

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Mr Carl Parkin*



2019 has been a year of change, but a year from which we can draw tremendous positivity for the future.

I took over as Chair of EV in January this year; I can't say it was in my plans at the time, but the opportunity arose and I was honoured to take up the role.

I would like to thank Mitch Fox the outgoing chair for his years of hard work and commitment to the EV board and welcome Peter Heagney to the EV board as the new representative for Show Horse.

With the recent additions of Peter, and Michelle Mclean as our finance committee lead, I feel we now have a balanced and forward-thinking board who will work together to deliver the EV strategic plan and positive results for our members.

***The goal of the EV board over last year was to build a solid financial base, celebrate and reward those who deliver outstanding achievements for EV and to look to the future and the growth and development of our sport.***

In 2018/19 financial year, Both EV and Werribee Park generated a surplus for the first time in a number of years.

This is down to the positive stewardship from Matthew Brown, our CEO, but also due to the hard work of the teams involved, the disciplines and event directors who have generated positive financial results from events run over the last year and it is important that those organisations see the benefit of their hard work.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I would like to recognise the support and commitment of the Werribee Park committee led by Suzie Batten and the tremendous work carried out to maintain and improve the facility.

But as we all know Werribee is nearly 40 years old and needs more than just hard work and maintenance to be returned to a facility that is in tune with modern day standards and requirements.

Through immense hard work and lobbying the joint WPNEC and EV team were able to secure \$500K development funding from Sport Australia for improvements to Werribee Park, and we have established a cross-discipline working group, determining how to spend the money effectively for the benefit of the members.

In regard to the individual disciplines we continue to reinvest in the growth of the sport and are actively developing pathways for younger riders to support them in achieving their goals.

Finally, I would like to say a thank you to you all, and on behalf of you all, to the most important people we have in our sport, and the people without whose time effort skill and tireless commitment we could not exist as a sport and that of course is our volunteers.

Thank you for all the work you do in your respective disciplines whether it's on committees, stewarding, making lunches, or organising amazing events, you are the life blood of our sport.

As we work through 2020, we will continue to keep the Victorian Equestrian Community up to date on our progress in regard to the Strategic Plan and if all goes well we will have more exciting news to reveal in the near future.

***Thank you for your help and support in 2019 and we look forward to an even brighter future in 2020.***



**MR CARL PARKIN**  
*Equestrian Victoria Chair*





## CEO REPORT TO THE AGM

*Mr Matthew Brown*

As I write my second annual report for Equestrian Victoria, I take the time to reflect on what has been an extremely rewarding year. I am proud of what we, as an organisation, have achieved to date, having laid a foundation for future success, noting that we still face significant challenges.

Almost one year ago I penned the statement *“Change appears to have been the central theme of 2017-2018...”* and over the last year Equestrian Victoria has continued to evolve in line with our 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

As CEO, part of my role is to ensure that our organisation has the necessary resources available, whether financial, human or facility, to achieve our organisational vision to *“Provide leadership and pathways to enable all participants to live their equestrian dream.”*

In contrast to the first six-months of 2018, where we remediated decisions past and developed the EV Strategic Plan, this first, full, financial year, has been firmly member focussed in three specific areas: firstly, in consolidating our finances, secondly in supporting our sport disciplines and extensive event program and finally in conducting member focussed research which provides an evidence base for investment in future member focussed programs. Each of these key areas are identifiable under the EV Strategic Plan.



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## SPORT DEVELOPMENT

With this last point “conducting member focussed research which provides an evidence base for investment in future member focussed programs” in mind, during 2018/19 EV conducted three distinct Sport Development, member focussed research projects. Firstly, an organisational ‘Membership Analysis’ the dual objectives of which were to:

1. Establish critical insights to enable significant membership and participation growth in equestrian sport in Victoria; and
2. Develop strategies and implementation plans to increase/improve:
  - a. Participant and member retention and
  - b. Workforce development

We believe that this was the first time EV has undertaken such a seminal piece of work relating to the broader EV membership. The subsequent report presents an analysis of the Equestrian Victoria membership database as well as EV’s financial transaction data for the years 2014 to 2019 and includes:

- A headline analysis of the 2019 EV membership;
- Membership profiling by age segment;
- Overall retention and attrition of members over a six-year period;
- Analysis of the geographic distribution of the 2019 membership; and
- Average annual spend per member.

Utilising the insights from our initial research and analysis the next step of this project will explore the key factors which may lead to the retention and attrition of members and will be heavily member focussed including online and in-person interviews.

Why is this important? As a member-based organisation, EV is reliant upon not only maintaining but also growing our membership, by continuing to provide, and improve upon, the services we offer to our members. Equestrian sport, as with all sports, is in an increasingly competitive space. EV needs to consider its members as customers and ensure that the ‘customer experience’ is a positive experience and one which is of value.

## SPORT DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

The second piece of research undertaken during the last financial year was a **‘Strategic Review of the Structure and Delivery of Interschool Equestrian Sport in Victoria’**.

Conducted in conjunction with the Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series (VEIS), the aim of this project was to identify strategic recommendations which will enhance the delivery of interschool equestrian sport over the coming years and provide a road-map for implementation.

Over the course of several months EV and VEIS worked collaboratively in conducting an Interschool specific supply and demand analysis, an online survey and several stakeholder forums, the outcomes of which were tested with various stakeholders along the way. The purpose of the supply and demand analysis was to:

1. Understand the geographic coverage of current interschool equestrian sport; and
2. Identify future opportunities based on evidence-based target regions with high growth potential.

This included target market sizing and analysis, along with geographical mapping and analysis of the provision of equestrian facilities to identify specific target locations for increased engagement. A range of data sources were drawn upon to complete this analysis including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Sport Australia AusPlay research, previous Equestrian research and the findings from the online survey.

I am pleased to advise that both the EV Board and VEIS have received the report and its findings, and we have begun implementing the recommendations, firstly with Equestrian Victoria’s affiliation with School Sport Victoria (SSV); and secondly with the ratification of a dedicated seat at the EV Board guaranteeing a voice to the youth of the sport. It is exciting to watch and be involved in an organisation with such a strong commitment to the future membership and we look forward to sharing further developments with you.







The third project we have undertaken has been specific to the discipline of Jumping. Entitled ***'A Strategic Review of the Structure and Delivery of Show Jumping in Victoria'*** the project objective was to:

1. Provide evidence and analysis to validate and support the strategic direction of the Jumping Victoria Committee over the next 3 to 4 years; and
2. Establish the systems and processes for managing and implementing the strategic direction.

As a discipline specific project, it has been extremely fulfilling to watch the Jumping Committee embrace this piece of work and establish a blueprint to support sports development in alignment with the overarching EV Strategic Plan.

I am sure members of the Jumping community will already have seen the outcomes of this research implemented with increased support through:

1. A focus on education with investment in upskilling and accreditation opportunities provided to EV's officials, including Judges, Stewards and Course Designers; and
2. Harnessing the Use of Technology with the provision of technological resources to support our club run competitions.

Collectively Jumping Victoria and EV look forward to reporting on progress in this space at the end of the 2019/20 financial year.

## EVENTS

One of the greatest strengths of the equestrian community is the camaraderie that is shown, enjoyed and built upon at the various events throughout the year. Events continue to be a strong focus for the organisation, including our commitment to building a schedule of events that support our membership. The fundamental benefits to our organisation and membership include:

1. Providing access to all manner and level of development and/or competitions to competitors, coaches and officials;
2. Providing an opportunity for EV to raise the profile of equestrian sports and promote participation opportunities in-conjunction with our affiliate members;
3. Providing an opportunity for EV to profit from events and to use those profits for reinvestment back into sport development initiatives; and
4. Providing an opportunity for EV to ensure the legacy of equestrian specific facilities are maintained for the broader equestrian community.

It was pleasing that at the recent Equestrian Victoria Awards night we were able to announce to the membership that the support provided by the Racing Victoria Off the Track Program has been increased and extended to include an additional 11 Jumping specific events in addition to a suite of other Equestrian Victoria events (including 19 Horse Trials), across all disciplines throughout the year. This is a tremendous development for our organisation and our members.



As highlighted previously we continue to look to align aspects of our event calendar and with the support of the Jumping Committee we have moved the Jumping Victoria State Titles towards the end of the "season" with the event now being scheduled in late March 2020 and bookended by the 2020 Dressage and Jumping with the Stars and the EV Interscholar State Championships. At the same time Equestrian Victoria will also continue to look for opportunities to host national events.





## FACILITY OVERSIGHT – DEVELOPMENT AT WERRIBEE PARK

Equestrian Victoria's commitment to advocacy for, and support of, Victorian equestrian facilities continued in 2018/19 and this remains a central pillar of the 2018-2022 EV Strategic Plan.

As an organisation we are acutely aware that the provision of appropriate equestrian facilities, in all guises, is critical to the future of our sport disciplines and this extends to EV's ongoing commitment to ensuring the survival and improvement of the Werribee Park Equestrian Centre.

Following EV's engagement of world-renowned equestrian architect Tim Court, it was extremely satisfying that during the 2018/19 financial year EV completed a fit for purpose overarching Masterplan for Werribee Park Equestrian Centre - a project which had been initially funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria. With the completion of the Masterplan we now have a visionary roadmap for development at Werribee which seeks to future-proof the venue for generations to come and we look forward to sharing the masterplan with the membership in the very near future.

Of course, planning is arguably the easy part. Investment, will be our next and greatest challenge and to that end the membership enthusiastically received the news in early 2019 that EV had been successful in its application to Sport Australia for a \$500,000 Community Sport Infrastructure (CSI) grant for the upgrade of the jumping arenas. At time of writing the dedicated Development Committee is working towards finalising arrangements for this upgrade while we also continue to work behind the scenes to realise the next phase of this important project.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

Equestrian Victoria's FY19 Financial Statements report a surplus of **\$251,580**; an extremely positive result in contrast to the FY18's deficit of \$21,183.

There have been a number of contributing factors driving this variance, including a significant reduction in EV's operational expenditure and an increase in membership related income.

I would like to make a special note of the vigilance of EV's event directors in delivering not only excellent equestrian competition experiences but also financially viable events, the profits of which are, from 1 July 2019, now subject to an EV Board endorsed policy of reinvestment back into the disciplines from where those profits are generated.

As we look to the future and to our investment in Sport Development (see EV Strategic Plan 2018-2022 - Pillar 2) EV has implemented financial targets for its financially supported events of 10% of turnover and overall EV surpluses of 5% of turnover. Below is a summary of our financial results.

## FY19 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & RESULT

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 (FY19) are included within the annual report. In summary income was up slightly on FY18 (\$48k) and expenses were down considerably approximately (\$225k) see Table 1 (below). The year-end position for FY19 resulted in a \$252k surplus or 6.4 % of turnover, against the previous year's \$21k deficit.

<b>INCOME STATEMENT \$000'S</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Income	3,927	3,879	48
Expense	3,675	3,900	225
Surplus/Deficit	252	-21	273

Table 1: Equestrian Victoria Income and Expense Summary and Variance FY19 vs FY18; Note: figures are rounded to nearest \$000.

Table 2 (below) summarises EV's change in financial position year-on-year:

<b>FINANCIAL POSITION \$000'S</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Assets	1,508	738	770
Liabilities	1,040	522	-518
Net Assets	468	216	252

Table 2: Equestrian Victoria Financial Position FY19 vs FY18; Note: figures are rounded to nearest \$000.

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## FY19 INCOME OVERVIEW

FY19 saw only a marginal increase in income (see Table 3 - below), equating to a 1% increase on FY18. For the purpose of transparency, we have identified significant contributing factors affecting this increased income result as follows:

- Operational income decreased by 4.5% (\$112k) which was due to a combination of budget line items associated with various events including sponsorship, trade stand and high-performance funding income as well as development and high-performance squads realising less revenue than the prior year:
- Horse Registrations and Licenses were up by approximately \$20k or 8% and EV's membership income was also up by \$140k (15%) boosted by a 4.8% increase in EV members. It is significant to note that as EV's primary revenue stream the organisation is mindful of ensuring our membership is appropriately priced and of value, hence our focus on a detailed Membership Analysis referenced earlier in this annual report.
- Administration Income decreased by approximately 11% (\$23k) as we came to the end of the Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV) – Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation (SVSR) funding period. EV had received (on average) \$35k a year from the SVSR government grant program as well as project specific grants associated with the Werribee Park Masterplan Project and State-Wide Facility Audit, most of which was received (and reflected) in prior periods. At time of writing EV has secured SRV Together More Active (TMA) Foundation Funding of \$20k per annum for the next four (4) years (through to 30 June 2023) and is currently awaiting the outcome of EV's project funding applications through to 30 June 2021.
- Other income and interest income increased by a combined \$23k, including commissions generated from the merchandise licensing as well as increased bar takings from various events and increased interest income generated from smarter cash management.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Operational	2,376	2,488	-112
Membership/Horse	1,327	1,166	161
Administration	178	201	-23
Other/Interest	46	23	23
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>49</b>

Table 3: Income Summary FY19 vs FY18; Note: figures are rounded to nearest \$000.

## FY19 EXPENSE OVERVIEW

As mentioned earlier, financial management has been a key administrative focus during the last 18 months and will continue to be so into the future. Table 4 (below) provides a visual representation of the reduction in expenses prior to FY18 and for the purpose of transparency, we have identified the contributing factors which resulted in significant savings in organisational expenses during FY19, as follows:

- Operational expenses decreased by 12% (\$300k) during FY19. Key contributing line items include savings across a number of events, most notably EV's hosting of the 2017 Australian Show Jumping Championships which reported a significant loss in FY18. As a result, there were significant year on year savings including: accommodation as we look to use Air BnB in lieu of hotels for EV events, advertising and promotion, cleaning & rubbish removal, coaching expenses which align to reduction in squad related income, equipment hire, FEI fees, international travel and judges fees, prize money, security, uniforms
- Fees and charges collectively increased by \$54k, due to commissions charged on increased memberships income as well as commissions on event entries processed through Nominate EA's database provider.
- Employment related expenses remained relatively static versus prior year, up \$8k or 1.6%.
- Administration expenses increased by 3% (\$14k) due to increases in accounting, bookkeeping, rent, and consulting and legal fees. However, these increases were offset by reductions in other areas including computer and software expenses, photocopying, postage, office supplies and repairs and maintenance.

<b>EXPENSE \$000's</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Operational	2,288	2,588	300
Fees/Charges	486	432	-54
Employment	443	435	-8
Administration	459	445	-14
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>224</b>

Table 4: Expense Summary FY19 vs FY18; Note: figures are rounded to nearest \$000.

## FY19 BALANCE SHEET OVERVIEW

- Cash on hand for the year ended 30 June 2019 increased by approximately \$738k to \$1.398m during the reporting period. This was made up of \$400k in federal grant funding, cash from operations and memberships of \$368k, less \$30k of capital expenditure.
- Trade debtors continue to be managed closely and with the purchase of additional computer assets Other Fixed Assets have increased marginally to \$48k from \$33k at the end of FY18.
- Total Current Liabilities increased by approximately \$514k and relates to increased prepaid membership income as the 2019-2020 season's membership renewals opened much earlier (mid-June 2019) than the previous year.
- Other liabilities increased by approximately \$517k due increased prepaid membership income as the 2019/20 seasons membership renewals much earlier (mid-June 2018) than the previous year.

Ultimately Net Assets increased by approximately \$252k, which reflects the FY19 Profit and Loss Statement surplus position and have more than doubled from the prior year at \$468k. Table 5 (below) summarises significant balance sheet movements within Equestrian Victoria for FY19 vs FY18.

<b>BALANCE SHEET \$000's</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Cash	1,398	660	738
Debtors	30	17	13
Other Assets	80	62	18
Trade Creditors	301	299	-2
Other Liabilities	739	222	-517
Net Assets	468	217	251

Table 5: Balance Sheet FY19 vs FY18; Note: figures are rounded to nearest \$000.

## FINANCIAL OBSERVATIONS

In some respects, FY19 was a standout year, certainly in contrast to FY18. The reported surplus of \$252k while pleasing is in the main, directly attributable to an organisation wide commitment to strong financial management which creates an opportunity for reinvestment back into our sports and our members. As with FY19 and consistent with the EV Strategic Plan 2018-2022, the membership will continue to be comforted by a continued emphasis on financial accountability across all aspects of the business.

Approximately 58% of EV's annual turnover is directly related to events in some guise, whether that event is the Melbourne International 3-Day Event or Jumping Victoria's Squadettes program, events are an incredibly important part of EV's value proposition (both financially and as community builders) and they continue to be so under our strategic plan.

As such the efficient financial management of all of EV's events is a priority and both the EV Board and management have made considerable commitment to ensuring our events are sustainable into the future with the introduction of a surplus target associated with each event. At the same time disciplines are incentivised to support this approach following the support of EV's policy for the distribution of event surpluses through itemised "Retained Earnings" identifiable on the EV balance Sheet.

## CLOSING

In closing I would like to take the opportunity to thank those that have gone before us and those that continue to serve our organisation. I would like to thank all of our sponsors and government partners but most of all I would like to thank you, our membership. Great things are planned for Equestrian Victoria for the next 3 years, it will be a challenge, but I encourage you to join us on the journey and help more Victorians to live their equestrian dream.



CEO | EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA  
MATTHEW BROWN















## DRESSAGE VICTORIA REPORT

*Chair: Julia Battams*

### 2018/19 DRESSAGE FACTS AND FIGURES AS AT 29/8/19

- EV issued Competition Licences:
  - Dressage 1327 (this includes 181 Pony Competition Licences)
  - Jumping 829 Competition Licences
  - Eventing 719 (not including those competing up to 80cm who do not need Competition Licences)
  - A total of 11148 dressage tests ridden last financial year including interschools
- AOR Annual Leaderboard – this is now operated by a volunteer from the DV Committee and is updated after every competition
- Senior, Development, Youth, AOR Squads all running under sub-committees and each have published Selection Criteria, planned clinic activities and uniforms. Lone Joergensen retained the State Coach position for the HP Squad and other squads utilise a variety of coaches and activities to ensure variety.
- Major events DJWTS, DF, Youth Championships all operated successfully.
- DV Committee structure of portfolios works effectively and we hope to make an addition of a Pony representative position.
- DV was represented at the EADC SDA meeting in Sydney

### DJEP REPORT

Throughout the year 2019, DJEP has continued to support its 90+ listed Victorian Dressage judges who are busy officiating every weekend between various CDIs, Championships, regional and central club events, AOR, HRCV, PC, Interschools and Eventing competitions. Many Victorian judges are invited on a regular basis to judge interstate.

To date, the education calendar has provided seminar and workshop opportunities for all levels of officials consisting of 5 seminars from "G" to "C" including Young Horse, with a further 2 seminars scheduled before year-end for both Para judges and an "A&B" seminar.

A steady stream of upgrading candidates has been provided with mentoring, theory revision and exam process. There is a need for more judges to fill the "F" to "D" levels. Hopefully some of the newly appointed "G" level judges will feel encouraged to develop further.

The NZ Exchange Program continues to flourish with the YR Championship'19 and Boneo Classic'19 hosting two NZ guest judges in exchange for 2 selected judges from our region officiating at the Championships being held in Taupo in late October.

The DJEP has worked cohesively within budgetary constraints, but has had an increase of administrative workload with the changes to the staff and structure that occurred within the EV office during the year.

**“ A total of 11148 dressage tests ridden last financial year including interschools ”**



## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The dressage Victoria social media page posts regularly on the following topics (depending on upcoming events)

- Rule clarifications
- Upcoming Pony Measuring Days
- Major events - DWTS, DF, Youth Champs, CDI's
- Victorian Rider results from interstate competition
- Equestrian Australia Dressage related press releases
- Results and activities from overseas based international dressage riders & horses
- Press Releases from Equestrian Victoria
- DJEP upcoming events including judges seminars and protocol days
- Call for volunteers for any EA Dressage Event in Vic
- Call for entries in any official EA Dressage Event
- Summary of Business for DV Meetings

We have managed to increase traffic to social media pages and encouraged more positive involvement on related discussion forums. In addition we addressed any breach of the EA social media policy and intervened when necessary by private message. Valid points from our social media pages were tabled at the following DV meeting. Overall the activity on the Dressage Victoria Facebook pages have more successfully engaged the dressage community.

## CLUBS REPORT

The first goal of our Clubs portfolio manager was to make contact with all of the affiliates within Victoria and establish a regular point of contact to communicate ideas for events, rule changes and for them to have a sounding board at DV meetings. In addition all summary of business reports are sent to clubs first before being put on social media.

After establishing some contact with the clubs, the main consensus between the clubs is that the commercial affiliates are taking entries away from the smaller events. These issues were tabled at meetings and with the assistance of the riders rep we arrived at the root of the problem - it seems that riders are concerned about surface/facilities and the costs of entering an event.

In addition to this we realised that the calendar is flooded with events meaning that riders are spoilt for choice and will often go to venues such as Boneo due to the surface and convenience.

Calendar and vital administrative information was communicated to all clubs during the calendar preparation period. With the help of Jan Smith & Corinne McInerney we created a 12 month calendar in advance and will do so again early next year. In the past this has been an involved process and in future we will implement more initiatives to streamline it further.

## DRESSAGE VICTORIA REPORT CONTINUED

### CLUBS REPORT CONT

In May a clubs meeting was convened to discuss clubs concerns and brainstorm ideas. From the meeting we decided to establish a working group regarding regional championships and classifications of events to possibly find some ground rules in relation to qualifying for major events in order to increase entries to ALL clubs. This discussion and planning is ongoing and clubs are still to be engaged in the development of this process. A Regional Championships working party has been established to develop this idea for the 2020/21 season.

### PARTICIPATION REPORT

This year the Participation portfolio has been largely about setting up future opportunities for increased participation in Dressage in Victoria.

The Strategic Plan has been developed, with a strong focus on increased opportunities for regional areas in terms of development pathways and involvement.

The Strategic Plan is now complete and is published on the Equestrian Victoria website in the Dressage sports section.

A productive Clubs meeting in May introduced, for discussion, a number of new concepts designed to increase general participation in Dressage around Victoria and to encourage an increase in club membership. These concepts were very positively received and DV continues to work closely with the Clubs to support their efforts to build membership and participation levels.

The AOR group continues to develop in strength and numbers with a dedicated and energetic committee actively driving AOR events. This is an important area in terms of participation and provides opportunities and recognition for riders across all levels.

### DV STRATEGIC PLAN

The Dressage Victoria Strategic Plan working group, led by Louise Curran, tabled their final document at the DV committee meeting in August of this year. The plan, which was wholly ratified, will help DV with fundamental decisions, focus energy and resources and shape and guide the future of Dressage in Victoria. The Plan is available on the Dressage Victoria website. here: [vic.equestrian.org.au/DV-Strategy-Plan](http://vic.equestrian.org.au/DV-Strategy-Plan).

Now that the Strategic Plan is complete, it provides the blueprint for developing participation in Dressage throughout Victoria and the next 12 months we will concentrate on realising our strategic goals.





**FIONA SELBY | 2019 DRESSAGE RIDER OF THE YEAR**

**DRESSAGE VICTORIA COMMITTEE**

**JULIA BATTAMS - CHAIR, JAN SMITH, VERONICA STEWARD,  
KRISTY-LEE BRILLIANT, LIZZY SCHIRMER, JANE VENTURA,  
LOUISE CURRAN, AENGUS WRIGHT, JUSTINE GREER,  
LONE JOERGENSEN**



## EVENTING VICTORIA REPORT

*Chair: Janet Houghton*

**“ We are pleased to report that the number of riders participating continues to grow in our Sport. ”**

The challenge for the Eventing Committee is to look at how we can best facilitate the many riders entering. Many of our venues are limited by space both for camping and for competition arenas. Frustration often arises when entries open and classes fill quickly. We are pleased that some new events/venues are looking to run in 2020. In the North East there is Oxley and Mansfield, while in the Central area a December competition is being planned at Woody Yaloak. Where there are competitions that are geographically a long way apart, it is feasible for these to be run on the same weekend.

### INTERSCHOOL

We have updated the Interschool National qualification process. Instead of six targeted events riders can now use results from any Official EA Horse Trials result held between October and June towards the selection process.

### SAFETY

Our commitment to continue improving safety in our Sport remains our highest priority. Your Eventing Levy has enabled us to supply safety devices to all Organising Committees free of charge. We have run seminars for Officials and Organising Committees and supported Officials in their attendance of interstate and overseas seminars. We have distributed funding to all Organising Committees for a wide variety of safety initiatives.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed in Sport. These roles range from a couple of hours jump judging at an event through to the thousands of hours spent by our Eventing Committees. For those that do this willingly we thank you. The Victorian Eventing Committee is made up of volunteers who run events throughout Victoria. Our contacts are available here <https://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/eventing/eventingcom> If you have any questions or concerns around Eventing please feel free to contact us before you post a negative response on Social Media.

### SQUADS

Our Squad program aims to support riders moving through the levels. We are re focusing our efforts particularly around cross country. We are seeing an increase of entries in the Upper Level Classes which indicates that they are achieving qualifying results to get there. Our support of High Performance National and State Riders allows them to attend Squads where their lesson costs are subsidised.

### SPONSORS

Prydes EasiFeed and Equissage have been sponsoring our Senior and Young Riders for ten years. It is this Sponsorship and a contribution from Equestrian Australia High Performance that enables our program to continue.

### OCEANIA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Amanda Ross and Madeline Wilson who travelled to Taupo NZ in May as part of the victorious Oceania Team Championships.





**ANDREW COOPER | 2019 EVENTING RIDER OF THE YEAR**

**EVENTING VICTORIA COMMITTEE**

**JANET HOUGHTON - CHAIR, VIV STEPHENS - VICE-CHAIR,  
KATE WALLIS, NINA CLARKE, JUDY CROAGH, DAVID PERMEZEL,  
JUDY SLATER, LYN & BARRY ROYCROFT, MICHAEL MCCARREY,  
ANTHONY BYWATER, JACQUIE SAYERS,  
LYNNE BROWN - COORDINATOR, KAREN AMORE - ADMINISTRATION**



## JUMPING VICTORIA REPORT

**Chair: Clint Rose**

**“This year Jumping Victoria has set about developing a strategic direction in line with the EV Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.”**

It has been designed to support the ongoing discussions around managing competition resources and improving individual experiences. Working with Sports Business Partners (SBP) a strategic review of the current issues in the sport was conducted with research identifying three key areas for improvement; support for clubs and riders in competitions, upskilling and increasing official numbers, harnessing the use of technology.

New procedures have been introduced to Jumping Clubs in Victoria that now see our clubs having to provide entry check data prior to the commencement of their shows. This has been well received by all clubs and enables Jumping Victoria to ensure our riders are complying with the EA National Jumping Rules. The Jumping Victoria Committee has established a tier system for club events from Tier 4 (Agricultural Shows) to Tier 1 (AJC and World Cups) and has moved to a digital platform for clubs to secure event dates on the Jumping Victoria Calendar. This has allowed clubs to determine dates that best suit their club without clashing with another event that could possibly reduce entry numbers and participation.

### JUMPING SQUADS

Jumping Victoria Squads was once again run by Nina Lewis with the major sponsor this year being Strathmerton Drilling Pty Ltd. Black Horse Clothing also provided sponsorship of the State Squads uniform. Four squads were organised, with one being held remotely at Tatura Park after feedback in 2018. Each squad was well attended at all levels with Nina setting the schedule to include educational sessions from the equestrian industry, inspirational/motivational seminars by Olympic athletes and working with sports psychologist Christopher Shen into the 'Off Horse' programs. 20 Squadettes joined the squad this year with 110 Junior/Young Riders in the State and development Squads.

### OFFICIALS

Jumping Officials re-accreditation was due March 2019 which saw a decrease in the amount of officials re-accrediting for the 2019 – 2022 period. 80% of the re-accredited officials positively responded to a survey looking to upskill their current levels. Jumping Victoria in response to the survey is planning to host a Level 3 Course Designer clinic later in the year and currently organising a Level 3 Judges Clinic. Early in the year JV ran a Level 1-2 Course Designer and Judges Clinic in conjunction with a Jumping Squad which received high numbers.

### VICTORIAN TITLES

The Jumping Victoria Titles were run in September 2018, with a small handful of Volunteers running a high-quality jumping competition at Boneo Park. The event ran at a profit but due to the weather and scheduling of the Jumping Victoria Calendar, the State Titles have been moved towards the end of the season with plans to host the titles in March 2020.

With the move of the titles to 2020, the ISJ/Boneo Spring Championships and Northern Victoria Showjumping Club Spring Show will be hosting the 2019 Victoria State Titles.

### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Jumping Victoria has introduced a number of policies and procedures regarding the annual Horse and Rider of the Year Awards, Victorian Teams Selections and State Titles competition criteria to be more transparent and accountable to the membership.

With the jumping competition season underway we look forward to a great year of success for our Victorian Competitors with more competition series and events being introduced in the new season. Jumping Victoria has a number of new exciting initiatives to roll out over the next 12 months hoping to strengthen jumping in Victoria.





**BROOK DOBBIN | 2019 JUMPING RIDER OF THE YEAR**

**JUMPING VICTORIA COMMITTEE**

**CLINT ROSE - CHAIR, TOM LUPTON - VICE CHAIR,  
KEVIN TARANTO, JOHN PEARCE, BRONWYN SHORTT,  
ANNIE WHITE, GARRY BAXTER, SCOTT MCNAUGHT,  
NINA LEWIS - SQUADS COORDINATOR,  
EMILY VAN SONSBEEK - COORDINATOR**



## SHOW HORSE VICTORIA REPORT

*Chair: Peter Heagney*

**“This year saw Show Horse Victoria celebrate an amazing partnership with Barastoc.”**

A continued sponsorship of 50 years was celebrated with a high tea with show horse dignitaries and past winners enjoying a ring side view of the main arena.

This year the organising committee also introduced the twilight class which had a large amount of entries and an even larger crowd gathered to enjoy. With over 1000 entries the show ran for 3 full days show casing the finest in the state.

### SUMMER SHOW

Our Summer Show also enjoyed an increase in entries. This show is purely to showcase the breeds and societies that are in Victoria. Each society hires the ring and conducts their own programme. Together with EV rings the general purpose lawn arena is a sea of colour and equine breed history.

### THE NATIONALS

The Ego Senses Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships are the pinnacle of the show horse world. This event transforms the Werribee indoor 1 into a themed wonderland. As the top horses in the country ride of for extreme bragging rights. These horses do a free work out to music that has been chosen by them. Many months of blood, sweat and tears go into the 2-minute workout.

### YOUNG RIDER

Show Horse Victoria is a keen supporter of the Young Rider of the Year Award. Our discipline is over supplied and the selectors have a tough job to get to the top 10 riders for the weekend. During the weekend the instructor and the selectors had their work cut out for them picking the top 3 for interviews and then to come out with just the one winner.

### EVENTS AND CLINICS

Over the winter months the small but mighty Show Horse Victoria committee doesn't rest. They run 3 clinics over June, July and August. These are offered to the members at a minimal charge and are over supplied on each occasion. The committee also organise a judges seminar so that we are able to keep our judges educated and up to date. Show Horse Victoria has also facilitated 9 measuring days over the past 12 months.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal supporters. We work hard to ensure that Show Horse Victoria remains competitive and supported by the dedicated and enthusiastic committee.





*Angie Rickard  
Photography*

**GREG MICKAN | 2019 SHOW HORSE RIDER OF THE YEAR**

**SHOW HORSE VICTORIA COMMITTEE**

**PETER HEAGNEY - CHAIR, HELEN HEAGNEY, PETA PLOZZA, PRUE DODWELL,  
LORRI MANSELL, GREG GERRY, NOELENE NEIL, FIONA MCVINTYRE, NICOLE REIMER,  
JODIE VAN BREUGEL, DEENA PETERS - COORDINATOR**





## INTERSCHOOL VICTORIA REPORT

### AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Equestrian Victoria Hosted the 2018 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool championships at Werribee from the 1st to 5th October 2018. The event brought a record breaking 382 riders from all around Australia to compete for Australian Championship titles. Victoria provided pool horses for Western Australia riders where horses were not travelled. Big teams arrived from all the other states and a fantastic week of competition, social gatherings, personal best achievements and lots of fun was had.

The overall champion State Team was won by Victoria.

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERSCHOOL TEAM

The Victorian Interschool State Championships were conducted in April 2019 with 443 riders, 572 horses representing 171 schools across the disciplines of dressage, show horse, jumping, combined training and games which was a slight increase on 2018 participation. This event and the Victorian Equestrian Interschool School (VEIS) series were the qualification pathways for 85 riders to earn a place on the Victorian Interschool Team.

The qualification process for the eventing discipline was the result of an accumulation of results across a number of the EV Horse Trial events that ran Interschool classes, 16 riders qualified via this process.

The Victorian Interschool team comprises of 101 riders that will be competing at the Australian Championships to be held in Sydney from 28th September to 2nd October 2019. A team training day was conducted in August that comprised of both coaching, development and knowledge based sessions

### SPONSORS

We would like to thank Horseware Australia as a continuing sponsor of the State Championships and the supplier of team rugs, other major ongoing sponsors this year include: Pryde's Easifeed, Ashford Park, OTT Thoroughbreds, Stegbar, Kubota and Wini Equine.

To the sponsors that provided items for raffles to support Vic Team riders we thank Peter Horobin, Greystone Arena Rakes and this year's prize Garry Rogers Motorsport.

### COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Without the support of a band of volunteers and those parents and friends that jump in and help when the call goes out, we thank you very much, running two major events in a year is challenging.

For those that would like to be involved we welcome you any time.

Special thanks to Donna and Steve Bright, Deb MacNicol, Amy Rush, Nerada Brand, Jenny Bachmann, Susan Bufton, Karen Amore, Deena Peters, Karen Lawrence, Jo-Anne Hewitt, Julie Bennett, Matt Wade, Anne-Maree Thompson, Janet Houghton, Suzie Batten and Mia Craig.



## VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL TEAM

### INTERSCHOOL VICTORIA COMMITTEE

LISA HOCKING - CHAIR, AMY RUSH, JENNY BACHMANN,  
JO-ANNE HEWITT, KAREN LAWRENCE, KAREN WADE,  
LEANNE MCLEAN, MIA CRAIG, NEREDA BRAND, STEVE BRIGHT,  
SUSAN BUFTON, KAREN AMORE - COORDINATOR



## DRIVING VICTORIA REPORT

***Chair: Fiona Wilson***

### ***Our first committee forms ...***

The formation of the first EV Driving committee was ratified this year. The Driving Committee consists of

- Chair - Fiona Wilson
- Secretary - Kathy Reynolds.
- Committee - Lorraine Cairns, Peter Harkness, Phil Marshall, Jodie McKeown, Ben Kindblad

The committee is working on the strategic plan, which includes identifying the requirements of getting people on the ground such as stewards, technical delegates, course designers, officials, judges etc. The committee is awaiting the syllabuses being developed on which education, training and accreditation will be based.

Ideas for budgets have been forwarded, but with everything anew, clarity on requirements for the future will come with time and experience.

There is also focus upon the training and education of prospective competitors within the sport, and with this comes identification of coaches and what is available to us here in Victoria, Australia and overseas.

The goal is to run at least one competitive event within Victoria, perhaps in 2020, but most likely a full I\* event in 2021. There is significant groundwork to be done to reach this goal.

### **EV AWARDS**

At the recent EV Awards, the first EV Driving Award was part of the evening.

Our inaugural winner was a teenager from country South Western Victoria, Ruby Lawrence. Ruby comes from a family rich in experience within the carriage driving community, herself part of three generations competing.

We wish to congratulate Ruby on such a fantastic award, and look forward to her growth and development within the sport.

### **A GROWING SPORT**

Carriage Driving is a growing sport, especially in Europe, UK and America where this FEI sport attracts major sponsorship, media, crowds and recognition. Australia's own Boyd Exell is at the top of the sport and many times World Champion.

There are other carriage drivers who travel and compete overseas to gain experience and learn from the best. For some years, Victorians have been among those regularly making the long journey for the chance to compete at this level. This includes (but not limited to) wonderful athletes such as Lorraine Cairns and Michelle Jones. It will be wonderful to see more events of this level here in Victoria to showcase the athleticism of the horse and skill of the drivers.

It is an exciting time ahead for carriage driving in Victoria, and hopefully Australia as we build EA Driving across the states and develop athletes for the future.





**RUBY LAWRENCE | 2019 DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

**DRIVING VICTORIA COMMITTEE**

**FIONA WILSON - CHAIR, KATHY REYNOLDS, JODIE MCKEONE,  
BEN KINBLAD, LORRAINE CAIRNS, PETER HARKNESS,  
PHIL MARSHALL**



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## EV COACHING COMMITTEE

*Chair: Sue Leslie*

**“ The past 12 months has been both active and productive in coaching. ”**

After the National Coaching Committee (NCC) was discontinued by Equestrian Australia 3 years ago the coaching scheme had lost both confidence and momentum.

In November 2018, 2 delegates from each state coaching committee were invited by Equestrian Australia to attend a forum in Sydney to discuss the current state of coaching, and to explore opportunities for improvement to the existing National Coaching Scheme. The attending delegates from Victoria were Sue Leslie (Chair) and Tim Calkin.

The forum recommended the restatement of a new NCC and in March 2019 the attendees met at Werribee in Victoria and accepted the invitation to sit on an interim NCC until the current committee was confirmed and voted on by the states in July this year.

Tim Calkin ably represents Victoria on the NCC with Sue Leslie filling the role as second delegate and attends the meetings but does not have a vote.

The interim NCC, aware that there had been no representative for coaching at EA since the resignation of Alison Gestier 12 months earlier, met with urgency to try and regain confidence in the coaching scheme.

An insurance working party was immediately set up. A budget for the committee was set. Questions from coaches about their registration fees and payments were asked and answered. Coaches updates and CE/ SSTA courses were run in each state for the first time in many years.

In recognising a shortage of courses, Victoria ran a self-funded coaching course (the only one in the country) in September 2018 that included candidates from Interstate, Malaysia and Singapore.

The NCC also requested that a new Pathways Manager be employed and for the first time in years a representative from the committee sat on the selection panel for the appointment of Kellie Hayes.

Despite a lack of resources at Equestrian Australian, the Victorian committee with able to run several coaching programs thanks to the assistance of the Equestrian Victoria office. These included 2 CE/ SSTA workshops, 3 x 2 Day workshops and several training days, and in June and July 2019, 4 update coaching courses were run with over 120 coaches attending.

In December 2019 Tim Calkin will fly to Holland to attend the IGEQ (International Group for Equestrian Qualifications) conference to help map our courses internationally and to reinstate Australia with the group.

I wish to thank all members of the Victorian Coaching Committee for their support over the past year. It has not been an easy time but their commitment and constant support has maintained Victoria as a bench mark for the other states in reinstating their own committees.

Onwards and upwards!

### EV COACHING COMMITTEE

**SUSAN LESLIE - CHAIR, SUSAN CHANDLER, TIM CALKIN, CHRISTOPHER MANN,  
JAN SMITH, TONYA HOLDSWORTH-ROSE, OLIVER EVANS, BIANCA VENEZIANO,  
JUDY PEEL, JULIA BATTAMS, GILLIAN CANAPINI**







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## EV AWARDS 2019



This year's Equestrian Victoria Awards presentation evening surpassed all previous years with a record 360 guests from all disciplines celebrating in style and enjoying the opportunity to connect with new and old friends.

Held on the 17th Floor of the RACV Club, the evening was again supported by Racing Victoria's Off The Track program as major event partner.

Fourteen categories were presented including the inaugural Driver of the year and 'Off The Track Retainer of the Year' categories.

William McLellan 'Mac' Greaves (dec) was inducted into the Hall of Fame with a moving tribute portraying his outstanding and varied contribution to the sport during his lifetime.

The 2020 Awards will see further refinements the nomination and judging processes and a gala evening presentation to be held at the prestigious Sofitel On Collins on Saturday 1 August.

## AWARDS SPONSORS

### MAJOR EVENT PARTNER

- Racing Victoria's



### CATEGORY PARTNERS

- Barastoc
- Martin Collins
- Black Horse Clothing
- Catherine Shelley of Melton Equestrian Academy
- Hamag
- Animi
- Discovery Floats
- The Dancing Horse
- Mal Byrne Saddlery
- High Plains Rugs



### SUPPORTING PARTNERS

- Melbourne Racing Club
- Platinum Pony
- Art of Equestrian
- Peter Horobin Saddlery





**EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

William McLellan (Mac) Greaves

**RACING VICTORIA OFF THE TRACK HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Show Horse – Rolex II  
Jumping – Hot and Spicy  
Eventing – Punching in a Dream  
Dressage – Formal Alliance (dec)

**SADDLEWORLD YOUNG RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Show Horse – Ava Halloran  
Dressage – Amy Bachman  
Jumping – Emily Stirling  
Eventing – Ella Smith

**BLACK HORSE CLOTHING COACH OF THE YEAR**

Russell Johnstone

**CLUB OF THE YEAR**

Yarra Valley Dressage Club

**BARASTOC HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Show Horse – Rolex II  
Jumping – Equador MVNZ  
Eventing – Matavia Cheva  
Dressage – Tacita

**MAL BYRNE SADDLERY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

Mitch Fox

**RIDE WITH ELEGANCE GROOM OF THE YEAR**

Juliette Darby

**EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

The Maud Family

**ANIMI EVENT OF THE YEAR**

Barastoc HOTY

**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

Tom Lupton

**CATHERINE SHELLEY MELTON EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY  
PARA-EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE OF  
THE YEAR**

Emma Booth

**MARTIN COLLINS AUSTRALIA RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Show Horse – Greg Mickan  
Jumping – Brook Dobbin  
Eventing – Andrew Cooper  
Dressage – Fiona Selby

**DRIVER OF THE YEAR**

Ruby Lawrence

**OTT RETRAINER OF THE YEAR**

Nikki Cook



# EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA *Awards*



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**BLACK HORSE CLOTHING**  
**SHOW HORSE**  
*Young Rider of the Year*  
**AVA HALLORAN**

Black Horse



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**BLACK HORSE CLOTHING**  
**JUMPING**  
*Young Rider of the Year*  
**EMILY STIRLING**

Black Horse



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**BLACK HORSE CLOTHING**  
**EVENTING**  
*Young Rider of the Year*  
**ELLA SMITH**

Black Horse



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**BLACK HORSE CLOTHING**  
**DRESSAGE**  
*Young Rider of the Year*  
**AMY BACHMANN**

Black Horse



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**THE DANCING HORSE**  
*Coach of the Year*  
**RUSSELL JOHNSTONE**

THE DANCING HORSE



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**DISCOVERY FLOATS**  
*Club of the Year*  
**YARRA VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB**

DISCOVERY FLOATS



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA**  
*Administrator of the Year*  
**TOM LUPTON**

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

**BARASTOC**  
**SHOW HORSE**  
*Horse of the Year*  
**ROLEX II**

BARASTOC



# GALLERY OF WINNERS 2018-2019





# EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA *Awards*



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

OFF THE TRACK  
**SHOW HORSE**  
*Horse of the Year*  
**ROLEX II**



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

OFF THE TRACK  
**JUMPING**  
*Horse of the Year*  
**HOT AND SPICEY**



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

OFF THE TRACK  
**EVENTING**  
*Horse of the Year*  
**PUNCHING IN A DREAM**



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

OFF THE TRACK  
**DRESSAGE**  
*Horse of the Year*  
**FORMAL ALLIANCE (DEC)**



EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA Awards  
CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

OFF THE TRACK  
*Retrainer of the Year*  
**NIKKI COOK**



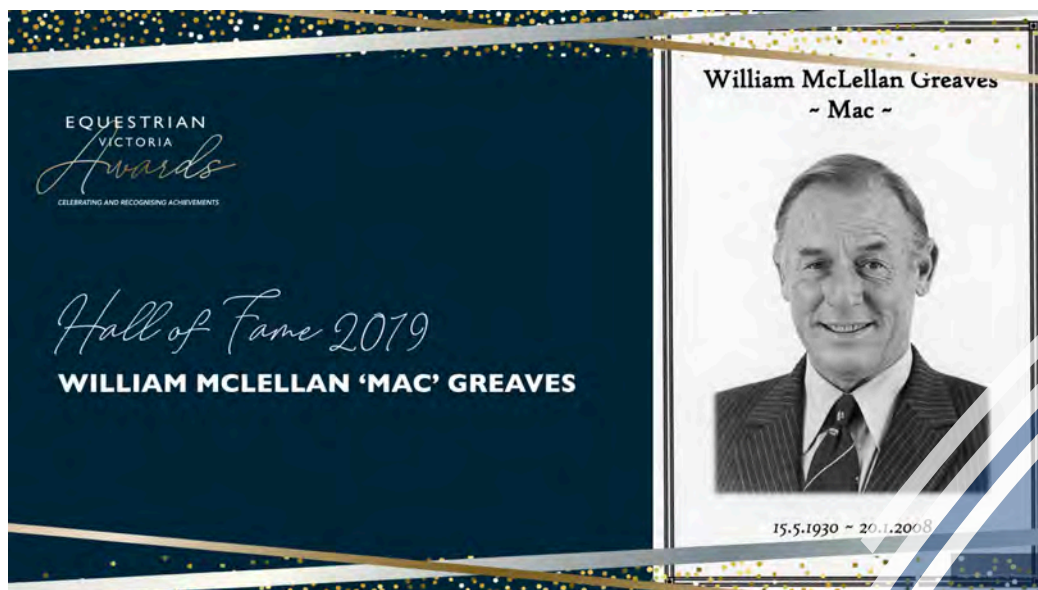
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CELEBRATING AND RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS

OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED

MELTON EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY  
Challenge Society of  
MELTON EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY  
*Para Equestrian Athlete of the Year*  
**EMMA BOOTH**



# GALLERY OF WINNERS 2018-2019



## OUR SPONSORS



## OUR PARTNERS

Throughout the year, Equestrian Victoria enjoys the support of many generous sponsors and event partners. This generosity enables events across all disciplines and at all levels to take place.

From the running of major events through to training and development squads, the continued support of these organisations is greatly appreciated by each and every member.

### PLATINUM

- Racing Victoria Ltd (OffTheTrack)

### GOLD

- Performance Sales International
- Pryde's Easifeed
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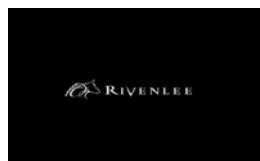
### BRONZE

- Twenty4:Seven Agencies
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- Avalon Airport Australia Pty Ltd





## OUR SPONSORS



## OUR PARTNERS

### SUPPORTING PARTNERS

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- Christine Sievers
- Charlies Cookies
- Advertising Development Services Pty Ltd

### MAJOR EVENTS

- Atmosphere Event Specialists















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# 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

## *EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC*

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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 2019.

#### ***Committee Members***

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

- Reece Adnams – Elected November 2018
- Julia Battams – Appointed November 2017
- Suzie Batten – Term Expired November 2018
- Siobhan Belmore – Elected November 2018
- Peter Dunne – Resigned October 2018
- Mitchell Fox – Resigned June 2019
- Michelle Heagney – Elected November 2018
- Peter Heagney – Elected November 2018
- Janet Houghton – Appointed December 2014
- Michelle McLean – Appointed June 2019
- Carl Parkin – Elected November 2018
- Clint Rose – Appointed December 2017
- Veronica Steward – Resigned October 2018

#### ***Principal Activities***

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

#### ***Significant Changes***

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

#### ***Operating Result***

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2019 financial year amounted to \$251,581. (2018: loss of \$21,182).

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



**CARL PARKIN**  
*Dated this 1st day of October 2019*



**MICHELLE McLEAN**  
*Dated this 1st day of October 2019*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2019</b> \$	<b>2018</b> \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Administration Income		178,400	201,411
Operational Income		2,375,940	2,488,079
Horse Registrations		258,479	238,648
Interest Income		22,028	12,938
Membership Income		1,068,078	927,645
Other Income		23,957	10,246
		<b>3,926,882</b>	<b>3,878,967</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration		458,703	444,566
Fees & Charges		485,884	432,330
Operational		2,271,232	2,588,195
Wages & Salaries		443,013	435,061
Other expenses		16,469	-
		<b>3,675,301</b>	<b>3,900,152</b>
<b>Current year surplus before income tax</b>		<b>251,581</b>	<b>(21,185)</b>
Income tax expense	<b>1(a)</b>	-	-
<b>Net current year (loss) / surplus</b>		<b>251,581</b>	<b>(21,182)</b>
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>		216,509	237,694
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		<b>468,090</b>	<b>216,509</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2019</b> \$	<b>2018</b> \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	2, 1(f)	1,397,900	659,706
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3, 1(g)	30,247	16,877
Other Assets	4	32,120	27,698
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,460,267	704,281
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	5, 1(b)	48,163	33,805
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		48,163	32,663
TOTAL ASSETS		1,508,430	738,086
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	6, 1(j)	301,442	299,347
Income Received in Advance	1(h)	687,723	167,980
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	43,655	51,543
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,032,820	518,870
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	7, 1(d)	7,520	2,707
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,520	2,707
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,040,340	521,577
NET ASSETS		<b>468,090</b>	<b>216,509</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained earnings		468,090	216,509
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<b>468,090</b>	<b>216,509</b>



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2019</b> \$	<b>2018</b> \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from operations		3,848,976	4,034,166
Payment to suppliers		(3,146,138)	(4,061,966)
Other income		43,236	10,246
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	9	746,074	(17,554)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		22,028	12,938
Payments for fixed assets		(29,908)	(14,707)
Net cash provided by investing activities		(7,880)	(1,769)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
		-	-
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>738,194</b>	<b>(19,323)</b>
Cash at beginning of financial year		659,706	679,029
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	2	<b>1,397,900</b>	<b>659,706</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## *EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC*

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### 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.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## *EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC*

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**f. Cash on Hand**

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

**g. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

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

**h. Revenue and Other Income**

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

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

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

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

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

**i. Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

**j. Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

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



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## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### NOTE 2: CASH ON HAND

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
NAB Cheque	277,020	211,564
Term Deposits	560,383	-
Cash Management Account	560,097	448,142
Event Petty Cash Float	400	-
Total cash on hand	<b>1,397,900</b>	<b>659,706</b>

#### NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

Trade debtors	33,731	21,089
Provision for doubtful debts	(3,484)	(4,212)
	<b>30,247</b>	<b>16,877</b>

#### NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS

Bond deposit	5,000	5,000
Prepaid expenses	21,835	17,943
Accrued income	5,285	4,755
	<b>32,120</b>	<b>27,698</b>

#### NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Leasehold Improvements	163,244	163,244
Less accumulated depreciation	(163,244)	(162,557)
	-	687
Office Equipment	165,049	150,611
Less accumulated depreciation	(141,225)	(132,692)
	23,824	17,919
Plant & Equipment	40,320	24,849
Less accumulated depreciation	(15,981)	(9,650)
	24,339	15,199
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<b>48,163</b>	<b>33,805</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### NOTE 6: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	\$	\$
Trade Creditors	176,275	200,361
Credit Card	(2,659)	(5,874)
GST Payable	42,802	13,202
Accrued Expenses	67,886	76,547
PAYG Tax	4,908	5,342
Sundry Creditors	300	-
Superannuation Payable	11,930	9,769
	<b>301,442</b>	<b>299,347</b>

#### NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	27,521	31,269
Provision for Long Service Leave	16,134	20,274
	<b>43,655</b>	<b>51,543</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	7,520	2,707
	<b>7,520</b>	<b>2,707</b>

#### NOTE 8: LEASING COMMITMENTS

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Being for rent of office equipment		
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	35,844	58,003
– between 12 months and five years	35,844	147,112
– later than five years	-	-
	<b>71,688</b>	<b>205,115</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### 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:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	1,397,900	659,706
(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with profit after income tax:		
Profit after income tax	251,581	(21,182)
<b>Non-operational cash flows</b>		
Interest received	(22,028)	(12,938)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	15,551	13,518
Provisions	(3,075)	6,530
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>		
(Increase) / Decrease in Accrued Income	(530)	20,245
(Increase) / Decrease in Payments	(3,892)	27,028
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	(13,371)	168,137
(Increase) / Decrease in Deferred Income	519,743	(294,968)
(Increase) / Decrease in Payables	2,095	76,076
	<b>746,074</b>	<b>(17,554)</b>

#### 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 2019 financial year.

#### NOTE 12: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Income received in advance as at 30 June 2019 includes an amount of \$400,000 received from Sport Australia. This money is to be used for the upgrade of designated facilities at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

***EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INCORPORATED A.B.N. 80 362 146 367***

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### **STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE, RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Equestrian Victoria Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC) has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies prescribed in note 1 to the financial statements.

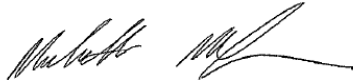
In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Equestrian Victoria Incorporated as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

#### **SIGNED**



**MICHELLE McLEAN**  
***Chair, Finance, Risk and Audit Committee***

*Dated this 1st day of October 2019*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## *EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC*

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

We, CARL PARKIN and MICHELLE McLEAN, 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 2019.

**SIGNED**



**CARL PARKIN**

*Dated this day 1st of October 2019*

**SIGNED**



**MICHELLE McLEAN**

*Dated this 1st day of October 2019*

# FINANCIAL REPORT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA INC

### 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 2019, 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 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 2019 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.

Dated this 25th day of xxxxxxxx 2019



**AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE**  
GEOFF MORRIS

**AUDITOR'S ADDRESS**  
LEVEL 2, 33 BANK STREET  
SOUTH MELBOURNE




## CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Carl Parkin of 120 Dunnetts Road, Yan Yean, Victoria 3755  
certify that:

- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on Monday 11 November 2019; and
- b. the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 were submitted to the members of the association at the annual general meeting.

Dated this 12th day of November 2019



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Carl Parkin (Chair, Equestrian Victoria)



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