

# EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA BOARD NOMINEE PROFILES

## STUART ARCHIBALD

Hello,

I am 29 years of age and I am a Dressage rider located in Pearcedale Victoria operating ACE Equine with my partner.

My involvement within the horse world started from very early years originating from Show Horse roots to then turning towards the performance world of equestrian; venturing into Eventing, Showjumping and Dressage. I loved the challenge and loved watching the professional riders make the task look effortless. This has led to where I am today being proud of the successes made so far and very much on the pathway to achieving more.

I have a fantastic team of horses with more on the way, a great network of owners and sponsors, hardworking students and a loving partner to share all of this with. I strive everyday to further develop each horse I ride and guide each rider I instruct in the right direction to achieve their goals. I realise to advance in the Dressage world is a long and slow process, but rewarding. All horses are unique with different needs, hence why I train by my own mantra of 'always riding to your horses needs, not to your own desires!'. This is my definition of harmony.

To do anything successfully takes hard work, discipline and patience. Although I wish I could say the I spend my days in the saddle and teaching, living the life as a child we aspire to lead, this is not the case! While balancing the demands of the ACE Equine stables I also work full time in Commercial Banking with the Commonwealth Bank looking after portfolios of businesses that are up to 30 million dollars in turnover. My role at the bank is currently split into two capacities: both as a Commercial Analyst and as a Commercial Relationship Manager.

The Analyst role involves largely financial review and understanding of business models to provide guidance on business operations and assessment of performance for credit applications. The Relationship Manager role sees me at the front line dealing directly with businesses as their first port of call for assistance with relevant stakeholders, maintaining healthy relationships with current client groups and further expanding new relationships across the business sector.

The dual involvement of both worlds within Banking and Equestrian places me in an ideal position to nominate for the Equestrian Victoria Board of Directors, bringing a sense of youth combined with experienced blood to the current dynamics. I am able to contribute to the enhancement of strategic team planning, provide insights of business operation models, adhering to governance requirements while being an active competitor within the sport and striving to portray the leadership of admiral behaviours. This type of operating rhythm needs to be shown for our sport to become great again.

I welcome any questions or discussions at any time.

## TIM CLARKE

I believe both my equestrian and professional experience will be of benefit to the Equestrian Victoria Board. As a partner in accounting firm Sinclair Wilson, I am involved in a wide variety of businesses from across Victoria. I was also involved in the family business Clarkes Pies during my younger years and have developed a strong sense of both operational and strategic priorities. This experience has also given me a good understanding of the compliance and governance requirements of running any organisation. Additionally, I have governance experience through my role on the board of the Colac Otway Disability Association.

I am also on the committee of both the Geelong and Melbourne Show Jump Clubs, as well as the Colac Agricultural Society where I am involved in the day to day operation of running equestrian events. I believe that teamwork is critical to the success of our sport, and I'm a naturally collaborative person who likes to get the job done while having fun.

I've been involved in equestrian sports, particularly showjumping, all my life. Having developed my team of horses from foals right up to having competed at World Cup level, and represented Australia here and overseas I understand what it takes to strive to the top levels. I know that our sport requires commitment and time and I am conscious that our sport still needs to be affordable. To achieve this I believe good governance will ensure that resources go to the grass roots of the sport to benefit members. I see the opportunity to bring my board and financial skills, together with my knowledge and passion for the horse industry to the EV Board. We want everyone riding in the same direction for the betterment of the sport.

I look forward to making a contribution to Equestrian Victoria and welcome your questions and feedback.