

## **Suzie Batten**

Proposed by: **Peter Dunne**

Seconded by: **Sally Jackson**

### **Response to criteria:**

#### **Skills and experience**

- Thirty years' experience advising senior management and boards of Australian public companies on corporate and investor communications
- Twelve years' experience as a not-for-profit board director (Equestrian Victoria, Barwon Water, Ski Club of Victoria) where my focus has been on driving improved business performance, strategic planning, funding, governance and issues management
- Extensive knowledge of equestrian sports through my involvement on the EV Board and various committees for interschools, pony club and HRCV. I have two daughters aged 15 and 17 who compete actively in EA and interschool eventing and showjumping, and I hunt with Oaklands/Barwon Hunt Clubs, trail ride with MTHRA and participate with an HRCV club.
- Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants, with six years audit, business valuation and corporate advisory experience before specialising in financial communications
- Fellow of FINSIA, Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Excellent communication and project management skills

#### **In standing for Equestrian Victoria Board membership my areas of interest are:**

- Strengthening EV's position as the peak body for equestrian sports in Victoria and its relationships with relevant industry stakeholders
- Delivery of services and support to engage, satisfy and grow the membership
- Increasing participation across all disciplines from grass roots to elite athletes
- Securing lease and funding for Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre and driving its transformation into a modern state facility that meets the demands of its multiple user groups and events, including many of Australia's leading national and international events
- Supporting the provision of other equestrian facilities across the state
- Delivering organisational excellence for long-term stability and sustainability, with a particular focus on strategic planning, governance and financial performance