



# **EQUESTRIAN NSW INCORPORATED**

**ABN 17 157 619 696**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

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## **EQUESTRIAN NSW**

Equestrian NSW was established in 1951 and incorporated in 1990.

We are a state branch of Equestrian Australia, which is the peak body for equestrian sports in Australia. The main function of Equestrian NSW and Equestrian Australia is to provide a structured and regulated framework for equestrian competitions with fair rules and regulations for competitors and to promote, develop and grow the sport. Our aim is to improve facilities and access to competitions and training throughout NSW. We are also here to encourage and promote equestrian sport, increase spectator levels, administer coach and official education and attract sponsorship funding.

Equestrian NSW is a non-profit organisation. It comprises individual members, affiliated clubs, constituents, coaches and officials. Membership throughout NSW exceeds 8,000, with more than 130 affiliated clubs offering Equestrian Australia competitions.

The vision of Equestrian NSW is to provide leadership for equestrian sport in NSW, promoting participation and the pursuit of excellence from the grass roots through to the elite levels of the sport, based on a foundation of fair and safe competition and the welfare of its human and equine athletes.

Equestrian NSW also maintains affiliations with relevant state government and non-government agencies such as the NSW Office of Sport, NSW Department of Education, NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and the NSW Institute of Sport.

Equestrian NSW embraces the following sports:

- Driving (an international sport)
- Dressage (an international and Olympic sport)
- Para Dressage (an international and Olympic sport)
- Eventing (an international and Olympic sport)
- Interschool (a national school sport)
- Show Horse (a national sport)
- Jumping (an international and Olympic sport)
- Vaulting (an international sport)

The Equestrian NSW office is situated on the grounds of the Sydney International Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park in Sydney.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As the Chief Executive Officer has noted in his report, financial year 2019-20 presented several challenges for Equestrian NSW and its members. The most significant being the coronial inquest into the tragic deaths of Olivia Inglis and Caitlin Fisher and the subsequent work towards implementing the Coroner's recommendations.

There then followed the most severe bushfires ever experienced in New South Wales, which seriously impacted our members and clubs.

As if the fires were not enough, along came COVID-19 which severely impacted the whole community and, for equestrians, resulted in the suspension of competitions and training days and limitations on travel for coaching.

Then, whilst in the middle of a pandemic, we were presented with Equestrian Australia ("EA") going into Voluntary Administration. This was an event which was totally unexpected, given EA's sound financial position and the capacity of the State Branches to provide financial support if it was required. It resulted in a great deal of work for the Board and the Chief Executive Officer in dealing with the process involved. Sadly, and disappointingly, it also resulted in a significant amount of unfair and ill-informed criticism of the Board, and particularly the Chief Executive Officer and me, from some members. This has been my only disappointment in serving as a Board member, but I took comfort from those few members who gave us public and private support, and from the fact that Equestrian NSW remains the most financially sound of all the State branches, providing significant financial support to the three Olympic disciplines, and that the vast majority of members are satisfied with the services they are provided.

Throughout all the challenges, the Board and Chief Executive Officer have worked closely together to address the issues arising from the inquest and to help lessen the impact of the bushfires and COVID-19 on our members and financial position. As a result largely of the efforts of our Chief Executive Officer and the Finance, Audit and Risk Management (FARM) Committee, members were given significant financial relief from payment of membership fees, financial support was obtained from the Federal Government to supplement staff salaries and grants were obtained from the NSW Office of Sport which are to be used to assist clubs with the provision of training and coaching for their members, conducting competitions, supporting the training of officials and risk management training for club officials.

The staff of Equestrian NSW also played their part by accepting reduced working hours and using up recreation leave. For this I am deeply grateful.

As a result of all these efforts, Equestrian NSW was in a very sound financial position as at the end of the financial year and will remain so into the future.

This will be my last report as President and Board member. Accordingly, I take this opportunity to thank all the Board members with whom I have worked in the past six years. They have all given generously of their time and expertise and shown real commitment to improving our sport in New South Wales and Australia. Each has brought to the Board a set of unique and outstanding skills. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with them. To make it perfectly clear to members, all those elected to the Board serve entirely as volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefit for their services.

I note that, along with me, Fiona MacLeod is ending her term as Board member. Fiona has devoted a great deal of her time and expertise to ENSW, both to the Board and the FARM Committee, as well as an event official. She has earned a well-deserved rest. I wish her all the best for the future.

Alison Doyle has also made a significant contribution, both in time and expertise, particularly in helping us understand and deal with show horse issues. She has also been heavily involved in the running of several successful show horse events.

I also wish to thank the Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Farrar and his staff for all their hard work and commitment in the six years that I have been on the Board. They have been supportive of me at all times and always ready to assist.

Bruce Farrar is a most professional and capable Chief Executive Officer. Members should be thankful for having a person of his calibre. It is very largely because of his efforts and commitment to the job that Equestrian NSW has been and remains in a very sound financial position. An indication of Bruce's commitment to the development of equestrian sport is the fact that he frequently attends equestrian events throughout New South Wales in order to make himself available to talk with members and observe first-hand how the various disciplines are operating.

Finally, I wish Equestrian NSW and its members well for the future. In the coming year there will be a great deal of work to be done to develop a new governance structure for equestrian in Australia. To achieve the best outcome, I encourage members to work cooperatively with the Board and engage in respectful debate with the Board and each other.

**Peter Dingwall**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

2019-20 was dominated by major challenges facing our sport and the wider community.

In July 2019, Deputy Coroner Derek Lee conducted the inquests into the tragic deaths in 2016 of eventing riders Olivia Inglis and Caitlyn Fisher. The hearing, conducted over two weeks, brought together experts from around Australia and overseas, to understand what happened and what could be done to improve safety in our sport. The Inglis and Fisher families were intimately involved, conducting themselves with grace and dignity throughout. Our heart-felt feelings and best wishes go to the families.

31 recommendations were made, with the most significant relating to: appointment by Equestrian Australia (EA) of a National Safety Manager, cross country course design, medical coverage, officials and volunteer training, personal protective equipment and data recording. Most were subsequently implemented, with further work required to finalise the remaining few items.

By the end of 2019, four important measures showed significant improvements. Horse falls, as a proxy for serious injuries, reduced by 40%. The proportion of cross country courses, 2\* and above, where frangible devices were installed, increased from 60% to 97%. 3,795 riding helmets were checked and tagged to be compliant with the relevant standard and all Eventing competitions were serviced by pre-hospital trauma care specialists.

Without doubt, the reporting and findings from the inquest heightened organising committees' and competitors' understanding of risk.

Nothing will bring Olivia and Caitlyn back, but the work done by Deputy Coroner Lee and his team, ably coordinated with the then CEO of EA, Lucy Warhurst, has fundamentally changed the way that equestrian sports are conducted in Australia, for the better.

Bushfires over summer, across large swathes of regional NSW, brought hardship to many in our community. We will be forever grateful to the dedication, courage and resilience of our emergency services workers, who saved many properties and horses.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which overtook us in March 2020, brought equestrian competitions to a standstill. Training and coaching continued under restrictions, with some clubs and riding centres struggling to survive. Many in our equestrian community suffered. Disruption to our day-to-day lives, job losses, a significant downturn in business, especially for our professional riders and coaches, all made 2020 tough, both financially and mentally, for many people.

Just before year-end, EA was placed into voluntary administration, due to concerns by the Board that the company could not remain solvent (ie to be able to pay all debts when due). KordaMentha was appointed by the Board, to drive structural reforms and return EA to being financially stable and sustainable.

From an operations perspective in 2019-20, Equestrian NSW membership numbers were stable at 8,400, a surplus of \$128,000 was delivered, with more than \$390,000 spent on discipline support. With COVID-19 and JobKeeper, staff costs were down by 20%.

2020-21 is forecast to be a really difficult year for Equestrian NSW and our sport. Based on ongoing issues with COVID-19, a deficit of \$170,000 is budgeted. It's impossible to predict when our lives will get back to normal, but members can be assured that every effort will be made to support our disciplines and clubs.

Throughout 2019-20, the Equestrian NSW Board, lead by Peter Dingwall, was engaged and clear about what needed to be done. Diversity of views resulted in spirited debates, but always with the best of intentions. I thank them sincerely for their guidance and support.

The office team: Tina Mougios, Sue Birch, Susie Burns, Elysha Sargent and Linda Skinner, provided dedicated and professional services to members under at times difficult circumstances. It's a pleasure working with such a good team.

On behalf of the Equestrian NSW Board and team, we thank you, our members, for your support in 2019-20. We can only hope that 2020-21 will bring back some sort of normality, so we can enjoy the simple pleasures of being with and riding our horses.

**Bruce Farrar**

## GOVERNANCE

In 2019-20, the Equestrian NSW Board consisted of:

Board Member	Board Meetings	
	Eligible	Attended
Peter Dingwall	9	8
Prue Spurrett	6	4
Fiona Macleod	9	9
Katie Robertson	9	9
Rachel Salz	6	6
Alison Doyle	9	8
Jamie Winning-Kermond	9	8
David Cameron	3	3
Sue Middleton	3	3

**Peter Dingwall (Bachelor of Laws)** - was elected to the Board at the 2014 AGM and has served as President since 2015. Until August 2016, Peter was a Magistrate at the ACT Magistrates Court and was Registrar of the ACT Supreme Court from 1985-90. He has been President of ACT Show Jumping Club, was Chef D'Equipe for the Australian Show Jumping Team in Korea in 2008 and has served on the ACT Rugby Union Judiciary.

**Prue Spurrett** – was elected to the Board in 2015. She held senior roles in Investment Banking, was formerly the President of Dressage NSW, is a FEI 4\* Eventing Judge, National C Level Dressage Judge and is currently the Chair of the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee. Ms Spurrett resigned in March 2020.

**Fiona MacLeod (Bachelor of Business)** – is currently the NSW Manager with Visy Industries and was previously Regional Manager for Goodman Fielder. Fiona's core skills are in operations, marketing and communication, along with a sharp focus on and involvement in safety. She is an accredited FEI Jumping Official and has presided over most of the major Jumping and Eventing competitions in NSW.

**Katie Robertson (Bachelor of Commerce, Chartered Accountant, Harvard Advanced Management Program)** - represented Scotland in Junior Eventing, supports a number of high level eventers, has a strong background in strategy, governance and risk management and is currently the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Business Performance and Reporting of the Financial Services Division at Macquarie Bank.

**Rachel Salz – (Bachelor of Science Hons and Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine)** is a rider, equine veterinarian, a FEI permitted treating vet, has the highest qualification available in the field of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and is with the highly regarded Randwick Equine Centre. Ms Salz resigned in March 2020.

**Alison Doyle (Bachelor of Arts)** – has managed Community Support Services for people with disabilities managing a team of 150, for the last five years has been the National Chairperson of the Riding Pony Stud Book, is a serious Show Horse competitor and is President of Minto Agricultural Society.

**Jamie Winning-Kermond** - is an elite Jumping rider having represented Australia at Nations Cup and competed in Europe at the highest level, is the owner/manager of Yandoo Equestrian, was previously on the Jumping NSW Committee and has helped stage the annual Showcase of Showjumping.

**David Cameron (Bachelor of Human Movement and Bachelor of Education)** - is an elite showjumping athlete, an Australian Showjumping Champion, served on the Equestrian Australia Board and Jumping Committee, is an accredited Coach and former school teacher.

**Sue Middleton** – is an accredited Equestrian Australia Coach and Course Designer, has served on the Jumping NSW Committee, is President of Hunter Valley Show Jumping Club and owns and operates Husky Lodge Equestrian Services.

### **Governance Structure**

The Equestrian NSW Board is on record that it will support reforms to the governance structures of Equestrian Australia and the State Branches, including one management and discipline based models, as long as the preferred solution is based on proper due diligence and member consultation.

The Board is also committed to not vetoing changes that have broad participating member support.

### **MEMBERSHIP & SERVICES**

Category	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Senior Competitor	3,400	3,593	3,654	3,641	3,614	-0.7%
Competitor Junior	2,116	2,001	1,903	1,908	1,909	0.1%
Participant	1,745	1,952	1,963	1,963	2,038	3.8%
Supporter	337	376	357	336	401	19.3%
Supporter Official	238	239	257	250	195	-22.0%
Groups	259	259	250	267	244	-8.6%
Total	8,095	8,420	8,384	8,365	8,401	0.4%

Overall membership numbers remained stable at 8,401. At least 50 Supporter Officials renewed their membership but did not re-accredit with EA, so were moved to Supporter.



Equestrian NSW Members and Clubs are spread throughout metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW, as shown in the table below.

Region	Members	Clubs
North Coast	547	13
North West	135	4
New England	332	7
Hunter	492	16
Central Coast	973	13
North West Sydney	525	2
Hawkesbury	647	10
Sydney Metropolitan	1,462	3
Macarthur	511	5
Illawarra	498	7
Southern Highlands	107	2
ACT	436	5
Central West	522	16
South East	724	13
South West	367	7
Interstate/International	126	
Total	8,401	124

Member interests are recorded in MyEA with multiple choices often made.

Discipline	Competitor	Official	Interested	Total
Carriage Driving	23	11	55	89
Coaching	10	22	34	66
Dressage	1,913	107	2,027	4,047
Endurance	74	3	109	186
Eventing	1,392	53	1,051	2,496
General	180	3	480	663
Interschool	689	21	148	858
Jumping	1,661	68	1,246	2,975
Para-Equestrian	17	6	22	45
Pony Dressage	209	16	76	301
Reining	19	1	47	67
Show Horse	651	24	518	1,193
Vaulting	96	7	57	160
Total	6,934	342	5,870	13,146

The following table show the breakdown of Equestrian NSW membership fees for 2019-20.

2019-20	EA Component			ENSW Admin	Total
	Admin	Insurance	Total		
Senior Competitor	\$60.02	\$59.11	\$119.13	\$137.87	\$257.00
	23%	23%	46%	54%	
Junior	\$21.35	\$21.53	\$42.88	\$88.12	\$131.00
	16%	16%	33%	67%	
Participant	\$25.41	\$59.11	\$84.52	\$97.48	\$182.00
	14%	32%	46%	54%	
Supporter - Official	\$25.41	\$59.11	\$84.52	\$41.48	\$126.00
	20%	47%	67%	33%	
Supporter	\$25.41	\$59.11	\$84.52	\$78.48	\$163.00
	16%	36%	52%	48%	

The following table shows membership fees for the last five years.

Member Category	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Senior Competitor	\$237	\$240	\$245	\$254	\$257
Junior	\$121	\$122	\$125	\$129	\$131
Participant	\$167	\$169	\$173	\$180	\$182
Supporter - Official	\$116	\$117	\$120	\$125	\$126
Supporter	\$151	\$152	\$155	\$161	\$163
Club	212	\$215	\$220	\$224	\$227

In 2018-19, insurance through EA for a Senior Competitor Member increased from \$45.16 to \$59.11 (31%).

In 2019-20, EA increased the Administration Fee from \$51.25 to \$60.02 (17%).

Equestrian NSW receives income for horse competition licenses (performance cards) for all the Disciplines, with the Olympic sports making up the majority, as shown in the table below.

Discipline	Number of Licenses	Cost per License	2019-20 Income
Dressage	2,395	\$36	\$86,216
Eventing	765	\$36	\$27,522
Jumping	1,449	\$41	\$59,394
Show Horse	543	\$22	\$11,940
Total	8,485		\$185,354

Equestrian NSW Members receive the following benefits:

- Competition Pathways - being a member of Equestrian NSW means you can compete at events run by our affiliated clubs and commercial groups, overseen by accredited officials using rules and resources that are internationally recognised by the FEI.
- Insurance – your membership provides you with competitive 24/7 personal accident and public liability insurance when you are doing equestrian activities.
- Discipline Support – Equestrian NSW funds more than \$390k to our Disciplines, to assist with administration, officials education, swabbing, major events, high performance and club development.
- Member Services – delivered by the customer focused service team based at Sydney International Equestrian Centre, using the MyEA IT platform.
- Education – Equestrian NSW funds a range of education programs for officials, coaches and our Juniors.
- High Performance – provides funding and support for our elite NSW-based horse and rider combinations towards representing Australia at international competitions.
- Representation – Equestrian NSW represents its members' interests with State Government agencies, to secure grants, develop infrastructure and have input into equestrian related laws and legislation.

## FINANCE

\$000s	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Revenue	\$3,097	\$3,053	\$2,594	\$2,863	\$2,627
Expenses	\$3,253	\$3,049	\$2,521	\$2,961	\$2,499
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$156)	\$4	\$73	(\$98)	\$128

The financial results for 2019-20-were in line with expectations set by the Board, which were:

- Budget – \$27k deficit, actual - \$128k surplus, mainly the result of receiving \$123k in COVID-19 related government funding.
- Maintain a minimum cash holding of \$800k (actual - \$1,5645k, including \$482k for 2020-21 memberships and \$139k held in the Australian Sports Foundation related accounts, resulting in a net position of \$943k).
- Protect equity of \$700k (actual - \$837k).

## DISCIPLINE SUPPORT

Discipline	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Dressage	\$129,769	\$135,932	\$118,228	\$139,455	\$122,575
Driving	\$21,327	\$43,755	\$10,266	\$9,920	\$10,000
Eventing	\$165,249	\$106,133	\$88,441	\$168,687	\$118,024
Jumping	\$115,865	\$80,543	\$69,984	\$102,927	\$138,294
Show Horse	\$14,910	\$24,928	\$33,299	-\$7,687	\$39,111
Vaulting	\$12,059	-\$21,618	\$3,540	-\$7,035	\$16,313
Interschools	\$6,014	-\$25,226	\$11,554	-\$74,240	-\$53,103
Total	\$465,193	\$344,337	\$335,312	\$332,027	\$391,214

Negative figures represent surpluses.

Taking into account the timing of payments, some of which occurred before and after the financial year, the 2019-20 figures shown in the tables below represent a more practical picture.

DRESSAGE	
<b>Income</b>	
Equestrian Australia High Performance Grant	\$1,333
Total	\$1,333
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Support	\$15,000
Officials Support	\$22,000
Swabbing	\$4,000
Sydney CDI Sponsorship	\$22,000
National Championships Sponsorship	\$12,000
State Championships Sponsorship	\$10,000
National Youth Championships	\$5,000
High Performance	\$22,817
Club Development Grants	\$10,909
Total	\$123,726
Net Support	\$122,393

DRIVING	
<b>Income</b>	
Total	\$0
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Tamworth Event and Clinic Sponsorship	\$10,000
Total	\$10,000
	\$10,000

<b>EVENTING</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Equestrian Australia High Performance Grant	\$25,934
Total	\$25,934
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Support	\$16,310
Officials Support	\$10,000
Swabbing	\$4,000
High Performance	\$42,571
Safety - Cross Country Spirofix Anchors	\$9,900
Cross Country Development	\$15,000
Club Development Grants	\$10,909
Sydney 3DE Sponsorship	\$35,000
State Championships (Goulburn) Sponsorship	\$1,000
Total	\$143,781
Support	\$117,847

<b>JUMPING</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Equestrian Australia High Performance Grant	\$1,333
Total	\$1,333
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Support	\$30,000
Officials Support	\$7,000
Swabbing	\$3,000
High Performance	\$9,333
Summer Classic Sponsorship	\$40,000
NSW Championships Sponsorship (Canberra)	\$20,000
NSW Country Championships Sponsorship (Bega)	\$3,000
NSW Indoor Championships Sponsorship (Tamworth)	\$3,000
Waratah	\$3,500
Club Development	\$21,818
Total	\$139,833
Support	\$138,500

SHOW HORSE	
<b>Income</b>	
Clinics	\$1,058
Country Championships	\$7,041
Junior Show	\$17,147
Summer Show	\$21,618
Stars of the Southern Cross	\$27,042
National Championships (Uniforms)	\$31,593
Total	\$104,441
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Support	\$5,000
Clinics	\$991
Horse of the Year	\$27,010
Country Championships	\$5,208
Junior Show	\$14,035
Summer Show	\$15,926
Stars of the Southern Cross	\$44,531
National Championships (Uniforms)	\$28,695
Other Expenses	\$3,056
Total	\$144,452
Support	\$40,011

VAULTING	
<b>Income</b>	
National Championships	\$29,216
State Championship	\$759
Workshops and Clinics	\$6,517
Other Income	\$3,738
Total	\$40,230
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Administration Support	\$3,500
National Championships	\$41,366
State Championships	\$2,906
Workshops and Clinics	\$7,963
Other Expenses	\$858
Total	\$56,593
	\$16,363

<b>INTERSCHOOLS</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
National Championships	\$400,954
Total	\$400,954
<b>Expenditure</b>	
National Championships	\$351,670
Total	\$351,670
Support	-\$49,284

## **SAFETY AND WELFARE**

### **Coronial Inquest**

Deputy Coroner Derek Lee conducted the inquests into the tragic deaths of Oliva Inglis and Caitlyn Fisher in July 2019 and released his report and recommendations in October 2020.

31 recommendations were made, with the most significant relating to: appointment by Equestrian Australia (EA) of a National Safety Manager, cross country course design, medical coverage, officials and volunteer training, personal protective equipment and data recording. Most have been implemented, with further work required to finalise the few remaining items.

The challenge will now be to introduce an assurance program to make sure that the improvements are embedded and not just quick fixes. This will mean, for example, checking medical equipment and paramedic qualifications against the minimum requirements. NSW is fortunate to have emergency medicine specialists Professor Ian Seppelt and Dr Phil Janson, along with Dr Vince Roche, who have been at the forefront of medical coverage improvements and auditing compliance. Vicki Burgess from Eventing NSW also did a formidable amount of work on data collection.

### **Hendra Virus**

In June 2020, Equestrian NSW contributed \$40,000 to the University of Queensland, through Agrifutures Australia, to help Associate Professor Ben Ahern and his team develop a rapid point of care Hendra virus test, which currently takes days to do.

Research proposals made to the AgriFutures Thoroughbred Horses Program are assessed by an independent panel made up of industry experts including vets, breeders and researchers. Each proposal is assessed based on its scientific merit, as well as the potential benefits to industry.

The project brings together the equine sector with co-investment from Equestrian NSW, the thoroughbred industry, universities, and government. According to Agrifutures, "Associate Professor Ahern's project demonstrated a robust methodology, strong data to support the project's success as well as tangible and timely benefits for the industry."

If and when approved for use, the test will enable rapid treatment of horses, minimising pain and suffering. Field testing is due to start in 2021.



## **SPORT REPORTS**

### **DRESSAGE**

The 2019-20 financial year has probably been the most trying one yet with an early and extremely severe and long bush fire season, followed by flood and COVID-19, however, despite these challenges, we have tried to soldier on.

Dressage NSW managed to hold a couple of workshops, seminars and courses for judges and stewards across NSW with the aim to recruit more officials and provide upgrading opportunities for existing.

The 2019 State and Australian Dressage Championships were also a great success. The State Championships were held in Tamworth and the National Championships were held at SIEC.

#### **Officials Education**

\$22,000 from Equestrian NSW funding was allocated to officials' education. This not only includes seminars and workshops for judges and stewards but also travel assistance for those attending seminars from regional areas. Dressage NSW held a G-Level super weekend in July 2019, basically allowing attendees to become a G Level judge within one weekend. A G and E/F level seminar was also held in Taree. After this, the bushfires put an end to officials' education until even flooding could not stand in the way of a stewards' course at Clarendon in February 2020. Just before COVID-19 put NSW into lock down, we held an E/F judges' seminar in March. In May we held our first online C/D seminar, which was a great success.

#### **National Dressage Championships**

The 2019 National Dressage Championships saw a fabulous line up of 5\* and 4\* international judges for a four-day event and with the FEI Dressage World Challenge held on the Wednesday before the first day of competition. This competition always attracts Australia's best talent. We saw 184 riders on 242 horses entered and most levels had a reserve list. It was the first time that Dressage NSW used Nominate's electronic scoring system which worked extremely well and provided prompt results to competitors.

#### **State Dressage Championships**

The 2019 NSW State Dressage Championships were held in AELEC at Tamworth and organised by the Tamworth Dressage Club, the first time since 2011. Over 200 riders and 250 horses competed over the 5-day event from Preliminary to FEI levels. Marjolyn Thomas, the event manager, reported increased numbers in AOR classes across most levels and was very pleased with the support of the FEI classes. Tamworth Dressage Club was to hold the NSW State Dressage Championships again in 2020 but had to cancel due to COVID-19.

#### **Clarendon**

Dressage NSW held five competitions in 2019-20 across two and three days. Some of these competition weekends were run in conjunction with judging seminars and a stewards' course. Clarendon also attempts to provide ample shadow judging and sit in opportunities to help grow and upgrade the number of judges. Since November 2019 Dressage NSW has been using the Nominate electronic scoring system with great success.

Dressage NSW also invested substantially to upgrade the competition grounds. All competition arenas have new surrounds, added sand as well as judges' boxes. The improvements have been welcomed by competitors and officials.

## **Club Support**

During 2019-20 Dressage NSW provided several clubs with support of \$1,000 each as encouragement of the Regional Dressage Festival. Club Development Funding was given to Northside Riding Club (\$500), Bowral Dressage Club (\$500), Candelo Adult Riding Club (\$600), Quirindi Equitation Club (\$1,000), Tamworth Dressage Club (\$1,000) and Alexander Park Dressage Club (\$1,000). Projects ranged from assistance with arena surrounds and footing as well as the purchase of an iPad to move to electronic scoring.

## **High Performance**

High Performance Squad activity was reduced due to bushfires and COVID-19, however, Zanna Northam, the squad coordinator, still organised protocol days with Ricky Macmillan and Maria Schwennesen. Osteopath Jeff Morrison was also in attendance to work with horses and riders.

Zanna also organised psychometric testing by the well-known Paul Lyons. Once these tests were completed, they were to be discussed at an off horse squad camp in January but this had to be cancelled due to bushfires.

Besides spending a day with the senior squad, Maria Schwennesen made herself available to our young riders for a protocol day. Mandy Jones also organised several training days for the young riders.

Dressage NSW would like to thank Equestrian NSW for their continued support.

## **Petra Keranen – President Dressage NSW**

## **EVENTING**

Back at the beginning of July 2019, everything was looking pretty normal in the NSW eventing world. Much of NSW was in drought and event organising committees worked hard to improve the going at our events across the state, for which competitors were very grateful. No one could have predicted that hard ground was going to be the least of our problems in the following 12 months.

Sadly, during the time of this report, we lost one of eventing's most loved personalities, Olympian Neale Lavis. Neale had a huge influence on many riders including our own Shane Rose, who said of Neale "He was always someone I turned to for advice ... he was not just a wonderful horseman but a total gentleman and so very humble."

We also lost a couple of Eventing NSW 'institutions', as it was announced that the Mirrabooka Summer Camp would no longer be happening, and Lynton Horse Trials would run for the last time in 2019.

The Mirrabooka Summer Camp really encapsulated what, to many, eventing is all about as it brought families together whilst provided a learning space for young riders and their parents. Those riders, who were lucky enough to attend Mirrabooka, made friends and memories for life and we owe a huge debt of thanks to KA Spencer and the late Roger Whyte. KA and Roger organised Mirrabooka on their property and ran it each year with passion and enthusiasm.

After running Lynton Horse Trials for 41 years the power duo of Neil and Geordie Kennedy decided it was time to call it a day and the last event provided an emotional farewell to one of NSW much loved events. Lynton was certainly the event that every rider wanted to compete at and to say you had ridden clear around Lynton, at whatever level, was something to be very proud of. The Lynton event will be missed by many riders, officials and volunteers and a thank you for all the years of hard work that Neil and Geordie put into the event will never be enough.

It was great to see the involvement of so many young people within our sport this year and the Tamworth committee encouraged that with the setting up of the Junior TIE Committee. The junior committee was responsible for several jobs including painting, flagging and decorating cross country fences to collecting score sheets and helping tidy up at the end of the event. In between doing all that, several of the young helpers were riding as well. This idea is great for bringing young people into volunteering and the TIE committee should be commended on their forward thinking.

NSW riders put in some great performances at the end of the year, with Hazel Shannon winning the Australian International three day event, Emma Bishop winning Lynton CCI4\*-S and Shane Rose winning Wallaby Hill CCI4\*-L. Hazel and Willinga Park Clifford produced an outstanding result at Adelaide, with Clifford becoming the fifth horse in the world to take out three 5\* wins at the same event (2016, 2018 and 2019).

Prior to the end of year it was becoming clear that the bushfires which were raging around the state were going to take a toll on the running of some events and clinics. As communities, together with many of our eventing friends, became seriously impacted by the fires and riders in this country felt quite helpless, support came from overseas in the shape of fundraising from our eventers in UK. Many thanks to Paul Tapner (originally from NSW) along with Bill Levett who led this project and raised over £30,000 (\$60,000).

As we were recovering from the bushfire season it was lovely to see Rebecca Andrews, win the volunteer of the year at the Equestrian NSW awards night. Rebecca not only spends her time volunteering at events, she also played a vital role, as an RFS volunteer, during the bushfires. How lucky we are to have Rebecca, and many like her, in our ranks.

As we all know no sooner had we got out of the bushfire threat, we were living under the Covid-19 situation.

It was at this time that, after discussion with Eventing NSW, that a decision was made to move The Eventer magazine (the official magazine of Eventing NSW) from a hard copy magazine to an online magazine. The response from members to this change was mixed with the majority of members happy with the new online version, while some still preferred the hard copy. Eventing NSW will continue to monitor this feedback and further decisions may be made in the next 12 months.

Covid-19 meant that all events had to be either cancelled, postponed, or put on hold until the relevant conditions were met, and strict guidelines could be adhered to. The first event back in NSW (after Covid-19 hit) was Denman at the beginning of July. The work involved in the run up to Denman both by the organising committee and Eventing NSW was huge but everyone involved agreed that the event ran well, with riders and official alike, happy to take on board the new rules and regulations. It is clear that Covid-19 has given the sport a chance to really look at how they run events with many new procedures, like back numbers being printed by riders, set to stay well beyond Covid-19 times.

Our sport, like many, has worked through what has been a difficult 12 months, but we have to look at all the positives to come out of the Covid-19 situation which may well have helped us move towards a better, more efficient way of running our sport.

### **Shane Rose – President Eventing NSW**

## **JUMPING**

At the end of this year as President of Jumping NSW, I am very pleased to say that the last year has been one of success and achievement for our members. While it is quite good to say that not a lot was different and that business as usual is a good thing to report, the year did also present some significant challenges. It is often easy to lose sight of the fact that the work and decisions being made to lead and support this discipline come from a committed group of volunteers. While the

contributions we make may not always be accepted by all members, they are certainly made from the position of benefitting our sport within our state.

The Jumping NSW Annual General Meeting saw only enough nominations for the committee to fill the vacancies so there was no need for an election. Our standing committee consists of Bonnie Martin, Sue Ruff, Kerrie Winning, Vicki Roycroft, John Vallance, Andrew Inglis, Kate Edwards and James Mooney. The Executive comprise of George Sanna, Jane Frankum, Cathy Brown and Annette Maunder and Katrina Dukats remains in the position of Secretary. Sue Hartog requested to step down from the committee but has agreed to remain as a co-opted member and we are very appreciative to have her valued and knowledgeable contribution.

Jumping NSW continues to appreciate the competition funding support provided by Equestrian NSW and once again it has proved to be a great investment for our sport. This support has benefitted several events throughout NSW including our NSW State Championships, NSW Indoor Championships and NSW Country Championships.

The ACT Jump Club committee worked tirelessly to again host an outstanding State Championship in October 2019, and again the club continued to provide competently managed event in all aspects, that attracted excellent numbers and a high standard of competitor. Unfortunately due the restrictions that were in place in October the 2020 State Titles had to be cancelled, however as this was to have been the final year of the three year commitment for ACT to host, the committee agreed that ACT should host the 2021 Titles.

#### **NSW State Champions for 2019:**

Senior Champion	Jamie Priestley and Courage
Young Rider Champion	Amelia Douglass Cassis z Ten Halven
Amateur Champion	Jennifer Smith riding Country Platinum.
Junior Champion	Anneliese Wansey riding Classic Act

Jumping NSW run one of the biggest Showjumping Events in Australia, The Summer Showjumping Classic, held each year at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in December. 2019 saw a whole new look for the traditional Summer Classic. We moved the show down to the grass arena. The new look was very well received, with comments on social media that it had the feel of an international show and verifying the Jumping NSW Show is one of the elite events on our National calendar. This is vital to keep our sport in touch with world standards and this event annually provides this opportunity. The 2019 event did prove to be a very challenging show with added tension created by the bushfires. Once again, we offer our thanks to Equestrian NSW for the continued support of this prestigious event.

#### **2019 Summer Showjumping Classic major class winners:**

World Cup Qualifier	Chris Chugg riding PSS Levilensky.
Super Junior Final	Sally Simmonds riding Oaks Chifley from Bourke, NSW.
Young Rider Final	Amelia Douglass riding Cassis Z Ten Halven
Mini Prix Final	Tom McDermott riding Warraleigh Park Cortez
Futurity Final	Olivia Hamood riding Sundance GHP

The National Showjumping Championships were held at Boneo Park on the Mornington Peninsula and once again NSW riders continued to excel and have made us extremely proud of their performances.

### **Our NSW based Australian Champions for 2019 were:**

Senior Champion        Tom McDermott and Elegance De La Charmille

Young Rider Champion   Madeline Sinderberry and Ciel

Junior Champion        Sally Simmonds and Oaks Chifley

NSW also took out a clean sweep of the National Teams events. Our Senior Team consisting of Chris Chugg, Jamie Kermond, Tom McDermott and Katie Laurie, Young Rider Team Jess Rice-Ward, Amelia Douglas, Jessica Trip and Jamie Priestley and our Junior Team of Sally Simmonds, Clemency Hughes, Lucy Locke and Anneliese Wansey.

In addition, it was also extremely encouraging to scroll through the final round results and see how many NSW riders there were finishing within the top 12. All these riders are to be commended on their representation of our state.

NSW added another event to the FEI World Cup Shows Calendar for the 2019-20 season. In August Waratah held the first event in the indoor arena at SIEC followed by the Tamworth World Cup also held indoors at AELEC and the Jumping NSW Summer Classic held at SIEC. NSW based rider, Chris Chugg, was the leading rider for the 2019-20 Australian league.

The NSW Awards night brought together jumping riders and supporters statewide to receive recognition for their 2019 achievements.

Congratulation to the following people who received awards from Equestrian NSW in their respective categories:

Coach of the Year:        Joint Winners Dave Cameron and Tallara Cameron

Owner of the Year:        The Late Carol Mason

Jumping NSW offer congratulations to these recipients. Jumping NSW extends to all our members many thanks for your hard work, dedication and unwavering support of our sport. We can only be as good as the team contributing and you all are truly appreciated for the many roles you play.

Each year for the last five years, Jumping NSW has run a series for the Amateur Rider of the Year. Around 20 shows across NSW host an NSW Amateur of the Year Class that goes towards a point score. The best six scores by a horse and rider combination are tallied to decide the winner of the JNSW Amateur of the Series award.

Jumping NSW membership has remained relatively static for the last year, with just slight fluctuations in the number of Junior members and Senior Membership. The committee decided to follow the ENSW recommendations and offered 2020-21 membership at a reduced price up until the end of September 2020.

Our committee continues to support Officials Education and has offered financial help to our Regional Clubs by way of assisting in the costs associated with the presenter/assessor. It is pleasing to see our clubs taking up this opportunity for both Judges and Course Designers. Jumping NSW is not only providing education for the introductory and beginning levels of Officials but has actively trying to encourage and support the higher accredited Judges and Course Designers to achieve their FEI (International) accreditation. We have also provided some assistance for Steward Accreditation. Several officials give up their time to mentor and encourage up and coming officials and we thank them very much for their time, effort and dedication to the sport and we also thank ENSW for their ongoing support for officials training.

Jumping NSW has also purchased some new laptops that are now distributed around the state. Many of the events held within NSW are now using JJD (Jumper Judge Dashboard) as their preferred method

of scoring. A few years ago, this was an initiative that Equestrian NSW assisted JNSW in implementing and educating users and it is extremely encouraging to see a growing number of officials gain more skills in using the program. It has proved to be an efficient way to transfer results to the Equestrian NSW office as well as posting online.

Jumping NSW had planned to host an off-horse education program with the focus on Sports Psychology for our Young Riders. The aim was to enlist the help of an accredited presenter in a forum platform to discuss the challenges faced by our athletes and understanding how a person's psychological state impacts sporting performance. The outcomes would give our Young Riders help in understanding the psychological factors that influence motivation and performance in sport settings and most importantly how they can develop skills to manage this. We are now looking to run the programme in 2021.

Jumping NSW also made a commitment to our Clubs to assist them with their return to play and offered all our clubs some financial help to assist in implementing a safer return to training and competition activities.

**Annette Maunder President Jumping NSW**

## **SHOW HORSE**

2019-20 has been a year of challenges for all equestrian disciplines with the bushfires & COVID-19 leading to the postponement of events earlier in the year. There was much uncertainty as to whether any events would be held at all in 2020.

The 2020 Southern Cross Show Horse Spectacular scheduled for March was postponed due to COVID-19. It was disappointing for all concerned with this year's event receiving record entries from across NSW, interstate and New Zealand. It is encouraging to see an increase in sponsorship with \$47,000 received for this year's event. The major prize of a trip to the UK for the Grand Champion Owner Rider generously supported by Equestrian NSW is one that is highly contested and we would like to thank the ENSW Board for their support of this. The 2021 Southern Cross Show Horse Spectacular has now been scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March.

The COVID-19 Recovery Funding Program was greatly appreciated with show horse being able to provide grass roots competition to its members, update equipment and 2021 will see a Junior Development Program that will focus on bringing our regional and city members together to improve their sportsmanship and riding skills. Plans are well underway for multiple events and training programs in 2021.

The Equestrian NSW Show Horse Committee would like to thank the Equestrian NSW Board and staff for their support over the past 12 months.

**Kerrie Patchett – Show Horse Committee Secretary**

## **VAULTING**

2020 has been a quiet year for Vaulting NSW. We started the year with the National Equestrian Centre clinic and a full calendar of events. As with other disciplines, the COVID-19 shutdown caused the State Championships and the National Championships to be cancelled as well as our annual Vaulting and Lunging clinic with an international clinician.

There have been a few online training sessions and protocol days through the year. In November, we have finally seen our first vaulting competition held successfully at Evans Park. It was fantastic to be competing again. Additionally, VNSW is holding a lunging and horse development clinic in early December.

VNSW is looking forward to next year, with COVID-19 safe events planned. We hope the year progresses well.

### **Gillian Burns – Chair Vaulting NSW**

## **COACHING**

It has been an interesting year for Coaching in NSW, challenging in many ways.

In 2019-20, the Coaching NSW Committee comprised: Robert Stewart (Chair), Sally-Ann Barbera, Jane Frankum, Brett Parbery, Megan Joerg, with Dave Cameron as the Equestrian NSW Board representative. Jane Frankum stepped down, to be replaced by Sandy Lucas. These people, voted in by NSW based Equestrian Australia (EA) accredited coaches, are your voice on coaching concerns or ideas.

As at 30 June 2020, Equestrian Australia (EA) had 927 registered and currently accredited Coaches, with 728 insured through the EA Coaching Insurance Scheme. NSW had 367 accredited coaches, which represented 39.6% of EA Coaches in Australia.

During the first term of the Coaching NSW Committee, we have been addressing the issues raised in the forum in 2018.

### **National Coaching Administrator**

Kellie Hayes was appointed and has proved to be a very capable addition to the EA team. Kellie handles member enquiries and works closely with the EA Coaching Committee (EACC) representatives and EA administration at all levels.

### **Insurance**

The Coaching NSW representatives on the EACC have pressed EA to improve the service and product offering around coaches' insurance requirements. A list of FAQ's have been developed to assist coaches as was an improved on-boarding experience. The global insurance landscape has changed dramatically, so major changes to the EA insurance offering has not been achievable. We look forward to working with our insurance brokers to expand the insurance offering in a post COVID-19 era and when the new EA Board has bedded in.

### **Coach registration fees**

Registered NSW coaches have repeatedly requested information as to what happens with their registration fees. We were glad to be able to provide that information to coaches in 2020 via a high-level summary of 2019-20 expenditure to demonstrate where EA Coach registration fees now go.

## **Support of EA Coaches**

EA made some significant changes to the support of EA Accredited coaches in 2019-20. As the EACC and Coaching NSW Chair, I was invited, along with the Chairs from all of the Discipline Committees to be included in a Sport Committee. This has given Coaching input and inclusion at the top level of the sports. These meetings have provided the Committee direct contact with the EA CEO and Board. This remarkable group of volunteers are now able to communicate our collective issues and concerns in a united, respectful and collaborative way, giving each group a platform to raise issues they are experiencing. All disciplines now have a voice and representation to input into the direction of our Sport.

## **Promotion of EA Coaches.**

EA has commenced some online promotion of EA Coaches and the benefits of using EA Coaches. We have had support from the Sport Committee for the concept of using EA accredited Coaches exclusively for High Performance Squad training, but due to inconsistencies across the State branches, we have not yet been able to deliver 100% compliance but continue to encourage all squad coaches to gain accreditation and help to progress them into the scheme.

## **Safety**

The EACC have engaged with EA, to capture and include the new concussion and COVID-19 protocols, to incorporate them into the syllabus which is currently being revised and also ways in which coaches can help to address the high risk in equestrian sports.

## **Clinics**

Throughout the latter half of 2019, three Coach Educator and SSTA Updates were run across NSW, in partnership with Equestrian NSW, locally delivered and largely user funded. These updates included Coach & Assessor training and assessing with Daryl Durham, safety and rules updates by Roger Kane, Safe Work training by the relevant state authority and coach development and information provided by your committee and other Coach Educators. Our thanks go to Rod Brown, Colleen Brooke, Peter Shaw, Craig Barrett, Brett Parbery, Sally Barbera, Megan Joerg, Sue Cunningham and all the others who contributed to the productive and informative sessions. The feedback, the attendance numbers and engagement were encouraging and we look forward to delivering more post COVID restrictions.

Coaching NSW also ran some personal development clinics in 2020 with Prue Barrett which were received very well and again feedback was encouraging.

## **Syllabus Review**

Through the hard work of 31 volunteers across nine different syllabus groups, we have commenced Stage 1 of the Coaching Syllabus Review, to ensure that the content is current and relevant and to develop a platform for us to develop our coaching resources and professional development programs. We appreciate their time and effort.

## **COVID-19**

As coaches ourselves, your committee, have all felt the impact of COVID 19 in 2020.

We and Equestrian NSW have attempted to keep coaches aware of the landscape which changed daily around what coaches could and couldn't do in line with state health advice. It was a frustrating time for coaches. It was great to see coaches applying COVID safe protocols and creating innovative coaching solutions in a heavily restricted environment.

We hope that our efforts to deliver coach updates online, has been helpful in this time as well as improving access for regional and remote coaches. It has been difficult to source an online platform



that delivers satisfactory results for live coaching and mentoring sessions. We continue looking for a solution that can deliver these sessions in a COVID-19 era.

We remain dedicated to improving and further developing the scheme and look forward to your positive encouragement, engagement and feedback.

We thank Equestrian NSW for their tremendous support over a difficult year and look forward to working together to deliver more coach education and personal development opportunities for EA Coaches in an improved environment in 2021.

**Robert Stewart – Chair Coaching NSW Committee**

## **INTERSCHOOLS**

Interschools continued to evolve in 2019-20, with the staging of the Marcus Oldham 2020 Australian Interschool Championships, staged by Equestrian NSW at Sydney International Equestrian Centre. It was a massive effort by the organising committee, especially with the added pressure of hosting a leg of the Australian Jumping Teams League and the NSW round of Jump Off, both of which were televised on free-to-air. Having a captive crowd of loud and animated Interschools riders and connections added to the excitement.

Combining Interschools with other major events has been a long-term goal and this event showcased the very best of jumping at the elite level as well as the potential for off-the-track thoroughbred competitions. Having Olympics Eventing medallist Shane Rose and Australian Jumping Champion David Cameron competing against the 2018 NSW Interschools Team Captain Cade Hunter on young thoroughbreds was the perfect opportunity for the young guns to take on their heroes.

Successful clinics were run at Camden Bicentennial Park for Dressage, Eventing, Jumping and Show Horse riders, all watched over by experienced Equestrian Australia accredited coaches.

COVID-19 put a stop to all events from March, so that the 2020 NSW Interschools Championships were cancelled. Subject to the ongoing recovery from COVID, the 2021 Interschools will be held at SIEC in June, with the Eventing to held in conjunction with Sydney 3DE in May.

It is planned for Interschools to become the entry level for grass roots school-aged children to compete with and against their peers in all disciplines and to provide a pathway to elite competitions. We look forward to 2021 with renewed enthusiasm and confidence that Interschools can and will achieve its full potential.

**Tina Mougios**

## **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020-21**

Strategic focus areas for the Board and team in 2020-21 include:

### **Continuously improve member safety and horse welfare**

- Manage the impacts of COVID-19. Generous funding from the NSW Office of Sport, will help our sport recover in this year and years ahead. More than \$250,000 was provided for grass roots training and competitions, coaching and officials education and risk management training.
- Implement an assurance program to assess the embedding of Inquest recommendations.
- FY21 Risk Management Plan, reviewed quarterly.
- Develop and run risk management training sessions for clubs.

### **Deliver value to our Participating Members**

- Deliver the Para Equestrian and Inclusion project, funded by the Federal Government.
- Invest in Interschools as a pathway into ENSW membership.
- KPI Target – membership losses due to COVID-19 limited to 10%.

### **Strengthen our foundation**

- Invest in clubs through Development Grants.
- Support the Coaching NSW Committee to develop a digital platform.
- Assist Discipline Councils and Committees to stage Officials clinics.
- Draft a Sports Committee Manual.
- KPI Target – Profit and Loss – as close the break even as possible.
- KPI Target - \$800k minimum cash reserves.

### **Behave as one**

- Engage in the Equestrian Australia reform process.

### **Increase our visibility for the benefit of members**

- Draft a communications plan.
- Advocate on industry issues with the NSW Government and Agencies.
- KPI – Increase commercial sponsorship for ENSW events by 20%.

### **Lead High Performance**

- Review the NSW Discipline Councils HP plans and reporting, as a requirement of HP funding.
- KPI - NSW HP athletes comprise 50% of the EA HP squads.

## **EQUESTRIAN NSW 2019 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

### **Interschool Awards**

Primary Combined Training Champion	Lochie Colquhoun
Secondary Combined Training Champion	Harriet King
Primary Eventing Champion	Harry Warner
Secondary Eventing Champion	Zoe Hutchinson
Primary Dressage Champion	Angelina Thompson
Secondary Dressage Champion	Brooke Ellis
Primary Jumping Champion	Toller Cave
Secondary Jumping Champion	Bella Griffin
Primary Show Horse Champion	Tia Rose Mckenzie
Secondary Show Horse Champion	Taylah Hutchinson
Primary Vaulting Champion	Daytona Halloran
Secondary Vaulting Champion	Bronagh Miskelly
Champion Primary Rider	Jett Newman
Champion Secondary Rider	Harriet King
Champion Secondary School	Frensham
Champion Primary School	Wyong Creek PS

### **DISCIPLINE AWARD WINNERS**

#### **Eventing Awards**

Eventing Junior Rider of the Year	Matilda McCarroll
Eventing Junior Rider and Horse of the Year	Zoe Hutchinson & War Hawk
Eventing Senior Rider of the Year	Stuart Tinney
Eventing Horse of the Year	BF Valour

#### **Dressage Awards**

Dressage Junior Athlete of the Year	Sophie Artup
Dressage Young Rider of the Year	Brianna Cartwright
Dressage Senior Athlete of the Year	Riley Alexander
Dressage Horse of the Year	MI Sirtainly Sir

#### **Show Horse Awards**

Show Horse Junior Athlete of the Year	Elizabeth Taylor
Show Horse Senior Athlete of the Year	Courtney Larard
Show Horse of the Year	Taittinger I
Show Hunter of the Year	EBL One Night in Paris

### **Vaulting Awards**

Vaulting Junior Athlete of the Year  
Vaulting Young Athlete of the Year  
Vaulting Senior Athlete of the Year  
Vaulting Horse of the Year

Isabella Naphthali  
Elyssa O'Hanlon  
Stephanie Dore  
Huntermuir Sinatra

### **Jumping Awards**

Jumping Junior Athlete of the Year  
Jumping Young Rider of the Year  
Jumping Senior Athlete of the Year  
Jumping Horse of the Year

Sally Simmonds  
Amelia Douglass  
Tom McDermott  
Elegance de la Charmille

### **Driving Awards**

Driving Athlete of the Year  
Driving Encouragement Award  
Driving Horse of the Year

Sandy Hunter  
Maria Trott  
Fiore

### **Gow Gates NSW Awards**

NSW Owner of the Year  
NSW Groom of the Year  
NSW Coach of the Year  
NSW Volunteer of the Year  
NSW Official of the Year  
NSW Administrator of the Year  
NSW Event of the Year  
NSW Club of the Year

Carole Mason  
Olivia Daffurn  
Tallara Cameron & David Cameron  
Rebecca Andrews  
Pamela Russell-Green  
Jessica Meredith  
Wallaby Hill International 3-Day Event  
Young Dressage Association