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Chairman's Report

It goes without saying that the past year has been challenging in ways that no one could have predicted. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, while occurring late in our membership year, has had lasting effects on the delivery of our sport both here and across the world. Whilst we have been impacted in a minor way when compared to our counterparts in Victoria and NSW, we must acknowledge the significant efforts that have gone into reducing the spread of the virus here in SA, of which our community has contributed. Thank you to all who have implemented COVID Safe plans, initiatives, training and measures to enable the continued delivery of equestrian sport in a safe and reliable manner.

I was brought on to the Equestrian South Australia Board after a period of review and reform. The 2019 Governance Review undertaken by Positive Solutions, detailed a great number of recommendations to move the association forward after some time of difficulty. Recommendation F was to appoint an interim and independent Chair to steer ESA through this transitional period. The elected Board of ESA agreed to this recommendation and subsequently appointed me to this role.

Whilst my intent was always to work on the governance of ESA, the decision for Equestrian Australia to enter into Voluntary Administration has required a great deal of my time and input. Through this process, we have actively engaged with our Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing and our Discipline Committees, as well as encouraged the membership base to provide feedback and comments direct to the Board. It has become increasingly evident that the Board still has some work to do in engaging with our members and ensuring that we represent the true voice of our constituency. We will continue to build on this communication strategy and hope to see greater respect and transparency across all equestrian disciplines and participants in SA.

As we now move past the Administration process and into a period of transformation at the national level, membership engagement becomes more important than ever. We intend to work closely with the new interim EA Board to ensure that the priorities and interests of SA are considered equally as important as any other state branch.

Another major recommendation of the Governance Review was regarding Discipline Committee management. As a result, a major Discipline Committee Review was undertaken, looking into the structure, goals and vision, protocols and efficiency of the committees. Over many months, the review working group met with members of the equestrian community to assess the committee structure and suitability, with some tough decisions made and a number of recommendations put forward to improve the veracity of

the Discipline Committee outcomes. A final summary report will be published regarding the overall review, identifying the consistent themes and recommendations.

The Board, like the committees, understand what it means to volunteer many hours of their time and expertise to Equestrian SA. We thank each and every one of our committee members for their patience and perseverance through the review process, and in their day to day tasks and activities that keep our equestrian sports going.

Despite the extraordinary circumstances that equestrian sport has dealt with this year, our membership numbers remain strong. The Board made a deliberate decision to discount our membership renewals going into the 2020-2021 financial year, to compensate for the lack of events and the impact that COVID has had on all of our lives. New categories were also introduced to better cater for our infrequent competitors, and those who are likely to be most impacted by COVID. We look forward to seeing how these changes impact our membership rates next year.

We welcomed a new Executive Officer in November 2019 and have seen the office settle into a new rhythm after some unrest in previous years. Unfortunately, due to a personal circumstance, we will lose our EO and in November 2020, we will welcome a new person into this position. The Board would like to thank Kirsty Dummin for her time at ESA and wish her and her Family our best wishes for their new life in Queensland. With greater governance and Board support, the Executive Officer will have the accountability to shape the ESA staff structure into a sustainable and effective office that will meet all of the membership and stakeholders needs.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for all of your support and passion for equestrian sport. With the rest of the Board, I look forward to further progressing our governance reformation and supporting the association as we strive to become a highly successful, transparent and accepting community of athletes, volunteers, officials and supporters of equestrian sport.

Steve Ludlam - Chair ESA



Coaching Committee Report

This has been a very challenging year for all of us. Bushfires the Covid-19 and EA into voluntary administration has made for difficult times for many of us.

The EACC has ensured that the insurance for coaches would continue throughout the year. The syllabus review is nearing completion. It has been difficult with the VA but hopefully some positivity will come from this.

Coaches Update

The ESACC held a coaches update in November 2019 and for this year coaches that require to update can do this online, contact Kellie Hayes at the national office.

Coach Profile Page

We are also implementing a new profile for coaches to be on the SA website making it easier for people looking for a coach to find the best fit for them. Many thanks to the ESA office for their help in getting this up and running.

The CC is also looking for expresses of interest from coaches wishing to upgrade their qualification to the next level. It is much more productive to get small groups to go through the process together.

With many thanks to the members of the coaching committee.

Lynda Smith, Chair - Coaching Committee



Jumping SA Report

This year has been challenging for us all.

Much has happened as a response to COVID 19. Shows were cancelled and we struggled to reschedule shows and competed for prioritisation with Jump Club dates due to the need to try and secure dates that were compatible with other discipline main events. We were all placed in unwinnable and unsolvable situations related to scheduling competing events. We should all recognise the necessity of being flexible and co-operative in this challenging and constantly changing environment. We regret that this situation occurred. Now events are beginning to be held and the response is encouraging.

Your committee of volunteers have been working hard. There was a lot of effort put in by Darcy Watkins as Riders Representative who surveyed members priorities. This information has been helpful and important.

Committee Summit

The committee held a Summit to identify priorities for the Discipline and results from the Members survey were incorporated into the strategic plan that was developed.

Achievements to date:

- 1. A Strategic plan for the Sport was completed which is attached to this report.
- 2. A couple of new jump clubs are in the process of being formed. Metro is in the process of reforming and Adelaide Hills Jump Club was inaugurated.
- 3. Appointment of a State Coach for 2 years approximately Dave Cameron
- 4. Appointment of Clive Reed and Lizzie Wigney to provide development and training for all Squads
- 5. Selection of Squads and one team event held.
- 6. Allocation of 2 regional grants of \$1500 to Eyre Peninsula and \$1500 to Mt Gambier to run clinics for riders.
- 7. The incorporation of a focus statement as part of our strategic plan to ensure that the sport is vibrant, healthy and fun. We hope that this will remind us all as to why we are involved with this sport.
- 8. Discipline review held by the Board.

It has been important to respond to the members. Many of you expressed that you wanted to be supported more in your endeavours through Jumping SA Clinics. We are trying to respond to this and will be trying to raise funds and allocate support to achieve this, hoping to offer some clinics that will be partially funded by our efforts.

Reminder to all Members

As a committee we want to remind members that we are all volunteers on this committee with a passion to develop the sport and support our riders. Covid has affected us immeasurably. We need to work towards being agile in our response to this on-going situation and riders must expect that in the future events may be cancelled due to government health requirements and rescheduled. There will be COVID Marshalls at events advising us and you, on how to remain in the legal parameters required in order to run an event. Also please expect a Police presence as we have been advised they will randomly attend events. Please co-operate so you do not risk being fined. The effect of this pandemic upon riders training schedules, emotional resilience and optimism is noted.

The Jumping SA committee wish riders well and hope that the upcoming events are enjoyable for all.

Diana Ludbrook, Chair - Jumping SA



Eventing SA Report

2020 - What a bizarre year, long to be remembered for happenings other than horse competitions!

From December bushfires in the Adelaide Hills, - to the shut down of equestrian competition on March 16th with the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic - followed by the bombshell of Voluntary Administration of EA in June and ensuing consternation, ongoing.... - then the border closures being re-enforced, instead of opening, as Victoria spiked a second COVID wave and our promised Spring season dwindled to just 4 Organising Committees prepared to give post COVID competitions a go in SA - 2020 has had it all!

Throughout these trials & tribulations I thank the Eventing Discipline committee members for pulling together, offering options to support Organising Committees and to encourage participation, running clinics and training sessions, implementing a new initiative with our Future Stars Training Squad (FSTS) and being supportive throughout our many Zoom meetings - the new normal!

Unfortunately the combination of COVID with its exacerbation of financial stresses has made for difficulties in getting some of our scheduled events up and running this spring season. Bring on 2021!

The Discipline Committee has held three meetings since December with Organising Committees for ongoing healthy discussion on ways to promote increased participation, the escalating costs of required medical expenses and safety equipment required on cross country courses and the role of the rider levy. Discussion with OC's is ongoing regarding rider and medical levies and what can be done to encourage more entries at all levels of the sport. Day membership has also been raised.

Adelaide International 3DE

Looking at the positives, Australian International 3DE ran in November 2019 at the new 5* level. With a revamp of start & finish areas, more action in the renamed Gillian Rolton Main Arena including a spectacular round of the Show Jumping World Cup, it was a highly successful selection event in the lead up to Tokyo Olympics. Two SA riders of our small contingent scored some success with Sarah Clark completing their first 5* to be named on a National Recognition Squad, while Steph Hann placed 9th in 3* but also 2nd Young Rider

to remain on the National Youth Squad.

Sadly 2020 saw the cancellation of both the Aus3de and the Tokyo Olympics!

Youth Development Weekend

Gillian Rolton Youth Development Scholarship Weekend - December, 2019 -

This training and development weekend was held most successfully for a selected group of 10 Young Riders / Junior Riders, from an increasing number of applicants. Will Enzinger, took on the Coaching role for a second year, and we were again pleased to hold the clinics at the excellent 3 phase facilities of Hallmark Farm, courtesy of Megan Jones & James Deacon. It was pleasing to see such a good group of young riders emerging through the ranks and a winner was selected on a number of all-round horsemanship criteria. Congratulations to Scholarship winner, Sophie Compton. Sophie was fortunate to have her prize augmented by a new initiative of our Eventing OC's - one free entry to each of 6 horse trial events for the coming 2020 season.

Governance Review

Following on from the ESA Governance review, we had a session with the Board reviewing the Eventing Discipline Committee in June including invited feedback from riders and OC's in the process. The positive outcome is that Disciplines have been granted greater autonomy with the implementation of a Discipline bank account - more freedom, but greater financial responsibility.



The ESA Board has been very inclusive of the Discipline Chairs in reporting on the ongoing saga of EA Administration and explaining the position the State Branches have taken in relation to the Korda Mentha DOCA, which is deemed necessary to be accepted by the Stakeholders to get EA out of Administration. Moving forward the ESA Board is willing to consider any Governance model or proposal that our Discipline, or members, may put forward for discussion and presentation to the newly to be elected Interim EA Board.

High Performance Program

Again Eventing had been privileged to receive some National HPP funding to partially support our State Squad riders with On Horse clinics and a component of Off Horse funding for the three Olympic Disciplines, combined, to run a more generalised elite program.

Squad clinics given by Sam Lyle and Jamie Coman had been well attended and appreciated by Squad riders in February and March....... then Covid halted all interstate travel. Riders have recently grouped together to hire a jumping venue and commenced their own self help sessions, promoting team spirit and camaraderie.

Di Schaeffer, Chair, Eventing SA.



Image: by Hillary Hann

Interschool Committee Report

Like everything this year, the 2020 interschool season has been heavily impacted by COVID-19.

New Committee

A new committee took over at the beginning of the year; with hopes to offer riders with a variety of competitions across the disciplines forming a strong team for Nationals. The newly implemented leader board format from 2019 was continued into 2020, with strong entries across the disciplines.

Luckily, our dressage riders were able to benefit from a number of competitions early in the year, allowing for good competition towards the Interschool Leader board. Combined Training, Show Jumping and Show Horse also capitalised on competitions early in the year.



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Unavoidably our Eventers were severely affected by COVID-19, however it is our hope they may still make some more events later in the season which will be supported by the committee and allow riders an opportunity to climb the leader board.

The relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions has offered the opportunity to reschedule the Interschool State Championships, which has been extremely well supported by riders and sponsors alike.

State Championships

The committee are aiming for State Championships to be an enjoyable 'welcome back' to the interschool season. The rescheduling of State Championships allows the Year 12 riders to compete for one last State Championship, as well as allowing completion of the discipline leader board. With many prizes on offer it is sure to be a fantastic event and we wish riders the best of luck.

Although Nationals was inevitably postponed, the committee intend to announce a State Team, and acknowledge the riders who qualified and would have travelled to Toowoomba.

We wish to thank all the riders, families, clubs and sponsors who have contributed towards the 2020 Interschool season.

We look forward to seeing everybody in 2021 and building upon the positives of the 2020 season.

Prepared by the Interschool SA Committee



Image by: Ty Manning Photography

Dressage SA Report

The SA Dressage Committee (DSA) is comprised of volunteers who are responsible for promoting and developing dressage from junior to FEI levels in South Australia and for ensuring the applicable rules and policies are applied to ensure a fair playing field for all concerned. DSA oversees Competitive dressage competitions which are run by the Clubs, on behalf of ESA and also compiles and updates the annual competition calendar. The Committee has a broad range of other responsibilities including: GR youth development; State Dressage Squads; annual awards; reporting; financial management; liaising with EA National Dressage etc.

The Judges Sub Committee (JSC) is a subcommittee under the Dressage SA Committee and is primarily responsible for the ongoing education and upgrading of SA dressage judges. The Judges Levy is collected from all riders at competitive competitions and goes entirely and directly to the JSC and is used for this purpose.

Finances

Dressage SA received grant funding from ESA to run the dressage section of the Gillian Rolton Youth Development scholarship weekend and for regional development of riders. It must be noted that Dressage SA does not receive any operational funding from Equestrian SA from either member subscriptions or dressage competition licenses. All operational costs must be funded from the profits of events, fundraising or sponsorship during the year.

Dressage SA ran at a loss for the 2019/20 financial year mainly due to incurring costs for the Vanessa Way clinic and the event having to be postponed due to COVID-19.

Brett Parbery Squad Clinic & Master Class

On the weekend of the 30/11/2019 - 01/12/19 Dressage SA ran the Brett Parbery Squad Clinic and Masterclass at Cromwell Park in the Adelaide Hills. This weekend was a huge success. The squad lessons filled in less than 12 hrs when the clinic was opened. There was however some disappointment as riders missed out on lessons due to availability of time. DSA were required to manage a waiting list of riders. Then there were the applications of riders to be selected in the master class. There were over 15 applications. The Masterclass was also very well received with 200 people attending across disciplines from Carriage Driving, Show Horse and Eventing. Due to the large numbers of spectators the Master Class was hosted on the outdoor arena which was a little cold and wet.

However, it added to the atmosphere meaning that spectators could get up close. DSA is very grateful to Sheild Insurance who supported the event with a raffle prize, snacks and volunteer helpers on the day.

Youth Development Weekend 2019

Dressage SA, Show Horse and Carriage Driving came together to organise and run a combine youth development weekend held at Danson Dressage Equestrian Park on 4th & 5th Jan 2020. The coach was Brett Parbery who was well received across all disciplines with Dressage receiving a total of 24 Youth Applications. Saturday was the dressage riders' lessons, with the open forum and dinner at the completion of the day. The open forum and shared dinner proved to be a good opportunity for young riders to speak with Brett and get insight on how to build resilience, pick a suitable coach, what to look for in a horse. Our young riders were a little shy to start with but once they started asking questions, they were great!

Brett provided organisers with positive feedback that SA has very talented up and coming young riders that have potential to go all the way with guidance and support.

The 2019 youth development scholarship winner was Nicole Berry.

This year has certainly been a very trying year. From raging fires across the state followed by a pandemic which cancelled the large majority of events. It has been unusual to have no interstate events, no SA Dressage Championships or National Dressage championships. It has been excellent that clubs have used the initiative to offer online dressage competitions to keep riders motivated. DSA committee looks forward to a new year with more events.

Veronica Hannan, Co Chair - Dressage



Dressage Judges Sub-Committee Report

Current Sub-committee

The current sub-committee members are Liz Duncan (Chair), Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen, Tracy Tillman and Prue Foletta. We thank Lizzy Richards who retired from the Sub-committee, for her contributions over the previous two years.

Dressage Judge Education Activity

South Australia currently has 30 judges, with 4 judge educators and a further 7 mentors. These numbers are minimal to sustain competition in SA and Clubs rely heavily on interstate judges, especially at FEI level, to boost numbers for major competitions and JE activities. This generally works well and riders appreciate a fresh perspective from interstate judges. Interstate JE assist our local JE to give seminars, with shadow-judging and to run practical exams. We have worked with local dressage clubs to share the costs of interstate JEs by also offering combined events while in SA, and this has also worked well.

However we need to encourage competitors and others with dressage experience to consider training as a dressage judge to build up local numbers. It was heartening that in late 2019 there was interest shown by a number of senior riders in the fast-track scheme, with interest from others to also start a judging pathway. Although some started with the pre-requisites, this was all unfortunately stalled by the advent of COVID-19 and restrictions to competitions and seminars. We hope to re-gain momentum with a D/E seminar being held in October. However as noted in recent emails from the EADJC, we are an aging group and need to attract new judges. Many riders find the judge training requirements daunting and time consuming. It is hoped that some re-structuring of the system by the National DJC will provide alternative solutions and at the same time maintain quality.

During the second half of 2019 and early 2020 we held a number of successful seminars and workshops:

- A/B seminar with Maria Schwennesen in July 2019.
- E/F/G seminar with Barrie Stratton & Liz Duncan in September 2019.
- Equine dentistry workshop with Dr Simone Herbert in September 2019.
- C/D seminar with Susie Hoevenaars in November 2019.
- F/G seminar and shadow judging weekend in March 2020, with Felicity Yuncken.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel many planned events in 2020, initially due to bushfire after-effects and then due to COVID19.

Cancelled seminars include a regional E/F/G, D/E, A/B/C and Young Horse. We are overdue for YH and Para and need these as soon as practical. This will require interstate JE but will be limited by which borders are open and whether JE consider it wise to travel. We are grateful to our interstate colleagues for running ZOOM workshops and the feedback is that they are excellent. The speed to technology for meetings and workshops has been a silver lining of COVID-19. Being a small state with large distances of travel required for SA members we see this as a change that should continue and developed further

DJSC Operational Items

During the latter part of 2019 the DJSC had discussion with the ESA Board regarding the importance of transparency of the Sub-committee reserve funds, being mostly levy payments by riders towards judge education. A DJSC banking account has now been established with the reserve balance as a starting point. This will allow the sub-committee to review all income and outgoings and the balance will carry over year-to-year and not be part of the DSA reserves.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on sport and the lack of competitions in the first half of 2020, levy income is half of the usual anticipated amount. However, the DJSC did not overspend its income, mainly due to the many seminars that had to be cancelled.

The DJSC was allocated ORSR funding for the purpose of Youth education and Regional education. This paid for a Youth protocol day in November 2019 with Susie Hoevenaars, but the Regional event has been held over until late September due to COVID-19 impact. In 2019 we reviewed and expanded the SA Judge Subsidy Scheme to provide some financial assistance to training and upgrading judges, and for those maintaining accreditation. This funding comes from the balance of levy money not used for seminars.

During 2020 the DJSC has participated with DSA and the Board in the ESA Review. In June 2020, the DJSC returned to be a sub-committee of the SA Dressage Committee after 2 years as a Sub-committee of the ESA Board. This occurred after the DSA Committee was re-established and had settled in. It was decided this would be a more efficient and collaborative structure than continuing as a stand-alone subcommittee and also aligned with the ESA Review findings.

We thank Kirsty Dummin for her work as the ESA Executive Officer and wish her well for the future.

Show Horse Working Party Report

After an ESA Governance Review of all disciplines by the independent review panel, the Show Horse committee was disbanded in early June of this year.

Interim Working Party

Wendy Hunt was asked by members of the Board to lead an interim Working Party in a mentoring/guiding role so that the Show Horse discipline could continue. Expressions of Interest were called for and gradually members put up their hands to become involved. Working Party members had the courage to do this for the sake of the sport even though the mood within was quite negative and at times aggressive. We hope in time that this attitude will settle down for the sake of the sport. The Working Party has a good blend of younger members and experienced older members with a total of 7 members. We have some regional members on the working party and hope that this will help deliver more events to our country members.

The WP has been busy in its short history with meetings held almost every week due to the ever changing restrictions of Covid19 and the need to develop some short and long term plans into the future. There has been much work happening behind the scenes some of which are :

- Two member surveys asking for feedback
- A small fundraising subcommittee has been extremely busy running 6 x online auctions to date with over \$3800 raised already - thank you so much to this hard working and enthusiastic group for all of their efforts
- Planning underway for the 2020 HOTY Show to be held on 12th/13th December at Mt Pleasant Talunga Park Showgrounds
- 2020 Spring Gala Show to be held 13th September at Clare Showgrounds in conjunction with Show Horse Council SA
- Planning for another 'grassroots' focused show on Saturday 31st October at Mt Pleasant
- Paul Austin Training Clinic planned for 26th/27th September booked out very quickly
- Clare Pony Club measuring bay has been approved for official EA measuring after receiving documentation of compliance.

- 4 x joint measuring days in conjunction with SHC-SA and SHC-Competitors with measuring taking place at Strathalbyn, Mt Pleasant and Clare - making it easier for our competitors to receive their annual height cards for both organisations plus easier for pony dressage competitors
- New measuring forms to capture more details on horses being measured has been drafted - these forms are for office records only and will be filed as back up should there ever be a height protest lodged
- Held our first 'virtual' judges seminar led by Wendy Hunt with 31 attendees (5 from Tasmania and 1 from Victoria) - this will help people to achieve and maintain their judging accreditation
- Another face to face and 'virtual' judges seminar is planned on Saturday 26th September with Wendy Hunt and guest speaker Paul Austin - hopefully more people will partake in this seminar and potentially put their name down to be included on the judges list
- Several people have begun their EA Measuring training and will eventually be part of the measurers pool for rotation at future measuring days
- Melanie Kittel-Seal is now an official EA measurer and is also an official SHC
 Measurer making it easier for people to gain their height certificates from one
 measure thank you Mel for giving up your time for the sport.
- ESA has now purchased their own portable measuring stick
- 2 x members of the Working Party have completed their online COVID Marshall training to assist with ensuring we are complying with state Covid directions
- Plans are underway for the Show Horse Youth Development weekend to be held on 9th/10th January 2021 with Paul Austin booked as the instructor.
- Other training clinics are also in the pipeline stay tuned!

Horse Of The Year

The ESA Horse of the Year was proposed for the long weekend in October but when it became clear that the Nationals to be held in Victoria were unlikely to proceed in December it was unanimously agreed that December would be a better time to have our 2020 ESA HOTY. With minimal local judges and state borders closed to many states, obtaining judges was a big issue. We hope that by December there will be an easing of border restrictions and therefore a greater chance of sourcing interstate judges.

The Working Party has given the Show Horse membership an opportunity to voice their opinion with two surveys.

Non-members voiced their disappointment, so the WP did agree for former members in 2019/2020 year to fill in the survey.

These survey results were published on the ESA Show Horse FB page with current members and former members kept separate. It was input from the members surveys that helped the WP come to many of its decisions. We are trying our best to listen to everybody and come up with the best way forward for all members.

Current Working Party

The Working Party is unanimous in its resolve to be open and transparent and to work hard for the betterment of the sport of Show Horse whilst being inclusive for all, including our regional members. We hope to work more collaboratively with other like-minded groups to help give our show horse members more opportunities to show their horses.

Wendy Hunt (Interim Chair)
Gayle Manning
Abby Clark
Rebecca Struck
Jess Bryce
Brianna Duncan Coward
Jane Whimpress



Vaulting SA Report

The second half of 2019 was action packed for Vaulting South Australia (VSA). In August we hosted John Eccles who gave a two-day clinic at Kenview Indoor Arena at Springton. John is a fantastic Coach, Lunger and FEI Judge from Scotland who provides us with a wealth of knowledge every time he visits. His feedback to us was that he really enjoyed being able to work with the large range of vaulters from grass roots to our higher level senior vaulters. We then held a competition at Kersbrook Equestrian Centre in August followed by our State Championships in September at Northern Equestrian Centre. Both were very successful events and were well attended.

Youth Development

On October 26th-27th we held the 2019 Gillian Rolton Youth Development Scholarship at Kenview Indoor Arena. Our coach for the weekend was Ellen Vincent (Vic) and the selector was Alix Bell. Congratulations once again to Florence Simpson on winning the scholarship. The VSA committee views this scholarship as a fantastic opportunity for vaulters from different clubs to collaborate and learn new skills both in vaulting and horsemanship.

In November the vaulting season winds down, and we typically finish the year with a barrel competition and awards ceremony for our grass roots or unofficial levels. The PhEVA Barrel Comp and VSA Awards Day was held on November 3rd, 2019 at the Williamstown Institute. It was a great day of off horse performances, awards and a planning session for 2020.



The Vaulting South Australia committee had a great program lined up for 2020 with five competitions and two clinics planned as well as hosting the National Vaulting Championships. It was set to be an exciting year. However, by March the vaulting clubs in SA were forced to stop training due to COVID-19 and would not be able to recommence fully until contact sports were once again permitted. The committee cancelled all events and have postponed the National Championships until October 2021. We had a very proactive subcommittee organising Nationals and I would like to thank the members involved for their efforts. Hopefully we can recommence with renewed vigour next year. I would also like to commend my fellow committee members on remaining positive while we moved to online meetings and tried to rethink how to get our vaulting community reengaged once restrictions were lifted. The period of shutdown caused strain on our clubs, with no income but still with horses to maintain. Even now memberships have not bounced back as quickly as hoped for all our clubs.

In amongst this, Equestrian Australia went into Administration and the meetings that have followed this have kept us quite busy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Equestrian South Australia for engaging with the Discipline Committees to better learn about what each of our sports require to thrive.

Equestrian Australia Representatives

We are lucky enough to have three SA representatives on the Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee (EAVC), Wendy Singlehurst, Skye Barrowcliffe (Vaulters Representative) and Sarah Hocking. Skye has recently set up a Facebook group as a communication platform for Australian vaulters where they can ask questions, clarify points of interest and gain new ideas from each other. This will also aid in helping athletes to communicate with the EAVC on matters relating to the sport.

We have had two resignations from the committee in the past year, Emily Leadbeater and Tony Richardson. I would like to sincerely thank them both for their contribution to the sport of vaulting. Emily is training to become a Judge and will be a great asset to our state. It is fantastic that she will remain involved in the sport and we hope this inspires more vaulters to do the same once their careers as competitors finish. Tony is moving onto other pursuits after a long tenure in vaulting. A past Chairperson for VSA and EAVC, Tony has contributed significantly to the betterment of the sport over the years and while he will be missed, we wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

The VSA committee will look to continue online meetings but plan to still meet in person regularly. We are also looking to recruit some more members for the committee, and we are hoping that the implementation of online meetings will make it easier for people to be involved.

We are planning some clinics, a virtual feedback session and our regular Christmas Barrel Competition in the latter part of this year to get together, re-engage our vaulting community, have some fun as well as build skills ready for the highly anticipated 2021 season.

Sophie Thomson, Chair - Vaulting South Australia

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Carriage Driving SA Report

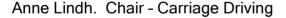
As with the other Equestrian Disciplines the impact of COVID 19 in 2020 has meant we have had to curtail or postpone many of our driving activities. Fortunately, we were able to have our major carriage driving event last November which we hold in conjunction with the Adelaide International Horse Trials in Victoria Park. This event consists of Driven Dressage and Cones Driving competitions and is a great opportunity to showcase our sport. Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled this year so we are looking at holding a smaller more "low key" event at a different venue. Our Events are held in conjunction with EA affiliated club Angas Harness Driving Club which attracts social members as part of its membership base.

Two significant events for carriage driving held last year and which created exposure of our sport and were initiated by ESA were:

- The Inter disciplinary day held at Kirkcaldy where several carriage driving "lessons" were given by EA CD coaches. Ponies and carriages were supplied.
- The Young Rider/Driver Scholarship weekend held at Mt Pleasant when carriage driving teamed up with dressage. Our one participant Nicky Ballinger received an excellent driving lesson from Brett Parbery.

We are hoping with the easing of COVID restrictions we will be able to resume our driving activities. A dressage day and the clinic with Max Pearce which was cancelled are planned for what is left of this year.

Again, the Committee thanks the ESA Board and staff for its continued support of carriage driving especially considering our small numbers.









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Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified 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 performance, statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter(s) described in the Basis for Qualified Audit Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the Association presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2020, 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 Qualified Audit Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Equestrian South Australia Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over all income from various sources prior to its receipt. Accordingly, it was not practicable for our examination of those areas to extend beyond amounts recorded in the accounting records of the Association.

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.

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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Equestrian South Australia Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2020

Equestrian South Australia Inc.

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EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Equestrian South Australia Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Committee Members

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

Stephen Ludlam (Chairperson)

Appointed February 2020

Wendy Schaeffer (Deputy Chairperson)

Wayne Copping

Helen Coleiro

Gayle Manning Nicole Kelly

Appointed November 2019
Appointed September 2019

Geoff Pannell

Appointed September 2019, Resigned June 2020

Karin Edwards

Resigned February 2020

Naomi Mashford

Resigned Oct 2019, Appointed Oct 2019, Resigned Jan 2020

Peter Graham

Resigned June 2020

Stuart Platt

Retired September 2019

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 activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Association recorded an operating surplus of \$137,808 (2019: surplus of \$47,560)

Subsequent Events

No events have occurred since 30 June 2020 that would have a material effect on the information disclosed in this financial report.

No member of the committee has received or become entitled to receive benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm, or body coporate to which they are a member of, or have a substantial financial interest and Equestrian SA Inc

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee

Dated this

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day of october

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Stephen Ludlam

Wendy Schaeffer

EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Income		Þ	Þ
Constitutional Committees	2	5,847	(6,168)
Interest Revenue		288	570
Grant Income	3	176,658	98,784
Memberships Income	4	313,145	329,828
Operational Income	5	10,144	19,232
Sundry Income		-	1,571
Total Income	-	506,082	443,817
Expenditure			
Building Expense	6	12,232	9,588
Employment Expense	7	126,902	123,869
EA Member Levies		83,527	90,547
Administration Expenses	8	107,077	103,613
Operational Expense	9	38,536	33,640
Total Expenses	-	368,274	361,257
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	-	137,808	82,560
Building valuation decrement		-	35,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	137,808	47,560

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	334,770	210,815
Receivables	11	4,109	14,809
Stock On Hand	_		6,209
Total Current Assets	_	338,879	231,833
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	12	581,674	569,141
Total Non-Current Assets	-	581,674	569,141
Total Assets	- -	920,553	800,974
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	13	5,928	2,133
Employee Benefits	14	7,231	4,775
Other Current Liabilities	15	55,538	84,746
Total Current Liabilities	-	68,697	91,654
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Benefits	16	9,519	4,791
Total Non-Current Liabilities	_	9,519	4,791
Total Liabilities	- -	78,216	96,445
Net Assets	-	842,337	704,529
Member's Funds			
Branch Operations, Trading and Administration	17	492,888	360,927
Constitutional Committees	18	349,449	343,602
Total Members Funds	- -	842,337	704,529
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The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements

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.

(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 was conducted in June 2019, where Land and Buildings were determined to be worth \$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 7 years of service in order for this to be payable.

2 Constitutional Committees - Trading

		2020		2019
	Income	Expenditure	Net Result	Net Result
Carriage Driving Committee	-	518	(518)	(308)
Coaching Committee	5,681	4,675	1,006	4,233
Dressage Committee	14,550	17,155	(2,605)	(3,866)
Eventing Committee	25,322	22,576	2,746	838
Interschool Committee	327	4,919	(4,592)	(4,534)
Show Horse Committee	44,710	32,988	11,722	(12,071)
Show Jumping Committee	2,601	4,761	(2,160)	7,866
Vaulting Committee	7,717	7,469	248	1,674
Total	100,908	95,061	5,847	(6,168)

The balance of reserves held by each committee is displayed in Note 18.

3 Grant Income	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Grants - Other*	57,387	7,273
Grants - Govt	89,771	91,511
Grants - Govt - COVID-19 Stimulus	29,500	-
Total	176,658	98,784

^{*}Grants - Other reported above includes amounts relating to Branch only. Grants relating to Committees have been recorded as income in the relevant Committees above in Note 2 including Eventing \$4,818.

4 Memberships Income

Licences	3,720	4,230
Memberships	257,202	274,368
Performance Cards	18,723	16,877
Registrations	24,773	24,317
Transfers	8,727	10,036
Total	313,145	329,828
5 Operational Income		
Admin Fee Income	496	1,009
Miscellaneous Income	5,086	4,914
Ticket Sales	9,645	13,309
Trading Activities	(5,083)	-
Total	10,144	19,232

	2020	2019
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6 Building Expense		
Insurance	3,857	3,044
Maintenance & Repairs	3,918	2,822
Rates	3,607	3,342
Security	850	380
Total	12,232	9,588
7 Employment Expense		
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Salaries & Wages	123,339	121,490
Staff Amenities	1,576	2,379
Board Expenses	1,987	-
Total	126,902	123,869
8 Administration Expenses		
Accounting Fees	6,780	8,705
Audit Fees	3,500	2,900
Bank Fees	1,807	2,139
Computers (inc software)	5,912	3,187
Consultants	50,277	7,397
Depreciation	4,507	3,225
Legal Fees	-	41,737
Nominate Fees	12,942	11,390
Office Maintenance	18,075	20,447
Utilities	3,277	2,486
Total	107,077	103,613
*Consultants expense relates to the Governance review for which	a state government grant was rece	ived
9 Operational Expense		
Awards	1,006	1,326
Advertising	109	(200)
Catering	147	(254)
Coaching	20,106	9,461
Equipment Hire	582	200
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Functions	8,544	12,033
Miscellaneous Publications	2,943	2,921
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Scholarships State Squad	2,455 1,044	3,500
Travel Expenses	1,044 1,498	- 2,240
Trophies/Sashes	1,498	1,532
Total	38,536	33,640
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	2020	2019
10 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	\$
Cash at Bank - Cheque Account	37,145	95,046
Cash at Bank - Long Service Leave/Holiday Leave Account	7,370	7,358
Cash at Bank - Online Saver Account	254,358	104,082
Cash at Bank - Driving	220	4,229
Cash at Bank - Coaching	1,649	-
Cash at Bank - Dressage	3,309	-
Cash at Bank - Jumping SA	14,534	-
Cash at Bank - Dressage Judges	200	-
Cash at Bank - Eventing	8,134	-
Cash at Bank - Interschool	1,731	-
Cash at Bank - Vaulting	1,362	-
Cash at Bank - Show Horse	4,583	-
Petty Cash	175	100
Total	334,770	210,815
11 Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	4,109	13,898
Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
Prepayments	_	911
Total	4,109	14,809
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12 Property Plant and Equipment		
Fair Value* - Land/Buildings	545,000	545,000
Furniture and Fittings	7,507	15,805
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,544)	(11,417)
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Office Equipment	19,067	27,491
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,967)	(25,387)
Plant & Equipment	48,018	52,365
Plant & Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(31,407)	(34,716)
Total	581,674	569,141
* Revaluation of Land & Buildings occurred on 27 June 2019 by Tim Wilk revalued amount was \$545,000, a reduction from the previous valuation of the		Valuer. The
Accounts Payable	(449)	5,522
Credit Cards	961	808
PAYG Withholding	2,222	548
GST Payable / (receivable)	534	(6,226)
Superannuation Payable	2,660	1,481
Total	5,928	2,133
14 Current Employee Benefits		
Provision Holiday Pay	7,231	4,775
Total	7,231 7,231	4,775

		2020	2019
		\$	\$
15 Other Current Liabilities			
Income In Advance		55,538	29,746
Grants in Advance		-	55,000
Total		55,538	84,746
* Income in advance relates to memberships major events cancelled in 2020 due to COVII		o 30 June 2020 and	sponsorship for
16 Non-Current Employee Benefits			
Provision for Long Service Leave		9,519	4,791
Total		9,519	4,791
17 Equity - Branch	=		
Opening Balance		360,927	307,199
Result		131,961	53,728
Closing Balance	=	492,888	360,927
18 Equity - Constitutional Committees			
	Balance	Note 2	Balance
	1 July 2019	Net Result	30 June 2020
Reserve Carriage Committee	4,405	(518)	3,887
Reserve Coaching Committee	32,989	1,006	33,995
Reserve Dressage Committee	66,176	(2,605)	63,571
Reserve Eventing Committee	88,585	2,746	91,331
Reserve Interschool Committee	34,616	(4,592)	30,024
Reserve Show Horse Committee	29,653	11,722	41,375
Reserve Show Jumping Committee	59,932	(2,160)	57,772
Reserve Vaulting Committee	27,246	248	27,494
Total	343,602	5,847	349,449
19 Committee Members			
The following persons were committee meml and up to the date of this report:	bers of Equestrian South	Australia Inc during t	he financial year

Stephen Ludlam (Chairperson) Appointed February 2020

Wendy Schaeffer (Deputy Chairperson)

Wayne Copping Helen Coleiro

Gayle Manning Appointed November 2019 Appointed September 2019 Nicole Kelly

Appointed September 2019, Resigned June 2020 Geoff Pannell

Karin Edwards Resigned January 2020

Resigned Oct 2019, Appointed Nov 2019, Resigned Jan 2020 Naomi Mashford

Peter Graham Resigned June 2020 Stuart Platt Retired September 2019

EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Equestrian South Australia Inc as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Equestrian South Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

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

Name: Stephen Ludlam Position: Chairperson

Date: 13 October 2020

Name: Wendy Schaeffer
Position: Deputy Chairperson

Date: 13 october 2020