

EQUESTRIAN SA

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FOR 2025/2026



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ESA BOARD, EO & DC MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair: Wendy Hunt

FARMC Chair: Jayden Coates

Board Members: Neralie Bailey, Bridget Dunn, Stuart Platt & Jeff Evans

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dressage - Committee

Chair: Cheryl Hatswell

Vice Chair: Brigitte Drinkwater

Secretary: Jacqui Lang

Treasurer: Jude Sonnefeld

Riders Rep: Natasha Cockburn

Committee: Catherine Skinner, Isabelle Finn, Kathryn Mitchell, Keeley Menadue & Sarah Price

Selectors: Liz Duncan & Jen Gilligan

Dressage Judges Sub-Committee

Chair: Liz Duncan

Committee: Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen, Brigitte Drinkwater & Tracy Tillman

Jumping - Committee

Chair: Sheridan Manuel

Vice Chair: Lara Kluske

Secretary: Troy Woollard

Treasurer: Kaitlin Smith

Riders Rep: Kristy Bruhn

Committee: Mark Jakeway, Bill Parker, Ashleigh Tonks, Angela Twedde & Briony Temby

Show Horse - Committee

Chair: Arabella Hooper

Vice Chair: Janelle Karmelich

Secretary: Orleans Graetz

Treasurer: Elizabeth Fricker

Committee: Fiona Graetz, Nicole Coombe, Alyson Emery & Maddison Maitland

DC MEMBERS & STAFF

Para Equestrian - Committee

Chair: Michele Duthy

Vice Chair: Noella Angel

Secretary: Amber-Rose Pyle

Committee: Melinda Hersey & Kathy Angel

Eventing - Committee

Chair: Jo Crosby

Vice Chair: Tracey Leigh

Riders Rep: Sarah Clark

Committee: Megan Jones, Heather Ford, Rachelle Verma, Charlie Germein, Karen Rose, Lara Tomlinson & Bec Kinnear

Vaulting - Committee

Chair: Nina Fritzell

Vice Chair: Sophie Thomson

Secretary: Emma Moulds

Committee: Skye Barrowcliffe, Abby Yeend, Emily Arthur & Kristina Walker

Interschool - Committee

Chair: Tania Carey

Vice Chair: Jaimie Stichel

Secretary: Naomi Downer

Treasurer: Caroline Rhodes

Committee: Cindy Wissell & Collette Wheadon

Coaching - Committee

Chair: Jen Benson

Vice Chair & EACC Rep: Tamsin Adcock

Secretary: Rebecca Moore

Committee: Lyn Jutilane & Nigel Treloar

Staff

Executive Officer: Reece Turner

Finance Officer: Kayla Dollard

Member Services & Education Officer : Judy Clutterbuck

Communication Coordinator: Danni Hampton

CHAIR REPORT

This year has been a busy year for the newly elected Board voted in on 28th January 2026 and much has been achieved in that short time. Our new Board consisted of current directors Neralie Bailey, Mim Bolzon, Bridget Dunn, Wendy Hunt with newly elected Directors Linda Clark, Jayden Coates and Stuart Platt.

In February our Awards night was held at Auchendarroch House with awards given out in all disciplines (with the exception of Driving) so congratulations to all recipients. It had a wonderful atmosphere and an enjoyable night was had by all. A big thank you to Bridget Dunn and office staff for all the organisation of this successful evening.

Later in February saw us dealing with and submitting our "Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing" (ORSR) grant application. This was done solely by the Board and meant the need for our Strategic Plan to be updated within a very short time frame. As all plans are living documents it can be modified at any time, so we are open to any suggestions or additions.

In May the Board had a meeting to complete the ORSR SGS 2026. There were many questions and as a result we are required to report the results and aims at the AGM. Thanks to Jayden Coates and Stuart Platt our financial processes have been improved and we received a tick from ORSR for this area however the areas we need to improve are in the policy making areas. Whilst we may be doing what is required we don't always have a policy to align with the process. The majority of our policies are out of date and need updating.

Not having an Executive Officer lowered our score as the Board has been too operational in recent times rather than strategic, as good governance should be. By employing a new EO, this is an action to make the move from an operational board to a more strategic Board. We advertised for the role and had over 30 people apply, with seven being interviewed and a further three for a second interview resulting in Reece Turner being employed for the role as Executive Officer.

On behalf of the ESA Board and all the members I would like to welcome Reece to this new role at Equestrian South Australia. Reece comes from a Sporting administration background and will bring "fresh eyes" to our sport. Reece started on

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7th September 2026. Please make him feel welcome in this demanding role and introduce yourself and your discipline.

In June former Director and Honorary Life member Jeff Evans was co-opted onto the ESA Board to fill the vacancy left by Mim Bolzon. This year we have instigated a new quarterly newsletter and we seek your feedback and any suggestions you may have in regards to communication. Our new email addresses are available on the ESA website if anyone wishes to contact any board directors. Thanks to Stuart Platt for updating these email addresses.

The 26/27 membership renewals were done by JustGo for the first time. This has been challenging and we thank the staff for in some areas going “above and beyond” to keep members informed. We also thank the membership for their patience at this trying time.

Whilst some categories of membership have risen this year, the ESA Board has subsidised some components on top of what was subsidised last year. Our income has taken a huge hit due to EA levies.

The Discipline Chairs meetings organised by Bridget Dunn and Linda Clark continue to be a useful tool for disciplines to communicate and interact with each other. Having a Board Director as a liaison with each discipline has proved very successful with no EO employed, however this communication will now be taken over by Reece.

Unfortunately in August Linda Clark resigned from the Board but I am sure we will still see her around at events supporting her daughter Sarah.

A financial innovation has been the new app (Approval Max) to streamline payments of accounts. This has only just started but already there is positive feedback. Disciplines also now have “view access” to their individual bank accounts and this will help disciplines keep updated on them. Jayden has worked tirelessly with disciplines and their budgets.

Board Directors are very much aware of the need for “value for membership” particularly in this economic climate. So that fees are kept as affordable as

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possible, the Board has decided that it may be necessary to lease part of the office to bring in extra revenue to ensure that fees were kept as low as possible. This will depend on how budgets go.

Disciplines and their clubs have been very active organising competitions for competitors. Thank you to the disciplines and the clubs for all their work this year. It is appreciated by us all. We welcome our new Board directors and new discipline committee members for 2026 and thank those that are retiring that have given their time and commitment to the sport. The volunteered hours of work is much appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank the staff and also the incredible Board that has worked tirelessly for Equestrian South Australia this year. We have met on public holidays and Sundays to ensure the smooth running of our organisation. We, as a Board are very happy to be handing over the “operational” component to Reece and getting back to looking more at the sport, growing the sport and pathways for our riders.

WENDY HUNT

Equestrian SA Chairperson



EO REPORT

A positive foundation for the future

"What excites me most is the potential ahead and the opportunity to build an ESA that our community feels proud to be part of."

It is a genuine privilege to have joined Equestrian South Australia as Executive Officer and although I have only been in the role for a relatively short period, I have already developed a strong appreciation for the people, passion and commitment that sits behind our sport in South Australia.

One of the things that has stood out to me immediately is the enormous contribution made by our members, clubs, disciplines committees, volunteers, officials, coaches, staff and Board. Equestrian sport relies heavily on people who are prepared to give their time and expertise, often quietly and without recognition and ESA is fortunate to have a community that cares deeply about the future of the sport.

A strong platform to build from

Coming into the organisation, my priority has been to listen, learn and understand where ESA is currently positioned, while also beginning to identify the opportunities available to us. There is a great deal to be positive about.

ESA has a strong membership base, a dedicated group of volunteers and officials and a sport that has a unique ability to connect people across metropolitan and regional South Australia. We also have an opportunity to build on this foundation and create an organisation that is increasingly connected, visible, commercially sustainable and easy for our members to engage with.

Turning strategy into action

The recently developed ESA Strategic Plan provides an important foundation for that next chapter. My focus is now on turning that strategy into practical action.

A significant amount of work has already commenced behind the scenes to strengthen the organisation operationally. This includes reviewing governance and policies, improving Board reporting and processes, developing clearer operational planning, identifying grant opportunities, reviewing our membership data and systems and considering how we can make our administration more efficient.

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While much of this work will never be the most visible part of ESA, I believe getting these foundations right is incredibly important. Strong systems and good governance ultimately allow us to spend more time supporting the sport and our members.

Building the ESA brand

Another major focus for me is growing the profile of Equestrian South Australia. There are thousands of South Australians who own horses, participate in equestrian activities or have a connection to the broader horse community, and I believe ESA has an opportunity to engage more strongly with that audience.

Over the coming period, I would like to see ESA tell its story more confidently, celebrating our athletes, volunteers, officials, clubs and events while creating more reasons for people to engage with the organisation.

Partnerships and sustainability

This also extends to commercial partnerships and grants. Equestrian sport has a distinctive community and strong alignment with a wide range of industries across South Australia. Developing sustainable partnerships with organisations that genuinely see value in our members and our sport will be an important part of strengthening ESA's long-term financial position.

More value for members

Equally important is ensuring that our existing members continue to feel valued. Membership should represent more than simply registration or eligibility to compete. My ambition is to continue exploring how ESA can provide greater value through education, communication, partnerships, member benefits and stronger connections between the state body, disciplines and clubs.

Relationships matter

Relationships will be central to achieving this. I have already enjoyed connecting with people across the South Australian equestrian community as well as colleagues from other state branches and Equestrian Australia. There is enormous value in sharing ideas, learning from what is working elsewhere and working collaboratively on the challenges and opportunities facing our sport nationally.

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Internally, I have also been incredibly grateful for the support and knowledge of the ESA staff and Board as I have transitioned into the role. Their experience and understanding of the organisation has been invaluable and I am looking forward to continuing to build a strong team environment where people feel empowered to contribute and improve the organisation.

Looking ahead

What excites me most is the potential ahead. I don't believe ESA needs to change what makes the equestrian community special. Rather, our opportunity is to build an organisation around that community that is modern, responsive, ambitious and sustainable.

That means continuing to improve how we communicate, simplifying administration wherever possible, creating stronger commercial and funding opportunities, supporting our clubs and disciplines, and ensuring that the welfare of horses and participants remains at the centre of our decision-making.

There is plenty of work ahead, but there is also plenty of momentum.

I am genuinely excited about what ESA can achieve over the coming years and grateful for the opportunity to play a role in that journey. Most importantly, I want ESA to be an organisation that our community feels proud to be part of.

Thank you again to our members, volunteers, officials, coaches, clubs, discipline committees, staff, Board and partners for everything you contribute to equestrian sport in South Australia.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming year, hearing your ideas and working together to continue moving Equestrian South Australia forward.

REECE TURNER

Equestrian SA Executive Officer



AWARDS NIGHT

INTERSCHOOL

Primary CT: Imogen Carmichael & Little Black Suzi

Secondary CT: Eliza Spiers & Hillswood Beatrice

Primary Dressage: Anna Bliss & Bamborough Liberache

Intermediate Dressage: Maggie-Rose Mallord & Master Binks

Secondary Dressage: Eliza Spiers & Hillswood Beatrice

Primary Jumping: Carly Roberts & Kapeta Langley

Intermediate Jumping: Maddison Wissell & Damara VWNZ

Secondary Jumping: Sophie Bairstow & Forbidden Dream

Eventing: Matilda Kauppila & Riverwood Splash

Primary Working Hunter: Carly Roberts & Takoda

Intermediate Show Hunter: Stella Marcus & Rivington Folk Rock

Secondary Show Horse: Mia Ozolins & Sierra Farm Serendipity

Overall Winning School: Investigator College

SHOW HORSE

Show Horse of the Year: Argyl Fine Art

Show Hunter of the Year: Hi-Pine Temptation

Childs Show Horse of the Year: Carlingford Park Celestial

Childs Show Hunter of the Year: Dalbrae Tudor

Mini Horse of the Year: Serenity Park Justadream

Senior Rider of the Year: Kate Halliday

Junior Rider of the Year: Sienna Mallen

VAULTING

Junior Vaulter of the Year: Sierra Turner

Senior Vaulter of the Year: Skye Barrowcliffe

Competitor Horse of the Year: Matavia Rosenkrantz

PARA EQUESTRIAN

Para Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year: Nero R & Kirsty Van Loon

Virtus Dressage Rider of the Year: Catherine Viney

Para Official of the Year: Helen Whittle

Para Club of the Year: Adelaide Hills Dressage Club



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EVENTING

Tasha Khouzam Memorial Trophy for Young Rider of the Year: Kaitlin Teichert

Di Schaeffer Memorial Trophy for Rider of the Year: Rachelle Verma

Horse of the Year: Cadello MPH

1* Combination of the Year: Grandview Halo & Megan Jones

95 Combination of the Year: Figura Otto & Sarah Ashcroft

2025 Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award

Finalists: Ella Beissel, Matilda Kauppila, Kaitlin Teichert, Felicity Arnold, Katrina Brokus, Madi Hedley, Bethany King, Holly Wotton & Amelie Morelli

Winner: Annabel Manifold

JUMPING

Bronze Series: Kerstcadeau & Ella Manning

Junior Ruby Series: Eringavale Dolcetta & Indy Berden

Silver Series: Oaks Be Sweet & Ella Manning and Danson Don Delight & Troy Woollard

Gold Series: Tulara Colette & Briony Temby

Fosters Cup Junior Horse of the Year: Eringavale Dolcetta

Junior Rider of the Year: Indy Berden

Balharry Cup Senior Horse of the Year: Freeloader

Senior Rider of the Year: Briony Temby

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FEI Big/Medium Tour Horse & Rider of the Year: Dobria de Jeu & Catherine Skinner

FEI Small Horse & Rider of the Year: Regal Wolkendance & Melissa Boekel

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

AOR Horse & Rider of the Year: Fairbanks Usher & Kellie McCafferty

Foundation Horse & Rider of the Year: Acacia Ridge Rio & Verity Hayman

Youth Horse & Rider of the Year: PS Can Dance & Keeley Menadue

Pony & Rider of the Year: Ibn Ky Tiny Dancer & Kylie Watson

JIM DUNN OAM SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD

Recipient: Prue Copping



DISCIPLINE REPORTS



DRESSAGE REPORT

Thank You to Our Dressage Community

Dressage SA sincerely thanks all those who have contributed to and supported dressage in South Australia throughout the 2025/26 financial year.

The continued growth and success of our sport relies on the commitment of our riders, judges, coaches, affiliated club committees, volunteers and stewards. We greatly value the time, expertise and enthusiasm each of you brings to our dressage community.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Committee Members

Dressage SA acknowledges and thanks our outgoing committee members:

- Julia Weir
- Karen Horsell
- Karen Wilson
- Lorraine Wohling
- Noella Angel
- Ryan Fletcher
- Trudi Lutt

Their contribution, commitment and service to Dressage SA are sincerely appreciated, and we thank them for the important role they have played in supporting dressage in South Australia.

Equine Finance Solutions South Australian State Dressage Championships

The Equine Finance Solutions South Australian State Dressage Championships 2025 showcased outstanding performances from combinations across all levels and categories.

your 2026 Dressage SA
COMMITTEE

Chair - Cheryl Hatswell
Vice Chair - Brigitte Drinkwater
Secretary - Jacqui Lang
Treasurer - Jude Sonnefeld
Awards - Catherine Skinner
Clubs Representative - Isabelle Finn
Riders Representative - Natasha Cockburn
Youth Development - Natasha Cockburn
Stewards Coordinator - Jude Sonnefeld
Bred to Race - Brigitte Drinkwater
Moving Forward Editor - Kathryn Mitchell
Social Media - Keeley Menadue
Squad Co-ordinator - Sarah Price
Selectors - Liz Duncan and Jen Gilligan

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Champions of Champions:

Preliminary – Keely Menadue & PS Can Dance

Novice – Ria Grivell & Furst Depiction

Elementary – Samantha Dossett & Jazdan Royal Rockstar

Medium – Ruth Schneeberger & Heathmont Romance (pictured)

Advanced – Ruth Schneeberger & Heathmont Romance

Small Tour – Lorraine Wohling & HV Duke

Medium Tour – Catherine Skinner & Dobria de Jeu

Big Tour – Karen Horsell & Guizo da Farraria



Congratulations to all the 2025 South Australian State Champions, podium place-getters and competitors. Their dedication, horsemanship and commitment to the sport continue to reflect the strength and success of dressage in South Australia.

Celebration of Dressage 2025 - Held at Grunthal, Verdun on 26th July 2025

The inaugural Celebration of Dressage Evening was Introduced in addition to the ESA Awards Evening, the event provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Dressage Stars, while recognising the volunteers, officials and quiet achievers whose contributions behind the scenes are essential to the success of dressage events across South Australia.

2025 Dressage SA Award Winners:

SA FEI Judge of the Year – Liz Duncan

SA EA Judge of the Year – Carly Bubner

SA Official of the Year – Jo Taylor & Judith Sonnefeld

Volunteer of the Year – Liz Duncan

Lindy Wright Memorial – Karen Horsnell

Coach of the Year – Ruth Schneeberger

DSA Services to the Sport – Sue Brown

Sponsor of the Year – Mighty Farm Equine

Metro Club of the Year – Dressage Club SA

Regional Club of the Year – Clare Valley DC

Event of the Year – Equine Finance Solutions DSA

State Championships

Youth Development Scholarship – Keeley Menedue



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Dressage Stars – 2025

The Dressage Stars recognise the leading combinations from Preliminary through to Grand Prix, based on the average of each combination's five highest dressage scores achieved at Official Competitions in South Australia between 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025.

Preliminary

- 🥇 Cheryl Hatswell & PS Furstenshow – 73.357%
- 🥈 Melissa Boekel & Jazdan Fursten-Magik – 71.531%
- 🥉 Anita Moss & Brechinridge Freedom – 70.971%

Novice

- 🥇 Cheryl Hatswell & PS Furstenshow – 72.230%
- 🥈 Verity Hayman & Acacia Ridge Rio – 70.022%
- 🥉 Vita Suter & Macarthur to Be Frank – 69.580%

Elementary

- 🥇 Keeley Menadue & FL Rocksette – 68.849%
- 🥈 Kellie McCafferty & Fairbanks Usher – 67.438%
- 🥉 Natasha Cockburn & Dolcetto – 67.143%

Medium

- 🥇 Steph Hann & Light My Fire BHI – 71.104%
- 🥈 Lorraine Wohling & HV Duke – 69.699%
- 🥉 Julia Weir & Jazdan Daydream – 68.872%

Advanced

- 🥇 Julia Weir & Jazdan Daydream – 67.150%
- 🥈 Cherysse Fancsaki & Tooradin Park Halo – 66.373%
- 🥉 Fiona Kristy & Dornfeld Don Dorrito – 65.090%

Small Tour

- 🥇 Ruth Schneeberger & Roxleigh Fidelio – 69.760%
- 🥈 Marlene Hunt & Fabuloso F – 64.390%
- 🥉 Anne Smith & Shadows Tollinski – 64.103%

Medium Tour

- 🥇 Ruth Schneeberger & Miramar Serene – 67.031%
- 🥈 Lucy Peters & Sahara Storm – 59.515%
- 🥉 Lisa Finn & Akirah Aka Bono – 57.737%



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Big Tour

- 🥇 Karen Horsell & Guizo Da Ferrara — 67.199%
- 🥈 Ruth Schneeberger & Miramar Serene — 64.942%
- 🥉 Catherine Skinner & Dobria De Jeu — 63.024%

The inaugural Celebration of Dressage evening was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people, horses and organisations that contribute to the strength and success of dressage in South Australia. Dressage SA congratulates all award recipients and Dressage Stars on their achievements.

Youth Development weekend

Natasha Cockburn organised another very successful Youth Development Weekend in June, culminating in the presentation of our top Youth award at the Celebration of Dressage Evening.



Youth Squad implementation

The future of our sport lies with the youth of today and tomorrow, and we are committed to supporting and developing the next generation of dressage riders. A group of 10 riders, aged from 8 to 25 years, has been selected to participate in the program, with the goal of improving their dressage scores and developing their skills and knowledge. The Criteria for Selection and further information about the program are available on the website.

Senior Squad Activities

The High Performance & Future Squad has enjoyed a fantastic range of opportunities, including:

- August 2025 — Lessons with international rider Melissa Galloway
- September 2025 — Off-horse training evening
- March 2026 — Protocol sessions with Maria Schwenessen
- May 2026 — Protocol sessions with Wendy Barker



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State Young Horse Dressage Finals

Held in May 2026, this prestigious event was hosted by SADA at Lyrical Acres and proudly sponsored by International Horse Breeders Pty Ltd.

Congratulations to our State Winners and their connections:

4YO Young Horse – Springhill Rocketman, ridden by Ruth Schneeberger, owned by Lisa Ashby

5YO Young Horse – PS Chimes, ridden by Keeley Menadue, owned by Cheryl Hatswell

5YO Young Pony – Poppy Farm Clementine, ridden & owned by Sarah Tickner

6YO Young Horse – PS Can Dance, ridden & owned by Keeley Menadue

6YO Young Pony – Burren-Dah Aurora, ridden & owned by Sarah Price

The Finals provided a wonderful showcase of South Australia's emerging dressage talent, highlighting the quality of young horses and ponies being developed within our state and the commitment of their riders, owners, breeders, trainers and support teams.

ThoroughCare Bred 2 Race Series (B2R)

The ThoroughCare Bred 2 Race Series (B2R) provided opportunities for former racehorses to compete and be recognised for their achievements in dressage across South Australia.

Generously sponsored by ThoroughCare SA, prize money was awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings at each participating competition throughout the series. The overall Leaderboard Champions were presented with championship rugs at the 2025 State Championships for their achievement across the season.

Congratulations to our 2025 Leaderboard Series Champions:

Preparatory – Lucy Potter & Jeronimos

Preliminary – Brigitte Drinkwater & A Handsome Mint

Novice – Nichole Kopp & Misty Halo

Elementary – Madison Shepherd & Miss Amanap

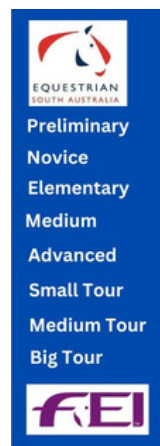
The support from ThoroughCare SA is greatly appreciated and has helped make the B2R Series a meaningful and rewarding opportunity for riders and former racehorses across South Australia.

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Performance Medals

During the 2025-26 reporting period, 51 Performance Medals were awarded to horse and rider combinations in recognition of outstanding achievement in South Australian dressage. The Performance Medal program recognises the consistency, progression and high level of performance required to achieve these results.

<u>Medal</u>	<u>Number Awarded</u>
Gold	19
Silver	19
Bronze	13
Total	51



		
3x scores over	3x scores over	3x scores over
66%	68%	70%
66%	68%	70%
65%	68%	70%
62%	65%	68%
62%	65%	68%
60%	62%	65%
60%	62%	64%
60%	61%	63%

For the full requirements & application form
please visit
www.sa.equestrian.org.au/dressage-sa

The awarding of 51 medals reflects the strong level of achievement across the South Australian dressage community and provides an important opportunity to celebrate the ongoing commitment and success of horse and rider combinations competing at all levels. These local achievements provide a strong foundation for the South Australian combinations who go on to achieve recognition at national and interstate competitions.

Equestrian Australia National Dressage Gold Medal Awards

Gold Medals were presented at the National Dressage Championships to outstanding South Australian horse and rider combinations. These medals recognise exceptional consistency and are awarded against a challenging qualification standard:

- Novice & Elementary: 73% or above
- Medium level and above: 70% or above
- One qualifying score must be achieved at a National or State comp
- Two further scores must be achieved at an Official EA comp
- All three scores must be achieved within a two-year period

Congratulations to:

- Steph Hann & Light My Fire BHI – Medium
- Lorraine Wohling & HV Duke – Medium



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These achievements are a wonderful recognition of the quality and consistency of South Australian combinations and provide a fitting introduction to the strong presence SA riders continue to have at competitions beyond our state.

Interstate Competitions

South Australian dressage continued to make a strong impression on the national stage throughout 2025/26, with riders travelling interstate to compete at major competitions across Australia.

SA combinations achieved excellent results across a range of levels and age groups, demonstrating the depth and quality of talent within our state. The strong interstate participation also provides valuable opportunities for our riders to benchmark themselves against some of the country's leading combinations.

Dressage SA is proud to see South Australian riders, horses, owners, coaches and support teams representing our state so successfully beyond South Australia. Their achievements are a positive reflection of the strength, talent and growing profile of dressage in SA.

Dressage SA Sponsor Recognition

Dressage SA sincerely thanks the many businesses and organisations who supported Dressage in SA throughout the 2025 season. Their generous contributions of prizes, products and services helped make competitions, awards and recognition opportunities possible for our riders and horses.

We particularly acknowledge Equine Finance Solutions as the 2025 Naming Rights Sponsor of the South Australian State Dressage Championships, International Horse Breeders Pty Ltd for their sponsorship of the State Young Horse



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Dressage Finals and ThoroughCare SA for their generous sponsorship of the Bred 2 Race Series.

We also extend our appreciation to all businesses and individuals who contributed throughout the season. Your support makes a valuable contribution to the South Australian dressage community, and we encourage our members to support our sponsors whenever possible.

Cheryl Hatswell
Chairperson, Dressage SA

~ DRESSAGE SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2025 HOTY AWARD WINNERS ~



FEI BIG/ MEDIUM TOUR HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
DOBRIA DE JEU & CATHERINE SKINNER



FEI SMALL TOUR HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
REGAL WOLKENDANCE & MELISSA BOEKEL



EA HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
PS FURSTENSHOW & CHERYL HATSWELL



AOR HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
FAIRBANKS USHER & KELLIE MCCAFFERTY



FOUNDATION HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
ACACIA RIDGE RIO & VERITY HAYMAN



PONY & RIDER OF THE YEAR
IBN KY TINY DANCER & KYLIE WATSON



YOUTH HORSE & RIDER OF THE YEAR
PS CAN DANCE & KEELEY MENADUE



DRESSAGE JUDGES REPORT

Current Sub-Committee

During 2025-2026 the DSA Judges Sub-committee members who have continued are Liz Duncan (Chair), Fiona Heysen, Tracy Tillman and Brigitte Drinkwater. Verity Hayman has retired from the committee and we thank her for her many contributions over the last 10 years.

Dressage Judges in SA, 2025-2026.

South Australia currently has 32 official dressage judges and another five 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 kilometres as there are clubs spread throughout SA from the South-East to the Mid-North regions. The number of judges in SA is slowly increasing but at times struggles to meet demand. We have gained three new judges in 2025-2026 and another judge has upgraded to Advanced. 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 2025-2026.

As well as being active in judging, our judges also give up their time to participate in continuing education. All SA judges are required to complete seminars, workshops and judging within a 3-yearly reaccreditation cycle (next due in March 2028). Also, the group has a number who are taking on extra study to upgrade through the levels. Ongoing education is vital to maintain and improve judging standards.

In the 2025-2026 financial year the DSA-JSC held three 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:

- A/B/C seminar with Maria Schwenessen (Qld) in March 2026
- Young Horse Seminar with Kerrie Swan-Bates (Tas) in May 2026
- D/E seminar with Kerrie Swan-Bates (Tas) in May 2026.

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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 ongoing support in donating rider gifts for the seminars.

In June 2026 we held an on-line Workshop to review the current Dressage Equipment Annexe (V23), presented by FEI Steward Jo Crosby. This was very well supported with 32 judges and stewards attending from all states of Australia.

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

- 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 only just within budget. The number of competitors at official events has reduced in number and some events were cancelled events for weather related reasons.
- In 2025-2026 there was a similar activity to 2024-2025 in shadow Judging, mentoring, theory exams and practical exams.
- The programming for judge seminars during 2025-2026 included three seminars with interstate Judge Educators, giving travel and accommodation costs. An F-G seminar in early July 2026 has not been counted in the 2025-2026 costs.
- Operational tasks for the DSA-JSC are all about judge education and include:
 - o Attendance at bi-monthly committee meetings, minutes.
 - o Organising seminars including presenter, travel, venue, payments, riders, technical, catering, publicity, sponsorship, attendance records, etc.
 - o Forward monthly e-mails from EADOC to local judges (National education calendar, rule changes, etc).
 - o Dressage Judge articles for Moving Forward bi-monthly e-magazine.

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- o Review of Financial Reports and prepare Budget.
- o Liaise with and support new and upgrading judges, assist with setting tasks, maintain records.
- o Organise judge upgrade exams – theory and practical examiners, competition OC.
- o Liaise with SA Clubs.

Liz Duncan

Chairperson, Dressage Judges SA



PARA-DRESSAGE REPORT

2025/2026 has been a year of growth, achievement and increasing visibility for Para Equestrian in South Australia.

The committee has continued to work with Dressage SA, DSA Judges sub committee, dressage clubs and ESA to further develop Para and Virtus in SA with new classified athletes bringing the total classified Para (grades 2 to 5) to 21 and Virtus athletes now totaling 5. We are grateful for the support, communication and collaboration as we continue in our formative stages.

Throughout the year, the committee communicated results, initiatives and key updates through social media and the bi-monthly Moving Forward magazine, ensuring our community remained informed and connected. We worked to promote understanding of Virtus pathways as a newer aspect of Para Equestrian, ensuring



Nero R & Kirsty Van Loon

athletes remained supported throughout the classification process and beyond.

We would love the ability to directly email our membership and hope that with the integration of the Just go system this will be available soon.

Finances continue to be an issue where it is unclear how we are to gain income apart from sponsorship and grant writing.

Major Awards & Recognitions

Outstanding achievements across athletes, officials and clubs were recognised at the annual ESA Awards Night. These awards highlight the depth of talent, commitment and leadership within our Para community.

Congratulations to:

Para Horse of the Year: Nero R ridden by Kirsty Van Loon

Virtus Rider of the Year: Catherine Viney

Para Club of the Year: Adelaide Hills Dressage Club

Para Official of the Year: Helen Whittle



Kiahglenn Chorus & Naomi Zirnsak



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High Performance Pathways and International Performances

A major highlight of the season was Catherine Viney's selection to represent Australia at the Virtus World Equestrian Dressage Championships, where she delivered an outstanding performance and proudly brought home a silver medal. This achievement reflects both her personal dedication and the growing strength of Virtus pathways within South Australia.



Kirsty Van Loon was once again selected as an EA High-Performance Squad member, recognising her progression and international competitiveness. Kirsty and



Haluma Park Siorus & Michele Duthy

Nero R stepped up to 3-star (Grand Prix) level, continuing to perform strongly at international standard and rising to 37th in the FEI Grade IV World Individual Rankings.

Michele Duthy gained a place on the EA High Performance Talent Identification Squad, acknowledging her continued development and strong national performances.

South Australian riders represented our state at the four WEG-qualifier CPEDI events at Willinga Park, Boneo Park and the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. Athletes consistently achieved podium finishes and personal best performances against strong national competition.

- Kirsty Van Loon & Nero R and Michele Duthy & Haluma Park Siorus both secured championship honours and multiple first-place finishes.
- Megan McLoughlin also placed at her first competition at this level in FEI Grade IV Intermediate on her horse Mayfield Springsteen.

Other notable results at National & State Championships include;

- Para National Dressage Championships
 - FEI Grade IV Champion: Kirsty Van Loon & Nero R
 - FEI Grade IV Reserve Champion: Michele Duthy & Haluma Park Siorus
- SA Para Festival (hosted by Adelaide Hills Dressage Club)
 - FEI Champion: Michele Duthy & Haluma Park Siorus
 - EA Para Champion: Naomi Zirnsak & Kiahglenn Chorus



Mayfield Springsteen & Megan McLoughlin

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Virtus Equestrian Development

The development of Virtus Equestrian continued to gain momentum. One new SA Virtus rider was classified this year. South Australian athletes achieved encouraging results in international online Virtus competitions, with riders including Catherine Viney and Jaydan Pilmore earning strong placings.

These results demonstrate the strength, consistency and depth of South Australian Para Dressage combinations across multiple levels.



Virginia Creed Protocol Session

Performance Medals

Performance medals are awarded at all levels in Para and Virtus. This year, 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals were awarded. We continue to encourage athletes at all levels to apply for performance medals to recognise progress and performance.

	 3 x scores over	 3 x scores over	 3 x scores over
Novice	63%	65%	67%
Intermediate	63%	65%	67%
Grand Prix	63%	65%	67%

For the full requirements & application form, please visit:
www.sa.equestrian.org.au/para-equestrian

Participation & Community Development

New athletes were classified and reviews conducted however unfortunately entry numbers were lower due to horse and athlete illness.

Dressage clubs enabled Para and Virtus riders to have 12 shows on the calendar in 2026, for which we are very grateful.

The committee also supported the successful grant application for new arenas at the Strathalbyn Polo Grounds, an upgrade that significantly enhances safety, accessibility and confidence for Para athletes training and competing at the venue.

Education & Athlete Development

Education and athlete development remained a key focus. The Para Equestrian Discipline Committee delivered a Freestyle Workshop and protocol sessions led by respected freestyle expert Virginia Creed.

This initiative provided valuable learning opportunities for riders, coaches and officials and were strongly supported by the wider dressage community. A massive thank-you to the Blind Sports Foundation for sponsoring this event (pictured).



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Acknowledgements

The committee acknowledges and sincerely thanks the many organisations, sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the success of Para Equestrian in South Australia.



A massive thankyou goes to our major sponsor, Holden Hill Vet Clinic, whose support was instrumental in our committee's first year.

We also extend our appreciation to the generous sponsors of the SA Para Festival:

- Equitread at The Riding Patch
- Thrive Physiotherapy
- Petstock
- Coopers Mylor

Their contributions helped deliver a high-quality, inclusive event that showcased Para and Virtus dressage at its best.



Team Australia at the Virtus World Championships

Closing Statement

Congratulations to all riders, horses, officials, coaches and supporters on a successful year. Through dedication, partnership and community spirit, Para Equestrian South Australia continues to provide opportunities for athletes to participate, excel and represent our sport with pride at every level. We look forward to supporting the growth of the sport and ensuring Equestrian SA is an inclusive environment where people with physical and intellectual disabilities feel valued, supported and championed in a sport they love.

There is no sport without the committee. Much of the work is invisible to competitors or onlookers but it is necessary for the development of the sport. My heartfelt thanks extends to each and every one of those whose contribution is and has been invaluable.

Our Committee for 2026:

Michele Duthy – Chair

Noella Angel – Vice Chair

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Amber Pyle - Secretary

Kathy Angel - Virtus

Melinda Hersey - Awards

Thanks also to our outgoing committee members for the contribution they have made to the Para Equestrian Discipline Committee and Para in SA:

Karen Wilson

Naomi Zirnsak

Julia Anderson

We would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support from the Equestrian Australia Para High Performance Team, the ESA Board and ESA Office Staff.

Michele Duthy

Chairperson, Para Equestrian SA

EVENTING REPORT

The 2025/26 season was a year of continued development, competition, and resilience for eventing in South Australia. Across the state, riders, coaches, officials, volunteers, and organising committees worked to maintain a strong competition pathway from grassroots EvA classes through to CCN-level eventing.

The season also continued to highlight an important challenge for the sport: the increasing cost of staging safe and sustainable horse trials. The previous Equestrian South Australia annual report identified declining entries across levels and increasing safety and medical costs as significant pressures on organising committees.

Against this background, Eventing SA continued to support competition, rider development in the form of Squads, a youth program, and the long-term sustainability of the discipline.

Competition and Events

We are lucky to have a small but dedicated group of event organising committees in South Australia, and our 2025/26 calendar included national horse trials at Reynella, Milang, Kirkcaldy, Currency Creek, and Mount Gambier.

Our riders also travelled regularly to interstate competitions, including a large contingent that represented our state at the Melbourne International Horse Trials in June, where our team placed second in the State Teams Championship to Western Australia by a fraction of a point.

The Adelaide Equestrian Festival remains the pinnacle of eventing in South Australia, and as the only 5-star event in the Southern Hemisphere it is the most significant event in the Australian eventing calendar.

The 2026 festival was held from 16-19 April, featuring CCI3*-L, CCI4*-S and CCI5*-L competition, and this year hosting the Oceania Championships between New Zealand and Australia. This event provides South Australian riders with an outstanding opportunity to compete at the highest level on home ground, while also providing inspiration and exposure for developing riders.



over the Adelaide Park Lands
Sandhills Crystella & Rachelle Verma



The SA Team in the CCI2*L at Melbourne International Horse Trials. Photo credit: Evergem Media House



Spirit & Luke Jones

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Rider Development and Youth

Rider development remained an important component of Eventing SA's work during the season.

We have an active squad program expertly coordinated by Linda Clark, which includes regular clinics in showjumping and cross country. We are grateful to Susie Verco and Nick Whyntie for making their wonderful arena available for showjumping clinics, and Hallmark Farm for generously sharing their cross country paddock.



The Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award continues to provide young eventers with access to coaching, mentoring, and competition opportunities. The program is designed for riders aged up to 21 and

encourages communication, teamwork, resilience, and coachability in addition to riding ability. The award also provides financial and competition support to the successful rider.

Eventing SA also continued its Grassroots Performance Medal program, sponsored by Megan Jones and James Deacon of Hallmark Farm. Medals are awarded to riders competing consistently across EvA65 and EvA80, demonstrating the importance placed on encouraging riders progressing through the lower levels of the sport.



Recognition of Riders, Coaches, Officials and Volunteers

The 2026 ESA Awards Night and the Mid-Year Eventing Awards provided an opportunity to recognise the horses and people contributing to the sport.



Grassroots Performance Medals sponsored by Hallmark Farm:

EvA 65 - GOLD

Danni Hampton and Good Time Charlie

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EvA 80 - GOLD

Madelyn Hanna and Rhesa Elisha

Imogen Carmichael and Little Black Suzi

Rebekah Foster and Koyuna Icemeister

EvA 80 - SILVER

Stella Carmichael and Wynara First Romance

Sarah Wotton and ESB Irish illusion

Ella Rose Evans and Astoria Magisterium

EvA 80 - BRONZE

Catriona McGufficke and Pinguu

2025 award recipients:

Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award - Annabel Manifold (top)

EvA95 Combination Of The Year - Sarah Ashcroft and Figura Otto

1* Combination Of The Year - Megan Jones and Grandview Halo

Tasha Khouzam Memorial Young Rider Of The Year - Kaitlin Teichert

2025 Horse Of The Year - Cadello MPH, ridden by Megan Jones

Di Schaeffer Memorial Rider Of The Year - Rachelle Verma (middle)

Born To Race Eventing Horse Of The Year - Insidious Ghost, ridden by Audrey Nicolai (second from top)

Born To Race Grassroots Eventing Horse Of The Year - Wyoming Lass, ridden by Hailey Arnold

Junior Eventer Of The Year - Stella Carmichael (second from bottom)

Balou Jeanz Spirit Of Cross Country Award - Kaitlin Teichert and Queen B II (bottom)

Eventing Official Of The Year - Jo Crosby

Eventing Coach Of The Year - Sarah Clark

Eventing Volunteer Of The Year - Linda Clark

These awards highlight that the success of eventing depends on much more than competition results. Coaches, officials, volunteers, organising committees, and support personnel are fundamental to providing safe and successful events.



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Sustainability of the Sport

Financial and operational sustainability remained one of the most significant issues facing eventing.

Horse trials require substantial expenditure on medical services, safety infrastructure, officials, course preparation, insurance, and other operational requirements. The 2024/25 ESA report specifically identified these costs as placing pressure on organising committees, particularly when entries are insufficient to cover the cost of running an event.

Eventing SA has continued to support organising committees by offering the Eventing Assistance Grant, purchasing and distributing safety equipment such as MIMs kits and clips, maintaining a stock of Spirafix ground anchors, radios, timing clocks and other cross country requirements, and financially supporting eventing officials including TDs and stewards.



Wyoming Lass & Hailey Arnold

The discipline continues to rely heavily on the commitment of volunteers and officials, and the continued recruitment and retention of officials and volunteers is essential if the sport is to survive and thrive.

The challenge for the sport is to maintain high safety standards while keeping entry fees and event costs sufficiently attractive for riders and financially sustainable for organisers. This balance will remain an important priority for future seasons.

Looking Forward

The 2025/26 season demonstrated that South Australian eventing has a strong foundation but also faces significant challenges.

The priorities for the coming year should include:

1. Increasing participation and entries at all levels
2. Supporting organising committees
3. Maintaining high safety standards while controlling the cost of competition



Casallia S & Sarah Clark



Jaguary & Annabel Manifold

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4. Developing young riders through the Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award, squad programs, and clinics
5. Strengthening the pathway to high performance, enabling South Australian riders to progress from grassroots competition to national and international competition
6. Recognising volunteers, officials and coaches, whose contribution is essential to the sport's sustainability

Eventing in South Australia enters the next season with considerable strengths: a small but established competition network, committed volunteers and officials, talented riders and horses, strong youth-development initiatives, and the unique international profile provided by the Adelaide Equestrian Festival.



Volunteer of the Year Linda Clark



Cadello MPH & Megan Jones

The 2025/26 season also reinforced the need for continued attention to participation, financial sustainability, and the cost of delivering safe competitions.

The strength of South Australian eventing ultimately rests with its community. By supporting riders at every level, recognising the contribution of volunteers and officials, and collaborating with clubs, sponsors and governing bodies, Eventing SA can continue to

provide a sustainable and successful pathway for eventers across the state.

Thanks

It takes a community to run eventing in South Australia. To our wonderful organising committees, many volunteers, officials, coaches, riders, families, and everyone who supports the sport, THANK YOU.

Eventing SA Committee 2025/2026

Chair: Jo Crosby

Vice Chair / OC Liaison: Tracey Leigh

Rider Representative: Sarah Clark



Eventing SA Chair Jo Crosby & Vice Chair Tracey Leigh

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Committee: Megan Jones, Heather Ford, Rachelle Verma, Charlie Germein, Lara Tomlinson, Karen Rose & Bec Kinnear

Members who have left the committee during 2025/26:
Stephen Bow, Bronnie Juett & Jodi Widdison

Jo Crosby
Chairperson, Eventing SA

JUMPING REPORT

Jumping South Australia (JSA) has again focused on delivering value to its members across 2025/2026, building on the foundations of previous years and reaching a number of significant milestones. This report sets out the organisation's key focus areas and outcomes for the year.

Squad and Member Training

A further program of squad clinics was delivered across 2025/2026, supporting the development of riders and horses at every level. The clinic held at Mallala Equestrian Centre in July was well supported by squad members. JSA collaborated with the Interschools Committee to extend the clinic and open places to their members. Planning for additional clinics and targeted training is already well advanced for 2026/2027.



Paul Brent Clinic held at Mallala Equestrian Centre

The committee wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the Mallala Equestrian Centre for its generous support in hosting both squad and member training. The JSA community is indebted to the Clark family for providing their time and facilities free of charge.

Committee Engagement

The JSA Committee has remained closely engaged with members and stakeholders throughout the year. Its dedication and collaborative approach continue to underpin the progress of jumping in South Australia.

A current list of committee members and their positions is available on the Equestrian SA website. A number of committee tenures conclude at this year's AGM, and we thank those members for their contribution to the committee and for their efforts in administering the sport within South Australia.

2026 State Jumping Championships

The 2026 State Jumping Championships, held in April, again brought together riders from across South Australia and interstate. The event remains JSA's flagship and continues to provide an



Fieldbrook Havana & Briony Temby
Photo credit: Manning Photography



Senior State Champions Talura Cascadel &
Nicole Manuel

Photo credit: Manning Photography

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invaluable platform for athletes to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level.

The committee remains focused on reviewing the event structure and improving it where practicable. We were particularly proud of the support for after-hours social gatherings, which continue to build an inclusive and cohesive community. Planning for the 2027 State Championships, scheduled for April, is already underway.

JSA extends its gratitude to the officials, volunteers, riders and owners who made the event possible. Above all, we acknowledge the generous sponsors whose contributions allow us to deliver this competition for the members.



Junior State Champions Finch Farm Lego & Macy Watson

Photo credit: Manning Photography



Kevin Taranto is a regular presenter at Jumping SA Officials Clinics
Photo credit: Manning Photography

Officials Training

Consistent with its commitment to education, the committee delivered further officials training during 2025/2026. Grant funding again allowed this training to be offered at no cost, and it was strongly supported by the membership. Additional opportunities are planned for the year ahead as we continue to support our officials in upskilling and encourage new officials into the sport. We thank those who delivered the training on our behalf, and those who attended.

A special mention goes to David Johnson, who, with the support of JSA, attended FEI Level 1 training in Japan. David completed the training and received FEI Level 1 Showjumping Course Designer status. Congratulations David.

Financial Overview

The 2026 State Jumping Championships, together with grant funding applied across a range of activities, has enabled the organisation to:

- Provide funding assistance for squad members and officials.
- Underwrite 'series' competitions at events throughout the show calendar.
- Support the broader advancement of jumping in South Australia.



Briony Temby was awarded the inaugural 'Jane Bush Memorial' Leading Lady Rider at the 2026 State Jumping Championships

Photo credit: Manning Photography

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Financial sustainability remains heavily dependent on sponsorship and on strong member participation at these key events. JSA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable support of our Championship and Series sponsors, and of our membership community.

JSA remains in a positive financial position, and the committee continues to look for opportunities to deploy funds in a responsible manner that benefits members both now and into the future.

Conclusion

The initiatives outlined above have further strengthened the competitive landscape of the sport in this state while building on community engagement. Looking ahead, JSA intends to build on these successes and offer members still more opportunities to develop their equestrian pursuits.

We sincerely thank the Equestrian South Australia community, volunteers and administration staff for their contribution to creating positive outcomes for our sport throughout the year.

Sheridan Manuel
Chairperson, Jumping SA



Diamond Series Champions Oaks Be Sweet
& Ella Manning

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SHOW HORSE REPORT

The past year has been another busy and rewarding one for EA Show Horse, with our Committee continuing to focus on providing opportunities for our members, strengthening the financial position of the sport and delivering quality events for our competitors.

Throughout the year, we successfully conducted three Gala Shows. These events continue to be an important part of our annual calendar, providing competitors with accessible, low-cost opportunities to compete while also allowing the Committee to fundraise. The funds raised through these shows enable us to reinvest directly into Show Horse and provide greater value and opportunities for our members.

Our 2025 State Horse of the Year was a great success, both competitively and financially. Through the support of our competitors, sponsors, volunteers and wider Show Horse community, the event provided an important fundraising opportunity and enabled us to return to a healthy financial position. This has provided the Committee with a much stronger foundation from which to plan future events and continue investing in our sport.



Hi-Pine Temptation and Margot Haynes, owned by Andrea Riedel-Carrison - Champion Small Hunter Galloway 2025 EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships

The prestigious EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships was another highlight of the year. South Australia was proudly represented by a strong team, with many of our horses and riders achieving outstanding individual results across the Championships. Collectively, these performances saw South Australia finish third overall, an achievement of which our entire Show Horse community can be extremely proud.

Despite the ongoing challenges associated with the rising cost of living and the increasing costs involved in owning, preparing and competing horses, participation in our sport remains encouraging. We are particularly pleased to have recorded an increase in entries for our 2026 State Horse of the Year compared with 2025. This growth demonstrates the continued enthusiasm of our competitors and gives us



Argyl Fine Art and Orleans Graetz

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confidence in the future of Show Horse in South Australia.

The Committee remains committed to ensuring our events are accessible, enjoyable and professionally conducted, while continuing to look for opportunities to provide greater value to our members. Maintaining a financially

sustainable sport is an important part of this, and we will continue to explore fundraising, sponsorship and event opportunities that allow us to reinvest in our competitors and the future of Show Horse.

As we look to the future, we are excited to build upon the achievements of the past year, continue to improve our approach to the sport and find new and innovative ways to raise funds, increase participation and grow Show Horse in South Australia.

Our Committee extends its sincere gratitude to our riders, trainers, owners, families, volunteers, officials, judges, sponsors and everyone who has contributed their time, expertise and support throughout the year. Our events and achievements would simply not be possible without the commitment of the people who make up our Show Horse community.

We are proud of what has been achieved this year and eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges ahead as we continue working together to strengthen and grow our sport.

Arabella Hooper
Chairperson, Show Horse SA



Serenity Park Justadream and Pypah Coombe

VAULTING REPORT

2025-26 has been one of the busiest and most successful years for vaulting in South Australia and is a testament to the commitment, passion and teamwork of our vaulting community.

This year, Vaulting South Australia (VSA) hosted two competitions, the South Australian State Vaulting Championships and a Halloween competition at Danson Dressage and two clinics with interstate clinicians, Stephanie Dore and Sharna Kirkham. These events provided our vaulters with the opportunity to develop and showcase their vaulting with their horses.

In October 2025, a team of 10 vaulters represented South Australia at the Australian National Vaulting Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. This was our most successful National Championships as a state to date with every vaulter achieving at least one 3rd placing or above. Matavia Rosenkrantz, owned and lunged by Kirsty Barrowcliffe, was named the National Champion Best Walk Horse. During the championships, the Equestrian Australian Vaulting Committee also presented Sierra Turner with the Australian National Champion Intermediate Award to recognise her achievement as the National Leaderboard Award Winner for 2024-25 and South Australian Judge, Emily Arthur successfully completed her Level 3 judging accreditation with support from the ESA Board.

The Chebron Performance Team continued to promote vaulting at various events, including a spectacular performance at the Gawler Show.

On behalf of the vaulting community, I would like to thank the VSA committee for their support and assistance, our local judges, Janet Leadbeater and Emily Arthur, who generously volunteer their time and expertise to facilitate our competitions and our vaulters, coaches, parents, volunteers and most importantly, our special vaulting horses.

Nina Fritzell
Chair, Vaulting SA



Photo credit: Lauren Mugford



Team SA at the Australian National Vaulting Championships.



Sierra Turner.

Photo credit: Rodney's Photography



Gawler Show Performance.

Photo credit: Lauren Mugford

INTERSCHOOL REPORT

The 2026 Interschool South Australia Committee is pleased to present our Annual Report for what has been another busy, rewarding and progressive year for our Interschool community.

As we reflect on 2026, we are incredibly proud not only of the events and opportunities delivered for our riders, but also of the continued growth of the community around them.

Interschool is about much more than competition and results. It provides young riders with the opportunity to represent their schools and their state, develop friendships, demonstrate good sportsmanship, support one another and experience what it means to be part of a team.

Throughout 2026, the Committee has worked hard to strengthen that sense of belonging and continue building an Interschool program that South Australian riders and families are proud to be part of.

2026 Interschool State Championships

Our 2026 State Championships were held from 20-22 March at the Strathalbyn Polo and Recreation Grounds. The 2026 event was one of the biggest, with over 70 riders and more than 200 class entries.

The Championships remain the cornerstone of our annual calendar, providing riders with the opportunity to compete across Dressage, Show Jumping, Combined Training and Show Horse while representing their schools.

The event once again demonstrated the strength of our Interschool community. Delivering a championship of this size requires an enormous amount of work from our discipline coordinators, officials, committee, arena crews, scorers, stewards, parents and families.

To everyone who contributed, we sincerely thank you.

Our State Championships are about more than determining placings and qualification. They are an opportunity for riders from schools across South Australia to come together, compete, support one another and be part of the wider Interschool community.

That remains at the heart of what we do.

Royal Adelaide Show

An exciting opportunity for Interschool SA in 2026 has been our involvement in the Royal Adelaide Show. The 2026 event included 30 riders from South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Our Interschool Exhibition Day on 12 September gives our young riders the opportunity to compete at one of South Australia's most iconic events while showcasing Interschool equestrian sport to a much broader audience.

The Committee has worked hard to ensure the day feels unmistakably Interschool. From encouraging riders to bring their school banners to fill the Riders' Hut, to bringing our schools, families and supporters together around the arena, the day demonstrated what the Interschool spirit is all about.



Team SA at the 2025 Australian Interschool Championships



Avella Park Rock It Alfie & Isla Pettman at the Adelaide Royal Show
Photo credit: Manning Photography

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We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to have Interschool represented at the Royal Adelaide Show and hope this becomes an important part of our calendar into the future.

Team SA and the Australian Interschool Championships

At the time of writing, preparations are well underway to send a wonderful South Australian team to the 2026 Horseland Australian Interschool Championships at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre in Victoria from 28 September to 1 October.

This year, 55 riders have accepted positions on Team SA, an outstanding representation from South Australia.

Selection for Team SA is an achievement in itself, and the Committee congratulates every rider who has earned the opportunity to represent our state.

During 2026, we have placed particular emphasis on strengthening what it means to be part of Team SA.

Our aim has been to create a team our riders genuinely feel proud to belong to – one where riders across different schools, ages and disciplines support one another and understand that, while they may compete individually, they represent South Australia together.

We were delighted to appoint Eliza Spiers (top) as our 2026 Team Captain, supported by Matilda Kauppila (middle) as First Vice Captain and Chilli Smith (bottom) as Second Vice Captain.

These leadership positions are about more than competition results. They recognise young riders who can help set the tone for Team SA and demonstrate the sportsmanship, encouragement and team spirit we want our state to be known for.

We are looking forward to repeating the success of the 2025 Team in winning the Team Spirit award again in 2026!

Building the Team SA Identity

A significant focus during 2026 has been continuing to strengthen the identity of Team SA.

We want our riders to feel that representing South Australia is special.

Our recognisable red and blue Team SA uniform has continued to evolve, and we have worked hard to build a strong and unified identity that our riders can wear with pride when representing South Australia.



EQUINE STABLE
DESIGNS

We have been incredibly fortunate to have the support of a wonderful group of sponsors and partners throughout 2026:
Equine Stable Designs – Naming Rights Sponsor
Food Processing Equipment (FPE) – Gold Sponsor
Iron Horse Equine Nutrition – Silver Sponsor
Hygain – Bronze Sponsor
Cavaleira Equestrian – Uniform Partner



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Cavaleira Equestrian has played an important role in helping us develop and strengthen the Team SA identity through our uniform program, ensuring our riders can represent South Australia with a strong, professional and recognisable look.

The support of our sponsors and partners makes a genuine difference to what Interschool SA is able to provide our riders and families. Their contribution helps us create opportunities, strengthen the Team SA experience and continue developing our Interschool program.

We sincerely thank each of them for choosing to support Interschool South Australia and, most importantly, for investing in our young riders.

We never take that support for granted.

Our Riders and Our Community

While competition is naturally a significant part of Interschool, one of our most important responsibilities is helping to develop good young horse people.

We want our riders to compete hard and strive to achieve their goals, but equally we want them to congratulate one another, support their teammates, respect officials and volunteers, care for their horses and represent their schools and South Australia with pride.

There will always be ribbons, championships and results, but the culture we create around our young riders is equally important.

We have been particularly proud to see the growing sense of Team SA spirit amongst our riders and families.

Whether it is cheering for another South Australian rider, volunteering at an event, helping another family, proudly wearing the Team SA uniform or showing kindness when someone's competition has not gone to plan – these are the moments that demonstrate what our community is really about.

Volunteers – The Heart of Interschool

Interschool simply does not exist without volunteers.



Photo credit: Manning Photography

Every event requires an extraordinary amount of work before the first horse enters an arena.

Our committee members, discipline coordinators, parents, families and wider equestrian community give countless hours of their time to make these opportunities possible.

There are jobs everyone sees and many more that happen quietly in the background.

To every person who has put up an arena, answered an email, organised a draw, found an official, scored a test, stewarded a ring, collected a pole, packed a uniform, chased



Wimborne Confession & Harry Downer at the Adelaide Royal Show

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paperwork, found a sponsor, helped another family or simply asked, "What can I do?" – thank you.

Our young riders have these opportunities because people within our community are prepared to give their time.

Our Committee and Equestrian South Australia

The 2026 Committee has worked incredibly hard throughout the year to deliver the Interschool program.

Our Committee (pictured) has included:

Tania Carey – Chair
Jaimie Stichel – Vice Chair
Naomi Downer – Secretary
Caroline Rhodes – Treasurer
Collette Wheadon – Dressage
Cindy Wissell and Tania Carey – Show Jumping
Jaimie Stichel – Combined Training/Eventing
Naomi Downer – Show Horse
Caroline Rhodes – All Abilities



We thank every member of the Committee for the significant time, knowledge and energy they have contributed throughout 2026.

We would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Equestrian South Australia.

Our thanks go to Bridget and Wendy at Board level, and Kayla and Danni in the ESA office, for their support throughout the year.

There is a significant amount of administration behind an Interschool program and much of this work is never visible to riders and families. We particularly acknowledge Danni for the support she has provided to the Committee throughout the year.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we look towards 2027, there will be some change within Interschool South Australia, including a change of Chair following the 2026 AGM.



Kenlock Super Salute & Charlotte Leonow
at the Adelaide Royal Show

After serving as Chair, Tania Carey has advised that she will not renominate for the position in 2027 due to her other commitments.

The Committee acknowledges Tania's contribution and leadership and, importantly, looks forward to supporting the incoming Chair and Committee as they take Interschool SA into its next chapter.

There will always be opportunities to improve and new ideas to pursue. What remains most important is that Interschool SA continues to provide meaningful opportunities for young equestrian athletes across South Australia.

INTERSCHOOL REPORT

We want to continue building Team SA into something our riders aspire to be part of.

We want to continue growing participation and strengthening our events.

We want to recognise effort, sportsmanship and horsemanship alongside competition results.

We want to continue building strong relationships with our schools, sponsors, volunteers and the wider South Australian equestrian community.

And above all, we must continue to remember who Interschool exists for – our young riders.

Thank You

The 2026 Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to Interschool South Australia throughout the year.

To our riders, parents and families; our officials and volunteers; our schools; Equestrian South Australia; our sponsors and supporters; and every person who has contributed their time or expertise – thank you.

We are extremely proud of what has been achieved during 2026 and of the community that continues to grow around Interschool SA.

We look forward to finishing the year strongly at the Australian Interschool Championships and celebrating the achievements of our riders.

Most importantly, we look forward to seeing Interschool South Australia continue to grow, evolve and provide wonderful opportunities for young riders for many years to come.

The 2026 Interschool South Australia Committee



Charlotte Leonow & Sabela Moore showing the team spirit Team SA is known for!

Photo credit: Manning Photography

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!



Photo credit: Australian Equestrian Team

INDIVIDUAL GOLD & TEAM SILVER FOR AUSTRALIA!

It became Eight consecutive World Championships Titles for Australia's Boyd Exell!!
AND

What an incredible two-man performance from Tor van den Berge and Boyd Exell,
who combined to win team silver for Australia at the 2026 FEI World
Championships in Aachen!

In an unbelievably close battle for the medals, the Netherlands took gold on 315.13,
with Australia claiming silver on 317.25 – just 2.12 points behind.

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.

In the EA Members Portal, you can access the current list of EA accredited Coaches, Coach Educators (CE) and Skills Specific Training Assessors (SSTA), making it quick and simple to locate EA Coaches to work as part of your team on your equestrian journey.

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

- is fully insured
- maintains first aid certification
- 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 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
- when participating in National and State Squad Clinics, coaching is delivered by EA Accredited coaches or IGEO equivalent international coaches

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

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 2026, the ESA Coaching Committee successfully delivered Coaching updates in South Australia:

- April 2026 was a busy time for Coach mandatory training. The ESACC hosted the 2026 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, providing an excellent opportunity for EA Coaches in SA and visiting from interstate to meet together in Adelaide to complete their bi-annual mandatory training and take some time out to meet in person. As in 2025, this format was a great success and the ESACC will be working with EA to continue this in the future.
- ESACC attends the quarterly EA State Coaching Chair Committee Meeting, 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.
- Inaugural CANTER CON 2026 (25-26 July 2026) was hosted in Melbourne marking the first time Equestrian Australia (EA), Pony Club Australia and Riding for the Disabled have joined forces to deliver a national coaches conference enabling coaches at every level are equipped to support riders, develop horses and promote the highest standards of horse welfare and horsemanship.

Looking towards 2027, 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

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

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 Tamsin Adcock, Rebecca Moore, Lyn Jutilane Maynard and Nigel Treloar from the ESA Coaching Committee. I take this opportunity on behalf of our Coaches community to thank them for their contribution and support over many years of service developing and promoting Coaching in South Australia during their time on the Committee.

Jen Benson

Chairperson, Coaching Committee SA

FARMC REPORT

FY26 Summary:

ESA remains financially stable with strong cash reserves and improving revenue diversification; however, rising operating costs and declining profitability across several disciplines highlight the need for continued focus on participation growth, cost management and sustainable revenue generation in FY27.

Balance Sheet and Cash Position

- ESA's overall cash position remains strong at \$527k (+5%), supported by the establishment of multiple term deposits.
- Several disciplines also strengthened their cash reserves, including Show Horse (+239%), Jumping (+24%) and Dressage (+26%).
- While some committees recorded losses, liquidity across the organisation remains healthy.

Profitability:

- Organisation profit fell 57% from \$49.8k to \$21.2k, driven by:
 - The Branch surplus declining 30% from \$49.6k to \$34.8k as expense growth outpaced revenue growth.
 - Several disciplines moved into loss positions, including:
 - Dressage (\$6.1k profit to \$7.0k loss)
 - Interschool (\$9.4k profit to \$10.2k loss)
 - Vaulting (\$1.8k profit to \$0.5k loss)
 - Eventing losses improved slightly from \$15.8k to \$8.0k
- Cost control will be a key focus heading into FY27.

Membership and Participation:

- Branch revenue growth was driven by strong increases in several membership categories, particularly:
 - Competitor Limited (+122%)
 - Recreational Senior (+39%)
 - Club Memberships (+29%)
 - Supporter Memberships (+19%)
- Disciplines such as Show Horse and Dressage also saw strong growth in sponsorship, clinics and participation-related revenue.
- However, several disciplines experienced declining entry fee income and competition licence revenue, highlighting the need to maintain, and grow participation levels.

Rising Event & Delivery Expenses

- Across multiple disciplines, significant increases were observed in:
 - Venue hire/Travel/Equipment hire/Trophies and prize money/Catering and event delivery costs
- In many cases (Dressage, Eventing, Interschool), expenditure growth exceeded revenue growth and materially impacted profitability.

Risk:

- A number of disciplines successfully introduced or expanded new revenue streams through:
 - Clinics/Sponsorships/Camps/Merchandise/Levies and user-pays initiatives
- However, several committees were impacted by the loss of the ESA DC grant, funding programs or historical income streams (e.g. Interschool, Eventing, Para, Vaulting).
- Continued diversification of revenue sources will be important for FY27.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Galpins

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT 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 2026, 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 2026, 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.

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.

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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.

GALPINS ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS & BUSINESS CONSULTANTS



Luke Williams CA, CPA Registered Company Auditor Partner

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FINANCIAL REPORT



Equestrian South Australia Inc.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2026**

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Equestrian South Australia Inc.

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EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian South Australia Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2026

Committee Members

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

Members

Scott Donner (Chair from June 2023)
Andrew Paech
Helen Coleiro
Neralie Bailey
Mim Bolzon
Wendy Hunt (Chair from January 2026)
Bridget Dunn
Jayden Coates
Linda Clark
Stuart Platt
Jeffrey Evans

Appointed

June 2023 - January 2026
June 2023 - January 2026
June 2023 - January 2026
June 2023
November 2024 - May 2026
November 2024
November 2024
January 2026
January 2026 - August 2026
January 2026
June 2026

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 \$21,159 (2025: surplus of \$49,713).

Subsequent Events

No events have occurred since 30 June 2026 that would have had a material effect on the information disclosed in this financial report.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Income			
Constitutional Committees	2	310,541	293,064
Interest Revenue		1,412	10,934
Grant Income	3	43,100	42,000
Memberships Income	4	349,830	335,216
Operational Income	5	17,869	16,839
Total Income		722,752	698,053
Expenditure			
Constitutional Committees	2	323,929	292,978
Building Expense	6	16,331	14,907
Employment Expense	7	102,397	106,389
EA Member Levies		153,133	114,095
Administration Expenses	8	77,545	89,092
Operational Expense	9	28,258	30,879
Total Expenses		701,593	648,340
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		21,159	49,713
Building valuation increase		-	-
Surplus / (Deficit)		21,159	49,713

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	527,243	503,454
Receivables	11	8,057	21,966
Pre-paid expenses	12	-	6,689
Total Current Assets		<u>535,300</u>	<u>532,109</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	13	<u>638,603</u>	<u>642,790</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>638,603</u>	<u>642,790</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,173,903</u>	<u>1,174,899</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	14	10,907	31,969
Employee Benefits	15	5,068	3,875
Other Current Liabilities	16	-	2,287
Total Current Liabilities		<u>15,975</u>	<u>38,130</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>15,975</u>	<u>38,130</u>
Net Assets		<u>1,157,928</u>	<u>1,136,769</u>
Member's Funds			
Branch Operations, Trading and Administ	17	890,443	855,880
Constitutional Committees	18	267,485	280,889
Total Members Funds		<u>1,157,928</u>	<u>1,136,769</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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

		2026		2025
	Income	Expenditure	Net Result	Net Result
Carriage Driving Committee	-	170	(170)	(197)
Coaching Committee	-	120	(120)	126
Dressage Committee	84,227	90,368	(6,141)	6,086
Dressage Judges	6,561	5,877	684	1,255
Eventing Committee	65,025	73,027	(8,002)	(15,780)
Interschool Committee	30,052	39,832	(9,780)	9,428
Show Horse Committee	52,544	45,827	6,717	(10,485)
Show Jumping Committee	62,038	58,432	3,606	4,284
Vaulting Committee	7,414	7,984	(570)	1,846
Para Equestrian	2,680	2,292	388	3,523
Total	310,541	323,929	(13,388)	86

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

3 Grant Income

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Grants - Govt	43,100	42,000
Total	43,100	42,000

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4 Memberships Income	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Memberships	307,201	290,927
- Competitive Senior	87,647	102,625
- Participant Senior	53,059	55,165
- Competitive Junior	33,491	29,130
- Competitor Senior 55+	28,734	26,107
- Clubs	20,895	16,207
- Recreational Senior	29,006	20,844
- Competitor Limited	22,800	10,267
- Participant Junior	6,846	8,824
- Volunteer - Officials	7,305	7,022
- Volunteer - Supporter Owner	8,145	7,756
- Volunteer - Other	2,138	833
- Volunteer - Coaches	2,902	2,284
- Recreational Junior	948	1,846
- Volunteer - Supporter	3,285	2,017
Performance Cards	8,951	7,022
Registrations	24,466	24,346
Transfers	9,212	12,921
Total	349,830	335,216
5 Operational Income	2026	2025
	\$	\$
IT expense recovery	1,060	1,080
Miscellaneous Income	4,907	3,266
Ticket Sales	11,902	12,493
Trading Activities	-	-
Total	17,869	16,839
6 Building Expense	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Insurance	6,525	6,195
Maintenance & Repairs	5,114	4,111
Rates	4,692	4,601
Valuation	-	-
Total	16,331	14,907
7 Employment Expense	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Salaries & Wages	101,803	105,757
Staff Amenities	594	632
Total	102,397	106,389

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8 Administration Expenses	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Accounting Fees	-	-
Audit Fees	4,580	4,437
Bad Debts	34	
Bank Fees	653	631
Computers (inc software)	15,239	12,138
Consultants	15,700	26,006
Depreciation	1,268	1,710
Legal Fees and Associated Costs	5,331	9,954
Platform Fees	14,066	17,822
Office Maintenance	16,393	13,099
Utilities	4,281	3,295
Total	77,545	89,092

9 Operational Expense	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Advertising	-	-
Catering	-	-
Coaching	-	-
Equipment & Hire	3,044	-
Functions	8,448	9,964
Miscellaneous	2,856	582
Management Fees	-	-
NIF/SIA Expense	-	-
Publications	-	-
Scholarships	-	-
Travel Expenses	1,508	45
Trading Activities - merchandise	-	-
Trophies/Sashes	3,562	1,276
DC Grant Expenses	8,840	19,012
Total	28,258	30,879

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10 Cash and Cash Equivalents	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank - Cheque Account	20,453	316,296
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	301,411	-
Cash at Bank - Driving	97	197
Cash at Bank - Coaching	2,377	2,556
Cash at Bank - Dressage	48,213	38,187
Cash at Bank - Jumping SA	61,566	49,812
Cash at Bank - Dressage Judges	13,482	14,224
Cash at Bank - Eventing	21,284	39,354
Cash at Bank - Interschool	13,451	27,182
Cash at Bank - Vaulting	11,611	12,571
Cash at Bank - Show Horse	8,526	2,515
Cash at Bank - Eventing High Performance	19,084	
Cash at Bank - Para Equestrian	5,258	
Petty Cash	430	560
Total	527,243	503,454
11 Receivables	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Accounts Receivable	8,057	21,966
Accrued Income	-	-
Total	8,057	21,966
12 Prepaid Expenses	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Prepaid Expenses	-	6,689
Total	-	6,689
13 Property Plant and Equipment	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Fair Value* - Land/Buildings	605,000	605,000
Furniture and Fittings	8,903	8,903
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,797)	(4,464)
Office Equipment	20,886	20,886
Accumulated Depreciation	(19,233)	(18,419)
Plant & Equipment	77,852	77,852
Accumulated Depreciation	(50,008)	(46,968)
Total	638,603	642,790

* 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	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable	6,738	19,418
Credit Cards	-	-
PAYG Withholding	1,142	1,170
GST Payable / (receivable)	3,027	8,633
Superannuation Payable	-	2,748
Wages Payable	-	-
Total	10,907	31,969

15 Current Employee Benefits	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Provision Holiday Pay	5,068	3,874
Total	5,068	3,874

16 Other Current Liabilities	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Income In Advance	-	1,880
Accrued Expenses	-	407
Total	-	2,287

17 Equity	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	855,880	804,667
Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	-
Branch Result	34,547	49,627
Committee Results (see note 2)	(13,388)	86
Committee Adjustments (see note 18)	13,403	1,500
Closing Balance	890,443	855,880

18 Reserve Balances - Constitutional Committees

Committee Reserve	1 July 2025	Adjustments	Reserve Drawings	30 June 2026
Carriage	3,667	-	-	3,667
Coaching	31,339	-	-	31,339
Dressage	60,262	-	-	60,262
Dressage Judges	-	-	-	-
Eventing	67,655	-	(13,404)	54,251
Interschool	28,293	-	-	28,293
Show Horse	16,171	-	-	16,171
Show Jumping	50,517	-	-	50,517
Vaulting	22,985	-	-	22,985
Total	280,889	-	(13,403)	267,485

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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
Scott Donner (Chair from June 2023)	June 2023 - January 2026
Andrew Paech	June 2023 - January 2026
Helen Coleiro	June 2023 - January 2026
Neralie Bailey	June 2023
Mim Bolzon	November 2024 - May 2026
Wendy Hunt (Chair from January 2026)	November 2024
Bridget Dunn	November 2024
Jayden Coates	January 2026
Linda Clark	January 2026 - August 2026
Stuart Platt	January 2026
Jeffrey Evans	June 2026

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 2026 financial year are disclosed:

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Andrew Paech	22/10/2025	\$140.00	Refund of duplicate payment
Wendy Hunt	19/02/2026	\$284.15	Reimbursement of flights
Jayden Coates	21/05/2026	\$250.00	High Performance Grant
Stuart Platt	22/06/2026	\$149.04	Reimbursement- ApprovalMax Subscription

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STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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:

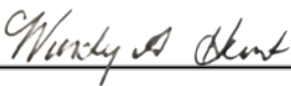
- Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Equestrian South Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

1.
- 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.

2.

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: Wendy Hunt
Position: Chairperson
Date: 23/09/2026


Jayden Coates (Sep 24, 2026 12:24:02 GMT+10)

Name: Jayden Coates
Position: FARMC Chair
Date: 24/09/2026

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STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE
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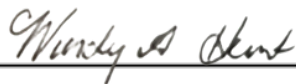
In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Board of the Association, hereby states that during the year ended 30 June 2026:

- (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: Wendy Hunt
Position: Chairperson
Date: 23/09/2026



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