



NAME: Karim Cham

I am seeking election to the Equestrian Queensland Board to contribute my lifelong involvement in equestrian sport, combined with practical business, construction and governance experience, to support the continued strength and sustainability of our sport in Queensland.

I was born in the Netherlands in 1964 and moved to Australia with my family in 1968. I began riding horses in 1974, and equestrian sport has remained a constant part of my life for more than five decades. Alongside my riding background, I also played polo for three years, broadening my understanding of different equestrian disciplines and participant needs.

After completing senior school in 1982, I undertook a mechanical apprenticeship, completing it in 1986. I went on to operate my own mechanical business before later establishing and running an earthworks and civil construction business. Through this work, I have developed strong skills in business management, project delivery, risk management, communication and problem-solving, as well as a practical understanding of infrastructure, safety and compliance.

In 2000, my wife and I further deepened our involvement in equestrian sport, which led me to apply my trade and construction expertise to fencing and stable fabrication from 2013. This work has given me hands-on experience with the design, construction and maintenance of equestrian facilities, and a clear appreciation of what is required to deliver safe, functional and sustainable infrastructure for clubs, events and participants.

Since 2019, I have served as an official steward with Equestrian Australia in dressage, strengthening my understanding of governance, integrity, fairness and athlete welfare. Having now served three years on the Equestrian Queensland Board, I am seeking re-election to continue advocating strongly for our members and to help ensure equestrian sport and our wider community receive the benefits and opportunities for facility improvement and investment ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

I am committed to supporting good governance, practical decision-making and long-term outcomes that position equestrian sport in Queensland for a strong and sustainable future.