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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA

JUNE 2022 ISSUE



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2022/2023 MEMBERSHIP

Want to live your equestrian dream?
The new membership year will open soon.



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COVER PHOTO BY DEREK O'LEARY:

All smiles at 2022 Barastoc Horse of the Year



FROM THE CHAIR

It is great to finally be able to say we are ready for a break after such a busy time. After missing so many events with Covid in 2020 and 2021, the first half of 2022 has been a flurry of constant activity. Next weekend the Melbourne International 3DE will run with a huge 180 entries, with competitors from Western Australia, New Zealand and everywhere in between. The MI3DE takes a veritable army to run and is one of the most complex and challenging events we host. Special thanks and congratulations to Janet Houghton and Sue McKay and your team of volunteers for making it happen - not even the sudden freezing Melbourne weather will get in your way this time!

We have also had very successful events leading up to this, with Dressage and Jumping with the Stars having record entries, an Interschool State Titles which saw Werribee Park full to bursting, and the Jumping Victoria State Titles being some of the highlights. Like everyone, we still see the impact of Covid, with last minute scratchings and needing to find replacement officials, but largely we are adjusting to the new post Covid normal. Thank you to the amazing committees who worked behind the scenes to coordinate these big events. We are now looking for new faces who would like to be involved in these projects so look out for the expressions of interest if you would like to be part of all or any of them.

The Board has also been taking the opportunity to review many of the policies and bylaws under which we operate. This has led to changes to the discipline committee structures and following from this we have seen many new faces joining the discipline sub committees, with new chairs in Dressage (Lizzy Schirmer), Show Jumping (Cindy Morrison) and Show Horse (Fiona McIntyre). This has highlighted another change we need to make, but this one will require a change to our constitution, so we will need our members to support and vote to make this happen. Under our constitution, the chair of each discipline committee is automatically appointed to our Board. We have found that this puts potential candidates off from taking the chair role, as the workload for taking on the dual chair and board positions is huge. As a Board we have agreed that this should change and that the chair need not necessarily be on the EV Board- any member of the discipline committee could be the representative on the Board. We will take this amendment to the AGM later this year and ask you to vote in support of what we believe is a necessary and sensible change. Of course, if you have any questions regarding this, please contact us.



We have also been following the strategy and structure review currently being conducted by Equestrian Australia. We have expressed concern at the direction it appears to be heading, as we believe it is of utmost importance that those who truly understand the different disciplines, from grass roots to elite, should be the ones to have the autonomy and resources to run our sports, whatever structure that takes. In collaboration with the other state branches, we recognise and encourage the need to streamline and improve efficiencies. However, we don't believe that a centralised model will deliver the benefits to the disciplines if it does not provide the resources and autonomy to the clubs, officials, volunteers, and discipline experts. We will continue to advocate to ensure an open restructure process to consider and implement the best structure on behalf of our members.

From the EV Board and all the staff in the EV office, thank you for your support over the past twelve months. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish to share ideas.

Christie Freeman



WE WELCOME OUR NEW CEO/GENERAL MANAGER, AMY SLAYTER

The Equestrian Victoria Board is pleased to welcome Amy Slayter as Equestrian Victoria's new CEO/General Manager.

In our search for a leader for Equestrian Victoria, we sought someone who clearly has not only the right management experience and skills but also a deep understanding and appreciation of our sport and our members.

Amy comes from a strong corporate background in international digital marketing and will bring her strategic and management experience to our organisation.

In her home country America, Amy participated as an eventer, volunteer, fundraiser and an elite junior/young rider.

Amy, together with her husband, three labradors and three horses, recently relocated to Australia after a long stint in Singapore.

She is looking forward to getting to know our members and to helping ensure the success of our disciplines.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT



ZEEP MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3 DAY EVENT COME RIDE THE EXCITEMENT JUNE 9-13 AT WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

After three years, and a couple of false starts, we are looking forward to four days of top level competition. Alongside our usual competition we are honoured to be hosting the Oceania Championships. With this in mind we have, for the first time, agreed to have Horse & Country livestream. Hopefully the New Zealanders and interstate supporters who can't be here in person will be able to watch online.

We thank our generous long term sponsors who have supported us throughout the previous two years and welcome some new ones to 'ride the excitement'.

An event like Melbourne requires an army of dedicated people working together, and I have no doubt our team is the best.

Janet Houghton - Event Director
Chair, Victorian Eventing Committee

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEED YOUR HELMET TAGGED?

Boneo is Helmet tagging at the Winter Classic Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10-12th June.

Plus, a list of our official Helmet Taggers can be found on our website [here](#).

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA 2022/2023 MEMBERSHIP OPENING SOON

The new membership year will be opening shortly, and all members will receive an email with all the details you need to renew your membership. When you renew your membership with Equestrian Victoria, you are not just enjoying the great benefits on offer to you, you are also supporting the continued improvement of equestrian sport in Victoria. Memberships can be renewed online via the [MyEA Portal](#) ONCE THEY ARE OPEN.

Full details will also be [published on our website](#).

Joining us for the first time?

If you are considering joining us for the first time, we have a range of membership options for you to choose from. Any of our friendly staff will be more than happy to help you work out which membership is the right one for you or you can read about all the [different options on our website](#).

NATIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

The link below will take you to the Equestrian Australia website, where you can find all the information on the EA National Insurance Program 2021-2022 for individual members, clubs, coaches and officials. <https://www.equestrian.org.au/Insurance>

MARSH INSURANCE

As the Risk and Insurance Advisor for Equestrian Australia (EA), Marsh has developed a National Insurance Program to help protect members, coaches, clubs and officials across the EA community.

Visit the [Equestrian Australia page on the Marsh Sport Website](#), or you can reach the Marsh Sport team by calling 1300 130 373 or emailing sport@marsh.com.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT



CAVALOR EQUICARE VICTORIAN STATE JUMPING TITLES

We were thrilled to partner with Cavalor Equicare to bring you the 2022 Jumping Victoria State Titles held 28 April - 1 May 2022 at Werribee Park - the preparation, competition arenas, hospitality and trade village were all next level.

Our Event Director, Wendy van Sonsbeek - the driving force behind the success, was supported by Clint Rose, who stepped up to share many of the Event Director duties. The Event Committee and many volunteers worked tirelessly to make this the best State Titles ever, and we cannot thank them enough.

Of course, the event would not be possible without the support of the many generous sponsors. A special 'Thank-you' to our naming rights sponsor

Cavalor Equicare along with major partners Petcover and GM Specialty Vehicles.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

James Paterson-Robinson and Equador MVNZ claimed the overall Senior Championship Title, with Ally Lamb runner up, and Phillip Lever third. Other championship winners were:

- Victorian Young Rider Championship - Georgia Bouzaid and AP Ninja
- Victorian Junior Championship - Hayden Parker and Yirrkala Pippi Longstockings
- Victorian Children's Championship - Tanner Robinson and Charlie

Full results can be found [here](#).

Michelle Terlato
PHOTOGRAPHY

James Paterson-Robinson claimed the overall Senior Championship Title with Equador MVNZ.
Photo: Michelle Terlato



SQUAD UPDATE

An update to the Equissage Young Rider Squad 2022, Prydes Senior Squad 2022 and B-Complete Development Squad 2022 for May 2022 has been published on the EV website. Click [here](#) to view.

RANDOM SWABBING

The Eventing Victoria Committee will be supporting the introduction of random swabbing at three Victorian CCN competitions each year.

Horse welfare is a top priority, and in recent years swabbing has only been carried out at FEI targeted eventing events.

Riders and parents/carers of juniors should make themselves familiar with what is legal. Information can be found here <https://www.equestrian.org.au/medication-control>

CHANGES TO THE EA NATIONAL EVENTING RULES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2022.

These are now available on the EA Eventing website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/eventing-rules>

ZEEP MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3DE HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 5PM - BETTINA HOY MASTERCLASS

When it comes to eventing, Bettina Hoy has been there, done that with multiple Olympic Games, World Equestrian Championships and European Championships to her credit.

At the conclusion of dressage head to Indoor 1 and soak up some knowledge watching Bettina work with several Young Event Horses and riders as they progress towards the higher ranks.

Brought to you by Leader Equine.

SUNDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

After Cross Country make sure you head on in to the Indoor Arena for the exciting Parkridge Hay One Round Stakes. A jumping speed class over a maximum of 1.04m.

Competitors 'Dress to Impress' and ride to their own inspiring music as they vie for a position on the King's Throne and the top prize

It's a **don't-miss** night of entertainment brought to you by PARKRIDGE HAY- Quality Pasture Horse Hay.



JUDGES' SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE

The Judges Seminar will be conducted on Sunday 24th July at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre.

We are looking forward to an informative and interactive day ... watch this space with further details and booking information to be announced shortly.

RIDER CLINICS

The first of our three winter Show Horse rider clinics will be conducted at Werribee Park on Saturday 25th June. Instructors for this clinic will be Greg Mickan and Brian Scholes. Applications for positions for the June clinic will be invited shortly. The July clinic is booked for Saturday 23rd July and the August clinic booked for Saturday 20th August.

MEASURING DAYS

We are still in the process of finalising dates & locations - more information coming soon.

OWNER RIDER CLASSES

The committee continued to review the criteria for Owner Rider classes to ensure these events are for those they are intended for. We are aware of the importance of this section to our members and the need to get it right. We hope to provide an update as soon as this is finalised.

SENSORY HAIRS

Equestrian Australia has banned the trimming of sensory hairs effective from 1st July 2022. We will provide an update on this policy when it comes to hand.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Reminder to those on Facebook we have an EV Show Horse page, make sure you join the page to stay abreast of the latest news.

In closing your committee is here to represent you the members, we welcome any constructive input or ideas you may have. Our next meeting is scheduled for mid-June.



Winter Clinic No 1

25 JUNE 2022

WERRIBEE PARK NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



To be held on the General Purpose Arena, your Instructors for the clinic will be:

- **Brian Scholes** and **Greg Mickan**



- **Class size:** There will be 2 or 3 riders in each group
- **45min lessons**
- **Cost:** \$30 plus facility Fee
- **Bookings** opening on Nominate and will close 17 June or when all classes are full

BOOKINGS OPENING SOON ON NOMINATE

<https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDn/Nominate.aspx?eventlist=3>

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GENERAL NEWS

Judges/Course Designer course held 12/02/2022-13/02/2022: the \$35 fee for attending this course is currently being refunded.

In the pipeline the JVC are working on officials and aspiring officials attending Stewarding courses (02/06/2022, the contact is Chris Wallis), Judges courses and Course Designer courses. Helen Ashby is also in discussions about upskilling all Level 2 or 3 Course Designers with the assistance of the EAJC. All of these courses will be subsidised by the Sub Committee. Uniforms will again be provided to the State Team at the Australian Championships.

The JVC would like to inform their members that they realise that there are a number of assets at Werribee Park that need to be accounted for, collected and stored correctly and thus if anyone has some time they are more than welcome to contact Cindy Morrison and she will happily talk to them about it.

Moving forward we are also in discussions with the Show Jumping Clubs about supporting them with their first aid requirements as we understand that a number of changes have been made in this area and that clubs may need support from the Sub Committee in fulfilling their legal obligations for medical safety.

We are looking into different ways the Strategic Levy may be used to assist clubs in this area.



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AOR DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

The AOR Development Squad were back at the world-class facilities of Boneo Park on the weekend 28-29 May. Thank you to everyone who came down over the weekend to support the AOR and everyone involved in organising the day.

It was a great weekend with great coaching, riding and social aspects.

The squad enjoyed excellent coaches who provided some wonderful insights and training tips to the riders. We look forward to the next development weekend.

Special thanks to Boneo Park for allowing the AOR Squad to use your beautiful facilities.

Thank you also to Hygain, 4CYTE and Equissage Therapy Australia for coming down and supporting the AOR.



Official Measuring at Boneo Park as part of the Winter Series.

Thursday 9 June 3-5pm and Friday 10 June 7-9am.

[Bookings on Nominate](#) and are ESSENTIAL.



Dressage

AOR DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND





VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL TEAM 2022

The Team Manager/Chef d'Equipe position has been appointed (announcement will be made soon) and planning has started on the team uniform and training weekend. The final team members in dressage and jumping will not be decided until the VEIS finals. The Eventing members should be decided, at most levels this week. The information below is relevant to team members and may also be useful to participants in other sports traveling to state and national competitions.

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS

Grants of \$500 are available for secondary students 12 to 18 years of age. Traveling to Sydney is around 850km which also qualifies for an extra \$100 with rural participants also able to receive \$50. More info [here](#).

VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

Round 4 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is currently open. Equestrian Victoria is a registered activity provider.

It supports Victorian children to get involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. There are vouchers of up to \$200 towards the cost of membership and registration costs (as well as any included uniforms and/or equipment). For further program information visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers or contact getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au

EVENTING LEADER BOARD

A fantastic event was run by Tintern Schools, at a new venue, with a win to the excited Balcombe Grammar Team. Planning is underway for 2023 dates at Shirley Heights.

The Mitavite Leader Board results after Tintern and Woody Yaloak Horse Trials are accessible on [our website](#).

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VEIS SERIES

A fantastic group of volunteers and riders enjoyed the VEIS Dressage Round 3, at WPNEC. The Grand Final in Dressage is on Sunday 19th June. The running of these VEIS events is very much dependent on volunteer assistance, and we thank everyone involved for making them happen.

The third round of the VEIS Jumping is on June 4th with the Grand Final on Saturday 18th June.

A reminder that this is a pathway to the Victorian Interschool Team for two riders in dressage and jumping in the national selection classes. The Grand Final has a 1.5 loading for series points, and the lowest score is dropped with the best of three rounds to count. Series scores are available on the new VEIS website- <https://www.veis.com.au/>

HORSE SENSORY HAIRS

Equestrian Australia has banned the trimming of sensory hairs (hairs around the nose and mouth) effective from 1st July 2022 joining the FEI, Germany, Belgium, British Dressage and British Eventing, as well as Equestrian Sports New Zealand.

ISV COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st June. Any items for consideration to isv@equestrianvictoria.com.au

INTERSCHOOL KEY DATES

- **Friday June 3rd**
Boneo Park Combined Training Round 2
- **Saturday 4th June**
VEIS Jumping Series Round 4 Riddell's Creek Pony Club
- **Saturday 18th June**
VEIS Jumping Series Grand Final WPNEC <https://eventsecretary.com.au/>
- **Sunday 19th June**
VEIS Dressage Series Grand Final WPNEC <https://eventsecretary.com.au/>
- **26th-30th September 2022**
2022 Australian Interschool Championships (Sydney NSW)
- **EV Interschool State Championships 2023**
The dates for State Interschool Championships will be Saturday 15th -Wednesday 19th April

UPCOMING COURSES

The following courses are in the planning stages:

- Level 1, 2 and 3 for Jumping Judging
- Jumping Course Designing Level 1 and 2 Course
- Stewarding:
 - a Zoom course over 2 nights,
 - a general officials course
 - jumping specific course
 - 1 day course for new Jumping Stewards at Werribee (depending on numbers)

Further details will be published as soon as the courses are confirmed. If you have any questions, contact Kim Jacobson at workforce.education@equestrianvictoria.com.au

Dressage

HYGAIN VICTORIAN DRESSAGE YOUNG RIDER SQUADS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



A very successful Squad training weekend was held on 2-3 April at Werribee Park NEC with 38 riders over our HP A Squad, B & C Squads and the Development Program.

With the sudden departure of our regular coach Mary Hanna to Europe, we were fortunate to have leading rider and coach Rozzie Ryan step in at short notice and coach the HP A Squad. This was really well received with Rozzie interacting and sharing her knowledge, not only when coaching, but also during lunch breaks and the evening session.

Amongst other activities, workshops were delivered by Dr Olivia Greenwood (First Aid for the Performance Horse) and Jan Smith (Geometry of the Arena). The popular spit roast on Saturday followed a team meeting and rules discussion.

Our next training weekend is scheduled for 4-5 June and we will also schedule a training weekend 2-3 July to replace our Covid cancelled September date.

Thank you to our principal sponsor Hygain and supporting sponsors Horse in the Box and Charlies Fine Food Co.



Squad merchandise awaiting delivery

NATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

TRADITION, TRANS-TASMAN AND THE JOURNEY TO OCEANIA 2022

The 2022 Oceania Championships will take place alongside the **Melbourne International 3 Day Event** from the 9th - 13th June at Werribee National Equestrian Centre, Victoria.

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/tradition-trans-tasman-and-journey-oceania-2022>

AUSTRALIAN DRESSAGE RIDERS SHINE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

As the FEI World Championships approach, Australian Dressage combinations have demonstrated they are a force to be reckoned with.

This past weekend, five Australian combinations competed at CDI3* and CDIO5* levels throughout Europe, with all combinations finishing in the top ten placings. and input into the strategy process and working group. Thank you to everyone for your nominations, your input is valued as this is such a critical process for the sport. The outcomes achieved are likely to drive the foundations of Equestrian for decades.

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/australian-dressage-riders-shine-international-arena>

AUSTRALIAN TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2022 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Equestrian Australia (EA) is pleased to announce the selected combinations for the 2022 Oceania Championships, to be held in Victoria at the Melbourne International 3 Day Event from 9th - 13th June, 2022.

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/australian-teams-announced-2022-oceania-championships>

EOI TO HOST AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia's Major Dressage Championship Events are events conducted for and on behalf of Equestrian Australia (EA).

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from dressage event organisers to apply to host one or more of these events

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/news/eoi-host-australia's-major-dressage-championships-1>





- **Zeep Melbourne International 3DE**
9 - 13 June
- **Mildura Horse Trials**
29 - 31 July



- **Winter Clinics**
25 June, 23 July, 20 August
- **Judges' Seminar**
24 July



- **Boneo Park Monthly Jumping**
4 - 5 June &
6 - 7 August



- **Hygain DV YR Squads Training weekend**
4 - 5 June
- **2022 Horseland Boneo Park Winter Dressage Championships and CPEDI**
9 - 12 June
- **Hygain Dressage Victoria High Performance Squad**
18 - 19 June
- **VDC Winter Series 2**
25 June (entries close 14 June), WPNEC
- **WPVDC Winter Series 2**
26 June (entries close 12 June), WPNEC
- **WVDC Official & Restricted**
2 July (entries close 20 June), Elcho Park
- **Tatura Dressage**
2 July (entries close 13 June), Elcho Park
- **Wimmera Equestrian Club Dressage Series - Round 3**
3 July (entries close 24 June), Dimboola

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