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**TASMANIA**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2016/17**

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# **EQUESTRIAN TASMANIA** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

**Venue: Zeps Campbell Town Tas, 7.30pm**

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
4. Annual Report of Equestrian Tasmania and its Sports committees
5. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
6. Vote on the adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the period
7. Appointment of Board members 2017-2018.
8. Appointment of a Branch Auditor for the Financial Year
9. Close of Meeting



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**Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

**Venue the “Man O Ross Hotel”. Meeting opened 7.30pm.**

**1. Welcome**

Present: Sue McDermott (Chairman), I. Casey, L. Lucas, E. Hunn, J. Briggs, R. Le Fevre, J. Le Fevre (Branch Manager), N. Le Fevre, Jamie Buckby, Roderick LeFevre, Tim Williams, Yvonne Barr, Bronte Kent, Catherine Way, Claire Reynolds, Amy Griffiths, Kate Cawthorn, Belinda Snooks, Miriam Coleman, Lydia Jackson, Jenny Hodder, Josie, McGuire, Jackie Merchant, Hatty Taylor.

**1a. Apologies**

Apologies received from - Sharni Radford, Caitlin Radford, Sophie McDermott, Madeline Way, Claire Walker, Robert Casey, Ian Coulson, Narelle Rowlandson.

**2. Annual Sports awards**

2016 Affiliate of the year – Dressage Tasmania  
2016 Event of the year – State Showjumping Championships  
2016 Official of the year – Suzanne Betts  
2016 Volunteer of the year – Paul Brown  
2016 Administrator of the year –Belinda Snooks  
2016 Owner of the year – Monique Thornley  
2016 Coach of the year – Lydia Jackson  
2016 “Jill Hart “young administrator of the year – Ashley Steele and Samantha Napier  
2016 Horse of the Year – Unreachable Star  
2016 Young Horse of the Year – Malteaser R

**Superschools Rider of the year awards.**

2016 Dressage rider of the year – Caitlin Radford and Sophie McDermott  
2016 Jumping rider of the year –Ashley Steele and Alysha Verwey  
2016 Show Horse rider of the year – Isobel Preece  
2016 Primary Rider of the Year – Jordan Gale

**3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

MOVED – I Casey, SECONDED – A Griffiths and CARRIED unanimous “*That minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 as circulated, be accepted as correct.*”

**4. Receipt of President’s and Sports Report 2015 / ‘16**

The President’s and Sports Annual Reports were presented to the meeting in hard copy and read by their representatives.

**Service Awards**

Special Service Award – Ray Le Fevre for years of Service as Secretary.

Life Membership Awarded – Isabel Casey, Ian Coulson and Judy Kilby

**5. Receipt of Auditors Report and Financial Statements**

Financial Statements presented as per MYOB. Auditor’s report was presented.

MOVED H Taylor, SECONDED J McGuire and CARRIED *“The financial statements covering the financial year 2015/ ’16 be accepted”*.

Discussion clarifying costs of Show Horse Tribunal (\$6000), Swabbing (\$5000), Show Horse Committee loss for 2nd year running. Donation from ET Board to TEC. Sundry amounts which were for flowers/death notices.

**6. Appointment of Board Members**

Chimene Deavin and Claire Reynolds elected to the board.

**7. Appointment of Auditor**

*Sam Harrison of Smartax act as the auditor of Equestrian Tas. for the 2016/ ’17 financial year.”*

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**CONFIRMED..... Etas Chair**

**DATE 12 / 8 / 2016**



## **EQUESTRIAN TASMANIA CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The past year has been my first year as Chair and also as a Board member. In the past year there has been a vast amount of information to absorb. With the retirement of Ray Le Fevre from the role as Secretary, the Board has had to function without the benefit of those services. It certainly illustrated the work that Ray has put in over a long period of time. Judi continued in a limited role primarily relating to the finances. The Board made a decision that it was best for one employee to perform both secretarial and financial roles. Judi did not wish to fulfil both roles and hence will cease her involvement with Equestrian Tasmania after very many years of exceptional service. Judi was kind enough to circulate her thoughts on her retirement and hence there is little to add except to say how appreciated her work has been and how much she will be missed. Hopefully we will always be able to turn to her for advice, guidance and history.

We welcome Andrea Watson.

As you would have gathered from the foregoing there has been a significant workload for the Board. I am particularly appreciative of the continued work undertaken by last year's Chair Sue McDermott and the work undertaken by Amy Griffiths in voluntarily taking on the position of secretary. The list of persons who deserve mention is too long to attempt. From Board level, to sports committees, to officials, stewards, measurers, etc. etc. there are a vast number of volunteers who give significant amounts of time and incur expenses entirely voluntarily. Our sports only exist because of their efforts.

Tasmania has commenced the process of addressing a fundamental change of direction and philosophy for Equestrian Tasmania.

Fundamental to that change is the issue of whether the sports (being primarily dressage, eventing, showjumping and show horse) should operate for the benefit of Equestrian Tasmania ("ET") or whether a change should be made so that a fundamental object of ET should be to advance the interests of the sports rather than its own interests.

If the objective of ET is to advance the interests of the sports then the sports should largely run themselves and advance their own interests short of harming another equestrian sport. Each sport would be free to market its own unique aspects. In Tasmania, at least any attempt to market some brand of equestrianism rather than the unique aspect of an individual sport will not succeed. If ET attempts marketing it

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can only do so in a way that avoids conflict of interest between the sports meaning it cannot market any individual sport effectively.

ET would limit its role to that of the body having ultimate control at a very high executive level and providing administration only in respect of the areas where there is a commonality between the sports. That function has done and can continue to do very well.

In Tasmania the sports of dressage, showjumping and eventing are very well run by state-wide bodies formed from representatives of each sports member clubs. It is hoped show horse will be able to follow that model.

The consequence in a Tasmanian context is that the model would allow ET to have a limited role and incur limited expenses in operation. It would leave the Board free to concentrate on issues of policy, areas where there is a commonality of interest between the sports and national issues.

The Department of Sport and Recreation has provided valuable assistance in relation to government expectations relating to governance. The issue to be taken up with the Department is whether the skilled based board appointed by the major stakeholders in each sport (the clubs) should be in fact be each state sport body rather than ET. The ET board would in the model proposed have a role of co-ordination free of a major objective being to push the financial interests of ET as a corporate entity. It is far more important that each state sports board has the skills to commercially develop that sport.

One advantage of the model under consideration is that it may well be by far the most effective way of growing ET membership. In Tasmania in almost every case the only reason a person becomes a member of ET is because they cannot compete at the required level of their chosen sport unless they do so. If the sports are unshackled from present marketing restraints and supported the likelihood is that they will grow even more successfully leading to more competitors at higher levels and as a by-product more ET members.

Tasmania has exciting opportunities. The State Equestrian Centre which locates in the South of the State one venue for showjumping, eventing and dressage (and other sports wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity) has continued to develop and presents unlimited opportunities. If directing resources to the sports and providing support allows them to flourish (in turn growing ET numbers and driving the success to the State Equestrian Centre) then a huge step will have been taken for the benefit of the Tasmanian equestrian sports.

Tim Williams

Etas Chair

# **DRESSAGE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Dressage Tasmania President's Report August 2017

What a year it's been in the land of the "Sand Pit Divas" of Tasmania. A fantastic effort from all on the State Dressage Authority which has been monumental to say the least.

The HorseWARE Australia Dressage Tasmania State Championships organising committee was directed by Jenny Hodder who steered a fantastic group of ladies to executed a fantastic event held at the TEC at Lauderdale. The grounds looked fantastic and with the excellent level of competition it was a weekend to behold.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from Sport and Rec to focus on Judge education and upgrading. This has been completed with all boxes ticked and we look forward to continuing the focus on judge advancement in the future.

The State Squads have been announced with Peter Fischer continuing as our coach. The A and B Squads are full of enthusiastic and proficient members who I'm sure will get a lot from being a Squad member. Congratulations to all who were successful in their application.

Another fantastic Gala Ball was held at the Country Club Casino in Launceston in July. The raffle and silent auction raised funds for those members of Dressage Tasmania who are attending the National Championships being held at Boneo Park in October 2017. We have approximately 10 combinations competing and am sure they will do their state proud in their competitions. The Horse of the Year awards were also announced at the Gala Ball, congratulations to all winners.

All zones are gearing up for another action-packed calendar of competitions with the Northern Zone trialling the use of the Thirlstane Grounds as their home grounds alongside the North-West Zone. The view of having one absolutely fantastic ground makes common sense. Team work and the desire for a common goal can only be of benefit for all involved.

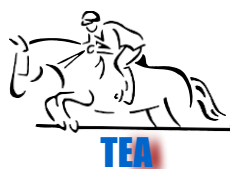
The Dressage Tasmania AGM is to be held on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 with the introduction of the new Constitution being voted also. This will see a committee of 7 members instead of the current 12. Landers and Rogers have ably assisted in the preparation of the new Constitution and I look forward to it being introduced for the betterment of the sport and its members.

Many thanks to the hard-working committee members from around the state who are tireless in their commitment to their sport. WELL DONE!

Regards

Maryann Smink

2016/2017 Chair Dressage Tasmania Inc



## **2016 - 2017 Eventing Report**

We've had a fantastic season with many well-run competitions and training days across the state. This year, STEA held the State Championships at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April, the cross-country course was very well-prepared with many new jumps, and older jumps that had received restoration and improvement. This year STEA won both the TEA Cup and the Little TEA Cup. NTEC held the Northern Championships at the end of March at Quercus Park, also a very well-run competition that boasted a large amount of entries. This year NWEA held the North-West Eventing Championships at Inglis Pony Club grounds - the first Championship in the region for many years - it was great to see another great championship on the calendar for our sport. A huge thank you to all of those involved in organising these championships, we look forward to NTEC hosting the State Championships in 2018.

Winning the TEA Horse of the Year is Jellystone Park Manhattan, ridden by Demi Rowlandson. 'Molly' is a 7-year-old stockhorse warmblood cross that was bred in NSW. Demi has had her for 2 years and in that time, she has taken her from a green youngster through to 1\*. Demi and Molly are on both the State Eventing Squad and the YR Showjumping Squad. Well done Demi!

We have had two State Eventing Squad clinics this season, one with Vicki Roycroft and one with Heath Ryan and we look forward to July's clinic with Prue Barrett.

Once again, funding has been obtained through Equestrian Tasmania and from the Department of Sport and Recreation enabling us to continue to train our officials and keep them abreast of the latest developments in our sport. Most recently we held a TD/CD seminar with Roger Kane, an experienced International 3/4\* Technical Delegate and Equestrian Australia's newly appointed National Safety Officer. We had 23 attendees, which was excellent!

On behalf of the Tasmanian Eventing Association, I'd like to thank Richard Ireland for his representation on the National Eventing Committee and to Equestrian Tasmania for their financial assistance in allowing Richard to attend meetings.

A big thanks to all the committee members of NTEC, NWEA and STEA, for their efforts throughout the year in organising events and promoting our sport. Lastly, I would like to thank all of our officials and volunteers - we are so very fortunate to have so many amazing people contributing to our Sport.

Hatty Taylor  
*Eventing Representative*







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### **SJT STATE COUNCIL REPORT FOR ET ANNUAL MEETING**

By State Council Secretary: Isabel Casey

As I reflex on another year of jumping in Tasmania, always amazed at the number of clinics, competitions, freshman days etc that our hard-working branches make available for members to attend. Volunteers run all of these events for the sport to continue in this state. Most branches also have major roles in running jumping at Agricultural Shows.

2017 All Branches are holding their Annual Meetings and electing committees to carry the sport forwarded for another year. State Council Annual meeting will be held towards end of July once our 4 Branch meetings have concluded.

A great move forward is having all our memberships and many shows, clinics, freshman days, competitions entering through Nominate. This takes a load of work away from committees.

It is so nice not to have to stamp and address envelopes plus returning envelopes, plus write cheques, fill in forms etc.

2016 Southern Branch TEC/ Kingborough combined to hold our State Titles. Another great event and congratulations to winners of State Championships in the various sections. Many thanks to all involved in the running of this event.

Inter-schools State Championships – Thanks to Kingborough Branch for hosting these championships in April.

2017 State Titles will again be held in the south weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December.

2018 will see State Titles returning to the North of the state.

2017 “Hygain” Tasmania State Squad will meet for their first clinic with Jamie Coman. Date 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Bek Tyler for any further information and observers are most welcome. Venue; Wilsons Indoor, Longford.

2017 Master Games – To be hosted by North West Branch in October 2017. Contact Matthew Ireland for further details.

State Awards (2016) night was held in April, we congratulate the following competitors

**HORSELAND CLASSIC (Most successful Young Horse (4 - 7 yrs)**

(Sponsored by Phil & Chimene Deavin, Horseland, Launceston)

AMBERVALE SMUDGE

Jo Geard

**BALLYMORE CUP SERIES**

(Sponsored by Longford Equine Clinic – Michael Morris and Chris Cornes)

ANY DANGER

Laura Johnson

**STATE 21 AND UNDER AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**

TSJA Trophy

JESSICA COWAN

(North West branch)

**STATE YOUNG RIDER OF THE YEAR**

TSJA Trophy

ALYSHA VERWEY

(Northern Branch)

**STATE SENIOR 'HORSE OF YEAR'**

Viscount Memorial Trophy

ANY DANGER

Laura Johnson

**STATE JUNIOR 'HORSE OF YEAR'**

Tom Johnston Trophy

KITE RUNNER

Sophie Orchard

Jumping Tasmania wishes to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors, supporting so many events across the state, also Sports and Recreation Tasmania for ongoing funding which assist in the education of our many Officials throughout the state.

Happy riding for 2017

Isabel Casey

Jumping Tasmania

State Council Secretary



## **SHOW HORSE TASMANIA REPORT 2016-2017**

Show Horse had a very successful year, with only a handful of people we got many things done.

We conducted a Show Horse Judges seminar in September 2016 and July 2017 which were both very well attended.

I would like to thank the members who worked tirelessly running fund raisers for the National team, much money was raised thank you.

We sent a big team to the Show Horse Nationals in December in Werribee, I would like to thank the Team for representing Tasmania. It is one of the biggest shows in Australia and it is a great achievement to qualify and an even bigger achievement to attend. It is good to see some juniors that are up and coming at the event which is good for the future of our sport.

Horse of the Year is our Premier Event on the calendar, this year the event was held in January at Inveresk and we had record numbers attend. We were blessed with 2 beautiful days and our arenas with the Tents and plants looked amazing.

I would like to thank my team of Amy Griffiths, Claire Reynolds and Sally Smith for helping me organise an Outstanding Show for 2017. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped set up and assist over the weekend, we could not run this event without you. We received an enormous amount of positive feedback which is very pleasing. We hope to run a bigger and better event next year.

Chimene Deavin  
Show Horse Tasmania.



## THE TASMANIAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

The Tasmanian Equestrian Centre has again had a busy twelve months; it has been the venue for numerous competitions for all disciplines. It has also hosted the State Dressage Championships, State Show jumping Championships, State Eventing Championships and State Pony Club Trials. I think that all members who attended any of these Championships would agree that the grounds were looking fantastic and all groups did a fantastic job to make them look so good.

As the TEC continues to grow and the use continues to increase, it has become recognized that it is hard to maintain all that needs to be done and also develop areas to assist the user groups to continue to run state class competitions.

In conjunction with Etas there are a number of ideas in the pipeline as to how we can aim to improve significant areas of the Centre and some projects remain on the horizon. During the last twelve months, we have been able to build more yards. Meetings are also occurring with the Clarence City Council to look at how they may be able to come on board with some funding.

Thank you to Tim and the Etas board for their ongoing support of the TEC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the TEC board for their tireless and often thankless work. I often reflect on how under estimated and underappreciated volunteers are in our sport and ask that each of you take the time to thank those who make what we do possible.

Erin Hunn

TEC Chairperson