Horses and horse sports are a joy to be involved with and I congratulate all of our members on their wonderful choice to be involved with horses, the most noble of animals.

Financial Report

Audited Account distributed;

Michelle Chamberlain was happy to report that all the due process which is required under all regulation had been carried out and that she was happy that the CEO and the office have done the best job possible this year. Michelle thanked Jackie Woodhead and the staff for all their efforts over the last twelve months. She was happy for any further question or queries to be answered by the CEO. The Chair opened the floor for any question; there were none.

Jackie Woodhead (CEO) gave a brief statement in regards to the expenditure this year;

Discussion: on result of the financial report and a better understanding of the loss of (\$38736) due to the purchase and infrastructure improvements for the sport this year.

Special thanks to all those groups such as Barastoc Committee, Show Horse, and Dressage for the assistance with the development of WPNEC and the Equestrian Sports. Jackie Woodhead also was very happy to report that individual such as Caroline Coleby and Reg Cleland have the best interest of the sport and the financial stability of Equestrian Victoria as a key to the survival of the equestrian industry.

Motion: "That the financial report be adopted"

Executive Director's Report

The year that was!

From our wonderful start with our State Interschool's in July to the 2010 M3DE, it has been a terrific year with all Victorians having an opportunity to participate in so many events and many training squads or clinics.

In the past twelve months we have had the Crawford report and the EADRA debate. We also farewelled Franz Venhaus as CEO and welcomed our new National CEO, Grant Baldock. The States and Territories (the Branches) elected a very new National board and produced a new National constitution. The National Board, Branches and key shareholders developed a new strategic plan for Equestrian Australia which will form the map document for all Equestrian Australia and the Branches to work towards our future. This new strategic plan is well underway.

So all in all, it is a very busy time.

I would ask all our members to take the time to read the National plan for our future as it encompasses the whole range of looking after our grassroots up to our internationals. Equestrian Australia and the Branches fully see themselves as a conglomerate of many equestrian pursuits and not just the FEI competitions.

In Victoria we have been working on our new constitution as well as bringing our bylaws or regulations into a better working document to ensure the members are able to get the right type of people in the right jobs to further our sport. All Branches have worked towards having their Constitutions more in line with National to ensure best practice and good governance of our sport. We hold a valued position with the Australian Sports Commission seeing equestrian in the top 10 of sporting groups in the country which has assisted us in receiving a further \$750k for EA's High Performance Program. Again it is important that all EV members take the time to read the Constitution and the bylaws so that you are aware how your discipline works and can prosper. Your will here over and over in the coming months that Cradle to Podium is to develop our grassroots.

Our AGM report is also full of the year that was and importantly that we see just how much Victoria has achieved this year and how we can move forward to the coming year with the enthusiasm to continue building equestrian sports in Victoria.

Staffing in our EV office has again been an important part of our progress. We have farewelled Clare Hopla, Rebecca Keartland and Jessica Herman, but welcomed Catherine Davis, Nicole Morrison, Katie Short and Ute Raabe. We also had a new arrival with Elaine and Ewan Kellet welcoming Hamish. I think Hamish has attended more events than anyone in the world, pro rata for his age.

I am very proud of all the work our staffs produce and thank them for all their dedication to our sport.

Our volunteers are also working beyond anyone's expectations and as everyone knows, without our volunteers equestrian sports would not be able to continue, so we thank all of you for committing to the growth of our sports. Those volunteers who have assisted in the EV office have also commented that they just can't believe how busy the office is and they have a new appreciation for the work and interesting questions our staff attend to, so if you have the time, come volunteer in the office.

Occupational Health & Safety, something now covered by law, was something we have spoken about but now is one of the most challenging issues we have to work with. I feel we have started well but remind you all that this isn't a choice, it is a requirement of Government that we make sure we abide by all the rules and regulations, so make sure you do your due diligence and support the changes. It will be safer for all concerned. Sometimes we have to make difficult decisions which can be unpopular but that's our job to do what is best for the sport and by enforcing the rules.

Following on from the Interschool's were many more events which have all been very successful. As you all know it takes great ideas and hard work for events to continue to

grow and deliver customer satisfaction. Our Event Directors with all our volunteers and administration staff spend many hours on the development of our events within the rules and regulations. Hours are spent on checking qualifications and correcting entry forms and I must remind you all that you only need to fill in your own information once. We have to check hundreds of entries so please take the time to put the correct information on your forms. It helps both you and us.

We must remember that if we don't follow all rules that our members won't be eligible for Olympics or World Equestrian Games so the importance of us all getting it right has so many consequences. This year many of our events were qualifiers for WEG which was held in September and we know they did us proud.

I have thanked our volunteers and you will see throughout the reports that everyone will continue to do so, but I urge you all to take the time to say thank you to the gear checkers, the marshals, and the judges who educate themselves to enable us all to enjoy our sport. It is important for all of us to take the time to do this. Thank you is a special word and it only takes a small amount of your time to use the words but the good feeling lasts for a long time!

It is amazing knowing how good it feels when our members take the time to email or ring to thank our staff or just to let us know that we did a good job, so remember it's the goodwill you leave behind which will take the sport to the next level and encourage our volunteers.

We expect to hear when things are bad, that's human nature, but when things are good and someone takes the time to say thank you or job well done, then that is special.

Please take the time to enjoy the year that was and to look forward to the coming year.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Cheers Jackie

Carriage Driving Report

No report

Dressage Report

Reports are not my favourite topic and this report for the AGM seems to have come around again very quickly.

It has again been a busy year for Dressage in Victoria commencing with our Championships in December which also included a para-equestrian component. It was a very busy time with all of our resources, including volunteers, being stretched to the limit. Victory Salute won the Pacific League final of the World Cup, and went on to represent Australia in the final in Europe in March. It was an inspiration to watch some of the para-equestrians and how they managed with their wide range of difficulties – it was a privilege to have them at our Championships.

Dressage and Jumping with the Stars was again a wonderful event with PSI again our major sponsor. Ulf Moeller again conducted a wonderful clinic following the event for our young horse enthusiasts, and Ton de Ridder gave us a great insight into the training of dressage horses through his Masterclasses. In 2011, we are again looking forward to Ulf coming along with Ingrid Klimke being our Dressage Masterclass presenter.

I keep saying in my reports that the Young Rider Championships keeps going from strength to strength, and this year's event was no exception. In 2011, it is to be the National event, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone from all over Australia. To see all those children on all sorts of ponies/horses is a wonderful sight – WPNEC seems to burst at the seams.

Ambassador awards are always a special event. Thank you to our selectors for this event, M. Kelly, Sue Smith and Mary Hanna for time spent in attending both the selection weekend and the final presentation evening. The award this year was won by Ben Terry with Lee Howells being our "Volunteer of the Year" and Mary Hanna and Leanne Williams picking up the Level 3 and Level 1 Coaches award respectively.

A 'first' this year was having a Grand Prix dressage event at the Melbourne 3 Day Event. This proved to be immensely popular with both riders and spectators were treated to some of Australia's best combinations soaking up the atmosphere which the eventer's always provide! Heath Ryan did a wonderful commentary at the Kur which gave the audience an insight into the training of a dressage horse. Next year's event will be a CDI-W at this event which should be most exciting – an additional one into our calendar. Following on from this event in 2011, Christoph Hess will again be giving a seminar for all riders, judges and coaches – this should be most popular following on from the success of his last visit here in 2008.

Our new arena surrounds were in place for the Saddleworld Dressage Festival, thanks to the generosity of the VDC, Berwick Dressage Club, Friends of Werribee and the Young Rider Squad. Portable dressage arenas are in the process of being delivered to WPNEC. These have been donated by Macedon Ranges Dressage Club and the VDC. Thanks to all those clubs - without their support our facilities could not improve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Werribee Park staff for all their help and assistance during the year to make sure our arenas and grounds are in such good condition for our competitions. It is not an easy task with either drought or floods to contend with, but their assistance has always been willingly given and very much appreciated by all.

I hear mutterings about the 'levy' etc. that has to be paid, but compared to most other like venues; it is small, and a small price to pay for the safety and care they provide for our horses.

I attended recently our annual meeting with the Australian Dressage Committee in Sydney. This is always an excellent opportunity to discuss not only our problems but to share them with other states. Topics for discussion this year rested heavily on the amnesty that is currently on all grading points, for both horses and ponies, and when the new grading system may be implemented. This hopefully will be commenced in early December but it is up to the new National IT system being up and running. There will be changes in the criteria for the PSG Challenge competition for next year; this information will be on the website shortly.

In line with the National Performance Awards, Victoria is going to introduce a system of gold, silver and bronze performance awards commencing next year. The criteria for these awards will be available shortly and will run for the calendar year. A leader board will be published in our dressage magazine, the Public Arena.

A levy has been in place for over twelve months collected from all riders for the "development of dressage" in Victoria. Part of this levy has been used in the upgrade of Arena 1 at WPNEC and in future will be used for the promotion and assistance for judges and officials. "How to become a judge" pamphlets and general assistance in this sector are to be available from the office. Without judges, no competitions, so we are trying to make this pathway easier and more understandable. Helen Heagney resigned as chair of our Judges sub-committee. We thank her most sincerely for her tireless and often thankless hours of work. Chris Sievers has taken on the role.

All in all, it has been a busy year with dressage progressing forwards. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has helped during the year to make events happen, clinic's run, and generally all those who have made things "happen". We only have one "Volunteer of the Year", but there are many, many who deserve such acclaim.

Jess left us from the office earlier in the year, and we welcome Nicole Morrison into the job. We welcome you Nicole, and hope you have a happy and enjoyable time with us.

Susannah Clarke,

Chair,

Dressage Victoria.

Eventing Report

While Elaine Kellett has been on maternity leave I have taken over as the Eventing Coordinator and it has been an enjoyable experience so far. Getting to know many of the riders has been fantastic and I am looking forward continuing to be the coordinator until Elaine returns.

The 2009/10 Eventing Season was a very successful one with all events achieving good numbers. Tonimbuk HT was unfortunately forced to be cancelled due to the unkind weather, but all the other events ran quite smoothly. The medical levy system worked quite well, however it has been increased from \$10 to \$15. \$10 was not covering the cost of the paramedics so it was increased to ensure that the medical levy system was financially viable.

The Melbourne International 3 Day Event was a great success this year. With a new committee running the event the event had a number of new initiatives. The event was opened with a BBQ and live music which produced a great atmosphere to begin the event. On the following night there was a Dressage Master class with Ricky McMillan. Saturday Night had the Show Jumping Master Class with Gavin Chester as well as a 6 bar jumping competition. There was a cocktail party on the Saturday night which had a fashion parade. On the Sunday after the cross country had finished there was a dressage freestyle session. All were well received and will be looking to do similar entertainment for the 2011.

The competition was run well with very deserving winners for all of the 4 classes. The cross country course was built very well again by Ewan Kellett, producing plenty of challenges for competitors throughout the course. The show jumping ran smoothly on the Monday to wrap up the great event. A special thanks to all the committee members, officials and volunteers.

In conjunction with the 2011 Melbourne International 3 Day Event, there was a Fundraising event held in late June 2010 which had classes run from Introductory to CNC*. The event was held over two days mid week and was a success in raising funds for next year M3DE. The 2011 Melbourne 3 Day Event Fundraiser will only be bigger and will help ensure that the Melbourne International 3 Day Event continues to be a great event in the future.

The state squads were quite well attended, particularly the Clinic the weekend prior to the M3DE. The clinics were reselected in January and again in August. There was a survey sent out to all squad members at the end of 2009 asking about which coaches they liked, what initiatives they would like to see be introduced in 2010 etc. They were taken onboard and for the second half of the season a personal Trainer and Guest Speaker will be present at all the clinics. The coaches that were most well liked by squad members will be asked to coach at the clinics and a lot of other ideas were being taken into consideration for upcoming clinics. I am trying to make the state squad clinics as

enjoyable as possible for riders and that they will get as much value out of them as possible. I want to make Victoria the best performed Eventing State in Australia.

The Summer and Winter Training Clinics were very popular again in 2010. The riders were able to be coached by NCAS accredited coaches and ride around the cross country course at WPNEC. The summer training clinics will be held again in January/February 2011.

The 2010/2011 season membership requirements have changed. Riders can no longer ride in EA associated events without been members of EA. For riders competing in Introductory or Preliminary Classes have to be at least associate members, for those competing at Pre Novice level or above need to be Full Members of EA. Horses have to be registered if competing in Pre Novice or above, if competing at Introductory or Preliminary they do not have to be registered.

Eventing continually is looking for more officials and are looking at events i.e. Melbourne 3 Day Event, to get the experience and accreditation for individuals. This is going to be a critical area for Eventing in the near future due to many officials getting towards the retirement age. Younger officials are going to have to be given opportunities to get further accreditation and anyone who is interested in getting accredited needs to do so.

Special thanks must go to all the organisers of the events on the Eventing Victoria Calender, the hundreds of volunteers who make all the events possible and the Eventing Victoria committee.

NCAS Report

What a year for the NCAS!

In April we farewelled our co-ordinator Claire Hopla, who resigned from the EV office to take on full time work. The NCAS committee and I wish Claire all the best and thank her for her time and commitment as co-ordinator.

In April we also welcomed our new co-ordinator Catherine Davies. Catherine is no stranger to most of you; she is a very successful eventing and dressage rider. She is also a level 2 coach and a Coach Educator. We are very grateful to have a coach as a co-ordinator. In the past many training days have been cancelled through lack of numbers. We cannot afford to run at a loss. When numbers are low, Catherine can step out of the office and coach at the training days. When NCAS training days are cancelled, attendees lose confidence about booking in and numbers stay low. Even in the last four months, numbers of coaches and riders has risen sharply as people now know that nothing will be cancelled. Thanks Catherine!

In June Ben Harris replaced Nathan Holman as our new NEM. Nathan had resigned a few months earlier so National NCAS had been in the capable hands of Rebecca Willis in the interim. Thanks Reb!

You will all have probably heard by now that the National NCAS Committee decided at their last meeting to abolish final assessments for Level 1 and Level 2. This was done without any of the State Committees or panels having any previous knowledge this was even under discussion. Final assessments will run until the end of 2010.

All States and panels have been in discussion (many hours worth!) about what will replace the final assessment. Letters and ideas have been sent to Ben and Rebecca and a decision may be made at the next National meeting in October.

The decision was made as coaches were being trained to pass an assessment rather than improve their coaching skills. So for the sake of our four legged friends, I now believe the decision to be correct.

An Experienced Coaches' Workshop was held in September in Victoria. The coaches were mentored through their assessments and the system worked well.

Coach Educators will now be under more scrutiny and training. It also seems likely that more CE's will have to train coaches and sign slips and more workshops will be held. Hopefully after the meeting in October an announcement will be made and we will all have a positive direction to follow.

Another shock decision for coaches was the decision of National to not allow coach's insurance cover when coaching at rallies or training days of affiliated but not EA insured clubs. This decision has seriously affected many coaches, some of which have had their income halved. This decision affects Victorian coaches the most, as other states have less clubs in this situation.

The decision was made to hopefully bring all horse groups together and unite us. Many clubs have used the affiliated loop-hole, and EA have decided to stop this. I understand this decision. I am sorry that so many coaches will suffer badly from this. I am also one.

When coaching at clubs you must insure that their insurance covers YOU as a coach. Discussion is taking place and I hope that this can be resolved ASAP. Inform clubs that you usually coach to contact Grant Baldock our new National CEO. Further discussion need to be held with him.

We have had a productive year here in Victoria, with a Final Assessment in June, training day's bi-monthly and a two day Introductory Workshop in September. Numbers were up for all of these.

Keep communication open. Our Coaching Co-ordinator Catherine Davies, the NCAS Committee and I will always answer questions and listen to ideas. Let's look to a positive future – for our horses' sake.

Happy coaching. Sue Leslie

Show Horse Report

Over the last twelve months many things have come along in leaps and bounds. One of our major competitions is the RT Edgar Show Horse State Titles held in October. The number of classes has been increased, with all classes being hotly contented by our members. The committee works very hard to make the event such a success.

The winners of the major classes go on to represent Victoria at the Australian Show Horse and Rider Championships in December. This is a biggest and most prestigious competition and draws competitors from all over Australia and New Zealand.

The Anzac Day Show was another new event and was well attended, giving many the chances to ride at Werribee in the Indoor School.

The Market Night was again well attended with many bargains purchased. This is a social evening and is always popular, the crowd once again too large to count.

The annual judge's seminar was held in July and many thanks go to the speakers and the members who attended.

The Spring Show was held indoors due to the continual rain that Victoria had over the winter months. This was also held in conjunction with the measuring day. Although the event was down in numbers, those who attended enjoyed the opportunity to work and compete without getting wet.

Equestrian Victoria Awards Night - The committee was actively involved with the Young Ambassador training weekend with selectors Liz Porter, Chanele Hunter and Di Barnes (coach). The committee and members congratulate Elizabeth Turner on winning the Show Horse award. Hard working Melinda Ralph was a worthy winner of the Show Horse Volunteer of the Year.

The Show Horse Committee would like to thank the branch office for their assistance with the running of our events. Show Horse coordinator, Michelle Coates for her tireless work. To RT Edgar for their continued support of the RT Edgar Show Horse State Titles, and to

all of our other sponsors and supporters, judges and members who continue with our Show Horse movement.

Showjumping Report

Another very busy year for Jumping Victoria. The success of our Victorian riders is very gratifying and the highlight of the past twelve months. We have two Victorian riders competing in the Jumping at WEG, both past members of the Victorian Young Rider squad system. James Paterson Robinson has been based in Europe for many years now together with Matt Williams, who at twenty five years of age has Australian representative at WEG and Olympian to add to his resume. On the home front we have Beccy Allen and Jamie Kermond move interstate but indicating they still consider themselves to be Victorian and they would like to continue to represent Victoria at the National level. This loyalty reflects well on both the riders and the climate we have in the state. We have many fine young horses coming through, developed by our riders and the current World Cup leader board reflects this. National squad representation is good with Becky Allen and Jamie Kermond, YR- Toni Scattergood, YR Development squad- Steve Hill, Hayley Coman.

Our three major Jumping Victoria events are really establishing themselves as premier events in the calendar. Prime Equus has come on board as a major sponsor of the Spring Championships which saw Brook Dobbin win the A&B Championship on that great horse GP Shine. We have had a very wet start to the season this year and the show was looking in jeopardy of not being able to run, however it fined up and we ended a having a very well supported show. Many people go together to make such a show work and I would like to take this official opportunity to thank them for their efforts at this event. The Fundraiser for Katherine Quilty was carried out throughout the show and it was inspiring to see the way the showjumpers pitched in to help one of their own.

The Young Rider State Titles is also developing into a prestige event for our Junior and Young Riders. The YR and Junior State Title winner this year was Evie Buller from Western Australia. The Inter- country team's event this year saw Singapore compete against teams from SA, Tasmania and Victoria with South Australia the victors. Pool horses for this event continue to be a problem so can I encourage all senior riders, especially those that have had the experience offered to them as Young Riders, to return the favour and make horses available for this event in future.

Jumping with the Stars will continue to grow as riders become more confident in this method of judging Young Horses. This year our guest rider was Irish rider and producer of young horses, Edward Doyle. It is a subjective competition which will always give rise to discussion and controversy but as we have more experience with this method of judging, we will also mature in how we handle it as competitors and spectators.

Our Jumping Victoria Interschool's was a relatively quiet event this year. This was contributed to by the change of date due to the weather and also the increase in the cost of day insurance.

Officials are a vital part of our sport. This year we inducted new judges and course designers as well as having a group promoted through each of the state levels to Level 3. It is vital that we keep these officials progressing as it is increasingly hard to maintain the list to be comprehensive and vibrant with new people, but also not burn out our experienced officials as they progress to International. Judges especially need to keep vigilant and check the website regularly for updates to the rules. The latest rule corrections were added in July 2010 so they need to check their rulebooks to ensure they have the appropriate one. Anne Garner must be thanked her for her work in this area both at State and National level.

Our National Representative on the National Jumping Committee for his first year was Paul Brent. This is another position that is voluntary and we thank Paul for his efforts on behalf of the Victorian riders. It is vital that we keep this line of communication and input strong to ensure that decisions made at national level are equitable to all our riders.

Our committee is representative of the Show jump Clubs of Victoria and we also need to thank these representatives who make their way to Werribee on a monthly basis for the

meetings. We are all very busy so this is a big ask but we need as many committee people as possible at these meetings to ensure decisions made are representative of the state as a whole.

The Show jump Ball hosted by Yarra Valley SJ Club was a huge success. Horse of the Year went to Brook Dobbin's GP Shine. Colin Kelly was inducted into the Hall of Fame and joins this impressive list of contributors recognised for their services to Jumping.

Jumping Young Ambassador for 2010 was Kristy Haworth. The Victorian Team members at the Australian Champs were Brook Dobbin, Adam Johnstone, Jamie Kermond, and Becky Allen. The Young Riders were Steve Hill, Annica Robertson, Rhyce Stones. The junior team was Zoe Bolton, Toni Scattergood, Jonathon Smith and we also had a Young Rider Team compete successfully in New Zealand consisting of Toni Scattergood, Jonathon Smith, Melissa Julius and Sam Williams. Victorian Junior teams also competed at SA State Champs and Mt Gambier.

The three strands of Training have all progressed well this year. The Young Rider Squad of 97 riders was very grateful to receive the support of Longma Equestrian Supplies as the naming rights sponsor. Our coaches this year have been State Coach Jamie Coman, Adam Wooten, Sue Coman and Paul Williams. Many guest speakers have also been involved to give these Young Riders some insights and inspiration for their coming years. The success of this system has again been highlighted with international representation as mentioned already but also in the success of our previous squad members through all levels of competition this year.

Open Squad have been very popular this year with a marked increase in patronage.

Senior Squad has been invigorated and Jamie has had full squads at each of these training weekends. Credit goes to Jamie and also to Adam Prime for his work in this area. It is very pleasing to see the attitude of the senior riders to embrace these opportunities for training. The HPP supplied Rod Brown for a training weekend this year which again was well supported by our senior riders.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Showjumping Clubs of Victoria for the huge effort their committee members put in to ensure that quality jumping is enjoyed throughout the state. I would thank all the officials who are vital to the smooth running of our sport. I would like to thank the committee members of Jumping Victoria for the sometimes thankless task of working on behalf of riders that sometimes seem unappreciative of any efforts. I invite all involved in jumping to get active on their local show, from the aggies through to the premier events. Getting onto the jump club committees and JV committee is another way of directly contributing to the sport. And finally, junior or senior, novice or experienced- by ensuring that you are positive and constructive in your discussions of the sport - the climate for those that do volunteer will be an appealing one.

All reports presented in the 2010 Annual General Meeting booklet;

Motion: " all reports have been tabled and are to be accepted"

Moved: C. Coleby

Seconded: R. Howell

Carried

Declaration of Poll for Election of Ordinary Members

Declaration of Poll – the following ordinary member nomination have been received.

- Jan Smith
- Peter Gardiner

There being three vacancies and two nominations declare all two ELECTED.

Declaration of Poll for Election of Constituent Members

Declaration of Poll – the following Constituent member nomination have been received.

- Melbourne Show Jumping Club

• Yarra Valley Dressage Club

There being four vacancies and only two nominations declare all two ELECTED.

General Business:

• Honorary Life Membership for 2010

Motion: Marie Gahan is awarded an Honorary Life membership of Equestrian Victoria for her services to the sport.

Moved: S. Clarke

Seconded: R. Cleland

Carried

• Discussion from the floor in regards to process and policy on Honorary Life Membership:
Explanation of process that nominations are put to the Branch by any member and then considered by the Board and if accepted, forwarded to the AGM for ratification.

Notices of motion

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION for ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of

THE EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIAN BRANCH INCORPORATED

Notice is given to all members of the Equestrian Federation of Australia Victorian Branch Incorporated trading as Equestrian Victoria (**EV**), that it is proposed to alter the current Statement of Purposes and Rules of EV at the Annual General Meeting on **26/10/2010**.

The following motions are submitted as special resolutions under rule 32 of the current Statement of Purposes and Rules and section 22 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic):

Constitution Motion 1

1 **THAT** the Association change its name from "Equestrian Federation of Australia Victorian Branch Incorporated" to "Equestrian Victoria Incorporated".

Moved: Barry Roycroft

Seconded: Reg Cleland

Carried Unanimous

Discussion on Constitution, regarding amendments to the circulated proposed Constitution which were minor errors.

Darren Boyd from Landers and Rogers advised: The law says that amendments may only be made to a special resolution of which notice has been given provided that the amendments do not alter the nature of the special resolution. These minor changes were then outlined to the meeting.

Motion:

That the meeting considers that the changes made to the Constitution have not altered the nature of the Constitution.

Moved: Reg Cleland

Seconded: Barry Roycroft

Carried unanimous

Constitution Motion 2

2 **THAT** the existing "Statement of Purposes and Rules" of EV be replaced with the "Constitution" as annexed to this notice and marked "A".

The following motion is submitted as an ordinary resolution:

Moved: Reg Cleland

Seconded: Barry Roycroft

Carried unanimous

Constitution Motion 3

3 **THAT** if motion 2 is passed, the new Constitution will come into force on 1 January 2011 or the date on which the amendments are approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria, whichever is the latter.

Moved: Caroline Coleby

Seconded: Sue Smith

Carried unanimous

Appointment of Auditor

Motion 4: "That PKF Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers, Level 11, CGU Tower, 485 La Trobe Street, MEBOURNE 3000 be reappointed as the official auditors for the Equestrian Federation of Australia (Victorian Branch) Incorporated for the financial period 1/7/10 to 30/6/11.

Moved: Reg Cleland

Seconded: Robbie Allen

Carried unanimous

Next Annual General Meeting be held 25th October 2011

Annual General Meeting closed by the Chair at 8pm

Bruce Chamberlain

President Equestrian Victoria

Jackie Woodhead

CEO Equestrian Victoria