

EQUESTRIAN SA

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2022/2023



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ESA BOARD & DC MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair: Scott Donner

Board Members: Helen Coleiro, Samantha Taylor, Neralie Bailey, Jeff Evans, Andrew Paech, Laura Reed, Alice Morley & David Johnson

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE - SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dressage - Committee

Chair: Cheryl Hatswell

Secretary: Naomi Mashford

Treasurer: Jude Sonnefeld

Committee Members: Noella Angel, Catherine Skinner, Marlene Hunt, Julia Weir, Chloe Wedd & Karen Wilson

Selectors: Liz Duncan & Jen Gilligan

Eventing - Committee

Chair: Wayne Copping

Vice Chair: Karen Rose

Secretary: Jo Crosby

Treasurer: Jude Sonnefeld

Committee Members: Linda Clark, Lara Kluske, Megan Jones, Bronwyn Gillott, Jaimie Stichel & Heather Ford

Show Horse - Committee

Chair: Jay Bradbrook

Secretary: Erin Bradshaw

Treasurer: Orleans Graetz

Committee: Alyson Emery & Tessa Williams

Interschool - Committee

Chair/Secretary: Ty Manning

Vice Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Leigh Beissel

Committee Members: Jessie Smith, Jaimie Stichel, Dee-Anne Hunt, Mary Ash & Cilla Knowles

DC MEMBERS & STAFF

Jumping - Committee

Chair: Bridget Dunn

Vice Chair: Susie Verco

Secretary: Lisa Gauld

Treasurer: Stuart Platt

Riders Rep: Sheridan Manuel

Committee Members: Mark Jakeway, Wayne Matten, Sue Ryan & Lara Kluske

Vaulting - Committee

Chair: Sophie Thomson

Vice Chair: Kate Wann & Nina Fritzell

Secretary: Skye Barrowcliffe

Committee Members: Alix Bell, Lily Moore & Denise Piggott

Driving - Committee

This sport is in recess while we search for another committee of volunteers to support Carriage Driving.

Coaching - Committee

Chair: Mandy Maiden

Vice Chair: Lynda Smith

Secretary: Rebecca Moore

Finance: Lyn Jutilane

EACC Rep: Tamsin Adcock

Coach Educator: Nigel Treloar

Dressage Judges - Sub-committee

Chair - Liz Duncan

Committee Members: Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen & Tracy Tillman

Staff

Executive Officer: JP Chevalier

Finance Officer: Kayla Dollard

Member Services & Education Coordinator: Judy Clutterbuck

Communication Coordinator: Danni Hampton

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear members,

The 2022-2023 reporting year can be considered a year in three distinct segments, ending with an Operating Surplus / (Deficit) of (-18,225) and Surplus / (Deficit) +41,775.

First Segment

The Board chaired by Mr. Craig Hannam from 1 July 2022 through to 9 May 2023, undertook a number of initiatives and claimed the following achievements:

- Followed through in the development of ESA's Strategic Plan through to 2025
- Executive Officers Operational Plan in support of the Strategic Plan
- The new DC and Coaching Committee By Laws and updating of all ESA policies
- Finalisation of the Governance Review Implementation Plan from 2019
- Development of the ESA Risk Register for use by ESA and its Discipline Committees
- Implementation of the new ESA Swabbing Strategy providing funding to Discipline Committees
- Increase in total membership numbers year on year
- Support of the discipline committees with bi-monthly meetings with Board members
- Supporting new and re-accrediting officials
- Active engagement with the corporate sector
- Meetings with the Hon Katrina Hildyard, Minister for Sport and her advisors
- Meetings with ORSR staff and attendance at ORSR functions
- Obtaining a ORSR grant of \$182,000, including GST, over 4 years

On May 9 the 2023, this Board resigned in its entirety, citing irreconcilable differences with the Equestrian Australia Board as the reason for their departure.

Second Segment

The resignation of the previous Board placed ESA in a challenging position (operationally, constitutionally, financially and legally), with the ESA Executive Officer, Mr. JP Chevalier, effectively left in a 'Caretaker' role. Fortunately, the Officer of Consumer & Business Services and the Corporate Affairs Commission provided the necessary exemptions for the Executive Officer to operate with limited powers to;

- operate the association without a Board, and
- convene a Special General Meeting with the specific purposes of establishing a new Board.

Third Segment

On 15 June 2023, with extensive support of the Office for Recreation Sport & Racing (ORSR) and the Corporate Affairs Commission, ESA was able to hold an election and appoint – from 13 nominations – a new nine member Board. The election process was successfully managed by Ms. Zoe Thomas, Corporate Affairs Commission, with support by the ORSR and Galpins, to ensure validation, scrutineering and vote counting was executed accurately.

The new Board met for the first time on Monday 19 June and moved to select a new Chair, Scott Donner, Vice Chair Samantha Taylor and Finance and Risk Management Committee (FARMC) Chair Laura Reed. The new Board members and positions are as follows;

- Scott Donner, Chairperson
- Samantha Taylor, Vice Chairperson
- Laura Reed, FARMC Chairperson
- Alice Morley, Director & FARMC
- Helen Coleiro, Director & FARMC
- Andrew Paech, Director
- Neralie Bailey, Director
- David Johnson, Director
- Jeff Evans, Director

CHAIR'S REPORT

At its first meeting, the new Board acknowledged the extensive efforts of executive officer JP Chevalier to ensure ESA could continue as a legal entity and the contributions of the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing and the Corporate Affairs Commission to this effort. It must also be noted by all members, that without this support and enough members nominating for the Board, there was a real possibility that ESA could have been wound up. Whilst EA was preparing to 'step into the breach' so to speak, considerable confusion and the likely loss of control over ESA's assets was avoided through this successful election.

Going forward; all Board members have committed to open and transparent governance where appropriate and confidentiality where required. Noting several challenging 'legacy issues' that have caused significant angst amongst the membership, the newly elected Board is undertaking a number of urgent priority actions in addition to regular business. Namely to;

- Not increase membership fees from the 1 July 2023.
- Review ESA's financial position and full risk profile. This action was in response to learning that the EA insurer had reduced EA's Management Liability insurance and chosen to not cover past and existing ESA directors for insolvency. As part of this process the Board has identified that:
 - ESA's overarching financial position is solid as it owns the ESA office building and has suitable cash at hand.
 - ESA faces a deficit budget going forward which the Board is seeking to resolve in the near term. To this end, a more aggressive - but government guaranteed - investment strategy has been developed, approved and implemented for ESA's cash reserves.
- Undertake a proactive strategy to resolve existing complaints including potential litigation;
 - two complaints have been resolved, and
 - an internal review of the factors that led to one of the complaints instigated.

As these issues are resolved or become reasonably well in hand, the Board will seek to engage more fully with the emerging Equestrian Australia National Reform Process. Irrespective of the form it takes, it is essential that ESA and its various components are operating optimally and fully representing the needs of members and stakeholders.

Further to this point, the Board would like to thank all members willing to serve on the discipline committees which can be challenging roles at times. However, their current and future input is vital for the ongoing stability and success of our disciplines.

The Board thanks the ESA staff for their ongoing support of all ESA, particularly the members.

In closing, ESA wishes to recognise that for the first time in history, Show Horse won the State Teams Perpetual Trophy at the Hygain Australasian Show Horse and Rider National Championships in December 2022, and going forward the Board wishes all members a successful year ahead!

Sincerely

SCOTT DONNER
Equestrian SA Chairperson



EO REPORT

Dear Individual and Affiliate Club Members alike,

This year has been full of positive emotion and success from a back of house and operational perspective. It gives me great pleasure to share a few highlights in this year's annual report, beyond the Equestrian SA Chairs report.

Since the beginning of the 2022-23 financial year, including during the period of uncertainty after gaining an exemption from the Corporate Affairs Commissioner to operate and through the Special General Meeting, held on 15 June 2023 to secure a new Board, the Office team remained dedicated to serving the Membership, Discipline Committees and the Board Directors. Our commitment and focus is to deliver exceptional member services including; clear communication, horse welfare, child safeguarding, bio-security, individual and affiliate club renewals, competitor licenses, horse registrations, discipline committee state championships, overall event calendar support including squads and Interschool activities, through to Board meetings, IT support, legal resolve, business services and financial responsibilities for our association.

As your Executive Officer my professional objective has and continues to be aimed towards developing a positive sport culture and experiences for all members, at every level. More importantly I enjoy acknowledging a collective strength based recognition for the generous and dedicated volunteer effort that exists across our Equestrian Community.

In closing, I thank you for choosing to be members of Equestrian SA and I look forward to meeting more members throughout the coming year and seeing our sport evolve in line with the Strategic Plan, Purpose Statement and the Operational Initiatives set forth.

Yours in Equestrian SA,

JP CHEVALIER
ESA - Executive Officer



ESA ANALYTICS

MEMBERSHIP 2022 - 2023

Financial Members - 1,398
Renewed Members - 1,001 (71.9%)
New Members - 171
Returning Member - 226



HORSE REGISTRATIONS & LICENCES

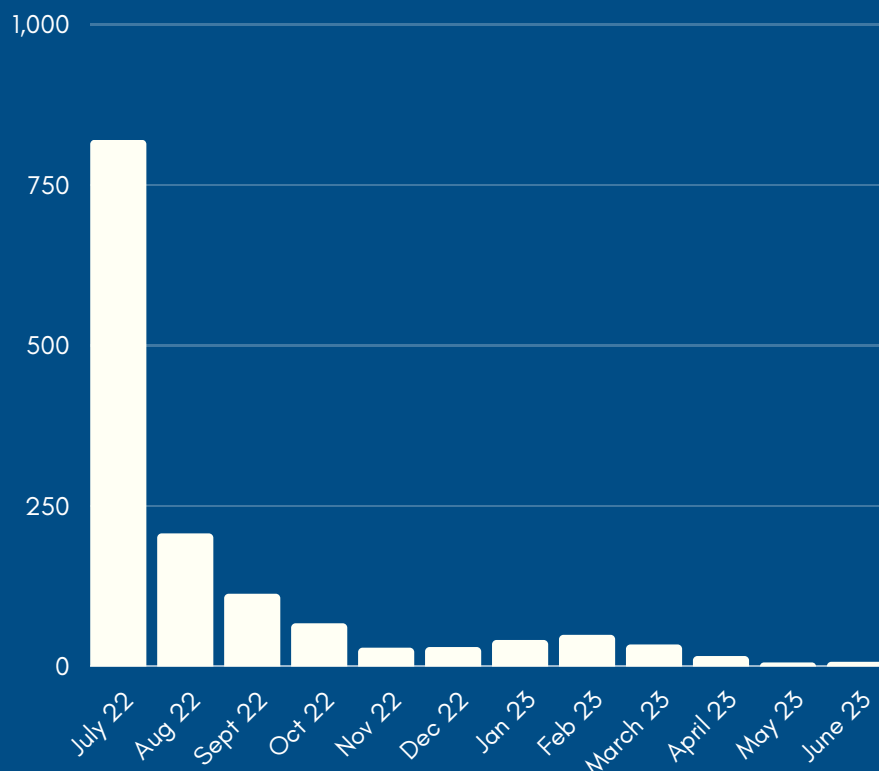
During 2022/23, 143 NEW horse registrations were processed.

Licenses Purchased

Dressage: 336 Pony Dressage: 68
Eventing: 136 Jumping: 234

FACEBOOK SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Current Facebook Page Likes - 4,000
Current Facebook Page Followers - 4,333
Post Reach (last 30 days) - 6,800
Current Instagram Page Likes - 1,014
Post Reach - 337



ESA MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership per month ranging from July 2022 to June 2023

Total Annual Membership 22/23 totals 1,389

AWARDS NIGHT

INTERSCHOOL

Primary CT: Stella Carmichael & Clover Park Jester
Secondary CT: Ella Beissel & Kirby Park Cherry Blossom
Primary Dressage: Imogen Carmichael & Santa Cruz Misty
Intermediate Dressage: Ella Beissel & Kirby Park Cherry Blossom
Secondary Dressage: Sophie Gardiner & Arawn
Secondary Jumping: Ella Manning & Oaks Be Sweet
Eventing: Kaitlin Teichert & Tenacious Red
Primary Show Horse: Starla Murphy & Bordershow Superstar
Intermediate Show Horse: Harry Manning & Viewmont Lisa
Secondary Show Horse: Ella Manning & Oaks Be Sweet
Primary Working Hunter: Holly Wotton & Bookra Pocket Edition
Intermediate Working Hunter: Harry Manning & Wychwood
Secondary Working Hunter: Ella Manning & Valfreya
Overall Winning School: Pembroke School

SHOW HORSE

Show Horse of the Year: Royalwood Enchanting Owned by Catherine Gale, Ridden by Margot Haynes
Show Hunter of the Year: Anjara Park Euphoria Owned & Ridden by Nyah Clarke
Childs Show Hunter of the Year: Anjara Park Euphoria Owned & Ridden by Nyah Clarke
Childs Show Horse of the Year: Gordon Park Supanova Owned & Ridden by Kodah Young
Regional Horse of the Year: Gordon Park Supanova Owned & Ridden by Kodah Young
Senior Rider of the Year: Jaimee Bruggerman
Junior Rider of the Year: Harrison Manning
Mini Pony of the Year: Rivington Lil Red Ferrari Owned & Ridden by Pypah Coombe
Track to Hack of the Year: Formidable Owned by Shauna McLean, Ridden by Shauna McLean & Paris Graham

VAULTING

Junior of the Year: Alyssa Watkins
Senior of the Year: Skye Barrowcliffe
Competitor Horse of the Year: Matavia Rosenkrantz Owned & Lunged by Kirsty Barrowcliffe



AWARDS NIGHT

EVENTING

Tasha Khouzam Memorial Trophy for Young Rider of the Year: Chelsea Clarke

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

Horse of the Year: LV Balou Jeanz Owned & Ridden by Sarah Clark

1* Eventing Combination of the Year: Kelly Ranford & Levitate

95cm Eventing Combination of the Year: Elena Penney & La Muso

Thorough Care Born to Race Horse of the Year: Delicato Owned & Ridden by Connie Miller

Thorough Care Born to Race Grass Roots Horse of the Year: Kokopelli Owned & Ridden by Cherie Brooks

2022 Gill Rolton Youth Development Award

Finalists: Chelsea Clarke, Millie Treloar, Annabel Manifold, Amelie Morelli, Lucy Potter

Winner: Charlotte Treloar

JUMPING

Novice League: Katelin Clark & Katelle Grand

Junior League: Bella Masters & Samsonite

Southern Sport Horses League: Anthony Thomas & Carl Aus Pausin

Senior League: Adam Metcalfe & MEC Aston

Fosters Cup Junior Horse of the Year: Samsonite Owned & Ridden by Bella Masters

Junior Rider of the Year: Zara Young

Balharry Cup Senior Horse of the Year: MEC Aston Owned by Peter Graham, Ridden by Adam Metcalfe

Senior Rider of the Year: Adam Metcalfe

DRESSAGE

FEI Horse & Rider of the Year: Ruth Schneeberger & Roxleigh Fidelio

EA Horse & Rider of the Year: Anne Smith & Shadow's Tollinski

AOR Horse & Rider of the Year: Alyssa Fox & Roxette TD

Youth Horse & Rider of the Year: Olivia Buchanan & Welfine

Pony Horse & Rider of the Year: Sarah Tickner & Nilton Del Pierro

Foundation Horse & Rider of the Year: Megan Evans & Heathmont Romance

Jim Dunn OAM Service to Sport Award

Winners: Stuart & Kaye Platt



DRESSAGE REPORT

Dressage Committee

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: State Dressage Squads; annual awards; reporting; liaising with EA National Dressage, bi-monthly meetings with ESA and monthly committee meetings.

The current DSA Committee comprises of Cheryl Hatswell (Chair), Julia Weir (Vice Chair and Clubs Rep), Naomi Mashford (Secretary and Riders Rep), Jude Sonnefeld (Treasurer), Marlene Hunt (Squad Co-ordinator), Catherine Skinner (HOTY, Performance Medals), Noella Angel (Para), Chloe Wedd (Media) and Karen Wilson (Events Co-ordinator).

During the year Helen Coleiro, Samantha Dossett, Chris Kelly, Veronica Hannam and Ruth Schneeberger resigned, we would like to thank them for their time and effort whilst on the Committee.

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

DSA would like to thank the riders, judges, affiliated clubs and committees, volunteers and stewards for their support of Dressage in SA for 2022/23.

In January 2023, the new Dressage tests were implemented followed by the launch of a new look EA Dressage Rulebook in July 2023, which was streamlined to improve usability.

State Events

Young Horse, Pony, Para & Freestyle Showcase

DSA held the State Young Horse and Pony Equine Advancement Showcase in January 2023. This Championship event was very well attended, even though the weather was hot. The event also offered Para tests and Freestyle tests from Preliminary to Grand Prix. This successful event will be held once again in February 2024.

Off the Track Dressage Series

Sponsorship of prize money and rugs have been donated for the Off the Track Thoroughbreds with six events run by dressage clubs throughout SA to promote dressage to owners of Thoroughbred horses. Good luck to the competitors.

State Dressage Championships

DSA with the help of many volunteers, ran a very successful State Championships held at the Mt Crawford Dressage Club grounds in April. This competition is the pinnacle of what Dressage is all about, with many of our members showcasing their beautifully presented horses at their best. Rugs and prizes were awarded to Open, AOR, Youth & Pony riders from Preliminary to FEI levels. Of special mention, Erica Taylor kindly donated her Haig Cup Plates to the FEI Champions and was there in person to present this to the award winners. Thankyou Erica for your generosity.

The Para State Championships were held in Strathalbyn in conjunction with the Adelaide Hills Spring Dressage Championships over 2 days. Noella Angel is to be congratulated for making this event a reality and to the AHDC Committee for being so accommodating.



DRESSAGE REPORT

Congratulations to the aggregate Winners of each level at the 2023 Dressage State Championships!



Anti-clockwise from above:
EA Youth Champion: Sophie Gardiner & Arawn
EA AOR Champion: Verity Hayman & Heathmont Roulette
FEI AOR Champion: Catherine Skinner & Dobria De Jeu
EA Pony Champion: Keeley Menadue & Ibnky Xquisit
FEI Big Tour Champion: Karen Horsell & Guizo Da Ferrara



DRESSAGE REPORT

National Championships

Four Youth riders made the long trek to Sydney where they performed very well at the National Youth Championships.



**The SA riders who travelled to SIEC – NSW
(L to R) Lucy Peters, Claire Nitschke, Keeley Menadue, Clancy Lyons)**

The National Dressage Championships were held in October, at Boneo Park after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid and not even the difficult weather conditions could stop this event or competitors. Seventeen SA combinations travelled to this event and performed to a very high standard with placings in many events. Some riders pictured below after presentations.



The AOR National Championships and Para Championships were also held this financial year with representation from our SA riders.

Congratulations to the many combinations who represented SA.



DRESSAGE REPORT

Performance Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded at every level. This financial year we awarded a total of thirty nine medals. Congratulations goes to all our medal winners. The Gold Medal winners are:

- Kate Dennis & Fidelius
- Amelia Stacey and Carribean BHI
- Ryan Fletcher and Dreamtime MI
- Julia Weir and Jazdan Daydream
- Steph Hann and Miss Holly Golightly BHI
- Cheryl Hatswell and Ponderosa Stud Royal Lass
- Amity Hancock and Dynamic Great Expectations
- Keeley Menadue and Freemans Lodge Rocksette
- Elizabeth Haggett and Finesse
- Alyssa Fox and Roxette TD
- Phoebe Foulkes and Ellanbrae Jeniro
- Anne Smith and Fire Fly
- Anne Smith and Shadows Tollinski
- Catherine Skinner and Dobria De Jeu
- Kathryn Mitchell and Imperial Tigru

National Gold Performance Medal Recipient

Congratulations go to Ruth Schneeberger riding Roxleigh Fidelio (pictured right) in the Small Tour who was awarded the prestigious gold medal by the EADC. A new format with three chosen events from each state and the National Championships will be the qualifiers for the future.



DRESSAGE REPORT

Horse of the Year

Congratulations to our 2022 recipients:

- Ruth Schneeberger and Roxliegh Fidelio
- Anne Smith and Shadows Tollinski
- Alyssa Fox and Roxette TD
- Olivia Buchanan and Welfine
- Sarah Tickner and Nilton Del Pierro
- Megan Evans and Heathmont Romance



There has been a major change to the calculation of points and number of events for 2023. The winners will be calculated on the combinations best ten tests at nominated events with higher points awarded for National and State event placings.

State Squads

There are two squads for South Australian riders. The High-Performance Squad caters for Advanced to Grand Prix horse and rider combinations with the Foundations for the Future Squad aimed at riders from Preliminary upwards. This year DSA held protocol sessions with Virginia Creed, Wendy Barker, Jane Ventura and off the horse education session with Veterinarian, Dr Andrew Hunt and human and horse Chiropractor, Dr James Gardiner.

National Squad

Congratulations to Kirsty Van Loon being recognised and selected as Generation Next (AIS Athlete Category - Developing & Emerging Para-Equestrians).

Congratulations Noella Angel with Jackabite & Mallee Jack on the Recognition B Squad.

Lindy Wright Memorial Award

This award is named in honour of Lindy Wright, a rider remembered as a positive role model and an inspiration for Dressage. The purpose of this award is to acknowledge those who show the qualities of the "quiet achiever who demonstrates excellence in Dressage". Our congratulations to the well-deserved winner Jen Gilligan.

Cheryl Hatswell
Chair - Dressage SA



Quiet Achiever who demonstrates excellence in dressage.

PARA-DRESSAGE REPORT

The word "Paralympic" derives from the Greek preposition "para" (beside or alongside) and the word "Olympic". Its meaning is that Paralympics are the parallel Games to the Olympics and illustrates how the two movements exist side-by-side.

Being Parallel has been the aim for 2023, to have Para Dressage and Dressage run alongside each other in one club around the state each month. The first half of 2023 has run well with DSA Summer Showcase, Mt Crawford, Adelaide Hills, Clare Valley, and Southern Flinders Dressage Clubs hosting para tests to the delight of the riders. Most are excited to have more than just one event each year and are starting to feel they belong in Equestrian SA.

Early in the year we had Dressage SA committee host the Equine Advancement Summer Showcase. Being the first event for Para-Dressage 2023 we are excited to say this was our biggest event to date. 6 riders over 4 grades of classification who each pushed to get plenty of PBs from our wonderful judges. Para-Dressage SA was delighted to have Mr and Mrs Steward from Victoria attend this event. I think I can speak for many that their knowledge on Para-Dressage was just fantastic and appreciated them making the time to come over to South Australia. Thank you, Greg for stewarding the day and for Veronica in judging Para Dressage, Young Horse and for giving that wealth of knowledge and support to our SA para judges as Judge Educator. Thank you also to those SA judges for taking time out of your weekend to continue to support and attending the judge's Para update. The raffle became very popular and raised \$1200 dollars to support us in supplying Accessible Toilets to dressage venues for 2023!

If any venues are looking to apply for grants in 2023/2024 in regard to accessible toilets or other accessible ideas, please contact the dressage SA committee to receive a letter of support from our para riders. The more venues that can have accessible toilets built the less money down the drain in hiring them.



Participants at the Dressage Masterclass – Sophie Wells Clinic held at Hallmark Farm.



Grade IV Para Rider Karen Wilson & Driving Me Daisy at Adelaide Hills Dressage Club.



PARA-DRESSAGE REPORT

Interstate events have seen riders Kirsty Van Loon attend the Dressage Spectacular at Boneo Park and Noella Angel attend the Sydney CDI. Both riders showing that SA is not a state to be left behind, both returning with good scores and placings.

We were very lucky to be put on the map when it came to the Dressage Masterclass – Sophie Wells Clinic. Having three days with the World's number 1 Para Equestrian and Gold Medallist at both the World and European Championships. This had a large turnout of both classified, non-classified and able bodied riders who all came out of the three days with more tools to take on the rest of the years events.

Para-Dressage SA are coming to the understanding that while Dressage and Para-Dressage are the same thing however, the para-dressage tests do not host well on Nominate. We feel this has created a big headache for all involved and we want to make things easier where possible. We encourage clubs hosting Para-Dressage later in 2023 to have entries via nominate but run on the day with paper tests and enter scores later. – Yes, this may be more work on one hand, but we all feel it will be less of a headache overall.

We are working on setting up a webinar for tips and tricks on running Para-Dressage and Supporting Inclusion. More information to come.

2023 will be the first year for Para-Dressage to be in the running for a Horse of The Year trophy with their own dedicated category. This gives our riders a strong feeling on belonging in the ESA horse community and appreciate those who helped it come about. South Australia is only the third state to do so!

So round of applause for South Australia!

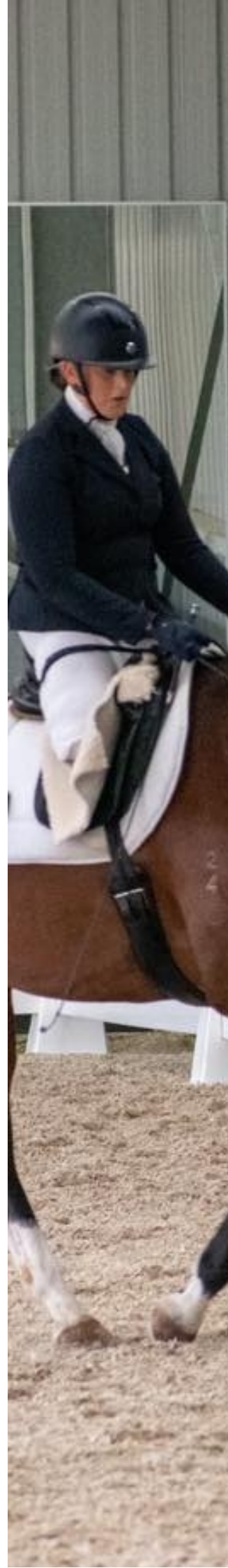
Noella Angel
Para Representative – Dressage SA



Left: Noella Angel had great success at the Sydney CDI - International Dressage Event in May, winning Champion Grade 5 CPEDI 2* with Mallee Jack & Champion Grade 5 CPEDI 1* with Jackabite.



Above & Below: Kirsty Van Loon & HV Dante Winners of the CPEDI 2* Grade 4 Para Equestrian Intermediate Overall Champion at the Dressage Spectacular held at Boneo Park in April.



EVENTING REPORT

The small eventing community in South Australia is enjoying exciting times at the moment with a State team competing in the CCI2*L at Melbourne International Horse Trials for the first time in years, new and returning horse trials events in the pipeline, two of its senior members currently competing overseas, and an eventing squad that is going from strength to strength.

Adelaide International Horse Trials returned in April after a three year break, rebadged as the Adelaide Equestrian Festival, and as the only 5* horse trials in the Southern Hemisphere, this event attracts Australia's finest eventing riders. South Australia's entries performed creditably in front of the home crowd with Megan Jones and Toulando finishing 9th in the CCI4*S, and Luke Jones and Spirit 18th in the CCI3*L.



*Luke Jones & Spirit at Adelaide.
Photo credit: Horizons Photography*



At a local level the eventing calendar is returning to pre-COVID strength. In addition to event stalwarts Kirkcaldy, Reynella, Naracoorte and Canoe Tree, the new Milang Horse Trials is establishing itself, running in truly awful weather in June. A second event is planned at this venue for November.

Another rider favourite, Mount Gambier Horse Trials, will make a welcome return in November after a recess of several years.

In other news, the Hills and Barossa Horse Trials organising committee has secured its own home at last, having run at the Reynella Horse Trials venue for several years. The committee is now seriously fundraising for the construction of their new cross country course with their inaugural event planned for early December.

A number of our riders routinely travel to Victoria to compete at events including Ballarat, Tonimbuk, Wandin, Werribee and Geelong, often returning with qualifying results and ribbons. A highlight this year was Melbourne International Horse Trials, held over the June long weekend. As always, a contingent of South Australians made the journey to compete in this prestigious event, but this year we were able to field a state team in the CCI2*L class.



EVENTING REPORT

The team was captained by the very experienced Rachelle Verma, and included Kirra Bourke, Ella Oszyzpok and Millie Treloar and while a podium finish eluded us, it was huge learning experience for all concerned. Ella Oszyzpok was the highest placed South Australian, doing us proud by finishing 5th in the individual CCI2*L competition.

Right: Ella Oszyzpok & KP Impress on the lawns of Werribee Mansion.



Competing a long way from home at the moment are Sarah Clark and Megan Jones. Sarah is currently based in the UK with two horses, while Megan is travelling around Europe for several months with James and young Finn, and three horses. In June, Sarah was named as reserve for the Australian team competing at CHIO Aachen, and in August she completed Burghley Horse Trials for a second time. It's an amazing experience for these riders and it's exciting for those of us at home following their progress. Eventing in South Australia can only benefit from the experience and knowledge these riders will bring home with them.

Sarah and her horse LV Balou Jeanz are current members of the Equestrian Australia Senior Talent Identification Squad (formerly known as the Recognition Squad), and both Sarah and Megan are South Australian Eventing Squad members.



*Sarah Clark & LV Balou Jeanz at Defender Burghley Horse Trials in the UK.
Photo credit: Tim Wilkinson*



*Megan Jones & Toulando at Haras du Jardy in France.
Photo credit: Libby Law*



EVENTING REPORT

Our eventing squads have developed enormously in recent years under the watchful eye of Coordinator Linda Clark, and regular clinics with showjumping coach Jamie Coman, dressage critique days, cross country clinics with visiting coaches Sam Lyle and Yona Lloyd, along with the positive and inclusive culture that is promoted have resulted in squad places being keenly sought after. The number of competitive riders in South Australia is growing, and this can be attributed in large part to our squad program.



In October the eventing committee will hold a development clinic with local coach Nigel Treloar, specifically designed for grassroots riders who are beginning their eventing careers. Interest for the clinic has been strong and hopefully this will become a regular event.

The eventing committee has had a year of relative stability with little change to its membership. This has enabled us to work on small projects such as the development clinic, the establishment of an Eventing Assistance Grant program, and the purchase of safety equipment. We have recently facilitated the election of a rider's representative to the committee and we welcome Rachelle Verma to the position. We hope that riders will approach Rachelle with any concerns or suggestions that the committee may assist with. Nationally we continue to represent and advocate for South Australian eventers at the EA Eventing Committee.



Rachelle Verma newly appointed Rider's Representative. Photo credit: James Abernethy

The South Australian eventing community is small, and in comparison with other states we don't have many events, however our riders are showing that they can compete on the interstate and even the international stage with credibility and success. Congratulations to everyone involved – riders, organising committees, venue owners, officials and volunteers, for enabling this to happen.

Wayne Copping
Chair- Eventing SA



JUMPING REPORT

Jumping South Australia (JSA) has had a productive first half of 2023, achieving several significant milestones and accomplishments.

Formation of Squads

One of the major achievements of JSA so far in 2023 was the establishment of specialized squads for riders at different levels. The formation of these squads aims to provide targeted training, mentorship, and support for riders, ultimately improving their performance in jumping competitions.

JSA introduced four squads based on skill levels: Junior Squad, Development Squad, Senior recognition Squad and Senior Squad. The Junior Squad consisted of young riders, who showed exceptional potential in jumping. The Development Squad included riders of any age, who were progressing through the ranks and aiming for higher-level competitions. The Senior Squads comprised experienced riders competing at the highest level and representing JSA in national events.

The formation of these squads will allow JSA to provide tailored training programs, coaching, and resources to each group, leading to improvements in performance. We are very grateful for the generous offer from Lizzie Wigney to be our squad co-ordinator. We are looking forward to having her plan some wonderful clinics in the second half of 2023. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Tim and Michelle Clark and Jeff Evans for offering their indoor facilities free of charge for squad clinics.

Successful Course Designers Clinic

Bill Parker organized a highly successful Course Designers Clinic in April 2023, aiming to enhance the skills and knowledge of course designers within SA. The clinic provided a unique platform for experienced course designers to share their expertise and mentor aspiring designers.

The clinic featured renowned national and FEI level course designers as guest speakers, who delivered lectures, conducted practical demonstrations, and facilitated interactive sessions. Participants gained valuable insights into course designing principles, safety considerations, and the art of creating challenging yet fair jumping courses.

The successful running of the Course Designers Clinic not only raised the standards of course designing within SA but also strengthened the overall jumping community. It fostered a collaborative environment and encouraged knowledge exchange among professionals, ultimately benefitting the riders and the sport as a whole.

Jumping SA would like to thank Bill Parker for organizing the clinic, Andrew



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Paech for generously donating his time to facilitate the clinic and Tim and Michelle Clark for the complimentary use of Mallalla Equestrian Centre as the venue.

With a Judges clinic planned for July 2023 we are pleased with the educational opportunities offered to our members.



Course designers at the Andrew Paech CD Clinic.

Committee Positions

JSA took a proactive approach in allocating committee positions for 2023, ensuring the smooth functioning of the organisation. The committee played a vital role in overseeing JSA's operations, planning events, implementing policies, and addressing the needs of the jumping community.

Positions within the committee were allocated based on experience, expertise, and commitment to the sport. The selection process was transparent and inclusive, with members representing various sectors of the jumping community, including riders, owners, officials, and administrative personnel.

The committee actively engaged with stakeholders, coordinated competitions, and organised training programs and events throughout the year. Their dedicated efforts contributed significantly to the overall success and progress of JSA in 2023.



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We unfortunately had a resignation with Jeff Evans resigning to be able to commit his time to his new position on the ESA Board. Jumping SA would like to thank Jeff for his contributions during his time on the committee.

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

Cancelled State Jumping Championships and Inclusion in Mt Pleasant Show

In addition to the achievements mentioned earlier, it is important to address the challenges faced by Jumping South Australia. Two attempts to run the State Jumping Championships last year were unsuccessful. However, JSA demonstrated adaptability and made a decision to include the championship classes as part of the Mt Pleasant show held in March 2023.

After thorough consideration, JSA collaborated with the organisers of the Mt Pleasant show to incorporate the championship classes into their existing event. This allowed riders to still participate in the State Jumping Championships, albeit within a different setting.

The inclusion of the championship classes in the Mt Pleasant show proved to be a success. It attracted a larger audience, provided riders with a challenging and competitive environment, and contributed to the overall excitement and atmosphere of the event. The integration of the State Jumping Championships into the Mt Pleasant show not only salvaged the event but also highlighted the spirit of collaboration and adaptability within JSA.

The accomplishments of Jumping South Australia in 2023 have been notable, with the formation of squads, the successful running of a course designers' clinic, and the allocation of committee positions. These achievements have not only enhanced the competitive landscape of jumping within the region but also promoted skill development, knowledge sharing, and community engagement.

Moving forward, JSA should continue to build upon these successes, further refining the squad system, organising more educational clinics, and maintaining strong committee leadership. By doing so, JSA will continue to thrive and contribute to the growth and development of jumping in South Australia.

Bridget Dunn
Chair - Jumping SA



JUMPING REPORT

Congratulations to the Winners at the 2022 Show Jumping State Championships!



Left:
**Winner of the 2022
Karrawatta
President's Cup SA
Senior Championship
1.40m**

1st Kristy Bruhn &
James Bentley
2nd Adam Metcalf &
M.EC Aston
3rd Michelle Clark &
Anton

Below:
**The John Sheekey
Memorial Volunteer of
the Year Award 2022:
Tim Clark**

Congratulations Tim we
appreciate all the hard
work you do, for
jumping in SA.



Middle Left:
**Winner of the 2022
Morphettville Equine
Clinic SA Young Rider
Championship 1.30m**
1st Bella Masters &
Samsonite



Left:
**Winner of the 2022
Apex Equine Therapy
Belcrakna Cup SA
Junior Championship
1.20m**

1st Ella Manning &
Oaks Be Sweet
2nd Ruby Vears &
Proclaimer

SHOW HORSE REPORT

The year 2022 has been an exceptional one for the ESA Show Horse Committee, marked by outstanding achievements and memorable events. We are delighted to present this annual report to highlight our successes and endeavors over the past year.

The crowning achievement of our sport in 2022 was our victory in the prestigious EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships. Our team, comprising of talented riders and magnificent horses, made us proud to support this sport in our state. This victory is a testament to the exceptional teamwork, tireless effort, and relentless pursuit of perfection by our riders, coaches and support staff.

This year our committee continued to run our signature events: Summer Gala, Autumn Gala, and Winter Gala. These events have become a fixture in our calendar and attract many new members and keep our sport active throughout the year.

ESA Show Horse- T-Shirt Summer Gala was a great success. Hosted at the Murray Bridge riding club, we had healthy entries and a great response to the start of our calendar season. This event marked the first for our new committee and the first of our qualifying competitions for our 2023 Horse of the Year. With 35 horses qualified for our first qualifying event and 157 entries total for this competition. A total of \$1,872.10 was raised from this event with only \$150 for ground hire.



ESA Show Horse- Autumn Gala 2023, held in conjunction with the Mount Pleasant Ag show was by far our biggest success of the season. It was fantastic to put on such a professional quality show so close to home. With two rings of interstate judges, we had a further 60 horses qualify for our 2023 horse of the year and a total of 307 entries. We raised \$3,249 with approx \$1000 spent on judges for this event.



Photo Credits: Manning Photography



SHOW HORSE REPORT

ESA Show Horse Winter Gala 2023 was a fantastic way to wrap our 2023 qualifying season. This event was run as an express show. Meaning our competitors could get their horses out after the winter break for an easy relaxed show or a fantastic first show for young horses and pony's. This event finished off the final 26 horses to qualify for the 2023 Horse of the Year. This event raised \$1,439 and cost \$150 in ground hire fees only.

In conclusion, the ESA Show Horse Committee's journey in 2022/23 was marked by success and dedication to our sport. Winning the perpetual trophy at the 2022 EA Australasian Horse and Rider Championships was a momentous achievement, a testament to our state's quality of horse and rider. As we look to the future, we are excited to build upon our achievements, further improve our approach to the sport and find new ways to raise money to grow our sport. Our Committee extends our warmest gratitude to our riders, trainers, owners, volunteers, sponsors, and all those who have supported us this year. We eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in 2023.

Jay Bradbrook
Chair - Show Horse SA



*Photo Credits above & below:
Lisa Gordon Photography*



VAULTING REPORT

Vaulting has had an eventful twelve months despite our low numbers. We are slowly rebuilding membership post Covid. It has been great to see new (and old) faces at our events this past year. The committee has worked hard to plan and run competitions and clinics to keep the fire lit in the bellies of all our members.

2022/2023 Event Summary

August 2022

- Competition at Danson Dressage

October 2022

- Australian National Championships
- Sydney CVI**
- State Championships at Danson Dressage
- Halloween Competition at Danson Dressage

November 2022

- Levels Day at Lyrical Acres

April 2023

- Clinic with Tristyn Lowe at Kenview Indoor

May 2023

- Competition at Danson Dressage

Nationals 2022 Results

The Australian National Vaulting Championships were held from the 3rd-6th October 2022 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. South Australia had a group travel over to attend the event.

Well done to our SA representatives!

Judge - Nina Fritzell

Vaulters - Skye Barrowcliffe, Abby Yeend, Sierra Turner, Lily Bradley

Lunger - Kirsty Barrowcliffe

Horse - Matavia Rosenkrantz

Skye Barrowcliffe also competed in the Sydney CVI** which was held on the same weekend.

In November, vaulters from two groups were invited to perform a demonstration at Mt George Equestrian Centre. Despite the wild weather, we were very happy with our horses and that we could showcase our sport to spectators that had never seen it before.



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Our last event for the year was a Levels Day, held at Lyrical Acres in Lewiston. This is where we test our vaulters on their knowledge of both vaulting as a sport and horsemanship. Upon completion of a level, each participant receives a badge which is sewn onto their club uniforms. This event was held in conjunction with our Participant Awards ceremony and was a great way to finish the year.

Congratulations again to our 2022 Award Winners:

Participant Awards

Preliminary Vaulter of the Year – Lily Bradley

Pre Novice Vaulter of the Year – Hannah Masters

Novice Vaulter of the Year – Sierra Turner

Horse of the Year – Cricketer lunged by Denise Piggott



*Lily Bradley with Runner Up
Matilda Feaviour*



Hannah Masters



Sierra Turner

Competitor Awards

Senior Vaulter of the Year – Skye Barrowcliffe

Junior Vaulter of the Year – Alyssa Watkins

Horse of the Year – Matavia Rosenkrantz lunged by
Kirsty Barrowcliffe



*Matavia Rosenkrantz with
owner Kirsty Barrowcliffe*



Alyssa Watkins



*HOTY owner Kirsty
Barrowcliffe with Skye
Barrowcliffe*

VAULTING REPORT

The start of the event calendar for 2023 saw our vaulters participate in a clinic with Tristyn Lowe (right), EA Vaulting Coach Educator and EA Level 3 Vaulting Judge. Two days filled with improving fitness and skills as well as lots of fun for all involved, from grass roots to elite.



In April 2023, Skye Barrowcliffe (left) competed at CVI Fenwick, Scotland, placing 3rd and achieving her 3* qualification. She also placed 1st at a national competition whilst there.

Congratulations Skye!

Our May competition was the first for the 2023 season and we welcomed the Van Someren Vaulting Team from Victoria who also brought two of their horses.

2022/2023 members of the VSA Discipline Committee:

- Sophie Thomson (Chair)
- Skye Barrowcliffe (Secretary)
- Nina Fritzell
- Alix Bell
- Denise Piggott
- Lily Moore
- Kate Wann

Thank you to our event photographer Alix from Alixandra Bell Photography and Design.



Hannah Masters and Isabella Roos-Freeman on Almazaan Billionaire at the May Competition.

Photo credit: Alixandra Bell Designs

I would also like to thank all our volunteers and our Judges, Janet Leadbeater and Emily Leadbeater for their time and effort at events this past year.

Lastly, to our committee, thank you for your dedication and hard work – we are a small sport but a great community and it has been wonderful to see all our events come together.

Sophie Thomson
Chair – Vaulting SA

CARRIAGE DRIVING REPORT



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

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

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



The greatest Carriage Driver of all time, Australian Boyd Excell on his way to winning at Chio Aachen 2023. Photo credit: Libby Law Photography



INTERSCHOOL REPORT

The ESA Interschool committee, whilst small in numbers, have managed to coordinate our regular series of Interschool qualifying events, run the ESA Interschool State Championships and select and support our South Australian team of riders to the 2023 EA Interschool National Championships.

The ESA Interschool State Championships was a well-supported event, that showcased the talent and dedication of our young equestrian enthusiasts. This year, we successfully ran four disciplines, namely Show Jumping, Show Horse, Combined Training, and Dressage, with approximately 70 combinations across the 4 disciplines. This turnout represents one of our largest State Championships in recent years. It is heartening to witness the growth and enthusiasm within our equestrian community, and we look forward to continuing to build and support these young, school aged riders from across the State.

Seymour enjoyed a strong turnout of riders this year, and their dedication paid off as they were crowned State Champions.



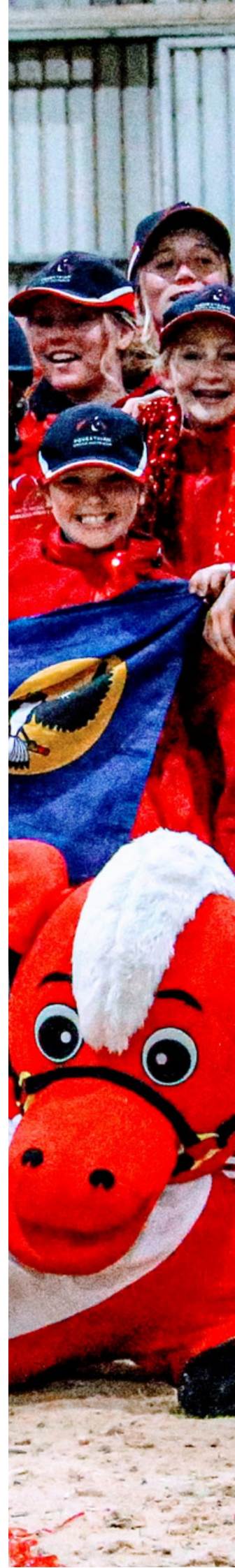
Team Seymour took home the School Trophy at the Interschool State Championships.

After the running of the State Championships, our focus shifted to the selection and rigorous preparation of our team, tasked with representing South Australia at the prestigious Marcus Oldham Interschool National Championships.

This year's championships event was held at the renowned national equestrian centre in Werribee, Victoria.

Our contingent comprised of approximately 44 combinations, each of them qualified across the disciplines of eventing, show jumping, show horse, combined training, and dressage.

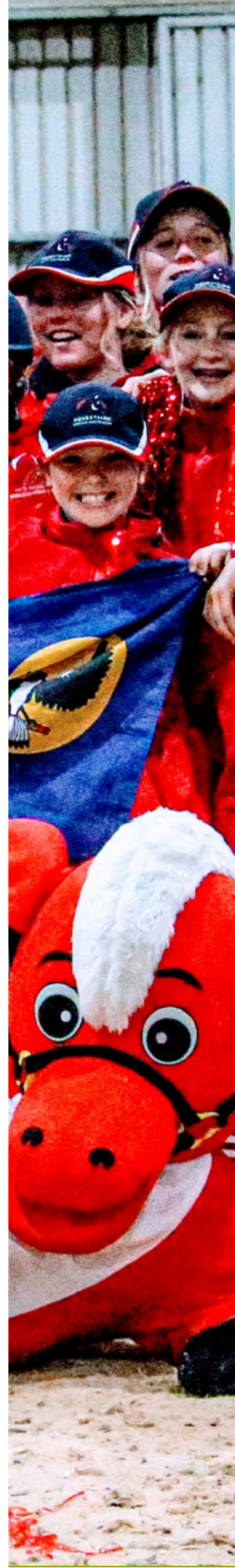
Notably, this was the largest team we had assembled since the inception of the recent formation of an Interschool Discipline Committee. The team's dedicated leadership was entrusted to Ella Manning of Pembroke School, ably supported by Sarah Price of Scotch College and Sophia Craddock, also from Scotch, while Jaimie Stichel assumed the crucial role of Chef D'Equipe.



INTERSCHOOL REPORT

The TEAM SA riders had some notable results across the disciplines with many riders achieving personal best scores and performances. Some of our Team riders achieving placings in the aggregate Championship awards included:

- Stella Carmichael (Osiris Andy Pandy) – 4th Primary Combined Training Championship
- Ella Rose Evans (Little Black Suzi) – 4th Secondary Combined Training Championship
- Holly Wotton (Giggles) – 6th Primary Show Jumping Championship
- Keely Hutchison (Exmoor Celtic Snow) – 5th EvA95 Eventing Championship
- Harry Manning (Wychwood) – 4th Intermediate Working Hunter Championship
- Elsie Cooper (Kolbeach Hollys Flawless) – 3rd Secondary Show Horse Championship
- Sophie Gardiner (Arawn) – 4th Secondary Advanced Dressage Championship
- Millie Quigley-Smith (Diamond B Vermont) – 4th Secondary 100 Show Jumping Championship.
- Ella Manning (Oaks Be Sweet) – 5th Secondary Show Jumping 110 Championship.
- Ella Manning (right) and Oaks Be Sweet also went on to be awarded Australian Interschool National Show Jumping Champion for the Secondary 100.



INTERSCHOOL REPORT

The highlight of the National Championships, at a team level, was TEAM SA winning the coveted 'Team Spirit Award'. This was awarded to the South Australian team for good sportsmanship, camaraderie and willingness to volunteer and assist the organisers, fellow teammates, and officials during the course of the event.



Team SA with the coveted 'Team Spirit Award'.

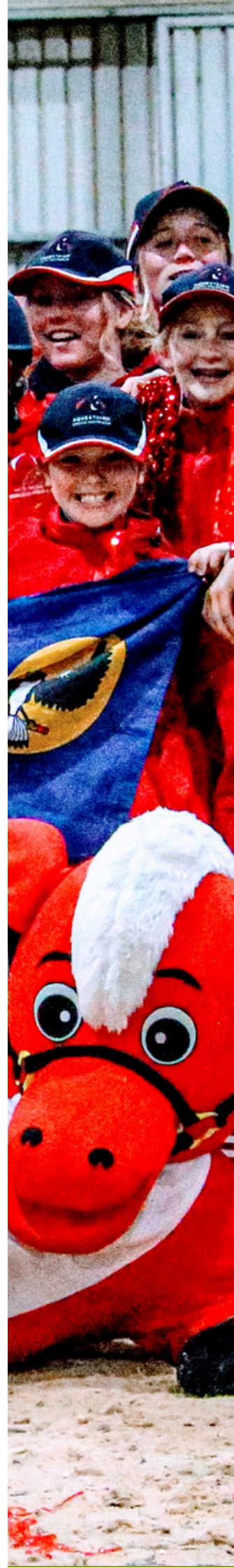
The interschool committee will now move focus toward building committee numbers and organising 2024 qualifying events and State Championships.

Thank you to all the riders, parents, volunteers, and officials who go above and beyond to support the interschool discipline. We look forward to another bigger and better year in 2024.

Ty Manning
Chair - Interschool SA



Team SA at the opening ceremony of the National Championships. Photo credit: James Abernethy



DRESSAGE JUDGES REPORT

Current Sub-Committee

The sub-committee members are Liz Duncan (Chair), Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen and Tracy Tillman.

Dressage Judge Education Activity 2022-2023.

South Australia is fortunate to have 36 dedicated official dressage judges who work throughout the year to support clubs and riders by judging at their dressage events in SA. They also judge at the dressage phase of Eventing competitions and Interschool events. Events are held almost every weekend and judges will often drive many hundreds of kilometers as there are clubs spread throughout SA from the South-East to the Mid-North regions.

Our dressage judges also devote time to participate in continuing education. In addition we have an active group who are taking on extra study to upgrade through the levels with good success in the last year. In the 2022-2023 financial year the JSC held four successful seminars for continuing education of local judges, with good attendance by judges and riders. Thank you to all the demonstration riders who contributed to the practical aspect of the seminars, they are essential for continuing education of judges.

- Para-dressage judges update seminar with Veronica Steward (Vic) in February 2023
- F/G seminar with Wendy Barker (WA) in March 2023.
- A/B/C and Young Horses seminars with Jane Ventura (Vic) in May 2023.

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.

Under the guidance of EADC and our local Steward Educator, Stuart Platt, there has been progress to prepare and train more official Dressage Stewards for SA. A steward will be required at all official events from 2024 onwards so this work is filling an important need for SA.



DRESSAGE JUDGES REPORT

Judges Sub-Committee Operational Items

- Since July 2020, a DJSC banking account has now been established, allowing the sub-committee to review all income and outgoings and the balance will carry over year-to-year.
- The DJSC has income from the judge education levy paid by riders in dressage competitions with official judges. In 2022-2023 there was increased activity in shadow Judging, mentoring, theory exams and practical exams with an increase in spending in these categories. In parallel there was a reduction in the number of events at two local clubs as they relocate to new grounds, reducing income. However, income was sufficient to meet expenses with a small profit of ~\$550.00.
- Operational tasks carried out by the JSC over the last year include:
 - Attendance at quarterly committee meetings, minutes.
 - Organising seminars including presenter, travel, venue, payments, riders, technical, catering, publicity, sponsorship, attendance records, etc.
 - Forward monthly e-mails from EADOC to local judges (National education calendar, rule changes, etc).
 - Dressage judge articles for Moving Forward bi-monthly e-magazine.
 - Review of Financial Reports and prepare Budget.
 - Liaise with and support new and upgrading judges, assist with setting tasks, maintain records.
 - Organise judge upgrade exams – theory and practical examiners, competition OC.
 - Liaise with SA Clubs.

Liz Duncan
Chair – Dressage Judges Sub-Committee SA



COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

ESA Coaching Committee (ESACC) is a very small committee who help implement the Equestrian Australia Coaching Pathway with the aim of producing high quality equestrian coaches.

We recently held our 2022-2023 compulsory Coach Update with guest presenter Natasha Gunston Exercise Physiologist, Rider Biomechanics and Athlete Development Specialist. This evening was well attended by SA Coaches and the feedback on Natasha's seminar was excellent.

Thank you to demonstration rider Millie Treloar, and her 3* eventer Carbon, for allowing Natasha to use you to further our training and knowledge.

Equestrian Australia has recently introduced some changes in how EA Coaches complete their compulsory modules for reaccreditation. A substantial amount of the reaccreditation modules are now available online which should help streamline the process of renewing your coaching accreditation each financial year.

There is information on both EA and ESA websites to help with this process, as well as the EA Accredited Coaches private FB group or email ESACC at coaching@equestriansa.com.au

South Australia has a small pool of EA Coaches, Coach Educator's and SSTA's which is why ESACC would like to encourage more people to become EA Coaches or upgrade their qualifications. So, if you are passionate about the training of horses, teaching and coaching and would like more information on upgrading or becoming a coach, both ESA and EA websites have excellent information about the process, or contact one of our 7 excellent SA based Coach Educator's.

Rebecca Moore
Secretary - Coaching
Committee SA



Natasha Gunston at the Coaches Update with demonstration rider Millie Treloar & her 3 horse 'Carbon'.*



AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Equestrian South Australia Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Audit Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Equestrian South Australia Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 2023, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985*.

Basis for Audit Opinion

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

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

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

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

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AUDITORS REPORT

Responsibility of Committee for the Financial Report

Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act SA 1985* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Committee responsibility also includes such internal control as Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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Luke Williams CA, CPA Registered Company Auditor
Partner

05/10/2023

FINANCIAL REPORT



Equestrian South Australia Inc.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2023**

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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 2023.

Committee Members

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

Members	Appointed
Scott Donner (Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23
Samantha Taylor (Vice-Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23
Laura Reed (FARMC** Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23
Andrew Paech	Jun-23
Helen Coleiro	Jun-23
Neralie Bailey	Jun-23
Jeff Evans	Jun-23
David Johnson	Jun-23
Alice Morley	Jun-23

The details of retiring 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.

Board Resignation

In May 2023, the Board of Equestrian SA resigned. In June 2023, with the assistance of Consumer and Business Services and the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Members of Equestrian SA held a Special General Meeting to elect a new Board.

Operating Result

The Association recorded an operating deficit of \$18,255 (2022: surplus of \$117,540)

Subsequent Events

No events have occurred since 30 June 2023 that would have had a material effect on the information disclosed in this financial report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Equestrian South Australia Inc Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income			
Constitutional Committees	2	184,011	220,263
Interest Revenue		197	6
Grant Income	3	59,210	54,000
Memberships Income	4	344,566	327,611
Operational Income	5	33,732	801
Total Income		621,716	602,681
Expenditure			
Constitutional Committees	2	185,018	173,391
Building Expense	6	12,436	13,118
Employment Expense	7	197,945	148,530
EA Member Levies		101,644	77,585
Administration Expenses	8	115,323	56,712
Operational Expense	9	27,575	15,805
Interest Expense		-	-
Total Expenses		639,941	485,141
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(18,225)	117,540
Building valuation increase		60,000	-
Surplus / (Deficit)		41,775	117,540

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Equestrian South Australia Inc Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	502,256	599,937
Receivables	11	2,665	19,091
Pre-paid expenses	12	6,339	9,479
Total Current Assets		<u>511,260</u>	<u>628,507</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	13	<u>648,800</u>	<u>591,019</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>648,800</u>	<u>591,019</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,160,060</u>	<u>1,219,526</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	14	27,482	12,218
Employee Benefits	15	9,548	5,020
Other Current Liabilities	16	316	121,349
Total Current Liabilities		<u>37,346</u>	<u>138,587</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>37,346</u>	<u>138,587</u>
Net Assets		<u>1,122,714</u>	<u>1,080,939</u>
Member's Funds			
Branch Operations, Trading and Administration	17	838,432	785,150
Constitutional Committees	18	<u>284,282</u>	<u>295,789</u>
Total Members Funds		<u>1,122,714</u>	<u>1,080,939</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Equestrian South Australia Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 30 June 2023

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 Practising 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

	2023			2022
	Income	Expenditure	Net Result	Net Result
Carriage Driving Committee	-	216	(216)	(316)
Coaching Committee	1,273	609	664	(420)
Dressage Committee	55,426	35,939	19,487	5,505
Dressage Judges	6,751	6,194	557	69
Eventing Committee	44,956	46,358	(1,402)	12,241
Interschool Committee	13,357	12,204	1,153	7,956
Show Horse Committee	37,860	53,617	(15,757)	5,218
Show Jumping Committee	15,989	20,636	(4,647)	13,050
Vaulting Committee	8,399	9,245	(846)	3,569
Total	184,011	185,018	(1,007)	46,872

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

3 Grant Income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Grants - Sustainability	40,000	45,000
Grants - Govt	-	9,000
Grants - Govt - COVID-19 Stimulus	19,210	-
Total	59,210	54,000

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4 Memberships Income	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Memberships	302,733	285,946
- Competitive Senior	\$115,031	\$106,709
- Participant Senior	\$56,660	\$53,783
- Competitive Junior	\$29,028	\$31,565
- Competitor Senior 55+	\$20,293	\$20,793
- Clubs	\$16,518	\$16,244
- Recreational Senior	\$16,473	\$11,824
- Competitor Limited	\$11,950	\$10,834
- Participant Junior	\$9,920	\$9,517
- Volunteer - Officials	\$7,340	\$7,928
- Volunteer - Supporter Owner	\$8,982	\$5,278
- Volunteer - Other	\$2,158	\$3,758
- Volunteer - Coaches	\$2,535	\$2,609
- Recreational Junior	\$2,378	\$2,057
- Volunteer - Supporter	\$1,748	\$1,705
- Day Participation	\$1,719	\$1,342
Performance Cards	7,575	7,373
Registrations	24,999	24,420
Transfers	9,259	9,872
Total	344,566	327,611
5 Operational Income	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Dividends received	7,743	2,831
Fines	500	300
Investment - Profit/Loss	5,441	(8,665)
IT expense recovery	1,080	1,080
Miscellaneous Income	6,838	4,142
Ticket Sales	11,590	-
Trading Activities	540	1,113
Total	33,732	801

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6 Building Expense

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Insurance	3,603	5,429
Maintenance & Repairs	3,737	3,895
Rates	3,796	3,794
Valuation	1,300	-
Total	12,436	13,118

7 Employment Expense

Salaries & Wages	193,291	147,998
Staff Amenities	4,654	532
Total	197,945	148,530

8 Administration Expenses

Accounting Fees	-	265
Audit Fees	4,050	3,900
Bank Fees	542	1,313
Computers (inc software)	10,505	10,316
Consultants	400	-
Depreciation	3,294	4,296
Legal Fees	54,875	1,200
Nominate Fees	18,324	16,800
Office Maintenance	19,374	15,000
Utilities	3,959	3,622
Total	115,323	56,712

9 Operational Expense

Advertising	-	227
Catering	115	645
Coaching	455	2,998
Equipment & Hire	315	2,292
Functions	17,309	646
Miscellaneous	3,489	4,329
Management Fees	1,947	843
NIF/SIA Expense	625	636
Travel Expenses	1,715	278
Trading Activities - merchandise	-	1,114
Trophies/Sashes	1,605	1,797
Total	27,575	15,805

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
10 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank - Cheque Account	3 51,907	204,740
Cash at Bank - Long Service Leave Account	-	-
Cash at Bank - Online Saver Account	-	-
Cash at Bank - Driving	436	556
Cash at Bank - Coaching	2,847	2,650
Cash at Bank - Dressage	36,280	14,082
Cash at Bank - Jumping SA	28,781	31,080
Cash at Bank - Dressage Judges	9,004	7,932
Cash at Bank - Eventing	43,147	37,356
Cash at Bank - Interschool	12,098	10,988
Cash at Bank - Vaulting	6,562	6,720
Cash at Bank - Show Horse	11,172	30,950
Hybrid Securities	-	252,808
Petty Cash	22	75
Total	502,256	599,937
11 Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	2,665	19,091
Total	2,665	19,091
12 Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid Expenses	6,339	9,479
Total	6,339	9,479
13 Property Plant and Equipment		
Fair Value* - Land/Buildings	605,000	545,000
Furniture and Fittings	8,903	8,903
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,715)	(3,294)
Office Equipment	20,886	20,886
Accumulated Depreciation	(15,390)	(12,683)
Plant & Equipment	73,452	68,952
Accumulated Depreciation	(40,336)	(36,745)
Total	648,800	591,019

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

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
14 Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	14,339	3,719
Credit Cards	565	1,419
PAYG Withholding	8,070	4,572
GST Payable / (receivable)	141	1,916
Superannuation Payable	4,366	592
Wages Payable	-	-
Total	27,481	12,218
15 Current Employee Benefits		
Provision Holiday Pay	9,548	5,020
Total	9,548	5,020
16 Other Current Liabilities		
Income In Advance	316	117,849
Appeals Paid	-	3,500
Total	316	121,349
17 Equity - Branch		
Opening Balance	785,150	654,110
Asset Revaluation Reserve	60,000	-
Result	(17,218)	117,540
Committee Adjustments (see note 18 below)	10,500	13,500
Closing Balance	838,432	785,150

18 Reserve Balances - Constitutional Committees

Committee Reserve	1 July 2022	Result	Reserve Drawing	30 June 2023
Carriage	3,667	(216)	-	3,451
Coaching	31,339	664	-	32,003
Dressage	60,262	19,487	-	79,749
Dressage Judges	-	557	-	557
Eventing	79,655	(1,402)	(10,500)	67,753
Interschool	28,293	1,153	-	29,446
Show Horse	16,171	(15,757)	-	414
Show Jumping	50,517	(4,647)	-	45,870
Vaulting	25,885	(846)	-	25,039
Total	295,789	(1,007)	(10,500)	284,282

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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	Resigned
Craig Hannam (Chair from Feb 2022)	Dec-20	May-23
**Sara Beazley	Aug-21	2022 AGM
Stephen Martiensen	Sep-21	May-23
Ian Nitschke	Oct-21	May-23
Kass Dalitz	Sep-22	May-23
***Wendy Schaeffer-Macdonald	Nov-18	May-23
Brod Wray	May-22	Mar-23
Jen Benson	Aug-22	Mar-23
*Scott Donner (Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23	
*Samantha Taylor (Vice-Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23	
*Laura Reed (FARMC Chair from June 2023)	Jun-23	
*Andrew Paech	Jun-23	
*Helen Coleiro	Jun-23	
*Neralie Bailey	Jun-23	
*Jeff Evans	Jun-23	
*David Johnson	Jun-23	
*Alice Morley	Jun-23	

* Member was appointed at the Special General Meeting held in June 2023

** Member did not renominate at the 2022 AGM

*** Member returned from a leave of absence in November 2022

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 2023 financial year are disclosed:

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Stephen Martiensen	\$1,774	Advisor & Management fees
Stephen Martiensen	\$645	Hire of Mt George Equestrian Centre
Stephen Martiensen	\$974	Reimbursement - Seek Ad & Sports Voucher
Stephen Martiensen	\$8,500	Payment to Iles Selley for legal representation of Stephen Martiensen acting on behalf of the Board.
Craig Hannam	\$400	Payment to Mt Crawford DC
Craig Hannam	\$189	Reimbursement - Veronica Hannam for DSA Expenses

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EQUESTRIAN SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Equestrian South Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

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



Name: Scott Donner
Position: Chairperson
Date: 4/10/2023



Name: Laura Reed
Position: FARMC Chair
Date: 28/09/2023

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