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JUMPING IS ONE OF THE KEY EQUESTRIAN SPORT DISCIPLINES IN VICTORIA. WE ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING AND IMPROVING THE SERVICES WE DELIVER TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERSHIP TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE THEIR EQUESTRIAN DREAM.

Recently Equestrian Victoria (EV) and Jumping Victoria (JV) have been working together to bring the jumping community enhanced competition experiences and opportunities.

We know that the Jumping community is a strong one. We recognise the social fabric that connects you and provides you, as members, with a unique sense of belonging each time you come together. And we want to celebrate and enhance Jumping to make it truly great for everyone.

WE'VE BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH ...

In line with the EV Strategic Plan 2018-2022 and to support the ongoing discussions around managing competition resources and improving individual experiences, EV and JV recently engaged Sports Business Partners (SBP) to complete a strategic review* of the structure and delivery of Jumping in Victoria.

Underpinned by the organisation's values of professionalism, integrity, transparency and collaboration, the review included workshops, interviews and informal discussions with various stakeholders from the Jumping community to identify how events are currently run, by whom, and the resources required.

The consultation unearthed a number of current issues, with key findings reported as:

There is a significant need for **more, trained officials** (marshalls, stewards, judges and course designers) to support our competition schedule.

There is a significant need for **additional training and experience for existing officials**.

There is an opportunity to **harness the use of technology** for greater efficiency & effectiveness.

THE RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT ...

With the number of officials in the Jumping community lower than required to match the growing number of events, and with the projections showing that official burnout, if not already a reality, will be in the very near future.

We recognise that volunteer time is precious, and we are grateful to every person who gives their time generously to jumping and in order to keep them, we need to act.

We need to look after our officials and volunteers, and we need to give our competitors and their families consistently professional events, every time.

Linking to the Sports Development Pillars within EV's Strategic Plan and responding to the findings of the report, a range of Strategic Initiatives have been developed and over the next three years will be the focus of the JV Committee, falling under three priority areas:

1

SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE TO LIVE THEIR EQUESTRIAN DREAM

- a. Establish a program to recognise and celebrate our jumpers, supporting their involvement at recognised events around the country;
- b. Establish a program to support clubs to run events, host major events and attracting officials to their events.

2

MORE OFFICIALS; MORE TRAINING

- a. Develop pathways to increase the number of:
 - Marshalls and Stewards, including more opportunities to upskill existing Marshalls and accredited Stewards;
 - Course designers through training and mentoring;
 - Judges through training and upskilling.

3

HARNESS THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

- a. Investigate the best digital option for housing results and entry information;
- b. Investigate digital platforms to improve competition administration and processes such as entry information and results collation and submission.

ACHIEVING TOGETHER...

To safeguard the long-term viability of Jumping and to ensure that we are able to sustain and grow the discipline with a strong volunteer and official workforce, the EV Board and JV Committee have accepted the key recommendation from the SBP report to increase the investment into Jumping Victoria's essential strategic initiatives.

Therefore, effective 1 July 2019, the Equestrian Victoria Jumping License will increase from \$35 to \$55, including GST, with \$25 of that fee being directly applied to Jumping Victoria's stated strategic initiatives.

This investment, by the jumping membership will, for the first time, provide JV with its own dedicated and protected income stream with the sole purpose of improving and investing in the Jumping community.

The Jumping Victoria Committee will be responsible, in conjunction with EV, for setting and monitoring the budget for these funds and EV will provide monthly financial reporting to the JV Committee specifically on its dedicated income and related expense accounts.

EV will continue to provide overarching sports administration and management support (and insurance) to the membership through the balance of the license fee and EV membership levies.

It is important to note that the Jumping License will only extend to those competition licenses who jump 1.05m and above, with no license charged to those jumping 1.04m and below.

THE FUTURE FOR JUMPING LOOKS BRIGHT

The Jumping Victoria Committee is taking proactive steps to secure the future of jumping in Victoria, but this does require investment in our people, our events and technology to support our clubs who ultimately run the sport for you, our members. We hope that you will support us as we look to the future.

Thank you for your support.

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* For more information please view a copy of the [Jumping Victoria Strategic Review Final Report May 2019](#).