



ESNZ EVENTING CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025



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ESNZ Eventing Conference & AGM

Saturday, 28th June 2025

James Cook, Wellington

TIMETABLE

<i>8.30-9.00</i>	<i>Registrations</i>
<i>9.00-9.50</i>	ESNZ Central <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporated Societies Act
<i>9.50-10.15am</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15am-12.30pm	AGM
<i>12.30-1.15pm</i>	<i>Combined Lunch</i>
1.15-3.15pm	Eventing Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honouring the Legacy• Future Focus
<i>2.45-3.15pm</i>	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.15-4.30pm	Awards: Area Group Volunteers, Special Awards
<i>4.30pm</i>	<i>Finish</i>

AGENDA:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ESNZ Eventing

To be held: James Cook Hotel, 28th June 2025

1. Welcome from the Chair of ESNZ Eventing (Raewyn Eastwood)
 - 1.1 Apologies: Anna Gray (Northland)
 - 1.2 Obituaries
2. Confirmation of Voting Delegates
3. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting, 6th July 2024
4. Matters Arising
5. Annual Reports:

5.1	Report Presented by Chair	Raewyn Eastwood
5.2	Financial Report 2024/2025	John Alexander
5.3	Report of the Eventing Sport Manager	Ginny Tocher
5.4	Report of the High-Performance General Manager	Jock Paget & Lizzie Green
5.5	Report of the Technical Chair	Wendy Lansdown
5.6	Reports of the National Equestrian Centre Representatives:	
5.6.1	Report of the NEC Chch Representative	Nick Pyke
5.6.2	Report of the NEC Taupo Representative	John Alexander
5.8	Report of the Organising Committee Representative	Rosie Edwards
5.9	Report of the Media and Communications	Chris Perkins
5.10	Report of the Riders Representative	Amanda Illston
5.11	Eventing Selection Panel (National) Report	Jock Paget & Lizzie Green
6. Election of Board Members:
 - 6.1 Ratify Appointed Position
 - 6.2 Elected Position
7. Appointment acknowledgement of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) including chair and National Safety Officer
8. Notices of Motion (remits): Breed Verification
9. Board Member Remuneration
10. Appointment of 9 Voting Delegates to the ESNZ AGA
11. General Business
 - Appendix A: Appointed Board Member CV
 - Appendix B: Elected Board Member Nominees CVs
 - Appendix C: Annual Area Group Reports
 - Appendix D: Remits

CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES:

Area	Delegate
Auckland	Chris Perkins
Bay of Plenty	Campbell Draper
Canterbury	Kirsty Ogilvie
Central Districts	
Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	Wendy Lansdown
Northern Hawkes Bay	John Holmes
Northland	
South Canterbury North Otago	Stuart Bishell
Southland	Suzanne Black
Taranaki	-
Waikato	Jenny Draper
Wairarapa	Sarah Dalziell-Clout
Wellington	Sonya Mason



ESNZ Eventing Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes

10.30am 6th July 2024

Location: Rydges Hotel, Auckland

1. Welcome/Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all voting Delegates, Observers, and Eventing board members to the Annual General Meeting.

Present

Raewyn Eastwood	Chairperson (Delegate for Central Districts)
Rosie Edwards	Deputy Chair, Board Member - Organising Committee Rep & NZ3DE Sub-Committee Chair
Margaret Evans	Board Member
John Alexander	Board Member
Kate Rouch	Board Member
Amanda Illston	Board Member - Rider Representative
Hayley Daigle	Sport Manager
Hamish Butler-Gallie	TAG representative (National Safety Officer)
Tich Massey	TAG representative (Course Designer Liaison)
Wendy Lansdown	TAG representative (Technical Delegate Liaison & Chair) & Delegate (C&SHB)
Jenny Draper	TAG representative (Judges Liaison)
Janene Maxwell	TAG representative (Steward Liaison)
Anna Gray	Delegate (Northland)
Kevin Thompson	Delegate (Auckland)
Sonya Mason	Delegate (Wellington)
Don Robertson	Delegate (Canterbury)
Suzanne Black	Delegate (Southland)
Debra Gibson	Observer (Southland)
Aiden Viviers	Delegate (Wairarapa)
Kara Lockhart	Delegate (Waikato)
Susan Grayling	Delegate (Taranaki)
Campbell Draper	Delegate (Bay of Plenty)
Pip Howells	Observer
Jane Callaghan	Observer
Anna Jones	Observer

Apologies read from

Julian Bowden	ESNZ CEO
Mitty Forsyth	Performance and High-Performance Selector
Nick Pyke	National Performance Selector
Vicki Glynn	National Performance Selector
Karen Neiderer	National Performance Selector
Chris Perkins	ESNZ Eventing Board

Moved: apologies be accepted

Moved: Kate Rouch
Seconded: Wendy Lansdown

2. Obituaries

Helen Thomson, Graham Tippet, Mark Chambers-Steward, Colin Finlayson, Pam Barnett, Joan Stringer, Alan Hampton. Seven members were remembered with one minute silence for their contribution to ESNZ and Eventing over a significant time period and also Georgie Campbell (NZ Eventer Jesse Campbell's wife) and Codey Jervis (NZ Eventer Clarke Johnstone partner) who tragically lost their lives within the last 12 months.

3. Voting Delegates

The Chair confirmed those members present who have the right to vote;

- There were 11 voting delegates present; Anna Gray (Northland), Kevin Thompson (Auckland), Susan Grayling (Taranaki), Raewyn Eastwood (Central Districts), Wendy Lansdown (C&SHB), Sonya Mason (Wellington), Aiden Viviers (Wairarapa), Suzanne Black (Southland), Don Robertson (Canterbury), Campbell Draper (BOP), Kara Lockhart (Waikato)
- There were 6 voting members of the Eventing Board present

Moved: Kate Rouch
Seconded: Wendy Lansdown
Carried

4. Confirmation of minutes of the AGM, 1 Jul 2023

Moved: that the Minutes from the AGM 1 July 2023 were a true and correct record.

Moved: Amanda Illston
Seconded: Anna Gray
Carried

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Annual Reports

6.1 Chair report

The Chair presented her annual report for 2023/2024. The Board structure including representatives and advisory groups was presented to the AGM. High Performance were indicated as a separate entity with their own finance for clarity.

There was many successes to celebrate from 2023/2024, including:

- Oceania hosted at HoY for the first time and the YR winning team back to back and for winning the Best Team at the Hall of Fame awards last night
- Celebrating those who completed their first 5*, 4* and 3* (as per report) a significant milestone in a riders career
- FEI Level 4 upgrades: Helen Christie (Steward) & Susan O'Brien (Steward)
- 12 top ten finished at 5* events and Caroline Powell's Badminton win
- Two new life members: Jane Robertson and Ross Coles

Three focuses from the Board for 2023/2024:

- Quality experience framework
- Event analysis survey – an important feedback loop to us from our eventing community to ensure we remain up to date with what is important to them
- ESNZ Strengthen & Adapt project: Eventing involved in the 3 working groups, and all discipline Boards attended the ESNZ culture hui in Wellington in February

Challenges:

- A coherent calendar remains difficult to achieve
- Financial sustainability: the Chair has advised that the levies have not increased since 2018 and that the levies would be increased for the 2024/2025 season by 10%. ESNZ are not increasing their membership fees therefore this avoids a double up of fee increases hopefully lessening the financial burden to riders.

Looking Forward

- Olympic Eventing at Paris 2024 - we have a strong team
- Eventing Canterbury hosting 2025 NZ3DE. They have worked hard and invested in the XC tracks

The Chair thanked the private landowners who host Events:

- John Nicholson (Kihikihi)
- John & Denise McGiven (Matamata)
- The McKelvie Family (Central Districts)
- Silver Fern Farms (Arran Station)
- Tich Massey (Springbush)
- Carmichael and Frew family (Southland)

The Chair also sincerely thanked the OC's for their running of Events throughout the season. The Chair sustained an injury during 2023 which resulted in a break from all activities for 5 months where Rosie Edwards as Deputy stepped in as the Chair – thanks was given to Rosie, Hayley and the Board.

Moved: The adoption of the chair report

Moved: Rosie Edwards
Seconded: Marg Evans

6.2 Financial Report

John Alexander presented the draft financial report for 2023/2024 financial year.

- The income is slightly down due to two cancelled Events and decreased Starts
- We achieved an increase in Grant and Sponsorship income
- Overall result is very close to the expected outcome
- \$5800 deficit
- Found inaccuracies in the results and therefore we do not believe we are presenting an accurate reflection of the 2023/2024 financial outcome
- More work will be done prior to the audited accounts being presented in the ESNZ annual report

Income is from:

- 47% from NZ3DE, 53% from normal operations
- Riders entry fees 45%
- Sponsorships/grant: 50%
- Sales: 2%
- Interest 1%
- Other 2%

Where does the money go:

- Normal operations: 40%
- NZ3DE 41%
- Performance 7%
- Development 7%
- Other (Board/AGM/Technical) 5%

Portfolio analysis:

- Administration: \$181 vs plan of \$187k
Expenditure: inflationary impact across Board
- NZ3DE:
Board took oversight of NZ3DE approx. 5 years and has worked towards achieving break even. This was the first time this was achieved and despite lower entries. This is thanks to sponsorship and increased success of grant applications
Expenditure: Below plan which resulted in a cost saving
- Board/AGM:
Reduced expenditure due to forward planning i.e. early booking of travel for reduced cost (Cost containment model working well)
- Performance/Sponsorship/Development:
Expenditure on plan
Oceania well managed
Development camps were a successful initiative
- TAG:
Deliver another solid and safe year for riders
NZ Eventing Structure remains world class
Expenditure below plan

2025/2026 financial plan:

- Deliver Break even or better for the sport
- NZ3DE hosted by Eventing Canterbury
- Increase in Eventing fees – 10%

A question was asked as to the investment into the Taupo NEC XC development – confirmed that this is purely a time investment, not financial. John Alexander will join the NEC Taupo committee as the Eventing representative. He will support the development of the Taupo NEC XC given the opportunity of the NZ3DE being held in Christchurch for 2025.

A question was asked about the Land Rover sponsorship and where this would be allocated for 2024/2025. The Land Rover contract for 2024/2025 is still in discussion – they have indicated that they would like to recommit but not finalised to date.

The whereabouts of the Eventing balance sheet was queried. This was not provided to Eventing prior to the AGM but will be available for the AGA along with the final financials.

Moved: the adoption of the 2023-2024 financial report

Moved: John Alexander
Seconded: Kevin Thompson
Carried

6.3 Sport Manager's Report

The Sport Manager, Hayley Daigle, presented the 2023/2024 report.

The Development Camps were a success & great to have these underway again following the interruption caused by Covid. Amanda will talk to these in more detail during her Rider's Rep report.

The Sport Manager acknowledged all Events that are run throughout the year and did not wish to deter from these Events by highlighting the key events only below.

It was great to have HOY underway again and were great hosts to Oceania. Logistically it was challenging to host the Australians with the additional horses, particularly given the status of these horses who were predicted to head to the Olympics. The Welcome Function was a highlight of the Event where the local school kapa hapa group performed the welcome. The Aussies reported that it was a great Event and would love to return. Saddle and Canter were great sponsors of the uniforms and the YR team were fantastic under pressure bringing home the win.

One Day Champs at Matamata was a brilliant Event and feedback from the community was fantastic – quoting a rider "WOW what an Event! My first time at this venue and it was phenomenal, exceptionally well run Event despite the horrendous weather on XC day. The event reminded me of how Eventing used to be – including a fun riders evening with a quiz!

There were 12 XC Style Prizes awarded over the season sponsored by The Rider Shop and Rangiora Equestrian Supplies. This is a great way of recognising grassroots in our sport and hope that this partnership continues.

The Sport Manager acknowledged the Technical Advisory Group (TAG):

- It is fantastic having Neil Mackenzie-Hall on the FEI Eventing committee
- Valuable feedback has been provided to the FEI from TAG which ensures that rules and policies are kept in check to ensure that it is achievable in NZ/Southern Hemisphere

There has been a decrease in the amount of FEI Horse Health sanctions from riders not entering their horse's temperatures which is a sign that riders are becoming familiar with the routine and communications are reaching riders.

Calendar remains challenging to produce which suits all. Rider Representative and Sport Manager have worked hard this year to ensure that calendar is as suitable as possible given the move of the NZ3DE to mid April. Dates will be called from OC's early August to allow dates to be submitted to the FEI by 1st October. Pointed out that if National Event dates are not flexible, to ensure that dates are submitted prior to the deadline to ensure these are considered with the FEI dates.

NZ3DE recap as per report – Jenny Draper was instrumental in the success of the Event as was Sandra Purvis. Great to have sponsorship from NZWA and the assistance of Jody Hartstone who checked horse details prior to the YEH competition. Sponsor recognition was discussed at the riders meeting and it was requested of the riders to ensure that they thank sponsors as they are a vital part of the success and viability of the sport. Riders asked if secretaries could send email with the sponsors contact details. Grants were more successful this year with \$53k of the \$61k applied for granted. Sport Manager requested any feedback from the attendees with their experience of grant applications over the previous 12 months – there was no further feedback. Sport Manager suggested that the success may have come down to the inclusion of how the Event benefits the community within the application.

The Eventing Starts and levies were presented as per the report which showed that the starts were slightly down which is perhaps a sign of the financial climate. There was also a trend over the season of riders entering events very late also suggesting a sign of the financial climate.

The Sport Manager thanked everyone for their hard work over the season and their contributions to a wonderful Eventing season.

Moved: The adoption of the Sport Manager's report

Moved: Hayley Daigle
Seconded: Jenny Draper
Carried

6.4 Technical Advisory Group Report

The Technical Advisory Group Chair, Wendy Lansdown, presented the TAG report for the 2023/2024 season.

The TAG Chair reported on the National Officials movement as per report. TAG have reviewed the education system which will be announced in the coming months.

Thanks to Hamish as National Safety Office who has developed a very comprehensive document on securing Portable XC fences and is available on the ESNZ website.

Rules update for 2024:

- Appointment of technical advisor
- Appointment of Officials: clarification in CCN3*
- MER for horse and athlete clarification
- Athlete welfare – any athlete who leaves the grounds without being cleared by medics will receive either a fine or Eventing Warning Card or an ESNZ Official Warning card
- Dangerous riding – eventing warning card will be triggered
- Abuse of Horse – eventing warning card is triggered
- Updates to Article 633 to read fall is elimination
- Black flags must be included in XC course plans
- Definition of faults
- Activated Frangible device
- Increase speed of jumping and jumps at 95cm – large gap between 80cm and 95cm
- Eventing Warning Card

Moved: The adoption of the Technical report

Moved: Wendy Lansdown
 Seconded: John Alexander
 Carried

6.5 High Performance Report

The High Performance Report was tabled by Raewyn Eastwood in the absence of HP.

Warrick Allen presented the HP Report as a part of the Eventing conference in the afternoon:

- Prepare to Podium initiative is being developed.
- Eventing programme has been focused on pathways of each rider and the best pathway for that rider to be successful.
- Eventing selection for 2024 Paris Olympics has been the hardest selection – this shows the depth in Eventing. There has been discussion around the opinion of Caroline Powell and Greenacres Special Cavalier – reiterated that this is a strong combination should they need to be called in to the team. Badminton win was a fantastic achievement but the Olympics is no longer a 5* Event but is 4* level and therefore as a result, campaign focus has shifted to 4* and 5* results are no longer as relevant. Reiterated that there is the narrowest of margins between the combinations who have been selected.

Lizzie Green presented the pathways for NZ Eventing:

- Pre development to elite performance – this extends further past other roles in the sport.
- Preparing and developing riders who are future potential athletes.
- Oceania is a key focus of the Eventing High Performance pathway.
- Each athlete has own programme – Oceania 2024 riders were given option to work with their own coaches or the coaches provided by HP.
- Heelan has joined the coaching team for HP.
- Development camps are seen as pre HP space therefore is seen as a great support.

Celebrations:

- Winning YR team – debriefs were completed with performances reviewed
- Charlotte Penny and Mia Gilbert winning 3* & 4* at NZ3DE
- Collaboration with Jumping and Dressage programmes

Looking forward:

- Off horse camp at Takapoto in August for all disciplines
- Online learning content
- Building depth, bigger group
- Oceania 2025

QUESTION: if HP are invested in Oceania, should more funding not go into this?

HP contributed \$30k into the High Performance – this went on the support services – coaches, vet health, equine health. This also covered the camps leading into Oceania. A mock Event was also provided with the cancellation of Puhinui which was opened up to all riders entered for HOY.

ONLINE LEARNING CONTENT: can this be accessed by non HP members?

This is general learning – woman’s health talk, vet, Officials/rules and therefore not anything that cannot already be accessed.

Moved: The adoption of the High Performance report

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Pip Howells
Carried

6.6 Selectors Report

The Selectors were not available to present the report.

Moved: The adoption of the Selectors report

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Rosie Edwards
Carried

6.7 Organising Committee Representative Report

An Event toolbox is being developed to identify general themes to help review parts of an event which worked well and highlights where improvements can be made.

These were developed based on resources on the ESNZ website i.e. Eventing rules, OC guide.

The toolbox will be applied to the NZ3DE 2024 for a review. This will then be discussed with Eventing Canterbury for 2025.

Moved: The adoption of the OC Rep Report.

Moved: Rosie Edwards
Seconded: Marg Evans
Carried

6.8 NZ3DE Championship Subcommittee Report

Rosie Edwards presented the NZ3DE Subcommittee report for the 2024 Event.

- The previous Convenor resigned therefore the Eventing Board ran the Event – thank you to the Board for their input. Wendy, Jenny and Sandra Purvis were a huge help to the success of the Event.
- Thanks to Liz Plowman and Leanna Larmer for scoring.
- Hamish Butler-Gallie was a great head TD.
- Squad members helped at the first horse inspection.

- Rider communication appeared to be improved from the 2023 Event.
- Grants and sponsorship contributed to the financial success of the Event.
- Difficulty is the timetabling with the weather conditions including fog risk at that time of day as well as the decreased hours of daylight.
- Entries were down across the board apart from the Young Event Horse which had 23 entries and was run in the main arena.
- Dressage and Jumping were on the sand surfaces of the Landcorp arenas.
- XC courses were well-presented – roping is important from Health and Safety perspective.
- Control team run by Jenny Pearce was completed superbly.
- NZ3DE 2025 will move to Eventing Canterbury 18-20 April 2025.

Moved: Rosie Edwards
Seconded: Wendy Lansdown
Carried

6.9 Media and Communications:

Rosie Edwards presented the media and communications report on behalf of Chris Perkins who was an apology.

- Survey created to assess themes from Events. The report was then be sent to OC and the details were kept confidential.
- Pilot was run during 2022/2023 season with rollout during 2023/2024. Close to 1000 responses have been received during this season.

Typical themes:

HIGHEST RATINGS:

- Overall organisation of the Event
- Approachability of Officials
- XC course design and presentation
- Help during the Event
- Would recommend Event to others

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT:

- Yarding
- Scheduling
- Last minute changes which are poorly communicated
- Improve warm up areas, SJ in particular.

Moved: Rosie Edward
Seconded: Kate Rouch
Carried

6.9 National Equestrian Centre Representative Report: Taupo

Report taken as read – no questions for Jenny Draper at this time.

Moved: The adoption of the Taupo NEC Rep Report

Moved: Jenny Draper
Seconded: Kate Rouch
Carried

6.10 National Equestrian Centre Representative Report: Christchurch

Nick is an apology today therefore report is adopted as read.

Don Robertson offered to answer any questions on the report – no questions asked.

Moved: The adoption of the Christchurch NEC Rep Report

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood

Seconded: Marg Evans

Carried

6.10 Riders Rep Report

Amanda Illston presented the Riders Rep report.

Development Camps were financially helped by High Performance to cover coaches of Lizzie Green, Heelan Tompkins and Anne-Marie Styles at the North Island camp. Glen Draper built XC course in amphitheatre which worked well. Ranged from 8-50 years of age with 80cm to 2* experience – feedback was positive.

South Island camp ran in April with coaches of Lizzie, Heelan and Janelle Sangster-Ward with 27 combinations. Dressage was included in this South Island camp. Cam Robertson built great track for XC on the second day.

Amanda discussed the 2024/2025 calendar – challenges with the calendar this year due to Oceania being in Melbourne in June.

Question who the camps were for – clarified that these were for anyone.

Question if the Development Camps long term are intended for the Board or for the OC to take on – reiterated that this was a pilot year and looking forward to consolidating these camps but there is no firm plan for where these camps sit in the future.

Moved the adoption of the Riders Rep Report

Moved: Amanda Illston

Seconded: John Alexander

Carried

7. Election of Board Members

7.1 Ratification of Appointments

Appointed position was available and Kate Rouch was recruited – Kate introduced herself to the AGM attendees.

The Chair called the voting delegates to ratify the appointment of Kate Rouch to the Eventing Board for a three year term 2023 – 2026.

Unanimous

Two Elected positions were available for 2024. Pip Howells application was received and accepted. Pip introduced herself to the AGM attendees.

This left an Elected position vacant. With Marg Evans as an outgoing Board member there would be no South Island representatives on the Eventing Board. The Board agreed to appoint Marg Evans for a further term with the view to recruit a south island board member within the next 12 months.

Chris Perkins offered and the Board co-opted Chris to remain on the Board for the next 12 months with her focus of progressing the Event survey.

The chair recognised the reappointment of Wendy Lansdown as the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group, and of Janene Maxwell as Steward liaison for a three year term 2024-2027 on the Technical Advisory Group.

8. Remits

There were no remits received.

9. Board Member remuneration

The chair explained to the meeting that currently there is no remuneration for board members and proposed no change for the coming year.

Moved: That the board remuneration stays at the current level

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Marg Evans
All in Favour

10. Appointment of Nine voting Delegates for attendance at the ESNZ AGA 26 September 2024
It was announced that the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Annual General Assembly will be held on 26 September via Zoom.

The nine Delegates chosen were:

1. Wendy Lansdown
2. Marg Evans
3. Chris Perkins
4. Raewyn Eastwood
5. Don Robertson
6. John Alexander
7. Amanda Illston
8. Rosie Edwards
9. Pip Howells

The chair moved that the nine members above are accepted as Voting Delegates to attend the ESNZ AGA.

Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Kate Rouch
Carried

11. General Business

Don Robertson (Eventing Canterbury Delegate) had prior to the AGM requested for the event calendar to be put on the agenda but believes that this issue has been resolved. Eventing Canterbury disagreed with an FEI Event in May 2025 and prefers this to be a National. It was confirmed that this event is going to be a National Event.

Aiden Viviers (Wairarapa Delegate) advised that 1) Eventing Wairarapa wish to hold an Event on the weekend prior to the NZ3DE 2025 with lower levels and the higher levels being run as Combined Training, and 2) Eventing Wairarapa were disheartened in the 2023/2024 season when they hosted the YR & JR One Day National Championships on the same weekend as Brookby Horse Trial which they believed distracted eligible Young Rider and Junior Rider combinations from attending.

- 1) Eventing Wairarapa would like to hold an Event the weekend prior to the NZ3DE 2025. Historical discussions with Eventing Canterbury were that they would not like to have an Event the weekend prior to the NZ3DE as that would decrease entry numbers. Eventing Canterbury agreed that National classes will likely be filled by Wairarapa's local catchment and not the National riders, therefore an Event with National classes the weekend before would not affect the riders/entries they are targeting. Don will take this request to Eventing Canterbury committee to confirm.
- 2) The Chair advised that as per the Calendar guidelines, they state that a horse trial cannot be run on the same weekend as the NZ One Day Champs. The Chair questioned the attendees of the AGM if they believed this guideline should be extended to include the YR & JR One & Three Day Champs. All in agreement that this should be included in the guidelines.

Attendees agreed that NZPCA and ESNZ horse trials are not seen as a clash despite this being stated so in the ESNZ and NZPCA MOU. Agreed that this feedback needed to be provided back to ESNZ to discuss with NZPCA.

It was pointed out in a magazine that Northland and Northern Hawkes Bay entry levels both suffered from being on the same weekend. The Chair asked attendees whether they believed the calendar guideline of 'National (CCN) Events > 300kms apart can run on the same dates' was still appropriate. The attendees expressed that guideline didn't need to be adjusted as there were other contributing factors to declining numbers at both Events, such as road closures and surrounding Events being well attended.

A question was raised as to why Arena Eventing has to go on the calendar as this is not seen as a conflict with other Events. Thoughts were expressed that this would not be seen as a conflict. Reminder that Arena Eventing and practice days need to be included in the calendar to qualify as a sanctioned Event and be eligible for ESNZ Insurance.

With no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

5. ANNUAL REPORTS



Amber Auret & Divani REQ

winners of the Rangiora Equestrian Supplies & The Rider Shop XC Style Prize

at BOP Horse Trial, February 2025

Photo courtesy of Spot on Photography

EVENTING CHAIR REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Raewyn Eastwood

Date: June 2025

It is my pleasure to welcome all delegates and attendees to the ESNZ Eventing AGM. It is great that once a year we have this opportunity to gather together as our Eventing community. This year is the 75th anniversary of ESNZ and as such our AGM conference will focus on honouring our legacy, celebrating the now, and riding boldly into the future of Eventing in New Zealand.

Serving our Eventing Community

We have been fortunate this year to have the following people serve in the Board, Sports Manager and High-Performance roles to support, govern and lead Eventing for New Zealand.

Eventing Board		ESNZ High Performance
Chair: Raewyn Eastwood	Sport Manager: Hayley Daigle / Ginny Tocher	General Manager: Jock Paget
Deputy Chair: Dr Rosie Edwards		Funded by High Performance Sport NZ
Portfolios	Advisory	HP Eventing
Performance & Development Amanda Illston, Pip Howells	Technical Advisory Group Wendy Lansdown: Chair, and Technical Delegate Liaison Hamish Butler-Gallie: National Safety Officer Jenny Draper: Judges Liaison Tich Massey: Course Designer Liaison Janene Maxwell: Steward Liaison	Lizzie Green: Eventing HP Manager Jock Paget: Eventing HP Manager UK
Media & Communications Chris Perkins, Kate Rouch		HP Staff
Organising Committees Rosie Edwards		Warrick Allan: Operations Manager Eliza Johns: HP Operations Jacky Green: Administrator UK Ginny Loisel: Events & Sponsorship UK Libby Law: Photographer Diana Dobson: Media Liaison
Finance & Funding John Alexander	Representatives	High Performance Eventing Selectors
Sponsorship Kate Rouch	ESNZ Board Dr Margaret Evans	Cindy Llewelyn Judy Bradwell Mitty Forsyth
<small>*Board members are in bold</small>	National Equestrian Centres John Alexander: Taupo NEC Nick Pyke: McLeans Island NEC	National Performance Selectors
<small>*TAG Chair is a non voting Board member due to advisory role</small>		Mitty Forsyth Vicki Glynn Nick Pyke Karen Niederer

At this AGM there will quite a ‘changing of the guard’ with four Board members and one TAG member rotating out and in. The HP Selectors are also being reappointed through to 2028.

Whilst acknowledging the tremendous contributions of those who are leaving the Board and TAG, rotating positions brings fresh perspectives, new ideas, diverse skill sets and reduces the risk of groupthink. Overall, a renewal of energy and a more resilient Board.

We are very fortunate to have a wealth of skills and experience within our Eventing community and all the Board and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) positions will be filled with people who have much to offer. I have every confidence Eventing remains in very good hands.

Farewells

It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks that we say farewell to:

Marg Evans - after concluding three terms on the Board, Marg continued on for this year to ensure we had at least one South Islander around the table. Chairing for three years, her leadership through the tough Covid times was exemplary and we have been fortunate to have someone with her depth of knowledge and generosity of time on the Board.

John Alexander – John concludes his board rotation this AGM. He’s generously shared his eventing parent perspective, and his governance and business expertise. The Board has greatly benefited from his strong strategic focus and thoughtful insights - and his sense of humour.

Chris Perkins – Chris joined the Board as an OC representative in 2021 and was co-opted for the last year to assist the Board with the Event survey. Chris has brought a wealth of experience to the Board and the breeder/owner perspective to our discussions as well.

Amanda Illston – Amanda concludes her term as the Riders Representative, and is standing for the Elected position at this AGM. She has worked incredibly hard to create an Event calendar to support all riders and OC’s and has reinvigorated the rider development camps post covid.

Tich Massey - has been our Course Design Liaison on Eventing’s Technical Advisory Group for 10 years. In his quiet and calm way, he has led and contributed to seminars, mentored and coached many CDs. He has truly led by example, designing courses at Puhinui and Springbush his own property, which were enjoyed by spectators and riders alike.

Raewyn Eastwood – after concluding two terms on the Board, I am not re-standing and will bid my farewells at the end of my report.

Welcomes

We are delighted to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to:

Kirsty Ogilvie – Kirsty brings the vital South Island perspective to the Board. She has a deep understanding of the sport, having coached, ridden and developed horses through the levels, competing up to 3* this year. She has over 17 years involvement with Eventing Canterbury, including being chairperson, and has previously been a Rider’s representative on the Board.

Diane Gilder – Dianne joins the Board as the Riders Representative. She competes horses to the top level with repeat top 10 finishes at the Adelaide 5*. She has also been a very active member of Eventing Auckland; secretary/event manager for Puhinui, leads the Springbush horse trial organising committee, and is also the head instructor for Springbush pony club.

Hamish Bulter Gallie – Hamish joins the Board with nearly 20 years of Eventing experience and a wealth of governance and business acumen. He is a FEI L3 TD and FEI L2 Steward, parent to high level riders, an event organiser and was the NZPCA Chair. He’s been Eventing’s National Safety Officer since 2018 and serves on our Technical Advisory Group, Chairing for three years.

John Holmes – John is a FEI Level 3 Course Designer and joins Eventing’s Technical Advisory Group as the Course Design Liaison. Many of you will know John for his course designing at Hawkes Bay, the NZ3DE Championships at Taupo and many other events.

Ginny Tocher – We welcome Ginny as our Eventing Sports Manager for six months, whilst Hayley is on Parental Leave. Ginny has a wealth of knowledge as an FEI Level 3 Eventing Judge, having Officiated regularly across NZ, Australia and the UK.

Many successes to celebrate

This Eventing year has brought a wealth of memorable moments and accomplishments - from riders and horses to officials and our wider community, giving us plenty to be proud of and inspiration.

First time 3*, 4* & 5* completions

We like to recognise achievement in all endeavours and completing your first 3*, 4* or 5* event is a significant achievement and milestone in riders' careers. Congratulations to the following riders;

- 5* Tayla Mason, Pau and Badminton (Centennial)
Winner of Badminton Glentroot Trophy~ Horse & Rider who have made greatest improvement on their dressage placing
- 4* Kelli Frewin (Hidden Gold)
Scout Lodder (Overnight Success)
Mackenzie Marlo (CHS Diplomat)
Carys McCrory (Nemisis)
Bridie Quigley (Oranoa Greyson)
- 3* Daniel Bitchener (Henton Her Majesty)
Tessa Bradcock (Ceremony)
Lindsay Colwell (Waitangi Netflix)
Fabriana McQuarrie (Oceanic)



Tayla Mason receives the Glentroot trophy

Photo credit: Libby Law

Top 10 finishes at 5* Events

Congratulations to the following riders and their connections for a top 10 finish at a 5* event which is a tremendous accomplishment.

2024	Burghley	2 nd	Tim Price	Vitali
2024	Maryland	2 nd	Tim Price	Falco
2024	Pau	9 th	Tim Price	Jarillo
2025	Kentucky	8 th	Monica Spencer	Artist
2025	Adelaide	8 th	Donna Edwards Smith	DSE Medoza
2025	Badminton	10 th	Tim Price	Vitali

We can see why Tim holds a world ranking of 4th, with four top 10 placings on 3 different horses.

FEI Nations Cup

The Kiwis had a 3rd place podium finish at Bicton FEI Nations Cup Event in May 2025, with Sam Lissington riding Lord Seekonig finishing 2nd, along with team mates Caroline Powell (Tik Tok) and Nick Brooks (Lucky Jo Jo).

FEI Eventing Open Forum

Neil Mackenzie-Hall and Hamish Butler-Gallie presented at the Forum, showcasing the strength of Eventing and our officials in New Zealand.

July 2024 Olympic games – With our Olympic qualification secured by medalling at the World Eventing Championships, we held high hopes for the Paris Olympics at the historic Palace of Versailles. However, we all know Eventing is a sport of highs and lows, and we did not achieve the high we would have liked. What we must celebrate though, is that Eventing was the only discipline within ESNZ to qualify a team and the significance of this achievement mustn't be lost.



Our team who finished 7th on a score of 134.60, was Tim Price 6th (Falco), Clarke Johnstone 18th (Menlo Park), Jonelle Price 40th (Hiarado), reserve Caroline Powell and Chief Jock Paget.

The Paris Olympics may be remembered for the fact that those outside of the sport are shaping it, changing the Event format from what we historically consider Eventing to be – a test of a horse and rider combination over three phases. Because a goal of the Olympic Games is to have as many countries compete and complete, and thus higher viewership across the world, the rules were different. Nations were able to substitute combinations into their team and by the time we reached the SJ phase, six nations had, and a rider who fell on cross country was able to show jump the following day. Unfortunately for traditionalists like myself, we are not in charge here.

Horse and Hounds - Rhinegold Equestrian Inspiration of the Year award winner 2024 - Jesse Campbell who lost his wife Georgie in an eventing accident in May 2024



Jesse has shown resilience, courage and determination to continue in the sport while “putting the needs of so many others above his own”. Soon after Georgie’s death, Jesse encouraged his fellow riders: “When you’re out competing, please just smile at each other, and above all, try to love everything and everyone.”

NZ3DE Championships return to the South Island after 40 years

The return of the Event to the south was highly anticipated and the hosts Eventing Canterbury put on a fantastic event (despite the weather). In planning mode for three years, they re-developed the Cross-Country area at the Mclean's Island NEC, resowing the majority of the grounds, creating superb going for horse and rider combinations.

Eventing Canterbury's hard work and commitment were evident in an event that truly reflected the calibre expected of a national championship - well-executed and widely appreciated.



The South Islanders Road Tripping Guide, was a fantastic resource created for North Islanders not used to traveling distances and crossing the Cook Strait.

For the first time, lower levels (65cm) were offered at the nationals, a focus on making the sport more accessible for the boom in grassroots riders in the greater Canterbury region.

John Jones Steel & Hinterland National 3DE Championships was a memorable event and we look forward to the Event returning to the south again - more likely in four years rather than 40 years.

NZODE Championship hosted by the Matamata Equestrian Group

Matamata's second hosting the New Zealand One Day National Championships was once again a resounding success. Feedback from those in attendance was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how well-run and welcoming the event was.

It was clear to see the immense amount of work that went into preparing the grounds. The presentation of the venue was outstanding, and the dressage arenas, in particular, received comment on how well prepared they were.

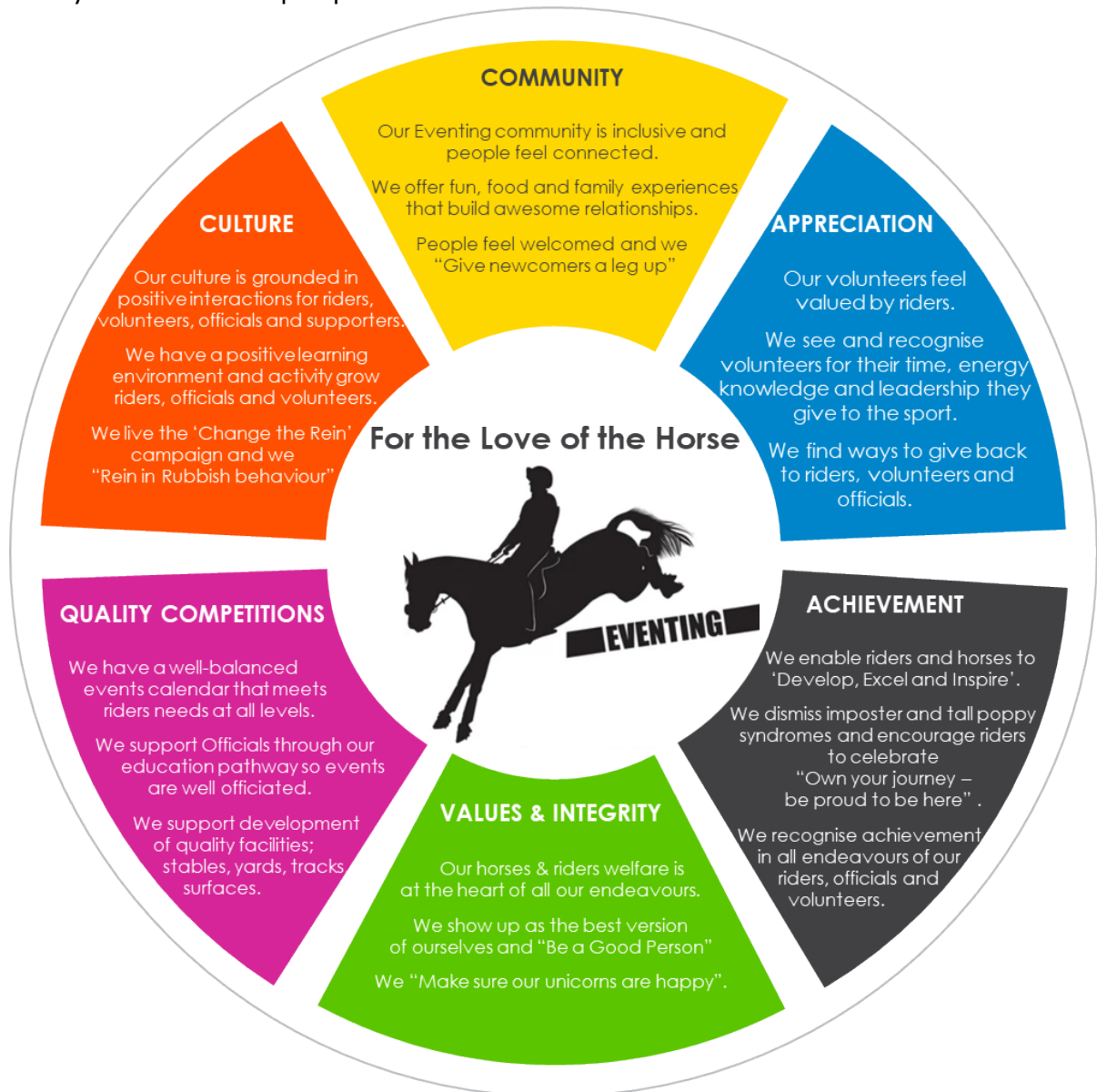


Matamata Equestrian Group continues to set a high standard for event delivery, and yet they manage to raise the bar year after year.

A special thank you goes to John and Denise McGiven for generosity making their working farm available to the sport and for the extraordinary effort they put in to make it such a well-regarded and enjoyable destination for riders and supporters.

The Board's Strategic Focus for the Year

Eventing Quality Experience Framework, contextualises ESNZ's Statement of Strategic Intent to the specific challenges and opportunities in Eventing. Many aspects contribute to having a quality experience - no one thing in isolation guarantees success. Like a wheel, our experience spins well when everything contributes, and if one area is not working, the experience is like a 'flat tyre' and doesn't spin quite so well.



This year the board's annual work plan primarily focused on:

Culture

Our culture is grounded in positive interactions for riders, volunteers, officials and supporters

Ready to go for next season, are four short videos designed for social media titled 'Here to Help'. These aim to guide people in knowing whom to approach for support, and outline the key responsibilities of the Event Secretary, Riders' Representative, Technical Delegate, and Steward. Thanks to our stars Hayley Daigle, Diane Gilder, Suzanne Black, Wendy Lansdown and Kevin Sapsworth, and Danni Mulrennan for producing the videos for us.

being signed with the New Zealand Horse Ambulance Trust (NZHAT). As a result, purpose-built equine ambulances are now available for both horse racing and equestrian events throughout New Zealand, with one such ambulance and tow vehicle now based at NEC Taupō.

Further supporting this advancement, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) sponsored a horse ambulance at 10 ESNZ events for the 2024–2025 competition season, including Defender Horse of the Year 2025.



We thank two of Eventing’s top Stewards, Susan O’Brien and Helen Christie, for contributing to ESNZ’s work on Social Licence - being guardians of the horse, ensuring a good life for horses.

Community

People feel welcomed and we “Give newcomers a leg up”

We have continued to support awards for best first time competitors at the NZ3DE at the grassroot levels: 105, 95, 80 and 65cm. Pictured: Alana England (KT Mahunga Nui) CCN105L



Appreciation

We find ways to give back to riders, volunteers and officials

We have looked extensively into this however we remain repeatedly challenged by funding.

Recognising our Valuable Volunteers

Volunteer of the Year Award 2024 - McCrostie Memorial Trophy - Clive Long (Wellington)

As voted by the ESNZ Eventing Board

Clive is a resident XC Course Designer for Eventing Wellington, and has also designed for events at Central Districts, Aaron Station, various Taupo events, and the NZ3DE Championships. He assisted FEI XC Course Designer Campbell Draper with the higher level XC courses at McLeans Island, Rotorua, Matamata, and Arran Station.

Clive's "extra mile" attitude and creative side was shown at the New Zealand Three Day Event Championships at Taupo where his themed courses in 2021 and 2023 helped raise the status of the 80cm & 95cm courses in the eyes of the competitors. He has also been instrumental in encouraging other local people to become listed ESNZ XC Course Designers.



Dedication to the Sport Award 2024 - Mandy Jarden (Northern Hawkes Bay)

Longest standing volunteer nominated by their Area Group

For over 25 years, Mandy has been an invaluable volunteer for Eventing Hawkes Bay (NHB). Her unwavering dedication and cheerful demeanour have made her a cornerstone of their community. At every event, Mandy goes above and beyond, giving 110% and always with a smile. Her contributions span across all activities, even ensuring everyone starts their day well-fed by cooking breakfast for officials and fence judges.

Mandy epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism through her quiet yet unwavering dedication. Nothing is ever too much effort for her, and her contributions have been fundamental to the success of Eventing Hawkes Bay.



To our dedicated Officials and Organising Committees - many of whom have given countless years of selfless service—thank you for making our sport possible.

Thanks, in Memoriam

Penny Pearce - Penny's professional career has been dedicated to equestrian sport as a highly competitive professional dressage rider (the first in NZ to crack the magical 70%), coach and a key member of the ESNZ High Performance team. She held multiple positions with ESNZ High Performance, including Eventing Performance Manager and Eventing Dressage Specialist Coach. She made a huge impact on the development and roll out of ESNZ high performance programmes. Her dedication to providing access to the best information, systems and support within a NZ budget has enabled so many talented NZ equestrian athletes to be the best they could be. Many riders she trained over the years have gone on to do amazing things including at the Olympic Games, World Champs and winning Eventing 5*s. In addition to the impact she made, she will be remembered for being an incredibly warm and positive person.

Pam Roberts - Pam was the instigator of the Young Event Horse Championships in New Zealand in 1994. It was such a success, it now runs in conjunction with NZ3DE Championships, with the success attributed to Pam's vision and enthusiasm. Pam was always looking for ways to encourage interest in eventing and there will be many people who benefited from this. Pam was a great enthusiast that riders should understand that dressage was the basis of all training and also ran very popular dressage tournaments.

Leicester Jarden - Leicester was a show jumping Course Designer who worked from grassroots level through to the Olympics. His international designing career spanned over 30 years and many Eventers would have ridden over his courses and his beautifully crafted set of jumps. Leicester was instrumental in bringing on new course designers through his willingness to mentor and impart this knowledge to others. He was Vice President of ESNZ, recipient of the Pilmer Plate Volunteer Lifetime Award and the David Ross Memorial Trophy for his dedication to the Horse of the Year Show.

Grant Jarden – It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Grant Jarden, who tragically passed away in a flying accident. Grant had been a long-time supporter of Eventing Hawkes Bay (NHB). His family, including his wife Mandy, daughter Emma, and son Ollie, are also deeply involved within our eventing community.

Jean Edney – Jean was passionate about horses, Eventing and the Equestrian Park in Hastings. The instigator of Eventing at the Horse of the Year show, she volunteered at the event for nearly 20 years. She was a long-standing Chair of Eventing Hawkes Bay (NHB) and founding member of the Equestrian Park. Along with being a National Steward, she volunteered and gave so much to all equestrian events in her area over many years.

John Millar – John was one of the founding members of the Horse Society in Southland. He built the first set of show jumps and went on to help construct many cross-country courses. He was a Technical Delegate of Eventing and a well-known Show Jumping Judge for many years.

Thanks to all sponsors

Every OC works hard to secure sponsors and promote them. I ask that you consciously support all the eventing sponsors when you purchase products and services and when you do, please tell them it was because of their sponsorship. We have a tremendous number of sponsors involved in Eventing across all our Horse Trials; too numerous to mention here. However, these sponsors I'd like to mention here.



Official horse welfare partners

IRT are ESNZ's Official Horse Welfare Partner, and the official international horse transport provider for ESNZ teams. In line with IRT's support for veterinary services at key equestrian events, the Board allocated their sponsorship to the two long format events held in the last year: Puhinui and the NZ3DE.



NRM are long-time supporters of Eventing and this year sponsored our Eventing Series. Dedicated to providing the best nutritional support possible for our horses, they develop their products in conjunction with Kentucky Equine Research, and they produce feeds ideal for all phases of eventing.



The Rider Shop and Rangiora Equestrian continued their XC Style Prize again this year, encouraging safe Cross Country riding in our grassroot classes. We thank them for their continued generosity with their sponsorship and supporting the "Own your journey – be proud to be here" mantra.

New Zealand Eventing's Challenges are Global

The challenge for the future of Eventing in New Zealand is how to maintain our standing in the world, and how do we continue to be the environment for talented and passionate riders to achieve their aspirations at whatever level.

Watching the annual FEI Eventing Open Forum in January online, I was hearted yet saddened to realise that the challenges we face for a thriving sport in New Zealand are not unique to us, rather they are experienced around the world and even in the 'home of eventing' the UK. These included:

- People are feeling it financially - amateur riders are competing one horse rather than 2 or 3.
- Entry numbers are decreasing, inhibiting the OC's ability to keep entry fees down to cover medical and vet costs.
- Costs are increasing. Venues are being lost.
- Riders don't read the rule book.
- People are achieving MERs but are not yet ready for the next level.
- Officials would like to be paid but the OCs can't afford to.

We have been observing closely as other nations develop and implement initiatives to address these issues, and we are both heartened and disheartened to see that New Zealand is often at the forefront in this space. For example:

- Introducing the ability to miss a jump on XC and complete.
- Introducing lower-level classes to increase entries at events e.g. 65/ 70cm.

Rider education is notably one initiative other nations have invested in. Germany has online videos for 'everything' and classroom-based activities around Social Licence. UK Eventing provide discounted membership to [Ridely](#) a training and education app (which actually features a few Kiwi riders).

Despite these challenges, the passion and commitment I've seen within our eventing community give me confidence that our sport will continue to evolve and endure in New Zealand.

Farewell from me

It's been a true privilege to serve our Eventing community for six years on the Eventing Board, three as Chair. I am deeply grateful for the trust you've placed in me, and for the incredible people I've had the opportunity to work alongside. The Board has been a constant source of support - united by a shared passion for the betterment and future of our sport. I've felt so welcomed at events and appreciated every ride along with TDs, course walks with Course Designers, and chats with everyone about their role and eventing.

A special thanks goes to the exceptional Sport Managers I've worked with, Eliza and Hayley, who brought positivity and professionalism to every interaction, making them an absolute pleasure to work with. Their tireless dedication in a broad and demanding role has made them a truly respected and recognisable 'Face of Eventing'.

I'll finish with a saying I recently saw on social "***It's amazing the number of great people in my life that I won't have ever met, if it wasn't for horses***".

EVENTING FINANCIAL REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: John Alexander

Date: June 2025

Copies of the Financial Statement and Report will be available at the AGM.

The financial statements for ESNZ Eventing are draft and will remain that way until approved by the auditor. Audited financial statements will be presented at the ESNZ AGA.



Donna Edwards-Smith & DSE Mendoza. Winners of the Auckland Council CCI4-L at Puhinui, December 2024.*

EVENTING SPORT MANAGER REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Hayley Daigle

Date: June 2025

I am delighted to present the 2024/2025 ESNZ Eventing Sport Manager report. This year's AGM & Conference is particularly exciting with ESNZ celebrating their 75th anniversary. I am certain that the celebratory evening planned on the 27th June in the Banquet Hall at Parliament Buildings will be a wonderful event. We are extremely excited that the NRM Eventing Series awards will also be presented at this celebration.

It has been a wonderful season with minimal Event cancellations & quite a different looking Autumn calendar.

ESNZ Interschools competition:

The experienced team of Eventing Canterbury were first to kick off the season with their two-day event held at Eyreton PC. The ESNZ Interschools North & South Island competition were hot on the heels of the Eyreton Event with numbers again increasing for the third year of this Event taking place. Arena Eventing in the North Island was brilliantly designed by Denise Rushbrook and saw an incredible 320 combinations competing – an increase of 64 combinations. The Arena Eventing for the South Island competition was designed by experienced Lucy Shaw and saw 165 combinations competing – an increase of 40 combinations from 2023.



Development camps:

The second North Island Development Camp following Covid proved to be another successful endeavour with entries at 30+ attendees. This time held at the Waikato Equestrian Centre in October, we were lucky to have Jenny Draper, Nicoli Fife & Donna Edwards-Smith on the ground. Jenny & Nicoli judged a Dressage test and then utilised the 20 minute allocation to provide feedback on how to improve their Dressage phase. The positive feedback about these two judges and this format was resounding! Donna proved her weight in gold with her group Jumping lessons, everyone coming away with smiles on their faces from the session with Donna's infectious enthusiasm and sharing her wealth of knowledge. A get together during the evening with pizza's & presentations from Lizzie Green on the High Performance pathway & Sav Stirling mind set sessions was well received by all. Heelan Tompkins & Anne-Marie Styles were the XC coach for the second day of the camp – the attendees all completed a XC Course walk in the morning and were sent out of the “start box” at times given, simulating a competition environment. Heelan was on hand to provide feedback and riders had the opportunity to re-attempt a section of the course.

The South Island Development Camp was held at the Dunstan Horsefeeds NEC Christchurch 22-23rd March also at max entries at 28 attendees. This was held in conjunction with the ESNZ Demo & Dabble and the High Performance Talent ID assessment. Following the positive feedback of the North Island Development Camp, we opted to utilise the same format with Sandy Fryatt & Gael Kofoed as the Dressage Judges and Heelan as the Jumping phases coach. We were fortunate to have Pip Howells travel down to design the SJ course & utilised Cam Robertson's expert CD experience to flag courses for the XC. A survey was sent to the attendees following the camp. The overall camp feedback was positive:

- an evening function is not required as most attendees were local so took their horses home
- desire for more learning opportunities during the day e.g. studs, turnout, horse & athlete fitness, equine nutrition, trot up lessons etc.

Thanks to High Performance for their financial contribution which assisted in allowing these camps to proceed.

New venue:

One of the highlights of this season was the inaugural Bay of Plenty Event at their new venue-Racecourse Park, Otakiri in November 2024. The OC completed a mammoth effort, moving to Racecourse Park from their grounds at Rotorua A & P showgrounds and the Ngati Whakauae Tribal lands. Rowan Armer, Graham McRobbie & Campbell Draper were instrumental in preparing the new grounds and building the new courses from 80cm-3*. For a full Event review, head to the ESNZ website [here](#), written by Virginia Caro.

FEI Officials Seminar:

The Taupo OC was busy throughout spring season hosting three events, the final in November being host to the FEI Officials seminar. The FEI Officials Seminar is held in NZ every two years with Australia hosting in between in the hopes that our NZL & AUS Officials do not have to travel too far abroad to maintain their status or attend an upgrade seminar. The Seminar is funded 50% by Eventing to attend but the Officials are paying 50% out of their own pocket which remains to astound me at their generosity and dedication to Eventing. We welcomed Stuart Buntine (UK),

Christina Klingspor (SWE), Lars Christensson (SWE), Gyorgy Bazar (HUN) & Susan O’Brien (NZL) as the seminar directors. We hosted nearly 30 Officials in total travelling across the North & South Island as well as from India, USA & Australia.



Congratulations to NZL’s Cam Robertson who successfully completed the Transfer Up CD seminar to become a Level 2 FEI CD. Thanks to Denise Rushbrook & her team for accommodating this seminar at their Event which requires the Event to be run in a long format over 3 days.

As the seminar is required to be run as a long format, over short format competition and thus an extra day of competition, Eventing agreed to cover the expenses for the additional day of competition. We were lucky to secure grant funding from Pub charity to the value of \$2839.79 for Vet, Medical, Portaloo’s & farrier costs.

Young & Junior Rider Three Day Champs:

The next big-ticket item was the celebration of 30 years at Puhinui who were also hosts to the Young & Junior Rider 3 Day Champs. An afternoon tea bought past & present Officials together on Saturday afternoon to celebrate the 30 years whilst a farmers market held alongside the XC enticed spectators in to the Event. This is a wonderful OC who work hard to host the long format Event. Philippa Harder has retired from the OC after 15 incredible years of dedication.

Young & Junior Rider One Day Champs:

Thanks to Springbush who were super hosts of the 2024/2025 NZ Young & Junior Rider One Day Championships at their Event. This Event has been unable to run for a couple of years due to the damage from Cyclone Gabrielle – the entry numbers to this Event were an indicator of how much the event has been missed! For the post event review, head to the ESNZ website [here](#)



Tessa Bradcock & Ceremony

NZ One Day Champs:

Matamata were the superb hosts of the NZ One Day Champs for a second year running. The grounds were impeccable thanks to the hard work of the McGiven's & team Matamata. The hard working committee sourced sponsorship from NZTR for the inaugural Thoroughbred \$5k Eventers Stake where eligible combinations completed an 80cm Dressage test on Friday morning to then complete a short SJ immediately followed by short XC in front of a crowd enjoying the Friday setting sun with drinks and a BBQ provided by Randlab. Donna Edwards-Smtih & DSE Mendoza were a pleasure to watch across XC & Jumping to move up to podium position & take home the Forest Gate Trophy. The wrap up from the Event can be found in the Eventing News section on the ESNZ website [here](#).



Bridie Quigley & Encore

North & South Island Championships:

Eventing Southland were hosts to the 2024/2025 South Island Champs and Kihikihi the North Island Champs over the weekend of 5th and 6th April. Eventing Southland have provided a fantastic wrap of this Event available on the Eventing News section [here](#). Kihikihi had a wet lead up to the weekend but this did not affect the entries, particularly in the 2* - this is a fantastic reflection of the quality of this event and provides optimism for the upper level classes in the future.

NZ Three Day Championships:

This Event was the highlight of the 2024/2025 season for me. I had big expectations heading down to Christchurch with this incredibly experienced OC being the host of the NZ3DE for the first time in 40 years. They certainly outdid any expectations & provided an absolutely spectacular event from start to finish! The weather was unideal, but this did not dampen the atmosphere and friendly vibe across the Event. Visiting foreign Official, Bev Shandley, described the Dressage & Jumping arenas in the Hampton Oval as global-like standard.

For those interested a comparison of entries between the 2024 & 2025 NZ3DE is provided below. It must be pointed out that this cannot be a direct comparison of the two Events, due to a number of potential factors with the list below not being exhaustive:

- NZ3DE being held earlier meaning less qualifying opportunity for long format classes
- Combinations being unable to travel to both Canterbury for the NZ3DE and Australia Events, Adelaide & Melbourne
- The 105 & below classes were short format in 2025 therefore not requiring qualification criteria
- Potential for cost effective availability of ferry spots due to the popular truck show in Wanaka

	2024	2025
4*	6	1
3*	14	9
2*	30	19
1*/105	59	46
95	56	96
80	30	84
65	-	58
YEH	25	20

To host an Event to this standard requires a huge team effort therefore credit must be given to each and every member of the Eventing Canterbury OC. Of particular mention, Don Robertson, Sara Rowley and Kelly Sloan played a huge role in the success of the event as well as Nick Pyke – his long-lasting commentating abilities is rather enviable!

There is too much to celebrate about the quality of this Event within my report therefore there is a post event review available on the ESNZ website [here](#).

Oceania:

The purpose for the adjusted Autumn calendar was to accommodate Oceania 2025-2026 which was poised to be hosted at Melbourne in June 2025. Moving the NZ3DE to mid-April 2025 meant that combinations vying for a spot on the team for Oceania could travel to Canterbury for the NZ3DE and provide a performance for selectors to select the Senior & Young Rider teams from. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication between Equestrian Australia, Melbourne & Adelaide which resulted in Adelaide being under the impression that they were the hosts of Oceania in May 2025. The timing of this information meant that the calendar could not be amended to accommodate Oceania being held in April without affecting the combinations ability to travel to NZ3DE. A meeting was held between myself, Equestrian Australia and Adelaide where Australia decided the only solution was for Oceania to be delayed until 2026.

Thoroughbred in Equestrian Sports (TiES):

We are lucky for the on-going sponsorship from NZ TB Racing with NZTR again providing a generous prize pool for 2024/2025 season for the winner and placegetters of the top placed Thoroughbreds in this Series. Congratulations to Stephanie-Kate Vervoort & Zachariah O'Herr who won the Eventing TiES Series for the second year running!

The list of these winners is available on Evo Events [here](#).

NRM Eventing Series 2024/2025:

This was the first year that NRM have sponsored the Eventing Series and therefore we were able to provide prizemoney for the 1st – 5th place for each Series.

NRM have been long time sponsors of Eventing and we are incredibly grateful for their on-going support.

SUPER SERIES:

- 1st: Donna Edwards-Smith & DSE Mendoza
- 2nd: Carys McCrory & Nemesis
- 3rd: Charlotte Penny & Festival
- 4th: Bridie Quigley & Oranoa Greyson
- 5th: Madison Seivwright & Waitangi Pinterest

YOUNG RIDER SERIES:

- 1st: Bridie Quigley & Oranoa Greyson
- 2nd: Fabriana McQuarrie & Oceanic
- 3rd: Charlotte van der Zwan & Astek Gymsee
- 4th: Jessica Sutherland & Secret Runner
- 5th: Holly McInnes & Pop it

JUNIOR RIDER SERIES:

- 1st: Tessa Bradcock & Ceremony
- 2nd: Tessa Bradcock & Benicio
- 3rd: Scout Lodder & Overnight Success
- 4th: Alana England & KT Mahunga Nui
- 5th: Mia Cadwallader & Kasino

PRO-AM SERIES:

- 1st: Stephanie Kate-Vervoort & Zachariah O'Herr
- 2nd: Megan Finlayson & Robbie Robinson
- 3rd: Lindsay Colwell & Waitangi Netflix
- 4th: Brittany Fowler & NRS Luna Corona
- 5th: Kyle Calder & Tamburo

AMATEUR SERIES:

- 1st: Ashra McAvinue & TR Willow
- 2nd: Kirsty Ogilvie & Raise A Glass
- 3rd: Angela Lloyd & Rangatira Florence
- 4th: Harriet Gelb & Henton High Class
- 5th=: Ashra McAvinue & TR Horizon
- 5th=: Sophie Alexander & JL Benedik

GRASSROOT SERIES:

- 1st: Portia Wright & Valerius
- 2nd: Karina Barnes & Master William
- 3rd: Andrea MacFarlane & Double J Icon
- 4th: David Moir & Plenty of Sunshine
- 5th=: Shelby Davys Olsen & Cover Girl KSNZ
- 5th=: Shelby Davys Olsen & Pinewood Cincinnati

For full results please visit Evo Events, under Series results.

National title winners

Young & Junior Rider One Day Championships – Springbush (February 2025)

Charisma Trophy: Mackenzie Marlo & CHS Diplomat

Hoffman Trophy: Tessa Bradcock & Ceremony

Young & Junior Rider Three Day Championships – Puhinui (December 2024)

Swarbrick Trophy: Mackenzie Marlo & CHS Diplomat

Lenamore Trophy: Tessa Bradcock & Ceremony

National One Day Championships – Matamata (March 2025)

Forest Gate: Donna Edwards-Smith & DSE Mendoza

Waiteko Trophy: Helen McGrath & Woodbine Magic Maze

Ferndale Trophy: Bridie Quigley & Encore

Tait Trophy: Angela Lloyd & Rangatira Florence

New Zealand Three Day Championships – Christchurch (April 2025)

Wills Trophy: Carys McCrory & Nemesis

Picadilly Trophy: Fabriana McQuarrie & Oceanic

Mamaku Trophy: Brittany Fowler & NRS Luna Corona

Thomson Trophy: Tessa Bradcock & Beneicio

Mary Bowling Memorial: Harry Feast & Cartier Xtreme

Caseley Trophy: Carys McCrory & Nemesis

Atlantic Silver Spurs: South Island

- Kirsty Ogilvie & Raise A Glass
- Sophie Thomas & Craighaven Legacy
- Emily Cammock & Y Puna Slade
- Lindsay Colwell & Waitangi Netflix

XC Style Prize:

The XC Style Prize was in affect for the 2024/2025 season and is a fantastic method of recognising grassroot riders and encouraging safe Cross Country riding.

This year we celebrated 11 combinations selected by Events and acknowledged on social media and the 10 minute box. We are truly grateful to The Rider Shop and Rangiora Equestrian for their on-going sponsorship of this wonderful initiative.

I have enquired re their on-going sponsorship of this initiative and will ask Ginny Tocher to advise OC's once this decision has been made.



*Amber Auret & Divani REQ
Winners of the Rangiora Equestrian Supplies & The Rider Shop XC Style Prize at Bay of Plenty Autumn Horse Trial*

XC STYLE PRIZE 2024/2025

DATE	RIDER	HORSE	EVENT	SOCIAL MEDIA REACH
Sep-24	Jenelle Coxall	A&P Centafold	Waikato Equestrian Centre	4726 views 2811 reach
Sep-24	Molly McKenzie	Hummer	Eventing Canterbury-Eyreton	4226 views 2416 reach
Oct-24	Violet France	Goldridge Winchester	Eventing Canterbury-NEC	4202 views 1694 reach
Nov-24	Sam Were	Polkadot	Bay of Plenty	4804 views 2700 reach
1-Nov	Charlotte Fouhy	Puketawa Celtic Legend	Wairarapa	2741 views 1760 reach
Nov-24	Imogen Masters	Night Hawk	Canterbury	4611 views 2696 reach
Dec-24	Brooke Marlo	Kabo Shadow	Puhinui	8740 views 4775 reach
Feb-25	Elizabeth McKay	Come Along LS	Waikato Equestrian Centre	981 views 690 reach
Feb-25	Amber Auret	Divani REQ	Bay of Plenty	4616 views 2950 reach
Mar-25	Victoria Toulmin	Centava	Central Districts	2760 views 1830 reach
Mar-25	Florence Edwards-Veale	Just Benji	Wellington	4970 views 2228 reach

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The below five people are instrumental for ensuring Eventing remains within Technical requirements whilst reviewing these technical requirements to ensure that they are relevant with global standards:

- Tich Massey – Course Design
- Jenny Draper – Judges
- Wendy Lansdown – Technical Delegates and Chair
- Hamish Butler-Gallie – National Safety Officer
- Janene Maxwell – Stewards

These people are a wealth of knowledge and are incredibly valuable in advising the Eventing Board to make informed decisions, guiding the way forward for Eventing in NZ positively. TAG continue to be the greatest support to me in the Sport Manger role of which I am eternally grateful for.

They have arranged and implemented three successful Seminars throughout NZ over the 2024/2025 season to ensure that our Officials remain current – Brookby, Hunua and Cromwell. The Hunua seminar was unique with TAG successfully gaining funding from the Prime Minister Scholarship thanks to the assistance of High Performance. This funding was utilised to bring Officials together to spend the day reviewing the sport, sharing knowledge & discussing in depth topics relevant to Eventing. Thanks to Tich Massey for providing his beautiful South Auckland venue as the perfect location for this day to go ahead.

TAG continue to be fantastic assessors of the FEI rules and were again instrumental in providing feedback to the FEI for consideration of changes to the full Eventing rules review for 2025.

As a part of the Chair role, Wendy also attends the Eventing Board and the ESNZ Technical Committee meetings. She plays a vital role in these meetings and brings a very practical approach to decision making. Thank you for all that you do Wendy.

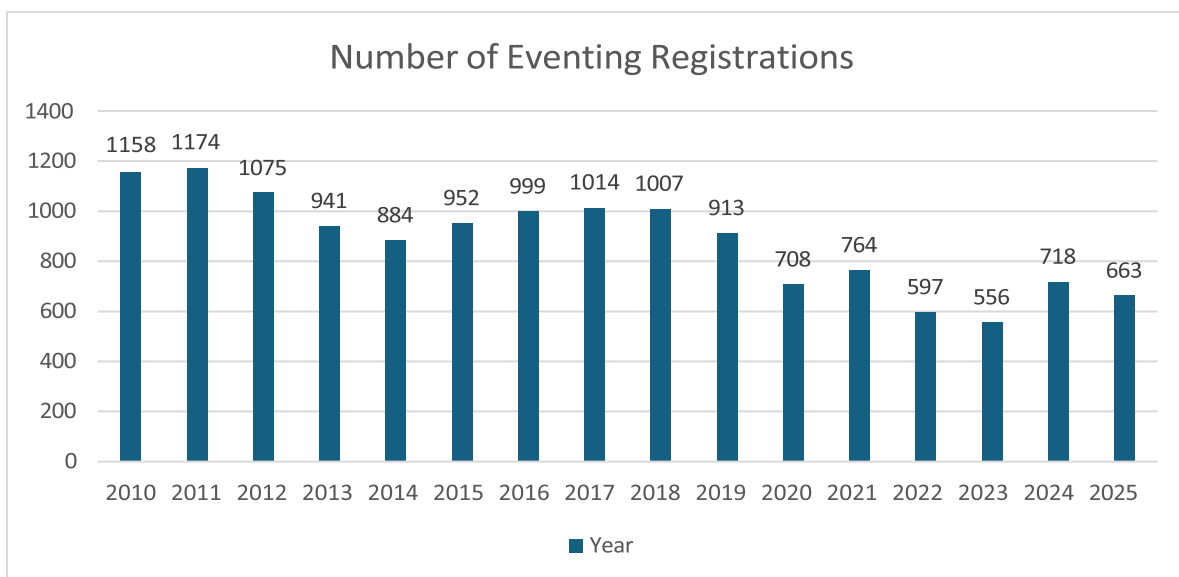
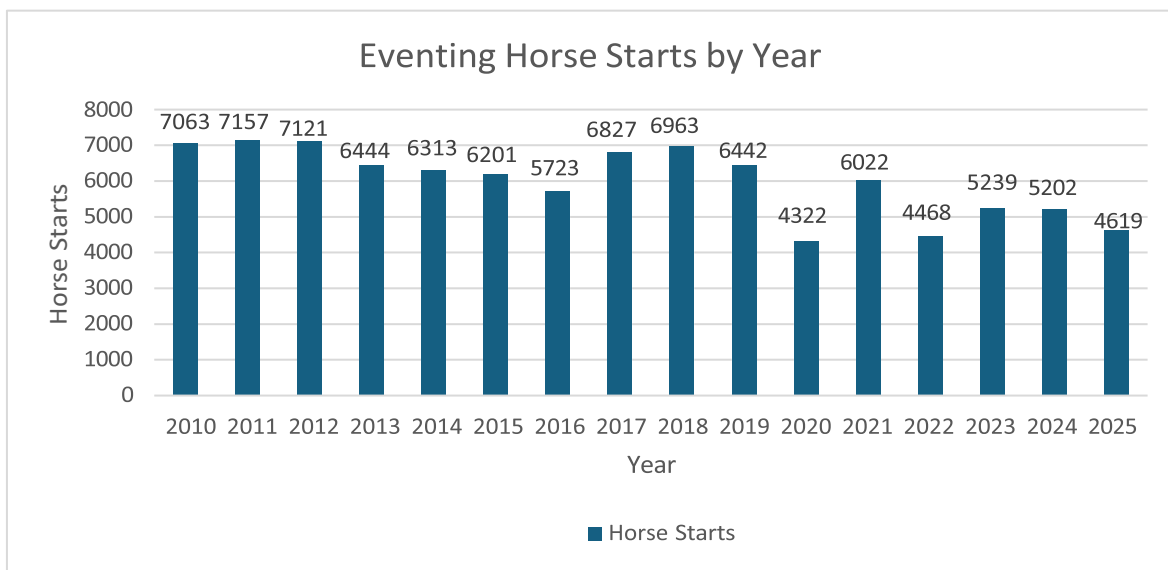
It will be sad to bid Tich Massey farewell from TAG – he is such an asset to Eventing. I have truly appreciated his wisdom and support throughout my time as Sport Manager. Thank you for everything you have done Tich.

We welcome John Holmes as CD liaison to TAG. John is a fantastic Course Designer and has a lovely friendly approach in all interactions. Welcome John!

Eventing Annual Starts & Eventing Registrations – 2024/2025

The two indicators we utilise as a part of determining growth and participation of Eventing are:

1. Eventing Annual Horse Starts; the levy collected off each horse which starts a competition (recorded by a dressage mark) across all events where ESNZ Eventing levies are collected (CCN, CCI, Express Events and Arena Eventing)
2. Eventing Registrations; horse registrations required to specifically compete in Eventing as purchased via ESNZ. The Annual start is required to compete at CCN1* and above or if you wish to compete in a National Series. Alternatively, you can purchase Casual Starts for the Event.



Looking forward to the 2025/2026 season, below are the larger ticket items on the agenda:

- Oceania: in conjunction with High Performance, plan and implement a Young Rider & Senior Rider Oceania team to travel to Adelaide in April 2026
- FEI Officials Seminar in 2026: this has been proposed as being held in May 2026 at the NZ3DE in Taupo but as this is the weekend of Badminton, the FEI cannot confirm directors available at this point
- Eventing format: to work with the Eventing community to investigate alternative ways of hosting Eventing that is inviting to riders in an effort to increase participation

The Eventing Board will be left with very few familiar faces following the 2025 AGM!

- Raewyn Eastwood has come to the end of her term after six dedicated years. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her closely as Chair for the last three years. Raewyn has provided an enormous amount of commitment to the role which has truly been above and beyond that of a Board member/volunteer.
- Marg Evans has completed an incredible three terms on the Board, completing an extra year the last 12 months to ensure that the Board had a South Island representative. Marg was in the Chair role when I began as Eventing Sport Manager in April 2022. I will always be grateful for how warm & welcoming Marg was during the early months & was instrumental in my induction in passing on her institutional knowledge. We have also been blessed to experience her & Bruce's "host/hostess with mostest" welcome to their home on two occasions!
- It has been a wonderful three years with John Alexander on the Eventing Board! He has provided a very practical and light-hearted approach to every meeting and interaction which has been truly appreciated.
- Chris Perkins has also been a staple Board member in my time as Eventing Sport Manager and I have thoroughly enjoyed our carpooling to the airport – great discussions and laughs have come from those car rides! Chris has always brought valuable knowledge of Eventing to discussions: a long time Mum of the sport & from an OC perspective running a long format Event.
- Amanda Illston has been the Riders Representative for three years & it has been a delight working with her over this time. We have worked closely together to have the Development Camps brought back to life following Covid and I have appreciated her determination to find solutions to create an Eventing calendar that works for OC's & riders.

It is heart warming to see the calibre of individuals applying to fulfil the vacant positions on the Eventing Board, again reinforcing the special culture that we have within our sport. I am thrilled to welcome Hamish Butler-Gallie, Kirsty Ogilvie & Diane Gilder to the Board and excited to work with these individuals once I return from parental leave.

We are incredibly lucky to have Virginia Tocher stepping into the Eventing Sport Manger role for 6 months whilst I am on parental leave. She comes with a wealth of Eventing knowledge and has a friendly, calm demeanour.

Thank you to the whole Eventing Board for your willingness to give up precious time away from family, work, animals and your everyday life to commit to driving our sport forward. You remain

steadfast in ensuring that decision making is thorough and with the best interest of Eventing at the forefront.

I am disappointed to not be in attendance for the 2025 AGM. This is always a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the season been but also to spend time together in person. I view this as an opportunity to show my sincere gratitude to each and every OC who host Events throughout the Eventing season. Your dedication and resilience continues to astound me – there is no denying that it is becoming increasingly difficult to host Events from a financial perspective. Your determination to find ways to persevere despite this does not go unnoticed and I am committed to finding solutions to ease this hardship. I look forward to seeing you all in 2026!



Kelli Frewin & Hidden Gold

Winners of the Waiata Pa Bulk Haulage CCI3-L 2025*



HIGH PERFORMANCE

ESNZ Eventing High Performance Annual Report 2024-2025

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Jonathan Paget

Date: June 2025

Paris 2024 – Olympic Campaign

The 2023–24 season was centred around the Paris Olympic Games, the key target for this performance cycle. The selected team was:

- **Tim Price** – *Falco*
- **Jonelle Price** – *Hiarado*
- **Clarke Johnstone** – *Menlo Park*
- **Caroline Powell** – *Greenacres Special Cavalier* (travelling alternate)

The team finished 7th overall at the Games, with Tim Price producing a strong individual performance to place 6th. All combinations completed the competition, and while we had hoped to be in podium contention, a costly error in the cross country phase, meant we didn't quite reach our performance target. Given the strength and form of the team heading into Paris, it was a solid showing, but one that left us feeling there was more to give. We entered Paris with a well prepared and competitive group, evidence of the strategic work put in over the last three years to deepen our talent pool and support consistent preparation across the board. While the result didn't reflect our full potential, the capability was there, and the experience gained will be important as we look ahead to Los Angeles.

Progress Made – Depth and Capability

A key strategic shift after Tokyo was the recognition that we needed to deepen our pool of competitive combinations. Paris was the first major championship for a significant period where we had multiple combinations with legitimate claims to selection and the potential to contribute to a team podium performance. While that didn't translate into a medal in Paris, it reflects progress and puts us in a much better position heading into the LA cycle. The programme has built a stronger foundation. The next challenge is converting that foundation into results.

Coaching and Technical Support

In the final year of this cycle, we focused coaching support on key areas:

- **Captain Mark Phillips** – provided technical cross-country insight, including Olympic-specific preparation
- **Gareth Hughes** – dressage support, widely valued by the riders and integrated into final prep
- **Luis Alvarez Cevera** – show jumping support, including the final prep phase at Haras du Pin

This targeted model ensured riders had access to specialist input at critical times, rather than spreading resource too thin. Feedback from athletes on this focused coaching approach was positive.

Pre-Games Camp – Haras du Pin

The pre-Olympic staging camp at Haras du Pin was a key part of the preparation plan, offering the right facilities, surface, and environment for final tuning. Being close to the Olympic venue also reduced travel-related risk and allowed the team to settle ahead of competition.

All reserve combinations including Caroline Powell, as the alternate rider, contributed to the training environment and remained fully prepared should they have been required to step in — a difficult role that they handled with professionalism and commitment to the ESNZ High Performance Programme.

Post-Games Review and Looking to LA 2028

A full Olympic debrief was undertaken following Paris. It confirmed many of the programme's strengths — most notably the progress in depth and preparation — but also highlighted clear areas to improve and build on. These insights are feeding directly into planning for the 2025–2028 cycle.

Funding Outlook

As of January 2025, the programme is under the new funding allocation which is a significant reduction in investment from High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ). It is a tough time for all sports competing for such limited resources and while we have been given reduced funding, we are hugely grateful to still be supported by HPSNZ as a targeted sport and able to deliver an end to end high performance programme. The next four-year cycle will require a leaner, more focused approach to high performance delivery.

This change will impact how we:

- Support athletes in New Zealand and overseas
- Invest in developing combinations
- Deliver training, camps, and campaign support

Maintaining performance momentum under these constraints will be a challenge. Prioritisation will be key, and we'll need to continue finding ways to deliver high-quality support within tighter limits.

New Zealand Programme

The NZ High Performance Programme continues to refine and enhance its approach to athlete development, preparing athletes to perform on the world stage.

The annual off-horse Induction camp was held in August 2024 at the Avantidrome in Cambridge, we covered Campaign Planning with an eye on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. Highlights from the two days were the high ropes courses putting the athletes under pressure, team-building exercises, and workshops from High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ) providers.

This year we have newly acquired Jump 4 Joy portable XC fences. These fences provided increased safety and versatility in training, allowing for highly creative and effective course designs. These were utilised across two XC specific camps as well as in individual training sessions.

We developed an online group session mid-season, with psychologist Jason Yuill-Proctor which gave opportunities for athletes to reflect, exchange insights, and deepen their learnings while actively competing.

A series of combined training days were held (dressage test riding with judges and showjumping course riding) across the regions for competition preparation. Talent Identification (TID) assessment camps were expanded into multidisciplinary days with Jumping, Dressage and Endurance. These days also covered an intro to the HP system and a deeper understanding of how we operate.

Yard visits continued to be a staple of individualised athlete development, with Lizzie Brown visiting home environments to provide tailored support. Competition support remained a key element of the programme, ensuring athletes were well-prepared and equipped to perform at their best.

The NZ Programme was represented by Charlotte Penny & Madison Sievwright at Sydney CCI4*L in November 2024, gaining valuable experience and delivering strong performances to build toward future goals.

New Selection Process

Following the end of the cycle debrief it became apparent that the demands placed on our volunteer selectors were too great. Given we have the expertise in place in the HP Team it would be more efficient to use the skills and work already being done to inform the selection team, relieving the workload on the volunteer selectors and streamlining the process. Under the new selection model, selectors are asked to bring their current skills and knowledge to the table to ensure the right selections are being made for both squad and team against the criteria. A new Selection Panel has been established, and at the time of writing this report the panel has undergone its first selections and the process worked very well.

Future Focus

Looking ahead, the programme is setting its sights on the Oceania Championships in Adelaide in April 2026. Additionally, there is an increasing emphasis on collaborating with the other disciplines, for more shared learning opportunities within the sport and to grow together.

Summary

The 2024–2025 season has been defined by dedication, collaboration, and world-class preparation. We are proud of the progress made by our athletes, horses, and support team are confident that the systems we have built will deliver results for the sustainable future.

We thank our athletes, owners, coaches, sponsors, and support personnel for their ongoing commitment to excellence and look forward to sharing the outcomes of Paris with the wider eventing community.

ESNZ High Performance Team

EVENTING TECHNICAL REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Date: June 2025

Technical Committee:

Jenny Draper - Judges: Janene Maxwell - Stewards: Tich Massey - Course Designers: Hamish Butler Gallie - National Safety Officer: Wendy Lansdown - Technical Delegates and Chair.

Rules:

The Rule changes for the 2025-2026 year are still being finalised. Most are small tweaks but Dangerous Riding has had some wording changes and has been strengthened to allow Ground Juries to penalise riders for various Dangerous Riding infringements. I strongly encourage all riders and officials to make themselves familiar with the new Rules as of 1st August 2025.

Education and Development of Officials

The 1st August 2025 sees the new Officials levels for officiating implemented. TAG spent many months working on this, getting feedback from officials and trying to ensure that we have the right coverage of officials at events at all levels.

Over the last season we have run three seminars: Brookby, Hunua and Cromwell. The Cromwell seminar in the autumn was in place of the cancelled Spring seminar at Cromwell where snow caused the event to be cancelled. These have all been very well attended and thanks must go to the facilitators who ensure that the sessions are relevant and positive. The Hunua seminar was an Officials Development day, bringing together officials in all roles. TAG were successful in gaining some Prime Ministers Scholarship funding in 2025, to bring as many officials together as possible, to spend time discussing in-depth issues which are relevant to our Sport. Thanks go to Tich Massey for making Springbush available for the day and to all the officials who gave up their Saturday to attend. We had thirty-five officials together with great conversation and learning happening throughout the day.



Throughout the winter we ran four Zoom sessions for officials on various topics. These were very well received with forty participants on one session. TAG plan to run another series of Zoom meetings this winter.

At a National level we have continued to upgrade officials through the assessment process and have been very pleased with the quality of new officials coming onto List 3.

New Zealand ran an FEI seminar at Taupo in November with several officials from New Zealand participating. We also had one course designer transfer to an FEI List 2. The Monday after the seminar course designers gathered at Tich Massey's Hunua property to learn how to build frangible tables using the expertise of England's Stuart Buntine. Congratulations to those course designers who have used this knowledge to build MIM tables in other venues around the country.



Tich Massey is stepping down as the course designer liaison this year. Tich has been hugely influential in developing course designers in New Zealand over the last ten years. He is knowledgeable, quietly works alongside people and his suggestions are thoughtful and practical. Thank you Tich, from everyone involved in Eventing in New Zealand for your dedication to the Sport. We welcome John Holmes as the new course designer liaison on the Technical Committee.



Lastly I would like to thank my colleagues on TAG. This group of people spend many hours on Zoom calls, writing and rewriting rules, composing newsletters, and answering queries to make our Sport enjoyable and safe. A huge thank you to Hayley Daigle who attends our Zoom meetings after hours and does all the leg work for us. Thanks also to the Eventing Board for all the work done behind the scenes to keep this Sport that we all love moving forward.

NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE – CHRISTCHURCH:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Nick Pyke

Date: June 2025

The eventing highlight for 2024-25 was the staging of the National Three Day Championship at the Dunstan Horsefeeds NEC Christchurch, 40 years from when it was last staged in the South Island at the same venue. The NEC is almost unrecognizable from 40 years ago with massive improvements across all aspects of the complex. From a NEC perspective, the National Three Day Championship, run by Eventing Canterbury, was an overall success although it was disappointing at how few North Island competitors in the higher classes made their way South after 40 years of South Islanders travelling North! It was also disappointing that very few of those in development squads did not take advantage of the opportunity to travel South to experience travel more complex than within island. The infrastructure and the jumps are all here, and the quality of these is outstanding, so the NEC looks forward to hosting the National Three Day Championship again within the next few years. A massive thank you to all who made this happen and to those from the North who made the trip down, we were very pleased to host you at the NEC.

Unfortunately due to proposed restructure of the NEC governance model by ESNZ the committee lost some enthusiasm to undertake activities in the last year. Now this has been resolved the committee have recommenced a number of actions.

Some key points from the last year are:

- A new large mower was imported from the UK to enable effective mowing of the cross country area.
- Eventing Canterbury commissioned a large number of brand new portable cross country fences to be built including a number with frangible devices.
- Compost and bark have been spread on many parts of the training ground following the stone burying and re-grassing.
- There has been on-going work on the health and safety for both contractors and casual users with Onside to be encouraged for visitors going forward.
- There has been ongoing maintenance of the all weather arenas.
- NEC purchased a new caravan designed to be used for scorers or control.

The NEC hosted 4 Eventing Canterbury events (3 of which were FEI events), a number of twilight training days, derby days, schools Eventing, eventing training camps, venue for pony club events and provides the opportunity for many athletes to train over cross country fences.

The NEC has been supported by a very effective committee which has a good vision for the future of equestrian sports at the NEC. A big thank you to all committee members and to Don Robertson the convenor for the enthusiasm and effort they all make in ensuring the NEC is a success.



Water jump National 3DE 2025



Water jump National 3DE 1985 – removed 2023.



Cross country area 2025



Cross Country area 1987

NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE – TAUPO:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: John Alexander

Date: June 2025

ORGANISING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Rosie Edwards

Date: June 2025

I have now completed 6 years in the position of organising committee representative on the eventing board.

The survey of events that had been sent to the event secretary to go out to all participants, volunteers, and officials has been moved to the ESNZ website and can be used as committees want to. This survey is useful to provide feedback to the organising committee in order to understand different perceptions of their event, and potential ways to make changes.

The 3-day championship was in Christchurch this year and by many standards was a success. It was a relief for me, and possibly other committee members not to have the responsibility of this championship. Eventing Canterbury's Committee clearly demonstrated that this event can be run by a local organising committee. The 3-day event 2025 is yet to be fully compared using the eventing kete developed by Kate Rouch. This was first used to measure the 3-day event 2024. The kete was developed using the ESNZ rules and event organising pack on the ESNZ website which outlines a number of procedural requirements



for a well-run event. From a technical perspective, the eventing officials' resources including the ESNZ rules, clean sport, health and safety guidelines and cross-country design guide gave substantive requirements to be met. Finally, the riders' event satisfaction survey highlighted what makes an event successful from the perspective of riders, spectators, supporters and volunteers at our events.

The 3-day championship returns to Taupo in 2026. There have been considerable efforts to support formation of a Taupo organising committee. This would run separate from the Taupo NEC and there would need to be agreement between the Taupo organising committee and the NEC to support the smooth running of events. This would remove the eventing board being responsible for the running of this event. We would always provide support as the organising committee requested.

There have been many discussions at the board concerned at the worldwide trend of decreasing numbers at events. At the last AGM there were suggestions put forward about how events could be run differently to streamline events and encourage more entries. These could include combining different classes for the same height, having an additional show jump round present for people to bring additional horses. A few organising committees have agreed to consider making changes to their events to test these ideas.

EVENTING MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Chris Perkins

Date: June 2025

Media and communications has been fairly quiet this year.

The event survey sent to all event participants during the 2023/24 season has been migrated to the ESNZ website. Despite publicising the move in the 10 Minute Box there have been no responses post the transition. The survey was distributed to participants after Puhinui 2024 and the number of responses was in line with the previous year.

Thanks to Hayley Daigle, our incredible Sport Manager, the Eventing Facebook page has been kept lively and current, including regular reports and videos from most national events.

I am retiring from the Eventing Board this year and handing the portfolio over to Kate Rouch who I know has lots of exciting plans.



Angela Lloyd & Rangatira Florence

EVENTING RIDERS REP REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Amanda Illston

Date: June 2025

First and foremost, it has been an absolute pleasure being the Riders Rep for the last 2 ½ yrs, as well as being a mouthpiece for the riders on the Eventing Board I have also had the performance and development portfolio. Instead of seeking re-election for this role I have chosen to stand for an elected position as I firmly believe having two current riders on the board going forward is a strong strategic idea.

With our **Eventing Development Camps** being such a success in 2023/2024 we were keen to build on these, I did approach Jock from High Performance again and secured a small amount of funding to get us underway with the 2024/2025 camps. Due to a clash with other camps and events taking place at Taupo NEC during the October school holidays we had to find an alternate location with WEC in Te Rapa, Hamilton being the final choice. Unfortunately, numbers were slightly down on last season's camp with around 30 combinations but after some feedback it mostly came down to the shift in location being too far north for our southern NI riders.

Last year the riders suggested that they would like to incorporate running through a dressage test with feedback, we had given this a go at the April 2024 SI camp, so we added it to the mix for the NI riders. Jenny Draper and Nicoli Fife spent around 8 hrs putting riders through their paces and everyone I spoke came away with some new tools for their dressage toolbox. With less numbers to get through we were able to just use one coach for the SJ with the amazing Donna Edwards-Smith taking on this role, all the riders had so much praise for Donna's coaching which was fantastic.

On the first night, we had a pizza evening in the old hall and were treated to a very useful sports psychology presentation from 4* eventing rider and sports psychologist Savanna Stirling followed by Lizzie Green explaining the High Performance pathways and how to get on it. Needless to say, there were some very inspired riders by the end of the night. Heelan Thompkins had arrived bright and early on day 2 to design a versatile XC course for us with jumps of various heights and combinations, allowing riders to pick their own line depending on both rider and horse experience. Due to WEC's XC requiring a road crossing we invited Anne-Marie Styles back to coach, Heelan oversaw the majority of the course and then Anne-Marie was on the water jump side where riders finished off.

Our South Island Eventing Camp was held at the Christchurch NEC on the 22-23rd March and was held in-conjunction with ESNZ's Demo and Dabble event. I was unable to attend this camp, but Pip Howells went in my absence, building a great SJ track for the riders to jump and generally keeping the days rolling along. The camp hosted roughly 30 combinations who were ably coached by Sandra Fryatt and Gael Kofoed in the dressage rings while Heelan kept the SJ arena buzzing all day, on Sunday riders jumped around a short XC track set up by Cam Robinson.



Yet again these 2 camps were very successful with everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and looking forward to attending again in the 2025/26 season. I made sure to book dates in the first week of the Sep/Oct holidays this year at the Taupo NEC, straight after the Sep HT for the NI camp, we will have full use of the NEC which we haven't had in the past. The SI camp will be held in 2025, but we are yet to sort a date.

For the first time in many years HOY hosted a CCI2* class, this was well attended, and all riders enjoyed the opportunity to compete at such a prestigious event. The HOY team are looking to run the CCI2* class again in 2026 and plan to revert to having the XC run on the Saturday which many of the riders will be happy about. I was unable to make it down to the National 3DAY held at the NEC in Christchurch in April 2024, unfortunately not many NI riders were able to make the trip down but those that did had high praise for the event and venue, thank you to the hard-working committee for such a well-run event.

Constructing the 2025/2026 certainly had its challenges this year. Unfortunately, many places cannot run in October due to weather, and farming operations which means we still have a glut of events in November/December with no gaps in-between. With the change of date for HOY in 2026 to late March and Oceania being held in Adelaide 3 weeks later we had a complete over hall of the Autumn calendar, we were able to spread out most events with a 2-week gap between events. We hope this means these events get maximum rider support which they need to continue to run.

At this stage we do not have many FEI events on the Calendar, this will continue to affect future FEI events with combinations not being able to gain the required MERs to step up. Financial constraints and low participation are the main obstacles preventing most OC's from running FEI events, these are two items that need input from the wider eventing community.

Education & Social Events

We held the first session at Taupo NEC Spring Horse Trial (12-13th Oct). It was decided that we would have a panel of speakers (those that are in official roles, plus the rider's rep) so that the riders and others could learn more about these roles and their responsibilities. It also was an

opportunity for someone looking to become an Official to be given an insight into the 'life of an Official.' Thank you to the Officials who accepted the invite to talk.

It was hard to get people there on time – pizza was collected for a 6.30pm start but unfortunately the CCN80-S class were still show jumping going till after 6pm (ran late) and this was one of our key targets. Was very disappointing that some riders (junior and senior) thought that they could just collect a box of pizza and walk out the door!

A Quiz Night was held at the Nov (23-24th) Taupo NEC CCI and was run by Stephanie-Kate Vervoort – thank you. There was increased attendance at this one and enjoyed by all, with a mix of horse and non-horse related questions.

It would be great to see more of these types of activities at events to bring everyone together to learn and have fun.

A huge thank you to all my fellow board members and especially to our phenomenal Sports Manager, Hayley Daigle – yet again she has been outstanding in all ways and I wish her the best for her upcoming arrival.

National Selection Panel Report:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: High Performance

Date: June 2025

The National Selection Panel report has been included in the High Performance report for 2025

6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

6.1 Ratify Appointed Position: Hamish Butler-Gallie

6.2 Elected Position: Acknowledgement & voting process of Nominations:

Stuart Bishell

Amanda Illston

Grant Porter

7. APPOINTMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) INCLUDING CHAIR AND NATIONAL SAFETY OFFICER

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There was one remit received for the AGM of 2025.

Young Event Horse Eligibility.

The remit is attached in Appendix D

9. BOARD MEMBER REMUNERATION

10. APPOINT OF 9 VOTING DELEGATES TO ESNZ AGA

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Appendix A: CV for Ratification of Appointed Board member - Hamish Bulter Gallie



PROFILE

Experienced leader with strong strategic and management skills in equestrian sports, and business

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HAMISH BUTLER-GALLIE

EDUCATION

Portsmouth School of Pharmacy (Portsmouth University UK)
BSc (Hons) Pharmacy

WORK EXPERIENCE

BGA Marketing Limited (Managing Director) 1996 – Current

BGA was the second largest specialist healthcare marketing agency in New Zealand up until COVID. Since then, the focus of the company has moved into consultancy while maintaining a select and long-standing, small client base.

Ciba / Novartis - International Product Manager 1992 –1995

Started at Ciba as a product manager in 1988 after working in a sales role for Glaxo for 10 months. Promoted to an international role in Basel Switzerland in 1992 leading commercial/marketing strategy for both current and R&D in the area of inflammation and pain. This included the company's largest brand VOLTAREN. During my time in Basel the product was launched for the first time in the USA and was in the top five of global pharmaceutical brands

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

NZPCA Board Member 2012-2018/ Chair 2013-18

Appointed member to first NZPCA board. During time on Board and Chair help set up and drive good Governance and strategic planning and financial systems within NZPCA. Involved in selecting and supporting strong management team at NZPCA that remained in place from 2014 to 2023

Technical Advisory Group Member 2017 – Current (Chair 2018-2022)

Joined ESNZ Eventing's TAG as National Safety Officer in 2018 and became chair in 2019. During leadership of TAG Introduced new Eventing Officials Training Programme with self assessment tool in 2020. This same basic training programme is still in place today and drove development of NZ Guide for Eventing Officials to XC Design.

Hunt Committee 2010-Current

Member of committee of a large Hunt with significant interests beyond hunting including farming, and commercial property

Appendix B: CVs of Individuals standing for Election

Stuart Bishell

I am very dedicated to the sport of Eventing and equestrian sports in New Zealand and look forward to contributing further to the sport through the Board and Governance roles, while continuing in my role as a national Eventing and Dressage judge and international Eventing Judge. My core values are fairness and honesty.

I value the New Zealand Eventing environment where participation in our sport is accessible to many, and I believe our challenge is to keep the sport viable and affordable.

New Zealand has a proud history in the sport internationally, and we need to maintain and enhance our reputation as a great Eventing nation.

I am a team player and look forward to working with fellow Board members for all stakeholders in our sport.

As an FEI Level 3 Judge I bring a strong knowledge of the sport, the rules for New Zealand and FEI, and a very good understanding of the sport nationally and internationally.

I have travelled and judged in Australia, Asia, Mexico and many events in UK, Ireland and Europe, including Le Lion d'Angers FEI World Young Eventing Championships twice, Boekelo (NED) CCI4*L (Nations Cup) twice, and attended international seminars in Europe, England and Australia.

I typically officiate about 30 weekends (often longer than a weekend) a year, for ESNZ Eventing, Dressage, FEI Eventing and Pony Club.

I have been employed in management and education for many years and have strengths in team work and leadership. I am currently a contractor working in Tutoring, Moderation and Resource Development for the agriculture sector.

I became a contractor in 2010 to give me flexibility for judging, and have continued to be employed this way ever since.

I have a Bachelor of Agriculture Science degree (Hons) (Lincoln University)

And Bachelor of Education (Adult Education) (Massey University)

My wife Suzanne and I live on a small lifestyle block on the edge of Timaru where we have a small flock of ewes and a few hens.

Past Governance and Leadership experience

I was the South Island Riders Rep in the 1990's until 2001, a long time rider until 2013, and enjoyed many success's in South Island Eventing.

I was Chair of SCNO Eventing (Cannington Event 1990's/2000's), for 10 years plus many years on SCNO Eventing Committee.

I was a member and also briefly Chair of Technical Advisory Committee to Eventing NZ for 7 years, including representing Eventing on Equestrian Sport New Zealand National Technical Advisory Committee (all equestrian sports)

I am a New Zealand List 1 ENZ Cross Country Judge and have run training seminars for National Officials.

I am also a List A ESNZ Dressage Judge and mentor.

10+ years Area Judges Officer, and committee member for SCNO Dressage

Conference Delegate for SCNO Dressage & SCNO Eventing

Member South Island Dressage Championships organising Committee.

On Dressage NZ Technical Committee

Past Head of Faculty at Aoraki Polytechnic, Timaru

Formerly Manager of Corporate Accounts, Agriculture ITO (national role)

Past Chair and board member of Aoraki Education Trust & Adair Trust.

Past Chair of Board of Trustee's, Clandeboye School.

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS – FEI

2025 Ground Jury CCI 3* & 4*L – Christchurch, New Zealand – April, 2025

2024 Ground Jury CCI3* & 4*L, Sydney, Australia – November 2024

Ground Jury CCI3*L , 7 Year Old FEI World Championship,

Le Lion d'Angers, France -October, 2024

Ground Jury CCI4*L, Boekelo, Netherlands. - October 2024

Ground Jury CCI 4*L & 3* S – Lisgarvon, Ireland. - August 2024

President Ground Jury CCI2* , Arville, Belgium. – August 2024

Ground Jury CCI3* , Nokere-Waregom, Belgium. – August 2024

President Ground Jury, CCI 4* , Melbourne, Australia – June 2024

Ground Jury CCI 2* & 4*L, Quirindi, Australia – May, 2024

Ground Jury CCI 4*S,(Trans Tasman) Hastings, New Zealand – March 2024

I was TD for Dressage at 2025 Horse of the Year show, Hastings

Amanda Illston

Professional Summary

I am the current Riders Rep on the ESNZ Eventing Board, a role I have held for the past 2 ½ yrs. I am an experienced and respected event rider with an extensive background in both ESNZ and British Eventing competitions from grassroots through to 4* level, bringing over 30 years of direct involvement in the sport. I have developed a deep understanding of the operational, welfare, and developmental needs of riders, horses, organisers, and volunteers alike. While I am newer to formal governance roles, I offer strong leadership, communication, and stakeholder engagement skills gained through years of managing horses, teams, owners, and sponsors. I am passionate about contributing to the long-term sustainability, fairness, and growth of eventing in New Zealand at both grassroots and elite levels.

Key Strengths

- Proven, long-standing experience in Eventing
- First-hand understanding of athlete needs and sport infrastructure
- Committed advocate for horse welfare and rider safety
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience working with sponsors, owners, organisers, and support teams
- Willingness to develop and apply governance knowledge in a board setting

Eventing & Equestrian Involvement

Event Rider

- Eventing up to and including 4* Level
- Show jumping up to and including 1.50m
- Competed in various Pony Club teams at National level
- Competed in British Eventing (BE) competitions up to 3* for 5yrs
- Successfully produced multiple horses through the levels
- Managed all aspects of a professional yard including staff, horses, logistics, client communications, and health/welfare practices
- Represented sponsors and owners with professionalism, balancing sport and business

Volunteer – Brookby HT/Papatoetoe Pony Club

- Supported event day roles including fence judging, briefing, and scoring
- Helped organise local schooling events and clinics

Member – Equestrian Sports New Zealand, NZPCA, Eventing Auckland

- Longstanding member and advocate for inclusive, rider-focused sport development
- Active participant in the ESNZ Eventing community, contributing to constructive feedback and development initiatives

Governance & Committee Experience

2023 – present	Eventing Riders Rep on ESNZ Eventing Board
2021 – 2022	Bombay Pony Club Treasurer
2020 - 2022	Bombay Pony Club Committee Member

Professional Experience

2014 – Present

Administration and Accounts for Family Business

2014 – 2015

Event Director – National 3DAY Event Championships including hosting an Oceania Event

2008-2012

Oversaw a busy competition yard in the UK, built a trusted relationships with owners

2006-2008

Key Account Manager for Fosters Alcohol

Education & Development

- Bachelor of Science from University of Auckland 2002
- Bachelor of Arts from University of Auckland 2002

Motivation for Board Involvement

I believe my long-term perspective as an active event rider gives me a valuable and practical insight into the needs of our sport—from grassroots to international level. I am particularly passionate about maintaining high welfare standards, increasing participation, and strengthening the link between riders and governance. I am eager to contribute constructively, listen thoughtfully, and help guide ESNZ Eventing toward a more inclusive, resilient, and thriving future.

Grant Porter

Your motivation for this role:

Although at 40 I was a late starter in equestrian sport, I went on to become an enthusiastic competitive eventer for over 10 years. I amassed 4 horses, a truck, a love of horses and all things equestrian; a passion that I have never lost.

A change of personal circumstances in 2013 meant no more horses so I joined the Eventing Wellington Committee, initially as Dressage Convenor and since moved into XC Design and Build, and XC Course Management. I am now an L3 XC Designer and intend qualifying as I2 as soon as I can.

In 2021 I became an elected ESNZ Eventing Board member over the Covid-19 period but disappointedly had to stand down due to work pressures at that time. I am now retired from the consulting world and am even more motivated and in a much stronger position to resume board activities with gusto.

Your Governance/ Leadership experience relevant to this role:

My business background is IT and Business Process consulting. This included Project, Program and Portfolio Management, all of which have strong governance, management and leadership components. These business activities involved membership on multiple Project Boards and Steering Committees over many years.

In my role of "Defence Estate and Infrastructure (DEI) Portfolio Management Office Manager" the focus was Governance, leadership, and financial measurement and reporting. In particular, the role included participation in infrastructure prioritisation decisions at Defence Board level which included Chiefs of Service (i.e. Chief of Army, Navy and Air Force and CIO)

Your relevant skills and strengths you would bring to the Board:

1. Governance, management and leadership as noted above ..
2. Financial management
3. Ability to focus on outcomes beyond immediate goals.
4. Proactiveness and pragmatism.
5. A reputation for reliability and getting the job done.
6. Structured and critical process thinking.
7. The ability to solve problems and provide workable solutions.
8. Operating at any level.
9. Providing humour.
10. A working knowledge of Event set-up.

Any further comments:

I am keen to fully participate in the promotion and efficient running of Eventing

Appendix C: Annual Area Reports:

EVENTING WAIRARAPA 2025

The past year has been another successful one for Eventing Wairarapa, with our Spring Event once again delivering a well-run and friendly competition from 65cm – 3*. This achievement is a testament to our dedicated and long-standing committee members, who continue to invest time and effort behind the scenes to ensure our events thrive.

Key Highlights

- An anonymous \$1,000 PM donation for each of the 2* and 3* classes, generating excitement and positive feedback – though not attracting the numbers we had hoped for!
- Acquisition of new ground-laid plank arenas funded by the TAB - we think as the first Organizing Committee in the country to purchase them since the change in the rules
- Continued success of practice days and clinics as valuable fundraising and training initiatives.
- Steady and loyal sponsorship

Challenges and Considerations

- We have felt really let-down by ESNZ Eventing and their calendar decisions for the last two years:
 - Last year when granted the Junior Rider and Young Rider Championships, a competing event was allowed to run on the same weekend at the same levels. Entries for our title classes was dismal compared to entries at the same levels at the other event;
 - This year, our request to run an event in April when there was a significant gap in the lower North Island calendar and it wouldn't have conflicted with another event was denied, due to it being the weekend before the 3DE. In our view, there was no way that this would not have conflicted with the 3DE and in fact, may have served to assist riders heading down South given our proximity to the ferry and facilities for those travelling from afar.
- The subsequent cancellation of the Express Event due to our Group having used outdated Express Event Guidelines that were available online – which required substantially lower level of medical support than the current Guidelines. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain an EMT at such late notice.
- Lower participation numbers and a decrease in grant funding leading to an overall event financial loss compared to last year

Looking Ahead

We will be updating our constitution and practices to align with the new Incorporated Societies Act as maintaining legal status has enabled us to obtain over \$106,000 since 2020 in grant funding – which is critical to our future also.

Finally, as eventing faces challenges nationwide, the need for fresh volunteers is more pressing than ever. While our core team remains committed, we do worry about the future of the sport and who will succeed us as we don't see new people stepping up.

Eventing Bay of Plenty 2025

It's been a big year for the Bay of Plenty Eventing group because we made a shift from the Rotorua A and P show grounds to Otakiri near Te Teko. This was the result of the Regional Council's on going work at the show grounds which was not going to make the area viable to run a Horse Trial.

The old Te Teko racecourse was being used for other equestrian groups and we joined those groups to make this the Bay of Plenty Eventing home. It had all the facilities that were needed as in yards, ablution blocks and we have added a shed to house our gear.

Many hours of volunteer work went into the move and the group would like to thank all those who contributed. A water jump was added, mostly thanks to Graeme McRobbie who leases the racecourse for grazing and who has been a tremendous help to the horse trials group setting up the event. The group is already planning a second water jump with backing from Portage Cars.

We have run two events since the move with good reports from competitors. The ground is of sandy construction so the going is always going to be good. There is an enthusiastic bunch of equestrian people in the area who are keen to upgrade the grounds and facilities in the future and because the site is a secure venue for equestrian events we hope to make this a corner stone for eventing in the future.

Eventing Northland 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Eventing Northland. I would like to acknowledge everyone on the committee who have done an immense amount of work for Eventing Northland benefiting the wider eventing community. Every one of you are busy, but when 'messages' and calls of help went out, there was always a positive response, thanks. A special mention must go to Graham and Janet who are resigning from our committee and have contributed immensely in many areas - holding official positions and both at our local level and nationally, jump designer and builder, judge and official at our event, sponsor and I am sure we all could name many other jobs they have undertaken.

We continue to be financially viable and have had grants contribute to our funds for a variety of projects. Running practice days compensates for sometimes not having a profit from our horse trials.

We have run two successful events, numbers were down, but this seems to be the same and many other events. We have had a couple of practice days which contributes to our bank balance and a chance for local riders to practice. We continue to have positive feedback from the officials, riders, spectators and most importantly we continue to have our main sponsor Keith Andrew Trucks commit to sponsoring our event and this is down to the commitment and hard work of you the committee, especially our sponsorship team.

Eventing Northland work with the A and P society, Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional council. Thank you to Vicki who has liaised with these organisations and for cataloguing our jumps. With the help of Mike Guilfoyle, we have some new jumps and are planning on adding more to our mid-level heights. We had a successful Awards Dinner and look forward to this year and celebrating achievements by our riders.

We have had many of our riders successful at a variety of events and winning national titles which is valuable for the sport of eventing.

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Antoinette Jordan

EVENTING SOUTHLAND 2025

Thank you to everyone who made another eventing season happen in Southland. For a small group I feel everyone should be proud of what we achieve and the number of events we manage to run over the season. To our sponsors and supporters, we couldn't do it without you, many of you have been on board with us for years and we are extremely grateful for your backing.

Our season was a bit late starting and due to an extremely wet spring we made the decision to cancel our first event at Donovan which was scheduled for mid-November. This meant our pre-Christmas Excel Equine & BetaVet Ryal Bush event was the first on our calendar. 92 starters took part in the event which fell 3 days before Christmas. Although not an ideal time to run an event, we are limited in December with the dates calendar being full of other disciplines. It is important for us in Southland to support the local A&P and show jumping shows that are on these dates in December as our equestrian community is small.

For our second Donovan event we had a date change with two committee members having weddings on the Friday before the event. Congratulations go to Lana & Elliott and Janelle & Gus, both of your big days looked/were incredible, I wish I could have been in two places at once! Entries for the Elite Equine Donovan Park didn't seem to be hindered by running two weeks later and had 87 starters with large entries in the 65 and 80cm classes. The AB Lime Show Cross Event at Gore added something a little different to the season, this being the first one we have run. The Debra Gibson designed course was a good test for some who were new to jumping cross country fences or were stepping up in height for the first time. It was a relaxed day and was enjoyed by many riders from first start to 95cm levels.

For the final event of the season at Ryal Bush we hosted South Island Champs again due to the National Three Day Champs being hosted by Eventing Canterbury. Numbers were slightly down from last year with 87 combinations down the centreline. The Kakatea Equestrian Southland Young Event Horse competition was run the day prior to the event with entries similar to that of last year. Thank you to the Carmichael and Frew families for their ongoing efforts and support at our Ryal Bush venue, we are grateful to have use of such wonderful grounds.

We couldn't do what we do without the help and support we get from all the volunteers, course designers, officials, sponsors, landowners, parents and riders. But most importantly, we couldn't do it without our wonderful equine athletes. The trainability, strength, agility, bravery and trust these animals display is beyond belief. They are the reason we can do what we love.

Enjoy the offseason, I look forward to seeing you all in the 2025-26 season.

Suzanne Black

President

Eventing Southland

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Eventing Waikato – Report 2025

The Waikato has three organising committees that try to cover all the grades from grassroots to CCI4*.

Waikato Equestrian Centre based in Hamilton runs two full horse trials per year as well as a series of four Express Eventing events during the winter months. These Express Events are proving very popular and drawing competitors from quite a distance to compete. We see the WEC events are crucial to our area to encourage and bring people into the sport. Kara Lockhart runs great events and she is always trying to be innovative to bring fun and good sportsmanship into the mix.

Kihikihi had a great event during the Autumn and also ran a practice day in the Spring which proved popular. They had good entries in the 3* and 2* and 105 classes although overall numbers were down and are fighting the ever increasing costs to make the event viable. The beautiful grounds are a real asset to the event and is still seen as an event to go to.

Matamata Equestrian Group ran the National One Day Championships again, and this year were blessed with fine weather. The grounds were great and the courses were fair but well up to a standard, befitting a Championship. They also ran an inaugural Off the Track event in conjunction with Love Racing on the Friday evening, which was well received by competitors, Love Racing and the spectators. We are sure this event will become more popular, and there were many learnings on how to improve it for the future.



Appendix D:

Remit No. 1 for 2025

Proposed by:	Eventing Southland
Seconded by:	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay
Current rule:	<p>Annex 6 Young Event Horse</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <p>a) The Official Age of all horses will be calculated as per FEI Rules and 1st August for Southern Hemisphere born horses and 1st January for Northern Hemisphere born Horses need to be 4 years old or 5 years old.</p> <p>b) Age & Pedigree Verification</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the rider or person responsible to ensure that the correct age, breed, sire, dam and dam sire of the horse is entered in the profile section of the ESNZ database and any Event Management system (eg EvoEvents) and that the horse is entered in the correct class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) For Local Events: No age or pedigree verification is required other than the above. ii) For Regional, National Events: All eligible horses should have a Passport or Breed Papers. These should be uploaded with ESNZ and any event management system by the date of close of entries or the entry may not be accepted.
Proposed rule change:	<p><i>A change in wording is proposed for ii) in the Age & Pedigree Verification section:</i></p> <p>b) Age & Pedigree Verification</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the rider or person responsible to ensure that the correct age, breed, sire, dam and dam sire of the horse is entered in the profile section of the ESNZ database and any Event Management system (eg EvoEvents) and that the horse is entered in the correct class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) For Local Events: No age or pedigree verification is required other than the above. ii) For Island and National YEH Championships: All eligible horses must have a Passport or Breed Papers. These should be uploaded with ESNZ and any event management system by the date of close of entries or the entry may not be accepted.
Reason:	<p>To provide clarity around the ruling, uphold integrity and accountability, as well as promoting and recognising our New Zealand Breeders.</p> <p>This change would keep us in line with other ESNZ disciplines and the rest of the world.</p>

Remit No. 2 for 2025

Proposed by:	Eventing Wairarapa			
Secoded by:	Eventing Hawkes Bay			
Current rule:	Annex K (Summary Table of Medical Personnel and Resources)			
	Discipline/ Number	Event Type	Minimum Standard	Notes Comments
	Eventing- Jumping and Dressage	All CCN-S and CCN-L Events plus Express Eventing Events and Arena Eventing Rules	Emergency Medical Technician with access to a fully equipped EMT kit; and additional personnel with at least a first aid certificate and a Response Vehicle	A response vehicle capable of transporting patient to a medical/treatment centre or medical personnel and resources to the patient. Contractual services, which would include provision of ambulance.
	Eventing -XC	All CCN-S and CCN-L Events	Paramedic and ambulance plus additional personnel as per Eventing – Jumping and Dressage Phases, and EMT at minimum	A response vehicle capable of transporting patient to a medical/treatment centre or medical personnel and resources to the patient. Contractual services, which would include provision of ambulance.
Proposed rule change:	Express Eventing and Arena Eventing to become a category of it's own (separate from CCN-S and CCN-L events) which has a lower Minimum Standard than formal events.			
	Suggest it's changed to align with Jumping SH Minimum Standard + Rapid Response Vehicle, i.e.			
	Discipline/ Number	Event Type	Minimum Standard	Notes Comments
	Eventing - - Jumping, Dressage and/or XC	Express Eventing and Arena Eventing	First aider or first responder with access to a fully equipped first aid kit and a medical station plus a Response Vehicle	A response vehicle capable of transporting patient to a medical/treatment centre or medical personnel and resources to the patient.

<p>Reason:</p>	<p>Cost and requirements of having an EMT and EMT kit at an Express Event are prohibitive and disproportionate to the risks associated with such an event for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT medical personnel and kit requirements are completely prohibitive for OCs (one quote at \$1122 and our preferred provider at \$2151) for an informal training-type event • Express Events and Arena Eventing, we understood, were intended to enable participation and act as less formal events, potential fund-raisers for OCs – however, the cost/requirements of EMT cover and EMT kit completely undermine this • Express Events and Arena Eventing Rules only allow up to 105cm XC jump efforts and significantly limited jump numbers – in our view, posing a lower risk than an event running at higher levels • By contrast, the Show-Jumping Medical Personnel requirements require only a “First Aider or First Responder with access to a fully equipped first aid kit and medical station” for the first 100 riders at a SJ event (of unlimited height!) – we would question why low-level express event so significantly higher than this? • Does not align with the medical requirements of practice days, which also are only up to 105cm and are arguably more dangerous given the lack of control/oversight of who jumps what level(s). <p>Eventing Wairarapa would have loved to have offered an Express Event this season. However, only 10 days prior to our event, we discovered we had been referring to old Express Eventing Guidelines (which are still available on the internet!) which required only a First Aider, with a First Aid Kit and Responder Vehicle, instead of the EMT requirements. Despite our best efforts to retain the services of a EMT Service provider at late notice, we were unsuccessful, and in any case, we later found out that the cost would have prohibited us from running given the low numbers we were expecting. We appreciate the need for safe practices and H&S guidelines, including minimum medical standards, but in our view, this needs to be proportionate to the risk and balanced against the feasibility of actually running an express event. Eventing Wairarapa felt that his rule limited our ability to provide a valuable training event to our community.</p>
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