



Honorary Life Membership is one of the highest honours that can be bestowed by Equestrian Queensland. It recognises individuals who have rendered distinguished and meritorious service to equestrian sport over an extended period and whose contributions have had a lasting impact on the development, governance, integrity and advancement of the sport.

Nominee: Graeme Watts

Overview of Service

Graeme Watts has contributed to jumping in Queensland and Australia for over **50 years**, having been a National Course Designer and Jump Judge since 1973.

Key Contributions

- FEI 3* Course Designer, EA National Level 3 Jump Judge and Course Designer
- Chair/ Member of Equestrian Australia National Jumping Committee (EAJC) and Jumping Queensland (JQ) Committee.
- Chair/Member EAJC and JQ squad selector
- Member, EA Course Design Reference Group
- Course Designer at major national and international events including Magic Millions, Sydney Royal, EKKA, World Cup events
- Mentor and educator for accreditation of Jump Judges and Course Designers

Impact

Graeme's contribution has:

- Elevated safety and course design standards nationally
- Strengthened pathways for officials and riders
- Contributed to team selection processes at state and national levels
- Mentored emerging officials and riders across Australia

His integrity, fairness and technical excellence have positioned him as one of the most respected officials in Australian jumping.