



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: Kay Paulsen**

### **Overview of Service**

Kay Paulsen has dedicated over **44 years of continuous service** to equestrian sport, particularly through Park Ridge Active Riding Group (PRARG). Her involvement in equestrian sport commenced in 1975 at Brookfield Pony Club and has included roles as judge, steward, coach, rider, administrator and long-standing President of PRARG.

### **Key Contributions**

- Foundation member of PRARG (1981)
- Long-term President of PRARG
- Spearheaded dressage events including Star Championships, Young Horse competitions and grassroots initiatives
- Ensured strong financial governance and sponsorship sustainability for the club
- Advocate for integrity and fairness in officiating

### **Impact**

Kay's leadership has:

- Strengthened grassroots participation pathways
- Ensured financial sustainability of a major EQ affiliate club
- Upheld officiating standards through fair play, accountability and integrity
- Delivered infrastructure improvements including Martin Collins surfaces in partnership with EQ and DQ

Her dedication and service have had a profound and enduring impact on dressage and community-based equestrian sport in Queensland.