



ESNZ EVENTING CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023



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ESNZ Eventing Conference & AGM

Saturday, 1st July 2023

Ryldges Latimer, Christchurch

TIMETABLE:

10-10.30am	<i>Registration & morning tea</i>
10.30am-12.15pm	<u>Eventing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM
12.15-1.00pm	<i>Combined Lunch</i>
	EVENTING CONFERENCE:
1.00-2.00pm	<u>ESNZ Combined session:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social License to Operate/Good Life for the Horse - Dr Nat Warren
2.00-2.30pm	<u>Eventing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESNZ Central & High Performance update - ESNZ CEO Julian Bowden, ESNZ General Manager Community Jo Colin and High-Performance Operations Manager Warrick Allan
2.30-3.30pm	<u>Eventing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes to ESNZ Eventing Rules 2023 – Technical Advisory Group Chair Wendy Lansdown• Eventing: Event analysis presentation – John Alexander, Rosie Edwards & Chris Perkins
3.30-3.45pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.45-4.30pm	<u>Eventing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awards: Area Group Volunteers, Special Awards
4.30pm	<i>Finish</i>

AGENDA:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ESNZ Eventing

To be held: Rydges Latimer, 30 Latimer Square, Christchurch

Saturday 1st July at 10.00am

1. Welcome from the Chair of ESNZ Eventing (Raewyn Eastwood)
2. Confirmation of Voting Delegates
3. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting, 30th July 2022
4. Matters Arising
5. Annual Reports:
 - 5.1 Report Presented by Chair Raewyn Eastwood
 - 5.2 Financial Report 2021/2022 John Alexander
 - 5.3 Report of the Eventing Sport Manager Hayley Pickmere
 - 5.4 Report of the High-Performance General Manager Eliza Johns/Warrick Allen
 - 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 Jenny Draper
 - 5.7 Report of the Chair of the NZ3DE Subcommittee Anna Clark
 - 5.8 Report of the Organising Committee Representative Rosie Edwards & Chris Perkins
 - 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 Nick Pyke
6. Election of Board Members: no Election or ratification of Board Members was required for 2023
7. Appointment acknowledgement of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) including chair and National Safety Officer
8. Notices of Motion (remits)
9. Board Member Remuneration
10. Appointment of 9 Voting Delegates to the ESNZ AGA
11. General Business
 - Appendix A: 2023 NZ3DE Event Convenor Report
 - Appendix B: 2023 FEI Eventing Forum and NSO Seminar
 - Appendix C: Area Groups Season Wrap Reports
 - Appendix D: Dr Natalie Warren bio

CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES:

Area	Delegate
Auckland	Kevin Thompson
Bay of Plenty	Raewyn Lawrence
Canterbury	Rosie Sullivan
Central Districts	
Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	Wendy Lansdown
Marlborough	
Northern Hawkes Bay	
Northland	Anna Gray
South Canterbury North Otago	Stuart Bishell
Southland	Suzanne Black
Taranaki	
Waikato	
Wairarapa	Sarah Dalziell-Clout
Wellington	Sonya Mason



EVENTING

ESNZ Eventing Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes

10am 30th July 2022

Location: Karaka School Hall, 12 Blackbridge Road, Karaka, Auckland & via Zoom

1. Welcome/Apologies

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

Present

Margaret Evans	Chairperson
Raewyn Eastwood	Deputy Chairperson
Shannon Galloway	Board Member
Grant Porter	Board Member
Chris Perkins	Eventing Board Organising Committee Rep
Rosie Edwards	Eventing Board Organising Committee Rep
Heelan Tompkins	North Island Rider Rep
Hayley Pickmere	Sport Manager
Janene Maxwell	TAG representative (Steward Liaison)
Jenny Draper	Delegate (Waikato) & TAG representative (Judges Liaison)
Wendy Lansdown	TAG Chair, Delegate (C&SHB) & TD Liaison
Hamish Butler-Gallie	TAG representative (National Safety Officer)
Tich Massey	TAG representative (Course Designer Liaison)
Anna Gray	Delegate (Northland)
Antoinette Jordan	Observer
Diane Gilder	Delegate (Auckland)
Vicki Glynn	Performance Selector
Sonya Mason	Delegate (Wellington) via Zoom
Rosie Sullivan	Delegate (Canterbury)
Don Robertson	Observer (Canterbury)
Anna Clark	NZ3DE Convenor via Zoom
Debra Gibson	Delegate (Southland)
Penny Pearce	High Performance Representative
John Alexander	Observer
Winky Foley	Observer
Sue Hobson	ESNZ President (via Zoom)
Lynnda Clark	ESNZ Board member (via Zoom)
Suzanne Black	Delegate (Southland)
Denise Rushbrook	Delegate (BOP) via Zoom
Alison Franklin	Observer (via zoom)
Sarah Dalziell-Clout	Delegate (via Zoom)

Karen Sorenson	Observer (Eventing Taranaki)
Kiri Fletcher	Delegate (Eventing Taranaki)
Virginia Caro	Observer (via Zoom)
Danielle Wheeler	Eventing Board Member (via Zoom)
Linda Huitson	Observer (Official via Zoom)

Apologies read from

Julian Bowden	ESNZ CEO
Clive Long	Board Member
Rosie Edwards	Eventing Board Member
Jane Callaghan	Eventing Board Member
Helen Christie	Observer
Nick Pyke	Christchurch NEC rep
Jean Johnstone	Observer
Jennifer Millar	Observer
Todd Gloyn	Eventing Central Districts
Mitty Forsyth	Performance and High-Performance Selector
Philippa Harder	Eventing Auckland
Raewyn Lawrence	Eventing BOP
Campbell Draper	Eventing BOP

Moved: apologies be accepted

**Moved: Margaret Evans
Seconded: Shannon Galloway**

2. Obituaries

Joy Oliver

Ainsley Bowden

Two members were remembered with one minute silence for their contribution to ESNZ and Eventing over a significant time period.

3. Voting Delegates

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

- There were 13 voting delegates present; Anna Gray (Northland), Diane Gilder (Auckland), Jenny Draper (Waikato), Kiri Fletcher (Taranaki), Raewyn Eastwood (Central Districts), Alison Franklin (C&SHB), Sonya Mason (Wellington), Sarah Dalziell-Clout, (Wairarapa), Kim Batley (Waitemata), Suzanne Black (Southland), Rosie Sullivan (Canterbury), Denise Rushbrook (BOP), Wendy Lansdown (NHB).
- There were 5 voting members of the Eventing Board present

**Moved: Marg Evans
Seconded: Raewyn Eastwood
Carried**

4. Confirmation of minutes of the AGM, 31 July 2021

Moved: that the Minutes from the AGM 31 July 2021 were a true and correct record.

**Moved: Grant Porter
Seconded: Chris Perkins
Carried**

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Annual Reports

6.1 Chair report

The Chair presented her annual report for 2021/2022 which was written with focus around the Eventing strategic plan and the activities carried out by the Board over the previous 12-24 months.

A special acknowledgment was made to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for their work and commitment to Eventing – Hamish Butler-Gallie, Wendy Lansdown, Tich Massey, Janine Maxwell & Jenny Draper.

Thanks and appreciation was extended to the members of the Eventing Board.

The Rider's Representative is a three year term and the new Rider's Rep will be appointed at this AGM. A Rider's Network will be formed to support the Rider Rep & include riders from around New Zealand – Suzanne Black (Southland), Cam Roberston (Canterbury), Kirsty Sharapoff (Canterbury), Amanda Illston (Auckland), Sofie Boswell (Auckland) & Sport Manager will attend these meetings.

The first focus on the theme of sustainability is building new commercial partnerships. Equestrian Sports NZ & Land Rover which the disciplines will benefit financially from. Thanks to Shannon Galloway for her work in the sponsorship portfolio for Eventing.

To continue with the theme of sustainability, Fit for Purpose Facilities is the Evening Board's focus. The two NEC's have representatives from Eventing who attend the NEC meetings: Jenny Draper for Taupo NEC & Nick Pyke for Canterbury NEC. The Chair acknowledges the work and commitment of these two individuals.

The Chair thanked Eliza Johns, who resigned from her role as Eventing Sport Manager after a period of 11 years, for all her work, dedication and the institutional knowledge that she brought to the position, and wished her well in her new role at ESNZ. The Chair was pleased to welcome Hayley Pickmere as the new Sport Manager who, in a short time, has contributed a great deal to the sport. Other farewells and gratitude to Clive Long, Heelan Tompkins & Emily Cammock from the ESNZ Eventing Board.

Moved: The adoption of the chair report

**Moved: Margaret Evans
Seconded: Janene Maxwell
Carried**

6.2 Financial Report

Raewyn Eastwood presented the financial report for 2022 financial year.

The 2022 financial year began well which was then affected considerably by the country going in to lockdown with Auckland being in lockdown for an extended period of time. Riders from Auckland make up 33% of our total numbers.

Eventing typically breaks even by February as our spending begins in June but we don't have cashflow coming in until the Spring season is underway.

In September, the Eventing began a forecasting model which provided four scenarios to guide decision making.

The Autumn season saw traffic light restrictions which meant that many Events had to run as Express with restricted numbers which was well received by Riders but had the flow on effect of lower numbers competing in the CCI3* & CCI4* classes at NZ3DE in May.

The budgeted income for the 2022 financial year was down by 18% (\$34,193) – annual starts were down by 15% and event start levies were down by 19%. The result of this was an overall income deficit of 15% (\$28,193). This compared to 2021, income was down by 24% (\$47,000).

The Expenses: savings of \$26,289 from Administration (\$9,800), Board (\$2,900), Performance & Development (\$3,000) & Technical (\$8,000). This was due to reduced travel costs due to Covid restrictions, and the decision to not fund the Oceania team travelling to Melbourne. \$5,000 was contributed towards a travelling irrigator for the Christchurch NEC.

The financial result reported was a

- negative variance to budget of \$3,678
- a surplus of \$4,667
- NZ3DE was a smaller deficit than budgeted – this is the last year that this Event will be underwritten
- Eventing retains 1 year expenditure in reserves

Eventing was not eligible for Covid subsidies as Eliza Johns was not an employee but was a contractor.

Moved: the adoption of the 2021-2022 financial report

**Moved: Raewyn Eastwood
Seconded: Diane Gilder
Carried.**

6.3 Sport Manager's Report

The Sport Manager wanted to acknowledge the time, work & knowledge that the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) put towards Eventing.

Thank you to Eliza Johns for her handover and on-going support in the role. Thank you to the Chair (Marg Evans) & the deputy Chair (Raewyn Eastwood) for their on-going support, communication and guidance during the first months of the new Sport Managers role.

Eventing Registrations & Eventing Start Levies have decreased from 6022 from the 2020-2021 season to 4468 for the 2021/2022 season which has been due to the restrictions from Covid.

The Sport Manager's aim is to attend as many competitions as possible in both a professional capacity and as an athlete to allow the opportunity to get to know the OC's & Officials. This will also provide a unique perspective as being a consumer of the Eventing product also.

The Sport Manager is forming a Riders Network consisting of riders based across the country to ensure that there are eyes on the ground & the ability to gather feedback from across the country. This Rider's Network will also ensure that the Rider's Representative is supported & can gather feedback to be presented to the Eventing Board.

The Sport Manager would like to explore ideas to increase the social aspect within Eventing to some capacity. The Sport Manager advised that she is open to receive feedback & to try new methods to improve Eventing. Invited the Eventing community to call or email with ideas and/or feedback.

Moved: The adoption of the Sport Manager's report

**Moved: Hayley Pickmere
Seconded: Heelan Tompkins
Carried**

6.4 Technical Advisory Group Report

Hamish Butler-Gallie presented the technical report on behalf of the Technical Advisory Group.

Officials development:

- 2020 had 13 Officials
- 2021 16 new Officials
- 9 new Officials in the covid affected year of 2022

Local Officials for Local Events has been completed and presented. Idea being that we create a stronger committee and reduce costs of Events by utilising local Officials reducing need for travel and accommodation costs. Technical Advisory Group would like to thank Clive Long for bringing this initiative forward.

FEI Officials going forward have not occurred thanks to Covid as there have been no FEI Officials Seminar. New Zealand is hosting FEI Official Seminar in November which is full and many New Zealand Officials are attending.

As National Safety Officer (NSO), Hamish has included the fall reports in the TAG report. New Zealand have similar fall rates to UK, France and Australia.

Hamish is standing down as Chair of TAG. Hamish would like to thank his fellow TAG members for their time and commitment as well as support of Hamish as Chair. Wendy Lansdown will be moving into the Chair position.

Moved: The adoption of the Technical report

**Moved: Hamish Butler-Gallie
Seconded: Shannon Galloway
Carried**

6.5 High Performance Report

The High Performance Report was presented by Penny Pearce in the absence of the HPGM.

- Penny presented the HP performance pathway and ran through the individual squads available
- HP squad members complete IPP which are tailored to their needs
- Opportunity for teams for those based in NZ and overseas to come together

Scholarship from Sport NZ deferred from 2021 due to Covid which HP have the opportunity to utilise for 2022. Tich Massey, Chris Ross, Nicoli Fife, Lizzie Green and Heelan Tompkins funded to travel to Pratoni for the World Equestrian Games.

Off horse camp saw combined Show Jumping and Eventing attend together which was a success.

Question presented: is there a pathway for Officials for New Zealand? Hamish explained that there is a pathway document available on the ESNZ website as well as application documents which clearly explain what is required to transfer to the next level. TAG liaison representatives monitor the pathway of the Officials throughout New Zealand.

Moved: The adoption of the High Performance report

**Moved: Penny Pearce
Seconded: Jenny Draper
Carried**

6.6 Selectors Report

The performance selectors report was presented by Vicki Glynn.

To add to the report – the Young Riders did a fantastic job with campaigns to raise funds for the Oceania Trip when they were advised that ESNZ Eventing were unable to fund their trip.

Moved: The adoption of the Selectors report

**Moved: Vicki Glynn
Seconded: Wendy Lansdown
Carried**

6.7 Organising Committee Representative Report

The Organising Committee was presented by Chris Perkins (in person) and Rosie Edwards (via Zoom)

- OC Zoom meetings were completed which were a good success
- ESNZ website re-vamp is planned for the next 12 months to enable better accessibility

Moved: The adoption of the OC Rep Report.

**Moved: Chris Perkins
Seconded: Janene Maxwell
Carried**

6.8 NZ3DE Championship Subcommittee Report

Anna Clark presented the NZ3DE Subcommittee report.

Thanks to Jenny Draper for her time and dedication to the many complex aspects of the Event. Thanks to Hamish Butler-Gallie and Katie Russell as well as the Technical team for their job in particular with the addition of the short format classes as per High Performance requests.

Moved: The adoption of the NZ3DE Subcommittee report and acknowledgment to Anna Clark for her fantastic running of the Event.

**Moved: Anna Clark
Seconded: Raewyn Eastwood
Carried**

6.9 National Equestrian Centre Representative Report

Jenny Draper tabled the Taupo NEC Rep Report as read.

Moved: The adoption of the Taupo NEC Rep Report

**Moved: Jenny Draper
Seconded: Raewyn Eastwood
Carried**

The South Island National Equestrian Centre Representative Report from Nick Pyke was taken as read.

Moved: The adoption of the Christchurch NEC Rep Report

**Moved: Margaret Evans
Seconded: Rosie Edwards
Carried**

6.10 Riders Rep Report

Heelan Tompkins presented the Riders Rep report.

Development Camps in the future would be important – previous camp was forced to cancel due to Covid. This camp was very popular therefore worthwhile running in the future.

Moved the adoption of the Riders Rep Report

**Moved: Heelan Tompkins
Seconded: Jenny Draper
Carried**

7. Election of Board Members

Elected position:

One elected positions were up for rotation in 2022. John Alexander and Jane Callaghan were the two candidates for election for the position.

John Alexander presented his interest in the Elected position on the ESNZ Eventing Board.

- Long standing supporter of his daughter
- Wants to give back to the sport and help the sport grow

Jane Callaghan was unable to attend.

Process of voting:

- Those attending online have submitted their votes confidentiality to the ESNZ president
- Those attending in person were provided with a voting card to cast their vote and to submit to Margaret Evans with the support of Don Robertson in his role of ESNZ Board to count the votes

The votes were counted and determined that John Alexander was the successful candidate.

The Chair acknowledged Jane Callaghan's contribution to the Eventing Board over the last three years. Jane brings a lot of enthusiasm and innovative ideas to the Sport.

Rider's Representative:

The Rider Representative Elected position was up for rotation for 2022.

ESNZ Eventing were lucky to have three wonderful candidates send in their application for the Rider Reps position for 2022.

The voting process was completed online and the success candidate was Danielle Wheeler. The Sport Manager acknowledged the candidates and thanked them for their commitment to Eventing. The candidates will all be joining the Rider's Network to support the Rider Rep role.

7.1 Ratification of Appointments

The new Board structure resulted in called for nominations of for the Appointed position.

The Eventing Board received one application from Raewyn Eastwood which the Appointed Panel agreed to.

The Chair called the voting delegates to ratify the appointment of Raewyn Eastwood to the Eventing Board for a three year term 2022 – 2025.

Unanimous

The chair recognised the appointment of Wendy Lansdown as the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group for a three year term, 2022-2025 and also the reappointment of Hamish Butler-Gallie as National Safety Officer for a three year term 2022-2025 on the Technical Advisory Group. Confirming the remaining members of the Technical Advisory Group: Tich Massey, Janene Maxwell and Jenny Draper.

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: Margaret Evans
Seconded: Raewyn Eastwood
Carried**

10. Appointment of Nine voting Delegates for attendance at the ESNZ AGA 29 September 2022

It was announced that the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Annual General Assembly will be held on 29 September in Wellington as well as via Zoom.

The nine Delegates chosen were:

- Margaret Evans
- Raewyn Eastwood
- Wendy Lansdown
- John Alexander
- Rosie Edwards
- Sonya Mason
- Anna Clark
- Chris Perkins
- Don Robertson

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

**Moved Margaret Evans
Seconded:
Carried**

11. General Business

A question was raised as to why High Performance does not contribute financially towards the Oceania team.

It was explained that High Performance does not sit within high Performance and is owned by ESNZ Eventing. Eventing is lucky that High Performance fund the staff (vet, coaches etc) to attend the Event with the team.

High Performance funding is from those sports delivering a medal therefore the focus has to be on the Championship Events which are likely to result in a medal. High Performance Sport NZ have set KPI's which need to be met in order to receive more funding.

Don Robertson acknowledged the Eventing Board for granting approval for the NZ3DE 2024 to be hosted at the National Equestrian Centre in Canterbury. Eventing Canterbury would like to know how this is going to progress so that Eventing Canterbury would become regular hosts of the NZ3DE. Parameters of what a successful Event looks like would be required so the organising of the Event are aware and increase the likelihood of being approved hosting rights again in the future.

Margaret Evans explained that a meeting was held with Nick Pyke, Margaret Evans, Eliza Johns and Anna Clark and discussed that the regular hosting of the NZ3DE from Eventing Canterbury would be preferable but all parties agreed that this would have to be a success from the point of Eventing Canterbury and the NZ Eventing community.

Don Robertson would like to know if there is TAG funding available for a Course Designer to travel and provide recommendations for the development of the Cross Country at the Christchurch National Equestrian Centre. Raewyn Eastwood as the Finance portfolio holder advised that there

is a TAG budget and this is to be decided from TAG as to how this budget is utilised based on the need of developing Officials.

With no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

5. ANNUAL REPORTS



*Christen Lane & Thunder Cat on their way to winning the Randlab Matamata Horse Trial
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EVENTING CHAIR REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Raewyn Eastwood

Date: June 2023

It is my pleasure to welcome all delegates and attendees to the ESNZ Eventing AGM in Christchurch and to present this Annual Report. It is great that once a year we have this opportunity to gather together as our Eventing community to celebrate our sport and the year in review, and look forward to the year ahead.

Wealth of skills and voices around the table

Like all Boards ours needs to have the collective skillset and professional competencies required to serve its purpose, whilst also ensuring we have the appropriate perspectives (or 'voices') as part of the Board discussions and involved in the decision making to serve its members. We are fortunate to have the following people fulfil the Board, Sports Manager and Eventing High Performance roles to govern and lead Eventing in New Zealand.

Eventing Board

Chair: Raewyn Eastwood

Deputy Chair: Dr Rosie Edwards

Sport Manager: Hayley Daigle

Portfolios

Performance & Development

Amanda Illston (from Dec)
Danielle Wheeler (until Dec)

Media & Communications

Chris Perkins

Vibrant Organising Committees

Chris Perkins
Rosie Edwards

Finance & Funding

John Alexander

Sponsorship & Commercialisation

Shannon Galloway

Representatives

ESNZ Board

Dr Margaret Evans

National Equestrian Centres

Jenny Draper: Taupo NEC
Nick Pyke: McLeans Island NEC

Subcommittees

NZ3DE Championships

Rosie Edwards: Chair
Chris Perkins
John Alexander
Hayley Daigle
Jenny Draper
Alex Dempster
Hamish Butler-Gallie
Janet Evans

XC Taupo

Jenny Draper
Jock Paget
Rowan Armer
Raewyn Eastwood
John Alexander

Advisory

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

High Performance Eventing (NZ)

General Manager: Jock Paget

Funded by High Performance Sport NZ

HP Leadership

Lizzie Green: Eventing HP Manager
(from January)
Penny Pearce: Eventing HP Manager
(until January)

HP Staff

Warrick Allan: Operations Manager
Yvette Lawson: Administrator
Eliza Johns: Administrator
Libby Law: Photographer
Diana Dobson: Media Liaison

High Performance Eventing Selectors

Cindy Llewelyn
Judy Bradwell
Mitty Forsyth

National Performance Selectors

Mitty Forsyth
Vicki Glynn
Nick Pyke

*Board members are in bold

New but experienced leadership

With the rotation of Board positions at last year's AGM there were also changes to the key leadership roles. Collectively the board has a wealth of knowledge and experience and whilst there was the usual time settle into our new roles, the Board is in a very strong position. Each person in a new role is also well supported by their predecessor and ESNZ staff.

Sport Manager: Hayley Daigle (nee Pickmere) – in depth understanding of the sport as a rider. Eliza Johns former Sport Manager is employed with ESNZ.

TAG Chair: Wendy Lansdown – 3rd year on TAG at the Technical Delegate Liaison, former Board Chair of New Zealand Pony Club and led them through achieving Governance Mark (one of the pioneering organisations in New Zealand to do so). Hamish Butler-Gallie former Chair remains on TAG.

ESNZ Eventing Rep: Marg Evans – 8th year on Eventing Board, three years as Chair, Life member of Canterbury Eventing, three years on Constitution Review Working Group. Previous Rep Shannon Galloway remained on Eventing Board.

Deputy Chair: Rosie Edwards – 4th year on Eventing Board, governance experience outside of sport, Vice President and Event Convenor for Wellington Eventing. Raewyn Eastwood previous Deputy Chair remained on the Board.

Chair: Raewyn Eastwood – 4th year on Eventing Board, three years as Deputy Chair, Chartered Member of NZ Institute of Directors, governance experience outside of sport, previously OC roles for Eventing Wairarapa. Marg Evans previous Chair remains on the Board.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the following for their service to the Board.

Marg Evans, who concluded three years as the Board Chair at the 2022 AGM, for her leadership through tough times with the impacts of Covid on the sport. We are fortunate to have someone with her depth of knowledgeable be Eventing's representative on the ESNZ Board.

Shannon Galloway, who is finishing in the appointed member position as her term comes up for rotation, for her very valuable contributions to discussions and sharing of her professional knowledge of sponsorship in that portfolio. Shannon will continue to support Eventing by assisting with the upcoming development camps. The Board is currently recruiting into this portfolio.

Grant Porter, an elected member, resigned in favour of becoming an official, learning to course design and building courses for Wellington Eventing. Thank you Grant for your contributions to the Board and assistance with the finance portfolio during Covid times. Chris Perkins has been appointed into this position for the remainder of the term.

Riders representative. Danielle Wheeler commenced the year in the Rider Representative position however due to an unanticipated promotion resigned shortly thereafter. Thanks for your contribution to our first meeting's big strategic discussion to develop our work plan and developing our young rider volunteer award. We welcomed Amanda Illston to the position with her wealth of rider experience having ridden both in New Zealand and overseas.

We welcomed John Alexander, elected member, to the Board and his previous governance experience has shone through and we thank him for taking responsibility for the finance portfolio.

New Board structure in place

This year commenced the implementation of the Board restructure, transitioning us from eleven members to seven, aligning all members to a three-year term, and implementing a more robust election process, with the intent to make the Board more efficient and effective. The Board restructure also improved our ability to share the workload through co-opting members in addition to creating sub committees and working groups, and included the creation of the Riders Network to support the Rider Representative.

At the 2022 AGM the following changes were instigated:

- The one Riders Representative Board Member was elected via an online election by Riders - ESNZ Members who had competed in Eventing in the last 12 months. This replaced the two Rider Representatives (North Island and South Island) who had half votes and were elected by those present at Riders meetings at the NZ3DE (Taupo-May) and the South Island Championships (McLeans Island-Oct).
- One Elected Board member was elected by Area Group Delegates rather than two, and
- The third appointed Board member position was disestablished.

At the upcoming AGM on 1 July 2023, the Board member rotations will conclude the implementation of the Board restructure with the two current Organising Committee Board Member positions (with half vote) becoming one full Board Member position.

The Board structure is now:

One Rider Representative Board member

One Organising Committee Board member

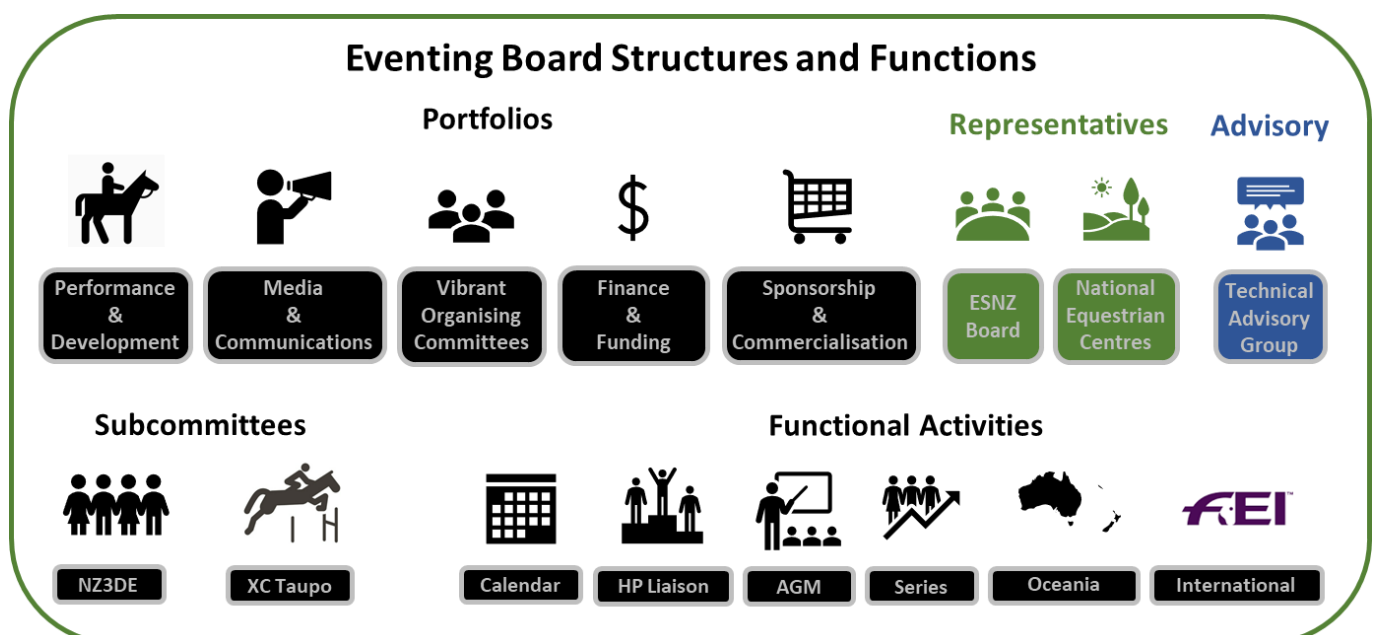
Three Elected Board members

Two Appointed Board members

In attendance at Board meetings are:

Eventing Sport Manager, Chair of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and CEO of ESNZ

In essence, of the Boards structures and functions the Eventing Sports Manager leads the functional activities supported by Board members, and the Board members lead the advisory, portfolios, subcommittees and are supported by the Sports Manager.



Adopting ESNZ's new Statement of Strategic Intent

At last year's AGM Lynda Clarke, Chair of the ESNZ Board, shared with you the new ESNZ Statement of Strategic Intent (2022 – 2026) (SSI) and for the first time the ESNZ Board requested the Discipline Boards adopt a 'one organisation' approach and align their Annual Work Plans with this, rather than developing discipline specific strategic plans.



Equestrian Sport New Zealand - Statement of Strategic Intent 2022 - 2026

Our vision

To enrich the lives of humans and horses through equestrian pursuits

Our purpose

Equestrian Sports New Zealand exists for the equestrian community to participate in organised, safe and inspiring recreational and competitive equestrian sport experiences.



'Pony to Podium'

Outcome Benefits

Quality Horse and Human Recreational Experiences

ESNZ provides opportunities and membership benefits for Recreational Members through partnering with other equestrian organisations.

Quality Horse and Human Competitive Experiences

ESNZ provides quality opportunities for Competition Members including riders, horses and officials, to develop, compete and achieve their potential.

World Winning Performances

ESNZ provides pathway for riders, horses and officials across all disciplines to represent New Zealand at international pinnacle events.

Governance and management excellence with impactful relationships and inspiring communications.

Eventing recognised the need to contextualise the SSI to the specific challenges and opportunities facing Eventing, to ensure Eventing's Annual Work Plan maximises outcomes to the sport. Given the competitive disciplines align with the second pillar of the SSI, Eventing's strategic plan has been replaced with a Quality Experience Framework, which informs our annual workplan.

The framework arose from Board discussions, drawing on and interweaving input from a variety of sources:

- 2021 Eventing Conference Shaping our Culture workshop outputs
- Change the Rein Campaign
- ESNZ Statement of Strategic Intent
- ESNZ values: Integrity, Excellence, Inclusion, Wellbeing of the Human and Horse
- ESNZ Member Survey September 2022

Our aspirations for quality horse and human experiences in Eventing



Our quality experience framework is a wheel as 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.

Our aspirations are written for the 2022- 2026 period of the SSI and the actions we pursue may require more than one year to achieve; however, these actions inform the Board's Annual Work plan, and many of these have been progressed through 2022-2023.

How we will provide quality horse and human Eventing experiences...

	COMMUNITY	CULTURE	APPRECIATION	ACHIEVEMENT	VALUES & INTEGRITY	QUALITY COMPETITIONS
ASPIRATION	<p>Our Eventing community is inclusive and people feel connected.</p> <p>We offer fun, food and family experiences that build awesome relationships.</p> <p>People feel welcomed and we "Give newcomers a leg up".</p>	<p>Our culture is grounded in positive interactions for riders, volunteers, officials and supporters.</p> <p>We have a positive learning environment and actively grow riders, officials and volunteers.</p> <p>We live 'Change the Rein' and we "Rein in Rubbish behaviour".</p>	<p>Our volunteers feel valued by the riders.</p> <p>We see and recognise volunteers for their time, energy knowledge and leadership they give to the sport.</p> <p>We find ways to give back to riders, volunteers and officials.</p>	<p>We enable riders and horses to 'Develop, Excel and Inspire'.</p> <p>We recognise achievement in all endeavours of riders, officials and volunteers.</p> <p>We dismiss imposter and tall poppy syndromes and encourage riders to celebrate "Own your journey – be proud to be here".</p>	<p>Our horses & riders welfare is at the heart of all our endeavours.</p> <p>We show up as the best version of ourselves and "Be a Good Person"</p> <p>We "Make sure our unicorns are happy".</p>	<p>We have a well-balanced events calendar that meets riders needs at all levels.</p> <p>We support Officials through our education pathway so events are well officiated.</p> <p>We support development of quality facilities; stables, yards, tracks, surfaces.</p>
ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the Riders Network. Launch team series. Introduce 80L at NZ3DE. Adopt the Change the Rein 'Ask Me' initiative. Highlight our community's bond around the love of the horse and passion for Eventing. Highlight the uniqueness of horse-human relationship in Eventing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask (survey) riders and Officials about their experiences. Develop social media campaigns to increase psychological safety for event organisers, officials, riders and supporters. Train officials and event organisers in conflict resolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance "moments that matter" correspondence for acknowledgement, appreciation, support and congratulations. Continue Eventing and ESNZ awards recognising contributions to Eventing. Investigate giving back initiatives and seek funding /sponsorship. Promote community nominations for Volunteer of the Month and Game Changers awards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce achievement awards to celebrate everyone's - grassroots to HP Squads - non podium achievements. Provide development camps for all levels of riders and horses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate all stakeholders with positive messaging re Eventing Rules and ESNZ policies – produce rider videos re new rules. Provide education about horse management and welfare. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to liaise with OCs to develop a coherent event calendar. Introduce event analysis and feedback to OCs. Achieve FEI equivalency for our Officials development pathway. Advocate for officials development opportunities with the FEI Support development to facilities at the NECs.

The year provided challenges and the reason we have reserves

Every year our finances are a case of ‘shutting the gate after the horse has bolted’, as the financial year starts at the beginning of June long before the autumn eventing season commences when incomes starts coming in. In a ‘normal’ year it usually takes until February for Eventing’s finances to break even and then any surplus accumulates through to the end of the financial year at the end of May.

So, it was this year that I finally gained clarity to the question I and the Board have long pondered and debated – why have cash reserves, how much do we need and when do we dip into them. I realised it’s for when the anticipated income doesn’t arrive, and you no longer have any discretionary expenditure items you can make savings from.

At the time of writing our year’s financial result is being finalised. We had budgeted for a small reduction in our cash reserves and are anticipating that or slightly more. With a resumption of eventing activities to a new post Covid normal, we conservatively returned to in-person board meetings (airfares booked well in advance to secure the cheapest fares), provided Oceania Team riders with a small contribution to their self-funded trip in June, sent our National Safety Officer to the inperson only FEI Eventing Forum, and supported one of top Course Designers travel to an overseas seminar to maintain their qualifications. Then, as you know the weather played havoc, with many events cancelled including Clevedon (Auckland flooding), Northern Hawkes Bay and Horse of the Year (Hawkes Bay flooding). The Board continually strives to diversify our income streams to reduce our reliance on levy income, and we welcome any suggestions for new initiatives, or introductions and/or leads to new sponsors.

We acknowledge Julian Bowden, ESNZ CEO, for looking to create partnerships with sponsors which benefit all disciplines across ESNZ, and we welcomed Land Rover to the Eventing family of sponsors, sponsoring a class in the NZ3DE and the Super League series class.

Organising Committees, our Officials and the extraordinary weather challenges

With the country coming to grips with the devastation of the extreme weather events, the predictability of pre Covid times seemed a very distant memory. New Zealanders response has been heart-warming to the grim realities of the aftermath.

With wet weather impacts on events during both the spring and autumn seasons, the riders were very appreciative of the opportunity to get out and compete and are very grateful to those OCs for making Events happen. Springbush OC relocating their event to Taupo at very short notice was an incredible achievement and was greatly appreciated.

I’d like to acknowledge those affected by the flooding and the devastation it caused, their losses of their beloved equines, property and belongings. Your lives have been irreversibly changed and I offer the Eventing community’s heartfelt condolences. To those who were able to nurse their flood victim horses through their injuries and resume riding and competing, well done to you for your perseverance and tenacity.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the ESNZ Equine Relief Fund. The Brookby Horse Trial fundraiser event was a tremendous success raising \$34,000 for the fund. What tremendous generosity from the Eventing Community!

I’d like to acknowledge our Officials and organising committees who faced a number of really difficult decisions under time constraints whether to cancel, postpone, change jumps etc. With the safety and welfare of both rider and horse at stake, these decisions are weighty and not taken lightly, so I thank you for your considered and often late night, early morning deliberations and making these decisions on behalf of the sport.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Board members for their flexibility and adaptability with an unprecedented number of emerging issues / requests to deal with outside of our normal board meetings, such as HOY, and Oceania.

HOY and Oceania – after much anticipation of the return of Horse of the Year Show, last held in 2020, and their hosting of Eventing's Oceania competition, it was most unfortunate for the show to be cancelled in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle's devastation. Everyone appreciated the need to do so and the show is eagerly planning to be on again in 2024. The hosting of the Oceania competition at another event was considered but complicated by the Adelaide 5* Event moving to April from their usual November date. In light of this, Oceania was postponed to next year. It is anticipated HOY will host the competition and provide the international flavour of laneways and crowds to help prepare our horse and rider combinations for overseas championship events. It will be a great lead up to the Paris Olympics for the Australian and New Zealand based combinations.



Many successes to celebrate

The Eventing year has delighted us with many achievements by our riders and horses, our officials and community, giving us plenty to be proud of and inspiration. A number of these achievements will be mentioned in other reports, however these are the some of the highlights worthy of a double mention.

Young Rider Team Wins Oceania

Our Young Rider team winning the Oceania Championships in June 2023, at the Melbourne International Three Day Event, Werribee, Australia: Charlotte Treneary (Kumeu) CHS Royal Genie, Charlotte Penny (Taupo) Festival, Mackenzie Marlo (Auckland) CHS Diplomat and Brittany Fowler (Tamahere) Game Keeper. Chef d'Equipe: Lizzie Green.

It's exciting to see these up and coming young riders as they progress in their riding careers and ride for their country for the first time. Central to the team's win was the outstanding performance of Charlotte Penny who won the CCI3*L class, finishing on her dressage score at her first 3*L.

Bronze x2 at the FEI World Eventing Championships

After a 12 year WEC medal drought, it was great for the New Zealand team to win individual bronze and team bronze at Pratoni Italy in August 2022. This achievement was recognised with a been nominated for Team of the Year at the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards.

Congratulations to Tim Price Falco (individual bronze) and team Jonelle Price McClaren, Monica Spencer Artist, Clarke Johnstone Menlo Park, Chef d'Equipe Jock Paget, their grooms, owners, connections and the whole New Zealand team.

Providing inspiration to many was Monica’s campaign from New Zealand and seeing her name on screen holding the highest dressage score for much of the first dressage day, and fifth going into cross country phase. It’s testament to the HP programme that the northern and southern hemispheres are well aligned, and it is indeed possible to compete on the work stage while based in New Zealand.

First time 3* & 4* completions

We’d like to recognise achievement in all endeavours and completing your first 3* or 4* event is a significant achievement and milestone in rider’s careers. Congratulations to the following riders; Brittany Fowler riding Game Keeper, completing her first 4*; Bridie Quigley riding Oranoa Greyson, Alex Donald riding Gina Vt Bloemenhof, Holly McInnes riding My Royal Spirit, and Kelly Clarke riding DSE Iceman stepping up to complete their first 3*.

Top 10 finishes at 5* Events

Every year we are treated to spectate the highest eventing challenges and a top 10 finish at a 5* event is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to the following riders and their connections.

2022	Luhmuhlen	3 rd	Jonelle Price	Faerie Dianimo
		9 th	Tim Price	Spartaco
		10 th	Tim Price	Vitali
2022	Burghley	3 rd	Tim Price	Vitali
		4 th	Jonelle Price	Classic Moet
2022	Maryland	1 st	Tim Price	Coup De Coeur Dudevin
2022	Pau	1 st	Jonelle Price	Grappa Nera
		5 th	Caroline Powell	Greenacres Special Cavalier
2023	Adelaide	7 th	Diane Gilder	Your Attorney
2023	Badminton	7 th	Tim Price	Vitali

Often, we see top performances by Kiwi riders and we can’t imagine ourselves there, so it is wonderful to see Diane Glider’s name on this list, showing all amateur riders it is indeed achievable.

Double Podiums finishes at the Boekelo Nations Cup

Tim Price won the CCI4*-L individual at the Military Boekelo Enschede in The Netherlands and steered the New Zealand team to second in the FEI Nations Cup class in October 2022. The team included Dan Jocelyn and Blackthorn Cruise, Jonelle Price and Killbunny Andy, Amanda Pottinger with Good Timing.

In Strzegom Poland in July 2022, Tim Price also had a podium finish riding Polystar I to second place in the CCI4*-L Nations Cup class.

The Kiwis had a fabulous win at Millstreet Nations Cup Event recently but that technically fall into next years report!

Kiwi Eventers claim World #1 and #2 spots

With the long list of achievements already mentioned, you can see why in the October the FEI rankings placed Tim Price at no.1 and Jonelle Price at no.2. It is believed they are the first married couple to do so. It’s been three-and-a-half years since Tim last held the top spot, but he has been in the top 10 the whole time and as a couple they have consistently featured in those much sought-after slots. What a great achievement for Tim and Jonelle, our small country and for the ‘village’ associated with these two.

Kiwi Groom wins at FEI Awards

Team Price's groom, Kerryn Edmans, won the Cavalor FEI Best Groom category at the 2022 FEI Awards, which covered all disciplines not just Eventing. The 27-year-old from Hanmer Springs has been with Team Price for six years and head girl since 2020.

Mathew Grayling and Trudeau make history at our NZODE and NZ3DE

In 2023 Mathew and Trudeau set a new record of five consecutive 4* National titles:

2021 NZ3DE

2022 NZODE

2022 NZ3DE

2023 NZODE

2023 NZ3DE

Previously the record was held by Brandon with three consecutive titles, ridden by Sonya Glennie, 1978-79. With the 2023 NZ3DE win Trudeau also surpassed record for most 4* titles also held by Brandon. In the 51 years of history of the NZ3DE and NZODE, there have only been seven occurrences of a horse winning both titles in the same year, only four occurrences of a horse successfully defending its NZ3DE title, and 8 occurrences of a horse successfully defending its NZODE title (in 66 years of being contested).

Mathew has extended his record of most NZODE wins to six; two with Revo, two with Gordon, and two with Trudeau, and has taken over the record for most NZ3DE wins on five; two with Gordon and three with Trudeau, surpassing Heelan Tompkins record of four.

Trudeau is a 16 year old NZ Warmblood owned by Winky Foley & Peter W Smith. Congratulations them and rider Mathew Grayling, for breeding and producing such a consistent winner.



ESNZ Eventing Officials pathway achieved FEI Equivalency

The FEI Eventing revised their Eventing Education System and our Technical Advisory Committee worked very hard to achieve Equivalency for New Zealand's Eventing Education System. This means our National List 1 Officials can go straight to Level 2 FEI rather than spend two years at Level 1. Congratulations to those involved in the system and application process.

New Zealand Officials achieve FEI Level Four status

FEI Eventing revision of their Eventing Education System introduced a 4th level of qualification. It wasn't a straight alignment of those previously at level 3 migrating to level 4 (as it was when the 5* classes were introduced for horse and riders). This realignment recognised the most qualified and experienced level three officials who are already fulfilling the Transfer-up requirements to Level 4 under the new Education System.

Five New Zealand officials were among only 69 Judges, CDs and TDs listed worldwide who achieved Level Four FEI Official status, announced in August 2022. Congratulations to

Helen Christy – Judge

Stuart Bishell – Judge

Andrew Bennie – Judge

Andrew Bowles - Technical Delegate

Chris Ross – Course Designer

For those of you who don't know our overseas based officials; Andrew Bowles is based in the USA and is the Director of the Virginia Horse Trials; Andrew Bennie (you may recall is a Seoul Olympic medallist) is based in the UK and is on the FEI Eventing Committee.

FEI Eventing Committee - Neil MacKenzie-Hall was elected to the FEI Eventing Committee at the FEI conference in South Africa Nov 2022 and will serve a three year term. This is tremendous recognition for Neil of his skills, knowledge and standing in the global Eventing community.



Recognising our Valuable Volunteers

Life memberships

At the Equestrian Sports New Zealand's Annual General Assembly in September 2023, two of our Eventing community were made honorary Life members for their outstanding service to Eventing.

Judy Haskell - Judy started as an official more than 20 years ago, a Secondary School teacher by day and an Eventing Official in the weekends. She was meticulous in her measuring and spent many hours talking to riders and parents about how they could improve. She was everyone's supporter and a mentor to many up-and-coming officials, explaining how to tactfully deal with situations, what to be looking for, when to put your foot down and when to use common sense.

Judy served on the Technical Committee in an education capacity, developing the previous education system. Judy has been collating fall reports since this was seen as useful information, approx. 10 years ago.

A member of Wellington Eventing for many years, she was often the only one at the grounds, hammer in hand, fixing fences, weed eating, putting tyres on gates and generally doing all the little jobs that get missed by those less observant! Judy has a global understanding of Eventing through her son Bruce and is always keen to see NZ Eventing improve. She has facilitated seminars, given much time freely to Pony Clubs in the Wellington area – often advising on courses and supporting new committees with information and encouragement.



Tinks Pottinger - Tinks was a founding member of Eventing Wairarapa in 1990, establishing the Tauherenikau Event which hosted the National One Day Championships for many years. During this time, Tinks and husband Andy were joint Event Convenors and responsible for initiating and maintaining a significant sponsorship arrangement with Ford New Zealand worth tens of thousands.



Active in the strategic move of Eventing Wairarapa from Tauherenikau to Clareville A&P, Tinks has significantly shaped the direction of the group since then. She has been pivotal in cultivating facilities, XC development (she is currently spear-heading an Eventing Schooling facility at Solway), funding and developing eventing riders in the Wairarapa.

Over those 30 years, Tinks held a number of roles within the Committee and has always been a significant contributor, ever ready to front at working bees, to contribute to event organisation, source sponsorship, to coach and mentor, and more recently acting as a TD. She is now an honorary life member.

Tinks was involved with the establishment of the NZ Eventing Development squads and their coaching. She is also rising through the ranks as an Official and is currently a L2 Technical delegate, and L2 Cross Country Judge. In recent years Tinks assisted the NZ3DE with sourcing sponsorship and has been a fabulous host to sponsors at the Event. Eventing in New Zealand has been a massive benefactor of Tinks' energy, passion and hard-work ethic.

Area Groups and Organising Committees

Eventing is entirely dependant on volunteers giving freely of their time, energy and knowledge and it is hard to express the depth of gratitude the Board has to everyone involved. The time freely given is often at the expense of time with family, your own riding, and sleep! I sincerely hope your volunteer experiences and the relationships you've developed within the Eventing community provide you with years of enjoyment and a sense of pride and satisfaction for your contribution.

Each AGM it is great to recognise our marvellous volunteers with the Area Volunteer of the Year awards, and our two top volunteer awards. I await with interest to see who they are this year. Last year's winners were:

Volunteer of the Year Award 2022- McCrostie Memorial Trophy: Judy Haskell

Dedication to the Sport Award 2022 - Longest standing volunteer nominated by their Area Group: Maureen Fleming (pictured) - Eventing Bop, 32 years of service

Whilst a simple spoken thank you is always appreciated, I also encourage everyone to make full use of the volunteer awards available to recognise people for their efforts:

1. [ESNZ Volunteer of the Month](#)
2. [ESNZ Game Changers](#)
3. [Eventing Young Rider Volunteer award](#)



Our community of officials

One thing that struck me when I observed the FEI Officials Seminar (from the fringes) was that officiating isn't just turning up and doing a skilled qualified job, you become part of a community of officials, which extends around the world. It takes years of volunteering and study to rise through the ranks and requires an impressive amount of dedication. Like all volunteers in sports, they put far more hours into performing their role and the necessary training and qualifications than they receive recompense for.

Having appropriately qualified officials at events enables, in addition to organisers meeting their obligations for running the event, the eventing community to maintain its reputation as a sport of integrity with the welfare of the horse and rider at the very heart of our endeavours.

Taupo NEC XC sub committee

Following Mike Etherington-Smiths visit to New Zealand in 2017, a Taupo NEC XC subcommittee was formed to manage the ongoing development and maintenance of the cross country courses given no Eventing Area Group exists within the region. This year, with TAB NZ grant funding, remodelling was carried out on some existing jumps, to comply with the leading edge 40 degree rule. Many thanks to Jenny Draper for organising this and Rowan Armer, Campbell and Glen Draper for your work on this, and recycling old jump materials into new jumps and building a few new jumps as well. The course designers at the NZ3DE remarked that without this work there wouldn't have been enough jumps to run at NZ3DE, even with CDs bringing a few of their own jumps with them.

Thanks, in Memoriam

Bob Stringer – Bob gave endless hours to equestrian competitions, primarily as a much sought-after show jump judge. Organisers of shows found working with Bob was straightforward – you asked Bob to judge, he agreed, he arrived in good time and performed his role without fuss or drama, and they truly respected him. He was always obliging, never critical of anyone or anything. The riders remember Bob as being in the judges-box throughout most of their riding days – always fair, courteous and supportive of them.

We are grateful to Bob for his incredible generosity and for what he has done for our sport. Included in his many contributions was his huge input into the development of the McLeans NEC and the early competitions.

Joan has been an integral part of Bob’s life, and no more so than in the equestrian field. Eventing Canterbury were able to formally recognise Bob and Joan’s contributions with their names added to the Honours Board at the Equestrian Centre. Similarly, Eventing New Zealand honoured Bob and Joan in 2019, naming them as “Volunteers of the Year” – both marvellous achievements.

The wider equestrian community was very much the beneficiary of Bob’s love of the sport, and he will be remembered with much warmth.

Mike Manning – Mike was a Level 3 Eventing FEI Technical Delegate and a Level 2 Eventing FEI Steward. He is remembered by riders in New Zealand as a friendly and approachable Official who had a wicked sense of humour. He was always willing to help the rider’s where needed and went above and beyond the role of Official at an Event.

Mike was a Steward at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and was also a Steward at many International 4* Events across the USA as well as being a regular at New Zealand Events such as Kihikihi, Puhinui, Woodhill Sands. Aside from his fantastic skill as an Eventing Official, there are reports that he was a world expert in Kiwifruit and a very good sailor!

The Eventing community are incredibly sad to hear of Mike’s passing and are eternally grateful for his commitment and dedication to the sport.



Thanks to our Sport Managers Manager Hayley Daigle – Hayley is Eventing’s one paid staff member and her job description is realistically more than one person should be asked to do. On top of that are the challenges of dealing with volunteers and their availability, and being the first point of contact for the entire Eventing community. Her start in the role certainly wasn’t a gentle introduction as she was straight into NZ3DE, Oceania, AGM and hosting the first FEI official’s seminar post Covid. She has done this all with unflinching good cheer and professionalism, and she was very highly praised for her organisation of the FEI seminar from the overseas Directors. She also fitted in getting married and a honeymoon in her first year as well. I have greatly valued Hayley’s enthusiasm and hard work and have enjoyed working with her this year. Eventing is fortunate to have Hayley as our Sports Manager.

Pictured here is Hayley working at the NZ3DE trot up with our former Sports Manager Eliza Johns, who has a tremendous support to Hayley in her first year.

Looking forward

The role of the board is to provide leadership to the sport, and I see my chair role to be protector and enhancer of its effectiveness. With our quality experience framework in place, we look forward to the year ahead working to provide a safe sport, striving to maintain rider affordability and enhancing the financial sustainability for organisers and the sport, providing opportunities for people to learn and have a sense of achievement, and supporting the sport to be fun and enjoyable to all.

Financial sustainability - Eventing as we all know is a resource intensive sport and there is no one 'cookie cutter' solution / no 'silver bullet' to assure financial sustainability for the sport across NZ. Increasing rider levies is NOT the solution and we need to focus on income streams we have influence over – event entries. Many costs of running an event are fixed regardless of number of entrants, thus once break-even point is surpassed, more entrants equate to increased profitability. With so much effort already put into running an event, focus on increasing entries will provide return on effort.

We appreciate some of the largest costs to organising committee are for the medics and veterinarians to be in attendance. With the welfare of the horse and rider at the very heart of our endeavours, they are essential to be able to assure riders, their family and supporters that appropriately skilled first aid providers for riders and horses will respond immediately to any mishap the combination may incur, be that minor (e.g. slip over cornering on wet grass) or potentially more serious (horse and/or rider fall at a jump).

Cross country is what sets Eventing apart from the other equestrian disciplines and is the passion of the riders taking part. Riders appreciate courses that are well presented, provide variety and challenge and we know XC preparation is the most time consuming and labour heavy aspect of the event. Course designers are volunteers and their payments usually do not cover lost wages for the time they spend building the course leading up to the event.

The Board has not raised Event levies since 2017 and with the years of Covid and adverse weather challenges, we continue to resist the necessity to do so, but this cannot go on indefinitely. We will continue to look to ways to make Eventing more affordable / accessible for a wider group of riders. National contracts for medics and the horse ambulances are two initiatives we continue to pursue with the support of ESNZ.

Coherent Calendar – Well, if there is ever a discussion topic to clear the room it is the setting of the annual event calendar. There are many moving parts to every OC setting their event dates and I thank everyone for their flexibility when looking at the calendar from a rider and horse perspective to create the most coherent calendar possible. This is a big-ticket item for retaining riders within Eventing and having larger class entries at our pinnacle events.

Development camps – We will be returning to delivering the popular open development camps for riders throughout the country this coming year. I also thank all the OCs who put on training days to assist riders gain confidence out on cross country, so they can ride safely and enjoy their events more.

NEC developments - Both NECs have planned improvements to their Cross Country tracks. McLeans Island has commenced their work in preparation for the hosting the 2025 NZ3DE and Taupo is planning for track work to be completed during that year when they'll have the opportunity to cordon off parts of the NZ3DE tracks. This will be exciting to see and ride on these improved surfaces.

Volunteer and Official pipeline – TAG and our Organising Committee Representative will be providing opportunities and support for people coming into the sport as volunteers. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for those who would be keen to join an OC or become an official and provide them

with 'micro' volunteer opportunities for them to catch the bug and always 'give our new comers a leg up'.

ESNZ Revised Constitution – Whilst recognising reviewing legal documents is not everyone's 'cup of tea', you will all be invited to provide feedback on the proposed update of ESNZ's Constitution. Marg Evans has been Eventing's representative on the Working Group, and the Board has recently provided their review and feedback. Members feedback will be sought in the coming months and the finalised constitution will be ratified at an ESNZ Special General Meeting.

One component of this is the recommendation that Area Group become incorporated societies. Whilst many of our Area Groups are already incorporated, Sport NZ, ESNZ and Eventing will provide assistance to those who choose to transition to an incorporated society.

ESNZ Strengthen and Adapt Programme - Sport NZ established the Strengthen and Adapt Programme to improve the capacity, capability and resilience of national sporting organisations, so they are best positioned to meet the needs of participants into the future. Originally established as a response to Covid, ESNZ is taking part in the third wave of this programme and it is an opportunity to work collaboratively to design solutions that will build the long-term sustainability of equestrian sport. ESNZ are holding roadshows across Aotearoa New Zealand from July through October and I encourage everyone to attend and contribute your ideas to build the future of our sport.

The Integrity Transition Programme – This Programme commenced in June 2022 following the in-principle decisions by Cabinet to establish a standalone sport and recreation integrity organisation. They are currently developing a national code of integrity for sport and recreation. Eventing has and will contribute to this when consultation is invited.

Hosting Oceania at HoY – We look forward to the successful hosting of Oceania at the Land Rover HoY show. With home soil advantage we look forward to supporting our young rider team defend their title and our seniors stepping up to lift the title from the Australians.

2024 Olympic games – With our Olympic qualification secured at the World Eventing Championships, we look forward to supporting the kiwis as they build up to and ride for the podium at the historic Palace of Versailles.

It has been a privilege to serve as your chair this year and I thank you for entrusting me with the role. Whether it's the world class successes of our elite riders, or the smile on the 65cm riders face that ignites your passion for volunteering, officiating or governing our sport, I look forward to working with you over the coming year with our shared passion for Eventing and contribution to its future.

EVENTING FINANCIAL REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

Date: June 2023

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.



Winners of the Stirling Collection 80cm-L class at the NZ Three Day Eventing Championships

1st: Joshua Borostyan and LV Touch of Class

2nd: Mia Matheson and My Tom Boy

3rd: Rebecca Wardle and DM Graduate

4th: Annalese Hagan and Howmuch Toomuch

5th: Annette McPherson and Specs

6th: Sirka Bade and Nothingelsematters

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EVENTING SPORT MANAGER REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Hayley Pickmere

Date: June 2023

It is with great pleasure that I present the Sport Manager report for the 2022 – 2023 year. I am thoroughly looking forward to travelling to Christchurch and meeting with our fellow Eventing family at the Rydges Hotel and Conference Centre as well as building relationships with the other ESNZ disciplines at the combined functions.

Following the strife cause by Covid, it is hard to believe that we had another season affected by events outside of our control. To not dwell on the subject of the horrendous weather our Organising Committee's, Officials and rider's had to face, I would instead like to acknowledge the determination, resilience and commitment to our sport displayed by all of the Eventing community. My thoughts remain with those affected by the floods in the North Island in early 2023.

August 2022 saw the first ESNZ run Interschools competition held during tournament week. This was a fantastic four days where students could experience a taster of each discipline including Arena Eventing, Dressage, Show Jumping, Show Hunter and Competitive Trail Riding (CTR). I was lucky enough to be a Marshall for the Arena Eventing for the North Island Secondary Schools competition at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre in Taupo. It was truly a highlight of the year for me as I was able to provide encouraging words to the riders prior to their round and who were rather nervous having not experienced the Cross Country phase previously. It was heart-warming to then see their absolute delight leaving the arena having had their first taste of the fantastic sport of Cross Country! Every rider came out grinning and could not wait until the next opportunity to set out on Cross Country. I came to the realisation that Arena Eventing is a tool we are potentially underutilising as a means to draw riders in and catch the inevitable Eventing bug. Well done to our lovely Eliza Johns for her immaculate organisation of this mammoth Event.



Aside from the daily tasks of the Eventing Sport Manager role, the next task to undertake was the daunting mission to successfully host the FEI Officials seminar alongside the Taupo Horse Trial held in November. Thanks to the Global pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions, many Officials required either a maintenance Seminar to maintain their current Officials status or required a Transfer Up seminar to continue on their development pathway. Subsequently, the FEI extended the number of Officials permitted to attend a seminar which resulted in one of the largest FEI seminars held to date. To exacerbate the situation, we hosted Officials from the UK, USA, Finland, Australia and Japan with big names in the Eventing world as course directors of Ian Stark (UK), Geoff Sinclair (AUS), Christian Landolt (SUI), Stuart Buntine (UK), Philine Ganders-Meyer (GER), Helen Christie (NZL) and Susan O'Brien (NZL). No pressure Hayley! A huge thank you to the Organisers of the Taupo Event being Denise Rushbrook and her team who were incredibly accommodating to the FEI Officials Seminar. Well done to our own New Zealand Officials who were successful in Transferring Up from this Seminar and thank you to all Officials who continue their Officials development commitment which is imperative for the continuation of Eventing in New Zealand.



Both photos thanks to Take the Moment

Thanks to Julian Bowden and Katie Deane-Jackson for their work in securing sponsorship from Land Rover which saw each of the ESNZ disciplines receive \$10,000.00 for the first year. The sponsorship was put towards naming rights of the Super League Eventing Series and a class sponsorship at the NZ Three Day Eventing Championships. This is an exciting relationship to establish for the future. Well done to Puhinui for hosting the local Land Rover dealership at their December Event. The dealership reported that they found the exposure worthwhile and are keen to explore future sponsorship opportunities with Puhinui.

A new experience for me was becoming more familiar with Frangible Devices, specifically ordering a rather significant amount of MIM clips from Sweden! Thank you to John Alexander who arranged for cost effective shipping from Europe as there were limited options and the options available certainly came at an undesirable cost. Thanks to those riders who collected their local Organising Committee's MIM orders from the NZ Three Day Eventing Champs at Taupo to take back to their various parts of the country. We currently have a good amount of MIM's left in stock in Auckland therefore please do not hesitate to contact me if you require MIM's for your area.

Neil Mackenzie-Hall is no stranger to the Eventing scene, having previously competed himself but more recently, being one of our most experienced Technical Delegates in New Zealand. As with many of our wonderful Officials, Neil's commitment to Eventing always shines through but was particularly evidenced by his desire to apply for the advertised position on the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year period from 2022-2026. We were thrilled with the news that Neil was successful in his application which is a true testament to his knowledge, experience and respect that Neil holds globally.

With the wet Spring season turning into a wet Autumn, we saw Organising Committee's showing incredible displays of resilience and commitment being able to replan and pivot with the impending horrendous forecasts and sodden grounds. Behind the scenes, riders stuck to their plans and were determined to keep their horses Event ready which displays great determination – this must be one of the greatest attributes to the Event rider! Every Event that needed to be postponed, amended or cancelled was heart breaking but perhaps none more heart breaking than the cancellation of Land Rover Horse of the Year for a third year running. This was set to be potentially the most exciting Horse Of the Year Eventing has seen where we were poised to be hosts to the Australians for the Oceania competition. Thank you Sophie Blake and her team at Land Rover Horse of The Year for their fantastic organisation and preparation to host the Australian and New Zealand teams.

NZ Three Day Championships:

Event Convenor, Anna Clark, is a one in a million person who Eventing in New Zealand would benefit from cloning! Anna and her fellow troops are imperative to the success of the 2023 Event and we are incredibly lucky to have your organisational skills and enthusiasm for the Event. Anna has completed an informative post Event report which can be found in these Papers.

Anna had the help of an incredibly hard working and supportive team. Jenny Draper is another one in a million person who we are incredibly lucky to have. Jenny had three of the most arguably difficult roles within Eventing. The organisation of XC jump judges, the timetable and the draw. This was all completed perfectly, within her stride and with a smile on her face.

Alex Dempster and her team of fantastic ladies were imperative to the running of the Event taking on the stressful secretarial role whilst remaining completely approachable and friendly to those visiting the office. Your incredible work does not go unnoticed, and we cannot thank you enough.

A huge thank you must be made to Rowan Amer for his experienced XC convenor role, the wonderful team of Officials who put in many hours and weeks prior to the Event and our Course Designers who produced fantastic courses for all Riders. Clive Long and Dee Stirling joined forces to provide a creative 80cm Cross Country course with the jumps themed from around the world. All were welcome to take part in the competition of naming the worlds. These were all placed in the draw to win a \$100 voucher generously provided from Stirling Collection.

Thanks to John Bellarby and Dana Kirkpatrick for their roles of our Announcing Team, completed brilliantly.

We were extremely lucky and thankful to our sponsors of the Event for 2023 – Wade Coaches, Fiber Fresh, NRM, Land Rover, Canter for Cancer, Taupo Veterinary Services, Penny Homes, Oranoa Sport Horses, Stirling Collection, NZPH, Treadlite & Eventstars. Thank you for your unwavering support of the without which we would be unable to host.

We were grateful to be successful in securing two grants for funding of the NZ3DE from Lion Foundation and Grassroots Trust for combined total of \$23,000. Whilst this is a significant amount of funding, it was still disappointing as the other two grant funding applications were declined which subsequently meant that the Event ran at a loss. The concerning factor here is the level of funding required to run an Event such as the NZ3DE even with the fantastic infrastructure at a National Equestrian Centre.

Congratulations to the winners and placegetters of the NZ3DE but special mention must go to record breaking Matthew Grayling and Trudeau. Matthew and Trudeau managed to secure the CCI4*-L title

for a third consecutive year! Matthew is well known on the Eventing scene for his consistent brilliant riding but also for being approachable, friendly and most of all, having a fantastic sense of humour!

I was absolutely thrilled that the sun was shining for the pinnacle Event of the season and the combinations were able to enjoy our wonderful sport without rain and mud!

A full post Event review can be found on the ESNZ website under Eventing → News.

2022/2023 Eventing Series:

The 2022/2023 Series Awards winners were again recognised at the Rider's Function on the Friday night of the NZ3DE at Taupo. Despite the cold Taupo weather, we had a great turn out of riders, sponsors, supporters and VIP attend the Function in the mezzanine area of the Indoor Arena.

On-going gratitude and thanks to Dunstan and Beta Vet for their sponsorship of the Pro-Am Series and the Amateur Series. These two companies are both very respected in the horse world for both their fantastic products as well as their commitment to sponsoring and supporting many disciplines.

Congratulations to the winners and placegetters of the Series and we are thrilled that we were able to celebrate with the majority of you at the NZ3DE at Taupo. For full results please visit Evo Events, under Series results. You can also visit the ESNZ website under Eventing news for the Eventing Series review.



National title winners

Young & Junior Rider One Day Championships – Taupo (November 2022)

Charisma Trophy: Carys McCrory & Nemesis

Hoffman Trophy: Scout Lodder & Money Shot

Young & Junior Rider Three Day Championships – Christchurch (October 2022)

Swarbrick Trophy: Rebecca Wardle & Dingmac Eccles

Lenamore Trophy: Alex De geest & Argenteuil

National One Day Championships – Whangarei (April 2023)

Forest Gate: Matthew Grayling & Trudeau

Waiteko Trophy: Kyle Calder & Apteryx

Ferndale Trophy: Scout Lodder & Overnight Success

Tait Trophy: Matisse Platt & Rockquest

New Zealand Three Day Championships – Taupo (May 2022)

Wills Trophy: Matthew Grayling & Trudeau

Picadilly Trophy: Lizzie Green & Corona Xtreme

Mamaku Trophy: Emily Cammock & Zealand Blue HSH

Thomson Trophy: Susan Le Mesurier & My Talisman

Mary Bowling Memorial: Helen McGrath & Woodbine Glide Time

Caseley Trophy: Greg Smith & Secret Runner

Atlantic Silver Spurs: South Island

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

There are five people within our sport who fly mostly under the radar with their commitment to Eventing;

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

The above individuals are all incredibly skilled and are a wealth of knowledge in all Technical aspects of Eventing. They are imperative to the development and growth of our wonderful Officials - this is evidenced in the Technical report where the statistics are showing a steady growth of new Officials to the Sport.

TAG arranged and implemented four successful Seminars throughout NZ over the 2022/2023 season to ensure that our Officials status' remain current – Christchurch (August 2022), Te Rapa (September 2022), Wellington (March 2023), Taupo in conjunction with NZPCA Champs (April 2023). Two more Officials seminars are planned at Eyreton Pony Club on 2nd July 2023 and Waikato Equestrian Centre, September 2023. If anyone is considering becoming an Official, these Seminars are a fantastic place to start and are free to attend. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask myself or one of the TAG members.



In 2022, the FEI announced a new Education System which would have considerable implications on our Officials ability to Officiate in New Zealand. The main concern was the ruling that only FEI Officials could Officiate at FEI Events – a problem as New Zealand relies on National Officials assisting at the many FEI Events our disciplines hosts. The FEI’s solution was an Equivalency system where our National List 1 Officials could transfer straight to Level 2 FEI once they have completed the requirements rather than waiting the two years at Level 1. Thanks to TAG who completed the application for Equivalency and were successful – this is a huge achievement and also an attribute to the comprehensive National Officials system we have in New Zealand. We were also successful in transferring five TD’s and 2 CD’s to FEI Level 1 from National Officials. Thank you as always to those Officials who are committed to development and keeping our Sport going.

Prime Minister Scholarship:

Thank you to High Performance for their support in applying for two successful Prime Minister Scholarships in 2023. Wendy Lansdown assisted with the application process which resulted in funding for seven Officials to attend the Melbourne Three Day Event in June 2023 and for two Judges, Virginia Tocher and Barbara Woolhouse to travel to the UK to Officiate at Events.

The group who attending the Melbourne 3DE group were Debra Gibson, Cam Robertson, Julie Prebble, Rob Thompson, Rhys Bullock, Nicola Barringer and Tich Massey as the group lead. Reports from the group are that they found the experience incredibly informative and a great educational experience. Thank you to this wonderful group of Officials who took the time from their busy lives to travel to Melbourne for Eventing Official development and for self-funding some of this trip.

To supplement the Prime Minister Scholarship funding, Barbara and Virginia also successfully applied to the FEI to access the Officials Exchange Programme. This is an initiative from the FEI to support and encourage Officials from across the globe to travel for International experience and to complete Transfer-Up assessments.

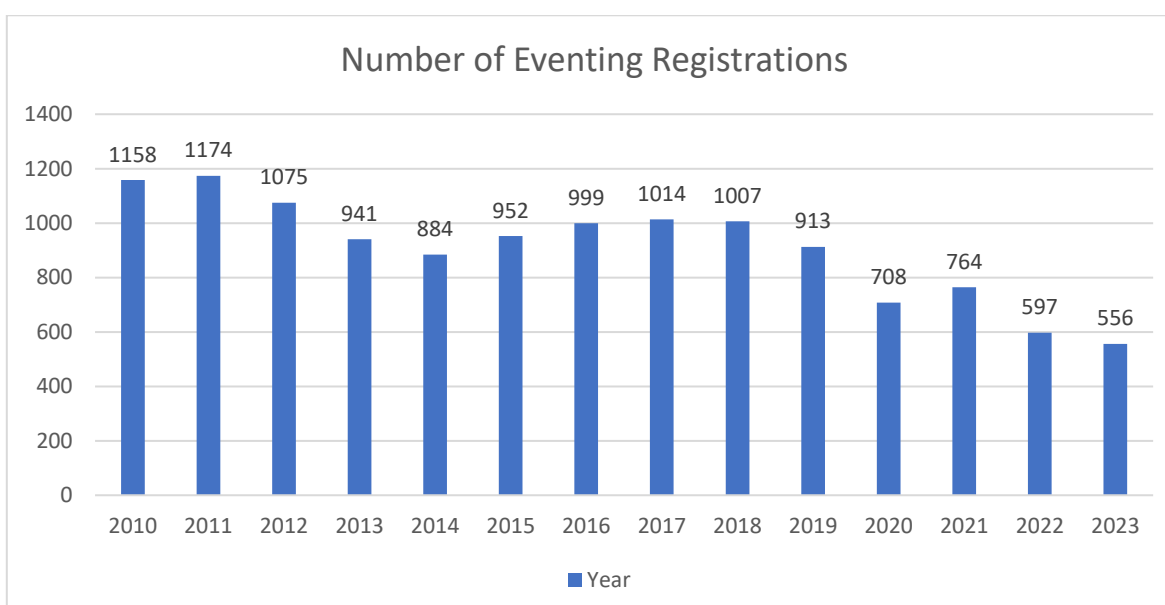
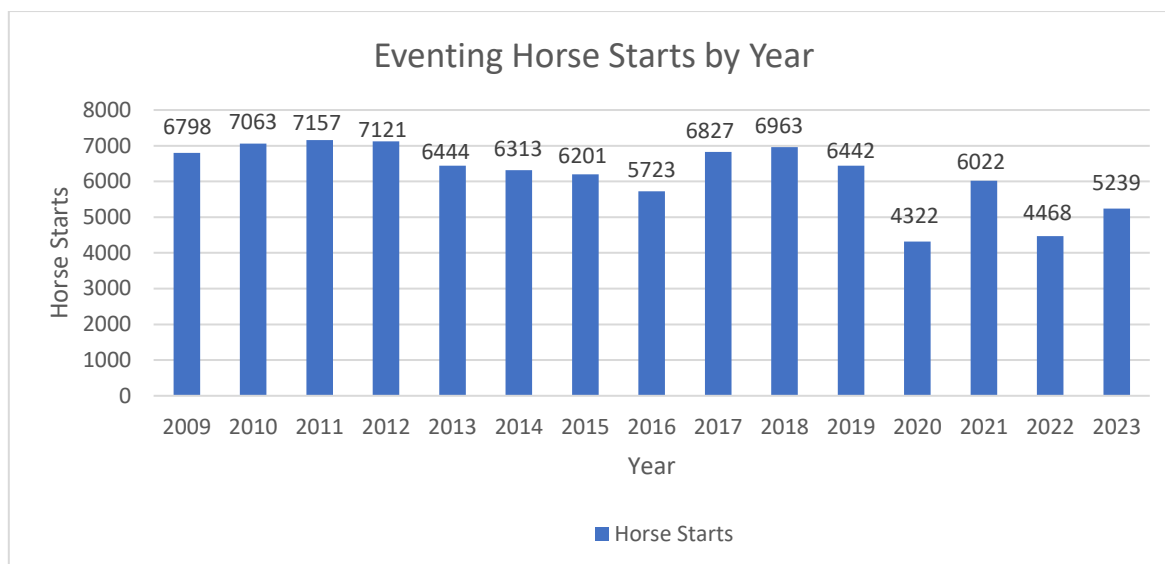
Barbara Woolhouse travelled to the UK where she was a Judge in the CCI4*-S class at Ballindenisk International Horse Trial (IRL), Hillcrest Horse Trials and also Quirindi in Australia on her way home to New Zealand.

Virginia Tocher judged the CCI4*-S at Bicton Arena and judged the top horses in the world such as London 52, Dacapo, Swallow Springs etc. Virginia then went on to have a fantastic learning experience at Braham Horse Trials, Dressage Judge shadowing and spending time in Control on Cross Country day.

Eventing Annual Starts & Eventing Registrations – 2022/2023

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.



The ESNZ Eventing calendar continues to be a challenge for all involved. This is arguably the most difficult task and I thank Amanda Illston and Shannon Galloway for their tremendous efforts and support in developing a calendar for 2023/2024 season which is beneficial for all. The calendar development process begins in August where the Sport Manager calls for applications from each Organising Committee for the following season. The need to call for applications so far in advance is the requirement of the FEI Events being loaded into the FEI calendar for the following calendar year by 1st October. FEI run calendar year i.e. 1st January – 31st December as opposed to ESNZ Eventing running from August – May. Once the FEI calendar is loaded, we are unable to amend the FEI dates without incurring a fine for those Events holding CCI4* classes. It is therefore imperative that Organising Committee’s indicate their preferred National dates ASAP if they are restricted to certain dates. This will avoid the date clashing with a secured FEI date and subsequently avoid disappointment. I would also like to sincerely thank the Organising Committee’s who were flexible with moving their dates when requested by the calendar committee.

There are some achievements I would like to target for the 2023/2024 Eventing Season;

Eventing Rider connectivity: we were lucky to have a group of fantastic Event riders from across New Zealand who were happy to join a “Rider’s Network”. The aim of this group was to feedback from various areas across the country as to what is working in their area and what the riders/OC’s/Officials are not enjoying. This unfortunately did not take off as planned due to the difficulty to coordinate meetings together at a time that suited all as well as myself letting it fall down the list. Amanda Illston and I will ensure that the Rider’s Network is given time and priority over the next season so that we are reaching all areas of New Zealand and creating a connection with the aim to work on feedback for the better of our sport.

To be a consumer of the Eventing product: now that I have been in the Eventing Sport Manager role for over 12 months, I am making it a personal mission to compete in our sport more often. I found the initial learning of the role rather demanding for the 22/23 season. I believe that being out and competing will ensure that I am building relationships with fellow competitors, their support team, Organising Committee’s and Officials. I will also be able to experience first-hand the Eventing product and where potential opportunities lie.

Recognition: as an Eventing competitor, I was mildly aware of the volunteer and Officials dedication and was always grateful for their support and the hours they put in. Coming into the Eventing Sport Manager role, this rather naïve mindset became apparent. The hours our Organising Committee, Officials and other volunteers dedicate to run our sport in New Zealand is astronomical. I am now acutely aware of the burnout that is inevitable in our sport without ample support. I encourage all riders, supporters and the Eventing community to reach out to their local Organising Committee and Events to offer a helping hand. In an attempt to recognise our existing Officials and to encourage new Officials to get involved, I am completing an Officials bio in the 10-minute box and sharing via social media as a spotlight piece. Likewise, this is an initiative I would like to implement for the coming season. Ideally, we could entice a sponsor to partner with the spotlight piece with a small kickback to accompany the recognition.

Finally, I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to the ESNZ Eventing Board. We are incredibly lucky to have a very enthusiastic and hard-working Eventing Board whose efforts mostly go unnoticed. I am incredibly proud to be a part of this group of people and give up so much of their time and effort in their very busy lives. For those who aren’t aware of the time commitment, the Board meets monthly with bi-monthly meetings being all day, in person. A special thanks to Raewyn Eastwood who is always available for a phone call and for our fortnightly meetings via Zoom which are incredibly productive at bouncing ideas off each other as well as ensuring we are on track.

Here’s to an exciting, sunny and dry 2023/2024 Eventing season!





HIGH PERFORMANCE

ESNZ Eventing High Performance Annual Report 2022-2023

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Jonathan Paget

Date: June 2023

UK Programme

The Eventing programme delivered a successful campaign to the 2022 FEI Eventing World Championships in Pratoni in winning both Team and Individual (Tim Price) Bronze medals, the first medals for New Zealand since 2012 and a welcomed boost for the programme. This performance for the Team also secured New Zealand a qualification for the Paris Olympics in 2024 and signaled that the strength and depth of the programme are moving in the right direction.

The Eventing Team in Pratoni consisted of;

- Tim Price and Falco
- Jonelle Price and McClaren
- Clarke Johnstone and Menlo Park
- Monica Spencer and Artist
- Muzi Pottinger and Just Kidding – Individual

Tim and Jonelle Price finished the 2022 Eventing Year, which concluded in October in the Northern Hemisphere, as World no.1 and no.2 in the FEI world athlete rankings, a position they've held for the first half of 2023, and shortly after that, they were members of the successful Nations Cup team that placed second in the CCIO4*-L at Military Boekelo in the Netherlands. A fantastic conclusion to the season for the UK programme.

Team Price groom, Kerryn Edmans was one of four international grooms nominated for the Cavalor FEI Best Groom category at the 2022 FEI Awards and was selected as the overall winner.

The new year started quietly as the UK, much like NZ, experienced a wet Spring which disrupted the start of the competition season, meaning plans were made and then altered. Meanwhile the Team got underway with the usual schedule of squad training camps and competition preparations. The coaching group has been enhanced by the addition of specialist jumping coach, Chris Burton, who has joined the team to assist with jump training.

New Zealand Programme

With the assistance of Prime Ministers Scholarship funding, Eventing sent a group of seven coaches, course designers and support services staff to the FEI World Championships in Pratoni for the purpose of gaining team experience and international exposure, so these skills and learnings can be utilised within the programme in NZ. The coaching team of Penny Pearce, Lizzie Green and Nicoli Fife also spent one-week visiting the yards of the northern hemisphere based athletes, who have transitioned

there from the NZ programme, to gain their insights into what more the NZ programme can offer athletes before they make the move aboard.

The annual off horse camp took place in July 2022 in Cambridge and for the first time was shared with the Jumping squads. Off horse educational activities included a communications coach who focused on presenting and public speaking, a vital tool for athletes seeking investors and supports, and a motivational talk from Catriona Williams on what it takes to get to the top from both an athlete and owners perspective. A collective agreement between the disciplines meant that the 2023 off horse camp, which included both Jumping and Dressage squads was held in May, in Hastings at the Sports Park, as the mid winter date limits participation being a key time NZ based athletes travel out of NZ for international experience. This resulted in two camps in 10 months with the second camp focusing on team work, bonding and networking across the disciplines, resilience and communication exercises and an inspiring talk from Olympic Hockey player, now mens and womans HP Coach, Shae McAlesse.

The on horse training followed a fairly similar programme in terms of squad dates and trainings and was again supported by yards visits and pre-competition and competition support from the coaching staff.

One of the highlights is the Cross Country camp, which was held in February 2023, this camp is a set up for the Autumn season and for the riders they comment it is their favourite. At the XC camp, the course builders, Chris Ross and Tich Massey build some technical lines at a 2* height to get riders and horses in tune and feeling prepared and ahead in their preparations for the season. It adds benefits to horse and rider fitness as we also invite HPSNZ providers, psychologist Jason Yuill-Proctor and Strength and Conditioning coach Andrew Keene into this camp to work with the riders in areas relative to xc riding.

Another highlight was the return of Isobel Wessels to NZ. A collaboration between Dressage and Eventing brought Isobel to our shores for a series of clinics and training days to work with riders, coaches and judges, ensuring that we keep up with international trends and standards, it was great to see the coaching and judges workshops so well attended. This opportunity is also used as an introduction for HP athletes in the Eventing programme to meet Isobel before they move up to the UK.

Lizzie Green was appointed to lead the NZ based programme at the start of January 2023, replacing Penny Pearce who departed to lead the Dressage programme. Jonathan Paget continues to lead the UK programme, performing a dual role as well as General Manager of High Performance. Eliza Johns, previous Sport Manager for 11 years, was appointed to the High Performance Central team, which includes Warrick Allan, in the role of operations in February 2023 and now works across all disciplines and also specifically supports both the dressage and jumping HP Managers with administration and operational functions. Yvette Lawson remains Eventing Performance Administrator for the NZ based Eventing programme.

The NZ competition season was plagued by bad weather which meant plans were always evolving and events, organisers and athletes needed to show resilience and flexibility. Unfortunately, with the cancellation of the 2023 Land Rover Horse of the Year Show, so to was the 2023 Oceania Eventing Championships which was to include senior and young rider teams from Australia. Plans now turn to next and the hope that this popular and important event can take place at LRHOY in March 2024.

Two formal squad reviews took place in the 2022-2023 season in June and December which is in line with the other disciplines standard selection cycle and listed below are those currently on squad at the end of May 2023.

HP Eventing Squads as at 31 May 2023

High Performance Squad

Athlete	Horse	Owners
Jonelle Price	Grovine de Reve	Therese Miller and Jonelle Price
Jonelle Price	Grappa Nera	The Grape Syndicate and Jonelle Price
Tim Price	Xavier Faer	Trisha Rickards, Sophie Rickards and Tim Price
Tim Price	Falco	Sue Benson and Tim Price
Tim Price	Coupe De Coeur Dudevin	Jean-Luis Stauffer

High Performance Recognition Squad

No one currently on squad

High Performance Futures Squad

Athlete	Horse	Owners
Muzi Pottinger	Just Kidding	The Pottinger Family
Caroline Powell	Greenacres Special Cavalier	Chris Mann
Clarke Johnstone	Aces High	Rob & Jean Johnstone and Clarke Johnstone
Clarke Johnstone	Leopards Action	Rob & Jean Johnstone and Clarke Johnstone
Clarke Johnstone	Menlo Park	Rob & Jean Johnstone and Clarke Johnstone
Dan Jocelyn	Blackthorn Cruise	Panda Christie and Dan Jocelyn
James Avery	One Of A Kind	Hazel & Chloe Livesey and James Avery
Jesse Campbell	Diachello	Kent Gardner and Jesse Campbell
Jonelle Price	McClaren	David and Katherine Thomson
Maddy Seivwright	Waitangi Pinterest	Crowe Family
Matthew Grayling	Trudeau	Winky Foley
Monica Spencer	Artist	Monica Spencer
Samantha Lissington	Ricker Ridge Sooty GNZ	Pip McCarroll and Samantha Lissington
Tim Price	Vitali	Alexander & Joe Giannamore and Tim Price
Tim Price	Happy Boy	Susan Lamb and Therese Miller

High Performance Potential	Talent Development Squad	Talent Identification Squad
Abigail Long	Brittany Fowler	Alena Dorotich
Bundy Philpott	Charlotte Penny	Bridie Quigley
Christen Lane		Carys McCrory
Ginny Thomasen		Charlotte Treneary
Hollie Swain		Jasmyne Speake
Lauren Innes		Kelli Frewin

Tayla Mason		Lilly Anderson
Vicky Browne-Cole		Mackenzie Marlo

Looking Forward

With the Olympic qualification solidified in Pratoni, the Team have been able to focus their attention on preparations for Paris and have chosen to target multiple Nation Cup team events in 2023 as a key part of this. This approach provides multiple opportunities to test horse and rider combinations, as well as the support services staff and wider the team environment which are all critical to a successful Paris campaign.



Jonathan Paget



Warrick Allan



Eliza Johns

High Performance Central



Lizzie Green
Eventing High Performance Manager (NZ)



World Equestrian bronze winning team

L-R Tim Price, Monica Spencer, Clarke Johnstone, Jonelle Price & Jock Paget

Photo thanks to Libby Law Photography

EVENTING TECHNICAL REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates
 From: Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
 Date: June 2023

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 2023-2024 season are fairly minor, with the exception of the addition of the rule around elimination of a rider that falls in Dressage. This brings Eventing into line with Dressage. Another rule for Riders to be aware of is the requirement for all riders at 1* and below to wear back numbers for all phases.

I encourage all Riders and Officials to read the updated Rules when they are published on the Website to stay current with the minor changes.

Education and Development of Officials

Over the last season we have run three seminars: Christchurch, Waikato and Wellington. These have all been very well attended and thanks must go to the facilitators who ensure that the sessions are relevant and positive.

The Organising Committee representatives on the Board worked with TAG to polish the Local Officials 4 Local Events resource material that came out of the work done by Wellington Area and in particular Clive Long. This resource material is being used by OC's to support and encourage local people to become officials thus helping to keep costs down and retain people in the sport. TAG and the OC reps also ran several useful Zoom meetings for both Officials and Area Committees. The feedback from these was that they were useful and created good discussion.

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

	New List 3			Transfers from List 3 to List 2			Transfers from List 2 to List 1		
	21	22	23	21	22	23	21	22	23
Technical Delegates	0	1	4	1	3	1	1	0	1
Course Designers	8	4	4	3	1	0	0	1	1
Cross Country Judges	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Stewards	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0

FEI Education System and Officials

The FEI announced a new Education System in July 2022. This system also came with the announcement that from 1st January 2024 only FEI Officials would be able to officiate at FEI events. This has huge ramifications for NZ as a small Eventing nation that runs a high number of FEI Events.

TAG worked very hard to prove to the FEI that our Eventing Education System was up to standard and in November 2022 we were awarded Equivalency, meaning that our National List 1 Officials can go straight to Level 2 FEI once they have completed the requirements for transfer and do not need to do two years at the new entry Level 1. However, to ensure that we have enough officials to run events next year we have sought and been successful in transferring 5 TD's and 2 CD's to FEI Level 1.

The FEI also developed a new Level 4 for our most senior officials and I am delighted to report that we have Helen Christie and Stuart Bishell as Level 4 Judges and Chris Ross as a Level 4 Course Designer.

In November Eventing New Zealand ran a FEI seminar at Taupo. This was a huge success and many thanks must go to Hayley for all the work she put in to make it the success that our International facilitators and course participants deemed it to be. The seminar also saw several NZ officials transfer up: we had a Level 2 TD transfer to Level 3, a Level 2 CD go to Level 3 and a National TD and CD transfer to FEI Level 2. We also had one National Judge move to FEI Level 1.

Eventing NZ have sent two Judges overseas to gain International experience in the last few months. This, along with the development programme that we have established for TD's, CD's and Judges to work together and hone their skills around Cross Country course analysis by attending the Melbourne Three Day Event is ensuring that we are supporting both National and FEI Officials.

I would like to pay tribute to Judy Haskell who has stepped back from all officiating in the last season. Judy has supported a number of officials on their education journey and has officiated at hundreds of events throughout a career as a TD and Cross Country Judge. Judy has also been a major contributor to the current Rules while on TAG for many years and until recently collated all the fall reports. On behalf of Eventing NZ, thank you Judy. Your service, humour and knowledge will be missed.

Neil Mosley has stepped back from officiating at FEI level and I would like to acknowledge and thank Neil for the work he has done with the FEI over many years. We are lucky to have retained his services at a national level.

Eventing New Zealand is very fortunate to have Neil McKenzie Hall on the FEI Eventing Committee. Neil is one of New Zealand's most experienced Officials and is a great asset to Eventing worldwide. He is able to give us a huge insight into trends and thinking happening on the world stage. We sent our National Safety Officer Hamish Butler Gallie to the FEI Seminar in January to ensure we stay current with safety protocols being introduced by the FEI.

Lastly but very importantly, I would like to thank my colleagues on TAG. This group spend many hours on Zoom calls, writing and rewriting rules, newsletters, and answering queries to make our Sport enjoyable and safe. Thanks also to the Eventing Board for all the work done behind the scenes.

NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE – CHRISTCHURCH:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Nick Pyke

Date: June 2023

NEC Christchurch has had another busy year with significant improvements and developments underway. It is important to recognise that the NEC caters for all disciplines and the NEC committee operates with extremely good cooperation across the disciplines.

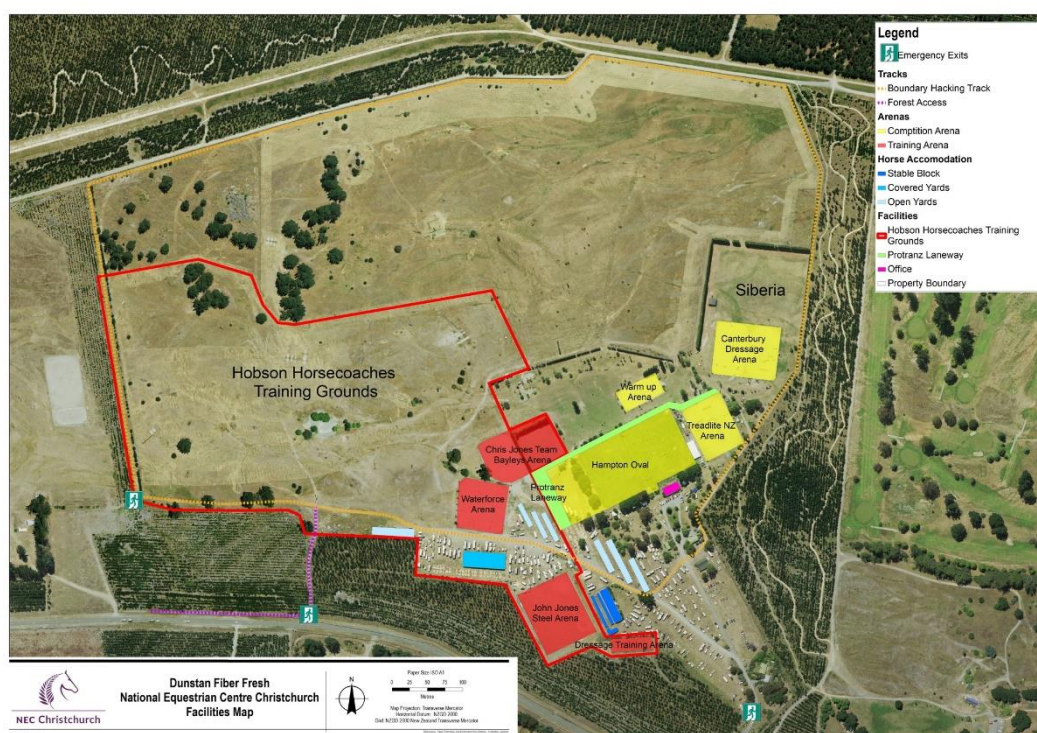
The NEC was used for 4 ESNZ events (three of which were FEI events), a number of Pony Club Events including Springston trophy, a number of eventing training days and twilights as well as the training area being open for schooling.

The key developments that will benefit Eventing are:

- The commissioning of the new water jump at Springston Trophy.
- The installation of some new ditch jumps in conjunction with Springston Trophy.
- The stone burying, contour / levelling and re-grassing of 13ha of the training ground. This will make a massive difference as to how the grounds can be used.
- Development of a large new all weather arena which can be used for training and competition.
- The commencement of work on some new covered yards.
- The commissioning of Onside as an app based Health and Safety monitoring and reporting system.

NEC purchased a new large ride-on mower suited to the garden areas and completed a rose garden and pergola to recognise the effort of many volunteers over the years.

NEC have identified an ongoing development plan and these items will be a focus going forward.



NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE – TAUPO:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Jenny Draper

Date: June 2023

The NINEC has had a very successful year and most weekends are fully booked and even into 2024 it is becoming more difficult to book a weekend. Revenue is up and from an analysis done for the year up to April 2023 shows that dressage and jumping bring in almost the same amount and eventing is only \$20K to \$30K behind them. However this figure for eventing has had a boost from the fact that Bay of Plenty and Springbush both ran one event each there because of weather and farming considerations at their usual venues.

The November NEC Horse Trial was run this year in conjunction with the FEI seminar which meant some adjustments to the usual timetable to meet the requirements of the seminar and we are grateful to the riders and OC for doing this. It was a bigger than usual seminar because Covid had cancelled the last two years seminars in both Australia and NZ. The NEC also ran a full horse trial in September. To help with the funding of these trials, Denise Rushbrook also ran three mini ODE type events in the winter and three similar events over the summer which were well received by riders. Again a big thank you to Denise for putting in the extra effort to produce these events. Of course in May the ENZ Board ran the National 3 Day Event, plus there was Pony Club Champs, Secondary Schools eventing, and last September another schools multi discipline event.

As you will already know, Kelly and Elliot Newby left the Mangers role at the NEC and they were replaced by Logan and Karen in September. As always it takes sometime to get to fully understand the clientele that they have to deal with and the unique requirements of each discipline but they have been great to work with and keen to ask what is required at every turn. I can see them being a valuable asset to the centre.

There is now a growing trend at the centre to have more than one event running at the same time. It is something that OCs and riders will have to get use to if they want to use the centre, and find ways to manage spaces. The NEC committee is working hard to ensure that everyones requirements are catered for, and that having more than one event happening at a time doesn't hinder anyone's enjoyment or performance and it may actually be more fun and interesting for all.

Cyclone Gabrielle caused quite a bit of damage blowing fuses everywhere and other structural damage but most has been covered by insurance. It also did quite a bit of damage the tree area on the cross country but luckily most of the jumps weren't damaged. As a silver lining there has been a lot of fallen trees for jump building materials. During January there were several working bees to build more lower level jumps and to correct the leading edge of some of the older fences, thanks to a grant gained by Eventing NZ for this purpose. Also thank you to the men that did that work headed as always by Rowan Armer (who this year just about lived at the centre, from summer working bees, Pony Club Champs in April, followed by the National 3 Day Event, then the following week the Secondary Schools Champs.)

The NEC committee holds a wish list, and tries to tick things off as funds become available, always with the enhancement of the user welfare and experience to the forefront of their priorities.

NZ3DE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates
From: Anna Clark
Date: June 2023

Please see appendix A for the full report from the 2023 NZ3DE Event Convenor



2023 NZ3DE team

Photo thanks to Julia Murch Photography

ORGANISING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates
From: Chris Perkins & Rosie Edwards
Date: June 2023

Rosie has been an OC representative for four years and Chris for two. Following a call for nominations for the sole OC representative, in line with the revised structure of ESNZ Eventing Board, Rosie Edwards was elected unopposed.

During the year both of us engaged with members of organising committees at events and on a personal level to facilitate communication between the Board and OCs.

We also facilitated Zoom meetings to discuss:

August 2022

- Who are TAG
- Local Officials for Local Events
- Rule Changes for 2022 and OCs including Medical Standards
- Templates for Inviting Officials
- Timetabling
- Practice Days

October 2022

- Wellbeing within the Eventing community – encouraging Change the Rein initiative
- Discussion of OC survey results
- How the ESNZ website & social media can be better utilised for Officials/OC's benefit
- Photographers attending Events
- Blackboard order etiquette
- Young Rider volunteer initiative

The sessions were held in conjunction with TAG, which worked well and led to some useful discussions at the end of meetings. We continued to have favourable feedback from OCs on the Zoom meetings. They are a useful way to communicate with OCs but it is important to have a meaningful topic with input from key stakeholders so that people feel it's worth participating.

Following Board discussions about how events can best meet the needs of everyone involved, a survey was developed and at the discretion of the relevant OC, sent to riders, volunteers, officials and organising committees at a number of events. The plan is to refine the questions and send this to participants at all events next season.

Rosie is keen to continue working on actively representing OCs' interests on the Board over the next year and facilitating communications between the Board and OCs and amongst OCs.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Chris Perkins

Date: June 2023

Plans to reinvigorate the Eventing pages on the ESNZ website were put on hold as we understand there is to be a major review of the site. The Eventing Facebook page is much more current and engaging thanks to the Eventing Sport Manager.

At an ESNZ Eventing Board meeting in September 2022 some time was spent discussing how the overall experience of everyone involved in horse trials, riders, officials, volunteers and organising committee members could be improved.

As a starting point a subcommittee of Chris Perkins, Rosie Edwards and John Alexander was established and a short survey was developed. Distribution of the survey to everyone involved in an event is at the sole discretion of the relevant organising committee. Initially Eventing Wellington December event and the Puhinui Three Day Event distributed the survey to participants at their events. The response rate was pleasing and after Christmas it was sent to participants at Brookby, Eventing Wellington Autumn event, Taranaki and latterly Taupo and Matamata. There were some concerns about 'survey fatigue' but in fact there were more responses to the survey sent to participants in the Eventing Wellington Autumn event than to their December event. Reports on the results were sent back to organising committees other than Brookby where there were only five responses.

Overall responses were positive and respondents clearly appreciated the difficulties that organising committees faced because of adverse weather conditions. There were some key similarities in the responses from all of the events and the Board is currently considering these.

The plan now is to refine the survey questions and reissue it for the 2023/2024 season.

Efforts were made to gain more publicity for the Taupo 3-day event. With assistance from Danni Mulrennan at ESNZ a press release was sent to 10 media outlets. Only the Lockerroom (TVNZ) picked it up and this eventually drew a blank as their interest is only in woman's sport at an elite level. I did make some useful contacts during the process and have identified ways I think will improve coverage next year.

A press release was issued on the series awards and this was picked up by Hawkes Bay Today as the winner of the Super League, Christen Lane is from Hawkes Bay.

Discussions are currently underway on the development of a communication plan for the 2023/2024 year.

RIDER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates

From: Amanda Illston

Date: June 2023

I only took over the Riders Rep position just before Puhinui 3DAY in December 2022 and what a rollercoaster of a season to become the new riders rep!! After finally putting the last 2 COVID affected seasons to bed, everyone involved in Eventing was looking forward to an uninterrupted season of quality competition, alas Mother Nature had other ideas!!

The first couple of events of the season in September 2022 went ahead without a hitch and then the rain came and simply did not let up for the entire season. I feel like a record number of events were cancelled which is just so sad for everyone involved. Due to the many cancellations many riders were unable to get their required MERs to step up the levels and sadly this reflected the low entries in the 3* and 4* at both Puhinui & National 3DAY at Taupo.

These cancellations (while totally out of anyone's control) did lead to an increasing number of riders contacting me with regards to the lack of CCI-S events and being unable to gain required MERs. Hopefully this settled weather we are finally getting lasts long into next year and we get finally get a full season completed.

I have always known the Eventing Calendar to be somewhat contentious to deal with but being actively involved in helping to put it together has been quite the eye opener. The biggest concern from the majority of the riders at the National Riders meeting in Taupo at the National 3DAY in May this year was the Eventing Calendar. As the FEI dates had already been set, very little was able to be done to change much around but going forward we will endeavor to make it as more spread out – ideally 2-3 weeks between 3*/4* events and definitely trying to limit back to back FEI events as they are just not well supported and everyone ends up losing out.

I look forward to running some eventing camps in both the North and South Island (most like at the Taupo and Christchurch NEC's) in the coming season. Due to COVID these camps haven't been run in the last few seasons. We are aiming to hold a spring and autumn camp and will hopefully be able to piggyback onto an existing HP camp which will hopefully mean those attending will get the benefit of some great training with our upper level squad riders.

A first for this year was the introduction of the CCN80 – L class at the National 3DAY at Taupo, everyone I spoke to who competed or was involved with someone competing in it thoroughly enjoyed being able to compete at the National Championships and many have indicated they will be back next year

which is great news. The lower level classes are consistently well represented across the country and it was fantastic to be able to offer them a chance to gain a National Title.

After our great success at the Trans-Tasman event in Melbourne last June (2022) it was so exciting for NZ based Monica Spencer and her wonderful horse Artist to be selected as part of the team to head to the Eventing World Championships held in Pratoni. Not only did they help the team secure the bronze medal but Monica was the highest placed kiwi after the dressage which was super exciting for all NZ based riders to know that we can foot it with the worlds best. Sadly we didn't get to see Monica and the rest of our kiwi based riders take on the Australians this year due to HOY being cancelled but we can now look forward to both the Trans-Tasman and the Paris Olympics next year.

I would like to thank everyone on the board and especially our amazing Sports Manager Hayley for their support and help this last season. I look forward to getting the camps up and running and hopefully having a full season of eventing ahead of us.



Amanda Illston trotting up at Puhinui Three Day Event 2022

National Selection Panel Report:

To: ESNZ Eventing Delegates
From: Nick Pyke, Vicki Glynn, Mitty Forsyth and Heelan Tompkins
Date: June 2023

With a successful end to the autumn season in NZ 2022 we expected the spring to be our first without restrictions after a disruptive time. Sadly it was not to be as the weather then took over as the next obstacle.

Our immediate focus was Oceania 2023 and due to Adelaide moving to April the event was moved to a CIC 3*S to be held at Land Rover HOY 23. EOI were asked for in the spring with applicants able to apply even if they were yet to be qualified. The disruption of events in the North Island made qualifying more difficult and the YR pool was quite small. All riders were invited to a camp at Taupo in February which Vicki and Mitty attended on xc day. It was perfect going and the riders seemed to be on track. A week later the cyclone hit and consequently no team was selected. At this time, Heelan Tompkins had been selected to be Chef d'equipe for the YR team and taken on as a HP eventing coach so very sadly resigned as a selector. We valued her input to the group and continued to seek her thoughts over the remainder of the season.

In the spring as usual applications were sought for the Talent ID squad. The age range had previously been extended from 17 to 23 years as we were seeing some riders ready earlier and some developing later who would not meet the criteria for Talent Development but could benefit from time in Talent ID. The application deadline was extended as many spring competitions were cancelled. Nick Pyke attended multiple events at Macleans Island and was at Eyreton, with other selectors covering NI events Puhinui, Brookby, Rotorua, Taupo, Matamata, Kihikihi and they follow up results at all other events where it was not possible to attend.

A 2 day Talent ID camp was run at Taupo inviting the NI applicants which Vicki and Mitty attended on the second day. All riders performed well and seemed to get a huge amount out of it. As is often the case with horses, many of the applicants had changes to their plans for the season and some, for one reason or other, have not been competing much or didn't have a horse suitable to come to camp on. The SI camp did not eventuate due to low numbers for this reason. We have tried to encourage all riders to keep applying and striving to do better as eventing is such a long game. The use of wild card options to fill spaces in camps can and will be used going forward to recognise riders who are achieving targets.

We will have another round of selection mid year to include the Talent Development squad which has a well documented criteria to meet. Shortly EOI will again go out for Oceania selection process so that we can focus on that in the spring with the hope that the event will go ahead at Land Rover HOY 24. Any potential riders who sit outside squads can be wild carded to camps also. We hope to see riders keep focusing on their goals and achieving them at every level.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No appointed positions to ratify and no Elected positions for 2023-2024

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

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no remits received for the AGM of 2023.

9. BOARD MEMBER REMUNERATION

10. APPOINT OF 9 VOTING DELEGATES TO ESNZ AGA

11. GENERAL BUSINESS



THE WRAP UP

NEW ZEALAND
NATIONAL THREE DAY
EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023



BUILDING A RHYTHM



TEAM WORK

EVERY PERSON BRINGS A STRENGTH AND VALUE TO THE EVENT, RIDER, OFFICIAL AND VOLUNTEER IN EQUAL MEASURE.

INSPIRED TRACKS

CROSS COUNTRY IS WHAT SETS EVENTING APART - INSPIRED AND CREATIVE TRACKS WILL ENSURE OUR RIDERS CONTINUED SUCCESS.

WELFARE FIRST

PROVIDE MEDICAL, STEWARDING AND VETERINARY SUPPORT THAT IS WORLD CLASS.

One of the greatest strengths of the event is the collaboration and willingness to build the event year on year, a consistent and growing team bring this strength to the event. We are a passionate organising team built over the course of 3 years (and in some cases many years before that). We have had some fantastic editions along the way including Hayley, who this year is well and truly ensconced in her role and was a driving force this year for the NZ3DE. New editions from the Eventing Wellington team joined us this year: Liz Plowman and Leanne Larmer were a jovial and efficient addition to the event office team and brought a 'fresh set of eyes' to the event delivery team with lots of ideas to implement next year. Bringing in new ideas and expertise is certainly complimented by familiar knowledgeable faces, in particular Jenny Draper and Hamish Butler-Gallie, as well as the active role the Eventing Board take in the delivery of the event, the amount of collective knowledge on the team is phenomenal. This joint effort cannot also be overstated; everyone brings a 'certain set of skills' and I am grateful to be able to call upon a passionate group willing to muck in. Particular thanks this year goes to Rosie Edwards, Chris Perkins and John Alexander for their support and interface as both part of the OC and as Board Representatives.

We had the same number of starters in 2023 as we did in 2022 we held the entry fees, better distributed prize money, but of course were challenged with increasing event delivery costs. This makes our sponsors that much more valuable and it is my hope that the eventing community thank and acknowledge sponsors, both through social media as well as personal spending decisions. Overall given this was another challenging season, a challenging financial environment it was also, another fabulous event. This event is run lean with significant volunteer investment across all delivery areas and while a financial loss is disappointing with some clever thinking, a stable innovative team, we will build a rhythm and strive to continue to deliver a better event; year on year.

GREAT



IT WORKED BUT IT COULD IMPROVE

Rider Communication

The NEC is a challenging spot to get texts out to, the NEC PA system needs a licence to drive... we missed John Lawson

Timetabling

It was a challenge to fit the 80cm class in and meant quite a bit of shuffle, which took a bit for all officials to learn (and perhaps riders), running the 105/1* * 95cm XC over two different days was commented on. We will need to circulate Arena Familiarisation earlier along with an NEC Map with Arena Names.

Online Programme

It is the way of the future but we need QR codes, a display board and some printed copies available to include our older and valued Eventing Supporters.

NZPCA v ESNZ Event MERS

TAG and the Eventing Board did well to pivot on the use of NZPCA MERS for 80cm, a wider discussion would be valuable at other levels. In particular with NZPCA use of ESNZ Officials for all aspects of safety.

THERE WAS A LOT TO LOVE

Young Event Horse Presentation

Credit: Jenny & Campbell Draper

Veterinary Support

Credit: Tony Parsons, Lauren Dombroski &

Waikato Vets

Overall presentation of the XC

Credit: Course Designers

Efficient sign off of the courses

Technical Team and Course Designers

Multiple Spot and Product Prizes

Credit: Chris Perkins and Hayley Daigle

Social Media Coverage

Credit: ESNZ Team

Rider Communication Pre-Event

Credit: Alex Dempster

New Partnership with Land Rover

Credit: Julian Bowden/Jo Colins

The Officials Team/True manaaki

Credit: The whole team

Support from the NEC Caretakers

Credit: Logan, Karen & Brian

GOOD



WHAT COULD BE?

POSSIBILITIES



LUMA lights up Queenstown for a fourth year - Southern PR

Diversify to Sustain - Partner & Prosper
Eventing Areas have the ability to put on training days to subsidise their events, this is not possible for the NZ3DE. I believe it is time to run an event alongside this championship that creates a 'Festival Atmosphere' and draws a greater crowd.

Focus on attracting the Grassroots Riders for 2024
The FEI Classes are growing and are an established group at the NZ3DE they see the value it is an event for them, we need the Grassroot riders to feel the same and come along and be supported.

Technology

We must invest in technology to reduce the volunteer burden, very achievable in Dressage (One Black Horse) & XC Jump Judging (Technology like Watch my Ride/TAB/Trackside Technology like Watch my Ride/TAB/Trackside Technology could be further developed). Innovation and Progression are desperately needed to make the sport sustainable.

Review and Critique Timetable

Who: Anna, Jenny, Hamish, Claire, Hayley, Helen

1

Consider Diversification Opportunities and Review Sponsorship & Grant Targets

Who: Anna, Hayley, Chris P, Jo, John

2

Explore Technology Solutions

Who: Anna, Hayley, Technical Delegates, Denise

3

Initiate a "Bring Your Mate" Campaign for 2024

Who: Anna, Hayley, Chris P

4

4 ACTIONS

CORE TEAM



A collage of logos for various sponsors. The logos include: Wade, NRM (Feed to Succeed), Penny Homes, Treadlite NZ, NZPH, Canterbury Cancer, Stirling Collection, Event Stars, Land Rover, Fiber Fresh (Optimising Nature's Brilliance), Uranoa Sport Horses, and New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

01

ANNA CLARK

Event Convenor

My why? Why do I volunteer?
I want Eventing to flourish, I want my daughter to enjoy competition in the best environment possible, I want to give back to something that is a joy to watch!

02

JENNY DRAPER

Event 2IC-Chief Timetables

Gratitude for the amazing talents of Jenny, from Draws to Timetables, to YEH and XC Jump Judges this amazing lady did it this year... one of a kind.

03

ALEX DEMPSTER

Event Secretary

It is hard to quantify the amount of hours that Alex dedicates, the thought she puts into every interaction and the thought she puts into every yarding choice. Her attention to detail is valued!

04

HAMISH
BUTLER-GALLIE

Head Technical Delegate

Pragmatic, practical and solutions focussed. An absolute pleasure to work with and learn with Hamish for another year, I will make a plug for Hamish to see out the 3rd term... hint hint TAG :)

05

HAYLEY DAIGLE

Eventing Sport Manager

There is no problem too big for this talented lady, she commented, she arranged logistics, she hit the social media, she managed sponsors. A real driving force, truly cemented into the Sport Manager role.

06

ROSIE EDWARDS

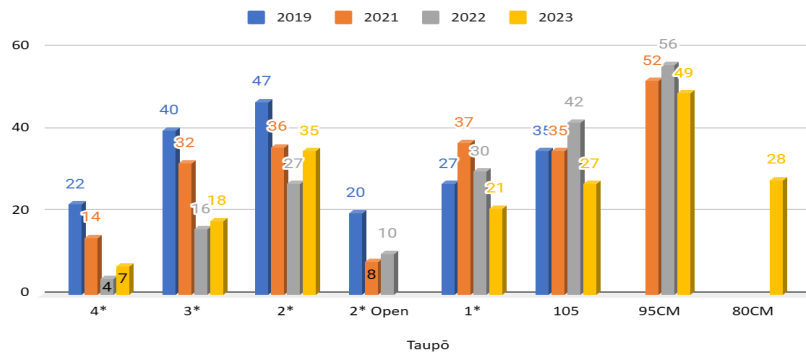
Board NZ3DE Lead

The interaction with the Board has only gone from strength to strength. Raewyn and Marg really sowed the seed over the last 2 years fostering a productive relationship and Rosie has followed suit.

CHRIS PERKINS - COMMUNICATIONS LEAD
JOHN ALEXANDER - FINANCE LEAD
JANET EVANS - LEAD STEWARD
DR TONY PARSONS - LEAD VETERINARIAN
RAEWYN EASTWOOD - ESNZ EVENTING CHAIRPERSON

TRENDS AND NUMBERS

National Three-Day Entry Numbers



Average Starts (Per Event) 2022 and 2023 Years	4*/3*/2*	4*/3*/2*	CCN105/1*	CCN105/1*	CCN95	CCN95	CCN80	CNC80
Average Starts EXCL NZ3DE	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Average North Island	24	26	33	26	50	47	35	31
Average South Island	10	15	19	23	19	43	24	20
Total Average Starts	20	25	31	28	42	47	30	30
Maximum Starts in Season	65	65	75	73	123	121	82	85
Most successful event at this level	Matamata	NZ3DE	Riversdale	Kihikihi	Riversdale	Kihikihi	WEC	WEC
Starts in this Class (es) for the NZ3DE	57	65	71	52	56	51	-	29

Top Starts of the Season
 Close to top event
 Opportunity

Above is the average starts across all eventing fixtures for both islands, this is the minimum we would expect to see enter the NZ3DE. Then for comparison noted are the maximum eventing starts for the most successful events, at each level, across the country. You will see that across the FEI 4,3,2* classes the NZ3DE alongside Matamata is one of the most successful (by participants) on the calendar but for all other levels there is an opportunity for the NZ3DE to encourage participants from events like Riversdale and Kihikihi (almost double the starters at 95cm level) to participate in the NZ3DE and Long Format. This is the 'opportunity' for growth for the NZ3DE.

SO WHAT?

01

OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER ARTICULATE THE EXPERIENCE FOR GRASSROOT RIDERS

Kihikihi was phenomenally successful attracting starters across the 95, 105 and 1* classes this year and while the NZ3DE remained competitive in 2022 at the 105 and 1* in particular that isn't reflected in this years numbers. It would be interesting to understand for riders at this level why?

CHAMPIONSHIP
EVENT AT ALL
LEVELS

02

A RETURN TO A MORE ALIGNED FEI AND CCN EQUILIBRIUM

If you put a trendline across the 2019 - 2023 years, growth and rebuild in the FEI classes and stability in the lower levels. We have seen holes in the 2, 3 and 4* levels, we are now seeing a small amount of growth through the 2022 and 2023 season . This growth is vital to sustain the Course Design investment and need for suitably qualified officials to support these classes.

WE ARE INVESTING IN
THE RIGHT WAYS

03

HEARING THE RIDER VOICE

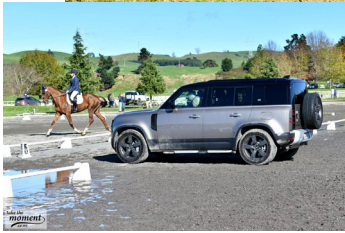
What would happen if every rider encouraged a friend to compete at the NZ3DE, what would make it more attractive to a wider grassroots audience? A tighter more condensed timetable (less time off work), more social activities, more support? This is event is by Eventing NZ for Eventing NZ Riders.

ACTIVATE
COMMUNICATION
CHANNELS



IN PICTURES





"GREAT RIDING
ON DISPLAY,
SHOPPING,
FABULOUS CARS,
NOT TO MENTION
THE SERIES
AWARDS"

AFTER A WET START
IT REALLY WAS ANOTHER AMAZING EVENT
& A GREAT WAY TO END THE SEASON

FEEDBACK



CHANGE IS A JOURNEY

"The event should focus on the four championship classes, which are national titles" "...and coming soon 65cm classes with participation awards"

SEE the Facebook announcement for the 80cm Class, for the most part this was welcomed but for some there is still some communication work to occur.



PARENT OF RIDER

"We had an enjoyable time (even with the weather). The event & communication was very well run & we are looking forward to coming again."



YOUNG EVENT HORSE

"Lots of people have commented on what a good format it was and how much they enjoyed watching the call back."

LEARNINGS

THE SURFACE CHOICE AND RESULTING POSITION OF THE YOUNG EVENT HORSE CLASS ARE WORTHWHILE CONSIDERING IN BOTH A FINE AND WET WEATHER CONTEXT

There is still some work to do from a communication stand point to ensure that the National Eventing Championship is viewed as a Championship event for all levels. FEI levels will always be important but so to are grassroots, our future eventers and their support teams.



THE BUDGET

MAJOR INCOME STREAMS	APPROX %	AMOUNT
Rider Fees	40 %	\$61,643
Sponsorship	18 %	\$27,100
Grants	15 %	\$23,301

25 % of total income is made up of NEC Camping and Yarding Fees, these are a direct in and out from the Rider through ESNZ Eventing direct to the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre Taupō. Other minor income streams include Trade Site Fees and Gate Takings.

The event did not break even and at the time of writing is estimated to be at a loss of circa \$11,000 and is in deficit due to a combination of class entry forecasts not being met and a third grant not being successful. It remains the Event Directors recommendation to diversify the event in place of increasing fees to riders.

GREATEST SPEND

DESCRIPTION	Approximate %	APPROX AMOUNT
Housing, Catering & Honorarium for Officials and Volunteers	14	\$23,000
Course Design & Convening	25	\$40,000
Prizemoney	12	\$19,000
Medical, Veterinary, Farrier & Radios (Operational Costs)	15	\$25,000

The Finance Details are tabled as a separate appendix to this report, however this is included to show the proportion of spend. The rider income is relational (almost exactly) to the Course Designing, Convening & Prizemoney, this means every year the operational costs need to be covered by sponsors/grants or an additional revenue stream, at least until we fill the event to capacity.

Overall this event can take a maximum of 320 across all classes.

220 horse started in 2023.

We are currently operating at:

- 35 % of available 4* Spaces
- 50 % of available 3* Spaces
- 76 % of available 2 * Spaces
- 60 % of available 1* Spaces
- 73 % of available 95 & 80 Spaces
- 70 % of Young Event Horse Spaces

TOWARDS	2024

With a focus on diversification of the event and increasing rider numbers to capacity,
2024 will shape up to be another fabulous event for ESNZ Eventing.

APPENDIX B

FEI Eventing Forum and NSO Seminar 2023

The Eventing Forum is held every three years and in association with the annual NSO meeting. This year the Forum and Seminar were held at Haas de Jardy a equestrian centre just outside Versailles.

The Eventing Forum is open to FEI Eventing Level 3 officials, A category riders, 4* and 5* Organising Committee members, the IEOC and ERA plus National Federations. The last FEI Eventing Forum as held at Aintree in 2020 which was attended by Stuart Bishell, Nick Pike and myself. This year the Forum was attended by Neil MacKenzie-Hall who is now the TD representative on the FEI Eventing Committee and myself.

Mims Workshop

The MIMs workshop was run on the afternoon of Thursday ## January. The classroom session of the workshop first focused an update to the standard for frangible/deformable Cross Country fences Version 2.(5) (Updated 25 January 2023).

The change to the standards means that:

1. The weight of a rail needs to be known and understood and not only the size (diameter) of a rail when building a frangible fence using a MIM kit.
2. The fitting requirements for some existing MIM kit needs to be amended so that they meet the new standard.

Weight of rail

The weight of a rail is now seen as the driving factor to ensure compliance with the standard backed up by the existing size of rail requirements. Weight parameters within MIMs Assembly Instructions updated in 2022 have been highlighted.

MIMs Manual	Weight Specifications
Oxer Open 80329	50 – 120 kg Straight (RED Clip)
Post & Rail 80321	50 – 120 kg Straight (RED Clip) 120 – 180 kg Straight (Yellow Clip) 90 – 120 kg Angle (Yellow Clip)
Post & Rail Narrow 80322	75 – 90 kg Straight (RED Clip) 80 – 110 kg Angle (Yellow Clip)
Gate & Wall Kit 80324	25 – 85 kg Straight (RED Clip) 60 – 90 kg Angle (Yellow Clip)
Old Gate & Wall Kit 00324	No Weight Info Provided
Corner Kit 80326	80 – 110 kg Angle (Yellow Clip)
Table	200-300 kg Straight (Yellow Clip)

James Willis provided a practical approach to how he estimated the weight of rails for MIMs fences. This involved cutting a 100mm length off the end of a rail, weighing this segment and using that figure to calculate the total weight of the rail to be used on the frangible jump.

Alternatively hanging scales can be purchased (apparently for under \$100) and used at the same time as when picking up a log using a tractor with a front-end loader or similar.

It was seen as the responsibility of the Course Designer/Builder to know the weight of the rails used on MIMs fences and the job of the TD and Ground Jury to ensure that the Course Designer/Builder had measured the weight to the rails and the Course Designer/Builder confirms that the rail complies with the MIMs requirements / standards.

- James Willis spoke to the issue of weight of timber with respect to MIMs tables. He said that except for maximum dimension 5* tables made out of treated pine the weight of timber was within the maximum allowable weight in the standard.
- Mats from MIMs demonstrated a method of removing weight from logs outside the current dimension recommendations (200-300mm diameter x 4000mm length)

Fitting of MIMs kits

The classroom element of the workshop also focused on changes to the fitting instructions for

- Corner Kit (80326)
- Old Gate & Wall Kit (00324)
- Wall & Gate Kit (80324)

The FEI has produced will update to the FEI website as well as distribute printed versions of an A5, 4pp sheet with information and clear measurements to enable TDs and Ground Jury to check MIMS devices are correctly fitted.

Construction of fence around MIMs

Finally, the importance was highlighted that all uprights to which MIMs devices are fixed must be ridged. Any movement of the uprights holding the MIMs device will significantly and adversely impact the activation energy needed for the fence. All the latest instruction manuals specify the min and max dimensions for both square and round uprights. These dimensions must be followed.

It was also stressed that the correct fixing to the ground of the fence so it does not move is also critical to ensure the MIMs device activated as per product specifications.

Eventing Forum – Social License & Promotion

The first presentation of the Eventing Forum on Friday was on Social Media and was given by David O’Conner.

The FEI have set up a commission to look into social license for the FEI and associated disciplines. Its focus is the ethical question around the use of horse in sport. A survey of both general public with no link to horses and people with a link to horses (competitive and non-competitive riders) found that 11% of those surveyed were against the used of horses in sport.

FEI see improving the social license for horses in sport as a critical for the sustainability of horse sports. Critical to achieving this will be the type of images and stories that are put in front of the public and how those images are seen and perceived by non-horsey public.

Workshops on Social License & Promotion

The primary outcome from these workshops were:

- Officials and OC need media training especially with respect to social license.
- Important that the sport develops guidelines as to types of images and stories that will positively impact the sports social license and that only images that meet these guidelines are the ones used by OCs etc. There is a difference between what “horsey people” see as acceptable images and what those with no association with horses see as acceptable.

Eventing Forum – Sanctions

This presentation was led by members of the Risk Management and Safety Group (RMSG) as were the associated workshops. The environment in which the sports operates today with respect to social license and also cost of sport were laid out initially. Then the presentation moved on to the issue of rider responsibility in terms of safety, a subject that was initially raised at the Eventing Forum in 2019 in Aintree UK. The hypothesis was raised and supported by William Fox-Pitt the Eventing Riders representative that 80% of horse falls were due to rider error, primarily due to riding too fast or riding too competitively or misjudging the situation.

The culmination of the presentation was a list of proposed sanctions designed to drive down further the number of horse falls the primary measurable target for the RMSG

- **Two horse falls at any fence the fence must be removed from the course.**

This generated a lot of discussion from the floor especially from those involved with higher levels (5*) in terms of impact it could have on the level of a tract between first horse and last horse. This was not supported.

- **ERW to be issued to all riders that have a horse fall.**

Again generated a lot of discussion concerning whether or not to include horse falls on flat or not associated a fence. However overall, this sanction was strongly supported by officials but ERA representative was not in favour. This was supported at the workshops.

- **De-brief with officials (GJ, TD and CD) for any rider who has a horse fall.**

Strongly supported during presentation feedback and at workshops and seen by all as a positive approach that should be implemented irrespective of whether horse falls result in issuing of a sanction.

- **Tribunal to be set up able to give retrospective sanctions after an event.**

The primary reasons given by RMSG for the need for this was for tired or exhausted horses not stopped on course by the GJ and needed given social license situation. It was noted that other sports such as Rugby and Aussie Rules has such tribunals to review on the field of play certain infringements not identified by officials at the time. This was not well received by audience and didn't make it to workshop element

- **Swedish Flag Rule**

There was actual a separate presentation on this rule but it was included within the workshops associated with this sanctions. The Swedish Flag rule was first raised at Lausanne in 2019 and was introduced into Swedish national rules later that year. It involves a 7 penalties for any flag that is dislodges irrespective of whether it is knocked out by horse or rider. The Swedes has worked out details of rules with recommendation of how flags should be attached to fences. The primary

requirement is that all flags at an event must be attached in the same way at a particular event. The level of sanctions has been reviewed but was set so it was less than an MIMS clip activation (11 penalties) and would only effect MERS if the rider had knocked down three flags on a course (21 penalties).

The general discussion and workshop feedback was supportive of this sanction both for its simplicity, clarity and level of penalties. How this sanction would work with or replace the current flag rule was not discussed.

Eventing Forum - 5* Relative Levels / MERS / Rider Category

This was a group discussion with representatives of OC and CDs from most of the 5* events including Badminton, Burghley, Pau, Lexington and Mike Etherington-Smith included to represent Luhmuhlen and Adelaide.

The overall take out message from the panel was that each event is focused on itself and not as a series or what the others are doing well or badly in terms of being a level, horse falls etc or entry criteria (Badminton is the only event with additional requirements beyond FEI MERS).

Risk Management Data

Statistics concerning Horse Falls were presented which after years of decline associate with increases use of frangible fences and sloping fronts showed an increase in some countries including UK, and Australia. In addition, the data showed that 73 horse falls in the last season where at fences that had two horse falls and this figure rose to 164 horse falls when four years of data were reviewed.

The total fall rate (riders and horses) for FEI in 2020 the last non COVID affected data available was 5.4% while in New Zealand it was 4%. The total rate of horse falls only was 0.91% for FEI while it was 0.2% for NZ. The NZ figures cover CCN65 through to CCN4 while the FEI data covers CCI1* through to CCI4*

Safety Stirrups

There was a presentation on Safety Stirrups in particular a new stirrup being developed in association with MIMS.

MIMS

This presentation was very much a cut down version of the MIMS workshop. There was a strong message and recommendation from RMSG members for the use of MIMS Tables. However MIMS tables must never be jumps as per corner tables

Eventing Forum – Workshop Officials Education

This workshop did not discuss issues around Level 4. It discussed types of education needed across all levels with the following being identified as subject areas that need development:

1. Fitting of frangible devices – a more practical approach not just classroom as currently the case.
2. Management and leadership training
 - a. Role play scenarios
3. Pulling up horses (tired and exhausted)
 - a. this is a significant issue and approach varies around the world. Recommended some simple practical solutions be included in for example the Memorandum especially for event without TV in Control and lower levels.
 - b. Move video examples provided via online educational modules on this subject.
4. How to handle difficult discussion
 - a. Role play scenarios
5. Self-Analysis of performance by officials
6. Education modules not just online outside but also in person . These should be separate from the 3 yearly CEM Seminars which have a strong pass / fail element to them
7. CEM Seminars should be at level rather than general as they are at present i.e. Level 3 officials separate from Level 2 officials
8. Mentoring – there is a mentoring system for CDs newly upgraded from level 2 to 3 but it would be good to expand this to all officials and levels.
9. Rider education - There was some discussion about riders having to complete a yearly online course as officials have to ensure they maintain their FEI category status

APPENDIX C

Area Group Season Wrap Report:

EVENTING CANTERBURY: Season Report 2022-23

Eventing Canterbury had a successful year and we thank and congratulate all of the team who made the effort to ensure we were able to provide a wide range of activities and to ensure our members were able to participate in training and competition activities.

Eventing Canterbury has made a real effort to encourage good behaviours over the last two years in line with the values of ESNZ. Poor behaviour in sport is not acceptable and we have encouraged our members to respect each other and to engage in behaviour that embraces and encourages others to be part of the sport.

Eventing Canterbury has been gradually addressing the points identified from our strategy session in 2022 and as result of this session we identified new ways of doing things, introduced some new opportunities for competitors and identified some opportunities to encourage new people into the sport whilst trying to minimise costs. The committee will continue to work through the strategic issues and to address the changes required going forwards. The 8 key strategic areas are listed below.

- Create a vision and values to ensure we work as a team and respect other people.
- Communication
- Attracting, retaining and supporting people
- Keeping the sport affordable
- Upskill our riders, volunteers and officials
- National and international vision
- Top quality venues and facilities
- Health, safety and animal welfare

The burnout of our volunteers continues to be an issue as the Group run 6 events and a number of training days. Changing our operating model in 2022 has helped relieve this but more is needed to manage workloads against other commitments. Some of the team have really gone the extra mile over the last year while juggling their jobs and / or other commitments to ensure the events and training days were run effectively.

Although it was another challenging year, as a team, Eventing Canterbury achieved some real wins which we should be extremely proud of – some of these are:

- Running a number of very successful events and twilights, some with large numbers of entries.
- Progressing the development of a number of officials and having officials seminars.
- Continued improvement to the NEC facility with the new water jump commissioned, the levelling, stone burying and re-grassing of the training ground (in conjunction with NEC), some new jumps (some thanks to Springston Trophy) and a new start box.
- Retaining on-going sponsorship and a great success rate with grants.
- Re-addressing our bid for the National 3DE and have secured it for 2025.
- Recognising our athletes, officials, volunteers and sponsors as all being essential to what we do.

There were also some fantastic successes by Canterbury athletes in Canterbury, throughout New Zealand and the world. For example, the performance of those who went to Taupo three day event is clear evidence that we are producing combinations that can rival it with the best in New Zealand.

These successes also give us plenty to look forward to and work towards into the future.

Thank you to all of the team who have made things happen and to ESNZ Eventing for their support and we look forward to the next season.

Eventing Canterbury
June 2023.

EVENTING WAIRARAPA: Season report 2022-2023

This year was a difficult year for us and many organising committees around the country due to the continuous rain, sodden grounds and postponed and cancelled events. This following on from a couple of years trying to work-around and manage Covid requirements has been fairly tiring. So I want to begin by thanking our committee for their resilience and on-and-upwards attitude. We are lucky to have a group where skill-sets are broad and varied and everyone contributes in the way and to the extent that they can which really helps share the load.

To start with some positives – it was great to see some of our people recognised in the recent Wairarapa Sports Awards – Ginny Thurston, who has provided years of service to Eventing Wairarapa (right back to Tauherenikau days) was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Jules Carter and Marian McWilliams, as finalists in the Officials of the Year category.

The other positive is just how much we achieved in further developing our cross-country facilities over the last 18 months. We have 12 new XC fences (over \$15,000 worth) – a great mixture of mobiles, bespoke sponsor fences and permanents from 65cm up to 3* level. We continue to remediate those older-school fences to ensure that they meet current standards and we extended our water jump significantly to provide better flexibility and range for each of our classes. Of course, these things don't happen on their own – of particular note to thank are:

- Our sponsors, in particular Fagan Motors, Kieran Oliver, Lifestyle Property Management, Woodlea Contracting, Mitre10 MEGA Masterton and Printcraft
- Grant providers – especially, Eastern & Central Community Trust and TAB
- Committee and our broader team of helpers for project managing, building and painting all of these.

We are really fortunate to have a great relationship with Wairarapa Pony Club with whom we share the grounds. We share a large number of resources and try to help each other out where we can – for example we offered our support to Pony Club in running a 105cm level at their proposed Hickstead Day in April due to the lack of runs down our end of the Island ahead of the Taupo 3DE (although unfortunately that event too got cancelled due to rain).

In terms of our annual event itself - as with most events around the country, we were significantly impacted by the weather. With the impending October date looking unlikely due to the heavy rain and sodden grounds, we had to do some significant-reshuffling to enable a change to our more-usual November date. The learning for us is that October simply doesn't work at Clareville as we don't have a grounds that can cope with rain at that time of the year (noting that we had to cancel mid-event at an event some years prior).

Fortunately, stars aligned with the ESNZ Eventing calendar and our committee, officials and volunteers as we were able to run mid- November. Thanks to those that helped to make the shift in date happen as it was no small job. In the end, we ran 6 classes from 65cm up to CNC2* level – unfortunately numbers didn't quite suffice for us to run a 3* as we had hoped, but with confirmation that we have secured the Junior and Young Rider One Day Championships next year, we are excited and committed to having a competition at that level again.

This year our event cost around \$30k to run which is not dissimilar to the last few years. This total cost is I think a sign of the times - we simply don't have the volunteer workforce to enable us to run an event any cheaper and are required to pay for roles that may have historically been fulfilled by volunteers (eg secretary, SJ and XC course build and course design). That said, most of our people do so for a nominal fee that's not necessarily indicative of the time they spend. Without a doubt, if they were to invoice for their actual time, our cost of running would be significantly higher. As ever, the \$8000 in sponsorship and \$16,000 in grants is critical to use running a financially feasible event – so hugely grateful to all of our sponsors and grant providers. I think we do a really good job at recognising them and thanking them which is why we have so many return year on year.

Some interesting numbers around our event:

- Course Design of 65, 80 & 95cm tracks took around 90 hours for our course designer/builder
- We had a record-high 72 scratchings (around 1/3 of entries) prior to our event this year – for no clearly apparent reason
- Our Secretary dealt with 770 email in the lead-up to our event
- We received about \$800 in late entry fees – is this an indication that people are happy to pay an addition fee in order to enter later as they might do for show-jumping shows?

From an event convenor's perspective, the most significant challenge was around Medical Support. Our medical provider threw a number of last-minute curve balls at us before and during the event and then proceeded to send us an invoice that well exceeded their quote. Going forward, we will look to confirm our Medical Support much earlier and go with a different provider given our experience this year.

However, the general feeling post our event was largely really positive – we had great feedback as usual, particularly from first-time officials to our event. People really enjoyed jumping both Blyth and Donna's courses and our new jumps out on track. Thanks to everyone (committee, volunteers, officials and sponsors) that contribute to the running of our annual event – it really is a massive effort and I take my hat off to those OC's that run multiple events each year.

In addition to our event, we also ran some practice days and enabled a couple of committee-coaching clinics. These are always well-received and good little fundraisers for the Group, as well as an opportunity to be providing training opportunities for combinations in our area.

Lastly, we said farewell to Melissa da Souza from our committee this year – we acknowledge and thank her for the huge amount of effort and expertise she put in over the last 10+ years, which included being of those who was instrumental in moving our (dying) event from Tauherenikau to Clareville.



C & S HB Eventing: Season report 2022-2023

The Spring of 2022 was challenging – and I said the same of 2021 & 2020!

As a Committee we made the brave decision to run a CCI –L at both 2 & 3* level to support our Course Designer John Holmes in getting an assessment to move up to FEI Level 3. Due to the dreadfully wet Spring we were not able to make changes to the course that John wanted. However, we boxed on and with low numbers in the 2*-L decided to just run a 2*-S and save John some time and stress.

Our Australian head of Ground Jury was a delight and so complimentary about Arran and our committee. We all worked so hard on this event –longer, bigger and much more work and expense. While our numbers at the higher levels were low we were rewarded for running a 65 with great numbers at the lower levels. Once again, we were able to run the event as the North Island Championship and had rugs for the winners of all classes. Huge thanks to John as our Senior CD, along with Clive Long and Phillipa O’Shea who built the other tracks. There were lots of happy riders enjoying the excellent courses.

We are very fortunate to have a great relationship with Farm Manager Scott Hobbs Turner. Scott is very supportive of the Group and the event and allows us use of machinery in the run up to the event. On behalf of the Group I would like to acknowledge SFF contribution. I would like to thank ex Manager Alistair Martin for supporting the Group to commission the fabulous new SFF fence. Roger Fitness did an outstanding job of the fence which looked very smart in all the photos.

The water jump was relatively easy to fill this year now that we have our new system down pat.

I cannot thank the committee enough – everyone stepped up again and helped out. Our convenors are very efficient and each phase runs smoothly. Running any event is hard work and tiring – I think we can all acknowledge that by the time we had taken the yards down in the rain on the Sunday night we were pretty over the event. Thank you for sticking at it and helping to get those final jobs done –it does make it easier when there are a few of us.

We ran two Practice Days in the week after the Event. These proved to be very successful and a great fundraiser.

I would really like to acknowledge Pheasant. Pheasant is stepping down as Secretary of the Group tonight. Pheasant you have been involved in the detail of the events ensuring that it all runs smoothly. Thank you so much for your time and input – we are lucky that you are happy to continue working within the Group and are keen to take on a new challenge.

Once again, thank you everyone. Each person plays a part in making the event a success. We all have the same goal, to run a top level event and the feedback indicates we are getting it right. Let's enjoy this year's event in better conditions.

Wendy Lansdown

EVENTING AUCKLAND: Puhinui Season report 2022-2023

"SURVIVING COVID YEAR"

Welcome to the AGM for Eventing Auckland Inc Reporting Year 2022. I described last years Chairmans Report as "Getting Back on Our Feet Year", well this one could best be described as "Surviving Covid Year"

I joined Eventing Auckland as Chair in mid-2019 and in December 2019 we delivered a financially prudent and successful three-day event. We followed this with a smart event in March 2020. We did all this within the challenges of the venue – no control, no permanency, no sustainability. To fund these activities I loaned the Society an interest free loan of \$10,000. Fortunately this was repaid by the end of 2020 through winter fund raising and other activities. I now leave the organisation having survived two difficult years, delivered some exciting sport, and with a more healthy balance sheet which will improve further in 2023 due to the addition of the Grassroots Trust jumps/assets!

Then Covid hit and events of all types were cancelled in the 21-22 season. The big challenge for Puhinui is that costs to run an event are irrecoverable should the event not take place for any reason, and income not be achievable while costs have been significant. For example should the cross country have been constructed and prepayments made for items such as officials travel, equipment hire deposits, materials, the costs could be in the region of \$60-70,000 without income - unless sponsors support the (non)event, in which case the "loss" might be \$30-40,000. This is a very precarious position for any event to continue to gamble on. With weather becoming more unpredictable (as we well know this week!) it is imperative that Eventing Auckland Inc significantly changes the event structure/delivery model such that a late cancellation is not so much of a financial threat.

In last year's report I wrote: *Now is the time to focus on the future. This year (2021) has two objectives – survive Covid, and create a future for Eventing in Auckland.* We have made steps forward in both directions.

Following the cancellation of the December 2021 event due to Covid the year was looking very bleak. With only a "pop-up" event at Hunua in March 2022 – huge thanks to Tich Massey and his team – we were able to support a small level of inter-Covid eventing. Our determination to find a way to provide some sport was to ensure that our riders had as much opportunity as was humanly possible. It has certainly been a challenging time for all those trying to build an eventing career, but committees everywhere are facing the same trials as Eventing Auckland.

In 2022 we started negotiations with Auckland Council regarding the expired lease (2006-2016) we held for the Puhinui Reserve. I first did an online discussion with the local Board (Otara-Papatoetoe, who determine use of the Reserve) in preparation for a full presentation to them, when possible, in regards to pursuing a lease. The full in person presentation was made in September 2022. Our secretary and I attended Council in person, and I had enlisted the support of tv show "Young Riders" star Wiremu Priest to dial in from his home in Rotorua. We achieved more than our allocated time as the Board were captured by the story Wiremu told about his aspiration to compete at "Puhinui" (which he achieved for the TV series). He answered all the questions with aplomb.

The local board had several questions, particularly as to how local groups, communities were engaged which we were able to answer, and to express our desire for further engagement. At the end I asked “So, will the Local Board agree to negotiations to renew a 10 year lease of the Puhinui Reserve for Eventing Auckland Inc?” The answer was that maybe 10 years would be a stretch but 5 years was certainly not out of the question. This conversation now needs to be picked up and furthered by the incoming chair and committee to secure a home for Eventing Auckland.

In August 2021 we decided to make an application to Grassroots Trust for additional lower-level jumps to be used for Puhinui and other events in Auckland. We had a coffee discussion with a Grassroots Trustee to understand more clearly their funding intentions, and as a result in September 21 we were successful in obtaining a \$26,800 plus GST grant to build 25 new portable jumps for Eventing in Auckland. These jumps will be shared with like organisations in Auckland.

As an alternative, should the Puhinui Reserve not continue to be available to Eventing Auckland Inc I have been working with Astrid Lambert from the Puhinui Trust to determine if there is any possibility of finding a permanent home for eventing in Auckland. At the moment the sport is very fragmented in Auckland with multiple organisations running national and International events – a situation which has limited attractiveness to a major sponsor/supporter (and thus financial sustainability). Two properties have been viewed and the Puhinui Trust has been re-activated.

Hence, I feel that the two 2022 objectives have been achieved. We have survived Covid, and we have the seeds of a future in Auckland for Eventing. I feel that I have made a contribution with financially supporting the Society, and sowing seeds for the future for eventing in Auckland. Now is the time for a new Chair and a Committee who can nurture these seeds. Best wishes

Vicki Glynn

31/1/23

EVENTING SOUTHLAND: Season report 2022-2023

Congratulations to everyone on another successful season for Eventing Southland. I would like to thank all of you for giving up your time, applying your knowledge and utilising your skills to ensure that we had events for our competitors to participate in. Whether you are a volunteer, judge, official, course designer, sponsor or rider, I am grateful for your contribution to making our sport possible.

Our season began with a particularly wet Donovan Park that still attracted 94 starters, with the 65cm pony club class, as usual, making up a large portion of those entries. It was good to see a lot of new competitors enter at the start of the season which I feel, was generated by our express events from last year. Thank to Julie McRae & family for being the driving force behind building the new jumps for Donovan Park, we had been struggling to have enough fences and these ones filled the gaps just nicely. We moved to Ryal Bush in December where we saw huge entries and a very busy schedule, good planning ensured everything ran smoothly and I commend everyone for making the day so successful. Donovan at the end of January was a stark contrast to the October event with scorching temperatures and hard ground. A huge thank you must go to Jim Hazlett for all the hours he put into course designing and ensuring the grounds were ready for that event. Gore event again, was spear headed by Debra Gibson, who put in huge hours setting cross country courses and liaising with the racecourse, as well as working as an official. Even with 115 competitors, the footing held up after some significant rain during the week, and course proper was left in excellent condition. Our final event of the season, Southland Championships, was held at Ryal Bush, the weekend after Gore. Difficulty with dates being

taken, led to us running back to back events, which made life very busy for our show secretary Leisa. Thank you to Leisa for making this work, we hopefully won't have to put you through that again. With sponsorship from Penny Frew at Kakatea Equestrian and Dunstan Horse Feeds we held a young event horse competition with a small number of horses which ran the day prior to the event. Many thanks again must go to the Frew and Carmichael families for the use of the land and all the work that you put in to make Ryal Bush happen.

This coming season will present our usual challenges, such as how to encourage more helpers and people to join the organising committee, how to combat the rising costs of running our events with the increased cost of living people are facing and how to continue to make the sport safe, affordable and enjoyable for all. We will need the continued support of our wonderful sponsors and will likely need a further push to get more sponsors on board to make events viable. Please I encourage you all to thank our sponsors, recognise them on social media, share their posts, and most importantly, support their businesses.

Congratulations to all the riders with both past and present affiliation to Eventing Southland on their achievements this season. It is great to see and follow such success at a regional, national and international level. Again, thank you to this very small committee and bunch of hard working people, I wish everyone a successful 2023-24 season.

Suzanne Black



APPENDIX D

EVENTING CONFERENCE:

Professor Natalie (Nat) Waran BSc (Hons), PhD (Cantab)

Natalie (Nat) is an internationally recognised equine behaviour and welfare scientist. She was Professor of Animal Welfare, International Animal Welfare Centre Director and International Dean at Edinburgh University's Veterinary School, before she moved back to NZ in 2016 to take up the role of Professor of One Welfare and Executive Dean at EIT/Te Pūkenga. Over the past 30+ years, she has researched and published across a range of areas including; horse transport, indicators of equine stress and pain, equine problem behaviour and equine quality of life and welfare assessment. She was a member of the UK research team considering the impact of heat and humidity on event horses, before the Atlanta 1996 Olympics and has provided independent expert welfare advice to a number of equine industries including the UK and HK Jockey Club. Her most recent research funded through the Hong Kong Jockey Club's new Welfare Foundation, and in collaboration with an international team is to develop methods for assessing positive emotion in horses. She has been a trustee for a number of international equine charities such as The Brooke and International Fund for Animal Welfare, and worked closely with others such as World Horse Welfare. A co-founder of the International Society for Equitation Science (ISES), she is now Honorary Fellow and Trustee for the organisation. In 2024 she will chair the local organising committee for the ISES conference to be held in NZ with the theme of 'A Good Life for all Horses'. She is also the Board Chair for Companion Animals New Zealand, the national organisation responsible for the NZ Animal Register – a microchip-based identification and traceability database for all companion animals (including horses) in NZ. As the invited chairperson of the new FEI Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission, she has just returned from Switzerland where she presented the FEI Sports Forum with a proposed new 'Good Life' Vision, Charter and 30 Recommendations to ensure equine welfare in sport is prioritised and to maintain equestrian sport's social licence. When at home in Hawkes Bay, Nat enjoys coaching riders, as well as training and riding her own horses.

