EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA

Annual Report

2025-2026



2026 Interschool State Championships
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Yarra Valley Jumping Club
Easter Classic
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Introduction

Message from the Chair

It is my pleasure to present the Equestrian Victoria Annual Report to our members.

This year has been one of rebuilding, consolidation and renewed focus following a challenging period for our sport. Across the organisation, we have worked to strengthen our foundations, support participation, and ensure Equestrian Victoria is well positioned for future growth.

Our squads and Young Ambassador programs continue to go from strength to strength, reflecting the depth of talent and commitment within our community. Equally important has been our focus on delivering well-run events and providing positive experiences for members, officials, volunteers and competitors across all disciplines.

Several of our Discipline Committees are also experiencing a period of renewal, with carefully managed transitions to the next generation of leaders. These succession plans are vital to ensuring the ongoing success and sustainability of our sport. In the spirit of renewal, Director, Cathy Oates will conclude her term with the board at this years AGM. I'd like to thank Cathy for her time and contribution - the board have benefited greatly from her technolgy and cyber secruity background. The Board remains committed to the principles of integrity, accountability, transparency and strategic oversight, balancing good governance with the trust placed in us by our members.

The dedication of our volunteers is the backbone of equestrian sport in Victoria and their contribution cannot be overstated. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank Dave Permezel, who is concluding his tenure with the Eventing Victoria Committee, including the last three years as Chair. Dave has made an outstanding contribution to our sport through both his leadership and his hands-on involvement at events. Anyone who has participated in eventing, or had him as your cross-country course controller, will know his exceptional work ethic, professionalism and unwavering passion for the sport. On behalf of Equestrian Victoria, thank you, Dave, for your years of service and commitment.



2026 Interschool State Championships
Image: Helen Jaman Photography

Introduction

Message from the Chair Cont...

The introduction of the JustGo membership platform earlier this year presented challenges for many members. While the transition was not without difficulties, significant progress has been made in resolving issues and improving the member experience. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our CEO and the Equestrian Victoria team, who have worked tirelessly to support members throughout this process. Their commitment, professionalism and responsiveness have been instrumental in ensuring a successful transition.

More broadly, I would like to thank our staff, officials, coaches, clubs and the thousands of volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to our sport. Whether working behind the scenes or at the frontline of competition, your efforts are what make equestrian sport possible in Victoria.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow Board members for their dedication and commitment throughout the year. I am immensely proud of the way we have navigated complex issues through respectful debate, careful consideration and a shared focus on achieving the best outcomes for our organisation and our members.

As we look ahead, I am confident that Equestrian Victoria is moving in the right direction. We remain committed to supporting our disciplines, strengthening participation pathways, investing in good governance, and ensuring our sport continues to thrive for future generations.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Equestrian Victoria.

Fiona Phillips
Chair, Equestrian Victoria



Image: MI3DE
K. Morningstar Photography

Introduction

The Office Team

It has been another busy and productive year for the Equestrian Victoria Office Team.

A key focus throughout the year was ensuring the efficient and effective management of member enquiries, whether received by phone or email. To support this objective, the office implemented important technology upgrades, providing the team with improved tools to deliver timely and responsive member support.

A significant milestone was the preparation for and transition to the new Equestrian Australia membership platform, JustGo, in September. This major organisational change was embraced by the team with professionalism, positivity and a strong can-do attitude. Special recognition goes to Jamison and Emily, who managed a substantial volume of member enquiries and support requests during the initial stages of the rollout.

While the transition presented challenges for both staff and members, the team remained committed to providing assistance and guidance throughout the process. Their dedication ensured members received the support they needed while adapting to the new system. The EV Office Team thanks our members for their patience, understanding and cooperation during this period of change.

Later in 2025, we farewelled Membership Officer Emily Coutot. Emily returned to her home in New Caledonia, where opportunities to enjoy horses and beach riding in a tropical setting proved too great a draw to resist. We thank Emily for her dedication, professionalism and valuable contribution to Equestrian Victoria and wish her every success for the future.

In the new year, we were pleased to welcome Evie Mitchell as our new Membership Officer. Evie joins a passionate and dedicated team committed to supporting members and delivering positive outcomes for the sport across Victoria.

The Equestrian Victoria Office Team:

- Derek O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer
- Kathleen Kindler, Equestrian Sports Manager
- Jamison Ahrens, Sport Management & Discipline Officer
- Evie Mitchell, Membership Officer
- Macey Devlin, Administration Support Officer
- Michelle Debenham, Risk, Safety & Child Safe Officer
- Corinne McInerney, Marketing & Communications Officer

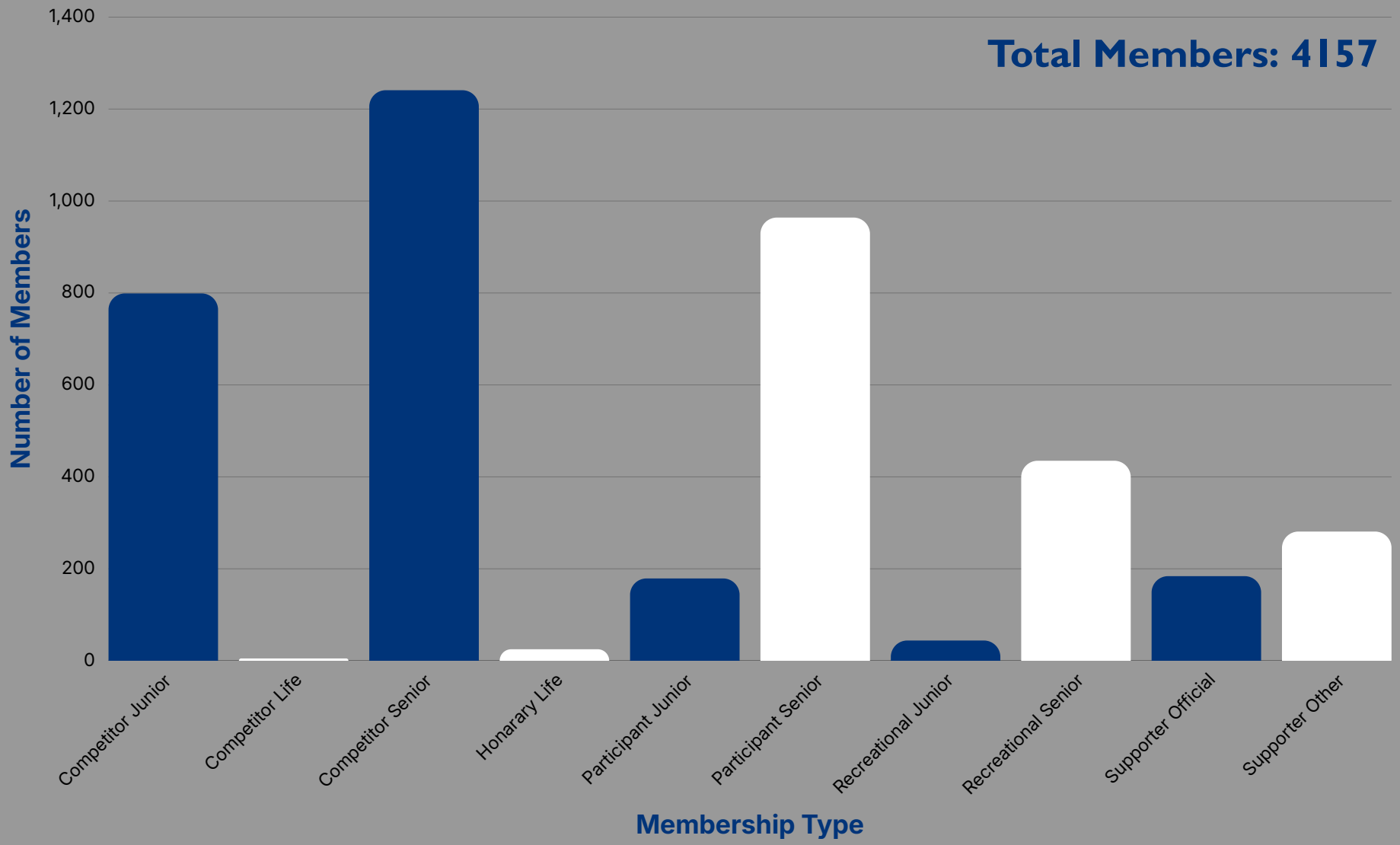
The EV Office team looks forward to continuing its collaborative approach in supporting Equestrian Victoria's major events, delivering exceptional service to members, clubs, officials, volunteers and athletes, and helping to strengthen and grow equestrian sport across Victoria.

Kathleen Kindler
Equestrian Sports Manager

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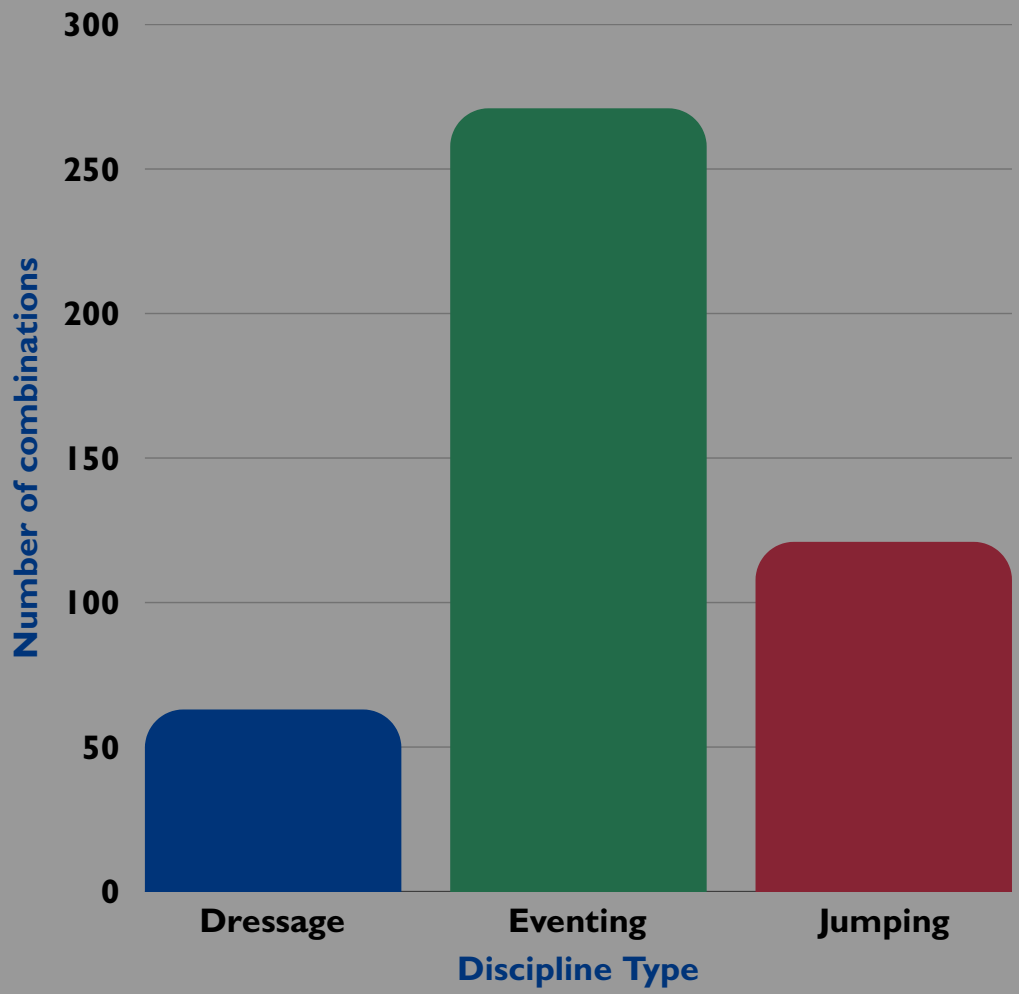


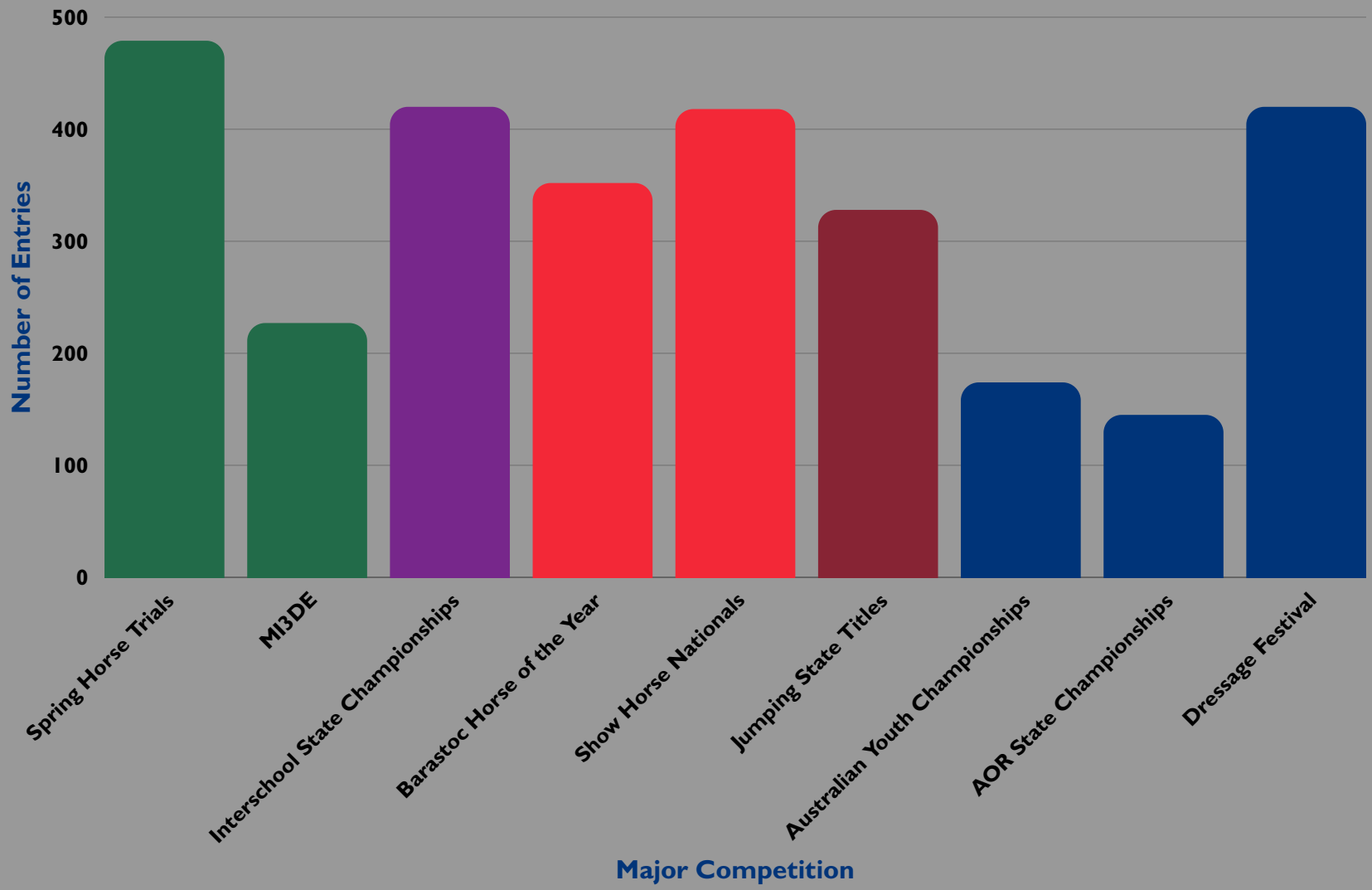


Image: Derek O'Leary Photography
Dressage Squad

Introduction

Our Events

Significant Events



Awards Review

The Equestrian Victoria 2025 Annual Awards brought together more than 200 members, family, friends and supporters for a memorable evening of celebration and recognition on 23 August 2025 at Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields.

The event celebrated the achievements, dedication and contributions of Equestrian Victoria's athletes, officials, volunteers and members across the year.

Guests enjoyed an outstanding evening featuring a photo booth, excellent food and beverages, lively entertainment and a DJ who kept the dance floor active throughout the night. The atmosphere reflected the strong sense of community that exists within Victorian equestrian sport and provided an opportunity for members from across all disciplines to come together and celebrate their shared achievements.

A highlight of the evening was the provision of a complimentary party bus by Equestrian Victoria, enabling competitors and officials involved in the Friends of Werribee Horse Trials to travel safely and enjoy the celebrations together.

Equestrian Victoria extends its sincere thanks to the EV office team for their significant efforts in planning and delivering the event, and to Jeremy for his engaging and professional role as Master of Ceremonies.

The success of the evening was also made possible through the generous support of our award sponsors, Off The Track, Kanandah Stables and Tracy Wingard-Gil Dressage. Their ongoing commitment to equestrian sport helps ensure that the achievements of our members can be recognised and celebrated each year.

Congratulations to all award recipients and finalists on their outstanding achievements throughout 2025.



Awards Review Cont...

YOUNG AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR
- Dressage - Molly Farran
- Eventing - Kiera McNally
- Jumping - Malikah Rudge
- Show Horse - Ella O'Doherty
- Para Dressage - Darcy Macaulay

YOUNG RIDER OF THE YEAR
- Dressage - Jessica Dertell
- Jumping - Jack Barker
- Eventing - La'Moza Velisha
- Show Horse - Jessica Sharp & Ruby Rose Eurell

HORSE OF THE YEAR
- Dressage Pony - Freemans Lodge Global
- Eventing - Santoro
- Jumping - Devos GP
- Show Hunter - Global PPS
- Show Horse - Regalia

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
- Show Horse - Fiona McIntyre
- Jumping - James Harvey
- Dressage - Teresa Matthews
- Eventing - Teresa Matthews

LOVE OF THE HORSE
- Finley Hiscock

COACH OF THE YEAR
- Dressage - Jason Dins
- Eventing - Nina Clarke
- Jumping - Mark Griffiths

IMPACT TO SPORT
- Dressage - Fiona Selby
- Jumping - Bruce Harding
- Eventing - Dave Permezel
- Show Horse - Mark Jacobi
- Para Dressage - Rebecca Webber

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
- Eventing - Teresa Matthews
- Jumping - Trish Joyce
- Dressage - Jan Smith
- Show Horse - Dean Matthews

RIDER OF THE YEAR
- Eventing - Samuel Jeffree
- Show Horse - Jessica Dertell
- FEI Dressage - Dallas Mills
- AOR Dressage - Natalie Waters
- Grand Prix Dressage - Mary Hanna
- Para Equestrian - Maddison Cooke
- FEI Carriage Driver - Janelle Marshall
- Jumping - Phillip Lever

OFF THE TRACK - HORSE OF THE YEAR
- Dressage - St Andrews (St Andrews)
- Eventing - Caught In The Breeze (Raisins)
- Jumping - Notre Armour (Proletariat)
- Show Hunter - Westminster II (The Arod)
- Show Horse - Regalia (Aunt Bridge)

AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR
- Jumping - Northern Victoria Show Jumping Club
- Dressage - Victorian Dressage Club
- Eventing - Friends of Ballarat Eventing Association

CONTRIBUTION TO INTERSCHOOL
Lindsey Constable



Samuel Jeffree - Eventing Rider of the Year
Image: Equine Images

Awards

Lifetime Service

Julia Williams

With more than two decades of dedication to developing young riders and supporting the Interschool movement in both Victoria and across Australia, Julia is a deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

Congratulations, Julia, and thank you for your outstanding service to equestrian sport in Victoria.





Reports

Dressage Victoria

The 2025–2026 financial year provided important opportunities to showcase dressage in Victoria, support our riders and bring our dressage community together. As Chair of Dressage Victoria, I would like to acknowledge the commitment of everyone who contributes to our discipline—from riders and owners to coaches, officials, volunteers, clubs and event organisers.

Major Events

Three significant events featured during the reporting year: the Dressage Festival 2025, Dressage & Jumping with the Stars 2026, and the Australian Youth Championships 2026.

The Dressage Festival remains an important occasion on the Victorian dressage calendar, providing an opportunity for riders to compete and for our community to come together. Delivering an event of this scale requires considerable planning and dedication, and I extend my thanks to all those involved.

Dressage & Jumping with the Stars provided a valuable platform for young horses and an opportunity to recognise the work of breeders, owners, riders and trainers. The development of young horses is an important part of the future of our sport, and this event continues to hold a special place in the competition calendar.

Hosting the Australian Youth Championships was another important highlight. Supporting young riders is central to the long-term strength of dressage, and providing opportunities to compete, gain experience and build connections is an investment in the next generation. We were pleased to welcome the young riders, their families and support teams who contributed to the championships.

Programs and Development

The recommencement of our state squads was a positive development during the 2025–2026 financial year. The squad program supports rider and horse development, encourages connections between riders, and helps build a strong team culture within Victorian dressage. We look forward to continuing to develop the program and thank the coaches, organisers and riders for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The Young Ambassador Program is another important part of supporting the next generation within our sport. By encouraging young people to become involved and contribute to the dressage community, the program helps foster leadership, confidence and a sense of belonging.

Interschool dressage continues to be a strength in Victoria, providing an important pathway for young riders to develop their skills and gain competition experience. We acknowledge the dedication of students, families, schools, coaches and organisers in supporting participation and helping young riders progress in the sport.



2026 DJWTS
Dressage Champion of Champions
Stryker K and Karen Blythe

Reports Dressage Victoria Cont...

Clubs and Community

Our clubs are the backbone of the Victorian dressage community, and their outstanding work deserves special recognition. Through their commitment to competitions, training and rider support, clubs provide valuable opportunities for participation and development at every level of our sport.

The growth of Amateur Owner Rider (AOR) squads and programs is another positive development within our sport. These initiatives encourage participation, support rider development and foster an inclusive, supportive community. We acknowledge the clubs, coaches and volunteers whose commitment helps amateur riders build confidence, develop their partnerships with their horses and remain actively engaged in dressage.

I extend my sincere thanks to club committees, members and volunteers for the countless hours they contribute, often behind the scenes. Their dedication helps create welcoming environments where riders can learn, build confidence and form lasting connections. The strength of Victorian dressage rests on this grassroots commitment, and we greatly value the contribution of every club.

Sponsors and Supporters

On behalf of Dressage Victoria, I extend our sincere thanks to the sponsors and supporters who contributed to our sport throughout the 2025–2026 financial year. Their generosity and commitment play a vital role in helping us deliver competitions, support development programs and provide opportunities for riders at all levels.

Sponsorship is more than financial assistance—it is an investment in our horses, our riders and the future of dressage. Through financial contributions, products, services and practical support, our sponsors help bring events to life and strengthen our dressage community.

We greatly value these partnerships and encourage our members to support the businesses and organisations that support our sport. We look forward to maintaining these relationships and welcoming new partners who share our commitment to Victorian dressage.

Acknowledgements

Our events and programs would not be possible without the substantial contribution of our organising committees, judges, stewards, volunteers and support teams. Much of their work takes place behind the scenes, and their time, expertise and commitment deserve sincere recognition.

I also thank the riders, owners, coaches and families whose dedication sustains our discipline. My thanks extend to my fellow Dressage Victoria committee members and Equestrian Victoria for their support throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the next financial year, our focus must remain on supporting participation at all levels, encouraging young riders, developing our officials and volunteers, and delivering well-run competitions. Horse welfare, fairness and a welcoming sporting environment must remain at the centre of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Victorian dressage during 2025–2026. I look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen our discipline and support its future.

Jade Woodhead-Butler
Chair, Dressage Victoria

Reports

Eventing Victoria

It has been another busy, challenging and rewarding year for Eventing in Victoria, with our sport continuing to demonstrate remarkable resilience, commitment and enthusiasm.
As Chair of the Victorian Eventing Committee, I am continually reminded that the strength of our sport lies not simply in the competitions we conduct, but in the extraordinary dedication of our organising committees, officials, volunteers, riders and supporters. Without them, Eventing as we know it simply would not exist.

Competitions and Participation
Victoria continues to offer a comprehensive calendar of Eventing competitions, catering for riders from grassroots through to international level.

A highlight was another very successful Melbourne International Three Day Event, which remains one of Australia's premier Eventing competitions. Despite ever-increasing costs and the challenges of delivering an event of this magnitude, Melbourne continues to attract impressive crowds and provide an exceptional weekend of competition and entertainment.

Its success is a testament to the enormous efforts of the organising committee, officials, sponsors and volunteers, and something our community can be immensely proud of.
Equally deserving of recognition are the many dedicated organising committees delivering competitions throughout Victoria.

A huge thank you to every one of our event organisers. Running a competition at any level is no small undertaking. The time, financial commitment, preparation and determination required are often underestimated by those who simply arrive, compete and head home.

Behind every competition is a relatively small group making enormous personal sacrifices, often contributing countless hours and, in many cases, their own money to provide opportunities for others.

To our riders, families and supporters, I make one simple request, when entries open and the inevitable call for volunteers follows, please step up and lend a hand. Whether fence judging, setting up, packing down or assisting with countless other jobs, even a small contribution makes an enormous difference.

If you are at an event and have the opportunity to compete, it is because others have already made a significant sacrifice to make that possible. Giving a little of your own time in return is not a great deal to ask.

Volunteering is fundamental to the sustainability and future of our sport.



2026 MI3DE 3*L
Emma Hurcules & Ballahowe Wildside

Reports

Eventing Victoria

International Representation and Achievements

Victorian Eventing riders continued to demonstrate their competitiveness internationally, achieving outstanding results both overseas and on home soil.

A highlight was the 2026 Oceania Eventing Championships, held at the Adelaide Equestrian Festival in April. Victoria was strongly represented in the Australian Senior teams, with Sophia Hill and Samuel Jeffree contributing to Australia's gold medal victory over New Zealand. Sophia, riding Tulara Baltango, also secured an excellent second placing individually in the CCI4*-S. Fellow Victorian and Eventing Committee member Edward Darby, riding Dawn of the Day, was a member of the Australian Green Team, which secured silver.

Overseas, Sophia Hill delivered an exceptional campaign aboard Humble Glory, achieving sixth place at the prestigious Maryland CCI5*-L in October 2025, third at the Aiken Grand Prix Eventing competition in February 2026 and tenth at the Kentucky CCI5*-L in April. These performances against some of the world's best are a testament to the dedication and talent of our Victorian competitors.

We also acknowledge our officials pursuing international appointments, education and professional development, frequently at their own expense, bringing valuable expertise back to our competitions. Congratulations to all our riders and officials representing Victoria and Australia, together with the owners, coaches, families and support teams who make these achievements possible.

Safety, Officials and Education

Safety remains central to everything we do.

Throughout the year, the Committee has worked with organisers, officials and Equestrian Australia to strengthen competition safety, incident response planning and risk management.

However, the pool of qualified officials available to our sport continues to diminish, and we are rapidly approaching a critical point.
The increasing demands placed upon Technical Delegates, Course Designers, Judges and other officials, many of whom generously surrender countless weekends, are unsustainable without new people stepping forward.

Without sufficient qualified officials, organising committees will face increasing difficulties conducting competitions, potentially reducing opportunities for riders.
I strongly encourage anyone interested in becoming an official to get involved. Whether a current or former rider, coach, volunteer or someone passionate about Eventing, opportunities exist to learn, receive mentoring and develop the necessary skills.

You don't need all the answers or experience from day one. We need enthusiastic people willing to learn and contribute. The Eventing Committee would warmly welcome your interest and help guide you through the appropriate training pathways. Our existing officials contribute enormously, often at considerable personal expense and with little recognition. Their expertise, independence and professionalism are fundamental to our sport.

We cannot continue relying on the same small group indefinitely. The next generation of officials must come from within our Eventing community, and the time to become involved is now.

Eventing Victoria

Riders Levy – Supporting Safety and Our Sport

The Victorian Eventing Riders Levy continues to provide invaluable assistance to organising committees, ensuring funds contributed by competitors are reinvested into the safety and sustainability of our sport.

A significant benefit is its contribution towards professional medical services at competitions, helping alleviate increasing costs for organisers while maintaining essential standards of medical preparedness and response. The levy also supports the maintenance and availability of our cross-country ground preparation equipment, including the aggravator units, available to Victorian organising committees. These help prepare suitable cross-country going, ensuring the surfaces our horses traverse are as safe, consistent and forgiving as practicable.
Other investments include MIM safety devices for cross-country fences, fence judge clocks and additional equipment benefiting riders, officials and organisers.

These initiatives demonstrate the practical benefits of the Riders Levy, supporting horse and rider safety while assisting clubs with competition costs. The Committee remains committed to ensuring these funds are managed responsibly and transparently, delivering meaningful benefits to Victorian Eventing.

Squads and Developing Our Future

The Victorian Eventing Squad Program continues to provide valuable opportunities for riders to develop their skills, confidence and competitive performance.

Our sincere thanks go to the dedicated coordinators, coaches and volunteers contributing to its success.
The Young Ambassador initiative also continues to evolve, providing emerging riders with opportunities to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills beyond competition.

Encouraging younger participants to become involved in the broader administration and development of Eventing is an important investment in our future.

Governance and Strategic Development

Beyond the competition calendar, the Committee has continued improving governance, financial oversight, communication and the structures supporting Eventing in Victoria. While not always visible to members, this work is essential to ensuring our sport remains responsibly managed and financially sustainable.

We have also strengthened collaboration with interstate counterparts and the National Eventing Committee, recognising that many challenges are shared nationally and best addressed through cooperation. Our priorities remain supporting organising committees, encouraging participation, developing officials and ensuring sustainable competition structures.



Wandin International Horse Trials 2026
Image: Lisa Grund Photography

Looking Forward
Like many volunteer-based sports, Eventing faces challenges in attracting volunteers, managing increasing costs and balancing the administrative and regulatory demands placed upon organisers.

We must be prepared to question established practices, embrace appropriate change and continually seek better ways to support our sport.

Our focus must remain on providing a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment for riders of all levels while protecting the unique character and camaraderie that make Eventing so special.

Acknowledgements
I sincerely thank my fellow Eventing Committee members for their time, expertise and commitment.

My thanks also extend to the Equestrian Victoria Board and administration team, squad coordinators, officials, organising committees, volunteers and the countless individuals contributing quietly behind the scenes.

The extraordinary volunteer effort required to keep our sport functioning should never be underestimated or taken for granted.

To our riders and supporters, thank you for your enthusiasm and participation, which ultimately give purpose to everything we do.

It remains a privilege to represent Victorian Eventing, and I am proud of what our community continues to achieve.

Our challenge, and our responsibility, is to ensure we leave the sport in a stronger position for those who follow us.

David Permezel GAICD
Chair – Victorian Eventing Committee



XC Course Walk Initiative organised by
2025 Eventing Young Ambassador Kiera McNally
(pictured front centre)

Reports

Jumping Victoria

The 2026 season has been a positive and productive year for Jumping Victoria, with significant progress made both financially and strategically as we continue to strengthen and grow showjumping across the state.

Victorian Jumping Championships

One of the highlights of the year was the successful delivery of the Victorian Jumping Championships held in April. The event returned a profit of approximately $23,000, a tremendous achievement that reflects the hard work and commitment of our organising team, volunteers, officials, sponsors and competitors.

This strong financial outcome has enabled Jumping Victoria to make substantial progress in reducing its outstanding debt to Equestrian Victoria. From a debt position of approximately $40,000, we have reduced the balance to just $9,000, placing the discipline on a much stronger financial footing. This achievement is a credit to the dedication and prudent financial management of the Jumping Victoria Committee.

Looking Ahead to the 2027 Victorian Championships

Planning is already well underway for the 2027 Victorian State Championships, to be held at the end of April. Committee members are working tirelessly to deliver another successful event. With sponsorship support secured and only a small remaining debt to be repaid, future championship events are expected to generate important revenue that can be reinvested directly back into the sport and our clubs.

Competition Calendar and Event Tiering

A key focus for the Committee has been the continued development of a fair and sustainable competition calendar. Work is underway to re-establish a tiered show structure across Victoria. This initiative aims to:

- Reduce unnecessary scheduling clashes between events.
- Support organisers in planning successful competitions.
- Create greater consistency across the state.
- Encourage participation growth at all levels of the sport.
- Ensure the long-term strength and sustainability of Victorian showjumping.



Victorian Jumping State Titles 2026
Wesley Joyce & Inca DP

Image: James Abernethy

Reports

Jumping Victoria Cont...

Strategic Plan and Club Funding Initiatives

The Committee has worked extensively on the development of a new Strategic Plan, which will be implemented from the 2026/27 season commencing 1 July 2026. As part of this strategy, Jumping Victoria will introduce a range of funding opportunities to support riders, officials and affiliated jump clubs. Funding allocations may vary from year to year depending on available resources, however planned funding streams for the upcoming season include:

Initiative	Funding Allocation
International Rider Travel Grant Program	$5,000
Officials Training & Development	$5,000
Amateur Series Support	$2,500
Club First Aid Equipment Support	$7,500
Victorian State Titles Support	$6,000
Officials Mentoring Program	$6,000

Reports Jumping Victoria Cont...

The Officials Mentoring Program will provide clubs with access to highly experienced mentors, including David Sheppard, Gavin Chester and Ed McNair, to support the development of officials within the sport.

These funds are intended to be shared across Victorian jumping clubs and reinforce our commitment to supporting grassroots participation, athlete development, club sustainability and officiating excellence.

Further information, including application forms, funding guidelines and supporting documentation, will be made available through the Equestrian Victoria website.

Acknowledgements
On behalf of Jumping Victoria, I would like to sincerely thank Jamison and the team at Equestrian Victoria for their ongoing support and hard work throughout the year. The success of our programs and events would not be possible without their assistance.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedicated members of the Jumping Victoria Committee. Their commitment, passion and countless volunteer hours continue to drive the discipline forward and ensure a bright future for showjumping in Victoria.

The Committee remains focused on creating opportunities for riders, supporting clubs and officials, and building a stronger and more sustainable future for our sport.

Happy Jumping

Stuart Abraham
Chair, Jumping Victoria



2026 Jumping State Titles
Hudson Craig riding Oaks Botswana
Image: One Eyed Frog

Show Horse Victoria

On behalf of the Victorian Show Horse Committee, I am pleased to present the Show Horse Discipline Report for 2026.
The Victorian Show Horse program continues to provide members with a strong calendar of competition, education and development opportunities. Throughout the year, the Committee remained focused on delivering high-quality events, supporting participant pathways and ensuring Victoria maintains a leading role within the national show horse community.

Competition Program
The Committee successfully delivered two open shows. The Summer Show was rescheduled to March due to the January fires.

The continued growth of the Off The Track divisions, supported by Racing Victoria, highlights the increasing popularity of these classes and the valuable contribution they make in showcasing the versatility of retired thoroughbreds. Owner Rider classes also continued to attract strong participation, reflecting the diversity and inclusiveness of the Victorian Show Horse community along with featuring a dedicated junior ring.

Barastoc Horse of the Year (Victorian State Titles)
The 2026 Barastoc Horse of the Year Show once again served as the flagship event of the Victorian show horse calendar. The event brought together the state's leading riders, horses and ponies to compete for Victorian State Titles and the opportunity to represent Victoria at the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships.
The Committee gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of Ridley Agriproducts (Barastoc) as principal sponsor and Racing Victoria's Off The Track Program. Their continued investment in the discipline is greatly valued and contributes significantly to the success of the event.
The Barastoc Horse of the Year remains one of the premier show horse events in the country and continues to be recognised for its high standard of competition, experienced officials and outstanding presentation.

Officials Education
The Committee remains committed to the education and development of officials. Judges' education continued to be delivered in an accessible format, enabling participation from members throughout Victoria and interstate. Ongoing education remains essential to maintaining consistency, professionalism and high standards within the discipline.



2026 Barastoc HOTY Rider Under 9 years
Georgina Kavanagh & Kenda Park Truffle
Image: Angie Rickard Photography

Reports

Show Horse Victoria Cont...

Young Ambassador Program
The Show Horse discipline continues to actively support the Equestrian Victoria Young Ambassador Awards. The program provides an excellent opportunity for young equestrians to develop leadership skills, strengthen their involvement within the sport and become ambassadors for Equestrian Victoria. The Committee congratulates all participants for their dedication and commitment and thanks them for their contribution to the discipline throughout the year.

Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships
A significant focus during 2026 was the planning and delivery of the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. As part of Equestrian Victoria's successful hosting agreement for the 2025-2027 Championships, the Committee worked extensively with Equestrian Victoria staff, officials, volunteers, sponsors and stakeholders to deliver a national championship event of the highest standard.

The Championships attracted competitors from across Australia with every state represented and showcased the exceptional quality of Australian show horses and riders. Hosting this prestigious event continues to provide significant benefits for Victorian competitors and reinforces Victoria's reputation as a leader in the show horse discipline.

The Committee acknowledges the considerable contribution of volunteers, officials, sponsors and supporters whose dedication and commitment make events of this scale possible.

Acknowledgements
The Victorian Show Horse Committee extends its sincere thanks to Equestrian Victoria, our sponsors, officials, volunteers, competitors and supporters for their continued commitment to the discipline.

The Committee also acknowledges the outstanding efforts of all Victorian representatives who competed at national level during the year and represented the state with professionalism and sportsmanship.

We look forward to continuing to build participation, strengthen development pathways and deliver high-quality opportunities for our members in 2027.

Fiona McIntyre
Chair, Show Horse Victoria



Pictured L-R
2025 Young Ambassador Finalists
Winner Ella O'Doherty (pictured R)

Reports

Interschool Victoria

Interschool Victoria enjoyed another successful year, providing opportunities for young riders to represent their schools, develop their skills and progress towards state and national competition. The reporting period included Victoria's participation in the September 2025 Australian Interschool Championships in Sydney and the delivery of the April 2026 Horseland Interschool State Championships at Boneo Park.

Our sport depends on the commitment of riders and their families, supported by schools, clubs, volunteers, officials and sponsors. Alongside competitive achievement, we recognise the importance of confidence, good horsemanship and the friendships formed through interschool participation. These experiences remain central to our work.

Australian Interschool Championships September 2025

Team Victoria represented the state at the 2025 Horseland Australian Interschool Championships, held at Sydney International Equestrian Centre from 25 to 28 September. Hosted by Equestrian NSW on behalf of Equestrian Australia, the championships brought together school riders from across the country in dressage, jumping, show horse, eventing and combined training.

The Victorian team was led by overall co-captains Lucy Coventry and Bianca Griffiths, supported by discipline captains Felicity Grant in combined training, Rosemary Heagney in dressage, Bliss Vandenberg in eventing, Malikah Rudge in jumping and Taya Kellas in show horse.

We congratulate every rider who earned selection and represented Victoria. Competing at a national championship is a significant achievement, requiring sustained preparation and considerable family support. Our thanks go to the team managers, discipline managers, captains, coaches and parents who supported the Victorian campaign, and to the organisers, officials and volunteers who delivered the event.



Reports Interschool Victoria Cont...

Horseland Interschool State Championships April 2026

The 2026 Horseland Victoria Interschool State Championships were held at Boneo Park Equestrian Centre from 8 to 12 April. The five-day program offered competition in dressage, jumping, combined training, show horse and sporting horse, bringing together riders from Prep to Year 12.

We welcomed Horseland as naming rights sponsor and thank the Boneo Park team for hosting the championships. The event provided an opportunity for students to compete for their schools, pursue personal goals and qualify for national representation. It also brought families together around a shared commitment to their children and their horses.

The Nan McArthur Trophy winners were Annabelle Richardson riding Merricks Fiore for The Geelong College in the secondary division, and Ned Restall riding Bling Du Rouet for Peninsula Grammar in the primary division. Congratulations to both riders, the champion schools and all competitors. We also thank Maggie McDonell for her continued support of the Nan McArthur awards.

All Abilities Participation

All Abilities dressage and show horse classes remained an important part of the State Championships, supported by Moose Toys. Their inclusion provided riders with additional needs the opportunity to compete and share the championship experience alongside their peers.

We thank the riders, families, coaches, officials and volunteers who supported these classes. Creating a welcoming environment, recognising individual progress and helping riders access suitable competition pathways remain priorities for Interschool Victoria. Luke Kirby's national success provided an encouraging example of the opportunities these pathways can create.

Champion School Results

Placing	School
Champion	Braemar College
Reserve Champion	Toorak College
Third	Haileybury
Fourth	The Geelong College
Fifth	Peninsula Grammar
Sixth	Emmanuel College

Reports Interschool Victoria Cont...

Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series 2026

The Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series continued to provide a pathway for dressage and jumping riders through three qualifying events and a Grand Final in each discipline. The series offers opportunities for developing riders as well as those seeking selection for the Victorian team.

By May 2026, more than 210 riders were participating in the dressage series. The Dressage Grand Final took place at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre on 13 June, followed by the Jumping Grand Final on 14 June.

Thank you to naming rights sponsor Active Equine, the VEIS Committee and the host schools and organisations, including Boneo Park, Geelong Grammar, Girton Grammar, Go West Equestrian Events and Braemar College. Their work, supported by judges, officials and volunteers, made the series possible.

Eventing and Victorian Team Pathways

The QA Electrical Interschool Eventing Leaderboard continued to recognise results achieved in open horse trials and support Victorian team selection. This pathway allows interschool riders to develop through the wider eventing calendar, with leaderboard levels ranging from EvA65 to two-star competition.

We thank QA Electrical for its support, Lynne Brown for her work coordinating leaderboard results, and the clubs, organisers and officials who provided these competition opportunities. Together with the State Championships and VEIS, the eventing pathway gives riders several routes towards representing Victoria.

Eventing Leaderboard Combinations as at 13 June 2026

Level	Rider	Horse
CCI/CCN2*	Kate Joyce	Wade Equine Oki Doki
CCN1*	Asha Lloyd	Incy Wincy Spider
EvA95	Pearl Hodson	Chacco Red
EvA80	Elise Young	Harney Park Chile Girl
EvA65	Ivy Williams	Creswell Montana

Interschool Victoria Cont...

Communication and Community
Clear information is essential for families navigating interschool competition. The championship and series websites, published schedules, results and official social media channels provide important points of connection for riders and schools. Continuing to make information easy to find, explain competition pathways and celebrate rider achievements will help new families become involved and support those already participating.

Acknowledgements
On behalf of Interschool Victoria, I sincerely thank our committee members and the Equestrian Victoria team for their work throughout the year. Much of the effort behind interschool competition takes place well before riders enter the arena, and we greatly appreciate the time and care given to planning, administration and event delivery.

Thank you to our judges, stewards, course designers, event organisers and volunteers, and to the schools, parents and carers who make participation possible. We also acknowledge Horseland, Boneo Park, Moose Toys, 4CYTE, JNK Collective, HYGAIN and Off The Track, together with all event sponsors and supporters, for their contribution to the State Championships.

To our riders, thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment. We celebrate your achievements and the effort involved in learning, improving and caring for your horses.

Looking ahead to 2026 and 2027
Our priorities remain to support accessible competition, strengthen regional opportunities and help riders and families understand the pathways available to them. We will continue to place horse welfare, rider wellbeing and respectful conduct at the centre of interschool participation, while supporting the volunteers and partnerships on which the sport depends.

Mary-Anne Lowe
Chair, Interschool Victoria



Rider: Olivia Curtain
Image: James Abernethy

Reports

Coaching Committee

The Equestrian Victoria Coaching Committee (EVCC) continued to support, promote and develop coaching across Victoria throughout the year. The Committee remained focused on coach education, engagement with the wider equestrian community, and strengthening pathways for both accredited coaches and participants.

Committee Activities

The Committee held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, conducting a total of 9–10 meetings to discuss coaching matters, industry developments and opportunities to support Victorian coaches.

In July 2025 we farewelled Amy Kemp. Amy was a valuable member of the team and we wish to thank her for her invaluable time and ideas.
In October 2025, the Committee welcomed Debbie Webb and Paula de Iacovo, who were appointed to fill vacant positions on the EVCC. Their knowledge and experience have been valuable additions to the Committee.

Bi-monthly State Chairs Meetings were attended by the EVCC Chair, providing an opportunity to share ideas, discuss common challenges, and collaborate with coaching representatives from around the country.

Education and Professional Development

A key focus during the year was the delivery of educational opportunities that were free of charge and open to all members of the equestrian community.
Webinars delivered during the year included:

- Medication Control Webinar – March 2026, presented by committee member Jan Smith. 31 attendees.
- Horse Bit Webinar – June 2026, presented by Loren of Horse Bit Emporium. 32 attendees.

Equestrian Victoria also provided a concussion information session which was strongly supported by EV Coaches.
These sessions provided valuable information to riders, coaches and officials and demonstrated the Committee's commitment to ongoing education and best practice across the sport.
The Committee also progressed the development of short instructional videos produced by accredited coaches, creating additional learning resources that can be accessed by the broader equestrian community.

Industry Engagement

In August 2025, the EVCC participated in an Equestrian Victoria / Pony Club Association meeting, strengthening relationships between organisations and exploring opportunities for greater collaboration in coaching and rider development. Actions from the collaboration included developing prior learning recognition and course mapping across the different coaching courses, coach mentoring opportunities, EA/PCA pathway opportunities, resource sharing.

Reports

Coaching Committee Cont...

Throughout the year, there was a notable increase in enquiries from highly experienced coaches interested in becoming accredited. Many of these enquiries related to coaches seeking accreditation while working with Coach Educators through individual and privately arranged training opportunities, reflecting the continued growth and interest in the coaching pathway.

Communication and Recognition
The EVCC Facebook page continued to be an important communication platform for Victorian coaches. The Committee extends its sincere thanks to Tim for his efforts in keeping the page current, informative and relevant throughout the year.

At the Equestrian Victoria Awards Night, coaching achievements were recognised and celebrated, highlighting the important contribution coaches make to the development of riders and the sport. Congratulations to the following Victorian Coaches:

- **Dressage Coach of the Year**: Jason Dins
- **Eventing Coach of the Year:** Nina Clarke
- **Jumping Coach of the Year:** Mark Griffiths

Victorian coaches were also recognised nationally during the year through representation in the Equestrian Australia Coach of the Month program, showcasing the quality and impact of coaching within Victoria.

Acknowledgements
The Committee would like to thank all EA Accredited Coaches, Coach Educators, SSTA's, volunteers and stakeholders who contributed to coaching initiatives throughout the year. A special thank you is extended to Kathleen Kindler and the team in the Equestrian Victoria office for their prompt, professional and efficient support to the Coaching Committee. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated and has contributed significantly to the successful operation of the Committee during the year.

Looking Ahead
The Coaching Committee remains committed to expanding educational opportunities, supporting coach accreditation and professional development, promoting best practice, and ensuring Victorian coaches continue to be recognised as leaders within the Australian equestrian community.

Sue Leslie
Chair, Equestrian Victoria Coaching Committee

Education Report

The past year has been a productive and rewarding one across the Risk, Safety and Child Safeguarding portfolio. Our focus has remained firmly on supporting a safe, inclusive and well-informed equestrian community through education, risk management, medical preparedness, child safety initiatives and continual improvement in event delivery.

Event Medical Services

A significant component of the portfolio continues to be the provision of medical services for the sport of Eventing. Eventing presents unique challenges and carries higher medical requirements than other disciplines, particularly during the cross-country phase where specialist skills, equipment and experience are essential.

Medical providers working in this environment must meet stringent competency and licensing requirements and carry specialised equipment appropriate for these sporting environments. With only a small number of providers in Victoria holding these qualifications, maintaining strong relationships with our medical teams remains a priority. Their professionalism, expertise and commitment are critical to the delivery of safe Eventing competitions, and without their support many events simply could not proceed.

First Aid Education and Community Capacity Building

Education has remained a key focus throughout the year, with First Aid and CPR training opportunities provided to members, officials, coaches and volunteers.
This initiative was fully funded through the Together More Active Program, supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria through the Victorian Government. Since the commencement of the project, 65 participants have completed either a nationally recognised First Aid qualification or a CPR refresher course. These important skills equip participants with the confidence and knowledge to respond effectively in emergency situations at competitions, training activities and within their broader communities.

Beyond the equestrian environment, these qualifications enable participants to act as first responders in everyday situations, potentially providing life-saving assistance when it is needed most. Equestrian Victoria is proud to support a safer and more prepared equestrian community and thanks all participants for their commitment to developing these essential skills.



Education Report Cont...

Concussion Awareness and Education
Increasing awareness and understanding of concussion has been another important priority.

In September, 52 athletes, coaches, parents and officials attended an online concussion education webinar presented by concussion physiotherapist Zac Rouse from The Sports Injury Clinic. Participants also heard from elite event rider Nat Davies, who generously shared her lived experience of concussion and recovery.
Nat's presentation provided valuable insight into the challenges of recovery while delivering an encouraging message that, with appropriate medical support, rest and targeted rehabilitation strategies, a successful return to sport is achievable. Her strongest message was clear: concussion symptoms should never be ignored, and early intervention from qualified health professionals is critical to a successful recovery.

The webinar received excellent feedback and further strengthened our commitment to promoting positive brain health practices within the equestrian community.

Child Safeguarding
Child safety continues to be a significant area of focus as legislative and regulatory requirements evolve. Our objective remains simple: to create safe environments where children and young people can participate, learn and thrive.
Throughout the year, Equestrian Victoria delivered a range of online and face-to-face education sessions for members, officials, coaches and volunteers. More than 50 participants actively engaged in child safeguarding training programs.

Training covered:
- Child Safe Standards and compliance requirements
- Recognising and responding to concerns
- Reporting pathways and obligations
- Creating safer environments for children and young people
- Online safety awareness for parents and participants

Additional awareness initiatives were delivered at Interschool events, reinforcing expected standards of behaviour and promoting understanding of the Code of Conduct for both students and parents.

These activities continue to strengthen our culture of safeguarding and shared responsibility across the equestrian community.

Education Report Cont...

Leadership and Wellbeing Development
Supporting the wellbeing and leadership capability of our members was another positive achievement during the year.

A highly successful leadership workshop was delivered by author, coach and leadership specialist Michelle Landy, with 28 participants attending. The workshop focused on leadership, self-development, resilience and personal empowerment.

Drawing on her expertise in human behaviour, leadership development and mindset strategies, Michelle combined practical tools with mindfulness techniques to help participants improve clarity, confidence and adaptability in both their professional and personal lives.

Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees reporting increased self-awareness and practical strategies to better navigate challenges, achieve goals and support others within their equestrian roles.

Rules, Safety and Technical Education
One of the year's most successful initiatives was the introduction of competitor information and rules update sessions at several Victorian Horse Trials events.

These sessions were delivered by our dedicated Technical Delegates, many of whom generously volunteered their time after long days spent measuring and assessing courses. Their commitment to sharing knowledge has been greatly appreciated by participants.

Attendance at these sessions has been consistently strong, and feedback has indicated that they have helped competitors better understand rules, avoid unnecessary penalties and make safer decisions both on and off the competition field.
This initiative demonstrates the value of proactive education as a risk management tool and will continue to be supported moving forward.

Safety Awareness and Risk Management Initiatives
Equestrian Victoria continued to expand awareness and education across several key safety areas, including:

- Responsible Service of Alcohol and its relevance to sporting environments, particularly around young people.
- Promotion of horse welfare initiatives, including the FEI's "Beat the Heat" campaign.
- Distribution of information relating to Equestrian Australia's Hot Weather Policy.
- Introduction and promotion of Equestrian Victoria's Thunder and Lightning Policy.
- Development and sharing of a Biosecurity Checklist to support clubs and event organisers in meeting compliance and risk management requirements.



Geelong Horse Trials Officials Training
Feb 2026

Education Report Cont...

Collaboration with Eventing Officials
Quarterly meetings with Victorian Eventing officials continue to provide an invaluable forum for collaboration, learning and continuous improvement.

These meetings bring together Australian Technical Delegates to share experiences, discuss interpretations of rules and exchange practical insights from competitions across the country. Safety remains a standing agenda item, with National Safety Officer Roger Kane regularly contributing updates and professional guidance.

The continued engagement of officials ensures a consistent approach to safety, governance and event delivery throughout Victoria.

Rider Welfare and Post-Incident Support
An initiative that has proven particularly valuable has been the direct follow-up conducted with riders following serious falls and concussion incidents.
These welfare-focused conversations provide an opportunity to:

- Check on rider wellbeing and recovery.
- Share concussion education and recovery resources.
- Provide insurance information and support where required.
- Gather feedback on event experiences.
- Identify opportunities for organisers to better support riders and families following incidents.
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The consistent feedback from these discussions is that the equestrian community does an exceptional job of supporting those involved in accidents or serious incidents. However, they have also highlighted the significant value of introducing a dedicated Rider Liaison role at events to provide additional support and communication for injured riders and their families during challenging situations.

Looking Ahead
As participation continues to grow and expectations around safety, welfare and safeguarding evolve, Equestrian Victoria remains committed to fostering a culture where safety is everyone's responsibility.

The progress achieved over the past year reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers, officials, coaches, medical professionals and members who continue to prioritise the welfare of both people and horses across our sport.

By continuing to invest in education, risk management, safeguarding and stakeholder engagement, we are building a stronger, safer and more resilient equestrian community for the future.

Michelle Debenham
Equestrian Victoria Health, Risk and Child Safety Officer

Programs

Young Ambassador

The Equestrian Victoria Young Ambassador Program continues to provide a valuable opportunity for young equestrians to develop leadership skills, build networks across disciplines and become strong ambassadors for the sport.

Our 2024 Young Ambassadors: Charlotte Richardson (Show Horse), Avril Chalmers (Eventing), Montanna Maud (Dressage), Maddie Mayne (Jumping) and Maddison Cooke (Para Dressage) concluded their ambassadorship in August 2025. These five young women represented their disciplines with professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication, working tirelessly throughout their ambassador year to promote equestrian sport and engage with their respective communities.

A particular highlight of their tenure was the planning and delivery of the Young Ambassador Selection Weekend. The ambassador team worked diligently to secure sponsorship and help coordinate an engaging and rewarding experience for the 34 applicants seeking selection as 2025 Young Ambassadors.

Held over two exciting days in July at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC), the selection weekend challenged participants both personally and professionally. Attendees participated in coaching sessions, educational workshops and personal development activities designed to test leadership capabilities, strengthen communication skills and foster connections with fellow young equestrians from across Victoria.

An excellent calibre of presenters gave their time to share their journey in equestrian sport and inspire the riders, with particular highlight Dr Andrew McLean's presentation, captivating everyone in the room and leaving the young participants with the message that the future of the sport is in their hands – they must be mindful of horse welfare and ensure they find ethical training methods to ensure sustainability of the sport for the future.

While the focus was on learning and development, there was also plenty of opportunity for participants to build friendships and enjoy themselves. A trivia evening proved to be one of the standout social activities of the weekend, with teams embracing the challenge and creating a fun and highly competitive atmosphere.



2024 Young Ambassador Team
L-R
Avril Chalmers (Eventing), Maddie Mayne (Jumping)
Maddison Cooke (Para Dressage),
Charlotte Richardson (Show Horse), Montanna Maud (Dressage)

Programs

Young Ambassador

The success of the training weekend would not have been possible without the commitment of our coaching and selection teams, whose expertise and generosity ensured participants gained valuable knowledge and feedback throughout the process.

Coaching Teams
Eventing: Nina Clarke
Jumping: Brooke Hickey
Dressage & Para Dressage: Justine Greer
Show Horse: Les Friend

Selector Teams
Eventing: Dave Permezel, Helen Ashhby, Nina Clarke
Jumping: Ian Chalmers, Jen Agnew, Brooke Hickey
Dressage & Para Dressage: Stuart Archibald, Deb MacNicol, Justine Greer
Show Horse: Catherine Neil, Samantha McMaster

Welcoming our 2025 Young Ambassador Team
At the Equestrian Victoria Annual Awards in August, we celebrated the outstanding achievements of the discipline finalists and announced the 2025 Young Ambassador Team.

The newly appointed ambassador team quickly embraced their role with enthusiasm, actively promoting their disciplines, engaging with the equestrian community and demonstrating the leadership qualities that underpin the Young Ambassador Program. Ambassadors organised course walks at events, BBQ's and Q & A sessions with high performance grooms and athletes, rider forums, demonstration rides, supported the State Interschool Championships, along with introducing horsemanship and integrity awards.



L-R 2025 Young Ambassador Team

Malikah Rudge - Jumping
Kiera McNally - Eventing
Molly Farran - Dressage
Darcy Macaulay - Para Dressage
Ella O'Doherty - Show Horse

Young Ambassador

Collectively, the team was busy planning for the new Day 1 YA Amazing Race unmounted experience for the Top 10 2026 Ambassadors and securing sponsorship. This additional day was aimed at challenging the aspiring Young Ambassadors and testing their leadership skills. Disciplines were mixed into teams and challenges were presented throughout the day – there was fun, laughter, creativity and a chance to learn a bit about the various disciplines of EV. Media training, horse nutrition, horse insurance, high-performance pathways, sports psychology, rider fitness session, plus a chance to dive into Simone Pearce's world of competition in Europe made for a jam packed but exciting day. We look forward to seeing these aspiring ambassadors return for the training weekend in July.

Thank you to valued sponsors of the program; Racing Victoria, Howden Insurance, Equestrian Australia High Performance, The NRG Team, Equinade, Australian Performance Horse Magazine, Cavaleira Equestrian, Thames, Kentucky Equine Research, Equitation Science International, Ranvet, JnK Collective, EQ Saddlery, Eloquence Equestrian, Dr Kirks.

Beyond event-based activities, the team acted as advocates for youth participation within the sport, promoting volunteering, officiating and leadership opportunities alongside competitive pathways.

The Young Ambassador Program continues to be an important area of investment for Equestrian Victoria and we look forward to enhancing the experiences offered and ensuring the visions of our young community are heard and become part of our strategy for the future.

Kathleen Kindler
Equestrian Victoria Sports Manager



Jumping State Titles
YA Jumping Initiative - Integrity Award
Recipient - Stuart Brennan
Presented by Malikah Rudge (R)



August 2025
Young Ambassador Program Training Weekend

Our Partners

Off The Track Program

Equestrian Victoria is proud to acknowledge and thank Racing Victoria's Off The Track (OTT) Program for its ongoing support of Victorian equestrian sport and the valuable contribution it makes to riders, event organisers and retired racehorses transitioning to successful second careers.

Throughout the year, Racing Victoria's funding supported a wide range of initiatives across all disciplines. This included involvement in our annual awards, providing clinic subsidies, travel subsidies, rider development clinics, retrainer membership discounts, and prizemoney and prizes at competitions throughout Victoria. This support helps create meaningful opportunities for riders at all levels while recognising and rewarding the achievements of Off The Track horses and their connections.

The impact of this partnership continues to grow, with more than 3,200 Off The Track horses participating in EV Affiliate competition during the year. Their strong representation across Equestrian Victoria events highlights both the versatility of the Thoroughbred and the enthusiasm of riders embracing OTT horses within our sport.

The support provided by Racing Victoria has also delivered significant benefits to event organisers, enabling them to offer attractive prizemoney, awards and incentives that encourage participation. As a result, an increasing number of events now feature dedicated Off The Track classes and prizes, creating further opportunities to showcase the success of retired racehorses in equestrian disciplines.

Equestrian Victoria greatly values its partnership with Racing Victoria and shares a commitment to promoting life after racing and celebrating the achievements of Off The Track horses. Together, we continue to create pathways for participation, competition and education while strengthening the visibility and success of OTT horses across Victoria's equestrian community.

We look forward to continuing this longstanding and valued partnership and supporting the ongoing growth of Off The Track participation within our disciplines and competition scene for many years to come.



Interschool Travel Subsidies assisted Team Vic Off The Track (OTT) riders attending the 2025 Australian Interschool Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC).

Image: Rodneys Photography

Our Partners

Victorian State Government

Through support from the Victorian Government's Together More Active Program, Equestrian Victoria continued to strengthen and build our capability in areas of safety, officiating, leadership, safeguarding, wellbeing and inclusion along with ensuring we meet evolving legislative and regulatory requirements within the sport.

The funding enabled us to support over 200 members across various areas of training.

Government funding also supported Equestrian Victoria in improving governance.

We look forward to supporting the education and skill improvement of our volunteers into the future.

Government funding was also supported major events including DJTWS and MI3DE.

"This funding allowed participants from both within Victoria and interstate to attend and acquire the necessary skills and qualifications to progress. Such seminars are limited nationally due to the significant time and cost required to deliver them, often for relatively small participant numbers. By supporting this training day, the funding addressed a key gap in official development and contributed to strengthening the sport's capacity and sustainability"

Eventing Victoria Committee

VICTORIA State Government

Program	Participants
First Aid & CPR Training	65
Concussion Webinar	52
Safeguarding Training	50+
Leadership Workshop	28
TD Officials Training	12

Equestrian Victoria Inc

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian Victoria Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Committee Members

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

Fiona Phillips (Chair)
Kate Wallis – Resigned 31 March 2026
Dave Permezel
Stuart Archibald
Fiona McIntyre
Lyn Lee
Cathy Oates
Christopher Mann
Stuart Abrahams
Jade Woodhead-Butler
Lynne Morriosn – Appointed 31 March 2026

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 2026 financial year amounted to $30,457. (2025: - Loss $39,545.)

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



Fiona Phillips

S.Archibald

Stuart Archibald

Dated this day of November 2026

Equestrian Victoria Inc

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
INCOME			
Administration Income	13	113,283	117,953
Operational Income		2,675,413	2,510,391
Horse Registrations		223,156	290,122
Interest Income		100,883	79,570
Membership Income		1,114,839	1,152,784
Other Income		42,417	57,091
		4,269,991	4,207,911
EXPENDITURE			
Administration		325,358	285,553
Fees & Charges		633,333	556,460
Operational		2,843,932	2,656,724
Wages & Salaries		573,962	658,201
Other expenses		12,949	11,428
		4,239,534	4,168,366
Current year (loss) / surplus before income tax		30,457	39,545
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
Net current year (loss) / surplus		30,457	39,545
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		1,310,268	1,270,723
RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		1,340,725	1,310,268

Equestrian Victoria Inc

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	2, 1(f)	1,501,890	1,683,401
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3, 1(g)	65,529	15,451
Deposits		700	400
Other Assets	4	69,682	18,244
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,637,801	1,717,496
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	5, 1(b)	12,888	20,734
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		72,888	20,734
TOTAL ASSETS		1,650,689	1,738,230
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	6, 1(j)	185,884	157,374
Deferred revenue	1(h), 12	74,589	242,618
Receipts in Advance		-	-
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	43,742	24,520
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		304,215	424,512
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	5,749	3,450
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,749	3,450
TOTAL LIABILITIES		309,964	427,962
NET ASSETS		1,340,725	1,310,268
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		1,340,725	1,310,268
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,340,725	1,310,268

Equestrian Victoria Inc

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from operations		3,933,581	4,452,943
Payment to suppliers		(4,256,228)	(4,410,876)
Other income		42,313	57,091
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	9	(280,334)	99,158
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		100,883	79,570
Payments for fixed assets		(2,060)	(9,377)
Net cash provided by investing activities		98,823	70,193
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(181,511)	169,351
Cash at beginning of financial year		1,683,401	1,514,050
Cash at end of financial year	2	**1,501,890**	**1,683,401**

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.

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.

Equestrian Victoria Inc
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

NOTE 2: CASH ON HAND

	2026	2025
	$	$
NAB Cheque	173,566	384,130
Term Deposits	1,320,434	1,274,895
Cash Management Account	1,251	1,251
Trybooking	6,639	23,125
Total cash on hand	1,501,890	1,683,401

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

Trade debtors	65,529	15,451
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
	65,529	15,451

NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS

Prepaid expenses	31,085	7,216
Accrued income	38,597	11,028
	69,682	18,244

NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

	2026 $	2025 $
Leasehold Improvements	163,244	163,244
Less accumulated depreciation	(163,244)	(163,244)
		-
Office Equipment	-	204,183
Less accumulated depreciation	206,243	(189,008)
	(194,843)	15,175
Plant & Equipment	11,400	67,301
Less accumulated depreciation	67,301	(61,742)
	(65,813)	5,559
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	1,488	20,734

NOTE 6: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade Creditors	88,050	83,454
GST Payable	28,032	5,725
Accrued Expenses	38,625	40,948
PAYG Tax	12,564	10,820
Sundry Creditors	18,613	16,427
	185,884	157,374

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

CURRENT		
Provision for Annual Leave	43,171	24,520
Provision for Long Service Leave	571	-
	43,742	24,520
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for Long Service Leave	5,749	3,450
	5,749	3,450

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NOTE 8: LEASING COMMITMENTS

	2026 $	2025 $
Operating Lease Commitments		
Being for rent of office equipment & premises		
Payable – minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	6,976	22,675
– between 12 months and five years	15,116	30,698
– later than five years	-	-
	22,092	53,373

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	1,501,890	1,683,401

(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with profit after income tax:

Profit / (Loss) after income tax	30,457	39,545
Non-operational cash flows		
Interest received	(100,883)	(79,570)
Profit on Sale of Assets		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	9,906	13,630
Write-off other fixed assets		
Provisions	21,532	14,753
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) in Accrued Income	(27,569)	17,887
(Increase) in Prepayments	(23,869)	47,551
(Increase) in Receivables	(50,389)	104,949
Increase / (Decrease) in Deferred Income	(168,029)	(37,936)
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	28,510	(21,651)
	(280,334)	99,158

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 2026 financial year.

NOTE 12: DEFERRED REVENUE

- Memberships	$ 1,455
- Training & Other Income	1,364
- ISV Registrations	50,524
- Jumping Squad Income	18,228
- Young Ambassador Registrations	3,018
	$ 74,589

NOTE 13: ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME

- Grants	$ 74,000
- Sale of Merchandise	16,256
- Dressage Test Levies	13,704
- Measuring Income	9,323
	$113,283

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

We, Fiona Phillips 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 2026.

Signed: 

Dated: 10/29/2026

Signed: S.Archibald

Dated: 10/30/2026

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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 2026, 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 2026 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.

Graham Morris

Auditor's signature: Graham Morris

Auditor's address: Level 8, 644 Chapel Street, South Yarra, VIC

Dated this 30 day of October 2026

Equestrian Victoria Inc

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Fiona Phillips of, Equestrian Victoria Inc certify that:

a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 2026; and

b. the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.

Dated this Twenty Ninth day of October 2026

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Fiona Phillips (Committee Member)