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**ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

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## **2016 ETAS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2016 Affiliate of the Year	<i>DRESSAGE TASMANIA</i>
2016 Event of the Year	<i>SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>
2016 Official of the Year	<i>SUZANNE BETTS</i>
2016 Administrator of the Year	<i>BELINDA SNOOKS</i>
2016 Owner of the Year	<i>MONIQUE THORNLEY</i>
2016 Coach of the Year	<i>LYDIA JACKSON</i>
2016 Volunteer of the Year	<i>PAUL BROWN</i>
2016 'Jill Hart' Young Administrator of the Year	<i>ASHLEY STEELE and SAMANTHA NAPIER</i>
2016 Horse of the Year	<i>UNREACHABLE STAR</i>
2016 Young Horse of the Year	<i>MALTEASER R</i>

### **SUPERSCHOOLS RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

2016 Dressage Rider of the Year	<i>CAITLIN RADFORD and SOPHIE MCDERMOTT</i>
2016 Jumping Rider of the Year	<i>ASHLEY STEELE and ALYSHA VERWAY</i>
2016 Show Horse Rider of the Year	<i>ISOBEL PREECE</i>
2016 Primary Rider of the Year	<i>JORDAN GALE</i>



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

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Venue; Man O Ross Hotel, 7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. 2016 Annual Sports Awards
  - Affiliate of the Year
  - Event of the Year
  - Official of the Year
  - Administrator of the Year
  - Owner of the Year
  - Coach of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Young Administrator of the Year
  - Horse of the Year
  - Young Horse of the Year
3. Superschools Rider of the Year Awards
  - Dressage Rider of the Year
  - Jumping Rider of the Year
  - Show Horse Rider of the Year
  - Primary Rider of the Year
4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
5. Presidents and Sports Reports
6. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
7. Appointment of Board Members 2016-2017
8. Appointment of Auditor



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**Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015.  
Venue the "Man O Ross Hotel". Meeting opened 7.39pm.**

**Special General meeting.**

Prior to the AGM a Special General meeting was held to vote on the constitutional change to bring the TEC in line with Etas Board in relation to tenure of committee, not retrospective.

MOVED S. McDermott SECONDED C. Deavin and CARRIED *"The following amendments to the TEC constitution be accepted"*.

**53.1. ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION**

The TEC Management Committee members shall hold office on a rotational basis for three (3) years. They are eligible for re-election.

The rotational basis for election or re-election as a Committee member after the adoption of this Constitution is as follows:

First year: 2 Committee members

Second year: 2 Committee members

Third year: 1 Committee member

The above composition will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting following the adoption of the constitution and during its 1<sup>st</sup> year of operation lots will be drawn to determine the length of term of all ordinary directors and TEC user Group representatives as outlined in Rule 52.2

Once a TEC Management Committee member has completed 2 consecutive terms (6 years) on the TEC Management Committee, they must step down from that Committee for a minimum period of 12 months, before they may seek re-election.

**1. Welcome**

Present: Sue McDermott, (Chair), Roderick Le Fevre, N. Le Fevre, T. Pearce, P. Brown, I. Casey, E. Clarke, I. Jago, L. Smith, C. Reynolds, K. Cawthawn, J. Briggs, T. Macleod, A. Griffiths, E. Hunn, C. Walker, D. Smith, A. Walker, C. Way, G. Self, C. Deavin, S. Radford, A. McDermott, C. Radford, H. Rechberger, R. Le Fevre (Secretary), J. Le Fevre (Branch Manager),

**1a. Apologies**

Apologies received from - J. McGuire, J. Elliston, P. Nowell, A. Nowell, D. Cochrane, P. Cochrane, A. Verwey, H. Taylor, S. Taylor, M. Way, J. McFarlane, B. Connelly.

**2. 2015 Annual Sports awards**

Affiliate of the year – Dressage Association  
Event of the year – State Dressage Championships  
Official of the year – Mrs. Sue Betts  
Volunteer of the year – Mrs. Jill Schwartz  
Administrator of the year – Miss. Jessica Van der Vlist  
Owner of the year – Ms. Nicky Brown  
Coach of the year – Mrs. Jo McFarlane

**Superschools Rider of the year awards.**

Miss Gibson silver cup (Dressage) rider of the year – Caitlin Radford – St. Brendan Shaw College

Bowthorp cup (Jumping) rider of the year – Alysha Verway – L'ton Church Grammer

Samantha Mitchell – Guilford Young College

(Samantha's later retracted as she was not a student for the full year)

Show Horse rider of the year – Sarah Beltz

Le Fevre Equine trophy (Primary) – Ava Walker - *(unfortunately the trophy has not been located)*

3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the A.G.M. held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014**  
 MOVED – I. Casey , SECONDED – L. Smith and CARRIED unanimous *"That minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014 as circulated, be accepted as correct."*
  
4. **Receipt of President's and Sports Report 2014 / '15**  
 The President's and Sports Annual Reports were presented to the meeting in hard copy/monitor.
  
5. **Receipt of Auditors Report and Financial Statements**  
 Financial Statements presented as per MYOB. Auditor's report was presented.  
 MOVED H. Rechberger SECONDED C. Walker and CARRIED *"The financial statements covering the financial year 2014/ '15 be accepted"*.
  
6. **Appointment of Board Member 2015 – '18**  
 Kate Cawthawn appointed as the Riders Rep. for a three year term.  
 Sue McDermott elected as a Board member for a three year term, replacing Josie McGuire who's 2 year term has expired.  
  
 Show Horse committee – Resolved unanimously to accept the four nominations being Josh Clarke, Maddie Way, Dinka Ireland and George Self.
  
7. **Appointment of Auditor**  
 Resolved with no objections that Sam Harrison of Smartax act as the auditor of Equestrian Tas. for the 2015 / '16 financial year.
  
8. **Closure**  
 There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

CONFIRMED..... Etas Chair

DATE / / 2016

**General discussion after the meeting.**

Claire Walker suggested more information needs to go on the website. Resolved a communication officer is required to collect the information for another person to update the website. *Note – this still needs to be addressed.*  
 Sports were advised it is their responsibility to upload their competition dates and results to the website.



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

The Chair's report is an opportunity to reflect on our activities during the past 12 months and what we have on our agenda for the next 12 months. For me the most important part of the year is the strategic planning meeting we hold with the sports and the board, it is an opportunity to review our performance against the previous strategic planning meeting, and to agree on a direction for the next 12 months. The strategic planning meeting is our focus and forms the basis for our agendas.

The Board of Equestrian Tasmania would like to thank the sports for the delivering to the members such a high standard of competition, training days and educational opportunities, not to mention state sports championships. When we remember that this is all done by volunteers it even further emphasises how lucky we all are.

### OUTCOMES FROM THE 2015 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

From that meeting going forward the Board in conjunction with the sports achieved the following

- The purchase of 2 new engineered measuring sticks
- The certification of 2 measuring sites, one in the north and one in the south.
- The creation of an independent measuring committee made up of all the state measurers and a member of the ETAS board
- The creation of a medication control committee made up of the medication control branch manager, the medication control officers and a member of the board.
- The purchase of a 4m x 4m marquee for the use of all the sports for events and state championships
- Flyers for information and the promotion of membership for ETAS and the sports, Interschools, and volunteer development.
- Ongoing support for the accreditation and upgrading of our coaches.
- Tasmania now has enough coach educators to train, assess and sign off introductory, level 1 and some components of level 2 coaching.
- Congratulations to Lydia Jackson who completed her level 3 dressage accreditation.
- The creation of the Triple Crown Series for show horse, which involves performance from Hobart, Launceston, and HOTHY shows with a \$500 cash prize to the winner.
- Conducting a medication control accreditation and update workshop and seminar at the HOTHY we had 12 attendees with 4 from Queensland, and some from NSW and VIC, and members of the Tasmanian Racing fraternity. We also had a seminar which included the state sports chairs and medication control officials, this was conducted by FEI vet Dr Warwick Vale who spoke on medication control.
- The granting of funds to Eventing in the north for building portable cross country fences
- The granting of funds to Show Jumping in the North West for surface improvement

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

## AGFEST

Equestrian Tasmania for the first time was represented at Agfest. The Board would like to thank the Le Fevre family for the work they put into making this such a success.

Also to thank you to Chimene Deavin for the Horseland tent which we put over the ETAS marquee so in spite of the average weather we were well protected. We had very good numbers and interest throughout Agfest. Carriage driving and the Northern Hunt Club also shared the site. Thank you to all those representatives from the sports who manned the site over the 3 days.

It would be difficult to quantify how successful the exercise was, but every visitor received a bag full of information about the various sports, and membership. Our involvement was a marketing exercise and time will tell how that translates to new membership into the sports and ETAS.

We had a mixed bag of visitors including some faces from the past who stopped in for a chat, new people wanting to enquire as to how they might get started in a sport, and interest in the Interschools and NCAS coaching programmes.

The "entry level" visitors had seen the sports at ag shows which to me highlights the importance of maintaining our connection with the Agricultural societies.

## 2016-2017 OUTLOOK

The Board and the Sports have in July identified goals for 2016-2017 some of those are:

- Supporting existing programmes to ensure we have enough officials to service our sports
- Conducting a seminar for Officials, Chairs and Members on the ethical management of performance horses, and welfare within our sport.
- Ongoing support of coaching programmes where required
- The growth of Interschools divisions within our regular competitions, ETAS to provide ribbons to assist the sports.
- Growing grass roots days for entry level riders, the insurance position has now been clarified
- Conducting an EA stewards course

Our biggest challenge continues to be engaging and maintaining sufficient volunteers to run our sports. Should we either separately or collectively be acknowledging and showing our appreciation to those people who regularly are there for our sports and if so how do we best go about this?

Finally I would like to say on behalf of the Board a huge congratulations to Nicole Brown and Suzanne Betts both of whom received national recognition at the EA awards night held recently in Victoria. Tasmania was represented in every category so well done to the sports and clubs who put their people forward.

Sue McDermott

*Equestrian Tasmania Chair*

## STATE DRESSAGE AUTHORITY REPORT 2015/16



The 2015/16 year has again seen some wonderful achievements by some of our members which I will briefly mention in this report.

- Suzanne Betts – Awarded Equestrian Tasmania Official of the Year **AND** Equestrian Australia Official of the Year 2015!!
- Jill Schwartz – Awarded Equestrian Tasmania Volunteer of the Year.
- Jess Van der Vlist – Awarded Equestrian Tasmania Administrator of the Year.
- Lydia Jackson and Malteaser R have been selected as part of the Dressage National Futures Squad.
- Caitlin Radford – Awarded Superschool Dressage Rider of the Year and selected on the “Next Generation” High Performance Squad Para Equestrian (PE), for the second year in a row. Also nominated for Young Athlete of the Year for Equestrian Australia.

Congratulations to the members mentioned above, each of you provide a wonderful representation of our sport in Tasmania.

Dressage Tasmania also won the following Equestrian Tasmania 2015 awards;

- Affiliate of the Year; and,
- Event of the year for the State Championships.

The State Dressage Championships were on again in March at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre. A full program of classes including Young Horse and PE events was well attended by around 100 competitors who kept the judges very busy over both days. We had mainland judges alongside our local judges officiating and we estimate there were around 40 officials and volunteers on hand to ensure the event ran smoothly. Once again, a big THANK YOU must go to Amy Griffiths and her band of helpers who put in many, many hours to make this event happen.

And it's on again this year!!! After the success of last year's event we are frocking/suiting up again for the Dressage Gala Ball to be held at the Country Club Casino in Launceston on 20 August. With our MC Miriam Coleman and the always entertaining Roger Fitzhardinge as a guest speaker, a live band and Horse of the Year presentations the event is one not to be missed. Oh and look out for the huge raffle, silent auction, and lucky door prizes. Teresa Darcy has pulled this event together almost single handedly, many, many thanks to Teresa. And by the way we'd love to see not just the Dressage folks in their finery, we'd love to see any interested horsey folks come along and share the fun. Go to our FB page for more information and to purchase tickets.

In general SDA business, we have continued to provide funding towards the cost to judges and riders who compete on the mainland and there have been at least five judges seminars/workshops conducted during this period and more have been scheduled in the coming months. We have moved to online membership renewal with Nominate, thanks to Belinda Snooks for getting this up and running.

Sadly we said goodbye to one of our valuable contributors in Paul Brown who passed away early this year, Paul was an SDA member, Chair of Dressage South, Vice Chair ETas and judge and helper at many Dressage Tasmania events.

We also lost one of our Life Members in Bette Webster in September last year, Bette and her late husband Ray were highly respected members of Dressage Tasmania and were extremely active in the North West Branch, as scorers, competition organisers (think Ray Webster Memorial), and meeting organisers and hosts.

Sincerely missed Paul Brown and Bette Webster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tasmanian Government via Sport & Rec for the financial support/contributions to our sport it is extremely important to the future of Dressage Tasmania and the funding is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like say a sincere thank you to those who volunteer their time to ensure our sport continues to flourish and especially to my fellow SDA members, thank you for all your time and effort this year.

Josie McGuire

*Dressage Tasmania Chair*



## **STATE EVENTING REPORT 2015 - 2016**

We've had a fantastic season with many well-run competitions and training days across the state. This year, NTEC held the State Championships at Quercus Park at the end of March, it was very pleasing to see a solid amount of entries and such a well-prepared cross country course with many new jumps. STEA held the Southern Championships in April at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre, also a well-run competition. STEA will host the State Championships in 2017.



Winning the TEA horse of the year is Alice Hirst on Berragoon Sizzle. Originally an 'A' grade polocrosse horse, 'Sizzle' has proven himself as a reliable eventer, with the combination being successful both in Tasmania and interstate this season. Well done Alice!

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.

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. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Equestrian Tasmania board for their hard work and support throughout the year. Lastly, I would like to thank all of our volunteers; we are so fortunate to have so many people willing to train as officials, help on committees as well as people who devote their free time to course design, working bees and the running of competitions.



Hatty Taylor  
*Eventing Representative*



Alice Hirst on Berragoon Sizzle at Heytsbury in the CNC 2\*\*

Photo: Chris Esh

# **SHOW JUMPING TASMANIA STATE COUNCIL REPORT**

By State Council Secretary: Isabel Casey



**Showjumping Tasmania held “ State Council Annual General Meeting” on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Election of Officer Bearers:**

Tim Williams was elected State President and also will take on the role of ET Delegate for Jumping. Isabel Casey remains as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Branch Delegates to State Council:**

**North:** Helmut Rechberger, Rebekah Tyler, Robert Casey, Proxy Elsie Richards

**North West:** Matthew Ireland, Lesley Miller, Merindah Thomson, Proxy Jodie Gardam

**South TEC:** Sarah Nicholas, Kate Cawthorn, Lisa Readett, Proxy Genevieve Williams

**South Kingborough:** Andrew Gibson, Karen Heiermann, Darlene Svamvur, Proxy Barb Cook

**Supporting roles to State Council:**

Claire Walker will retain National Delegate, State Coach Nicole Brown, Officials Co-ordinator Karen Heiermann, Squad Co-ordinator Rebekah Tyler,

Communications - Web/FB Andrew Gibson/Claire Walker

Riders Representative to State Council: State Council resolved that the role of a State Riders Rep be appointed to Committee. The position will to advised at a later date.

President in his Annual Report thanked State Secretary, State Councillors for their support and assistance throughout the year.

**2015 State Showjumping Titles** was a team effort by both Southern Branches and were a great success featuring 2 rings of competition, trade stalls, silent auction and great spectator facilities. 2016 State Titles will again be held in the south.

Congratulations to our State Titles winners

**2015 National Young Rider Squad** – Mykaela Briggs continued to be selected to this squad. Congratulations Mykaela

**2015 State and National Owner of the Year** – Nicole Brown received this honour.

Congratulations Nicki

**2015 State Coach of the Year** – Jo McFarlane

Congratulations Jo

The continued support of **State Government through Sport and Recreation** grants allows the ongoing training of our officials. The following judges were added to our officials list  
Cathy Oliver, Ann Rechberger, Sally Lehner, Lucy Jenkins.

The State Council of Showjumping Tasmania takes this opportunity to thank our many supporters through the year, **Sponsors, Volunteers, Members, Agricultural Shows.**

Remember support and help your branches. Your branch committee members take on these volunteer roles to run our sport in the state.

Happy Riding  
Isabel





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## **SHOW HORSE TASMANIA REPORT 2015-2016**

Show Horse Tasmania has had a busy year. It was impressive to see the 2015 National Representatives pool together for fundraising activities. Well done to Hannah Wright and Claire Deavin for acting as co-ordinators and running two fundraising shows encouraging new members, facilitating uniforms/sponsors and ordering of items. A massive task! A shout out must also go to Rosemary Mann and Leanne Bell for organizing the decorations for the stable block at Nationals. This co-ordination of fundraising is well under way for this year's team with a fundraising quiz that has been held, and further shows planned in the upcoming season. We wish the team success with all their effort.

Our State Championships known as "Horse of the Year" was run in January at Pontville. We would like to thank our major sponsors; Hygain, Horseland Launceston and Emma's Show Horses. It was enjoyable to see a clear increase in junior riders this year out having fun on their ponies. There was hot contention in qualifying events for this year's nationals, and very worthy winners. This year will be the first year that specialized children's classes will be run at nationals, so qualifying events were held accordingly. In combination with Horse of the Year, a medication control seminar was held with Dr Warwick Vale and practical training provided in order to update our officials.

This year has seen a change in structure of Show Horse. The Equestrian Tasmania Sports and Board have offered the show horse community the opportunity for club affiliation. This will give show horse more autonomy and control of their own governance.

The organisation of 2017 Horse of the Year is well under way led by Board Member Chimene Deavin and a group of volunteers. Due to the availability of suitable grounds, it is likely that this will be run at the Launceston Showgrounds.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Sport and Recreation for all of their support throughout the year. Funding obtained through their grants has assisted with updating our officials and assisting with running entry level shows.

Amy Griffiths  
on behalf of Chimene Deavin  
*National Show Horse Representative*



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## THE TASMANIAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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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 and Southern Eventing Championships.

The TEC recognizes the difficulty it has had keeping up with the maintenance work at the TEC during the last twelve months and hopes to rectify this in the year ahead. The TEC user groups continue to make improvements to the grounds.

In conjunction with Equestrian Tasmania there are a number of projects on the horizon, these include the building of a permanent and purpose built measuring box and swabbing area and an all-purpose outdoor arena. Meetings are also occurring with the Clarence City Council to work on a strategy to build new clubrooms at the TEC.

The TEC board has been lucky to continue a working relationship with the Department of Health and Humans Services Youth Justice community work orders team. They continue to undertake maintenance work at the TEC on a regular basis depending on the need of the user groups for work to be completed.

Thank you to ETas for their ongoing support of the TEC. It has been great to have Kate Cawthorn from the ETas board join the TEC board this year to enable us to have a much better line of communication. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the TEC board for their tireless and often thankless work. Unfortunately Andrew McDermott has stepped from the board recently due to work commitments, his hard will be greatly missed. Sandra Roberts has also stepped down as Casual User Representative due to work and family obligations. 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*