



Equestrian NSW Governance Update

Dear Equestrian NSW Member,

Please find below an update on Equestrian NSW Governance matters.

ENSW Board

Elections for vacated board director positions were held at the end of 2023. Two directors were elected for a second term, Sue Cunningham and Lisa Winn, and two new directors were elected; Alison McClean and Nicola Rockwell. They join Brad Frankum, Amy Eggleton and Gillian Burns to complete the Board of Directors for 2024.

The Board directors have re-elected Brad Frankum as the Board Chair for the next 12 months.

The ENSW Board meets on the third Monday of each month.

ENSW Finance and Risk Committee

The Board has appointed a new member to the Finance and Risk Committee; Jillian Haggerty and with Alison McLean joining the Board, Annyka Overton has stepped up as Chair of the Committee. Melissa Gilles and Amy Eggleton complete the Finance and Risk Committee.

ENSW Committees

Following successful elections all committees are now operational and have been actively reviewing their Terms of Reference and developing 2-year plans that align with the ENSW Strategic Plan. The ENSW sub-committee members are as follows:

Amateur Equestrian

Bruce McVey

Catherine Cupit

Emily Mackintosh

Jillian Haggerty (Chair)

Jocelyn West

Kelly O'Keefe

Laura Hobby

Linda Smith

Natalie Harvell

Marketing & Communications

Gillian Burns

Lisa Winn (Chair)

Nicola Rockwell

Verity Muscat

Coaching

Ben Netterfield

Caroline Hooper

Kristen Closson

Rachael Downs

Sally-Ann Barbera (Chair)

Sarah Venamore

Sharmayne Spencer

Education

Cathie Drury-Kline

Gillian Burns

Jan Golding

Jodie Miles

Kate O'Connor

Kristen Closson

Norm Hindmarsh

Rachael Downs

Suzanne Cunningham (Chair)

Interschool

Alisha Reber (Chair)

Imogen Thew

Jennifer Farthing

Karen Mackenzie-Smith

Verity Muscat

Para Equestrian & Equibility

Felicity Weal (Chair)

Hannah Mauldon

Heidi Ford

Helen Batson

Jenny Carroll

Petra Hines

Rachael Frechette

Suzanne Cunningham

Show Horse

Danielle Beattie

Jo Tyson

Kathryn Dykstra

Melinda Waterhouse

Peta Daffurn (National Representative)

Vaulting

Dodi Rogan

Gina Sykes

Kerrie Stapleton (Chair)

Louise Steinman

Nat McNeal

Robyn Bruderer

Stephanie Dore

Education Manager Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Jodie Miles has been appointed to the role of Education Manager. Jodie will continue the work that was started in 2022 to deliver the education pillar of the ENSW strategic plan, specifically focusing on the education needs of clubs, officials, volunteers and members. Jodie will also work closely with our committees to assist them in delivering the education components of their strategies.

Jodie has been an equestrian since the age of 8, coming up through Pony Club and Show Horse. After a break to raise her two children and following a trip to Spain Jodie couldn't refrain herself from buying her Andalusian mare Ciela. They compete in Working Equitation and Dressage and have lots of fun supporting their friends at high level dressage.

Jodie had a 20-year career in Book Publishing as Sales Director running the largest publishing sales team in the southern hemisphere and then as the Managing Director of a multinational, illustrated publisher. After several years as a Managing Director Jodie realised there was more to life than endless contracts, so she transitioned to coaching and Professional Development.

Jodie joined Speakers Institute where she ran a professional development program for emerging speakers and mentored numerous speakers who have gone on to do TED talks and become professional speakers. The last four years Jodie worked at the Australian Society of Authors as the Professional Development and Events Manager running the education program for emerging and professional authors resulting in numerous authors achieving their publishing goals.

Jodie has a Masters of Coaching, is an NLP Practitioner and a Gallup Strengths Success Coach. She is an experienced leader, passionate educator and thrives on assisting others to increase their confidence and certainty, work with their strengths, and achieve their best.



Update - NSW Parliamentary Inquiry

The Board of Equestrian NSW (ENSW) has reviewed the outcomes of the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry (Inquiry) into the awarding of the contract number oos17/18-021 for the Sydney International Equestrian Centre indoor arena upgrade in 2017 by the NSW Office of Sport (OoS).

The Inquiry final report was issued on 28 Sep 22 and the government response to the final report on 16 Dec 22.

[Click Here](#) for links to both documents.

The ENSW Board has reviewed the outcomes of the Inquiry and has completed a process to ensure consistency with Sports Australia's Sport Governance Principles and the OoS's updated Policies and Standards, particularly in relation to project development and conflicts of interest, both perceived and actual.

The ENSW Board also understands that the Inquiry recommendation to refer the conduct of Mr Bruce Farrar (previous CEO of ENSW) to the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and the NSW Police has been dealt with. ICAC wrote to the Inquiry Committee Chair (30 Nov 22) stating "The information in the Inquiry report is substantially similar to the information already known to the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission will not be investigating the issues raised and considered by the Inquiry." This follows correspondence from ICAC to the OoS (1 Dec 20) advising that based on the information provided, the Commission had "decided against commencing an investigation". In summary, no action was taken by either authority against Mr Farrar.

The Board is satisfied that this matter is now closed and looks forward to working with the NSW Office of Sport for the benefit of our equestrian community.

Equestrian NSW Board of Directors