



Equestrian NSW Incorporated 2026 Annual General Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES — for member review

Date	Tuesday, 13 October 2026
Meeting Opened	7:00pm
Meeting Closed	7:24pm
Venue	Online via Vero Voting
Chair	Amy Eggleton, President and Chair
Returning Officer	Vireena Peacock, Chief Executive Officer
Attendance	56 (attendee list in Appendix A)
Apologies	17 (apology list in Appendix B)

1. Meeting administration

1.1 Opening and quorum

The Chair, Amy Eggleton, welcomed members to the 2026 Annual General Meeting. An Acknowledgement of Country was delivered. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the constitutional quorum of at least 30 voting members was present. The Chair declared the meeting properly constituted and open at 7pm.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies submitted through the Vero Voting platform were noted. The attendance and apology records will be appended to these minutes.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 December 2025 had been made available to members. One minor typographical correction was noted: changing 'to' to 'two' in section 8 of the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Equestrian NSW Incorporated, subject to the typographical correction noted, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Outcome: Carried.

3. President's report

The President, Amy Eggleton, presented her report for 2025–26 and reflected on the year's achievements, challenges and strategic priorities. Matters highlighted included:

- NSW athlete performances nationally and internationally, and the successful hosting of major events, particularly the 2025 Australian Interschool Championships at SIEC, with more than 400 young athletes and NSW named overall Champion State.
- Implementation of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, including pathways development, officials and volunteers' education, horse welfare, social licence and advocacy for suitable facilities.
- Membership affordability measures, including holding the Equestrian NSW component of fees steady for a second consecutive year, continuing Recreational Membership and providing free membership for accredited NSW officials.
- Continued collaboration with Equestrian Australia and other State Branches, and the Board's deliberate reinvestment of funds into the sport while maintaining a strong financial position.
- Thanks to the Board, staff, discipline committees, clubs, officials, coaches, event organisers and volunteers for their contribution.

4. Chief Executive Officer's report and Annual Report

The Chief Executive Officer, Vireena Peacock, provided an overview of the operations of Equestrian NSW during 2025–26, in conjunction with the published Annual Report. The report focused on three areas:

- Day-to-day delivery by the small part-time staff team, including membership services, horse registrations and transfers, bridle numbers, competition results, entry checks, affiliation, committee support, events and education.

The challenges of transitioning from Nominate to JustGo, including ongoing work with Equestrian Australia and other States to address system development to meet the needs of the sport, alongside changes to internal staffing arrangements.

- Practical support for clubs, committees and volunteers through communication, governance and safety improvements, assistance with affiliation, insurance, grants and events, and the Amateur Equestrian Committee's Equestrian Experience Days.

The CEO thanked the Equestrian NSW staff, committees, discipline organisations, clubs and volunteers for their work during a demanding year.

5. Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2026

The Chief Executive Officer presented an overview of the audited 2025–26 financial statements, incorporating the Independent Auditor's Report, which had been provided to members. Key points included:

- A deficit of just under \$215,000, reflecting the Board's planned reinvestment in sport above its target cash reserve of \$1 million; retained earnings at year end were approximately \$1.48 million.
- The effect of JustGo on financial reporting, as Equestrian Australia now collects its administration and insurance charges directly, changing the presentation of Equestrian NSW income and expenditure.
- A decline in membership from 8,766 to 7,658 and a shift toward lower-cost membership categories. Net membership income, excluding Equestrian Australia fees and levies, decreased from approximately \$854,000 to \$635,000.

- A year-end cash timing difference due to the late opening of membership renewals on 26 June 2026.
- Variations in event income and expenditure arising from the timing of Interschool Championships and the relocation of the Australasian Show Horse Championships to Victoria.
- Continued NSW Office of Sport support of \$130,000.
- The focus of the 2026–27 budget on returning to a sustainable break-even operating position.

Motion: That the audited financial statements of Equestrian NSW Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2026, including the Independent Auditor's Report, be received.

Outcome: Carried unanimously.

6. Declaration of elected directors

The Chief Executive Officer, acting as Returning Officer, advised that the number of eligible nominations equalled the number of available Elected Director positions. Accordingly, no ballot was required under Rule 16(c) of the Equestrian NSW Constitution.

The Returning Officer declared the following candidates duly elected:

- Amy Eggleton — re-elected
- Gillian Burns — re-elected
- Emily Bowker — newly elected

The Chair congratulated the elected Directors and acknowledged Rod McQueen, who had left the Board earlier in the year.

7. Member questions and discussion

Members were invited to raise questions regarding the Annual Report, financial statements or activities of Equestrian NSW. No questions were received and no discussion took place. No additional business had been submitted for consideration.

8. Close of meeting

The Chair thanked members, fellow Directors, staff, committees, discipline organisations, officials, coaches, club administrators and volunteers for their contributions. There being no further business, the Chair declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 7:24pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the 2027 AGM

Appendix A — Attendees

Carlene Barton	Emily MacKintosh
Michelle Becchio	Stephanie Martinez
Sue Birch	Alison McLean
Julane Bowen	Coco Miles
Emily Bowker	Elizabeth Mudd
Lynda Bruce	Benjamin Netterfield
Wendy Bruszewski	Vireena Peacock
Susie Burns	Ebony Ramm
Gillian Burns	Ellie Robinson
Jenny Carroll	Vicki Roycroft
Michele Christiansen	Susan Scaysbrook
Kristen Closson	Megan Scrivener
Suzanne Cunningham	Katrina Silk
Angela DeTullio	Kerrie Stapleton
Rachael Downs	Imogen Thew
Cathie Drury-Klein	Sarah Venamore
Stuart Drysdale	Toni Venhaus
Amy Eggleton	Jessica Willcox
Jennifer Flint	Wayne Williams
Jane Frankum	Ella Winn
Giorga Gall	Lisa Winn
Diana Gordon	Kerrie Wise
Joanna Gunn	Naomi Wynn
Jillian Haggerty	
Anthony Harris	
Petra Hines	
Mary Houghton	
Simon Kale	
Jane Kibble	
Trevor Klein	
Allison Lloyd	
Ann-Maree Lourey	
Lynette Lynch	

Appendix B — Apologies

Ann Bonnor

Karen Bretherton

Lucinda Casey

Nicola Chirlian

Hana Foitova

Aran Ghafouri

Bradley Hayden

Clinton Hedger

Paige Lindley

Vicky Lymbery

Kim Mayer

Victoria Murphy

Anne Nelson

Yvonne Pound

Scott Sears

Jenni Stuchbery

Amanda Warren-Smith