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We would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and meet, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Equestrian Victoria Board

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Chair of the Board

2020 has probably been the most challenging year ever for Victoria with fire, flood and the COVID epidemic.

I would like to thank our CEO, Matthew Brown, and the EV management team for their leadership in representing Equestrian through the COVID challenge. Our organisation's prudent financial decisions, day-to-day operational management and relationship with the Victorian Government has ensured that we ended the financial year in a sound position, and importantly, enters a new financial year with the ability to support the recommencement of the sport across the state. In addition, our team in the EV office has adapted to work remotely while still providing our members with much needed support.

2019/20 was the second year of EV's strategic plan and an important component of our plan is the Boards connection with each of our Sport Discipline Committees (SDC's). As a result, the Board engaged with the SDC's during our midplan review, the goal being to better understand the views of our sports on engagement, communication and to re-confirm that our strategy was aligned to their views on how we should grow the sport. It was pleasing to hear that they feel we are on the right path in terms of strategy.

However, the real value came out of their direct feedback, which has guided and informed the board on how we could improve relationships with the broader membership base. It is clear we need to work hard to improve the dialogue with members and engage more openly on critical issues. The key one for the future being the significant work that will have to be undertaken with the new EA Board to re-structure the governance of the sport to allow effective growth and development for the future. I am pleased to be able to say that we will be working with the SDC's to shape how this can be achieved and how we can effectively bring the views of the membership group into our thinking.

With investment in facilities also being a key pillar in our ongoing strategy, we continue to forge partnerships with government. As well as our new 80m x 90m waxed arena at Werribee, which is nearing completion, we continue to work on the next steps of redevelopment for Werribee Park to improve the facility to modern standards and make the venue worthy of the title National Equestrian Centre. We are also forging links with organisations outside of the direct equestrian industry to establish alternative sources of support through commercial partnerships. Developing and maintaining these key relationships are key to our ongoing investment plans and future success.

CARL PARKINEquestrian Victoria Chair



Chair of the Board continued

After 3 years of hard work, we now have the solid financial base we planned for and the opportunity to continue to grow the sport. To actively develop pathways for younger riders to support them in achieving their goal, we have committed to returning 50% of all event profits to the disciplines. Providing the opportunity for the SDC's to reinvest according to the needs of their members.

We are also researching opportunities for strategic alliances with other Equestrian bodies in Victoria to consider the opportunities to reduce costs and centralise support.

It would be remiss not to touch on the unfortunate situation that developed during 2019/20 with Equestrian Australia placing itself under Voluntary Administration. This was an unprecedented decision and could well have resulted in the sport being pushed into liquidation. With the leadership of Michelle Heagney and aligning with the sentiment of our members and interstate peers we were able to mitigate the immediate threat of liquidation and have ensured that a measured and consultative process of restructure for Equestrian Australia (EA) will be undertaken by the new EA Board. There is no doubt that governance reform

is required within our sport, the key is that all stakeholders are appropriately engaged in the process and Equestrian Victoria looks forward to representing our members in the process to come.

Finally, I would like to thank the EV board for their work and guidance throughout 2020. It has been a challenging year; we continue to strengthen the board with equestrian knowledge and targeted skills from Victorian industry.

On a personal note, I will step down as Chair at the AGM although I am keen in still keen to remain on the board to provide continuity to key projects and will nominate for election.

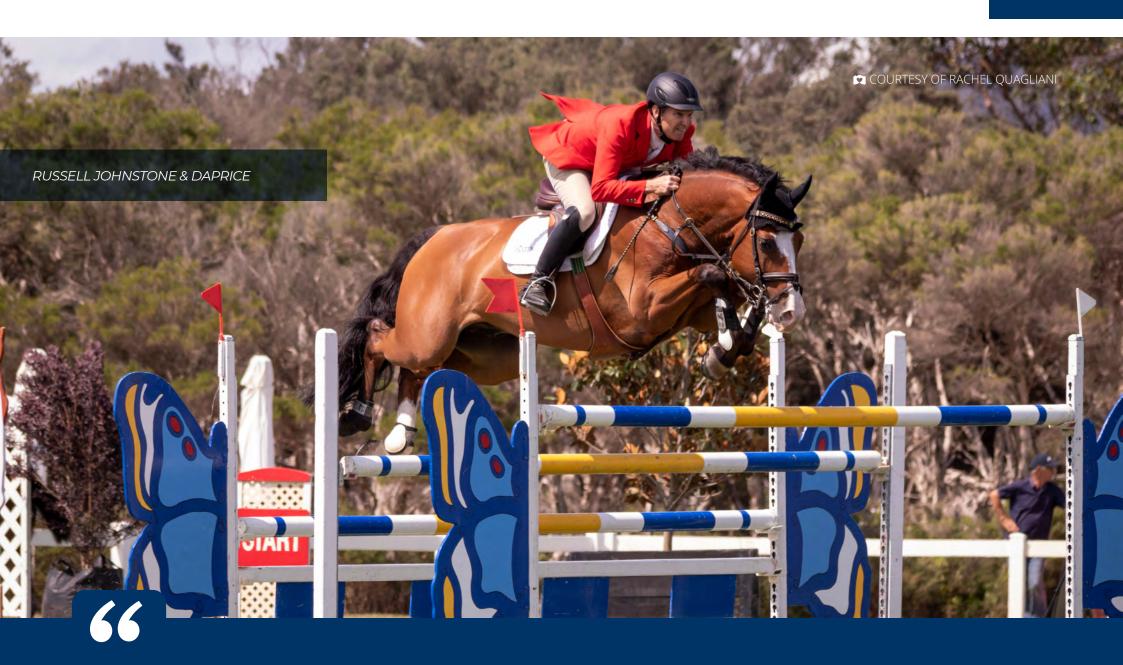
Thank you for your support.

Regards

CARL PARKIN

Chair - Equestrian Victoria





Helping Victorians live their equestrian dream

CEO Report to the Annual General Meeting

November 2020



When we reflect on the 2019/2020 financial year it would be easy to be preoccupied by the COVID pandemic, in truth however, the financial year saw Equestrian Victoria (EV) continue to deliver against our Strategic Plan, and while COVID did have a significant impact on the membership and on EV operations in the latter stages of the period, overall Equestrian Victoria was able to consolidate the strong foundations laid in the first year of the plan.

As an organisation we have been able to collectively ensure the future viability of EV, strengthening areas across the sport, despite the challenges of the global pandemic. I am particularly proud that we have been able to implement EV's Event Management Policy and Procedure and fulfill our commitment of returning profits generated from disciplines, squads, and event activities back to the respective areas. Initially announced at the EV AGM at Werribee Park in November 2018, this initiative has created greater ownership within EV's Sport Discipline Committees (SDC's) and enables disciplines to build longer term plans in line with the respective SDC and EV Strategic Plans.

We have also continued to secure government funding to support EV's strategic agenda and I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognise and thank the Victorian Government and particularly the Department for Jobs, Precincts and Regions which incorporates Sport and Recreation Victoria for their ongoing support.

During the last financial year EV membership numbers remained relatively static, experiencing a net decline of just 19 members. However, member expenditure declined considerably during the period with EV's overall turnover reducing by approximately 32%. This significant variance from FY19 is attributed to the impact of COVID which resulted in a State of Emergency being declared on 16 March preventing the running of major equestrian events and activities including the Jumping Victoria State Titles, PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, Leader Equine Victorian Interschool Championships and the Furphy Media Melbourne International 3-Day Event.

This past year has also provided an opportunity for our staff, our board and our members to get to know one another in ways we would never have though possible prior to the pandemic. For me personally as a sports administrator this has certainly been one of my most challenging years ever, but one that I have also taken some wonderful new learnings from. There is no playbook for 2020 and I've had to learn to lead in a way like never before, and I would like to acknowledge the board, staff and members for their support, thank you.



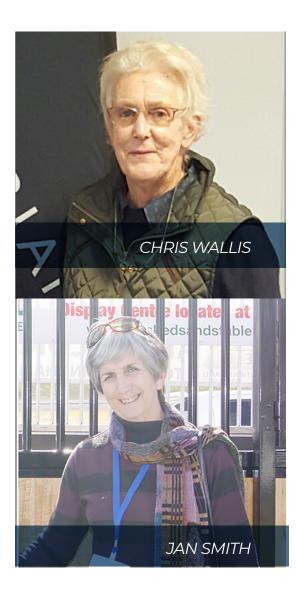
Celebration

While strategic delivery of the sport continued to be a central focus, we also took time to celebrate our successes. 2019/20 started strongly with a terrific turn out at the annual EV Awards, supported by principal partner Racing Victoria's Off The Track Thoroughbred (OTT) Program and hosted at the RACV Club in the Melbourne CBD with approximately 360 guests. The night was a sensational celebration of equestrian sport and we would like to acknowledge and thank Racing Victoria for their ongoing support both through the EV Awards and during the year.

However, the EV Awards were not the only accolades shared across our organisation in 2020 – Equestrian Victoria was strongly represented at the Victorian Sport Awards in February. Recognised as the night of nights for the Victorian sporting community, the annual awards provide all sporting organisations with the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements in sport and active recreation throughout the prior calendar year in Victoria.

"a sensational celebration of equestrian sport"





As an organisation we were both excited and proud that Chris Wallis was named as one of 4 finalists in the Victorian Sport Awards Official of the Year and The Victorian Interschool Team one of the 4 finalists, and ultimately the category winner, as 2019 VicSport Young Team of the Year, having been crowned champion state at the Equestrian Australia Interschool National Championships in Sydney! An outstanding result and again, congratulations to everyone involved.

2019/2020 also saw equestrian stalwart Jan Smith awarded the Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) Julius L Patching Award, which recognises the outstanding contribution that officials make to the fabric of the Olympic sporting community in Victoria. Jan joins an illustrious group of equestrian officials who have been previously recognised by the VOC at the Julius L Patching Awards including Reg Cleland, Barry Roycroft, Lindy Young and Chris Wallis.

In addition to annual awards, two of Eventing Victoria's Officials received funding through the Change Our Game Scholarship program:

- Chief Medical Officer Dr Tess Goodwin was supported to undertake the Care Flight Course which deals with treating trauma emergencies in the field and stabilising patients prior to Medivac taking over; and
- Jacqueline Sayers was supported to transition into the FEI as a Dressage Judge/Ground Juror at the FEI course in Sydney.

The development of our volunteer workforce continues to be a focus under our strategic plan and members are encouraged to contact Equestrian Victoria when looking for opportunities for professional development.

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Industry Initiatives

EV also undertook three particularly special promotions during the financial year.

On 26 November EV partnered with SAP and Westpac to host seven-time Olympian Andrew Hoy in the Westpac Boardroom in Melbourne's CBD for a cocktail function.

200 guests were treated to live music, drinks and canapes overlooking the city before enjoying a personal Q&A with Andrew hosted by EV Board Member and long-time Hoy family friend, Peter Heagney. Andrew took us on a journey through his career, aspirations for Tokyo and provided a unique insight into the technical side of Eventing as we participated in a live filmed "ride-along" (from a helmet mounted camera) through the 2018 World Equestrian Games (WEG) Cross Country Course at Tryon, North Carolina. The footage complimented by SAP technology, had the audience gasping in awe as a variety of metrics were calculated in real time providing critical feedback to Andrew during competition. It was an incredible insight into the professional evolution of the sport. Naturally, we wish Andrew well for his Tokyo 2021 preparations and thank SAP and Westpac for their support in making the evening a reality.

In February EV welcomed Dr Roly Owers, CEO World Horse Welfare, to Melbourne for an industry presentation entitled "A Social license for Equestrian Sport". Held at William Inglis & Sons at Junction Oval and run in conjunction with

the Classic Yearling Sales, the event brought together over 100 attendees in person from diverse organisational backgrounds, including veterinarians, equine dentists, educators, coaches, breed societies, pony club, HRCAV and EV. The event was also webcast by My Sport Live, enjoying over 1200 unique views during the week. We would like to acknowledge the support of Wilinga Park and the Australian Horse Industry Council (AHIC) in making this event a reality.

2019/2020 also saw the culmination of many months work with EV establishing a groundbreaking relationship with Racing Australia (RA). The first of its kind, this partnership sees EV and RA share horse traceability data and augment the numerous equine welfare initiatives implemented by the Australian Racing Industry.

This data share agreement supports Equestrian Victoria's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 pillar around Industry Leadership in Equine Welfare and will allow for more accurate tracing of Thoroughbred horses moving between the industries, enabling greater care provision for them upon transfer. Data shared is limited to horse specific information such as microchip number, registered name and location and will be readily available for both parties to access. This is particularly important to the ongoing success of our OTT relationship with Racing Victoria by providing accurate and meaningful data in support of the OTT initiative with increased transparency related to second careers of retired thoroughbreds.



The importance of Equestrian Victoria maintaining a presence at and engagement across all facets of our industry cannot be understated. Undeniably EV operates in a competitive environment. We compete for government funding, for sponsors, for members and it is the recognition by industry peers, government and broader community that assists in elevating EV as an organisation and provides us with the ability to do more.

Government support

In part the success of our programs to date and the recognition we have received has led to an increase in Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV) funding through the "Together More Active (TMA) Program".

This funding supports EV in two ways, firstly through Foundation Funding which supports business development and planning (such as the strategic projects mentioned earlier) initiatives and secondly through competitive project funding which for EV is focussed on the expansion and development of our Interschool segment.



Youth development and Pathways continue to be a focus for Equestrian Victoria following the 2018/19 "Strategic Review of the Structure and Delivery of Interschool Equestrian Sport in Victoria". Since then, EV has established a Board Director position representing the Interschool community and ratified the appointment of Julia Williams (Toorak College) as inaugural chair. During 2019/20 the committee was established along with a formal Terms of Reference, and work has begun on refining various digital platforms to enhance member experience as well as expanding the ISV footprint. We look forward to sharing our updated approach to Interschool equestrian sport for the 2021 calendar year with the ISV community shortly.

Sport and Recreation Victoria also supports Equestrian Victoria through the SRV Significant Sporting Events Program (SSEP). We are thrilled to share with the membership that EV has negotiated the first-ever multi-year, multi-discipline agreement with SRV through to 2023.

The SSEP program supports EV's hosting of major international and national events. Major events deliver many social, health, economic and liveability benefits for Victorians. They showcase the best of sport in our

own backyard; enable Victorian athletes to compete on home soil; provide inspiration for fans to emulate their heroes; and encourage people to get active and healthy through sport.

The events also provide an opportunity to showcase Victoria's world-class sports facilities, talent and regions. By supporting EV through the SSEP, SRV is in turn supporting Victoria's reputation as the sporting capital, growing our visitor economy, building on Victoria's trade and investment opportunities, driving participation and building social capital and further Victoria's standing as a multicultural, inclusive and liveable state.

Equestrian Victoria would like to take this opportunity to thank the Victorian Government for their 3-year commitment in supporting Equestrian Victoria in hosting the Furphy Media Melbourne International 3-Day Event, PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars, Ego Sunsense Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships and Equestrian Australia Interschool National Championships and supporting our approach of strategic long-term investment in major events.

"first ever multi-year, multi discipline agreement"



Facility Oversight

Development at Werribee Park

With events remaining a key focus for EV, 2019/20 also saw Equestrian Victoria make the strategic decision to relocate the EV Office back to Werribee Park.

Recognised as the 'spiritual home' of equestrian sport in Victoria, it is intended that the office relocation will provide our members with an administrative and event support hub that will result in greater efficiency and a stronger member service experience. This decision is consistent with Equestrian Victoria's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan with the five key reasons for the move motivated by our desire to provide:

- Enhanced Member Support and Engagement
- Improved Administrative Efficiency
- Ongoing Successful Event Support and Delivery
- Facility Development and Potential Future Government Investment
- Positive Financial Outcomes through Collective Savings for both WPNEC and EV

With specific reference to facility development, at the time of writing, EV's investment in the refurbishment of the arena is nearing completion with installation of an 80m x 90m multi-discipline Martin Collins waxed surface arena. Funding for this project was achieved through a collaborative effort by Werribee Park and Equestrian Victoria and represents 2 years of dedicated work. We take the opportunity to acknowledge Sport Australia and the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant for making this possible.

Further development at Werribee Park is planned. Facility Oversight is a key pillar in the EV Strategic Plan and despite environmental challenges of 2019/20 (bushfires and COVID), EV has continued to work behind the scenes to realise the next phase of our plans for Werribee following the submission of an overarching Masterplan for Werribee Park in June 2019.

We hope to be able to share further developments with you in the near future.



COVID-19

In the 2018-2019 Annual Report I suggested that as an organisation we had "laid a foundation for future success, noting that we still faced significant challenges". Of course, no one could have foreseen one of those challenges being a global pandemic declared!

On 16 March 2020, the Victorian community entered unchartered territory when a State of Emergency was declared. Only days earlier, Equestrian Victoria had made the tough but necessary decision to postpone both the PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars and Jumping Victoria State Titles events, closely followed by the postponement of the Horseware Australia Victorian Interschool Championships and the Furphy Media Melbourne International 3-Day Event. It was our intention, if possible, to run these events later in the calendar year. Sadly, that has proven to be an impossibility.



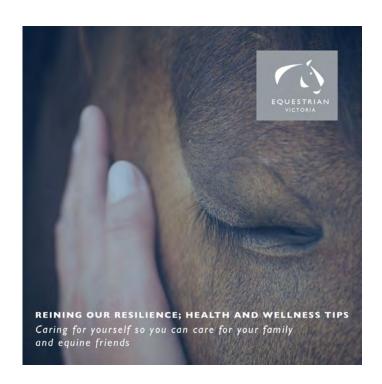
If there was to be any positive taken from the impacts of the pandemic, it was how steadfastly our community stood with us. The commitment of our event directors and organising committees, event supporting partners, sponsors, traders and suppliers, not to mention our participants,

the team at Werribee Park and EV staff and their ability to pivot to firstly minimise the economic impact of event cancellation and their dogged determination not to let COVID bring us undone, highlights the overarching pragmatism and optimism of our cohort.

Certainly, over the last 7 months there have been moments of frustration, but for the most part the EV membership has been resolute in adhering to the government advice around the public health response, designed to ensure the safety of the entire community.

Throughout the pandemic, EV has led our membership, and collaborated with the DHHS, SRV, AHIC, HRCAV, PCV, RDA and RSPCA to advocate for equestrian sport. We have communicated via a variety of channels, either directly or indirectly, and shared relevant information to the membership and industry. We have established a dedicated COVID specific web page with FAQ's responding to member and non-member enquiries, established web links for helpful resources on the EV website, implemented a Resilience Program with Christopher Shen, Sport Psychologist, with tips shared on a weekly basis and responded to a large number of phone, email and social media enquiries.

I would like to thank the EV Staff for their support in maintaining member services during this unprecedented time, and the EV Board for their counsel, ongoing support and for remaining vigilant.



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What does the future hold for Equestrian Victoria?

Members may recall from the presentation at the 2019 AGM that in late 2018 EV had initiated a Member Research Project, with the overall aim of:

- Establishing critical insights to enable significant membership and participation growth in equestrian sport in Victoria; and
- Developing strategies and implementation plans to increase and improve participant and member retention and workforce development.

Starting with an initial membership database analysis, the last year has seen this work built upon with detailed quantitative and qualitative research undertaken by industry professionals Sport Business Partners (SBP).

Funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria's (SRV) **Together More Active (TMA) Program**, which aims to build organisational business planning and development capability, has enabled EV to analyse its membership data to better understand member motivations and desires and subsequently make data driven decisions when it comes to equestrian sport.

Completed in June 2020 the Member Research Project dovetails with a timely mid-plan review of EV's Strategic Plan. Following a series of strategy sessions, including engagement with Sport Discipline Committee representatives, EV's strategic review is nearing completion and we look forward to sharing the updated plan with the membership prior to Christmas.

In the meantime, however our focus remains squarely on sound fiscal management and an increased focus on:

- 1. EV's sport development pillar in the form of support for sport disciplines through:
 - Coaching, education, and youth development pathways
 - Increased engagement and support of clubs and members
 - Volunteer support for officials and judge's education
 - Alignment to national planning
 - Commercial opportunities

- 2. EV events and event support, and ensuring equestrian sport has appropriate facilities for the conduct of the sport
- 3. Marketing and Communications, including a refreshed digital presence for ISV and attracting non-traditional equestrian partners to EV events.





In closing ...

In closing, I would like to thank the EV Board and staff for their support, all of our sponsors and government partners but most of all I would like to thank you, our membership.

We have high ambitions for Equestrian Victoria over the next 3 years. A post-COVID environment will create new challenges and out of challenge comes opportunities. We are ready for these and I encourage you to join us on the journey and in turn live your equestrian dream.

MATTHEW BROWN
Chief Executive Officer















EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA MASTERS GAMES 2020

Discipline Reports





2019/2020 COMMITTEE

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Dressage Victoria Chair

Dressage Victoria Report

Dressage Victoria started the year positively, ready to bring our new Strategic Plan to life, then faced the reality of COVID-19 which threw all plans into disarray. The rest of the year has been a case of adaptation and flexibility, with the DV committee working together to build and strengthen our sport in Victoria, within the restrictions imposed.

COMMITTEE

The DV committee consists of the following members and portfolio at the time of writing this report:

- Louise Curran Chair
- Veronica Steward Finance
- Lee Howells DJEP
- Kristy-lee Brilliant Communication
- Lone Joergensen Senior Squad Selector
- Jan Smith Youth Squad
- Lizzy Schirmer AOR
- Virginia Creed General committee & EADC member
- Aengus Wright General committee and events
- Justine Greer Victorian Riders' Representative
- Pam Buxton-Barber Clubs Liaison

The Clubs Liaison position is a new one on the committee and represents a coalition of all Dressage clubs in Victoria. This gives the clubs more direct involvement in decisions and administration regarding the sport and is an important part of developing Dressage in both metropolitan and regional areas.

The Dressage Victoria Vision Statement and Strategic Plan has been finalised and published on the EV website and quides the development of the sport.

SQUADS

The squads aligned with Dressage Victoria are the High Performance, Development, AOR and Youth squads. Membership of the High Performance, Development and AOR squads is purely performance based while the Youth squad is designed to promote inclusion for all young dressage riders, with performance based criteria used to streamline groups within the squad.

Squad membership applications have been received from almost all Victoria's high profile riders, indicating that squad membership provides value to all riders, including international competitors.

In normal times, all squads conduct a number of clinics and off horse education sessions throughout the year. In global pandemic times, these activities initially paused while the squad committees considered the options available to them. Squad activities have since proceeded with virtual coaching and education sessions and group interaction, including welcome functions and squad meetings, being conducted via Zoom.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET UPDATE

All budgets submitted and approved by the Board.



Dressage Victoria Report continued

EVENTS

The Victorian State Dressage Championship (Event Director Caroline Coleby) was run at Boneo Park in December 2019 and attracted a record number of entries. A record number of dressage tests were ridden and the event at Boneo attracted a significant increase in the number of trade stands. The 2020 event is to be held at WPNEC and planning by Event Director Lizzy Schirmer is underway, contingent on COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria being lifted in time for the event and for preceding qualifying competitions.

The Victorian Youth Dressage Championship was run successfully in January. Aengus Wright has been appointed as the Event Director for the VYDC in 2021. Jan Smith, immediate past ED, remains on the VYDC committee, providing continuity and ongoing support for Aengus in this role.

Dressage and Jumping with the Stars, scheduled for March 2020, was cancelled due to COVID-19 and Event Director, Lizzy Schirmer had rescheduled a scaled down version of the event for October. With the second COVID-19 lockdown occurring in Melbourne, it has been necessary to also cancel this event. Planning is now underway for a DJWTS spectacular for 2021.

The AOR National Championships were to be held in Victoria in 2020 and have also needed to be cancelled.

OFFICIALS

The DJEP has very effectively used virtual meeting technology to continue their program of Judge education and accreditation. Victorian Judges have had a new level of access to interstate judge seminars and workshops and, similarly, have made their education sessions available to judges from other states.

In April, DV Committee member and well known judge, steward, event organiser, selector, and mentor, Jan Smith, was awarded the prestigious title of "Julius L. Patching Sports Official of the Year" in the 2019 Victorian Olympic Awards. This award is a wonderful recognition of all that Jan does for our sport.

CONCLUSION

With changes to the DV Committee and time during COVID-19 spent planning and preparing for the next 12 months, Dressage Victoria are looking forward to the resumption of sport and competitions. We also look forward to the opportunities to build and strengthen Dressage in Victoria in 2021 as we move past these trying times and adjust to the new shape of normal in the future.





2019/2020 COMMITTEE

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JANET HOUGHTONEventing Victoria Chair

Eventing Victoria Report

The 2019/20 year has been a challenging time throughout the world, not just in eventing. The second half of 2019 went well. Our competitions were well subscribed and provided riders with a variety of options at all levels. With over 600 entries at Friends of Werribee and Spring Horse Trials the numbers of eventers in Victoria continue to grow.

AUSTRALIAN 3-DAY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Our riders had success at The Australian 3 Day International Event in November with Sam Jeffree taking out the Young Rider Championship on Woodmount Lolita a horse he has produced to 3*. Sam is a long time member of our Equissage Young Rider Squad and also represented Victoria at Interschool Nationals.

Prydes Senior Squad member, Teegan Ashby, took out second place in the 3* on Waitangi Password with a finishing score of 32.4. which gained her a place on the National Recognition Squad. Madeline Wilson and Annie Jane placed 5th, Andrew Cooper and Omega Star 7th, and Simon Tainsh riding Remi Lord of the Realm 8th.

In the 4* Andrew Cooper won on Riverbreeze, with Sophia Landy placing 5th on Humble Glory and Penelope Johnson on BB Boom. In the 5* Madeline Wilson placed 7th on I'm Bruce and Andrew Cooper placed 11th on Reduction.

2020 SEASON

The start of the 2020 season was looking promising with Pakenham, Geelong, Oxley, (a new event), Yeringberg & Tonimbuk, (rising from the ashes thanks to an enormous amount of work from their Committee), running successfully with capacity entries.

The Eventing Committee also ran several courses including a TD/CD course in conjunction with Avenel Horse Trials in November, a Conflict Resolution Course open to all Officials in February and a Course Designer Workshop at Wandin Park with renowned French course designer Pierre Michelet, (ably assisted by Ewan Kellet and Geoff Sinclair).

Next minute we had COVID-19. We managed to get Pierre an early flight back to France just before the borders were closed and Wandin made the difficult but correct decision to cancel their March 20-22 event.

I wonder how many in our community appreciate the months of work that goes into preparing the ground and fences in the lead up to an event? At Wandin, like many other venues, most of the fences are only placed out for the event. In fact Wandin had built lots of new fences for 2020, placed 129 portables out and put \$5000 worth of paint on fences.



We believe the fences have literally been bubble wrapped to preserve them for 2021!

Eventing Victoria Report continued

SQUADS

Our Squads continue to be well supported and despite the challenges we have managed six squads days plus two State HP Squad days. We are ever grateful to Prydes and Equissage for their continued support of Eventing.

When we became aware that Furphy Media Melbourne International Event would not run we put together the EQ Saddleworld Young Horse on line event. It was well supported and had huge engagement on social media with the posts of the winners reaching over 11.5 thousand and 4.5 thousand viewed the videos of our winners.

Our thanks to our Australian judges Sharon Ridgeway, Emily Anker and Nina Clarke and to our international judges Christopher Burton, Harry Meade and Blyth Tait for the hours they put in selecting our winners.

EVENTING TRUST REPORT

For those of you wanting to look at the Eventing Trust Report, you can read the report on the <u>EV website</u>. The report includes what has been collected and what that money has been spent on.

The Victorian Eventing Committee continue to work to improve the safety, governance and opportunities for our sport and I thank them for their drive and enthusiasm. We are ably supported by Lynne Brown Eventing Coordinator, Karen Amore Administrator and Vanessa Mattiazzo Squad Coordinator and the Board of Equestrian Victoria.

The <u>Eventing Committee contacts</u> are on the EV website. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.









2019/2020 COMMITTEE

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TOM LUPTON

ANNIE WHITE

KEVIN TARANTO

JOHN PEARCE

BRONWYN SHORTT

CLINT ROSEJumping Victoria Chair

Jumping Victoria Report

This year Jumping Victoria has set about further developing initiatives aligned with the Jumping Victoria Strategic Plan. Year one had three key focus areas for improvement; (1) Supporting our people to live their equestrian dream, (2) More officials, more training, and (3) Harness the use of technology. Throughout the year, the Jumping Committee has developed initiatives to target the three focus areas while also working to improve the development of members sporting ambitions.

JUMPING VICTORIA JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDER SQUADS

Strathmerton Drilling Pty Ltd again sponsored the Jumping Victoria Squads. In partnership with Twenty Four Seven, a new uniform design was created that will carry forward to 2021 squad uniforms. Extenuating circumstances of COVID-19 severely impacted the squad season, with only the July Squad being able to go ahead. Attendance at the clinic was affected by a COVID-19 compliant format, but the squad community relayed a positive outlook on the efforts Jumping Victoria put towards running the clinic.

A total of 16 Junior/Young Riders were accepted into the State Squad program this year, 81 Junior/Young Riders in the Development Squads and 26 Juniors into the Squadettes program.

Initial planning is currently underway to create a new squad format that is more economically beneficial and with a greater focus on sports development for not only our Junior and Young Rider members but also amateur level jumping members.

JUMPING VICTORIA OFFICIALS

Throughout the 2019 -2020, Jumping Victoria has continued to develop and support its officials. Further research went into what jumping officials need from the Equestrian Victoria office, which included opportunities to shadow more experienced officials, links to purchase digital assistance software, explanations, and how to's on a series of jumping official related information.

In alignment with more officials, more training, the Jumping Victoria Committee had a series of jumping official accreditation and training clinics planned. A Level 3 Course Designers clinic was held in September 2019 with John Vallance presenting. The clinic was positively received, with members from other state branches in attendance. A survey conducted after the clinic displayed the following results; the clinic was informative and of the right length; however, more updated resources are required at future clinics.

It was identified that the current officials were wanting clinics to be run more consistently with a focus on current and new trends and improving the rider/horse experience. Clinics for the 2020 year were planned however were put on a hiatus as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In recognition of the need to further develop our officials in practice, the Jumping Victoria Committee introduced the first stage of the Shadow Opportunity Initiative, expression of interests were collected for practical application upon the recommencement of competitions post COVID-19.

The Jumping Committee is currently organising a series of online seminars for officials hosted via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic designed to further the training of current officials and jumping members.



Jumping Victoria Report continued

JUMPING VICTORIA STATE TITLES

2019 State Titles was hosted by the ISJ/Boneo Spring Champions and Northern Victoria Showjumping Club Spring Show.

- Junior Winner: Clancy Grant and I Reckon
- Young Rider Winner: Jasmine Dennison and Mabobri De Mabribo
- Senior Winner: Billy Raymont and Anssioso Z

2020 Jumping Victoria State Titles was planned to occur 27th – 29th March however was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attempts to find an alternative date later in the year was impeded with Victorian State of Emergency being extended to September.

JUMPING VICTORIA STRATEGIC PLAN

Jumping Victoria is committed to building and improving the services we deliver to support our membership with programs that recognise and celebrate their achievements and introduce new technology to help further the sport. In 2019-2020 three laptops were purchased in the first quarter and installed with the Jumper Judge Dashboard (JJD) program and Office 365 for manual loading of entries into JJD. The laptops were purchased for use by affiliated event organisers to improve the event experience for riders, volunteers, and officials by streamlining documentation processes online and providing consistency across the sport.

The Jumping Victoria Committee identified Jumper Judge Dashboard as suitable and affordable to achieve the simplification of results output, capturing performance data, simplification of entry and scoring systems, production of live results for competitors, and a step closer to going digital with performance cards. It was recognised that in order to achieve the desired affects, consistency by jumping clubs to use the scoring system was required. The committee will seek to further develop stages of the JJD initiative to achieve these requirements and establish consistency for members.

In alignment with the focus area of supporting our people to live their equestrian dream. The Jumping Victoria Committee seeks to recognise and celebrate our jumpers, supporting their involvement at recognised events around the country. In late 2019, Jumping Victoria introduced a uniformed team vest and saddle cloth in the lead up to the Australian Jumping Championships. It was first introduced to the selected riders for the Victorian Team at the Australian Jumping Championships. The uniforms have been designed to be altered to all jumping teams competitions and to be worn by selected representative riders to recoginse their achievements of being selected. Jumping Victoria also hosted as state welcome at the Australian Jumping Championships where the selected Victorian Representatives were presented with their team uniforms. It was a social event funded by Jumping Victoria in order to celebrate our membership riders competing in the National competition.

Please refer to Jumping Victoria Officials for the report on the official focused strategic initiatives.

Jumping Victoria Report continued



COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on the jumping community in Victoria. Competitions after the 16th of March were cancelled due to Government lockdowns and it is uncertain when a return to the competition season will resume.

Three major jumping competitions, including the 2020 State Jumping Titles, P.S.I Dressage and Jumping with the Stars and the Leader Equine State Interschool Championships have been cancelled or postponed. All face to face official development and reaccreditiation clinics/seminars had to be put on hold until restrictions eased.

The Strathmerton Drilling Jumping Junior and Young Rider Squad season was able to host one out of five planned squads under strict COVID-19 prevention protocols.

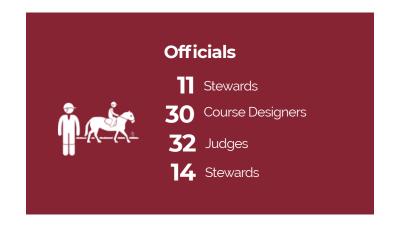
All plans to implement development initiatives aligned with the strategic plan have been placed on hold due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Despite the disruptive consequences of the COVID-19 virus, the Victorian Jumping Community is strong and supportive of digital ventures until a safe return to face to face activities can resume.

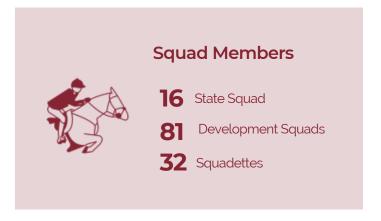
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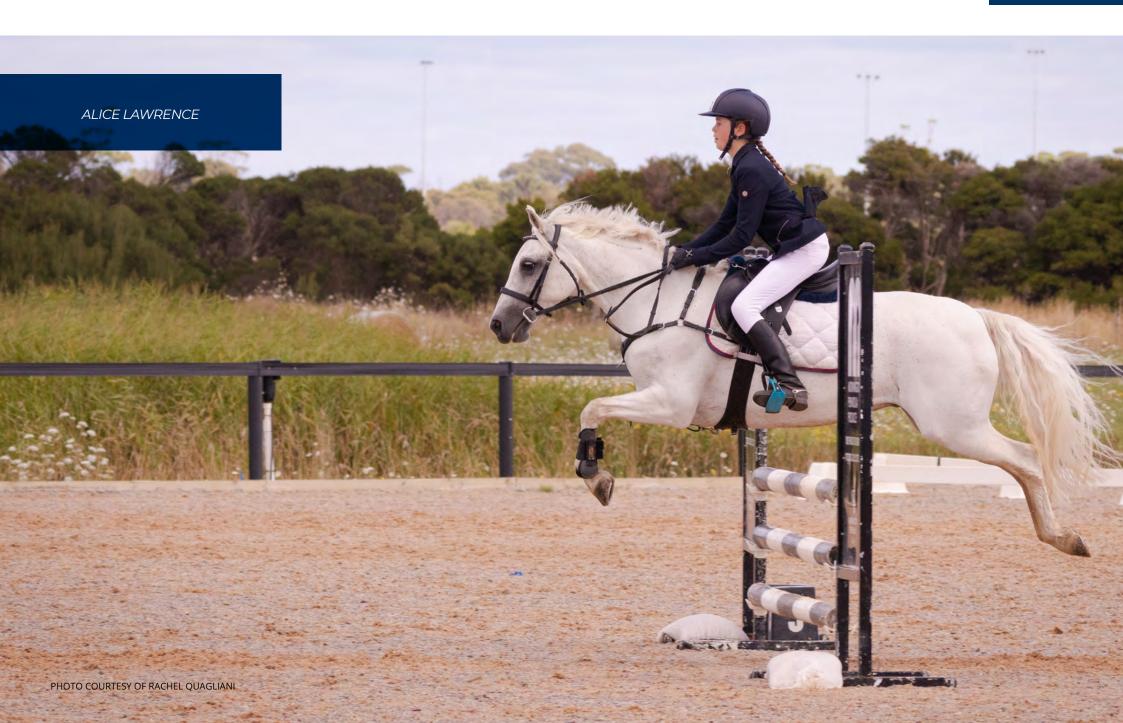
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Equestrian Victoria

Strategic plan

FOUR PILLARS



Industry Leadership

Lead Victoria's equestrian industry through advocacy, collaboration and service delivery.



Sport Development

Grow participation and engagement across all disciplines from grass roots to elite athletes.



Support the provision and improvement of Victoria's equestrian facilities.



Support the provision and improvement of Equestrian Victoria's governance and financial performance.



2019/2020 COMMITTEE

PETER HEAGNEY

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HELEN HEAGNEY

PETER HEAGNEYShow Horse Victoria Chair

Show Horse Victoria Report

Despite the turbulence and disruption to much of our equestrian world, EV Show Horse was fortunate to be able to conduct its major events before COVID 19 closed down so many activities.

EGO SUNSENSE AUSTRALIASIAN HORSE AND RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 'Nationals' in December continues to be the pinnacle event for show horse competitors in Australia. Over 350 competitors assembled at Werribee Park from every state of Australia to participate for these prestigious awards. The record number of competitors was attributed to third placegetters as well as winners and second placegetters in their state titles being eligible to participate this year. One of the features of this glittering event is that unlike other show horse events, riders represent their state as well as competing for individual glory. State teams vie for the keenly contested State High Point Team Trophy which I'm pleased to report was won by Victoria.

Team Victoria also won the Sportsmanship Award, given for the state team that displays sportsmanship, cooperation, presentation and general goodwill. This year was also the first year that the event was live streamed.

BARASTOC

Barastoc Horse Of The Year continues to attract excellent entries with record numbers in 2020. Nearly 1200 entries were recorded for the EV Show Horse rings.

The show itself, conducted over 3 full days, also featured breed societies as well as HRCAV and Pony Club competitions. Whilst the official title of the event is the EV Horse Of The Year, thanks to 51 continuous years sponsorship by Barastoc, the event is now simply known as "Barastoc" - recognition of our wonderful supporter.

Barastoc Horse Of The Year was the proud winner of the 2019 EV Event Of The Year.

SUMMER SHOW

The January Summer Show is officially a 'Breeds Extravaganza' at which EV also conduct two show horse rings. This show features many breeds of horses including Miniatures, Shetlands, Palominos, Buckskins, Haflingers, Appaloosas, Pintos, Riding Ponies, Welsh, Rare Breeds, Standardbreds, Heavy Horse as well as HRCAV and Pony Club.

The breed rings are organised by each breed society but are co-ordinated by EV Show Horse. This show is rapidly regaining the prestige it once held when conducted by RASV before that society relinquished its responsibility to conduct the event. Many breed societies use this show as their annual "Horse of the Year Awards"

Show Horse Victoria Report continued

TWILIGHT SHOW

EV Show Horse assist the Victorian Team Manager and a small management group to conduct this show, which this year, was held at the conclusion of the Whittlesea Show in November. The event is a fund raiser to assist the Victorian Team to compete at the Nationals.

SHOW HORSE CLINICS

Three show horse clinics were conducted in June, July and August 2019. 150 lessons were given over the three clinics. Although the same clinics were scheduled this year, we were only able to hold the June clinic. The clinics are offered free to members and the June clinic was filled within an hour of applications being open.

MEASURING DAYS

Although we facilitated 10 measuring days throughout the year, those scheduled for the winter months of 2020 had to be cancelled.

The July measuring day had been opened via Try Booking to assist with number and distancing control and proved to be very efficient before the event had to be cancelled.

We will endeavour to conduct these whenever government regulations allow us to do so.

YOUNG RIDER AWARDS

Show Horse remains a staunch supporter of the Young Ambassador Awards and this year's award was keenly contested by young Show Horse competitors.

MASTERS GAMES

The show horse discipline was well supported at the February Masters Games with the new programme being well supported.

COMMUNICATION

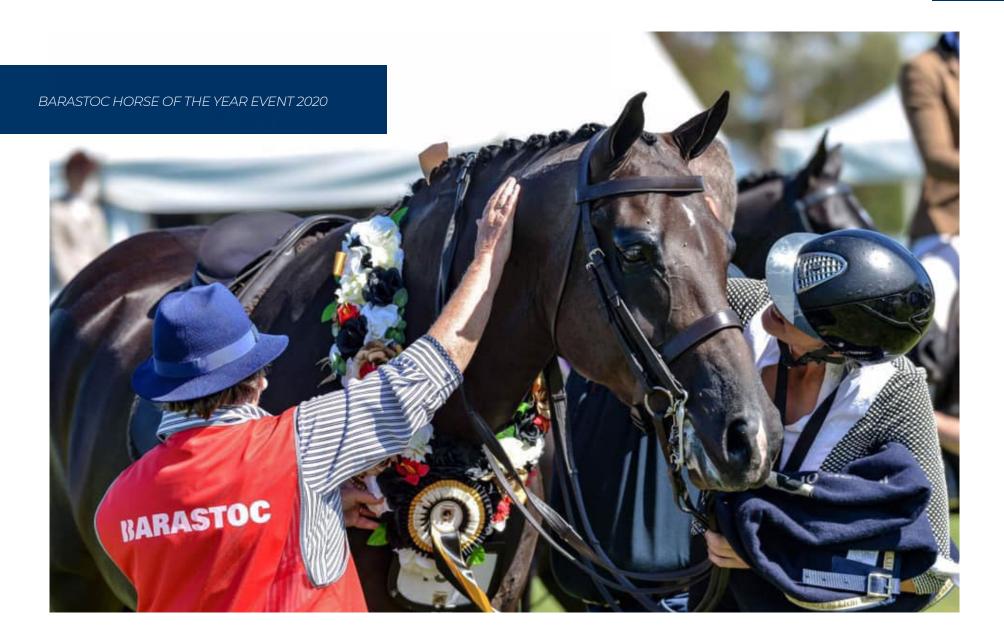
As we were unable to conduct a number of scheduled events as previously mentioned, we have endeavoured to engage with our members through other sources including a virtual show, an online Member profile feature and regular reporting of monthly committee meetings.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the conduct of so many successful events - judges, officials, volunteers, sponsors, many who have been with us for very long periods of time. With a successful year behind us, our challenges are now ahead of us to be able to conduct our events in 2020/2021.

The committee does however feel it is well placed to activate alternate plans we have in place to enable our events to take place when government regulations allow us.









2019/2020 COMMITTEE

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FIONA WILSONDriving Victoria Chair

Driving Victoria Report

EV Driving recognises the coal face work that is required to build a sustainable, well supported and ready to function discipline within Victoria for carriage drivers and those associated with the sport. A fast growing and hugely popular equestrian sport in Europe and many other countries across the world, it is proving not only a competitor's sport, but an incredible spectator sport. The sport is exhilarating, fast and yet has class, is adorned by royals, movie stars and the humble battler alike. The relationship between equines and humans requires a higher level of trust, a team effort on the park and off.

THE 2019-2020 YEAR

The year 2019-2020 presented a new 12 months to begin developing a well-supported and accredited personnel base for EV Driving. We await the officials training modules that are now in draft stage and have been presented to Equestrian Australia and require ratification. Due to the recent administration of EA this has yet to occur, however once final approval is given, we can invite people to undergo formal training specific to driving. We have interest from individuals such as veterinarians, dressage judges, and competitors etc in the future of EV Driving.

The future is looking bright however, with several EV members travelling, competing and assisting at events nationally and internationally. Driving in Victoria has never looked healthier with the likes of multi World Champion Boyd Exel taking drivers from Victoria under his wing and providing them with amazing experience and exposure.

Whilst equestrian events in Victoria have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19, Andrew Damsma and his lovely horse pair have competed in Europe at CAI** Exloo with fantastic and encouraging results. Similarly, Janelle Marshall has been flying the flag high in the USA putting some great results on the board, and Elizabeth Lawrence travelled to Netherlands to compete at Valkenswaard International 2019 completing a challenging course.

On home soil, EV member Lorraine Cairns travelled to Tamworth International Horse Trials to take out the FEI 2* Single Horse.

Andrew, Janelle and Elizabeth have been named on the long list by Equestrian High Performance for the FEI World Championships in Netherlands 2020. Andrew is the lone Australian to be named on the long list for Single Horse, and Elizabeth and Janelle have been long listed for the Four-In-Hand Championship. We wish them the absolute best and will be watching with pride.

We acknowledge the move to have the EV Driver Award changed to be a performance-based recognition, and due to restrictions surrounding COVID-19, consultation has taken place to include FEI affiliated international performances only for the 2019/2020 season. We recognise not only the sacrifices the carriage drivers have made to put the scores on the board, but their grooms and team during and behind the scenes.

We look forward to building and developing this wonderful sport here in Victoria. Keep the wheels rolling in 2021.





2019/2020 COMMITTEE

JULIA WILLIAMS
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LAUREN BRANIFF
LEANNE MCLEAN
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JULIA WILLIAMS
Interschool Victoria Chair

Interschool Victoria Report

"Enhancing the structure and delivery of the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Experience."

TOGETHER MORE ACTIVE PROJECT

Equestrian Victoria was pleased to receive Victorian government funding for the Together More Active Project 2019-2021. This has allowed administration support by Karen Amore to collate and investigate current events, participating schools, facilities, venues and clubs within Victoria.

EV Interschool has also affiliated with School Sport Victoria (SSV) and working on the extension of interschool possibilities into targeted regional areas. It is pleasing that equestrian groups, show jumping clubs and dressage clubs, as well as agricultural societies are considering incorporating Interschool classes into local competitions across Victoria.

A major component for improvement in communication was the development of a new website https://www.equestrianinterschoolvictoria.com.au to bring together all interschool elements. This caters for entry level riders and their families, to those aspiring to State and National championships and offers support to groups planning to host competitions. A downloadable handbook has also been produced.

The Facebook pages reach a large number of both members and non-members and are a popular means of communication.

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Victoria, consisting of 101 riders, travelled to Sydney in October 2019 to compete at the Australian Interschool Championships. After five days of intense competition and lots of fun, the overall Champion State Team 2019 was won by Victoria. A wonderful achievement with many personal best performances.

This year commenced with much enthusiasm but unfortunately has seen the cancellation of all events since the start of March. This has included the planned training and education days, the VEIS series and the Australian Interschool Championships scheduled in October in Toowoomba. There was no Victorian Interschool team selected for 2020.

The Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships have been rescheduled and it is hoped they will be able to run, in some form, in December. Thank you to the organising committee, chaired by Lisa Hocking and the ongoing support of the major sponsor, Leader Equine.

A revised qualification process for the eventing Victorian team members will be used in 2021. This will offer submission of a rider's best results across all EV horse trial events, and gives access to the large number of enthusiastic competitors, especially those in regional areas.



Interschool Victoria Report continued

ISV COMMITTEE FORMATION

It was very positive to have ISV Board representation and to oversee the establishment of the new ISV Committee. The committee has members from a range of geographic locations, with a wealth of experience across equestrian disciplines and interschool backgrounds.

The key priority, to tie together the many components of interschool, was highlighted in the 2019 EV review. This includes a focus on unifying rules, establishing well-run consist events across the state and incorporating all events on a central calendar.

The process has commenced in working with the disciplines and groups, such as the DJEP, in order to clarify EA rules, competition protocols, developing horse welfare and the improvement in individual skills enabling some riders making the transition to junior and open competition at higher levels.

A key focus to broaden the offerings to regional students ties with the Together More Active Project.

COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Interschool participation relies on the support of volunteers and parents. Special thanks to the ISV Committee:

- Lisa Hocking (Director State Interschool Championships)
- Julia Gibson (VEIS Representative)
- Karen Amore (EV Office)
- Fiona Berry
- Paula Binnie
- Lauren Braniff
- Susan Bufton

- Nikki Growcott
- Jo-Anne Hewitt
- Elyse Hocking
- Karen Lawrence
- Georgia Low
- Mary-Anne Lowe
- Leanne McLean
- Amy Rush





TOORAK HORSE SHOW



2019/2020 COMMITTEE

SUSAN LESLIE

SUSAN CHANDLER

TIM CALKIN

CHRISTOPHER MANN

Jan smith

BIANCA VENEIZIANO

GITTE DONVIG

SUE LESLIE Victoria Coaching Committee Chair

Coaching Committee Report

The past 12 months have been interesting and very different in the world of coaching.

The coaching committee, supported fully by Equestrian Victoria, this year ran two Face to Face workshops. Four update clinics were run with an emphasis on reaching out to rural coaches. The clinics were held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, Shepparton, Oakwood Riding Centre and the Arthurs Creek Fire Station where Anton Phillips a world expert presented on Large Animal Rescue.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The first of these evenings was held at WPNEC where Helen Davies presented on Biomechanics of the horse. This was a huge success with over 70 people attending. Thank you to Bianca Veneziano for the organising of this evening.

Feedback from coaches to the committee always indicates communication being an important issue. Tim Calkin from the committee opened up an Equestrian Victorian Coaching Committee Face book page. This has proved to be a very successful initiative with numbers of new coaches still joining each week. Tim shares articles or announcements from both EA and EV, in fact anything of interest to coaches.

NATIONAL COACHING COMMITTEE

2019 saw the continued emergence of the National Coaching Committee who meet monthly but communicate far more often. Goals achieved by the NCC were significant and not always easy to accomplish. A summary of the EA budget was obtained demonstrating where our \$250 registration fee had gone previously. A budget for coaching was agreed upon by EA for the coming year. Another goal of the NCC was to establish a better and more current insurance cover for coaches. But due to the Global Insurance Landscape caused by the floods, fires etc we were still fortunate enough to be able reinstate Gow Gates for the following year with a reduced premium.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATIONS

In December 2019 Tim Calkin and Simon Kale from the NCC attended the IGEQ (International Group of Equestrian Qualifications) conference in Germany. They were successful in having the EA Coaching Syllabus returned to the IGEQ matrix. Simon was also invited to Chair an International Working group to progress the issue of safety and risk management in the area of coaching, at an International Level. Tim was also invited onto a working group to review our coaching passports.

The Syllabus Review with 31 coaches and 9 different syllabus groups recommenced Stage 1 of the Coaching Syllabus Review, to ensure the syllabus is both current and relevant. This review started in 2017 but had been put on hold after the resignation of Alison Gestier.

Coaching Committee Report continued

COACHING FORUM

This year the Victorian Coaching Committee had planned to run a Coaching Forum and continue with the PD days and evenings. Obviously due to the outbreak of Covid 19 these events have all been cancelled. Stage 3 and then Stage 4 lockdowns have been extremely hard for all of us, especially those of us who receive most or all, of our income from coaching.

I must comment on the fact that as each and every stage of lockdown or restriction had been announced by the Government, our CEO Matthew Brown, worked tirelessly during all hours of the day and night, to make sure the restrictions were as workable for us and our four legged friends as possible.

EV AWARDS - COACH OF THE YEAR

Some positive news at this time. The Coach of the Year nominations have just been received. Great interest was shown this year with 86 nominations received for 20 coaches.

Unfortunately only 13 of these coaches are eligible for the award. As some of the coaches nominated are either unqualified EA Coaches, or coaches that have not fulfilled the requirements to complete their registration.

COMMITTEE

Our Victorian Coaching Committee has stayed strong and committed over these tough times. We regularly communicate and are all available to discuss coaching issues or help in any way we can. We all welcome feedback or suggestions. Actions can then be then provided by us or forwarded onto the National Coaching Committee for further consideration.

As Chair of the Victorian Committee I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their continued support and assistance.

Thank you: Tim Calkin, Sue Chandler, Jan Smith, Bianca Veneziano, Chris Mann and our new member Gitte Donvig as well as Karen Amore from the EV Office.

See you all on the other side.





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Celebrating Equestrian Dreams
2020

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EV Awards 2020

Celebrating Equestrian Dreams





As with most initiatives and events, the 2020 Equestrian Victoria Awards have challenged us to do things differently. Whilst it wasn't possible to hold the gala presentation dinner, the entire equestrian community was able to be part of a virtual online presentation over multiple days which was still surrounded in excitement and pride!

Seventeen categories were presented with twenty nine awards including the Victorian Hall of Fame inductee. 2020 saw recognition of coach, judge and highly accomplished Olympic dressage rider, Marg McIver (dec), into the prestigious Hall of Fame with an online video tribute and award presentation.

The Awards continued to grow in popularity and process refinement this year, and along with the introduction of an online member voting component for some categories and a new judging process, a new category, Lifetime Service to Equestrian Sport, was also introduced.

This award aims to recognise those who have made a long term impact for the love of the sport, not the glory, and the very deserved winner was jumping stalwart, Paul Williams.

The awards were again supported by Racing Victoria's Off The Track program as major event partner.

The Awards will continue to see refinements over the coming year, and the 2021 gala presentation will be held on the eve of the horses' birthday, Saturday 31 July, at the prestigious Sofitel On Collins.

View all this year's Awards ceremonies on EVarena – <u>evarena.org.au</u>





EV Awards 2020

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MAJOR EVENT PARTNER

Racing Victoria's Off The Track Program



Animi - Event of the Year

Barastoc - Horse of the Year

Black Horse Clothing - Coach of the Year

Boutique Equines - Groom of the Year

Catherine Shelley - Para Equestrian of the Year

Discovery Floats - Lifetime Sevice to Equestrian Sport

Martin Collins Australia - Rider of the Year

Sports Accounting Australia - Official of the Year and Administrator of the Year

Racing Victoria's Off The Track Program - OTT Horse of the Year and

Acknowledged Retrainer of the Year

The Dancing Horse - Young Rider of the Year and Club of the Year

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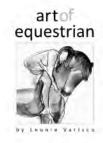












EV Awards 2020

Our Winners

EOUESTRIAN VICTORIA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

★ Margaret McIver (Dec.)

DISCOVERY FLOATS LIFETIME SERVICE TO EQUESTRIAN SPORT

★ Paul Williams

RACING VICTORIA'S OFF THE TRACK HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- ★ Dressage Koko Popping Candy (Gothic Medusa)
- ★ Eventing Koko Popping Candy (Gothic Medusa)
- ★ Jumping Saddle Up Smudge (Praire Sky)
- ★ Show Horse St Andrews (St Andrews)

RACING VICTORIA'S ACKNOWLEDGED RETRAINER OF THE YEAR

★ Fiona McIntyre

THE DANCING HORSE YOUNG RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- ★ Dressage Lindsey Ware
- ★ Eventing Lucy Petersen
- ★ Jumping Georgia Price
- ★ Show Horse Ava Halloran

BLACK HORSE CLOTHING COACH OF THE YEAR

★ Nina Clarke

THE DANCING HORSE CLUB OF THE YEAR

★ Friends of Ballarat Eventing Association

BARASTOC HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- ★ Dressage Calanta
- ★ Eventing Koko Popping Candy
- ★ Jumping Daprice
- ★ Show Horse Rolex II

SPORTS ACCOUNTING AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

★ Lee Howells

BOUTIQUE EQUINES GROOM OF THE YEAR

★ Naomi Ellis

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

★ Deborah MacNicol

ANIMI EQUINE EVENT OF THE YEAR

★ 2020 Boneo Classic

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA AMATEUR OWNER DRESSAGE RIDER OF THE YEAR

★ Elizabeth Sheather

SPORTS ACCOUNTING AUSTRALIA ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

★ Jan Smith

CATHERINE SHELLEY PARA-EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

★ Emma Booth

MARTIN COLLINS AUSTRALIA RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- ★ Dressage Mary Hanna
- ★ Eventing Amanda Ross
- ★ Jumping Russell Johnstone
- ★ Show Horse Brynie Lee

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA DRIVER OF THE YEAR

★ Janelle Marshall

Equestrian Victoria Inc

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Reece Adnams

Julia Battams – Resigned December 2019

Siobhan Belmore
Louise Curran – Appointed March 2020

Michelle Heagney
Peter Heagney

Janet Houghton

Michelle McLean – Resigned January 2020

Carl Parkin

Clint Rose

Julia Williams – Appointed October 2019

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide membership, training and competition services in relation to equestrian related sporting and recreational pursuits.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2019 financial year amounted to \$202,040. (2019: \$251,581). Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the board:

CARL PARKIN

Dated this 16th day of September 2020

SIOBHAN BELMORE

Dated this 16th day of September 2020

Belmore

Equestrian Victoria Inc

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2020	2019 \$
INCOME		·	·
Administration Income		136,945	178,400
Operational Income		1,084,819	2,375,940
Horse Registrations		269,483	258,479
Interest Income		20,055	22,028
Membership Income		1,068,507	1,068,078
Other Income		3,317	23,957
Government Stimulus		111,192	-
		2,694,318	3,926,882
EXPENDITURE			
Administration		348,890	458,703
Fees & Charges		445,552	485,884
Operational Wages & Salaries		1,213,656	2,271,232
		483,864	443,013
Other expenses		316	16,469
		2,492,278	3,675,301
Current year surplus before income tax		202,040	251,581
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
Net current year (loss) / surplus		202,040	251,581
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		468,090	216,509
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		670,130	468,090

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Equestrian Victoria Inc

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	2, 1(f)	1,449,200	1,397,900
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3, 1(g)	3,393	30,247
Other Assets	4	100,600	32,120
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,553,193	1,460,267
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	5, 1(b)	64,187	48,163
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3, 1(3)	64,187	48,163
TOTAL ASSETS		1,617,380	1,508,430
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	6, 1(j)	73,910	301,442
Income Received in Advance	1(h), 12	835,065	687,723
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	35,922	43,655
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	, T(Q)	944,897	1,032,820
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	2,353	7,520
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,353	7,520
TOTAL LIABILITIES		947,250	1,040,340
NET ASSETS		670,130	468,090
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		670,130	468,090
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		670,130	468,090

Equestrian Victoria Inc

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from operations		2,588,874	3,848,976
Payment to suppliers		(2,638,871)	(3,146,138)
Other income		114,509	43,236
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	9	64,512	746,074
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		20,055	22,028
Payments for fixed assets		(33,267)	(29,908)
Net cash provided by investing activit	ies	(13,212)	(7,880)
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		51,300	738,194
Cash at beginning of financial year		1,397,900	659,706
Cash at end of financial year	2	1,449,200	1,397,900

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Equestrian Victoria Inc

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a. Income Tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

b. Fixed Assets

Leasehold Improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, if required, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

e. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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f. Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

g. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

h. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

i. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

j. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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NOTE 2: CASH ON HAND		
	2020 \$	2019 \$
NAB Cheque	473,020	277,020
Term Deposits	750,000	560,383
Cash Management Account	226,180	560,097
Event Petty Cash Float	-	400
Total cash on hand	1,449,200	1,397,900
NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER E	DEBTORS	
Trade debtors	4,611	33,731
Provision for doubtful debts	(1,218)	(3,484)
	3,393	30,247
NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS		
Bond deposit	-	5,000
Prepaid expenses	67,844	21,835
Accrued income	226,180	560,097
	32,756	5,285
	100,600	32,120

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NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS	2020 \$	2019 \$
Leasehold Improvements	163,244	163,244
Less accumulated depreciation	(163,244)	(163,244)
	-	-
Office Equipment	177,602	165,049
Less accumulated depreciation	(150,620)	(141,225)
	26,982	23,824
Plant & Equipment	40,320	40,320
Less accumulated depreciation	(23,829)	(15,981)
	16,491	24,339
WPNEC Multi-Purpose Arena & Amenities	20,714	-
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	64,187	48,163
NOTE 6: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	22,156	176,275
Credit Card	3,155	(2,659)
GST Payable	6,735	42,802
Accrued Expenses	27,105	67,886
PAYG Tax	5,512	4,908
Sundry Creditors	-	300
Superannuation Payable	9,247	11,930
	73,910	301,442
NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS	'	
CURRENT	13,036	27,521
Provision for Annual Leave	22,886	16,134
Provision for Long Service Leave	35,922	43,655
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for Long Service Leave	2,353	7,520
	2,353	7,520

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NOTE 8: LEASING COMMITMENTS		
	2020 \$	2019 \$
Operating Lease Commitments		
Being for rent of office equipment & premises		
Payable – minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	37,740	35,844
– between 12 months and five years	187,090	35,844
- later than five years	-	-
	224,830	71,688
NOTE 9: CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
(a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to items in the Assets & Liabilities Statement as follows:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,449,200	1,397,900
(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with profit after income tax:		
Profit after income tax	202,040	251,581
Non-operational cash flows		
Interest received	(20,055)	(22,028)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	17,243	15,551
Provisions	(12,900)	(3,075)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / Decrease in Accrued Income	(27,471)	(530)
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments	(46,009)	(3,892)
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	26,854	(13,371)
(Increase) / Decrease in Other Assets	5,000	
Increase / (Decrease) in Deferred Income	147,342	519,743
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	(227,532)	2,095
	64,512	746,074
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NOTE 10: PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVES

Prior year comparatives have been re-classified as needed to suit the current needs of members.

NOTE 11: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the 2020 financial year.

NOTE 12: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Income received in advance as at 30 June 2020 includes an amount of \$500,000 received from Sport Australia. This money is to be used for the upgrade of designated facilities at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre. The funds were received in accordance with the Sport Australia Grant Guidelines under the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) and subject to the Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010 (Cth).

As at 30 June 2020, Equestrian Victoria has spent \$20,714 towards the new facilities and this has been reflected in the Fixed Assets in the Balance Sheet.

NOTE 13: IMPACT OF COVID 19

The Covid 19 pandemic has made a significant impact on the operations of Equestrian Victoria. However, the Board believes that the association will be able to resume normal operations when the pandemic is over and therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

A number of events have been postponed to the 2021 financial year. As at 30 June 2020, the association is carrying \$121,391 in revenues in advance, and \$34,814 in prepaid expenses in the balance sheet, in relation to these postponed events. These will be written off to the Profit & Loss statement in 2021 when the events are either run, or cancelled, depending on the progress of the pandemic.

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ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

We, Carl Parkin and Siobhan Belmore, being members of the committee of Equestrian Victoria Inc., certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Equestrian Victoria Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2020.

Signed: CARL PARKIN

Dated: 16th day of SEPTEMBER 2020

Signed: SIOBHAN BELMORE

Dated: 16th day of SEPTEMBER 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC.

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Equestrian Victoria Inc (the association), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2020, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Equestrian Victoria Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit, and prepared this audit opinion, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equestrian Victoria Inc as at 30 June 2020 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. In our opinion, the financial records kept by Equestrian Victoria are such as to enable the financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Equestrian Victoria Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Auditor's signature: **Graham Morris**

Auditor's address: Level 2, 33 Bank Street, South Melbourne VIC

Dated this 24th day of SEPTEMBER 2020

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Carl Parkin of,	120 Dunnetts Road	, Yan Yean,	Victoria 3755	certify that:
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- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on Tuesday 24th November 2020; and
- b. the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.

Dated this 24th day of November 2020

Carl Parkin (Committee Member)



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