







Members of the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee 2022 – 2024 incl

						
	Virginia Creed - Chair	Maria Schwennesen	Gill Botten	Julie Jones	Belinda Snooks	Alexis Hellyer – Athletes' Rep
Training & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Music Performance • Grad Dip Education • Grad Dip Public Relations • VIT registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived in rural QLD on a cattle and farming property for 30 years and has 3 children. Now resides in Brisbane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Education. Masters of Education • Certificate of Equine Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's and Master's degree in Biological Sciences • Doctorate in Cell Biology • Freelance professional Medical Writer • Certified Medical Publication Professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BApp Sci in Medical Laboratory Science, 20 years' experience as a Haematology Scientist at Monash Medical Centre and Royal Hobart Hospital • Dec 2020 – Current Quality Manager and Privacy Officer for Aged Care Provider 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
"Sport Governance" Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current member EADC • Past member EADOC • National Dressage Selector 1999 - 2013 • Previous Chair Dressage Victoria • Previous EV Board Member • Member DV Officials Panel • Founding member of the Victorian DJEP • Founding Chair of the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Network • Wrote the study design for the VCE/VET Equine Industry Course • Member of the VCAA exam setting panel for Equine Industry course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past Board member of EQ • Current member of DQ • Current member of DQOSC • TD at Nationals & YR Nationals • Current BMOC QLD Medication Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Chair WA Coaching Committee • Previous Chair DWA & member for several terms • Vice Chair & member of DJTF for several terms • Co-wrote BEATS training Scheme for YR & administered & taught for ten years for EWA • Currently sponsoring & coaching Maitland Park Rising Stars for EWA • Examiner for WACE Year 12 Equine Studies • Previous WA State Squad dressage selector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Member of Dressage NSW(2017-present) • Dressage NSW Judge Subcommittee member (2007-present) • New Judge (G-level) Coordinator for Dressage NSW (2007-2019) • Founding & Executive Committee Member of Sydney Dressage Club Inc(2012-2017) • Life Member of Sydney Dressage Club Inc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Dressage Tas South Organising Committee 2001-2007 and 2013 – 2018 (approx.) • Member of Dressage Tas SDA 2004-2007 and 2014-2019 (approx.) • Co-Chair Dressage Tas DOP 2019-Current • Secretary, web-site coordinator and communications roles at Club and State level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • member of numerous Australian National and state squads, also the Australian Institute of Sports program and NSW Institute of Sports scholarship program. • member of the Australian World Equestrian Games Dressage team, Tryon 2018.
Sport Knowledge & Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained & ridden several horses to Grand Prix • Bred several successful FEI Dressage Horses • Currently training students to FEI level • FEI 3* dressage judge • EA Young Horse Judge • EA Judge Educator • EA Judge Mentor • EA Level 3 Dressage specialist coach • EA Level 2 General Coach • EA Coach Educator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEI 5* Judge & Mentor • FEI YH Judge • EA Judge Educator • EA YH Judge Educator • Past competitor FEI Dressage & Eventing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained & competed several horses to Advanced dressage • EA Level 1 GeneralCoach & SSTA • "A" Level dressage judge • Judge Educator & Mentor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained and competed to FEI level; current AOR dressage competitor in NSW • B-level dressage & Mentor Judge • Para Equestrian & Young Horse judge • Amateur warmblood horse breeder since 2007 • Involved with judge education, particularly programs for new judge accreditation • Developer of Learning Management System for officials for Dressage NSW • Volunteer Writer Coordinator for State and National Dressage Championships • 2013 EA NSW Dressage Volunteer of the Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As an AAOR I have trained and Ridden to Small tour and have been named on Dressage Tas Squads, with Hollingrove Brando and Neversfelde Romany. • EA B level judge and EA Judge Mentor, currently working towards EA Young Horse Judge Accreditation. • worked collaboratively to organize club competitions, HOTY awards and State Championships. • implementing Nominate Entry and Scoreboard systems (before tablets) at OC level and "Clubs" system at SDA level. • Awarded Equestrian Tasmania's Administrator of the Year in 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have travelled to Europe on several training trips and have been a member of National and State squads • as a young rider and open rider, I have won numerous National and CDI championships from young horses to Grand Prix on a large range of horses over the years. • Represented Australia at the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon • I am an Owner of horses all over the world , I am an Australian warmblood breeder , I am a professional rider and Coach in Australia.

Business & Related Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now retired • Previously Head of Performing Arts at Ivanhoe Grammar School • Produced major events, concerts and musical productions • As Public Relations Manager, worked with the development office, fundraising and philanthropy and coordinated parent support groups • As curriculum leader, developed a range of curriculum modules and assessments models • Presents regularly at seminars & workshops in Australia & overseas • Coaches several riders who are currently competing at FEI level • Coordinated the IGS Equestrian Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now retired • Business Manager for property • Property investment & sale • Share trading • Horse breeding & management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Perth College. Now Relief & part- time • Manager/owner & Coach, Maitland Park Equestrian Centre • Lecturer Equine Studies Midland TAFE • Teacher at Marr Mooditj training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Scientist for pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry for 25 years • Professional Medical Writer for 18 years (7 years as a freelancer with my own ongoing business) • Invited speaker at national and international conferences for Medical Writing professionals • Management and training skills for junior scientists and professional medical writers • Mentoring new dressage judges and assisting with judge education in NSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a Health Professional and Quality Manager, I am known for my attention to detail and ability to review documentation and working collaboratively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • currently run a highly successful equestrian business, with partner, known as The Pines Performance Centre in Moggill Queensland. • offer agistment, dressage lessons, schooling of horses and offer a select range of horses for sales. • teach dressage clinics, in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.
Other Relevant Information	I am passionate about the ongoing development of dressage in Australia as well as overseas. This includes the ongoing development & training of judges, officials and coaches as well as 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.	I am passionate about my sport and want to contribute and see it flourish at local and international level and ensure a level playing field for all participants with the welfare of our equine partners at the core of all we do.	I feel as a national athletes' rep that I have an approachable manner, I have a high level of ethics and integrity and also enjoy conflict resolution in a non-emotive manner.
Current Term	to 31/12/22	to 31/12/23	to 31/12/24	to 31/12/22	to 31/12/24	to 31/12/24