

EQUESTRIAN SA

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2024/2025



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Interschool - Committee

Chair: Jaimie Stichel

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CHAIR REPORT

Equestrian South Australia Activities Summary: 2024/25 Financial Year

Overview

The 2024/25 financial year has been a significant period for Equestrian South Australia, marked by successful educational programs, youth development initiatives, and a collaborative approach to operational reform. ESA has demonstrated commitment to strengthening the equestrian community while navigating organisational change within Australian equestrian sport.

Importantly, ESA reported a surplus of \$49,713 and provided \$40,000 in funding to Discipline Committees, supporting a broad range of clinics and member opportunities.

The surplus was made possible by Board Directors managing Executive Officer responsibilities with support from EA's company secretary until December 2025. Balancing Discipline support with administrative operations will remain a challenge as national reform progresses.

Dressage Judges Program and Melissa Galloway's Contributions

The Dressage Judges Sub-Committee expanded the pool of accredited judges and delivered a masterclass with accomplished New Zealand Grand Prix rider Melissa Galloway, approved as an official Judges Workshop. Her insights into technique, competition psychology, and horse development strengthened judges' practical understanding and ongoing education.

Recognising the educational value, the Dressage Judges Sub-Committee secured approval to classify the masterclass as an official Judges Workshop, enabling participating judges to meet their continuing education requirements while learning from a high-performance athlete.

This dual-purpose approach exemplifies innovative thinking in maximising educational opportunities within resource constraints.

ESA's Collaborative Approach to Operational Reform

ESA and EA entered a Memorandum of Understanding to trial shared operational functions—finance, communications, membership administration, and management—aimed at reducing duplication and reinvesting savings into clubs and committees.

The trial preserves ESA's governance autonomy while allowing evaluation of service improvements. Expected benefits included financial efficiency, enhanced services, maintained local control, increased grassroots investment, and an evidence-based model for future reform.

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Our participation in this collaborative trial fundamentally differs from accepting a takeover or wholesale restructure. The arrangement would allow ESA to test operational improvements while maintaining its Board, decision-making authority, and organisational structure. This measured approach enables evaluation of practical benefits—improved IT systems, streamlined entry processing, consolidated administrative functions—without committing to permanent structural changes that might not serve South Australian interests.

This distinction matters greatly.

A trial arrangement allows evidence-based decision-making: if efficiencies materialise and member services improve, collaboration can deepen; if local control or service quality suffers, ESA retains the ability to adjust course. This contrasts sharply with proposals for constitutional changes that would permanently alter governance structures, redistribute voting power, or dissolve the autonomy of state branches.

Importantly, testing the model allows ESA to demonstrate that shared services work effectively before considering deeper structural reform, establishing evidence rather than relying on theoretical projections.

Additional Activities and Initiatives

Youth development programs continued to support young riders, including the Remi Stud Young Rider Scholarship and the revived Dressage Youth Development Scholarship. ESA facilitated an agreement enabling a successful Interschool competition at the Royal Adelaide Show, with registrations increasing to 94 combinations. ESA also acknowledged members selected for EA Performance Squads and supported participation through expanded Sports Vouchers and implementation of the JustGo system.

2024–2025 Highlights by Discipline

Dressage: The ESA Board's DC Grant enabled a free masterclass with Melissa Galloway, attended by 150 members. The inaugural Celebration of Dressage Evening was held in July 2025. Ruth Schneeberger received a National Performance Gold Medal at this year's National Dressage Championships, and Erica Taylor continued to be honoured with a perpetual trophy awarded at Nationals.

Para-Equestrian: A new committee formed in 2024. Para judge and steward training increased SA's Para judges from 6 to 8 and Para Stewards from 0 to 6; an important step in the development of the sport in SA. Kirsty Van Loon and Nero R were listed on the EA High Performance GENERATION NEXT Squad, and Catherine Viney won Team Silver at the Virtus Equestrian Dressage Championships in the UK.

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Eventing: Four SA riders competed in the Adelaide Equestrian Festival 3*L class, all finishing creditably; Kaitlin Teichert in 11th, Rachelle Verma 14th, Audrey Nicolai 21st and Luke Jones 24th. Kaitlin's performance led to selection for the EA Talent ID Youth Squad. A midyear gathering celebrated grassroots riders, and the ESA Board approved the release of reserve funds totalling \$11,000 for safety equipment.

Show Horse: The 2024 South Australian Show Horse and Rider of the Year Show attracted strong participation, with interstate judges impressed by the high standard and quality our small state presented.

Vaulting: SA hosted 12 WA vaulters to compete in SA. Local vaulters and coaches generously lent horses, helping create a weekend full of camaraderie, skill sharing, and new friendships. The State Championships saw exceptional scores above 6.3 across multiple classes representing the rising standard of vaulting in this State.

Clinics and national competition participation strengthened development, and Chebron Park Equestrian launched a performance team of vaulters with their successful debut performance at the Adelaide Equestrian Festival.

A successful clinic was held for local vaulting members with Juan Cardaci and an Equitation Science clinic with Nicki Stuart thanks to funding from the ESA Board.

Interschool: Registrations increased to 94 combinations. State Championships attracted 158 entries from 47 riders on 61 horses. All schools were well represented, with Seymour College proudly taking out the School Trophy for 2025.

Team SA achieved the Overall Team Spirit Award at Nationals. Our State was represented by 47 combinations, competing across Eventing, Dressage, Showjumping, Show Horse, and Combined Training.

Member experience funding from the Board supported new uniforms.

Jumping: JSA secured grant funding to provide a free training clinic with Paul Brent for members and a course designers and judges clinic with Kevin Taranto.

The Discipline Committee delivered officials training programs during 2024/2025, which was offered free of charge and strongly supported by the membership.

Conclusion

The 2024/25 financial year has seen ESA balance immediate program delivery with longer-term strategic considerations.

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ESA's collaborative trial with EA reflects thoughtful governance—testing improvements that could benefit members while protecting the ability to serve South Australian equestrian sport effectively.

This approach respects the complexity of national reform discussions while prioritising practical outcomes.

ESA's success will be measured not by governance structures adopted, but by the continued ability to deliver quality equestrian experiences for South Australian riders, officials, and volunteers across all levels of sport.

Sincerely



SCOTT DONNER
Equestrian SA Chairperson



AWARDS NIGHT

EVENTING

Tasha Khouzam Memorial Trophy for Young Rider of the Year:

Kaitlin Teichert

Di Schaeffer Memorial Trophy for Rider of the Year: Megan Jones

Horse of the Year: Queen B II Owned & Ridden by Kaitlin Teichert

2024 Gill Rolton Youth Development Award

Finalists: Ella Beissel, Indy Berden, Georgia Cheesman, Lisa Cowling, Matilda Kauppila, Annabel Manifold, Carla Massicci, Amelie Morelli, Mackenzie Richards-Fennel & Kaitlin Teichert

Runners Up: Amelie Morelli & Matilda Kauppila

Winner: Kaitlin Teichert

JUMPING

Bronze Series: GPH Escobar & Adam Metcalfe

Junior Ruby Series: Oaks Be Sweet & Ella Manning

Silver Series: SF Capricious & Susanna Verco

Gold Series: GPH Jane & Adam Metcalfe

Fosters Cup Junior Horse of the Year: Oaks Be Sweet Owned & Ridden by Ella Manning

Junior Rider of the Year: Ella Manning

Balharry Cup Senior Horse of the Year: El Diablo Owned by Briony Temby & Renai Burchell, Ridden by Briony Temby

Senior Rider of the Year: Nicole Manuel

DRESSAGE

FEI Horse & Rider of the Year: Miramar Serene & Ruth Schneeberger

EA Horse & Rider of the Year: PS Furstenshow & Cheryl Hatswell

AOR Horse & Rider of the Year: Tooradin Park Halo & Cherysse Fancsali

Foundation Horse & Rider of the Year: Brechenridge Freedom & Anita Moss

Youth Horse & Rider of the Year: Trussana B & Zara Lally

Pony & Rider of the Year: Freemans Lodge Rocksette & Keeley Menadue

Para Horse & Rider of the Year: Kiahglenn Chorus & Naomi Zirnsak

Youth Development Scholarship: Airlie Wheadon



AWARDS NIGHT

INTERSCHOOL

Primary CT: Adelaide Noble & Calumet Victory

Secondary CT: Ella Beissel & Fiction

Primary Dressage: Imogen Carmichael & Little Black Suzi

Intermediate Dressage: Maggie-Rose Mallord & Plan B

Secondary Dressage: Sophie Gardiner & Danson Deity

Primary Jumping: Holly Wotton & Giggles

Intermediate Jumping: Harlow Diamond & Clairvale Tiger Suede

Secondary Jumping: Indy Berden & EV Dolcetta

Eventing: Amelia Morelli & ESB Irish Illusion

Secondary Show Horse: Jessica McCleave & Kadon Park Victorious

Primary Working Hunter: Carly Roberts & Trincada Santa Shaklan

Intermediate Show Hunter: Annabelle Knowles & Pinjarrah Park Dream On

Overall Winning School: Urrbrae Agricultural High School

SHOW HORSE

Show Horse of the Year: Penbury Park Time Square

Show Hunter of the Year: Hi-Pine Temptation

Childs Show Horse of the Year: Argyl Fine Art

Childs Show Hunter of the Year: Hi-Pine Temptation

Track to Hack of the Year: Torque

Senior Rider of the Year: Lesley Burrows

Junior Rider of the Year: Kaylee McEwen

VAULTING

Junior Vaulting of the Year: Sierra Turner

Senior Vaulting of the Year: Skye Barrowcliffe

Competitor Horse of the Year: Matavia Rosenkrantz Owned & Lunged by

Kirsty Barrowcliffe

Life Membership Award

Recipient: Pat Hutchens

Jim Dunn OAM Service to Sport Award

Recipient: Michael Scott OAM



DISCIPLINE REPORTS



DRESSAGE REPORT

Dressage Committee

Get to know your committee & thank them for their work, as we all do this for FREE, for the love of Dressage. Below are listed the 2024/25 Committee, their individual portfolios & responsibilities. The Committee meets on a monthly basis and we all collaborate on projects and activities as well as carrying out lots of weekly tasks.

Chair - Cheryl Hatswell – chairs the meetings, reports to the ESA Board, meets with EADOC & State Dressage Chairs, submits tasks from the Committee & provides the voice for the Committee & the Dressage membership.

Vice Chair - Julia Weir – provides assistance to the Chair, including chairing and running proceedings in the absence of the Chair, provides good governance and compliance advice.

Secretary - Ryan Fletcher

- responsible for forwarding correspondence to the appropriate Committee members, sends out official letters, keeps the social media updated & edits Moving Forward.

Minute Secretary - Trudy Lutt

- takes minutes of the meetings, distributes & provides the meeting agendas.

Treasurer - Jude Sonnefeld

- provides analysis of the monthly financials for Dressage, advises on spending and budget allocation.

Clubs Representative -

Julia Weir – holds the annual Dressage Clubs meeting, formulates & maintains the dressage calendar, updating it on a weekly basis, manages club competitions from clashing, provides email & phone communications to clubs & provides advice on rules and other issues.

your 2025 dressage SA COMMITTEE

Chair - Cheryl Hatswell
Vice Chair - Julia Weir
Secretary - Ryan Fletcher
Treasurer - Jude Sonnefeld
Minutes - Lorraine Wohling
Awards - Catherine Skinner
Clubs Representative - Julia Weir
Riders Rep - Natasha Cockburn
Squads - Karen Horsell
Youth Development - Natasha Cockburn
Bred to Race - Karen Wilson
Events & Promotions - Ryan Fletcher

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Events & Promotions Co-ordinators – Ryan Fletcher & Karen Wilson – head up our Events Sub-Committee comprising of Anne Raymond, Sue Brown, Jude Sonnefeld & Di Pritchard for all Dressage SA run events including securing sponsorship for events.

HOTY, Trophies & Medal Co-ordinator – Catherine Skinner – tallies up winners for HOTY, updates State Championship Trophies with winners' names, organises dressage medals.

Squad Co-ordinator – Karen Horsell – maintains squad criteria, liaises with the dressage selectors, organises squad activities including judge protocol days, clinics & off horse evenings.

Youth Co-ordinator – Anne Smith & Natasha Cockburn – Organises the Youth Development Weekend & scholarship prizes.

Bred 2 Race Co-ordinator – Karen Wilson & Natasha Cockburn – provides clubs with prize money and rosettes for Bred 2 Race classes & calculates High Point Series rug winners.

Rider's Representative – Anne Smith & Noella Angel – responsible for holding a face-to-face meeting to gather feedback & information from riders. Handle and resolve, where possible, concerns that riders may have.

Dressage Selectors – Liz Duncan & Jen Giligan – responsible for selecting squad members in accordance with set policies, selecting the youth scholarship winner & interstate team selections.

DSA would like to thank the riders, judges, coaches, affiliated club committees, volunteers and stewards for their support of Dressage in SA for 2024/25. A massive thanks goes to our ESA Board who have provided unwavering support for SA Dressage with a generous grant & the to the office staff who help whenever asked.

Celebration of Dressage

This financial year, the Dressage Committee organised the inaugural "Celebration of Dressage Evening", held in July 2025, it was a huge success and will be an ongoing event held mid-year. This event is to honour all aspects of Dressage from volunteers, clubs, riders, judges, stewards, officials, coaches, sponsors & includes the Lindy Wright award, youth scholarship & services to the sport to mention a few. This event is in addition to the ESA Awards evening and highlights the volunteer work provided by the army of people who make events run efficiently and who are the quiet achievers! The list of prize winners can be found on the website: www.sa.equestrian.org.au/news/celebration-dressage-award-winners



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Dressage Horse of the Year

At the ESA Awards evening, the winners were announced and presented with their Horse of the Year Rugs. Congratulations to all.

FEI - Ruth Schneeberger & Miramar Serena

EA - Cheryl Hatswell & PS Furstenshow

Pony - Keeley Menadue & Freemans Lodge Rocksette

AOR - Cherysse Fancsalli & Tooradin Park Halo

Youth - Zara Lally & Trussana B

Para - Naomi Zirnsak & Kiaglen Chorus

AOR Foundation - Anita Moss & Brechinridge Freedom



State Dressage Championships held 2nd & 3rd November 2024

The Equine Finance Solutions South Australian State Dressage Championships 2024 - Wow what an event!

The State Dressage Championships had enormous backing from many wonderful sponsors. The SA committee with a fabulous sub-committee & team of helpers made an outstanding effort to put together the event, fabulous prizes were awarded in each level from Preliminary to FEI.

Thanks to the dedicated people who assisted with the event, many who have not been named here, but a small list of the troops:

Event Coordinators, Ryan Fletcher & Karen Wilson; Treasurer Jude Sonnefeld, Assistant Event Director, Anne Raymond with helpers Sue Brown, Di Pritchard, Lucie Hill, Carmen Bliss, Sally Wells, Cathy Kluske, Brenda Scarfe, Molly Ellis, Sam Coleshill, Jo Taylor, Jane Wetherall, Liz Duncan, Chris Kelly, Julia Weir, Cheryl Hatswell, Karen Horsell, club helpers and assistants - THANK YOU for the success of this event!

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All results can be found here as well as our Updated Trophy List on the official SA Dressage website: www.sa.equestrian.org.au/content/dressage-state-championships-results

Youth Development weekend

Anne Smith was instrumental in resurrecting & organising the Youth Development weekend in January 2025. The weekend included coaching sessions, protocol tests, trot up presentation, off horse sessions and interviews with selectors. This year's winner and congratulations to Arlie Wheadon who was presented her prize at the ESA Awards evening.



To align the Youth Scholarship with the Celebration of Dressage, Natasha Cockburn organised another very successful Youth Development weekend in June.

SA Dressage Spectacular

In March, the committee & events sub-committee successfully held the International Sport Horse Breeders, SA Young Dressage Horse & Pony Final as well as the APK Helmets Freestyle Challenge & Freestyle Para Dressage Classes. Congratulations to all.



Interstate Competitions

SA was well represented and very successful with riders travelling interstate to the following prestigious competitions:

- Australian Dressage Championships
- AOR National Championships
- Australian Youth Dressage Championships
- Victorian Youth Championships
- Dressage & Jumping with the Stars
- Victorian Dressage Championships

Congratulations to all who attended with many podium placings.



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Melissa Galloway Masterclass funded by the ESA Board

The ESA Board provided a generous \$10k to Dressage, this was split between the Judges Sub-Committee and the Dressage Committee.

In May, New Zealand Olympian, Melissa Galloway made the trek to SA, providing the ESA membership with a FREE memorable evening with a masterclass 'Through the Levels Preliminary to Grand Prix'. There were 150 attendees. The evening was very informative with good feedback received. The State Dressage Squad were also provided with a user pays clinic. Thank you to Shield Insurance Brokers for their sponsorship.



State High Performance & Future Squad

Squad places are performance based with 12 High Performance & 14 Future Squad positions available to our 370+ dressage card holders. All squad members are provided with squad shirts, competition jacket & saddle cloth badges.

2025

KIRSTY VAN LOON & NERO II
KAREN HORELL & GUIZO DA FÉRARIA
RUTH SCHNEIDERBERGER & MIRAMAR SÉRÈNE
FIONA GUTHRIE-SMITH & BLUEFIELDS DENOIR
FIONA GUTHRIE-SMITH & LEVADE THIS
DRESSAGE SOUTH AUSTRALIA
MARBELLE HUNT & FABULOSO F
ANNE SMITH & SHADOWS TOLLINSKI
MELISSA BOEKEL & REGAL WOLKENDANCE
LISA ASHBY & NEW WORLD DIVINE

HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD

The committee has provided Off Horse information evenings not only to our state squad members but also to the general ESA Membership. Presenters included Dr Clarissa Brown-Douglas from KER along with Sport & Exercise Psychologist Jacqui Sanderland, and Hayleigh Joyce Equine Physio SA along with Jo Swinton from Benchmark Horse Feeds.

Ricky McMillan travelled over in March to help our squad riders with a protocol clinic which was enjoyed by riders and spectators alike.

Bred 2 Race Series

This year there was a change in the format, with the adoption of a leaderboard. Money and rosettes were awarded to placegetters at the events and the leaderboard winners were presented with beautiful rugs.

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Performance Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded at every level. This financial year we awarded a total of 43 medals with 13 Gold, 17 Silver & 13 Bronze.



Equestrian Australia Recognitions

At this year's National Dressage presentations, Ruth Schneeberger was awarded a Gold Medal for 2023/24 Small Tour performances with Miramar Serene.

Our very own SA Olympian, Erica Taylor, who made such an impact on dressage with her horse Crown Law, continued to be honoured with a Perpetual Trophy presented to the winner of the GP Special, which was won by the very successful Mary Hanna riding Ivanhoe 1.

In this financial year recognition was bestowed upon Julia Weir for EA Coach of the Month.

Steward Recognition

Congratulations to our Stewards and thank you. The list is slowly growing but we still need more Stewards. Please reach out to register your interest in person to Jude Sonnefeld or to our email: dressage@equestriansa.com.au.

Dressage SA Sponsor Recognition

The Dressage Committee would not be able to offer many of the prizes throughout the year without our generous sponsors. Please thank them when you can. They are in no particular order: Equine Finance Solutions, International Horse Breeders, KER, APK Helmets, Equine Eye, Pure Steed, PBT Embroidery, Lyrical Acres, Coopers Farm Supplies, Stones Throw Second Valley, Lumiere, Leader Equine, Iron Horse Equine Nutrition, EQ Saddlery, Benchmark Horse Feeds, Brockhurst Stud, Almazaan Stud, Lara Tweedie, Equine Management, Horseland Mt Barker, Emma Woolman Photography, Butet Saumur Seler, Elite Equine Bedding, Stockguard Electric Fencing, 4CYTE, Jane Brown, Leader Product Australia, Cantaloup, Chaballo, Shield Insurance Brokers, Dressage Diva, DZ, Julia Weir Equestrian Training, Ruth Schneeberger.



DRESSAGE REPORT

Public Apology

"The Board of Equestrian South Australia (ESA) offers Julia Weir an unreserved apology for any hurt, distress, or damage to her reputation and coaching business, caused by action taken against her in April 2023 by the former Board of ESA. One of a number of legacy matters inherited by the current Board, following the resignation of all Directors of ESA in May 2023, involved allegations against Mrs Weir made by the former Board. After completing a thorough investigation, the current Board found that advice provided by Mrs Weir in relation to the conditions for an Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing grant was correct. The current board found the allegations made against Mrs Weir to be unsubstantiated. Mrs Weir did not breach any policies or confidentiality agreements and had, at all times acted reasonably, professionally and responsibly in her engagement with both the former Chair of Dressage SA and the former ESA Board in relation to advice she provided."

Cheryl Hatswell
Chairperson, Dressage SA

PARA-DRESSAGE REPORT

The term “Paralympic” originates from the Greek preposition para (meaning “beside” or “alongside”) and the word Olympic, signifying the parallel nature of the Paralympic and Olympic movements. This ethos of inclusion and excellence underpins our work within the Para Equestrian Discipline Committee.

Formation and Purpose

In 2025, Equestrian South Australia (ESA) established the first dedicated Para Equestrian Discipline Committee. This milestone provides a formal governance structure to oversee both Para and Virtus Dressage, as well as Para Carriage Driving. While South Australia currently does not host Para Carriage Driving competitions, we recognise its potential and are committed to supporting its future development.

Governance and Values

As a newly formed committee, we have developed operational guidelines grounded in shared values and a unified vision: to progress and grow Para Equestrian sport across the State. Our framework prioritises athlete support, pathway development, and collaboration with key stakeholders.

We acknowledge and appreciate the longstanding advocacy of Dressage South Australia (DSA) for Para Equestrian sport. Their commitment has laid a strong foundation, and we continue to work closely with DSA to enhance opportunities and build robust pathways for both Para and Virtus athletes. Much of the discipline infrastructure and achievements such as squads, medals, HOTY, the Para classes at 2024 State Dressage championships and SA dressage clubs are due to the Dressage SA Discipline Committee members' ongoing work and commitment.

I am grateful to the committee for inclusion in meetings and guidance from Cheryl Hatswell, Julia Weir and Ryan Fletcher answering lots of questions and collaboration with Liz Duncan and Jude Sonnefeld in regard to Officials, as I learn about this role.

WELCOME TO THE NEW DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to introduce the inaugural ESA Para Equestrian Discipline Committee. This committee incorporates both para dressage and para carriage driving. Currently, we do not have any representation from Para carriage driving but By-laws enable us to coopt members in the future. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested.



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Athlete Growth and Classification

The Para Equestrian community in South Australia has seen encouraging growth over recent years. Para classified riders have increased from 11 to 18, spanning Grades 2 through 5. Virtus classified riders now sit at four. Four athletes are currently competing in FEI-level tests, demonstrating the strength and progression of our high-performance pathway. One Virtus rider rode for Australia and won a Team Silver Medal at the Virtus World Equestrian Games.



Inclusion and Growth Across SA Clubs

In 2025, South Australian affiliated dressage clubs continued to champion inclusion by hosting Para and Virtus competitions. Impressively, most clubs ran at least one Para competition over the twelve-month period, demonstrating a strong commitment to accessibility and diversity in our sport.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to every dressage club and the dedicated volunteers who make these events possible—not just for Para riders, but for the entire dressage community. The work is often done by a few and yet it is the backbone of our sport. From the Para community, we offer our sincere gratitude for your tireless efforts and for embracing Para dressage as part of your competition calendars.

Para dressage remains a developing area, with ongoing learning and refinement required. There are challenges around every corner, and we commend the volunteers and committees for their resilience and willingness to grow. The Para Discipline Committee continues to expand its knowledge working with the National Para committee aims to share resources and support for Para development across the State.

A very successful Para Judge and Steward Training with Veronica Steward and Sue Cunningham was held on 31st May and 1st June at ESA and RDA O'Halloran Hill with financial assistance from EA and Sports Australia. There were 7 judges from SA – 2 new and 5 doing a refresher and 2 from Tas as well as 7 Para Stewards trained (6 from SA). This brings our Para trained judges in SA from 6 to 8 and Para Stewards from 0 to 6.



This is an important step in the development of the sport in SA.

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Much appreciation goes to Liz Duncan and Jude Sonnefeld for their assistance in making this possible and the many people who volunteered to scribe, cater, take photos, put up arenas, supply horses, ride tests and much more.



In 2026 all Para dressage competitions will have to have an accredited Para Steward in attendance. We encourage all level 2 stewards to become Para accredited to help SA fulfil this requirement.

The 2024 State Dressage Championships at Mount Crawford Dressage Club was a highlight for our competitors. Generous sponsors and exceptional organisation made the day a very special one.



Congratulations to;

FEI Champion: Kirsty Van Loon & Nero R
Virtus Champion: Catherine Viney & Jackabite
EA Champion: Naomi Zirnsak & Kiahglen Chorus
EA Intro Champion: Karen Wilson & IPP Sir Cedric

Our 2025 State Para Festival was held in conjunction with the Adelaide Hills Dressage

Club's Spring Festival due to a clash between the State Dressage Championships and The National Para Championships. We are grateful to the following sponsors for supporting this event and congratulate the winners and placegetters.

Thankyou to Holden Hill Vet, Thrive Physiotherapy, Equitread, Hersey Wines, Coopers Mylor and Petstock Mount Barker.

- FEI Champion - Michele Duthy and Haluma Park Siorus
- EA Intro Champion - Naomi Zirnsak and Kiahglen Chorus

With a full season of competition, the 2024 Para Horse of the Year was awarded to the beautiful mare, Kiahglen Chorus, owned and ridden by Naomi Zirnsak.

The committee has developed a new HOTY criteria for 2025. Differentiated points are awarded for the percentage and placing for each nominated combination's best 8 tests. We hope to include a Virtus HOTY in the future and encourage everyone to submit an application for this award.

Performance Medals

Congratulations to Kirsty Van Loon and Nero R who were awarded a Gold medal for FEI Novice.



PARA-DRESSAGE REPORT

National & International Achievements

We proudly celebrate the achievements of ESA High Performance Squad Member Kirsty Van Loon, who competed at multiple CPEDI events across Australia aboard her striking chestnut gelding, Nero R. Kirsty's dedication and talent earned her a place on the Equestrian Australia High Performance GENERATION NEXT Squad (AIS Athlete Category - Developing & Emerging). This is a significant milestone for South Australia and a testament to the calibre of athletes emerging from our Para community. Congratulations Kirsty—your success inspires us all!



Virtus Sports is the global organisation that governs, advocates, organises and

promotes elite sport for athletes with an intellectual impairment. SA clubs have embraced the opportunity to provide Virtus tests at competitions. This has enabled both our developing Virtus riders and Performance level riders to practice for the video tests which form selection for international competition.



Congratulations to Catherine Viney who won a silver medal as part of the Australian Team at the Virtus Equestrian Dressage Championships in the UK. Kathy Angel was honoured with being selected as team stable manager.

Looking Ahead

Our committee remains focused on expanding participation, improving access, and fostering excellence in Para and Virtus equestrian disciplines. We are committed to inclusive sport development and look forward to supporting emerging athletes, clubs, and competitions in the years ahead.

Of course, we will be needing to strengthen our financial position and will be busy applying for grants and seeking sponsorship. We are so very grateful to Holden Hill Vets who have come on board as a sponsor for 2025.

Thankyou to the committee and the wider Para and Dressage community. Bring on 2026!

Michele Duthy
Chairperson, Para Equestrian SA



EVENTING REPORT

As another year closes for eventing in South Australia, we have continued to have a decline in entries at all levels. Organising committees are struggling to keep viable due to the costs involved with safety and medical requirements of the sport. Committees are becoming inventive and proactive with ways to create more opportunities to fundraise.

Reynella Horse Trials decided not to run their March event and instead ran a sausage sizzle, a raffle, training days and actively sourced new sponsorship in readiness for their event in October 2025. Unfortunately, they still had low entries for their October event which regrettably clashed with Albury CCI and understandably took our star riders looking for FEI qualifications. The event, however, was well run and had good prizes and we hope to have the committee back to running two competitions next year.

Milang Horse Trials have added a 2 star long course which, after a new rule change this year, can be used as a qualification for FEI classes. This has been a bonus for SA riders needing this qualification for Adelaide and/or Melbourne CCI, meaning that they do not need to travel interstate to get it. Milang HT continues to improve their tracks with the expertise of Wayne Copping and the generous funding by the landowner Richard Shoesmith. Milang ran in February and November and there is talk that they will be adding a three star track and running FEI classes in 2026.

Kirkcaldy HT generously ran a three star for a few riders needing a qualification and borrowed some jumps from Milang HT. They also took advantage of the aerator as the ground has a reputation of being hard which made a huge difference to the going. Being centrally located in the hills they were blessed with better numbers in their classes, and they also ran some combined training classes for the higher levels and interschool.

Naracoorte had a new course designer, Sylvia Williams-Roberts from Queensland and ran a great event up to 3.5* level with a lot of riders travelling from Victoria as it is close to the border. Although dry the going is always great and they intend to run 4 star again next year.

Mount Gambier finally had lovely weather for their well organized, rider friendly event. Also being by the border, they get a lot of entries from Victoria. This event ran to 3* level and riders were treated to new steel yards, a rider dinner in the airport terminal complimented by the sink hole gin van and exceptional prizes and prize money. This event is definitely worth the drive.

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Currency Creek HT unfortunately had to have both its events cancelled due to a breakdown with the hire arrangements with the Strathalbyn Polo Grounds and the soccer club that use half the venue. Despite there being a large fence separating horses from kids a compromise could not be forthcoming, however it should be rectified next year.

Of course, the pinnacle of Eventing for this State and the Southern Hemisphere is the Adelaide Equestrian Festival which ran a little later 1st-4th May. Held in our picturesque parklands, this event is unique in the world, being in a city's CBD. SA had 4 riders competing in the 3*L class and all finished creditably with Kaitlin Teichert in 11th, Rachelle Verma 14th, Audrey Nicolai 21st and Luke Jones 24th. This event is so important to our State, being the only 5 star competition in the Southern Hemisphere and giving city folk the opportunity to view our sport close at hand to their homes, cafes, restaurants and shops. Can't wait for next year.



Due to Kaitlin's great performance at Adelaide riding Queen B II, the combination has been included in the EA talent ID youth squad, which is a great achievement.

Our SA squads have continued to be well supported with coaching from Jaimie Coman and Yona Lloyd. The squad enjoyed another camp at Mt Gambier in readiness for the Spring season and cross country training at Reynella. The SA squads have now received sponsorship from Fitton HorseInsure, Equissage, Flexible Fit and KER thanks to the efforts of Linda Clark, squad coordinator. This has meant that the squads have received new uniforms for 2025.



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The Gillian Rolton Youth Development weekend has been done and dusted with Sam Lyle coaching and selectors Caroline Jones and Kirsty Marston from Adelaide Equestrian Festival. The winner will be announced at the Awards Night and a big congratulations to all riders that were selected to attend the weekend. Sam Lyle was very impressed with the talents of our young riders.

The committee held a mid-year get together to celebrate our grass roots riders at Barrister Block Wines at Woodside. Awards were given to riders, volunteers, officials and parents including the inaugural merit pins for achievements in EvA65 and EvA80 levels. It was a lovely afternoon enjoying pizza, a few drinks and the eventing community.



Eventing SA committee have been able to help to support organizing committees by way of an eventing grant of \$1000 and the self-funded squads have sponsored 2 star classes with \$2000. Squad riders travelling interstate for FEI qualifications are subsidized by the squad. The committee have continued to supply organizing committees with frangible kits and ground anchors free of charge. We are still trying to organize a TD/CD course which is overdue but quite costly for the small numbers of officials in the state.

Thank you to my committee, organizing committees, volunteers, officials, landowners, sponsors and riders for continuing to support our great sport of Eventing. Most of all a big thank you to our four legged friends, the horse and pony!

Tracey Leigh
Chairperson, Eventing SA



JUMPING REPORT

Jumping South Australia (JSA) continued to demonstrate its commitment to members throughout 2024/2025, delivering a range of initiatives and achieving significant milestones. This report highlights the organisation's key focus areas and outcomes for the year.



Squad and Member Training

JSA delivered multiple squad clinics during 2024/2025, designed to support the development of riders and horses at all levels. Additional clinics and targeted training opportunities are already planned for 2025/2026.



JSA also secured grant funding to provide a free training clinic for members. While originally scheduled for early 2025, extreme heat required rescheduling to July, where it went ahead successfully and received excellent feedback from participants.

The committee extends sincere thanks to the Mallala Equestrian Centre for its generous support in hosting both squad and member training.

Committee Engagement

The JSA Committee remained actively engaged with members and stakeholders throughout the year. Their ongoing dedication and collaborative approach have been instrumental in the continued progress of jumping in South Australia.

An up-to-date list of committee members and their positions can be found on the Equestrian SA website.



2025 State Jumping Championships

The 2025 State Jumping Championships, held in April, brought together riders from grassroots through to elite levels. This flagship event provided an invaluable platform for athletes to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level.

JSA extends its deepest thanks to officials, volunteers, riders, and owners for their support. Above all, we acknowledge the generous sponsors whose contributions make it possible to deliver events of this calibre. Planning is already underway for the next State Championships, scheduled for April 2026, with exciting developments to come.

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Officials Training

In line with its commitment to education, the Committee delivered officials training programs during 2024/2025. Thanks to grant funding, this training was offered free of charge and was strongly supported by the membership. Further training opportunities are planned for the coming year to continue developing the expertise and professionalism of our officials.



Financial Overview

The 2025 State Jumping Championships together with the availability of grant funding being applied to various activities has enabled the organisation to:



- Provide funding assistance for squad and member training.
- Underwrite the 'series' competitions at Agricultural Shows.
- Support the broader advancement of jumping in South Australia.

It should be noted that financial sustainability continues to be heavily reliant on sponsorship

and strong member participation at these key events. JSA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable support of our Championship and Series sponsors, as well as our membership community.

Conclusion

Jumping South Australia is proud of its achievements in 2024/2025. These initiatives have strengthened the competitive landscape of jumping in the state while fostering greater community engagement. Looking ahead, JSA is excited to build on these successes, offering members more opportunities to grow their equestrian pursuits.



We sincerely thank the Board and the entire Equestrian South Australia membership for their ongoing contribution to the outcomes achieved this year.

Sheridan Manual
Chairperson, Jumping SA

SHOW HORSE REPORT

The year started with a small committee comprising of Alyson Emery, Orleans Graetz, Jay Bradbrook and Janelle Karmelich. This committee have worked tirelessly and organised a few shows, the biggest being the 2024 South Australian Show Horse and Rider of the Year Show which was held September 2024 at the Strathalbyn Polo Fields.



This major competition attracted 70 horses and 30 riders all competing for a spot on the National Team. Winners and placegetters eligible to compete at the National Show Horse and Rider of the Year in Sydney in December.



Our four interstate judges were Lois Johnston, Michelle Labahn, Bridget Sell and Allison Woodrooffe. The judges, officials and spectators were blown away with the quality that our small state presented. Even though our numbers are small compared to the East Coast we make up for it in quality.

Some major winner's which went on to represent SA on the National stage included the following:

Champion Child's Small Show Hunter Pony: Dalbrae Tudor - Ellah Klever

Champion Medium Show Pony: Nottingham Royal Highness - Margot Haynes

Champion Small Show Galloway: Penbury Park Time Square - Alyssa Giustozzi

Champion Small Show Hunter Galloway: Hi-Pine Temptation - Margot Haynes

Champion Child's Small Show Hunter Galloway: Hi-Pine Temptation - Mercedes Matthews

Champion Small Show Hack: EBL Quiver - Dallas Merry

Champion Child's Large Show Hunter Hack:

Remember Imp - Dallas Merry

Plus many more placegetters in extremely competitive classes.



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The annual awards were also celebrated and a fantastic way to acknowledge the achievements of horse's and rider's which have supported us throughout the year.

Open Show Horse of the Year: Penbury Park Time Square
- Alyssa Giustozzi

Child's Show Horse of the Year: Argyl Fine Art - Orleans
Graetz

Show Hunter of the Year: Hi-Pine Temptation - Margot Haynes

Child's Show Hunter of the Year: Hi-Pine Temptation - Mercedes Matthews



Track to Hack: Torque - Lesley Burrows

Junior Rider of the Year: Kaylee McEwen

Senior Rider of the Year: Lesley Burrows

We finished the year off by welcoming three new committee members which have brought a welfare of new ideas, skills and knowledge with them. These three exceptional people being Elizabeth Fricker, Arabella Hooper and Nicole Coombe.

Our committee wishes to congratulate everybody involved in our sport on their achievements for the 2024/2025 year and look forward to what successes 2025/2026 year has in store for South Australia Show Horse community.

Janelle Karmelich
Chairperson, Show Horse SA



VAULTING REPORT

Vaulting in South Australia has enjoyed a year marked by growth, connection, and exceptional achievement. Although our discipline remains small in numbers, it continues to shine brightly thanks to the dedication of our athletes and the unwavering support of our broader community. The 2024-2025 year has been a testament to what passion, teamwork, and resilience can accomplish.



Our vaulting community fosters an environment where vaulters of all ages can challenge themselves, develop lifelong skills, and experience the joy of working in harmony with horses. I extend my sincere gratitude to the parents, volunteers, coaches, officials, and supporters whose enthusiasm and commitment make all of this possible. Your contributions, big and small, create the strong foundation on which our sport continues to flourish. It is a privilege to be part of such a warm and dedicated community, and I look forward to continuing our shared mission of growing vaulting in South Australia.



Competitions

This year, the Vaulting SA Committee proudly delivered four successful competitions, each contributing to the development and confidence of our vaulters.

Our August 2024 competition at Lyrical Acres provided an excellent lead up to both the State Championships and the Australian National Championships. This smaller event was

invaluable in giving competitors time in the arena and helping horses and vaulters refine their performances.

The 2024 State Championships were once again combined with our annual Halloween Competition, and we were fortunate to utilise the beautiful facilities at Danson Dressage. We welcomed Level 3 judge Angie Deeks from Queensland, joining local judges Janet Leadbeater (Level 3) and Emily Arthur (Level 2) to officiate. Our vaulters performed exceptionally well, with outstanding scores across the board. Of particular note, every vaulter in the Preliminary, Pre Novice, Novice, and Intermediate Individual classes received scores above 6.3, an extraordinary achievement that reflects the rising standard of vaulting in South Australia.

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The Halloween Competition was a highlight of the year, with vaulters and horses embracing the spooky theme with enthusiasm and creativity. From skeletons to pirates and everything in between, the event brought joy, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

In June 2025, we were thrilled to welcome 12 vaulters from Western Australia to compete in South Australia. Local vaulters and coaches generously lent horses, helping create a weekend full of camaraderie, skill sharing, and new friendships. We are deeply appreciative of the WA vaulting community for their support and look forward to continuing these valuable interstate connections.



Australian National Championships 2024

A team of seven South Australian vaulters travelled to Boonah, Queensland, for the 2024 Australian Vaulting National Championships, with Chebron Park Equestrian making the long journey with their horse, Matavia Rosenkrantz. Our athletes competed with determination and pride, achieving remarkable results across multiple levels.

Results:

Open Individual – Skye Barrowcliffe – 1st place

Intermediate Individual – Alyssa Watkins – 4th place

Novice Individual – Hannah Masters – 4th place

Preliminary Individual – Tia van Trigt – 1st place

Preliminary Individual – Isabella Roos Freeman – 2nd place

Preliminary Individual – Leena van Trigt – 4th place

Preliminary Individual – Kathryn Parsons – 5th place

Preliminary Pas de Deux – Category A – Hannah Masters & Alyssa Watkins – 4th place

Preliminary Pas de Deux – Category B – Leena van Trigt & Kathryn Parsons – 5th place

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Preliminary Pas de Deux – Category B – Tia van Trigt & Isabella Roos Freeman – 6th place

Preliminary Squad – Wilameka Equestrian – 2nd place

Barrel Individual Preliminary – Isabella Roos Freeman – 1st place

Barrel Individual Preliminary – Kathryn Parsons – 2nd place

Barrel Individual Preliminary – Tia van Trigt – 9th place

Barrel Individual Preliminary – Leena van Trigt – 10th place

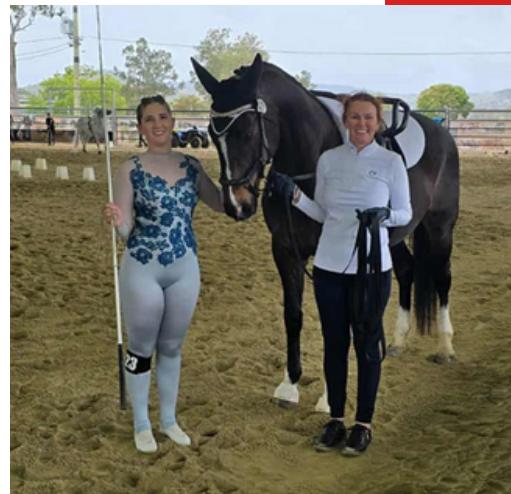
Barrel Individual Novice – Hannah Masters – 2nd place

Barrel Pas de Deux – Tia van Trigt & Leena van Trigt – 7th place

Barrel Pas de Deux – Isabella Roos Freeman & Hannah Masters – 9th place

Barrel Pas de Deux – Alyssa Watkins & Kathryn Parsons – 11th place

Barrel Squad – Wilameka Equestrian – 6th place



We extend our appreciation to Vaulting Queensland and Fassifern Vaulting Club for their hard work in hosting the Championships and delivering a warm and welcoming event.

Clinics

Clinics continued to play an important role in building the skills and confidence of our vaulters.

In March 2025, we were delighted to welcome Juan Cardaci, Level 3 FEI Vaulting Judge and former international athlete. Juan brought an exceptional depth of knowledge, offering vaulters guidance on technique, artistry, and competition strategy. His insights into judging and performance preparation were invaluable,

and every participant left the clinic with renewed enthusiasm and clear goals for the year ahead.



In May 2025, we hosted an equitation science clinic with Nicki Stuart, an accredited Equitation Science trainer and assessor. Participants explored how horses learn, how to introduce new concepts without overwhelming

the horse, and how to support sensitive or inexperienced horses through thoughtful training methods.

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The clinic strengthened the bond between vaulters and horses and enhanced our community's shared commitment to ethical and evidence based training.



2024 Vaulting Awards

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our 2024 award recipients, whose dedication, resilience, and passion stood out over the year.

Preliminary Vaulter of the Year - Isabella Roos Freeman

Runner Up - Kathryn Parsons

Pre Novice Vaulter of the Year - Lily Bradley

Novice Vaulter of the Year - Hannah Masters

Junior Vaulter of the Year - Sierra Turner

Senior Vaulter of the Year - Skye Barrowcliffe

Runner Up - Alyssa Watkins

Participant Horse of the Year - Matavia Rosenkrantz

Runner Up - Almazaan Billionaire

Competitor Horse of the Year - Matavia Rosenkrantz

Volunteer of the Year - Carolin Plewa & Skye Barrowcliffe



Chebron Park Performance Team

In 2025, Chebron Park Equestrian launched a performance team made up of vaulters from several South Australian clubs. Their aim was to showcase vaulting to a wider audience by performing at equestrian events throughout the year. Their

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debut performance at the Adelaide Equestrian Festival was a tremendous success, captivating crowds with individual and team routines at walk, trot, and canter. The team represented our discipline beautifully, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and professionalism.



Local Judges

We sincerely thank our dedicated judges who generously volunteer their time to support competitions across the state. Without their expertise and commitment, our events simply would not be possible.

- Janet Leadbeater – Level 3
- Nina Fritzell – Level 3
- Emily Arthur – Level 2

We also wish Emily Arthur the very best as she travels to Sydney in October 2025 to undertake her Level 3 judging exam.

Vaulting SA Committee

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated Vaulting SA Committee. Your tireless work, late night planning, hours of volunteer commitment, and willingness to go above and beyond, ensures that vaulting remains vibrant and accessible in South Australia. Your passion for supporting our athletes and strengthening our community is evident in every event and initiative delivered this year.

It has been a wonderful year watching vaulting continue to evolve, connect, and inspire across South Australia. I look forward with excitement to the coming 12 months and to the continued growth of our remarkable community.

Skye Barrowcliffe
Chairperson, Vaulting SA

INTERSCHOOL REPORT

The Interschool Committee has continued to build on the strong momentum achieved last year, with an impressive total of 94 horse and rider registrations for 2025. The enthusiasm and growth of our interschool community have been evident across all events and disciplines, it has been pleasing to see the growth in the regional areas especially the south east where we now have a great presence.



Interschool State Championships

The Interschool State Championships held on the first weekend in April, was a fantastic event filled with happy faces and strong participation. Across the weekend there were 158 entries from 47 riders on 61 horses, competing across Showjumping, Dressage, Combined Training, and Show Horse disciplines.

It was especially encouraging to see many younger and first-time competitors experiencing their inaugural State

Championships. Judges and experienced team mates provided valuable guidance and encouragement, fostering a supportive and welcoming atmosphere for all participants.

All schools were well represented, with Seymour College proudly taking out the School Trophy for 2025.

Old Scholars Event

A new initiative this year was the Old Scholars Fancy Dress Showjumping event, held on the Saturday of the SA interschool Championships. The event encouraged past interschool team members to return and share in the fun, and it proved to be a



highlight of the weekend. The creativity of costumes and music, along with the laughter and good spirit, made it a memorable addition to the program and a wonderful connection between current and former interschool riders.



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Qualifiers and State Team Selection

Throughout Feb to June riders competed in qualifying events to earn points toward the State Team leaderboard. The ongoing support from external discipline event hosts has been outstanding, and it's inspiring to see the growing enthusiasm for Interschool competition across South Australia. Growing Interschool will help us all disciplines grow the sport.



Following the conclusion of the qualifiers, the committee turned its focus to State Team selection and preparation, ensuring that riders were ready to represent South Australia at the Horseland Interschool National Championships.

Royal Adelaide Show Participation

Earlier in the year, the Horses in Action Committee of the Royal Adelaide Show invited Interschool SA to coordinate a special Interschools Day at the Show. With the support of the ESA Board, who facilitated the necessary affiliation, we hosted a full day of Dressage, Showjumping, and Combined Training displays.

This initiative provided an excellent opportunity for riders heading to Nationals to experience a big competition atmosphere and allowed other riders who had missed out on the state team to represent Interschool SA on a major stage.



National Championships

The 2025 Horseland Interschool National Championships were hosted by Interschool NSW at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

South Australia was proudly represented by 47 combinations, competing across Eventing, Dressage, Showjumping, Show Horse, and Combined Training.

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Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, we were able to provide compulsory uniform items, host an on-horse training day, and run a team-building morning for our riders. We were also able to update the very tired equipment kits for XC, with new red saddle blankets and red and blue helmet covers making our XC riders look the part.



Leadership was provided by Captains Sophie Gardiner and Ella Beissel (Seymour College), with Jaimie Stichel serving as Team Manager and Sophia Craddock as Assistant Team manager.

Team SA achieved outstanding results with some of the best performances on record and were proudly awarded the Overall Team Spirit Award for their positivity, sportsmanship, and unity.

Competition Results

Combined Training

- Zoe James - Champion Primary Combined Training 60 Championship
- Imogen Carmichael - Reserve Champion Primary Combined Training 60 Championship
- Zara Lally - Reserve Champion Primary Combined Training 45 Championship Primary
- Combined Training Team (Zoe James, Imogen Carmichael, Charlotte Cobcroft, Zara Lally) - Australian Interschool Nationals Primary Combined Training Team Champions!

Show Horse

- Carly Roberts - Champion Primary Working Hunter Championship



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Dressage

- Zara Lally – 3rd Primary Novice Championship
- Airlie Wheadon – 4th Primary Novice Championship
- Lyla Woolston – 6th Primary Novice Championship; 4th, Primary Preliminary Championship
- Primary Dressage Team (Lyla Woolston, Zara Lally, Airlie Wheadon, Anna Bliss) – 3rd National Primary Dressage Team Championship



Show Jumping

- Indy Berden – Reserve Champion 1m Show Jumping Championship
- Imogen Carmichael – Reserve Champion, Primary 80cm Show Jumping; 5th, Primary 70cm Show Jumping
- Maddison Wissel – 3rd and 5th Intermediate 90cm Show Jumping Championship
- Shae Tweddle – 4th 110cm Senior Show Jumping; 6th, 120cm Senior Show Jumping
- Airlie Wheadon & Lyla Woolston – 5th, Pas de Deux

Acknowledgements

The Interschool SA Committee extends heartfelt thanks to all riders, parents, and families who travelled to Sydney and supported the team throughout the year. Your dedication, camaraderie, and team spirit have made 2025 one of our most successful and enjoyable years to date.

Committee – Interschool SA



CARRIAGE DRIVING REPORT

Unfortunately the sport of Carriage Driving is currently in recess so there is no update from them.

We are in search of committee of volunteers to reinstate this sport and return it to its former glory!

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please get them to contact the office!



History was made at CHIO Aachen 2025 as Australia claims its first-ever win in the Baron und Baronin von Buchholtz Nations' Cup in the Four-in-Hand Driving, and with just two team members.

World Champion Boyd Exell and teammate Tor van den Berge delivered under pressure, topping the Nations Cup leaderboard with a combined score of 352.780. With no drop score available, every phase counted, and the Aussies delivered.

DRESSAGE JUDGES REPORT

Current Sub-Committee

During 2024-2025 the DSA Judges Sub-committee members who have continued are Liz Duncan (Chair), Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen and Tracy Tillman. We were very pleased to welcome Brigitte Drinkwater who has joined the committee.

Dressage Judges in SA, 2024-2025

South Australia currently has 29 official dressage judges and another four in training. Judges work throughout the year to support clubs and riders at dressage events, the dressage phase of Eventing competitions and at Interschool events. Events are held almost every weekend and judges will often drive many hundreds of kilometers as there are clubs spread throughout SA from the South-East to the Mid-North regions. The number of judges in SA is fairly static and at times struggles to meet demand. We have only gained one new judge in early 2025 but have lost three, due to retirement and other commitments. The DSA-JSC is continually promoting training opportunities for new and current judges and we welcome all those interested in becoming a dressage judge.

Dressage Judge Education Activity 2024-2025

As well as being active in judging, our judges also give up their time to participate in continuing education. All SA judges completed their 3-yearly reaccreditation due in March 2025 and now a new accreditation cycle will start. Also, within the group are a number who are taking on extra study to upgrade through the levels. Ongoing education is vital to maintain and improve judging standards.



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In the 2024-2025 financial year the DSA-JSC held four successful seminars for continuing education, with good attendance by judges and riders. We are extremely grateful to all the judge educators who worked with our judges and demo riders. The events were:

- F/G seminar with Helen Whittle (SA) in December 2024
- A/B/C seminar with Ricky MacMillan (Qld) in March 2025
- F/G seminar with Sue Chandler (Vic) in May 2025 (special purpose funding from ESA)
- D/E seminar with Bernadette Gibson (Tas) in June 2025

F/G Dressage Judges Seminar - For current and new judges

Sunday 8th December 24 at Cromwell Park, Verdun

Helen Whittle, EA A level dressage judge and Judge Educator

Judging seminar for F/G, proudly brought to you by the DSA Dressage Judges Subcommittee and sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research

Start your training as an official EA judge, or continue with your ongoing education. contact dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au

Sunday 8th Dec - 9:00am registration, 9:30am start and 3:30pm finish, Theory a.m./practical p.m.
Enter through electric gate at Cromwell Park, 234 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Verdun.
BYO lunch and chair. No charge for EA members.
All judges, riders, coaches and supporter's welcome.
RSVP - dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au

DRESSAGE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A-B-C Dressage Judges Seminar

Sunday 2nd March 2025 at Cromwell Park, Verdun

Ricky Macmillan, International Young Horse and FEI 4* Judge, Level 3 NCAS Coach and Judge Educator

Judging seminar for A-B-C levels, proudly brought to you by the DSA Dressage Judges Subcommittee (contact dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au)

Sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research and Shield Insurance (Mt Barker)

For continued training and re-accreditation as an official EA judge.

Sunday 2nd March - 8:30am registration, 9:00am start and ~2:30pm finish.
Enter through electric gate at Cromwell Park, 234 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Verdun.
BYO lunch and chair. No charge for EA members.
All judges, riders, coaches and supporter's welcome.
RSVP - dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au

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F/G Dressage Judges Seminar

Saturday 10th May 2025 at Cromwell Park, Verdun

Sue Chandler EA NCAS Level 2 General Coach; EA NCAS Level 3 Dressage Coach; Coach Educator; EA NCAS "A" Level Dressage Judge/Mentor

Judging seminar for F/G, proudly funded by the ESA board
Riders sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research

The seminar will be followed by the Melissa Galloway Masterclass at 1:15pm for judges
RSVP booking is required <https://form.jotform.com/25110790581069>

Start your training as an official EA judge, or continue with your ongoing education

Sat 10th May 25 - 8:30am registration, 9:00am start and 3:30pm finish.
Enter through electric gate at Cromwell Park, 234 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Verdun.
BYO lunch and chair. No charge for EA members.
All judges, riders, coaches and supporter's welcome.
Questions & RSVP - dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au

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D/E Dressage Judges Seminar

Theory 26 Jun 2025 and Practical 29 Jun 2025 at Cromwell Park, Verdun

Bert Gibson (Tas) EA NCAS "A" Level Dressage Judge/Mentor | FEI Rider & Coach

Seminar for D/E & F upgrading; presented by the DSA Judges sub-committee
Riders sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research

Part 1 - Thursday 26th June @ 7:00pm via ZOOM.
The theory component of the seminar will be held via ZOOM.
Reply to the judges email to register and we will send you the link. dressagejudge@equestriana.com.au

Part 2- Sunday 29th June @ 9:00am start to ~1:00pm.
The practical component of the seminar is at Cromwell Park.

Cromwell Park - Enter through electric gate, 234 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Verdun.
BYO snacks and chair.
No charge for EA members.
All judges, riders, coaches and supporter's welcome.

Kentucky Equine Research

In combination with the Melissa Galloway Masterclass organized by the DSA committee in May 2025, we were able to hold a Judges' Workshop within the event. Also in May, with funding from ESA, the DSA-JSC organized a regional Protocol day in May 2025, allowing an experienced judge to give more detailed feedback to test riders.

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Finally, with the assistance of the Para-dressage committee and funding from EA, SA also had training and refreshers for new and current Para judges and Stewards. Thank you to all the demonstration riders who contributed to the practical aspect of the seminars, they are essential for continuing education of judges. We are also grateful to Kentucky Equine Research for their support in donating rider gifts for the seminars.



Thank you to all judges for your commitment to the quality of judging in SA and to the Mentors and Judges Educators who have helped with judge training. Shadow Judging and mentoring is held at most competitions, with Clubs assisting in the organization of this activity.

DSA-JSC Operational Items

- Since July 2020, a Dressage SA Judges Sub-Committee banking account has now been established, allowing review of all income and outgoings and the balance will carry over year-to-year.
- The DSA-JSC has income from the judge education levy paid by riders in dressage competitions with official judges. As can be seen in the financial statement, the income from levies was below budget mainly due to a number of cancelled events (weather related). However with extra funding for this year provided by the ESA Board, costs associated with an extra F/G seminar and protocol training day were covered.
- In 2024-2025 there was a small increase in activity in shadow Judging, mentoring, theory exams and practical exams with slightly more spending in the Training category compared to previous years.
- The programming for judge seminars during 2024-2025 included three seminars with interstate Judge Educators, giving travel and accommodation costs. The seminar in June did not have all invoices received by 30/6/25 so there will be some costs carried forward into the next financial year.

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- Operational tasks for the DSA-JSC are all about judge education and include:
 - Attendance at quarterly committee meetings, minutes
 - Organising seminars including presenter, travel, venue, payments, riders, technical, catering, publicity, sponsorship, attendance records, etc
 - Forward monthly emails from EADOC to local judges (National education calendar, rule changes, etc)
 - Dressage judge articles for Moving Forward bi-monthly e-magazine
 - Review of Financial Reports and prepare Budget
 - Liaise with and support new and upgrading judges, assist with setting tasks, maintain records
 - Organise judge upgrade exams – theory and practical examiners, competition OC
 - Liaise with SA Clubs

Liz Duncan
Chairperson, Dressage Judges Sub-Committee



COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the ESA Coaching Committee I am pleased to provide our Annual Report to ESA members and fellow EA accredited Coaches.

The ESA Coaching Committee is a small and dedicated committee that works to promote and develop coaching in South Australia, facilitate mandatory training and ongoing professional development of Equestrian Australia (EA) accredited coaches and to implement relevant Equestrian Australia policy and rules in regards to Coaching.

Our ESA Annual Report is a great opportunity to reflect on the range of benefits provided by EA accredited coaches. Equestrian activities are considered a high risk sport, and when participating in your chosen discipline it is imperative that our members can be assured that they are working with Coaches that hold and maintain a base level of professional development, qualifications and insurance.

As the EA brings the new Members Portal online, the current list of EA accredited Coaches, Coach Educators (CE) and Skills Specific Training Assessors (SSTA) will be a searchable, making it quick and simple to locate EA Coaches to work as part of your team on your equestrian journey. Until then, you can find the listing of current coaches on the EA website.

By working with a current registered Equestrian Australia (EA) accredited coach, you are provided with the assurance that your coach:

- is up-to-date with coaching trends including community coaching principles, inclusivity and diversity
- continues to develop their skills through professional education relating to equestrian
- is fully insured
- maintains first aid certification
- is current in their knowledge of Sport Integrity rules (drugs in sport) and guidelines and Concussion protocols
- has completed the SIA course Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport
- holds a current state based Working with Children check (WWCC), and

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- when participating in National and State Squad Clinics, coaching is delivered by EA Accredited coaches or IGEQ equivalent international coaches

If you have knowledge, interest and passion in our equestrian disciplines and have considered becoming an accredited EA coach or upgrading your accreditation, please contact the ESA Coaching Committee, our ESA Coach Educators or our ESA SSTAs.

During 2025, the ESA Coaching Committee successfully delivered Coaching updates in South Australia:

- During October 2024, the ESACC ran a series of workshops and assessments for Introductory Coaches and current Coaches wishing to upgrade. On 9 October the ESACC ran the Orientation to EA and the Coaching Pathway Certificate for candidates commencing their EA Coaching journey, followed by on the 21 October a Coaching Assessment Day was run by two of our SA Coach Educators, Tamsin Adcock and Mandy Maiden at Tilling Hill Equestrian Centre, which offered candidates the opportunity to present two assessments in one day. The Assessment Day was very well supported by a fabulous number of volunteer riders who enabled group and individual lessons to be presented by four candidates. As a result, we had three candidates complete their accreditation as EA Introductory Coaches
- May 2025 was a busy time for Coach mandatory training. On 1 May, the ESACC hosted the 2025 Coaches Update facilitated by Michelle Clough EA Sports Development Officer and Will Enzinger EA High Performance Director. The Coaches update was held adjacent to the Adelaide Equestrian Festival at Mary Walker House, bringing 44 of our south Australian EA Coaches together to complete their bi-annual mandatory training and take some time out to meet in person. This format was a great success and the ESACC will be looking to continue this in the future.

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Closing out the 2025 update cycle, Coach Educators and SSTA completed their bi-annual updates on 13 May via Teams

- ESACC attended the reinvigorated EA State Coaching Chair Committee Meeting for August, which under Michelle Clough is shaping up to be a valuable forum to share challenges, opportunities and initiatives across our coaching community. As an ESA Coach, if you have a topic you would like to have discussed at the EA State Coaching Chair Committee, please reach out to a member of the ESACC.

Recapping 2025, we saw the success of the Coaching Assessment workshops and the opportunity for most of our SA Coaches to meet together and with our EA National Office during Adelaide's largest equestrian event. Looking towards 2026, the ESACC have commenced planning our mandatory training, professional development and coach development days and are committed to providing and sourcing valuable content for our EA Coaches in South Australia. To allow the ESACC to meet your coaching needs, it is vital that we have a clear line of sight of coaches across all stages of their career. If you are interested in coaching, looking to start your accreditation, commenced your training or seeking to upgrade your level, in addition to working with your Coach Educator or SSTA, please contact the ESA Coaching Committee and let us know. Understanding our coaches needs, now and to the future, will help the ESACC deliver programs that help you and help our EA members, achieve our equestrian goals and dreams.

And finally, we farewell Mandy Maiden from the ESA Coaching Committee. The ESA Coaches Committee wishes Mandy all the very best and thank her for promoting Coaching in South Australia during her time on the Committee. I have had the privilege of joining the ESA Coaching Committee in October 2024 and taking up the role as ESACC Chair working alongside Tamsin Adcock, Rebecca Moore, Lyn Jutilane Maynard and Nigel Treloar and take this opportunity on behalf of our Coaches community to thank them for their contribution and support this past year and look forward to 2026.

Jen Benson
ESA Coaching Committee Chair

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Equestrian South Australia Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Audit Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Equestrian South Australia Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, statement of financial performance for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2025, 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 Act SA 1985*.

Basis for Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants including Independence Standards (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Responsibility of Committee for the Financial Report

Committee 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 Act SA 1985* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Committee responsibility also includes such internal control as 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.

In preparing the financial report, Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit 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.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Equestrian South Australia Inc.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2025**

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Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian South Australia Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee Members

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

Members	Appointed
Scott Donner - Chair from June 2023	June 2023
Samantha Taylor	June 2023 - November 2024
Andrew Paech - FARMC	June 2023
Laura Reed	June 2023 - November 2024
Jeff Evans	June 2023 - November 2024
Helen Coleiro - FARMC Chair	June 2023
Neralie Bailey	June 2023
David Johnson	June 2023 - June 2025
Alice Morely	June 2023 - February 2025
Mim Bolzon	November 2024
Wendy Hunt - FARMC	November 2024
Brigid Dunn	November 2024

The details of Board Members are reported in Note 19

** Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARMC)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to act as administrator for Equestrian Sport in South Australia.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The Association recorded an operating surplus of \$49,713 (2024: deficit of \$35,658).

Subsequent Events

No events have occurred since 30 June 2025 that would have had a material effect on the information disclosed in this financial report.

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Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income			
Constitutional Committees	2	293,064	226,350
Interest Revenue		10,934	-
Grant Income	3	42,000	41,000
Memberships Income	4	335,216	332,033
Operational Income	5	16,839	21,809
Total Income		<u>698,053</u>	<u>621,192</u>
Expenditure			
Constitutional Committees	2	292,978	184,683
Building Expense	6	14,907	13,554
Employment Expense	7	106,389	192,099
EA Member Levies		114,095	106,655
Administration Expenses	8	89,092	149,449
Operational Expense	9	30,879	10,410
Total Expenses		<u>648,340</u>	<u>656,850</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>49,713</u>	<u>(35,658)</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>49,713</u>	<u>(35,658)</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	503,454	431,078
Receivables	11	21,966	61,021
Pre-paid expenses	12	6,689	5,922
Total Current Assets		532,109	498,021
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	13	642,790	646,130
Total Non-Current Assets		642,790	646,130
Total Assets		1,174,899	1,144,151
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	14	31,969	8,659
Employee Benefits	15	3,874	2,033
Other Current Liabilities	16	2,287	46,403
Total Current Liabilities		38,130	57,095
Non-Current Liabilities			
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		38,130	57,095
Net Assets		1,136,769	1,087,056
Member's Funds			
Branch Operations, Trading and Administration	17	855,880	804,667
Constitutional Committees	18	280,889	282,389
Total Members Funds		1,136,769	1,087,056

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**EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of South Australia. The Committee Members have determined that the association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports.

The financial report has been prepared in general accordance with the presentation, materiality and measurement principles set down in the Australian Accounting Standards. No specific standards have been applied to the special purpose financial report unless otherwise specified below.

The financial report is prepared in Australian dollars under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets which, as noted, are at fair value. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report;

(a) Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, such as cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts.

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(c) Revenue Recognition

Revenue from membership subscriptions are recognised as income in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is determined by reference to the membership year.

Grant revenue is recognised as income when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant will be measured reliably.

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

(d) 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 Tax Office (ATO).

(e) Income Tax

The association is exempt from income tax under the current provisions of Income Tax Assessment Act (1997). Accordingly, there is no income tax expense or income tax payable recognised in the financial report.

(f) Property, Plant and Equipment

Land and Buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers. A valuation of Land and Buildings occurred on 23 January 2023 by Nigel Gibbins, AAPI Certified Practicing Valuer. The revalued amount was \$605,000, an increase from the previous valuation of \$545,000. All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the asset to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready to use.

(g) Employee Leave Provisions

Provisions for employee entitlements owing in respect of annual holiday and long service leave are accrued at the current rates of pay applicable for each employee. The provision for long service leave is calculated based on the duration of service of an employee and factors in the probability of staff reaching seven (7) years of service in order for this to be payable.

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2 Constitutional Committees - Trading

	2025		2024	
	Income	Expenditure	Net Result	Net Result
Carriage Driving Committee	-	197	(197)	(206)
Coaching Committee	1,909	1,783	126	(373)
Dressage Committee	72,039	65,953	6,086	12,262
Dressage Judges	7,183	5,928	1,255	3,582
Eventing Committee	55,461	71,241	(15,780)	1,944
Interschool Committee	41,113	31,685	9,428	1,762
Show Horse Committee	26,827	37,312	(10,485)	(6,143)
Show Jumping Committee	74,014	69,730	4,284	24,835
Vaulting Committee	10,378	8,532	1,846	4,004
Para Equestrian	4,140	617	3,523	-
Total	293,064	292,978	86	41,667

The balance of reserves held by each committee is displayed in Note 17.

3 Grant Income	2025		2024	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants - Govt		42,000		41,000
Total		42,000		41,000

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4 Memberships Income	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Memberships	290,927	286,726
- Competitive Senior	102,625	100,352
- Participant Senior	55,165	50,241
- Competitive Junior	29,130	31,783
- Competitor Senior 55+	26,107	22,075
- Clubs	16,207	17,371
- Recreational Senior	20,844	17,880
- Competitor Limited	10,267	11,922
- Participant Junior	8,824	10,737
- Volunteer - Officials	7,022	7,761
- Volunteer - Supporter Owner	7,756	9,874
- Volunteer - Other	833	824
- Volunteer - Coaches	2,284	2,101
- Recreational Junior	1,846	1,915
- Volunteer - Supporter	2,017	2,014
- Day Participation	-	96
Performance Cards	4.2	7,022
Registrations	4.3	24,346
Transfers	4.4	12,921
Total	335,216	332,033
5 Operational Income	2025	2024
	\$	\$
IT expense recovery	5.5	1,080
Miscellaneous Income	5.6	3,266
Ticket Sales	5.7	12,493
Trading Activities	5.8	-
Total	16,839	21,809
6 Building Expense	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Insurance	6.1	6,195
Maintenance & Repairs	6.2	4,111
Rates	6.3	4,601
Total	14,907	13,554

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7 Employment Expense	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Salaries & Wages	7.1	105,757
Staff Amenities	7.2	632
Total	106,389	191,304

8 Administration Expenses	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Audit Fees	8.2	4,437
Bank Fees	8.3	631
Computers (inc software)	8.4	12,138
Consultants	8.5	26,006
Depreciation	8.6	1,710
Legal Fees and Associated Costs	8.7	9,954
Nominate Fees	8.8	17,822
Office Maintenance	8.9	13,099
Utilities	8.10	3,295
Total	89,092	149,449

9 Operational Expense	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Equipment & Hire	9.4	-
Functions	9.5	9,964
Miscellaneous	9.6	582
Travel Expenses	9.11	45
Trophies/Sashes	9.13	1,276
DC Grant Expenses	9.14	19,012
Total	30,879	10,410

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10 Cash and Cash Equivalents	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank - Cheque Account	316,296	2,667
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	-	250,000
Cash at Bank - Driving	197	316
Cash at Bank - Coaching	2,556	2,371
Cash at Bank - Dressage	38,187	42,302
Cash at Bank - Jumping SA	49,812	38,692
Cash at Bank - Dressage Judges	14,224	12,233
Cash at Bank - Eventing	39,354	50,477
Cash at Bank - Interschool	27,182	14,830
Cash at Bank - Vaulting	12,571	9,840
Cash at Bank - Show Horse	2,515	7,243
Petty Cash	560	107
Total	503,454	431,078

11 Receivables	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Accounts Receivable	21,988	15,921
Accrued Income	-	45,100
Total	21,966	61,021

*Accrued income relates to Government grant that was paid 2 July 2024

12 Prepaid Expenses	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Prepaid Expenses	6,689	5,922
Total	6,689	5,922

13 Property Plant and Equipment	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Fair Value* - Land/Buildings	605,000	605,000
Furniture and Fittings	8,903	8,903
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,464)	(4,104)
Office Equipment	20,886	20,886
Accumulated Depreciation	(18,419)	(17,204)
Plant & Equipment	77,852	76,352
Accumulated Depreciation	(46,968)	(43,703)
Total	642,790	646,130

* Revaluation of Land & Buildings occurred on 23 January 2023 by Nigel Gibbins, AAPI Certified Practicing Valuer. The revalued amount was \$605,000, an increase from the previous valuation of \$545,000.

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14 Accounts Payable	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable	19,418	3,479
Credit Cards	-	128
PAYG Withholding	1,170	2,580
GST Payable / (receivable)	8,633	300
Superannuation Payable	2,748	2,172
Total	31,969	8,659

15 Current Employee Benefits	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Provision Holiday Pay	3,874	2,033
Total	3,874	2,033

16 Other Current Liabilities	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Income In Advance	1,880	42,130
Accrued Expenses	407	4,273
Total	2,287	46,403

17 Equity	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	804,667	837,425
Branch Result	49,627	(77,325)
Committee Results (see note 2)	86	41,667
Committee Adjustments (see note 18)	1,500	2,900
Closing Balance	855,880	804,667

18 Reserve Balances - Constitutional Committees			
Committee Reserve	1 July 2024	Adjustments	Reserve Drawings
Carriage	3,667	-	3,667
Coaching	31,339	-	31,339
Dressage	60,262	-	60,262
Dressage Judges	-	-	-
Eventing	69,155	(1,500)	67,655
Interschool	28,293	-	28,293
Show Horse	16,171	-	16,171
Show Jumping	50,517	-	50,517
Vaulting	22,985	-	22,985
Total	282,389	(1,500)	280,889

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19 Board Members

The following persons were Board members of Equestrian South Australia Inc. during the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Member	Appointed/Elected	Comments
Scott Donner - Chair from June 2023	June 2023	
Samantha Taylor	June 2023 - November 2024	
Andrew Paech - FARMC	June 2023	
Laura Reed	June 2023 - November 2024	
Jeff Evans	June 2023 - November 2024	
Helen Coleiro - FARMC Chair	June 2023	
Neralie Bailey	June 2023	
David Johnson	June 2023 - June 2025	
Alice Morely	June 2023 - February 2025	
Mim Bolzon	November 2024	
Wendy Hunt - FARMC	November 2024	
Bridget Dunn	November 2024	

Related Party Payments

Pursuant to Section 31(1)(b) of the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985* the following payments to Board members and/or related parties for the 2025 financial year are disclosed:

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Wendy Hunt	2/11/2024	\$309.50	DSA Judges Claim
Andrew Paech	28/04/2025	\$800.00	Show Jump Instruction
Andrew Paech	12/06/2025	\$350.00	Show Jump Judging at State Champs

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**EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

The Committee 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 outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Equestrian South Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Equestrian South Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Committee is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and the disclosure of all material and relevant information.

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



Name: Scott Donner
Position: Chairperson
Date: 07/01/2026



Name: Helen Coleiro
Position: FARMC Chair
Date: 07/01/2026

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**EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Board of the Association, hereby states that during the year ended 30 June 2025:

(a) - no committee member; or
- no firm of which the committee member is a member; or
- no entity in which the committee member has a substantial financial interest,
has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association except as declared in Note 19.

(b) no officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.



Name: Scott Donner
Position: Chairperson
Date: 07/01/2026

Name: Helen Coleiro
Position: FARMC Chair
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