



Equestrian Western Australia

Strategic Overview

2025 - 2028





About us...

Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) is the home of equestrian sport in WA.

EWA provides a growing and supportive environment for both the athlete and their four legged companion with the focus on...

- ★ Leading our sport in Western Australia
- ★ Connecting a passion
- **★** Being inspired by the horse

Over our 40 year history we have achieved amazing successes and have navigated through significant challenges.

In recent years we have drawn a focus on people, our culture, the welfare and safety in our sport, the administrative excellence provided to members as well as the growth and development of participation in the organisation. This has lent a hand to increased pathways for our athletes in addition to showcasing our one-ofa-kind facility, the State Equestrian Centre (SEC).

EWA is excited to share our rolling two year Strategic Overview with members and our extended community.

What we have achieved so far...

- A loyal membership base which has sustained its highest uptake in over ten years
- Built and maintained strong partnerships with new and returning stakeholders
- Developed High Performance pathways linked to all disciplines including the new 'Competitive Edge' Program
- Developed and continued to deliver the Junior Equestrian Development Squad (JEDS)
- Created key avenues for Official's Training including access for regional members (Stewards, Judges, Scorers etc.)
- A skilled Board and a dedicated staff structure to drive our organisation forward
- Hosted high class State Championships, Masterclasses with international presenters as well as many other Equestrian and community events throughout the season providing increased tourism and attraction to the SEC.
- The SEC saw a return to full activity in 2022 and therefore the implementation of facility upgrades were essential. These included some of the following:
 - Re-surfacing the Indoor Arena and Indoor Warm Up Arena
 - Improvement to arena and facility lighting
 - Installation of Solar panels on the roof of the SEC (to be completed in June 2023)
 - Improvements to the GP Field
 - Equipment & Vehicle upgrades





Our Purpose

A thriving and safe sport, uniting the Equestrian community in Western Australia

Our Values

Equestrian WA will embody and promote the principles of...



TEAMWORK

Collaboration
Accountability
Respect



INTEGRITY

Fair Ethical Transparent



INCLUSION

Welcoming
Equality
Belonging



EXCELLENCE

Performance-driven
Courageous
Innovative

FUN & ENJOYMENT



Strategic Pillars

STRONG FOUNDATIONS

PEOPLE & CULTURE

Unify

An equestrian community in WA that is unified, engaged and enjoys participating and contributing

Educational Framework

Implement a Culture and Behaviour Education and Promotion Strategy including, agreed values, Code of Conduct and Internal/External promotional/advocacy collateral

Strong Sustainable Clubs

Develop and implement a Club Capacity Building and Engagement Strategy inclusive of resource allocation

Volunteers

Implement of the Volunteer Retention, Recruitment and Recognition Strategy

WELFARE & SAFETY

Educate
"We are all responsible"

All involved in the sport are educated in the welfare and safety of the horses and athletes

Equine Welfare

Ensure input into Equestrian Australia (EA) horse welfare protocols

Educate members on best Equine Welfare practices via EWA Equine Welfare Working Group

Safety Culture

Develop and implement appropriate participant safety policies and procedures

Risk Management

Review and implement appropriate risk management framework and other relevant risk policies and procedures

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

PARTICIPATION

Grow and Develop

Increased number of all personnel involved in the sport, clubs and horse licenses

ADMINISTRATIVE

EXCELLENCE

Achieve and Sustain

Well governed and

sustainable with efficient and

cost effective management

structure

Provide opportunities for board.

"up-skill" in governance

and procedures

Finances

services

discipline committee, and staff to

In collaboration with the disciplines,

develop and publish clearly defined

roles and responsibilities, processes

• Equestrian Australia Restructure

Ensure EWA members views are

considered in the EA restructure.

collaboration strategy with other

stakeholders and the development

of any proposed 'alternative model'

Identify and realise alternative and

additional revenue streams from

existing and new products and

including an engagement and

Develop and implement a Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

Inclusion and Equity

Participation

Develop and implement a Membership Growth and Retention Plan inclusive of consistent member experience, value propositions for each membership type, target markets/organisations, schedule of grass roots information days, and necessary collateral

Membership

Review of existing Membership offerings and implement changes for 'best of sport'

Regional Servicing

Implement the Regional Servicing Plan to develop sport in the regions.

EXCELLENCE

PATHWAYS

Document and Promote

Well defined, documented and promoted pathways for all Disciplines

Rider Pathways

Develop, publish and promote a Performance Pathways Strategy for each Discipline and its riders including recruitment, retention and succession planning, education, development and support programs, and resourcing required to support the strategy

Coach and Official Pathways

Develop, publish and promote a Performance Pathways Strategy for each Discipline and its coaches and officials, including recruitment, retention and succession planning, education, development and support programs, and resourcing required to support the strategy

FACILITIES

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Audit and Source

Suitable and sufficient number of fit for purpose facilities across the State

• SEC Future Facilities Plan

Establish a working group of appropriately experienced and qualified people to develop a Future Facilities Plan for SEC, including business case and new Asset Management Plan. Ensure SEC is fit for purpose.

Accessibility and Infrastructure

Conduct assessment to identify and address infrastructure gaps within WA Equestrian community and ensure that equestrians have access to fit-for-purpose spaces that cater to a range of equestrian activities, prioritising facility access across the state.

COMMUNICATION & ADVOCACY STRATEGY





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