



**NAME: Danaë O’Keeffe**

I have been an active member of EQ (EFAQ) for 30 years. During this time I progressed through junior and interschools ranks through to FEI eventing, and have been a competitor across many of our disciplines and still actively compete at official events in eventing and showjumping, as well as participant level in dressage and have previously ridden at the Show Horse HOTY. I am a Level 2 eventing coach and current member of the EQ Coach Advisory Group, and have held an Official Showjumping Judge accreditation judging at grassroots level, through to Qld 3DE and Interschools National Championships. I still actively volunteer at club and event level.

I hold a Bachelor of Biotechnology Innovation (Hons), a Master of Business Administration and am a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In my professional roles I have been responsible for reporting to boards of leading research intuitions and government entities, and developing and negotiating a wide range of projects with diverse groups of stakeholders, including multimillion dollar consortia, including developing governance and impact structures. I have been deeply involved in the development business unit strategy and have led teams to develop and secure major transactions and to deliver domestic and international strategy. Previously I have worked with the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australia Sports Commission to develop programs of research aimed at both improving grass roots participation and high performance sport outcomes.

Throughout my time as a member I have seen the sport change and evolve, but the love of horses and the sport remain key to those involved. I am a passionate supporter of our sport and the need to maintain access and pathways for all members and volunteers which support their goals and enjoyment in the sport.