



EQUESTRIAN  
TASMANIA



# EQUESTRIAN TASMANIA ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024

# Chairs Report

## HELMUT RECHBERGER

ETAS Chair

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 23/24 Equestrian Tasmania Annual Report.

This year has been a busy year for Equestrian Tasmania, ensuring that we as an organisation are maintaining our regulatory compliance and supporting the sports and members.

This year we have taken steps to ensure we have a gender diverse board compliant with the Active Tasmania requirements which in turn secured our 2024 funding. We have also completed the Sport Australia GAMEPLAN self-assessment which has provided us with and overview of areas in that we can improve and subsequently additional strategies that can feed into the ETAS Strategic Plan.



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This year we undertook a major review of our financial systems, consolidating our accounts and simplifying our accounting processes, this has enabled us to provide simpler reporting and a greater level of transparency as well as cost savings through migrating our financial systems to new software platform.

Another key achievement has been our Child Safeguarding project to ensure we comply with the Child and Youth Safe Principles, ETAS will soon be launching a range of resources that will support our affiliates, clubs, officials, coaches, members, parents to ensure Child Safeguarding becomes second nature and part of our everyday culture.

ETAS has also been an active participant on the Nominate Working Group, this has enabled us to help improve access for members and administrators nationally, ETAS has also been involved on developing a requirements document for the EA IT reform project.

Again, this year the Equestrian Tasmania Championships were successfully hosted by the Sport Affiliates including a successful Horse of the Year run by Show Horse.

Interschool continues to attract strong interest and participation, with a team travelling to Werribee in Sept/Oc 2023. Many thanks to Sue Goldfinch for her dedication and support of the Interschool program both as the Team Manager and National Interschool Committee member. Sue was supported by Jo McFarlane as Team Coach providing our team with the best possible opportunities. During the competition season Sue has then support and navigated riders to apply for the 2024 team.

Our State based Coaching Committee continues to provide our coaches with initiatives for professional development and support through the various accreditation pathways. We are also fortunate to have the highly respected and credentialled Susan Andrews as a representative on the National Coaching Committee.

Our Medication Control team continue conduct swabs at all our Championships and now have funding to swab at other events through out the year.

The management committee looking after the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre on behalf of ETAS continue to do a wonderful job, a ETAS Sport Development grant also allowed them to further improve the facilities for our membership.

This year we were pleased to be able to host the ETAS Ball in the Country Club Casino in Launceston, again it was a hugely successfully event thanks to the dedicated organising committee whose efforts made it a great success, it would be wonderful to be able to continue and make the 2025 ball even greater.

I must thank the ETAS Board for all their hard work and commitment to supporting the Equestrian Sport in Tasmania it is an absolute pleasure to be able to work with such a wonderful group of people, I have appreciated their support.

Finally, the ETAS Office cannot go with out mention and our Manager Lynsey, Lynsey's commitment and professionalism is second to none and has been a driving force behind the success ETAS has had and made my role as Chair so much easier.

Kind regards  
*Helmut Rechberger*  
Chair Equestrian Tasmania

# ETAS Board

The Equestrian Tasmania board consists of volunteer members who are either elected by members, selected as Sport Representative of their sport, or invited as Directors with specialised knowledge.

ETAS are committed to achieving a gender diverse board of not more than 60% one gender, this also ensures we comply with funding requirements.

**CHAIR** Helmut Rechberger

## **SPORT REPRESENTATIVES**

**JUMPING** Mandy Wilson

**EVENTING** Liz Walch

**DRESSAGE** Tania Hay

## **ELECTED DIRECTORS**

Tristan Merrett

Judy Peel

Helmut Rechberger

Jess Cowan - Riders Rep

## **INVITED DIRECTORS**

Tim William - Legal

Will Flynn - Integrity

ETAS have also invited the following non voting members to provide guidance on specific areas:

Suzanne McDermott    ETAS Coaching Committee Rep  
Kate Cawthorn        TEC Rep

We thank all the board members and representatives for the work they do.

# About ETAS



## Strategic Plan

Our [strategic plan](#) underpins all our work

## Our Vision

To encourage, develop and promote Equestrian in Tasmania. By Equestrian we mean the FEI recognised sports of:

- Dressage
  - Jumping
  - Eventing
  - Para
  - Endurance
  - Vaulting
  - Carriage Driving
- together with the non FEI sport of Show Horse

## Our Mission

To recognise that each of the sports are conducted by separate entities which comprise the local clubs, which in turn are governed by separate State bodies.

To recognise that each of those entities is best placed to make decisions for the management and direction of each sport and the role of Equestrian Tasmania is to be the vehicle which represents the sports' common interests, provides common services, provides one voice and the connections to the FEI via Equestrian Australia.

To recognise that each of the sports will have its own strategic plan to advance the interest of each sport, enabling it to determine the best strategy to attain the objective of advancing its sport including providing the pathways in each sport, promoting, financing and increasing participation in that sport as well as achieving the common values.

That in undertaking the role of providing support common services, one voice and high-level governance, Equestrian Tasmania will demonstrate leadership, a high level of competence as well as achieving the values itself and ensure that they are achieved by all sports

## Our Values

**Education - Transparency - Excellence - Inclusiveness - Membership Support**

# Our Members



**90**  
Junior Competitors

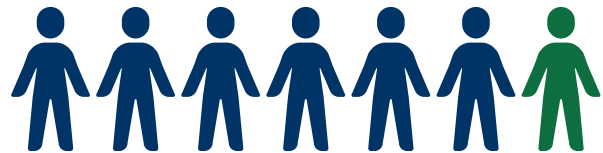
**291**  
Senior Competitors

**7**  
Hon. Life Members

**61**  
Supporters

**39**  
Junior Participants

**194**  
Senior Participants



766 Females

55 Males

**2**  
Recreational Junior

**137**  
Recreational Senior

We welcomed 90 new ETAS members

## TOTAL ETAS MEMBERS 821

We extend welcome the members of our Sport and Club Affiliates.

The members of these clubs are an important part of our ETAS community, active at competitions and training across the state. These members total 1142.



# Sport Licences

## Sport Licences

**270**

Dressage  
Inc Pony Dressage



**127**

Eventing



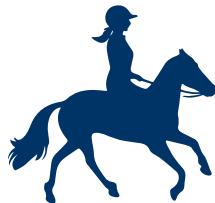
**169**

Jumping



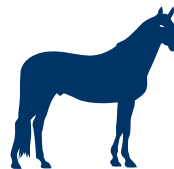
**63**

Interschool



**145**

Show Horse



# New Horse Registrations



**100**

Horse Registrations

# Going Digital

ETAS were a member of the Nominate Working Group during 2023-2024 which developed a new online horse transfer process, as well as help implementing changes to the General Regulations to allow digital copies of registrations and licences to be accepted, removing the need for paper copies and slow processes due to postage of certificates.

All members are encouraged to download the MyEA Membership App for instant access to all your key documents

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP APP**

**Easy To Use, Anywhere, Anytime**

**Membership Card**

**Access Results**

**Horse registration, licences info**

**MY EA**

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[www.tas.equestrian.org.au](http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au)



# Sport Development Grants



In 2023 ETAS we able to offer a range of sport development grants across the areas of club development, volunteers and coaching and officials training to help develop the sport. Below is a summary of the grants delivered in 2023.

## **Jumping Kingborough/ South/ North**

Jumping Kingborough, South and North all received grants to enable them to purchase equipment including light weight wings, replacing old steel ones which were also a health and safety issue for officials and volunteers moving them during set up. Easier equipment also means happier volunteers. They were also able to purchase new cups and poles to meet new national specifications improving safety at all levels. The lighter weight equipment also makes it easier for it to be transported so the equipment at can be used at various venues.

## **STEA**

STEA received funds to develop an unused section of the TEC cross country course, so that the footing is fit for purpose. The new area saw increased options for cross country course tracks/design, furthering options for training and increased member engagement.

## **TEC**

TEC received a grant for two grandstands for the Capricorn Arena, creating a safe space for spectators to view the arena activities. In conjunction with the grant TEC also installed a portable toilet in this area.

## **Show Horse**

Show Horse received a grant to purchase two sets of portable arena surrounds to be used at statewide at ETAS show horse events. The arenas give the ability to delineate warm up and competition areas creating safer surrounds.



# Active Tasmania Grant



In 2023 ETAS received a Sport Development Grant from Active Tasmania. These funds were distributed (separate to the ETAS Sport Development Grants) to support the development of the sport.

## Funds were provided to:

- Coaching Tasmania
- Dressage Tasmania
- Eventing Tasmania
- Jumping Tasmania
- Show Horse Tasmania
- ETAS Interschools

## Funds were used for:

- Grassroots training
- High performance development
- Officials training
- Judges training
- Support development
- Coaches training and development
- A team coach and manager to support the Interschool Program



We thank Active Tasmania for their ongoing support which allows our sport to develop across all areas.

# Creating a Child Safe Sport

## IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

### Our commitment

*Equestrian Tasmania is committed to child safety, we believe children, young people and all members should feel safe, included, encouraged and supported.*

In 2023 we worked to ensure all officials and coaches have current working with vulnerable people cards and held two online sessions as an introduction to Child and Young People Safeguarding.

In 2023/2024 we are doing further development of resources to support all members, volunteers, club affiliates, coaches and officials to help deliver a safe sport and to ensure compliance with the National Child and Young People Safe Principles.

ETAS operate under the EA Policies and Procedures including the Safeguarding policy. A new Safe Sport Hub will launch late 2025 to support this important area.



# Dressage Tasmania



2023-24 Membership total: 182 (Comparison 2022-23: 180)

Dressage Tasmania has had a very positive year including the 2024 Tasracing-Cavalor Tasmanian Dressage Championships successfully coordinated by the Southern Zone and amazing volunteers.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our sporting organisations, without whom we would not be able to operate. A huge shout-out to all who have stepped up to sacrifice time and effort to support our sport and ensure its future.

Our three Zones do an amazing job running events; some of which have been competitions, development and training days, Off the Track, Official and Unofficial Series and events such as working bees, social days and Pilates.



Photos: Top - Young riders celebrating a fun day competing in Southern Zone. Above Suanne Lawrence and Madeleine Way at a Southern Zone training day



Above: Mieke Drake and Wilara Gunnedah (Hannah May Photography)

We have been able to secure Tasmanian Government funding for ground improvements, officials' education and TasRacing support to encourage Off the Track horse owners to be involved in dressage – thanks to our diligent Treasurer Alison Hall.

A big thank you to all competitors for your dedication and enthusiasm. To those who aspire to being involved in dressage – please do! We are working on strategies to improve participation and review our strategic plan to make dressage more accessible and inclusive.

There are many roles to play to keep the sport alive that are non-riding as well. Please get in touch with us at [dressagetasmania@outlook.com](mailto:dressagetasmania@outlook.com) if you have any questions or want to be involved.

*Judy Atkinson*  
Chair, Dressage Tasmania, State Dressage Authority

Kate Brennan and Lethal Chance (Hannah May Photography)



# Eventing Tasmania



Another busy year of eventing – which would not be possible without the hours and hours of work by our two main course designers– Jamie Buckby and Narelle Rowlandson, who were both acknowledged and thanked at the recent ETAS Awards night. Likewise, we could not compete without our esteemed TD’s – Erin Hunn, Donna Griffiths and Andrew Gibson. Thank you.

PCT and TEA hosted joint events throughout the year, and we acknowledge the support and huge amount of work done by the Pony Club committees in hosting these events.

We were very lucky to receive sponsorship from ESP Products who provided two sets of Cross-Country timing watches, one for each end of the State with the balance of payment from the PCT/TEA shared medical fund. These watches are a great asset to be able to use at competitions. ESP also provided some individual rider watches as encouragement awards at some events.

The State Eventing Championships were held at Quercus with Bronte McShane and Eagle Elms Buddha winning the 2\* and Brodie Nicolson and Sir Romeo taking out the 1\* win.

The Southern Champs were held at TEC with Georgia Elias & Silverwoods Aussie Pride winning the 2\* and Chloe Daun and PEC Willunga Royal Castana winning the 1\*.

Both events also included Combined Training classes and offered a 2\* class and were well supported.



Bronte McShane & Eagle Elms Buddha 2\* winners at State Eventing Champs

Cover: Brodie Nicolson and Sir Romeo



George Furzer & Jurah Forest Cochise 1\* Winners

The NWEA Championships were held at Smithton in conjunction with Circular Head Pony Club and George Furzer & Jurah Forest Cochise won the 1\*. Hopefully, even more competitors will support these events next season.

As well as competitions, clubs have been holding a variety of training days, a combined training series, working bees and meetings to plan the season ahead.

TEA hosted a well-attended TD/CD workshop with Roger Kane and Ewan Kellett which was held at TEC in April in conjunction with the Southern Eventing Champs and we had 2 attendees at the EAEC meeting in Sydney.

Members of the Tasmanian eventing squad had some great training opportunities with interstate coaches - Emily Anker, Prue Barrett and Sonja Johnson. Thanks go to Sue Goldfinch for coordinating the squad again this year. We also have a Tasmanian rider, Mackenzie Walch, on the Equestrian Australia Eventing Talent Identification Youth Squad.

Two Tasmanian registered eventers were selected on the Australian Young Rider Team to compete on their own horses at the CCI3\* event at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand - Bethany Hirst (now based in NSW) and Mackenzie Walch.

Tasmanian riders have also ventured across Bass Strait to compete with much success. Georgia Elias had a well-deserved 2nd place in CCI2\*L\* at the 2023 Melbourne International 3DE.

Bronte McShane, Hunter Palfreyman, Chloe Daun, Ruby Hirst and Mackenzie Walch also had successful campaigns interstate.

It's been wonderful to so many Tasmanian supporters coming over to support our riders at these bigger events. Now we just need the new Spirit of Tasmania ferries, so that trying to find space on a sailing becomes a less stressful matter!



Photos:  
Top: Georgia Elias 2nd in CCI2\*L\* at the Melbourne International 3DE.

Bottom: Amazing Tassie support crew

Tasmania fielded a strong Interschool eventing team at The 2023 National Interschool Championships in Werribee taking 1st and 2nd place in 2\* eventing with Mackenzie Walch and Eliva Corduroy (1st) and Chloe Daun and PEC Barindale Grandeur (2nd).



Mackenzie Walch and Chloe Daun took the 1st and 2nd spots at The 2023 Interschool Championships 2\*

### TEA Awards

Congratulation to our 2024 award winners

Young Rider – Sportsmanship & Citizenship  
 Eventing Horse of the Year  
 Appreciation Certificates

George Furzer  
 Eliva Corduroy (Mackenzie Walch)  
 Jamie Buckby  
 Narelle Rowlandson

### Tasmanian Eventing Squad

Alex Scott	Harry Furzer
Brodie Nicolson	Hunter Palfreyman
Bronte McShane	Jade Binns
Charlotte Chilvers	Jess Cowan
Chloe Daun	Mackenzie Walch
Ella Nast	Maeve Jacobs
George Furzer	Ruby Hirst
Georgia Elias	Sienna Burling
Harry Furzer	Theo Furzer

### Equestrian Australia Talent Identification Youth Squad

Mackenzie Walch



Mackenzie Walch, Interschool 2\* 1st Place and Australian Young Rider Team member who travelled to NZ in 2023

There are also 11 riders on the Tasmanian Development Squad and a further 4 riders on the Foundation Squad



# Jumping Tasmania



In August 2023 state held its AGM with our long serving State President Tim Williams stepping down from this role. We thank Tim for his commitment and expert knowledge over the past years.

The Jumping Tasmania constitution allows firstly for a branch chair to take on this role. With the workload of our branch chairs they declined and invited Claire Walker to fulfil this role for 23/24. We now look forward to our 2024 AGM.



Tim Williams being presented with a service award from Andrew Gibson

What if everyday you needed to think 'JUMPING' well that is what our State Council and Branch/Club office bearers are required to do. What is the next event I need to organise or what is the report, statistic form I need to complete.

A very big thank you to those across our sport, across the state that keep reporting, training and competitions running. Also please remember they are volunteers who appreciate support and thanks.

Our 23/24 year has been run, won and we congratulate competitors for again supporting our sport through the many JT Club Events, Agricultural Shows, which makes up our competition season.

## 2023 State Jumping Titles

We thank South Branch for hosting and those that supported the State Titles. A small team from South Branch took on the responsibility to host and one would expect great weather in January but they were met with extreme windy conditions. But we all survived and congratulations to winners of State Titles.

### STATE TITLES CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2023

- 1.05 Championship PEC Fairytale Chloe Daun
- 1.10 Championship PEC Barindale Grandeur Chloe Daun
- 1.20 Championship Luchia Elmare Laura Edwards
- Junior Champion Luchia Elmare Laura Edwards
- 1.30 Championship Eq Luchia Elmare Laura Edwards
- 1.30 Championship Warrego Africia Laura Edwards
- Young Rider Champion Warrego Africia Laura Edwards
- 1.20 Speed Championship PEC Rambling Rose Chloe Daun
- 1.05 Speed Championship PEC Willunga Royal Castana Chloe Daun
- 1m Championship PEC Willung Royal Castana Chloe Daun
- .70 Championship Steam Roller Sarah Shelverton
- .80 Championship Nine Acres Luna Eclipse Maya Stephens
- .80 Child Championship Shes Out and About Rose Edwards
- .90 Championship Nine Acres Luna Eclipse Maya Stephens
- .95 Speed Championship Cotswold Belladonna Lucy Johnston
- .80 Speed Championship Kiandra Squiggle Pia Holmes



Ava & Claire Walker presenting Chloe Daun riding PEC Fairytale - winner of Wentworth Equestrian 1.05m Championship\_2



Lots of fun was also had, Lucy Johnstone as B1

## **Jumping Tasmania State Awards 2023**

On the 22nd June the Equestrian Tasmania Ball was held at the Launceston Country Club Casino enjoyed by many equestrians from all our sports and well supported by Jumping competitors and friends. Another very enjoyable night with our thanks going to Lynsey at ETAS and the hard working committee for organising another great event. Many thanks to Mykaela Peterson for representing jumping on this committee. Our State President Claire Walker presented awards to the following:

### **'YOUNG HORSE' (4 to 7 yrs) (Most successful young horse 1.05 and above)**

PEC FAIRYTALE Chloe Daun

### **STATE 21 AND UNDER AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR (Nominate by branch)**

Northern Branch: LUCY JOHNSTON

North West: ZARA CONROY

Kingborough: No nomination

South: LAURA EDWARDS

### **STATE YOUNG ATHLETE RIDER OF THE YEAR (Taken from State Squad)**

CHLOE DAUN

### **HORSE OF THE YEAR - JUNIOR ATHLETE (1.05 and above)**

'PEC GRANDEUR' Chloe Daun

### **HORSE OF THE YEAR - YOUNG ATHLETE (1.05 and above)**

'PEC RAMBLING ROSE' Chloe Daun

### **HORSE OF THE YEAR SENIOR ATHLETE (1.05 and above)**

'LH VERUCA' Laura Johnson

### **STATE SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD (Nominated by Branch)**

NORTHERN BRANCH: KAREN MITCHELL

NORTH WEST BRANCH: CATHY OLIVER

SOUTHERN BRANCH: GENVIEVE WILLIAMS

KINGBOROUGH BRANCH: SARAH COAD

### **STATE TEAM TROPHY (Taken from Championship events State Titles on points)**

2023 KINGBOROUGH BRANCH



### **HYGAIN Feeds State Squad**

We are thrilled to have Hygain Feeds again sponsoring our State Squad program. Hygain have been very loyal to our jumping riders development and we sincerely appreciate there support. Squad nomination's have been broadly advertised. Selection will take place during August with the first training scheduled for September 28 & 29 with nationally recognised coach Colleen Brook.

### **Equestrian Tasmania/Active Tasmania**

Jumping Tasmania takes this opportunity to thank ETAS and the Tasmanian Government through Active Tasmania for the funds provided through the state grants.

Our sport over many years has been able to facilitate helping many Judges and Course Designers in running new and reaccreditation courses for Jumping Officials through these grants.

Thank you Equestrian Tasmania for continuing the support of our State Titles and Interschool events, also Lynsey at ETAS for her great input into helping us run our sport and endless information.

### **Up Coming Season Reminders**

1. Know your Equestrian Australia rules and Code of Conduct for jumping . All jumping competitions come under these rules.
2. Check if you are eligible before entering an event.
3. What is required if entering a "Closed Club Event"
4. What is required if entering an Open Event run under EA rules.
5. The Equestrian Tasmanian/Jumping Tasmania "2024 Jumping State Titles" were awarded to Northern Branch to host for 2024. Date for these titles is the 14/15th December 2024.





# Show Horse Tasmania



The 2023/2024 season for Show Horse Tasmania has again been smooth sailing with events and training days conducted across the state on a regular basis.

## ETAS Horse of the Year 2024

The ETAS Horse of the Year event January 2024 was again conducted at CVEC on the 27th and 28th January. The setting of CVEC is perfect to showcase the state's best show horses and riders.

The event went off without a hitch and our four judges were very impressed with the quality of horses and the facilities! We had great entries, and more than 256 workouts were ridden over the weekend.



Once again, we had the very good fortune of attracting major sponsors, Machine Laundry Café, Peterswalds alongside Cavalor and ORD MINNETT for the event. We thank our sponsors for always contributing to the relationship with our sport. The competitors are always thankful alongside me as event organizer.

The four judges commented on the standout quality of our horses and the presentation of the exhibits. The event ran smoothly with many thanks to a small army of volunteers. The National Show Horse Championships will be run at SIEC 28th to the 30th of November 2024. This is the last year it will run in Sydney, back to Werribee next year! This change back to Victoria makes the Show Horse Nationals far more achievable to our state's riders.

Top image: Scarlett Halton and Alias Tuxedo



Top Left: Claire Reynolds and CT Crowning Glory  
Bottom Left: Amy Griffiths and Debussy  
Right: Maggie Blight and Near Esk Lodge Jackpot



Left :Carter and Cooper Rybarczyk with Oscar De La Renta BD  
Right: Darcy Watkins and Marbet Wallace

*Horse of the Year 2024*



## Show Horse Training Days

Our training days encompass a friendly and inclusive atmosphere, and the classes offered give a variety of activities to all types of riders and horse levels. We have northern members travel down to participate at the days and now we have conducted several training days at the Longford Indoor arena, which we would like to expand on if we can obtain regular dates.

Our lunches at the days are legendary and the social activities [including appearances by an easter rabbit and a unicorn] are always a bonus to the day. Do not miss the Christmas Training Day at CVEC, you never know who may turn up to do a lolly drive!



Left: Easter fun at a training day. Right: Jess Elpinstone and Super Swoop

## Show Horse Junior Development Squad

Etas Show Horse implemented a Junior Show Horse Development Squad in 2023. The aim of the squad is to bring ring together a group of junior riders who are starting out in Show Horse who see as their goal to develop themselves towards competing at state championship and national level. This has gone ahead in leaps and bounds for the kids in the sport and EOI will be called for end September for the 2024/2025 squad.

## Shows

We ran a shows in November 2023 and April 2024. We added a beginner ring for members starting out and it was received well by riders starting out. We also ran a fancy-dress class for juniors and seniors which proved to be a lot of fun and a highlight of the April show with an appearance made by 'Shane Rose' and the infamous mankini!



Left: Eva, Jas and Abbey Sultan. Middle: Darcy and Smokey Right: Skye Spencer on Braefoot Spring Rose

## Show Horse Awards

The ETAS ball was conducted in June at the Country Club Casino following on from last year's ball. We introduced Show Horse Awards at the ball last year for the first time and they proved to be well received.

Junior Member of the Year 2024 - Scarlett Halton  
Senior Member of the Year 2024 - Jody Rybarczyk

We also thought it was fitting to award a Sportsmanship Member of the Year to someone who supports the sport, assists at events, attends training days, and displays great sportsmanship. This year the award went to Kelly Mann. Congratulations to all award recipients.

## Judges Training

Etas Show Horse have an upcoming judge's seminar later in the year, it will be conducted via Zoom and available Australia wide, for anyone needing to update or members wishing to start the pathway of judging this is your opportunity to start it off. Keep an eye on the two Etas Show Horse pages for dates and information.

We only have limited judges in Tasmania and need to encourage members to start the pathway! Please consider putting back into your sport and becoming involved. We can help guide you through the process if you feel a bit daunted. No judges no sport.

## Sport Development

I stuck my neck out earlier in the year and applied for an Active Tasmania grant to purchase tablets for live scoring for Show Horse. I was successful in the application and look forward to using the tablets to live score in January negating the need for me to traipse up and down the stairs to the scorer's box!

We also received a club development grant from ETAS that assisted us to purchase new dressage areas and letters to help with competition and training day set-up and safety.



Show Horse at the ETAS Ball and Awards Night



## Rule Changes

National Show Horse rules will change in January 2024, and we encourage all members to check the updates. A big rule change is the First Ridden Hunter and Open ponies now being a national class! As our event in January 2025 will be the first Horse of the Year to run the First Ridden as a national class.

We look forward to seeing members at Horse of the Year 2025, training days and events and thank everyone for their support over the season. Without you the sport would be sunk, it is in good hands to move forward to the future.

## Measuring

Measuring has been conducted throughout the year at Westbury and TEC. By the time this is published, we will have conducted a measuring seminar for members to come along, learn the process, understand the rules, and not be daunted or anxious by the measuring requirements.

## Medication

We have a Medication Control Seminar planned for August for members to learn about the swabbing process and the requirements.

*Tania Hay*

ETAS Show Horse Coordinator



Top Left:

Jody Rybarczyk and Oscar.

Middle:

Lilly Elphinstone and Archie

Right:

Kelly Mann and Barrilla Standing

Ovation

Bottom:

Tim Champion, Lexie Champion and

Fairfield Staccato.





# Interschool Tasmania INTERSCHOOL TASMANIA



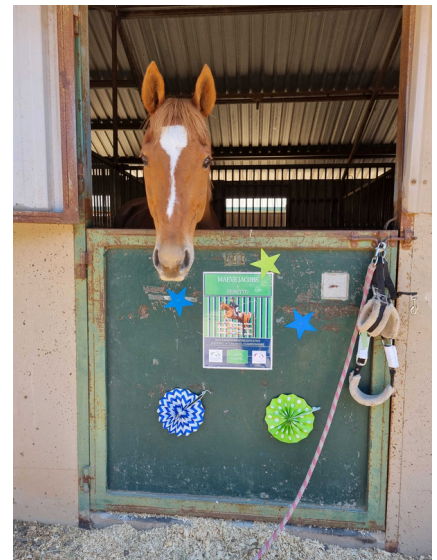
At the end of September 2023, the Tasmanian Team headed to Werribee to attend the 2023 Australian Interschool Championship hosted by Equestrian Victoria.

The horses made the trip over the Bass Strait, with some travelling in their own floats, but a large group was very well looked after by the team at Tasmanian Horse Transport. A big thanks goes to the THT team for the support they offered to get the team there.

On Thursday the team checked into Werribee welcomed by Team Manager Sue Goldfinch who supported the riders through the check in procedure. Everyone was very organised with their horse papers, many using the new digital option via the MYEA App.

The important job of decorating the Team Tasmania stable block was enthusiastically undertaken. Thank you to Sam Nast for such fantastic stable door posters.

Thursday and Friday were used to settle the horses in, and of course get ready for the opening ceremony, always a highlight of the competition. The team looked super in their 2023 uniform.



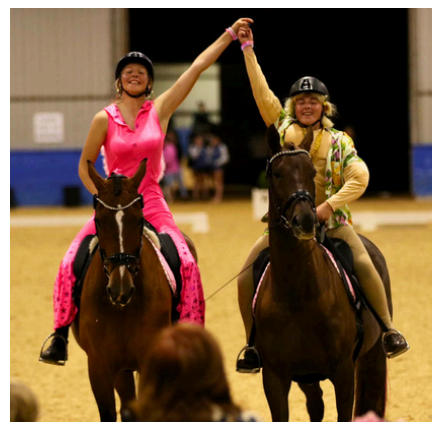
Saturday saw the start of 4 days of competition and Team Coach Jo Farlane helped prepare the riders with course walks, training sessions and warm-ups.

Rider		Horse	Discipline 1	Discipline 2
Abbi	Lloyd-Bostock	Cloverfields Lady Loxley	CT95 Secondary	
Abigail	Brooks	Gwaihir elmo	Show Hunter Hack	
		Sargent	90cm Jumping Senior	
Alexandra	Scott	Dreams Can Come True	EVA 95 Secondary	
Ashlea Rees	Rees	Bloomfield Fantastic	90cm Jumping Senior	CT95 Secondary
Ava	Walker	Con Brio	120cm Jumping Secondary	
Chloe	Daun	PEC Rambling Rose	110cm Jumping Secondary	120cm Jumping Secondary
		PEC Barindale Grandeur	2* Eventing	
Ella	Nast	Catalyst SS	CT95 Secondary	
		Harvest Moon Allgrea	Novice Senior	
Ella	Jones	RV Shelby Anne	Prelim Intermediate	CT65 Secondary
Gracie	Macleod	Jelly stone Park Curacao	100cm Jumping Senior	
Hollie	Bennett	Geegee Libys Clang	EVA 95 Secondary	
Hunter	Palfreyman	Fast and Furious	1* Eventing	
Jade	Binns	Spiritually	100cm Jumping Senior	
		Bonds Martini	Novice Senior	
Kaitlyn	Brockett	Fruit Tingle	CT80 Secondary	Prelim Senior
Kenny	Walch	Eliva Corduroy	2* Eventing	
		Hakuna Matata	EVA 95 Secondary	110 Jumping Secondary
Lucy	Johnston	Clearview Royal Zeva	Elementary	
		Cotswold Belladonna	90cm Jumping Intermediate	
Maeve	Jacobs	Venetto	1* Eventing	
Maya	Stephens	Nice Acres Luna Eclipse	90cm Jumping Intermediate	CT80 Secondary
		Sahara Sun	EVA 95 Secondary	
Meg	Kilby	Trebouche	CT80 Secondary	
Mila	Jane	King of Light	90cm Jumping Intermediate	
Morgan	Holmes	Wellbrook Lulu	Prelim Intermediate	
Nicole	Mallinson	Khandoo Wishlist	90cm Jumping Senior	
Olivia	Creese	Ballahowe Funhouse	EVA 80 Secondary	90cm Jumping Intermediate
Pia	Holmes	Kiandre Squiggle	CT80 Secondary	
Rosabella	Cooper	Keyi Allegro	Prelim Senior	
Ruby	Hirst	Entally High Expectations	90cm Jumping Senior	EVA 80 Secondary
		Foxleigh Partly Cloudy	1* Eventing	
Sasha	Alexander	Lethal Park Rockstar	CT65cm Primary	
Sienna	Burling	Terrific D Amour	EVA 80 Secondary	
Sophie	Ranson	Summerwood Park Red Rover	EVA 80 Secondary	
Zoe	Nichols	Coolinda Park Hotshot	80cm Jumping Primary	

It was lovely to see the Tasmanian team get along to watch other riders' tests and rounds to offer support. At the end of each day, the team all came together to celebrate their teammates who had showcased their talents competing that day, and those who received well-deserved ribbons at the presentation ceremonies.

On Saturday night everyone enjoyed a team pizza meal which was funded through the fundraising efforts of a number of the riders and well supported by the ETAS members who purchased a Sausage of brought a cupcake (thanks everyone!).

Then Tasmanian's own Ken and Barbie (Lucy and Ella) took part in the evening Pas de Deux which everyone enjoyed watching – and the girls and their horses looked fantastic.



The team worked very hard throughout the competition caring for their horses and giving it their all in their classes. The team had a number of group webinars prior to the event, a key message was to have fun, enjoy the experience, be organised and prepared, focus on our own personal goals and support each other, and they did that so well.

Mackenzie Walch was a fantastic Team Captain supporting and leading the team – she even had a whiteboard with everyone's test/round times to ensure the team could follow what each other were doing! A big thank you also to Kaitlyn and Meg who were sadly unable to ride the event, but still came along and were a fantastic support crew.

Tuesday saw the closing ceremony and a very happy but tired group of riders, horses and their supporters. The team also had great success with their results - a full list can be access at the ETAS website.

Again, huge thank you to Sue and Jo for supporting the team, the hard work and long hours they put in certainly enhanced everyone's experience, we are very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers. And let's not forget our incredible supporters, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and more, who played an instrumental role in the team's journey.

Lynsey - ETAS Office



# Tasmanian Equestrian Centre



Throughout the past year, the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre has been a hive of activity, experiencing both challenges and triumphs. In November, a significant incident occurred when a large tyre fire erupted at the western end of the grounds due to the unlawful dumping of car tyres some years ago.

Extensive resources and effort have been dedicated to the removal and proper disposal of this waste, although progress has been slow due to the unavoidably substantial costs and regulations involved the works is now nearly complete.

On a more positive note, the summer season was marked by the successful hosting of numerous championship events. State squad clinics in various disciplines were held on the Capricorn, attracting a high turnout of participants.

The Showjumping state championships in January and the state dressage championships in March were both well-attended, showcasing the park's versatility as an equestrian venue.



In April, the Pony Club organised the state PC dressage and showjumping championships, drawing a huge number of entries and utilising all areas of the grounds very effectively. This was followed by the STEA Southern Eventing Championships, which once again involved significant enhancements to the cross-country course, reflecting ongoing efforts from both STEA and Pony Club to continue to improve and develop their cross country facilities for competitors.

The Capricorn arena continues to be a popular area for the rapidly growing ETAS Show Horse competitors, with regular ETAS Show horse training sessions, junior squad lessons and competitions maximising its usage.

Regular activities at the Capricorn arena have also contributed to the park's increasing usage and income.



## Park Development

TEC has implemented notable improvements to the grounds over the past year including:

- 24 new day yards for improved access to the Capricorn arena
- enhancements to road and parking areas with future works hopefully to be continued
- installation of two small grandstands for spectator safety and comfort thanks to an ETAS sport development grant
- a new fenced warm-up grass area next to the Capricorn arena
- Ongoing drainage improvements and clearing have contributed to a more functional and weather-resistant park environment. It is significantly noticeable during big rain events how much this work has improved some areas such as the carpark and around toilet facilities.
- purchase of a new porta-loo for convenience at the Capricorn arena
- a small wing trailer to facilitate the setup of jumps on the arena and
- pipe works completed in the Club rooms and;
- a new water cylinder being put in the club rooms kitchen.

Sponsorship from Waratah Fencing has led to the installation of safer fencing around the ETAS measuring and swabbing shed, enhancing safety and accessibility for users. A new lane way has also been created using the flexi rail towards what will one day be the second car park area.

TEC is proud of the progress they have made this year and is excited to witness future growth in the park for all riders to enjoy.

Overall, the park is evolving into a more cohesive and user-friendly space for events of all sizes and there are many projected improvements on the horizon. TEC remains committed to ongoing development and improvement of the grounds and common use areas, with a focus on enhancing the overall user experience.

*Kate Cawthorn* TEC Committee Chair

# Coaching Tasmanian



As chair of the coaching committee, I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Equestrian Tasmania and Active Tasmania for their ongoing support and contributions to coaching in this state.

## Professional Development

With grant monies from Active Tasmania, Coaching Tasmania has been able to provide a number of professional development days utilising some very respected presenters. These we have been able to provide at no cost to EA registered coaches and include:

- June 2023 - Coach update and PD at CVEC
- Oct/Nov/Dec 2023 - Three Vet in the Valley Zoom presentations covering topics including gastric ulcers and horse welfare. With permission from Active Tas, we were able to make these available nationally to all EA coaches
- May 2024 - Coach update and PD farrier presentation by Kirstin Johnson, Mossvale Farrier Service
- June 2024 - Large Animal Rescue presentations by international expert Anton Phillips, held in Launceston and Hobart. These were attended by coaches, vets, SES, police and Tas Racing representatives.



Anton Phillips presented on Large Animal Rescue

I believe we are the only state in Australia that can present these sessions gratis.

## Coach Development

With the support of our Coach Educators our four Level 2 candidates are progressing, at different rates, with their training.

Jo McFarlane has been granted a TIS coaching scholarship and is using this to further her career in coaching to become a Level 3 General which would mean four L3 coaches in Tasmania, such a great accomplishment considering our population! This bodes well for the future of coaching in Tasmania.

## Promoting Coaching

In May 2024 several EA coaches took part in coaching activities and demonstrations at Agfest. These sessions were well received and created opportunities to discuss the coaching pathways.

Left: Sue Mcdermott Coaching Level 2 Dressage with Sophie Mcdermott Riding Level 1 Coach Dressage specialist, & Bronte Mcshane eventer, In partnership with off the track



Right: Sue Mcdermott Level 2 Coach, commentating Judy Peel Level 3 Dressage Coach with Intro Coach and AGFEST organiser Lara Baker.



## Coach of The Year

Coach of the Year was awarded to Tania Hay. Congratulation Tania, this is an award voted for by our ETAS members, so really highlights the impact a coach is having on their students.

Coaching in Tasmania is in a good, proactive place offering plenty of opportunities for further education and development.

Judy Peel  
Chair Coaching Tasmania



**ETAS 2023**  
**COACH**  
*Of the Year*

**TANIA HAY**





# Financials

# **Equestrian Tasmania Inc.**

**ABN 69 934 724 696**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31 May 2024**

# Equestrian Tasmania Inc.

ABN 69 934 724 696

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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# Equestrian Tasmania Incorporated

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## Profit & Loss [With Last Year]

June 2023 To May 2024

	This Year	Last Year
Income		
Members Subscriptions	\$146,271	\$141,102
Eventing Administration	\$2,550	\$0
Competition Licences	\$14,796	\$7,116
Horse Registrations	\$15,030	\$15,036
General	\$52,788	\$60,329
Member Training/Sponsor Income	\$13,264	\$4,298
ShowHorse Sub Committee	\$13,259	\$1,788
State Equestrian Centre	\$88,843	\$66,996
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$346,801</b>	<b>\$296,665</b>
Total Cost of Sales	\$0	\$0
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$346,801</b>	<b>\$296,665</b>
Expenses		
Equestrian Australia Levies	\$97,273	\$39,870
Administration	\$19,136	\$16,710
Dressage State Champs Contribution	\$1,750	\$0
Jumping State Champs Contribution	\$2,450	\$0
Eventing State Champs Contribution	\$2,450	\$0
Nat Affiliation/ PL Insurance	\$2,704	\$2,728
General	\$44,549	\$31,503
Wages	\$57,456	\$48,460
Contract MC Swabbing	\$277	\$1,735
EA Sports_MedicationControl	\$3,569	\$1,414
Etas Club Development grant	\$14,707	\$0
Sport Development Funding	\$42,521	\$7,273
Sport Licence Funding	\$1,424	\$3,008
Junior Development	\$5,765	\$3,683
Sub Committee (SC) Expenses	\$11,540	\$4,954
State Equestrian Centre	\$74,577	\$36,743
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$382,148</b>	<b>\$198,080</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(\$35,347)</b>	<b>\$98,585</b>
Other Expenses		
Depreciation	\$36,753	\$18,288
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$72,100)</b>	<b>\$80,297</b>

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## Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]

May 2024

	This Year	Last Year
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
CBA Working Account	\$219,830	\$282,485
Coaching Bank Account	\$6,181	\$3,630
Medical Account	\$18,490	\$24,844
CBA - Show Horse Acc	\$18,959	\$10,474
Sub Committees Cash		
TEC Debtors	\$0	\$632
TEC Bank Account	\$63,156	\$80,129
Trade Debtors	\$55,100	\$33,880
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$381,716</b>	<b>\$436,073</b>
<b>Property &amp; Equipment</b>		
<b>Tasmanian Equestrian Centre</b>		
TEC XC Course & part Bdg	\$68,149	\$68,149
TEC XC Accum Dep'n	(\$66,173)	(\$65,844)
TEC Tractor & Equipment	\$47,788	\$39,874
TEC Tractor & Equip Dep'n	(\$27,251)	(\$24,389)
TEC Leasehold Improvements	\$20,852	\$20,852
TEC Improvements Accum Depn	(\$557)	(\$36)
TEC Storage Container	\$19,818	\$19,818
TEC Container Accum Depn	(\$3,352)	(\$1,370)
Arena	\$334,103	\$296,118
Arena Accum Depn	(\$46,319)	(\$14,806)
<b>Total Tasmanian Equestrian Centre</b>	<b>\$347,058</b>	<b>\$338,366</b>
<b>Equipment</b>		
Office Equipment at Cost	\$15,946	\$15,946
Equipment Accum Dep'n	(\$15,946)	(\$15,879)
Website -Tas contribution	\$5,500	\$5,500
Website Rep'n	(\$5,500)	(\$5,500)
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67</b>
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$347,058</b>	<b>\$338,433</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$728,773</b>	<b>\$774,506</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Reimbursements	\$279	\$0
Trade Creditors	\$981	\$963
TEC Creditors	\$23	\$0
<b>GST Liabilities</b>		
GST Collected	\$7,754	\$7,954
GST Paid	\$6,061	(\$970)
TEC GST payable	(\$10,654)	(\$9,824)
<b>Total GST Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,161</b>	<b>(\$2,840)</b>
PAYGW Payable	\$1,439	\$603
Superannuation payable	\$0	\$791
<b>Discipline Grants</b>		
S& R Grant	\$0	\$30,000
State Grant 2024	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$55,884</b>	<b>\$29,517</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$672,890</b>	<b>\$744,989</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$744,989	\$664,692

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**Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]**

May 2024

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Current Year Earnings	(\$72,100)	\$80,297
Total Equity	\$672,890	\$744,989

## **Equestrian Tasmania Inc.**

### **Notes to the financial statements for year ended 31 May 2024**

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#### ***(a) Basis of Accounting***

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (TAS).

Committee members have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (TAS) and the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to non-reporting entities, which the Committee members have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise and include the following:

*AASB 15 : Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

*AASB 110 : Events After the Balance Sheet Date*

*AASB 1031 : Materiality*

*AASB 1058 : Income of Not-For-Profit Entities*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

#### ***(b) Income Tax***

The Association is exempt from income tax under the current provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act and accordingly no expense has been charged or liability included in the accounts with respect to income tax.

#### ***(c) Plant & Equipment***

Items of plant and equipment are brought to account at cost and depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

#### ***(d) Investments***

Investments are valued at cost, and interest is accrued on a daily basis.

#### ***(e) Goods and Service Tax (GST)***

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australia Taxation Office (ATO).

**Independent auditor's report  
To members of Equestrian Tasmania Inc.**

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Equestrian Tasmania Inc., which includes the State Equestrian Centre, for the year ended 31 May 2024.

**Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Equestrian Tasmania Inc. presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association and Centre as at 31 May 2024 and the results of operations for the year then ended.

**Limitation of Scope**

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

**Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**Independence**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*Max Peck & Associates*

Max Peck & Associates



*Rendell W. Ridge*

8 September 2024