



**Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting**  
**of Equestrian Queensland Incorporated**  
**held at 6.40 PM on Wednesday, 30 March, 2022**  
**at Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton and via ZOOM**

**1.0 Welcome**

The Branch Chair, Corey Keable, welcomed all Members to the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Equestrian Queensland. The meeting was declared open at 6.40pm having the required quorum present. The Chair opened the meeting and reflected on the achievements of EQ and its members, thanked the volunteers in the sport and the Equestrian Queensland Board for their support in his time as Chair.

**2.0 Attendance and Apologies**

Alana Allard	(in person)	Jacqui Huppert	(in person)
Anna Starosta	(in person)	Mandy Ballard	(in person)
Cathi Collier	(in person)	Melinda Robinson	(in person)
Clinton Peters	(in person)	Naomi Lockhart	(in person)
Corey Keable	(in person)	Nicholas Ballard	(in person)
Dave Holland	(in person)	Olivia Ruzsicska	(in person)
Gary Lung	(in person)		
Ash Pryde	(via ZOOM)	Lisbeth Betts	(via ZOOM)
Cameron Osborne	(via ZOOM)	Majella Ney	(via ZOOM)
Carly Overton	(via ZOOM)	Olivia Middleton	(via ZOOM)
David Finch	(via ZOOM)	Peter Toft	(via ZOOM)
Deb Curry	(via ZOOM)	Patrick Lowe	(via ZOOM)
Derryn Nicholls	(via ZOOM)	Philippa Pope	(via ZOOM)
Evan parker	(via ZOOM)	Sarah Daniel	(via ZOOM)
Grinham			
Kathryn	(via ZOOM)	Sara-Jane Seery	(via ZOOM)
Holly Tomkins	(via ZOOM)	Saskia Hind	(via ZOOM)
Jacqui Deverill	(via ZOOM)	Sharon Goss	(via ZOOM)
Jane Harm	(via ZOOM)	Simone Sorensen	(via ZOOM)
John Broadbent	(via ZOOM)	Sonja Wyeth	(via ZOOM)
Judy Jackson	(via ZOOM)	Talia Criss	(via ZOOM)
Kay Paulsen	(via ZOOM)	Tara Stokes	(via ZOOM)
Kerri-Lee Ryder	(via ZOOM)	Tarni Woodhead	(via ZOOM)
Kevin McNab	(via ZOOM)	Terri Langdon	(via ZOOM)
Laura O'Connor	(via ZOOM)	Tracey-Anne Sexton	(via ZOOM)
Leesa Murray	(via ZOOM)	Trudy Dougall	(via ZOOM)
Lesley Sullivan	(via ZOOM)		
Liberty Clark	(via ZOOM)		
Lisa Gall	(via ZOOM)		

**Apologies**

Irene Bakels-Noreen  
Mary Seefried

**In attendance**

Samantha Duffy  
Briston Toft

As Chair of EQ, Corey Keable reflected on the past years highlights of EQ and the seven Sport Committees. A standout was watching two Queensland athletes, Kevin McNab and Kelly Layne compete at the highest level of our sport at the Tokyo Olympic Games, and the amazing performance of the Queensland owned horse Romanos who through the generous support of owner Donnella Merrett was partnered with Paralympian Sharon Jarvis at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. All three performances were inspiring, and we congratulate Kevin, Kelly, Donella and Romanos on their achievements in 2021 and we wish them all continued success as we progress through 2022 and beyond.

In a year with challenges, Corey was pleased to advise that EQ had delivered an 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of membership growth and operating surplus for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Equestrian Queensland has been very fortunate to have a highly credentialed and collaborative Board and extend his sincere appreciation to EQ directors Nick Ballard, Naomi Lane, Jacqui Huppert, Jane Harms, Dave Holland and Gary Lung for their support, trust and contributions over the past 12 months. It was also acknowledged the significant contribution made by Jacqui Huppert, who after serving two full terms is required in accordance with the Equestrian Queensland constitution to stand down from the Board.

Corey stated that it had been his absolute privilege to serve as a director of Equestrian Queensland for the past three years, both as Vice Chair in 2019 and 2020 and Chair over the past 12 months. Corey advised the members in his address that he had decided not to re-nominate for election to the Equestrian Queensland Board.

### **3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Equestrian Queensland held on March 17, 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read.

#### **Motion 1: -**

“That the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

**Moved:** J Huppert

**Seconded:** N Ballard

**CARRIED: 21.AGM.01**

### **4.0 Presentation and Adopting of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

Naomi Lockhart, Treasurer presented the Financial Statements of Equestrian Queensland for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Total income for 2021 ended up at \$2.16m which represents an increase of 10% (2020: \$1.97m). The increase is mostly attributable to recommencement of sports as well as continued growth in memberships and horse registrations.

The net result of the year was a surplus of \$111,000 which is a great result considering the conservative outlook we initially had with COVID-19.

EQ maintains a strong balance sheet and it's reassuring to note that the 2021 surplus has translated into increased cash reserves.

As a result, EQ is in an excellent position to continue its activities and further investment in the sport for 2022 and maintain long-term sustainability as a member-focused organisation.

Equestrian Queensland continues to apply the highest level of diligence for its membership fees. The board has established strict governance controls to ensure all levies are invested in accordance with its original purpose.

The 2021 Audited Financial Statements which were circulated to members on 17 March 2021 and welcomed any questions from members about the financial statements at the time. No questions were asked from the members in attendance.

**Motion 2: -**

“That the 2021 Audited Financial Statements of Equestrian Queensland be approved.”

**Moved:** G Lung                      **Seconded:** J Huppert                      **CARRIED: 21.AGM.02**

**5.0 Presentation and Adoption of the 2021 Annual Report**

The Chairperson tabled the 2021 Annual Report and noted inclusion of reports including the Chair, Treasurer, CEO and each of the seven Equestrian Queensland Sport Committees.

The EQ CEO provided an overview of the Annual Report and invited members to ask any questions they may have. There were no questions from the members present regarding the EQ Annual Report.

**Motion 3: -**

“That the 2021 Annual Report of the Equestrian Queensland be received and adopted.”

**Moved:** G Lung                      **Seconded:** N Lane                      **CARRIED: 21.AGM.03**

**6.0 Special Resolution**

Pursuant to Clause 17.3 of the Equestrian Queensland Constitution, it is recommended by the Board of Equestrian Queensland that Honorary Life Membership is conferred to members that have represented Australia at an Olympic or Paralympic Games in the sport of equestrian who are not already recognised as an Honorary Life Member of the association.

The AGM notice and papers included a motion for Honorary Life Membership to be conferred to the following member for the distinguished and special service to equestrian sport:

- Christine Doan (Barcelona Olympic Games 1992)
- Marita Hird (Sydney Paralympic Games 2000 & Athens Paralympic Games 2004)
- Ricky MacMillan (Sydney Olympic Games 2000 & Athens Olympic Games 2004)
- Timothy Amitrano (Athens Olympic Games 2004)
- Peter McMahan (Beijing Olympic Games 2008)
- Kelly Layne (Tokyo Olympic Games 2020)
- Kevin McNab (Tokyo Olympic Games 2020)

**Motion:** That Honorary Life Membership is conferred to Christine Doan, Marita Hird, Ricky MacMillan, Timothy Amitrano, Peter McMahon, Kelly Layne and Kevin McNab for their distinguished and special service to equestrian sport has passed by ballot of members. **CARRIED: 21.AGM.04**

## **7.0 Election of Office Bearers**

As per the notice issued to Members on 28 January, 2022, nominations for the Equestrian Queensland Board and the Sport Committees closed on Friday 11 February, 2022. Elections are only held for the Board and/or Sport Committees where the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies.

Nominations for the Interschool Queensland and Show Horse Queensland exceed the three (3) vacancies available and were subject to an election.

Voting for the elections closed on Monday 15 March at 4.30pm.

### **Equestrian Queensland Board**

One nomination for the three positions on the Equestrian Queensland Board was received.

Nicholas Ballard elected to the Equestrian Queensland Board unopposed for a three year term.

### **Interschool Queensland**

There were seven nominations for Interschool Queensland.

Clinton Peters, Kirstin Ferguson and Kelly Foster were elected to Interschool Queensland for a three year term.

In consultation with the Interschool Queensland Committee all other candidates being Matthew Oswald, Monique Searle, Nicole Doogue and Patrick Lowe will be invited to be part of the IQ committee to fill vacant casual vacancies or support positions. Congratulations Matthew, Monique, Nicole and Patrick.

### **Show Horse Queensland**

There were five nominations for Show Horse Queensland.

Gail Iskra, Jessica Fedrick and Mary MacMillan were elected to Show Horse Queensland committee for a three year term.

### **Dressage Queensland**

There were three nominations for Dressage Queensland.

Anita Barton, Jenny Rykoff and Racheal Spring were elected unopposed to the Dressage Queensland committee for a three year term.

## **Eventing Queensland**

There was one nomination for Eventing Queensland.

Lisa Gall was elected to the Eventing Queensland committee unopposed for a three year term.

## **Vaulting Queensland**

There were three nominations for Vaulting Queensland

Erin Kerr, Rene Holzinger and Tesse Ferguson were elected unopposed to Vaulting Queensland for a three year term.

There were no nominations received for Jumping Queensland and Driving Queensland.

Outstanding vacancies on Equestrian Queensland Board and Sport Committees may be directly appointed by the Equestrian Queensland Board with consultation with relevant sport committees

**Moved:** J Huppert                      **Seconded:** Gary Lung                      **CARRIED: 21.AGM.05**

## **8.0 Appointment of Branch Auditor**

### **Motion 6: -**

“Moore Australia, be appointed as the EQ Branch Auditors.”

**Moved:** N Lane                      **Seconded:** J Huppert                      **CARRIED: 21.AGM.06**

## **9.0 Closure**

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.11pm.

As the AGM closed the Board invited all in attendance to stay so that we could celebrate the EQ Annual Awards announcements.

We at EQ like many of the members, look forward to the annual celebration of the achievements of our sport stars and luminaries in person.

Unfortunately, the ongoing situation due to COVID-19 forced us to reassess the delivery of the EQ Annual Awards and whilst we are disappointed that we couldn't share the experience with our members and guests in person, we are delighted to deliver the EQ Annual Awards in a virtual format this year.

This evening we launched the 2021 EQ Annual Awards virtual campaign and over the coming weeks EQ will be releasing individual campaigns for each award category. These presentations will be made available via EQ's social media and member communication channels.