






# Members of the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee 2021 – 2023 incl

						
	<b>Prue Spurrett - Chair</b>	<b>Virginia Creed</b>	<b>Maria Schwennesen</b>	<b>Gill Botten</b>	<b>Julie Jones</b>	<b>Maree Tomkinson – Riders Rep</b>
Training & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retired, married, lives in Forster NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Music Performance</li> <li>Grad Dip Education</li> <li>Grad Dip Public Relations</li> <li>VIT registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lived in rural QLD on a cattle and farming property for 30 years and has 3 children. Now resides in Brisbane</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Education. Masters of Education</li> <li>Certificate of Equine Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's and Master's degree in Biological Sciences</li> <li>Doctorate in Cell Biology</li> <li>Freelance professional Medical Writer</li> <li>Certified Medical Publication Professional</li> </ul>	
"Sport Governance" Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President of Dressage NSW – 2005 to 2015</li> <li>Event Director for the NSW Dressage Championships 2003, 2006, 2008</li> <li>NSW Dressage Selector (3x terms)</li> <li>FEI 4*Eventing International Judging experiences – NZ, Thailand, UK, Ireland - Retired</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current member EADC</li> <li>Chair Dressage Victoria</li> <li>EV Board Member</li> <li>Member DV Officials Panel</li> <li>Founding member of the Victorian DJEP</li> <li>National Dressage Selector 1999 - 2013</li> <li>Founding Chair of the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Network</li> <li>Wrote the study design for the VCE/VET Equine Industry Course</li> <li>Member of the exam setting panel VCAA for Equine Industry course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Past Board member of EQ</li> <li>Current member of DQO</li> <li>Current member of DQOSC</li> <li>TD at Nationals &amp; YR Nationals</li> <li>Current BMOC QLD Medication Control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Chair WA Coaching Committee</li> <li>Previous Chair DWA &amp; member for several terms</li> <li>Vice Chair &amp; member of DJTF for several terms</li> <li>Co-wrote BEATS training Scheme for YR &amp; administered &amp; taught for ten years for EWA</li> <li>Currently sponsoring &amp; coaching Maitland Park Rising Stars for EWA</li> <li>Examiner for WACE Year 12 Equine Studies</li> <li>Previous WA State Squad dressage selector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee Member of Dressage NSW (2017-present)</li> <li>Dressage NSW Judge Subcommittee member (2007-present)</li> <li>New Judge (G-level) Coordinator for Dressage NSW (2007-2019)</li> <li>Founding &amp; Executive Committee Member of Sydney Dressage Club Inc (2012-2017)</li> <li>Life Member of Sydney Dressage Club Inc</li> </ul>	
Sport Knowledge & Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 years on Ku-ring-gai Council Sports Advisory Committee (for Equestrian Sport)</li> <li>Loan Horse Owner Sydney 2000 Paralympics (team Japan)</li> <li>On OC for Sydney CDI (16 yrs)</li> <li>EA C level Dressage Judge</li> <li>EA Judge Mentor</li> <li>EA Young Horse Judge</li> <li>FEI4* Eventing Judge</li> <li>An amateur owner rider, club life member, long term volunteer, active official &amp; event organiser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained &amp; ridden several horses to Grand Prix</li> <li>Currently training students to FEI level</li> <li>FEI 3* dressage judge</li> <li>EA Young Horse Judge</li> <li>EA Judge Educator</li> <li>EA Judge Mentor</li> <li>EA Level 3 Dressage specialist coach</li> <li>EA Level 2 General Coach</li> <li>EA Coach Educator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FEI 5* Judge &amp; Mentor</li> <li>FEI YH Judge</li> <li>EA Judge Educator</li> <li>EA YH Judge Educator</li> <li>Past competitor FEI Dressage &amp; Eventing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained &amp; competed several horses to Advanced dressage</li> <li>EA Level 1 General Coach &amp; SSTA</li> <li>"A" Level dressage judge</li> <li>Judge Educator &amp; Mentor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained and competed to FEI level; current AOR dressage competitor in NSW</li> <li>B-level dressage &amp; Mentor Judge</li> <li>Para Equestrian &amp; Young Horse judge</li> <li>Amateur warmblood horse breeder since 2007</li> <li>Involved with judge education, particularly programs for new judge accreditation</li> <li>Volunteer Writer Coordinator for State and National Dressage Championships</li> <li>2013 EA NSW Dressage Volunteer of the Year</li> </ul>	

Business & Related Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Client Service executive roles at Macquarie &amp; Australian Banks</li> <li>• 30 +years experience in Sports Management at Club &amp; SDA level</li> <li>• Board Member Equestrian NSW</li> <li>• I'm hoping I bring a track record of successful sports administration, good communication skills &amp; goodwill &amp; humour to the Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now retired</li> <li>• Previously Head of Performing Arts at Ivanhoe Grammar School</li> <li>• Producing major events &amp; musical productions</li> <li>• As Curriculum Leader, develops curriculum &amp; assessment models</li> <li>• Presents regularly at seminars &amp; workshops in Australia &amp; overseas</li> <li>• Coaches several riders who are currently competing at FEI level</li> <li>• Coordinates the IGS Equestrian Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now retired</li> <li>• Business Manager for property</li> <li>• Property investment &amp; sale</li> <li>• Share trading</li> <li>• Horse breeding &amp; management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Perth College. Now Relief &amp; part- time</li> <li>• Manager/owner &amp; Coach, Maitland Park Equestrian Centre</li> <li>• Lecturer Equine Studies Midland TAFE</li> <li>• Teacher at Marr Mooditj training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Scientist for pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry for 25 years</li> <li>• Professional Medical Writer for 15 years (5 years as a freelancer with my own business)</li> <li>• Invited speaker at national and international conferences for Medical Writing professionals</li> <li>• Management and training skills for junior scientists and professional medical writers</li> <li>• Mentoring new dressage judges and assisting with judge education in NSW</li> </ul>	
Other Relevant Information	It's vital our clubs & membership are uppermost in mind in decisions making. I also have a fundamental belief in Australian Dressage – across all levels, across the country	I am passionate about the ongoing development of dressage in Australia as well as overseas. This includes the ongoing development & training of judges as well as coaches, officials & riders from “grass roots” through to high performance” level		I am keen to see the triangle of Official, rider & trainer develop to help riders reach their goals. I am interested in helping Young Riders develop their skills & promote dressage in Australia	My key aim is to assist in enhancing the quality of dressage in Australia through improvements in the training of our officials & coaches. I also hope to assist in developing better communication strategies between riders & officials to allow for the mutually respectful exchange of knowledge and ideas.	
<b>Current Term</b>	<b>to 31/12/21</b>	<b>to 31/12/22</b>	<b>to 31/12/23</b>	<b>to 31/12/21</b>	<b>to 31/12/22</b>	<b>to 31/12/21</b>