



## DRESSAGE VICTORIA: SUMMARY OF BUSINESS OF THE MEETING HELD

9 August 2017.

**1. In Attendance**

Julia Battams, Kristy-Lee Brilliant, Mel Cannon, Louise Curran, Annabelle Johnstone, Jan Smith, Veronica Steward, Deena Peters (Minutes)

**2. Events**

**DF Fundraiser** will be held 5 November 2017 with entries closing 20 October. The event will feature a unique opportunity to work with FEI Judge General Stephen Clarke both judging and providing commentary via headsets assisted by 5\* judge Susie Hoevenaars. Booking forms available <http://dressagefestival.com.au/stephen-clarke-df-fundraiser/>. Headsets will cost \$50 (\$25 for riders at the event) and this will cover commentary and a sausage sizzle kindly run by the Victorian Dressage Club.

**Victorian State Dressage Championships @ the Dressage Festival 7-10 December 2017** has received advice of support from the ICDF and Equestrian Australia. Dressage Performance Medals will be presented at a function on the Saturday night at which retiring judges will also be honoured. Volunteers can apply online at <http://dressagefestival.com.au/volunteer/> and the DF Facebook page has 2800 followers. There has been very positive discussions about a new surface and bulk shavings will be available for bedding.

**Australian Youth Dressage Championships 19-21 January 2018.** Planning is well under way for the event to be held at Boneo Park. A team of riders from New Zealand will be invited to attend following the success of the 2017 event.

**3. Subcommittee reports**

**Victorian Dressage Young Rider Squad & Development Program**

Committee positions are being finalised and dates have been set for the 2017-2018 year. Information will be available on the EV website by the end of August. A protocol day is planned for 19 August at Werribee and the first training weekend will be at Boneo Park 16-17 September.

**Victorian Senior Squad**

A Squad of thirteen with five reserves has been announced. The criteria for inclusion has been amended to consider results for the previous six months.

**Dressage Judges Education Panel (DJEP)**

Upcoming education opportunities include a workshop with Danish 5\* judge Leif Tornblad in conjunction with the Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squad training weekend at Boneo Park 17 September, and an official A & B level Seminar with FEI Judge General Stephen Clarke 4 November 2017 at Geelong Grammar Equestrian Campus.

**4. Clubs Report**

Mel Cannon chaired a teleconference with several clubs and reported a positive result with clubs discussing dates and clubs' plans for the future, the DV levy, volunteers, regional representation, the role of the DV Riders' Representative and a recent report from the Sports Commission re participation in sport.

**5. AOR**

Janet Mould has accepted the position of Chair of the group and welcomes enquiries.

**6. General Business**

**Victorian Dressage Riders' Representative**

The PD for this role is close to release and a meeting will be held at the DF in December to vote.

The Australian Dressage Committee (EADC) meets in September and will consider a number of amendments / updates / clarifications to the Rules to come into effect 1/1/18.

**8. Next Meeting: 13 September 2017**