

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

HALL OF FAME 2022

TOP: GRAEME BARKER BOTTOM: STAN FEAR

There are not many more things that bring a smile to an equestrian's face than a beautiful horse in motion, guided by its human partner, performing in harmony and as one.

As competitors or as spectators, we don't get to enjoy our sport without our volunteers. They are the unsung heroes of the equestrian world who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that competition runs smoothly. They may not be household names, but they are the lifeblood of our sport and make it what it is.

Our volunteers are there in the early mornings setting up arenas and jump courses, setting out flags before the action starts, helping competitors get ready before events and more. Then, there are the countless hours in committee meetings before any event, jumps to be built, courses designed, and riders to be trained.

They are our community, and we thank them all and celebrate with them the love of the horse.

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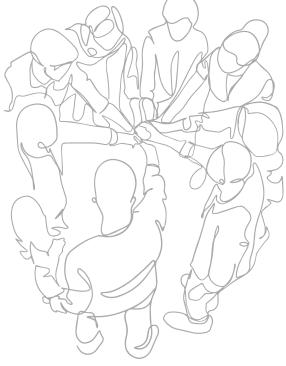
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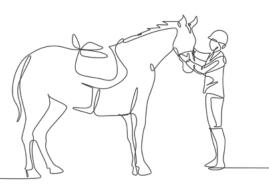
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Our Partners

Equestrian Victoria acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we are located and where we conduct our sport. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present.

CHRISTIE FREEMAN CHAIR OF THE BOARD



"Musicians make music, artists must paint, poets must write if they are ultimately to be at peace with themselves. What human beings can be, they must be." (Abraham Maslow)

For horse people, we are driven to spend our days in the art of training and producing and caring for our horses. This is the thing that binds us as a community; that we share the passion for our horse. But why do we join Equestrian Victoria, and by extension Equestrian Australia?

Equestrian Australia exists for the purpose of furthering the Olympic and FEI disciplines with, in Australia's case, the addition of show horse. It is a very specific goal around which our organisation should focus, providing a platform for members to access uniform rules and services for international and national competitions in each discipline. Since the Voluntary Administration, there has been anticipation regarding how the national body will restructure to support this endeavour. Speaking with members across disciplines the same themes are often reported: Members tell me that they want access to good and fair competition, consistently applied rules, a database that works, and streamlined registration processes. The national restructure process should focus on these areas, enabling the disciplines the autonomy and resources to deliver the competition and opportunities for participation from grass roots level and beyond. Getting the basics right is paramount to the credibility and viability of what we offer.

We also highlight the need for the national restructure to deal with key issues that hinder services provision. A priority that was identified before the Voluntary Administration in 2020 is the utility of the current database, which currently requires countless hours of EV staff time in manual transactions, time that could be better spent in improved service delivery. We encourage Equestrian Australia to prioritise the improvement of this essential infrastructure.

Whether our member is a dressage rider, show jumper, eventer or carriage driver, we must endeavour to provide the services to facilitate you doing what you love. These are not complicated and we and Equestrian Australia should not overreach our remit. A structure that enables shared services, yet allows each discipline to operate according to its own strategy and direction to consider local, national and state objectives, should not cost more to operate and will iron out many of the problems that arise because of duplicated and convoluted decision making.

Our Equestrian Victoria Board is united in wishing to work with the other state branches to achieve this, and to ensure that we collectively put members and the disciplines first.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD CONTINUED

Consequently, at Equestrian Victoria, we have restructured our staffing arrangements towards the goal of supporting our members. Our reason for being is to facilitate your membership and registration, answer questions and provide information, interact with the national office and support our discipline committees who, along with clubs and affiliates, run the events and competitions.



CHRISTIE FREEMAN AT THE ADELAIDE ROYAL PHOTO: ELISSA STEPHENS We have welcomed Amy Slayter, our new CEO on board, and Amy and her team are committed to streamlining processes for you. To our staff, I thank each and every one of you for the willingness to go above and beyond you have demonstrated over the past two years!

I also extend a huge thank you to the many volunteers who make our sport happen. I see so many people put in hours of work, whether they are on a state discipline committee, involved with a club or squad or pitching in to pick up rails or pencil for a dressage judge. The sports can't run without you and your contribution is appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the members of our Board for your constructive input, willingness to engage in robust discussion and commitment to bettering our organisation. Finally, thank you to our members for being part of and supporting our sport. I am looking forward to 2023 with continued optimism.

Christie Freeman

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AMY SLAYTER CEO REPORT

Being new to Equestrian Victoria and only having a month under my belt prior to the fiscal year end, I can't bring a huge amount of detailed context to the organisation's performance. I've prepared a brief statement below based on my thoughts and will leave the Chair, Christie Freeman, and the committee chairs to provide the full narrative in the pages that follow.

As you know Equestrian Victoria spent the last 18 months in a state of flux with COVID. We didn't know if competitions were going to happen. If not, were they going to be cancelled or just postponed. Finally in November/December the glimpses of normalcy were starting to return. Equestrian Victoria saw record breaking entries in competitions across all our disciplines in the second half of the year. We attribute this engagement to "Post COVID revenge participation," which was a similar trend to other sports in Victoria.

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From a personal perspective, I'm very happy to have joined Equestrian Victoria as the CEO. The activity for the second half of last year was a highlight for the management of Equestrian Victoria. Financially the previous year was support by government grants. If we hadn't had the opportunity to return to our revenue generating activity of running competitions, last year's financial performance would have been poor. Luckily, we did see a strong bounce which enables Equestrian Victoria to maintain financial stability going forward.

CEO REPORT CONTINUED



Another disruption for Equestrian Victoria is the Administration and subsequent restructuring of Equestrian Australia. This is still a work in process. While this process is evolving at a national level we at Equestrian Victoria, need to remain focused on how to deliver excellence, value, and support to the Victorian Equestrian Community.

Going into the 2022/2023 year, we will have a focus on value building activities. There will be an increase emphasis on Education for officials and coaches and enablement to our Event Directors, Clubs, and Affiliates on best practices and mandatory governance. A negative trend that we have seen post COVID, is a significant decrease in our volunteer base. Without volunteers, we frankly just can't function. Without a strong base of volunteers, we end up having to pay event support staff which will increase the cost of competitions. The reengagement of volunteers will also be a serious focus going into the 22/23 year.

From a personal perspective, I'm very happy to have joined Equestrian Victoria as the CEO. I have spent a lot of my professional career supporting industries where I didn't have a personal passion. It is a true pleasure to come to work every day to support the equestrian community in Victoria. I wish all our membership success in their equestrian endeavours for the coming year and look forward to seeing you at our events.





BEST DRESSED: AMY SLAYTER AT THE FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SINGAPORE

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JAMES PATERSON-ROBINSON & EQUADOR MVNZ SENIOR CHAMPION – 2022 CAVALOR EQUICARE JUMPING VICTORIA STATE TITLES



MAJOR EVENTS



9 – 12 DECEMBER 2021 VICTORIAN DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

2022 Sponsor: Hygain



13 – 16 JANUAY 2022

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Major Sponsor: Stotts Hill Frankston South



15 – 16 JANUARY 2022 EV SUMMER SHOW

Breeds Extravaganza, coordinated by Equestrian Victoria Show Horse



11 – 13 FEBRUARY 2022 BARASTOC HORSE OF THE YEAR

2022 Sponsor: Barastoc



10 – 13 MARCH 2023 EGO SUNSENSE SHOW HORSE & RIDER CHAMPIJONSHPS

2022 Sponsor: Ego Sunsens



24 – 26 MARCH 2022 PSI DRESSAGE & JUMPING WITH THE STARS 2022 Sponsor: Performance Sales International



9 – 13 APRIL 2022 PETstock EV INTERSCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022: PETstock



28 APRIL – 1 MAY 2022 CAVALOR EQUICARE JUMPING VICTORIA STATE TITLES

2022: Cavalor Equicare



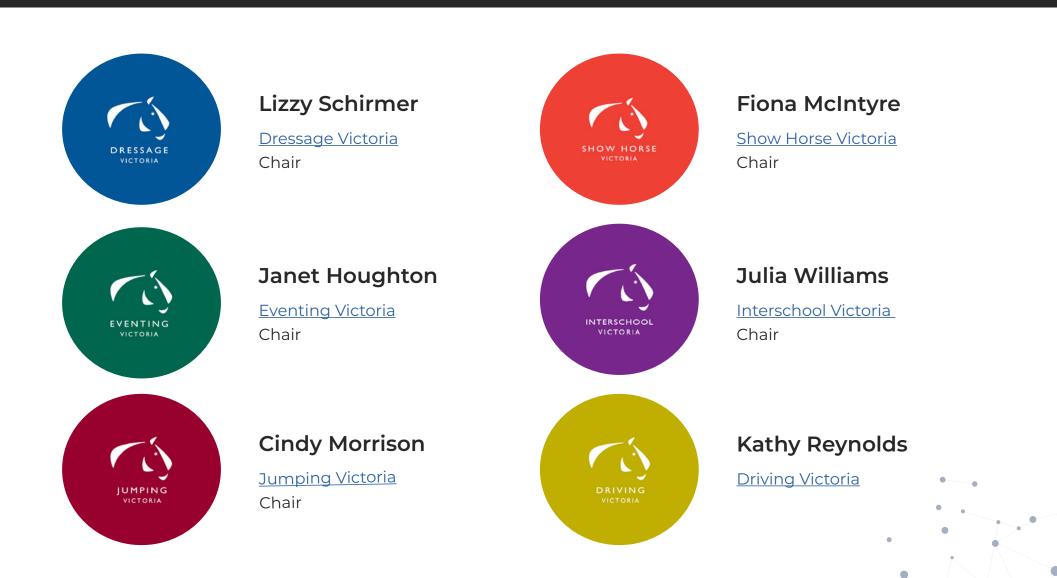
11 – 13 JUNE 2022 ZEEP MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3 DAY EVENT

2022 Sponsor: ZEEP



SPORT DICIPLINE REPORTS

Dressage Victoria, Eventing Victoria, Jumping Victoria, Interschool Victoria, Show Horse Victoria, Driving Victoria



LIZZY SCHIRMER - CHAIR DRESSAGE VICTORIA



Squads

Senior High Performance Squad

Hygain Victorian High Performance Dressage Squad conducted another productive year with squad members moving the needle with excellent competition results raising the standard of dressage in Victoria. The annual development of squad members achieved through education on and off horse, while building a strong sense of comradery between athletes, have been highlights from the last twelve months.

For the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 the Squad consists of:

• 21 athletes which includes 2 para riders; 26 horses; and 9 reserve riders.

We are proud to say that three of our squad members are successfully competing in Europe. These members are Mary Hanna, Emma Booth and Maree Tomkinson.

Development Squad

At Dec 2021 intake - the squad had 19 horse/rider combinations. At June 2022 intake - the squad has 23 Combinations.

Training Days 2022:

- February Training Squad consisted of lessons on Day 1, and an option of either a second lesson or a Protocol test ride with Virginia Creed on Day 2. A talk from Hygain with an introduction to the Hygain Products was also conducted. This training day was held at WPNEC.
- March Training Squad consisted of Protocol test riding with Veronica Steward. This training day was held at Boneo Park.
- May Training Squad consisted of Protocol test riding with Susie Hoevenaars. This training day was held at WPNEC.
- August Training Squad consisted of lessons on Day 1 with Virginia Creed, and protocol test riding with Jane Ventura on Day 2. This training day was held at Boneo Park.

There are another 2 off horse squad meetings to come. One is focused on the Rider Mindset in training and competition, and the second is focused on Performance Horse health.



Young Rider Squad and Development Program

After a rocky start to the 2021-2022 year, losing our first training weekend due to Covid lockdowns, it turned out to be a very successful year with training weekends conducted in November at Boneo Park and in April, June and July at Werribee Park NEC. We also ran a Dressage Protocol day in January and an official competition in July. Over fifty riders were registered across the A, B and C Squads and the Development Program.

Training weekends consist of lessons, workshops, fitness sessions and social activities. A wide range of qualified coaches were used throughout the year including Olympians Mary Hanna and Lone Joergensen, Rozzie Ryan, Gitte Donvig, Bianca Veneziano, Jan Smith, Karen Blythe, Deb Court and Jenny Bray. We also had the services of international five star judge Susie Hoevenaars who worked on Freestyles with the A Squad at the July training weekend.

Workshops conducted included feeding and nutrition, introducing the judging technique for the FEI Children's

tests, choosing your freestyle tests, the geometry of the arena, the training scale, goal setting and planning, first aid for the performance horse and gravity yoga and breathing techniques for riders. Older Squad members also organised a trivia session and team bonding exercises as well as mentoring the younger riders.

Riders, coaches and parents meet each day for lunch catered for by Lauren and Gus Braniff and we find this has developed a great culture with lots of friendships formed. We have a very active social media presence through the Squad Facebook page where news, results and information is shared with 1522 followers.

We are so grateful to Hygain who came on as the naming rights sponsor this year. They have been very supportive. We are also grateful to the continued support of Horse in the Box and Charlies Fine Foods. Our Squad merchandise, designed and supplied by Adele Plumridge of Raspberry Lemonade, continues to deliver innovative and practical design that is embraced by the young riders and their supporters, aka parents and coaches.

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AOR - AMATEUR OWNER RIDER

Squad

In January 2022 - we had 14 new combinations qualify for squad.

In June 2022 - we had 33 new combinations qualify for squad. In the middle of the year we changed our squad eligibility to be more score based, rather than based on the number of competitions that individuals had entered to help promote horse welfare.

Training Opportunities

- In May, a one day training squad was conducted at Yering Equestrian Centre with Susan Chandler.
- In August, a training squad weekend was conducted at WPNEC with Karen Blythe and Jan Smith.
- In November, a training squad weekend is planned. At this stage, it will be conducted at Boneo Park with Karen Blythe and Bianca Veneziano.

Development Weekends

We held a development weekend in May at Boneo Park, where 50 riders attended and enjoyed a lesson each day and also off horse activities. This included a talk from 4cyte, pilates lesson and also massages. This weekend was so well received by riders and there was a big demand to run two a year.

We ran a second one in August 2022 that was more lesson based

and a great social opportunity for all riders. We had 36 riders come and enjoy lessons with our coaches - Karen Blythe, Bianca Veneziano, Dirk Dijkstra and Nicole McOwn. This was another fabulous weekend enjoyed by all and was a great chance for riders to get together and enjoy some lessons in a supportive environment. We have a committee made up of 5 committee members and we are currently planning with Victorian AOR Championships.

We have a silent auction running currently to help raise funds to put back into the AOR. We are planning to incorporate more off horse training in the coming times and also looking at organizing a uniform for squad members to help better promote the AOR initiative.

Leaderboard

We have the monthly AOR leaderboard. Each month we announce our overall AOR leaderboard winners. The rider with the most amount of points is awarded with a \$200 Horseland voucher, that is kindly donated by Horseland.

This year we will award our overall leaderboard winners with Rosettes to 8th place for each class and rugs for the winners and the overall AOR rider.





RIGHT: MARY HANNA AND SYRIANA WINNERS CDI-W SHORT GRAND PRIX AND THE GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE. PSI DJWTS.

EVENTS

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PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars

The Performance Sales International Dressage and Jumping with the Stars event saw the best horses and riders from around Australia deliver awe-inspiring performances. In Dressage, DJWTS hosted the Australian Young Horse and Young Pony Championships, the first Australian CDI-Children's Tour, The Aachen Challenge, PSG Cup and FEI World Cup.

International judges were flown in to officiate, the first event with International judges since the pandemic.

No DJWTS event would be possible without the immense support of our fantastic sponsors, including our naming rights sponsor Performance Sales International and the huge team that put on the event.

> RIGHT: 2022 JUMPING CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS, YALAMBI'S MESSIAH (`CARDENTO' X 'YALAMBI FAITH VAN DABYIJHOEVE' BY 'HEARTBREAKER') RIDDEN BY CAITLIN BOLGER



Victorian Dressage Festival

The Victorian Dressage Festival, is Victoria's State Dressage Championships and marks the end of the competition year.

In 2021 we saw some fantastic competition, with close to 500 competitors and their horses dancing their way across the arena throughout the four days. A huge thank you to all of our event sponsors for their support of the event. Without their support, events like this would not be possible.

Lastly, we would like to thank the riders, judges, stewards, team members, committee members and volunteers for all their hard work pre, during and post event. We are so grateful to have so many people work so hard to create such a great event.

Boneo Park

It was a relief for events to resume post covid lockdown in November 2021. Boneo Park scheduled events both midweek and on weekends to meet the pent up demand and provide qualification opportunities after the long break. Whilst Australia's international borders remained closed in January 2022, the FEI allowed the first ever CDI using an Australian only judging panel

and remote foreign judges. Whilst some of the results were controversial, the event provided the resumption of International competition in Australia, as well as an important opportunity for Australian based riders to gain WEG qualification scores.

Boneo Park has been the venue so far for the Australian Youth Dressage Championships in January, hosted by Equestrian Victoria, the Australian Para Equestrian Championships in April, hosted by Carlton Performance Horses and we look forward to having the Australian Dressage Championships here in October.



KAREN BENTLY AND KENLOCK SKYWALKER AT THE DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

Carlton Performance Horses

CPH Had a super year of its competitions having record entries. This wouldn't be possible without all our sponsors, judges and volunteers.

We are really excited about running the Australian Dressage Championships in October, as well as our Regional Championships in March at Farm World.

AOR Championships

The 2022 Victorian AOR Championships is set to run September 10-11th. We have approximately 97 competitors entered to attend the weekend (from Prelim to Big Tour). Unfortunately, we only had one big tour entry.

We have had a great number of sponsors come on board to help support this event. On the Saturday evening of this event we will run our awards night, where we will award our overall 2021 - 2022 leaderboard winners with some beautiful rosettes and rugs for the winners of the classes.

Youth Dressage Championships

The Championships were conducted at Boneo Park in January 2022 with land development promotion Stotts Hill Frankston South coming on board as naming rights sponsor.

The Australian Championships rotate between the three eastern states and while Covid put off Victoria's opportunity by one year, we were able to conduct a very successful event with strong entries across all classes, from Preliminary to Grand Prix, supported by an Interschools Championships. Interstate entries were a little lower than normal due to the uncertainty of border closures late in 2021. Championship and class sponsorship was strong, and a small trade village did good business. Again, due to Covid and some anxiety from venue management some of the off horse features were not able to be held but a highlight was the attendance of leading AFL footballer Travis Cloke who gave an inspirational talk to competitors on the Saturday afternoon. We were also very lucky to attract Victorian Government sponsorship through the Significant Sporting Events funding.

The committee is in planning mode for the Victorian Youth Dressage Championships scheduled for January 2023.



DANIELLE NIELSEN, SPONSOR HYGAIN, LINDSEY WARE U25 GRAND PRIX CHAMPION WITH ARISTEDE AND JESSICA DERTELL, RUNNER UP WITH ESKARA DE JEU



Education

The DOEC has run a series of webinars in conjunction with Jo Graham from England as presenter. These were scheduled to work at a time that worked for both Countries as Jo's normal webinar time was 2am here. Judges and coaches attended these seminars, and the topics covered were:

- Half pass
- Leg yield
- Shoulder in
- Traver
- Simple changes

The DOEC also ran some theory sessions for people doing exams. These included:

- Freestyle workshop
- Stretch trot workshop
- Rules update workshop

There were seminars conducted that covered each level of judging, as well as a young horse seminar held in conjunction with DJWTS.

We have

- 3 people who have upgraded to F level
- 1 person who upgraded to C
- \cdot $\,$ 2 people ready to do their final practical exam to go to E
- 2 people working toward A level
- 1 person working toward E

There are 7 people who have come into the fast track system. These people have FEI riding qualifications that allow them to enter the system at a higher level.

Judges and Officials

Victoria has 73 EA judges. 2 judges didn't reaccredit and 1 judge is on leave.

• A-18	• E-5
• B-9	• F-15
• C-10	• G-13

Of these judges, we have 3 FEI judges, 8 Judge educators, 16 Young horse judges and 10 para judges. There are 16 National Stewards, 5 FEI level 1 stewards, and 2 FEI level 3 stewards.

The DOEC is participating in a TransTasman judge exchange program. This program includes judges from Australia going to New Zealand to judge, and New Zealand judges coming here to judge. Judges pay their own airfares and are looked after once they are in either country. We have judges going over in October, January and February. New Zealand judges will come over in December and January. There is also an Interstate program starting up, with the 1st judge coming from Queensland in December.

The DOEC has also instigated a subsidy of \$75 per G level judge for Clubs to try to get the G level judges more judging. As they can only judge preliminary level they are expensive for clubs to use and tend to be overlooked.

Clubs

The clubs sub-committee had a membership of 13 for almost all of 21/22 and welcomed the Wentworth Show Society (in absentia) August 22. Sub-committee meetings are scheduled bi-monthly and conducted via Zoom with a biannual calendar meeting that includes commercial affiliates in April and October.

An in-person meeting for those who are able to attend is being planned for the Dressage Festival weekend, with Zoom available to regional clubs who are unable to be physically present.

The Racing Victoria-sponsored Off The Track Dressage program was introduced in 21/22 and will continue in 22/23. Clubs are hoping to attract higher entry numbers as horse owners and riders become more accustomed to the format. The program was supported administratively by the EV and DV office staff.

Calendar

The regular calendar meetings have been very successful in expanding the calendar out to the end of 2024 and it is anticipated we will continue to forecast two years out. Potential clashes of date are generally resolved within the meeting with ad hoc changes being dealt with as they arise.

Much of the second half of 2021 was lost to COVID lockdowns with competition resuming in November. Two clubs worked together to conduct an event over two days on the weekend prior to the Dressage Festival and this proved very successful. With a commercial event conducted on the same weekend all were pleased with the entries across the board, though it did place a strain on officials and volunteers. Leaving aside major events, 35 events were conducted by clubs and commercial affiliates, the breakdown being 14 events for city clubs, 12 for regionals and 9 for commercials. Major events included the Australian AOR Championships, Victorian Dressage Festival, Australian Youth Dressage Championships, DJWTS, Australian Para Dressage Nationals and the Victorian Interschools Championships.

Pony Dressage

Pony dressage continues to grow in popularity. A group of avid pony dressage enthusiasts put forward a proposal for a Pony Dressage Leaderboard for Victorian ponies which was endorsed by both Dressage Victoria and Equestrian Victoria. PD Leaderboard commenced on 1st January, 2022 and will finish on 31st December, 2022 with the winners of each of the levels determined by the 5 best scores achieved for the 12 months. PD Leaderboard was very enthusiastically received by riders with more sponsorship offers received than levels available so we will look to expanding the 'prize pool' next year.



Pony Dressage continued

A recent exercise in downloading all FEI results for ponies sees that the Top Scores Australia wide for Prix St Georges, Inter II and Grand Prix have all been achieved in the last 12 months :

- PSG Gleniph Tiramisu, Jess Dertell 70.074% (19/11/2021)
- Inter II Hilkens Denali, Alison Gill 67.941% (4/7/2021)
- Grand Prix Hilkens Denali, Alison Gill 68.908% (23//2021)

There are currently 8 ponies in Victoria competing regularly in the Small Tour, 1 pony in the Medium Tour, and 2 ponies in the Big Tour.

The very popular Pony Dressage Australia Facebook page has over 4,000 followers reading the weekly PD results reports (Australia wide).

Measuring ponies has continued to be an area of difficulty that is being addressed. We now have an additional stand at Boneo Park and Tatura, and the use of an existing stand at Sale is being investigated.

Survey and Marketing

In June this year, Dressage Victoria conducted a survey asking public opinions surrounding the running of competitions. This survey was shared across Facebook and Instagram, and received 127 responses. The survey asked participants to answer questions surrounding volunteering, prizes, additional activities at competitions and more. The results of the survey can be found publicly on the Dressage Victoria Facebook group.

In addition, the Dressage Victoria Facebook group was created. It currently sits at over 1300 members and is a very effective way to share relevant information, including transferring the Dressage Calendar on to a social media platform. The Instagram page has remained in use, and is beneficial as a tool to share information alongside the Facebook group.

Riders Representative

The year started off busy with a few incidents reported from the Boneo Summer CDI and Youth Champs but they were resolved quickly and efficiently. The MER scores were also a point of contention earlier in the year. In the recent months, I have received a few complaints regarding judges and an alleged medication incident, however they have been referred to the appropriate people at EV for further investigation and review. I continue to make myself available to all riders and members, either in person at a competition or via phone/message or social media as a point of contact re any rider questions or support that may be required. – **Karen Blythe**



Carriage driving is a hugely popular and well supported equestrian sport in Europe

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ANDREW DAMSMA, FLYNN AND JENSEN

KATHY REYNOLDS **DRIVING VICTORIA**



ANDREW DAMSMA - 2022 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

In 2019/2020 EV Driving was well supported and a ready to function as a discipline within Victoria for carriage drivers and those associated with the sport.

In 2020/2021 with both COVID effecting the ability of members to participate in competitions, the loss of the EV Carriage Driving chair and committee members, the function of the EV Driving discipline faded to two members, Jodie McKeone and myself.

Carriage driving is a hugely popular and well supported equestrian sport in Europe, also many other countries across the world.

2021/2022 saw Australians represented by Boyd Excell, Tor Vanden Berg and Andrew Damsma at numerous events across Europe, and Janelle Marshall in the United States. With Australia for the first time able to field a team at major events on the international driving stage. Carriage Driving in Australia has and is currently dominated by the ACDS, particularly at club level, with some events, especially in NSW and Qld being very well supported. The Battle of the Border event in NSW in December 2021 saw the event patronage of HRH Prince Phillip, it was well sponsored and extensively reported in the local TV and print media. The success of this event highlights there is a gap in the carriage driving in Victoria that could see value in a increased EV Driving support to improve the pathways for carriage drivers in Australia and to then enter the international arena.

Other states, notably NSW and QLD have forged ahead with support of EA Driving to implement protocol days and start the pathway for carriage drivers to improve their skills and increase their ability to compete under EA sanctioned events. This work is also encompassing para driving which gives people a new freedom if they cannot ride.

EV need to begin developing a well-supported and accredited personnel base for EV Driving based on the work already started by EA driving to ensure that Victoria is not left behind. The new EA Driving rules set out a clear pathway for officials, judges and drivers alike. It supports grass roots drivers to gain the skills to one day represent Australia on an international basis.

It has been acknowledged by EA driving that we lack accredited EA driving specific judges and officials, however there is a pool of talented, experience and accredited EA dressage judges willing to judge the participant level competitions in the first instance to see carriage driving progress in Australia.

There is interest from individuals across Australia such as veterinarians, dressage judges, and competitors etc in the future of Carriage Driving.

We acknowledge the move to have the EV Driver Award changed to be a performance-based recognition and includes FEI affiliated international performances as there has been no FEI affiliated events in Australia for the past 2 years. We recognise not only the sacrifices and the significant cost the carriage drivers have made to put the scores on the board, their grooms and team during and behind the scenes.



JANELLE MARSHALL IN THE UNITED STATES

EV Driving needs ongoing support to progress carriage driving in Victoria, including new members into the committee, and people that are willing to support EV Driving. There has been suggestion a pathway forward is the ability for driving to join another discipline to share resources and experience, this is working for a group of different disciplined accredited clubs in QLD.

QLD members and others across Australia have offered their expertise and support to assist Victoria to progress.

We call on EV to assist and support us in building and developing this wonderful sport here in Victoria. EV Driving needs the board and EV to assist with personnel, and confirm an available budget to cover initial entry level events and training opportunities for judges and officials.

Kathy Reynolds
Driving Victoria

JANET HOUGHTON - CHAIR EVENTING VICTORIA

VIEF WINE W2 MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3-DAY EVENT - WINNER OF CCIJ** MOLLY LINES

ZEEP MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3 DAY EVENT

"The prospect of running Melbourne following a threeyear hiatus felt almost too good to be true..."



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The second half of 2021 felt a bit like ground hog day. We were locked down tightly in Victoria whilst watching Eventing competitions, seemingly unencumbered, take place in the Northern Hemisphere.

Once the lockdown was lifted Eventing Victoria hit the ground running with Squads and a November Hunter Trial at WPNEC to ease our horses and riders back out.

We ran our January Squads at Ballarat. With the prospect of two years where the only competition that had run was Lakes & Craters in December, we recognised the need for an early 2022 FEI qualifier for riders to gain much needed MERS, (minimum eligibility requirements), to progress in the sport.

Once the lockdown was lifted Eventing Victoria hit the ground running...

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Many thanks to the Victorian Eventing Committee especially the Ballarat members and their community, ZEEP Summer Horse Trials took place at Ballarat in early February and was well supported by all levels. FEI sponsors are expensive to run so thanks must also go to the sponsors who contribute to help cover the costs. Horse & Country live streamed the Sunday and we continued this partnership for Melbourne and Spring. Being able to take our sport to a wider audience hopefully helps grow the interest.

Our affiliate committees did a great job of transitioning back to near normal and running their events. It must be remembered all our committees are volunteers and need plenty of support to keep the sport flourishing.

Our High-Performance riders as well as being subsidised at Squads when participating at regular squads were invited to attend several clinics with Rod Brown the National Show jumping Coach for Eventing. They also had the amazing opportunity to train with Bettina Hoy prior to Melbourne. In April Eventing Victoria appointed a Safety Administrator to support Organising Committees and Technical Delegates with the requirements around risk management and medical for Horse Trials. Michelle Debenham has proved to be a great asset in this position. The prospect of running Melbourne following a three-year hiatus felt almost too good to be true. I think it came back bigger and better than ever with record entries especially at the 4* level. The Oceania Championships added another level of interest for spectators with two teams from New Zealand contesting the 3* and 4*. The new format around the Martin Collins waxed arena worked well and meant that the show jumping on the last day was high quality even after overnight rain.

Many of the Eventing Committee have been doing the job for a long time and as we move forward, we are looking for some younger members to learn alongside some experienced members then step into roles. Don't hesitate to contact us if you are interested in that challenge.

We would like to thank all our Volunteers and Officials, (again like the committee we need to encourage some younger people to start considering these pathways for our Sport to continue to thrive in the future). Thanks to Eventing Coordinator Lynne Brown, Squad Coordinator Vanessa Mattiazzo, (caterer extraordinaire), the staff at the Equestrian Victoria Office and of course our members. We are looking forward to running a full program of events and squads in the next twelve months.

Janet Houghton

Eventing Victoria Chair



JULIA WILLIAMS - CHAIR INTERSCHOOL VICTORIA



CONTINUED SCHOOL

Interschool events recommenced in December with much enthusiasm. Organisers have worked around the impact of Covid outbreaks on riders, judges and coaches.

The first half of 2022 has been a busy season for competitors keen to qualify for the State Championships and the Victorian Team.

The EV Petstock Interschool State Championships were held in April, with 486 riders and 583 horses representing 168 schools, across the disciplines of Dressage, Show Horse, Jumping, Combined Training and the introduction of Sport Horse classes. Thank you to the major sponsor Petstock, the discipline sponsors Hygain, Off the Track, Syd Hill & Sons and Sporting Horse Australia. The Championships had a very positive feel and a new look thanks to the event director, Wendy van Sonsbeek, and the organizing committee. Over 500 people enjoyed the complimentary dinner run by volunteer parents, with evening entertainment.

Some schools review each competition for Child Safe Standards and compliance in order for their riders to attend. The ISV committee and VEIS have focused on developing supporting documentation and related procedures to assist organisers and ensure consistent standards are implemented at all Interschool event.

Nan McArthur Winners

Primary Rosemary Sutherland and Cherishwood Dream On Secondary Tayla Anderson and Casino Nights Champion School Toorak College





CONTINUED SCHOOL

Australian Interschool Championships

The 2022 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships are being hosted by Equestrian NSW in September after a three year break. The Vic Team consists of 103 riders and 113 horses. The team is made up of riders from eligible State Championship levels and the Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series. The selection process for team members in Eventing is through the Mitavite Leaderboard, which runs until June and collates the rider's best three results across all EA Horse Trials.

Team riders enjoyed the training weekend with Dressage, Jumping and Cross Country instruction. Information sessions included wellbeing, social media and medication control. The highlight was the Team dinner held, very successfully, in the old stable block. Vic Team sponsorship from Hygain and Horse In The Box is appreciated.

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Vic Team sponsorship from Hygain and Horse In The Box is appreciated Victorian Team Captain Caitlin Griffiths Dressage Bella Plumridge Show Horse Tiffany Peters Jumping Molly Lawrence Combined Training Miranda Darby Eventing Chloe Brooks

Due to Queensland not having a suitable venue to host the 2023 Australian Interschool Championships, Equestrian Victoria will now take up this opportunity.

The nationals will be held at WPNEC with an Event Director to be appointed to run both the 2023 State and Australian Championships.





CONTINUED SCHOOL

Vicsport Project : Child Safe Standards

In December Equestrian Australia committed to the National Integrity Framework and released the Child Safeguarding Policy 2021.

A grant was received from Vicsport to understand and assist in the development of the eleven updated Victorian Child Safe Standards required, with an emphasis on Interschool areas. Interschool has worked with a Vicsport expert to review current Child Safe practice and compliance. These standards impact across all disciplines involving under 18 participants with implementation mandated from July 1st.

The final report, with recommendations was presented, and now with Board support, will move into development of an action plan.

Conclusion

Jill Taylor, the EA Participation staff member, and Alex O'Sullivan, Pathway Development Officer, have attended events, met key personnel and gathered feedback. They are now facilitating the reestablishment of a National Interschool Committee with an emphasis the Child Safeguarding Policy implications and update of EA Interschool rules.

Interschool continues to support all levels of riders, from those starting out to the progression through to senior competition and discipline squads. Interschool offers important social experiences after 2 years of limited opportunities. ISV has targeted the development of education programs, including understanding discipline rules and codes of practice.

ISV seeks to make the Interschool experience inclusive, supportive and affordable for families and values feedback from riders and families to drive improvement in delivery.

Committee and Volunteers

Thank you to the current ISV Committee: Fiona Berry, Paula Binnie, Lauren Braniff, Julia Gibson Elyse Hocking, Pip Hodson, Amy Humphries, Leanne James, Karen Lawrence and Mary-Anne Lowe.

Interschool participation and events rely on the support of a fantastic group of volunteers and parents. The hosting of competitions continues to be a challenge for schools and clubs with the increased cost of insurance, venue hire and the engagement of high level medical services, as well as safety and compliance for riders under 18.

Special thanks to the EV staff, the ISV Committee, EV Discipline Committees and the event organizing groups who have stepped up, especially in regional areas, to ensure events have run.

Julia Williams

Interschool Victoria Chair



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CINDY MORRISON - CHAIR JUMPING VICTORIA

This year Jumping Victoria has set about further developing initiatives aligned with the Jumping Victoria Strategic Plan.

The key focus areas for improvement aligning with the Strategic Plan; (1) Supporting our clubs to run competitions, (2) More officials, more training, and (3) Supporting of squads.

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.

2021/22 Jumping Facts and Figures

Equestrian Victoria Issued Competition Licences:

· Jumping Licences - 1037

Jumping Victoria Officials:

- Stewards (FEI/EA) 8
- Course Designers 33
- Judges 31

Jumping Victoria Squad Members

(Rolled over from 2020 with new members)

- State Squad 15
- Development Squads 72
- Squadettes 29

Jumping Victoria Junior and Young Rider Squads (Youth Squad)

Due to the unpredictable and disrupted 2021 calendar year, all riders and coaches were rolled over for the 2022 year with only small changes to squad groups. The squad program in 2022 started positively with the first squad weekend being hosted in the January school holiday at WPNEC. The squad program then continued to run three other successful weekends (April, May and August) with the final squad weekend in October. The 2022 squad program has been well supported by riders and parents alike with on average in excess of 60 riders attending each weekend.

A new squads committee has been formed and they are well supported by both professional and practical skill set. The committee is hoping to send a team of four riders to New Zealand in December, which will be a highlight for the riders selected and a goal post that ambitious riders will be looking towards in the coming years.

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Jumping Victoria continued to run a range of initiatives to continue supporting the upskilling of officials as identified in the Jumping Victoria Strategic Plan. With little to no officials' courses being run in 20/21, there was an urgent need to conduct seminars and upskilling within the Jumping discipline.

The first Jumping Judges and Course Designers weekend was held in January, another session was mid-year. The sessions were well attended. The seminars run by Kevin Taranto, Gavin Chester and Anne Garner saw several new potential judges and course designers attend along with reaccreditation or upskilling. All Equestrian Victorian members who attend any judges, course designers or stewarding courses either in Victoria or interstate are offered a full refund of their attendance fee in line with the strategic initiatives developed by Jumping Victoria. Jumping Victoria has several courses currently in the pipeline:

- Level 3 Jumping Judges and Refresher course Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st November
- Level 1 & 2 Course Designers and Refresher Clinic Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st November
- Level 3 Course Designers and Refresher Clinic Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st November
- Level 1 & 2 Jumping Stewards Promotion & Refreshers course Saturday 29th October

It is hoped that by running these courses in-between Aprilla Grand Prix show and the Australian Championships at Boneo that attendance numbers will be high.

Jumping Victoria Events

In 2022 support for Show Jumping competitions have experience an unprecedent high level of demand. Show Jumping shows have routinely had entries fill up within minutes of entries open, which had been wonderful however has led to some discussions around early entry codes.

Cavalor Equicare Jumping Victoria State Titles

2022 State Titles was hosted by Jumping Victoria at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre on 28th April to 1st May.

- Children's Winner: Tanner Robinson & Charlie
- Junior Winner: Hayden Parker & Yirrakala Pippi Longstockings
- Young Rider Winner: Georgia Bouzaid and AP Ninja
- Senior Winner: James Patterson Robinson & Equador MVNZ

Jumping Victoria Strategic Plan

Jumping Victoria has been supporting Jumping clubs run events over the previous 12 months with many clubs feeling the difficult of planning an event in post COVID affected times. In conjunction with the EV office, Jumping Victoria has hosted an event organiser zoom meeting to discuss important aspect and provide support to Jumping clubs running events in the 2022 Jumping season.

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Along with events, Jumping Victoria through its strategic plan is continuing to support officials providing reimbursement for members attending courses for Judging, Course Designing and Stewarding.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus had a significant impact on the jumping community in Victoria with many show jumping competitions being cancelled. The Jumping events season eventually officially started in November with events leading up into Christmas. For many riders, these were the first events available since March 2020. The positive has been that the number of riders at events increased with excited riders happy to return to competition. In the post COVID environment Show Jumping events have continued to be well supported and the continued implementation of COVID safe plans allowed members to be safe during competition and training days.

Cindy Morrison

Jumping Victoria

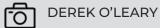
BELOW: JOEL LAMB AT THE JUMPING VICTORIA STATE TITLES



FIONA MCINTYRE - CHAIR SHOW HORSE VICTORIA



The 2022 Barastoc HOY was a wonderful success, record entries and the continued sponsorship from our great friends at Barastoc.





We are delighted to report that 2022 has enabled us to return to some form of normality following the disruptions COVID restrictions placed on our events and activities in 2020/21.

Barastoc Horse of the Year

The 2022 Barastoc HOY was a wonderful success, record entries and the continued sponsorship from our great friends at Barastoc. Once again, we were blessed with fabulous weather and with the ongoing help from an amazing group of volunteers, terrific judges from all over Australia and a very proud show horse committee all helped in making Barastoc the number one event on the Victorian show horse calendar.

This year, thank goodness, Covid had no impact on the smooth running of our favourite event and we are looking forward to the 2023 Event with the continued support from Barastoc, and all our tireless volunteers and officials.





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The Committee were determined to deliver this event at some stage, so we forged ahead despite all the challenges that were thrown at us ...

EGO Sunsense Australasian Show Horse & Rider Championships

This is without doubt the pinnacle event for Show Horse competitors. The event is traditionally held in December each year, however, we were unable to deliver this event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions.

The Committee were determined to deliver this event at some stage, so we forged ahead despite all the challenges that were thrown at us and were able to run in March this year including qualifiers from 2020/2021. The event was held outdoors and was a resounding success, thanks to our Event Director, Show Horse Committee, Judges, Competitors and the many volunteers who made the running of the Show possible.

Summer Show

The January Summer Show held over two days at Werribee Park, is officially a 'Breeds Extravaganza' at which EV also conducts two show horse rings.

Although each breed society/organisation hosts its own ring, the show is co-ordinated by EV Show Horse. The show features many breeds of horses including Palomino, Clydesdale, Miniatures, Shetlands, Buckskins, APSB, Rare Breeds, Appaloosa, Arabian, Riding Ponies, Pony Club and Interschools. We again received excellent entries.

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Off The Track, Owner Rider and Open Show

We conducted two days of showing in December 2021 with our first Off The Track and Owner Rider Show on day one.

This event was very well supported with great entries, the event was made possible thanks to the sponsorship from Racing Victoria's Off The Track Program showcasing Life After Racing for the Thoroughbred.

An Open Show on the following day which was also very well supported. We look forward to again delivering these events in December.

Show Horse Clinics

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were only able to run one of our popular winter clinics being in June. We look forward to delivering a new format in 2023.

Judges Seminar

Was held in person at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre in July, the seminar was well attended, which included judges from interstate and gave those in attendance the opportunity to participate in an open discussion with topics of their choice. The seminar was an informative and inclusive day.

Young Ambassador Awards

This year's award attracted a large number of nominations.

The event returning to a face to face weekend, our selectors in Linden Hern and Sharon Greenhill had a tough decision to make with the high calibre of young rider finalists. We thank Les Friend for coaching our riders over the weekend. The Show Horse committee is made up of a group of volunteers who meet on a regular basis we are dedicated to delivering Show Horse Events and activities for our members, we are generously supported by many volunteers needed to conduct so many successful events throughout the year.

We would like to express our appreciation to those judges, officials, sponsors and volunteers who devote time to enable our sport to prosper.

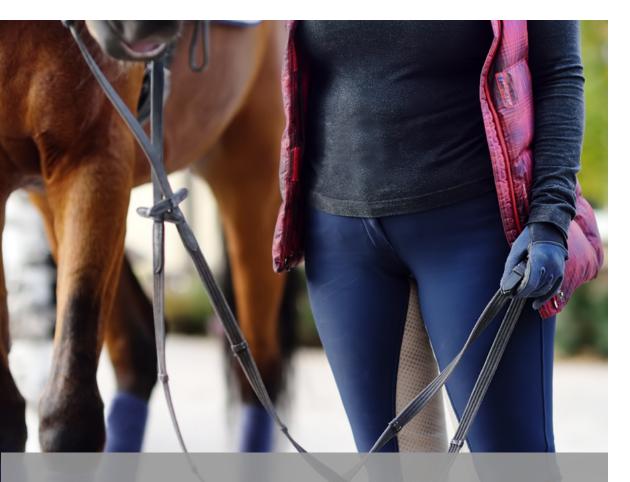
We would also like to acknowledge and thank both Helen & Peter Heagney for the time they have dedicated to the committee with them both resigning from the Show Horse Committee in 2022.

Fiona McIntyre

Show Horse Victoria Chair



SUE LESLIE - CHAIR VICTORIAN COACHING COMMITTEE



CURRENT VICTORIAN COACHING COMMITTEE

Tim Calkin, Sue Chandler, Chris Mann, Bianca Veneziano, Jan Smith, Gitte Donvig

The past year has seen many changes and challenges in the EA Coaching scene.

Overall there has been an increase in the number of coaches registered. We can put this down to the fact that over the Covid-19 pandemic, numbers of registered coaches dropped because coaching restrictions were quite extensive, particularly in Victoria. Also, the reinstatement of the criteria that only EA-qualified coaches be employed at any recognized EA events or training days has encouraged many coaches back into the system.

The Victorian Coaching Committee remained busy and active over the past year and during the pandemic lockdown. The committee ran many Personal Development Zooms, and coaches were also encouraged to enrol in PD Zooms run by the disciplines. The VCC also proposed that EA change and condense the current Member Protection Policy, which EA noted and a new policy is currently being reviewed and rewritten.

The opening up of our State after Covid-19 enabled Victoria to run the country's first CE/SSTA update and new accreditation workshop in several years. Enthusiastic EA staff members, Jill Taylor and Alex O'Sullivan, supported the decision to run this course. They came to Werribee to film the course presentation and now other States use this model to present their own courses.

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Face-to-face courses and training were run at different venues around the State. We ran a few two-day workshops, resulting in accreditation for many new coaches. It was also great to see many lapsed coaches rejoin the system.

A new Coach Update was developed online. Many coaches found this to be convenient and appropriate, but just as many coaches believed that face-to-face training is of more value and did not approve of the new system. The EA office is currently looking at this.

This July, the Coaches' renewal and re-registration were deemed clunky and not user-friendly. Many coaches were frustrated trying to navigate the process. In fact, some coaches did not register as the process was just too complicated. We have passed on this feedback to the EA office, who has assured us that they will alter the renewal process for 2023!

Tim Calkin and I resigned from the National Coaching Committee late last year due to frustrations over many months. Chris Mann accepted the position on the NCC as the Victorian representative and is doing a fabulous job keeping the committee on track and requesting that actions be followed through.

In July this year, Amy Slayter invited the Victorian Committee to Werribee to discuss coaching in our State. We raised the lack of coach promotion, and Amy affirmed she has plans to improve and implement this area. It is the first time a CEO has arranged a discussion day of this kind, and I wish to thank Amy for the opportunity.

Our part-time co-ordinator Kim Jacobson has been replaced by a full-time employee, Eliza Harvey. We will miss Kim and her knowledge of coaching. Thank you, Kim. We welcome a full-time staff member back to the EV office and look forward to working with Eliza over the coming year.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee became accustomed to meeting by Zoom or Messenger. This trend has continued. We now communicate frequently using Messenger with a planned meeting at least once each month.

The committee is always open to ideas or thoughts about coaching, and we welcome new members to join the committee, particularly from the jumping disciplines.

I thank the other committee members for their continued support and commitment. I know I can call on them anytime, and I do!!!!

Sue Leslie Coaching Committee Chair





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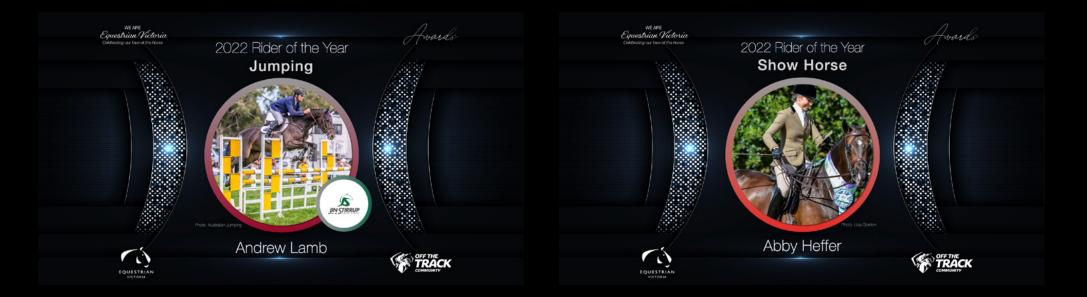






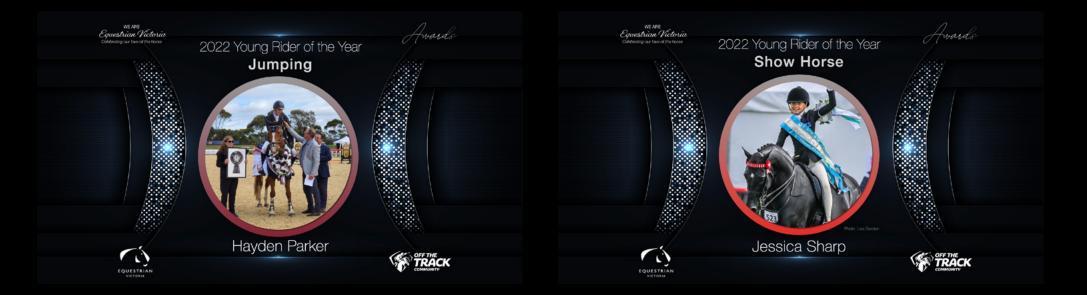


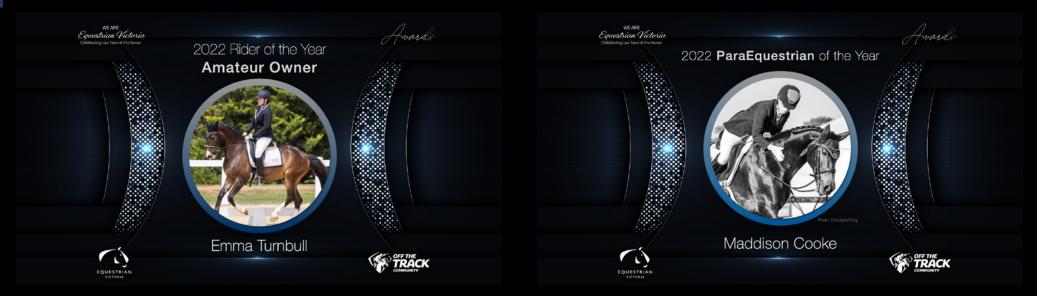
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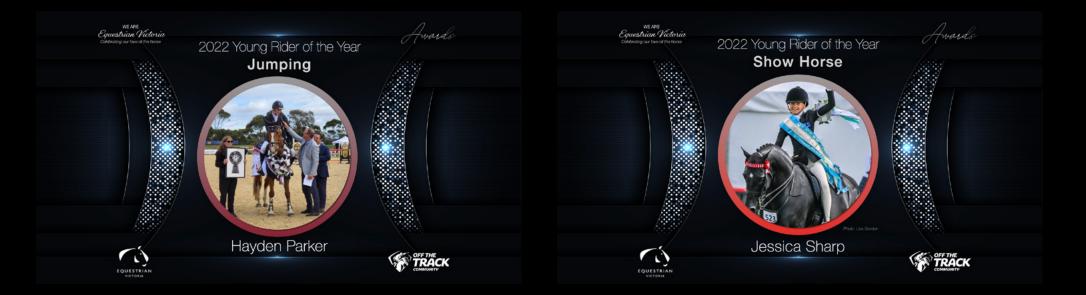


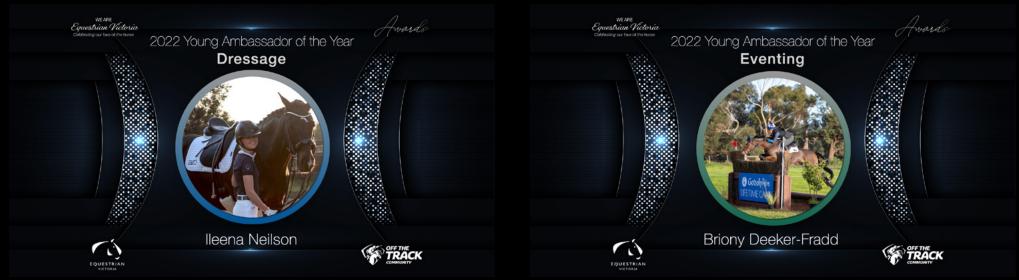
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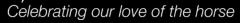


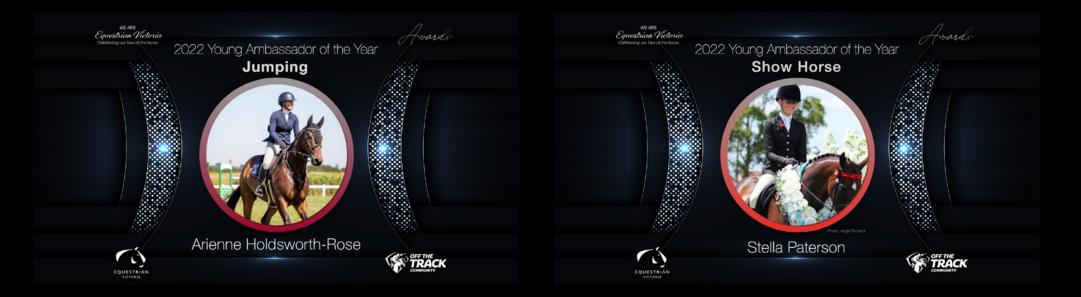
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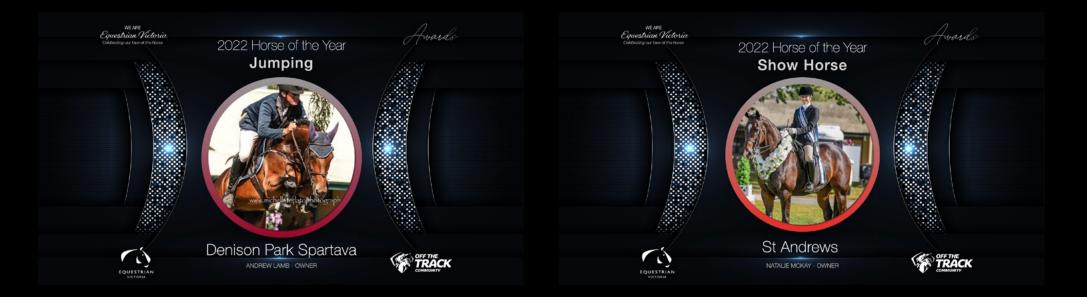
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TEMPLE OF THE SUN Emily Aitkenhead



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Rider: Murray Lamperd | Owner: Raenor Priest



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Rider: Isabella Lloyd | Owner: Ian MacDonald



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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Janet Houghton	
Clint Rose	Resigned August 2022
Peter Heagney	Resigned March 2022
Peter Findlay	
Peter Lee	Resigned April 2022
Virginia Creed	Resigned February 2022
Lynette Lee	
Christie Freeman	
Stuart Archibald	Appointed November 2021
Tim Clarke	Appointed November 2021
Lizzy Schirmer	Appointed March 2022
CIndy Morrison	Appionted March 2022
Fiona McIntyre	Appointed March 2022

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 2022 financial year amounted to \$304,287. (2021: \$363,395)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

CHRISTIE FREEMAN Dated this 16th day of October 2022

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Dated this 16th day of October 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	202 <i>1</i> \$
INCOME		-4	4
Administration Income		121,960	107,654
Operational Income		2,609,670	1,280,157
Horse Registrations		270,197	269,438
Interest Income		18,607	14,902
Membership Income		1,016,996	943,184
Government Grant – WPNEC Arena Renovation	14	_	500,000
Government Grant – WPNEC Masterplan Business Case	14	36,000	214,000
Other Income		34,896	11,189
Government Stimulus		46,686	402,592
		4,155,012	3,743,116
EXPENDITURE			
Administration		327,037	380,912
Fees & Charges		463,710	403,472
Operational		2,448,843	1,186,215
Wages & Salaries		542,652	567,948
WPNEC Arena Renovation	14	-	544,672
WPNEC Masterplan Business Case	14	46,250	293,666
Other expenses		22,233	2,836
		3,850,725	3,379,721
Current year surplus before income tax		304,287	363,395
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
Net current year (loss) / surplus	_	304,287	363,395
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		1,033,525	670,130
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		1,337,812	1,033,525

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	202 I \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	2, 1(f)	1,908,299	1,645,348
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3, 1(g)	21,733	18,817
Other Assets	4	31,525	92,019
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,961,557	1,756,184
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	5, 1(b)	44,688	35,982
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		44,688	35,982
TOTAL ASSETS		2,006,245	1,792,166
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	6, 1(j)	312,038	165,037
Deferred revenue	1(h), 12	289,091	533,019
Receipts in Advance		15,125	-
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	49,566	55,918
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		665,820	753,974
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	2,613	4,667
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,613	4,667
TOTAL LIABILITIES		668,433	758,641
NET ASSETS		1,337,812	1,033,525
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		1,337,812	1,033,525
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,337,812	1,033,525

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	202 I \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from operations		3,787,103	2,586,227
Payment to suppliers		(3,586,570)	(2,684,017)
Receipts from Government Grants for arena renovation and masterplan business case	14	36,000	714,000
Payments for arena renovation and masterplan business case	14	(46,250)	(838,338)
Other income		82,242	414,040
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	9	272,525	191,912
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		18,607	14,902
Payments for fixed assets		(28,181)	(10,666)
Net cash provided by investing activities		(9,574)	4,236
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		262,951	196,148
Cash at beginning of financial year		1,645,348	1,449,200
Cash at end of financial year	2	1,908,299	1,645,348

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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.

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.

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.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

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.

k. Grants Received for Third-Parties

Grants received for infrastructure developments owned by third parties, and the associated expenses, are specifically recognised in the Income and Expenditure Statement. The grant value recognised in the financial year is in proportion of incurred expenses

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2: CASH ON HAND

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
NAB Cheque	1,150,927	489,388
Term Deposits	752,816	1,151,794
Cash Management Account	1,251	1,251
Trybooking	3,305	2,915
Total cash on hand	1,908,299	1,645,348

Note 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

Trade debtors	21,733	18,817
Provision for doubtful debts		-
	21,733	18,817
Note 4: OTHER ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	13,854	42,955
Accrued income	17,671	49,064
	31,525	92,019

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS	2022 \$	202 I \$
Leasehold Improvements	163,244	163,244
Less accumulated depreciation	(163,244)	(163,244)
	-	-
Office Equipment	191,334	184,248
Less accumulated depreciation	(164,627)	(156,910)
	26,707	27,338
Plant & Equipment	59,458	40,320
Less accumulated depreciation	(41,477)	(31,676)
	17,981	8,644

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	44,688	35,982
NOTE 6: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	126,635	88,997
GST Payable	58,345	(12,546)
Accrued Expenses	120,029	75,075
PAYG Tax	7,027	7,035
Sundry Creditors	2	2,474
Superannuation Payable	-	4,002
	312,038	165,037
NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Provision for Annual Leave	25,660	35,834
Provision for Long Service Leave	23,906	20,084
	49,566	55,918
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for Long Service Leave	2,613	4,667

4,667

2,613

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: LEASING COMMITMENTS	2022 \$	2021 \$
Operating Lease Commitments		
Being for rent of office equipment & premises		
Payable – minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	52,740	55,014
- between 12 months and five years	102,455	150,035
- later than five years	-	-
	155,195	205,049
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	1,908,299	1,645,348
(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with profit after income tax:		
Profit after income tax	304,287	363,395
Non-operational cash flows		
Interest received	(18,607)	(14,902)
Profit on Sale of Assets	660	259
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	18,814	17,898
Write-off other fixed assets	-	20,714
Provisions	(8,405)	21,092
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / Decrease in Accrued Income	31,393	(16,308)
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments	29,101	24,889
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	(2,916)	(14,206)
(Increase) / Decrease in Other Assets	15,125	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Deferred Income	(243,928)	(302,046)
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	147,001	91,127
-	272,525	191,912

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Equestrian Victoria Inc

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

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 2022 financial year.

NOTE 12: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Income deferred as at 30 June 2022 are:

• \$289,091 of 2022-2023 membership and affiliation fees received in advance

NOTE 13: IMPACT OF COVID 19

Equestrian Victoria weathered the COVID pandemic in the 2022 financial year with the assistance of government grants and the return to normal operations by the end of the year.

Whilst the second half of the year had less cancellations of competitions and activities, we were still seeing entries impacted as late as May. Going into the 2023 financial year, Equestrian Victoria is hoping for a full return to business operations.

NOTE 14: GOVERNMENT GRANTS

During the year Equestrian Victoria received and spent several grants from the Victorian government in relation to:

- Together More Active 20-23 program Foundation payment \$20,000
- Interschool Together More Active completion payment \$2,000
- Melbourne International 3 Days Major Event grant \$16,000
- Other Events grants \$22,000

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

We, Christie Freeman and Stuart Archibald, 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 2022.

Signed: CHRISTIE FREEMAN

Dated: 16th day of October 2022

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Signed: STUART ARCHIBALD

Dated: 16th day of October 2022

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 2022, 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 2022 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.

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 16th day of October 2022

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