

VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

DIVISION ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (DAMC)

AGENDA/MINUTES

Date: 30th July, 2025 & 5th August, 2025.

Time 7pm

Location Teams

1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT – PAUL NUGENT

2. 30/7/25 PRESENT: PAUL NUGENT. SHANNON DECKER. HELEN SPENCER. DONNA NICHOLAS. ERIN STEINBACHER. . SIMON THOMAS. VIRGINIA REICHENBACH. 7.10PM.

5/8/25 PRESENT: PAUL NUGENT. SHANNON DECKER. HELEN SPENCER. DONNA NICHOLAS. VIRGINIA REICHENBACH. SIOUX REID

**3. APOLOGIES 30/7/25: SIOUX REID. ANG LEA.
APOLOGIES 5/8/25: SIMON THOMAS. ERIN STEINBACHER.**

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Conflict of Interest register was confirmed

Committee Member	Point of Conflict	Reason
Paul Nugent	Bek Williamson (point score officer) Lancefield Ride	Personal Relationship Ride Organiser
Sioux Reid	Moyston Ride	Ride Organiser/Drug Steward/AERA President
Linda Tanian	Aera Database Sub Committee	Vera Member
Helen Spencer	Ararat Ride	Ride Organiser/Vet

5. VISITORS: KERRIE GABB 7.03PM – 7.20PM

6. MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 4TH JUNE, 2025

6.1 Amendments None.

6.2 Adoption

Motion No.(1) Jul 25: That the minutes from the meeting of 4th June, 2025 be adopted.

Moved: Donna Nicholas

Seconded: Virginia Reichenbach

Carried: Yes

6.3 Business Arising; None.

6.4 Action List

7. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Description	Yes	No	Abstain	Non Vote	
Motion That the VERA mugs we have, sell for \$15 each be accepted. Moved: Shannon Decker Seconded: Nicole Porter	9		1		10

RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Motion No.(2): Jul 25 That the ratification of the online motions be adopted.

Moved: Shannon Decker

Seconded Helen Spencer

Carried: Yes

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards Correspondence

Date	From	Details
3/6/25	Ash Van Leewuen	Write up on her Malaysian adventure FWD - DAMC
4/6/25	Kim Moir AERA	Agenda for AERA Meeting 11/6/25 FWD - DAMC
5/6/25	Bek Williamson	Training day suggestion FWD - DAMC
4/6/26	Ang Lea	Helmet Standards and Tagging FWD - DAMC
4/6/25	Lainie Ray	Chief Steward Report – Brimpaen FWD - DAMC
9/6/25	ASA Admin	Response to 4 day temperature check FWD - DAMC
11/6/25	Nicole Porter	GERZ November Ride Flyer FWD - DAMC
12/6/25	Russell Gillingham	From Naomi McGaffin we 2026 ride calendar dates FWD - DAMC
16/6/25	Kim Moir AERA	AERA MC Meeting 10/11 June notes and Minutes from April meeting FWD - DAMC
17/6/25	Nicole Porter	Resignation from DAMC. Ride Calendar Co-ordinator
18/6/25	Kim Moir – AERA	FEI events - information session for Ride Organisers FWD - DAMC
18/6/25	Consumer Affairs	Your annual general meeting obligations FWD - DAMC
18/6/25	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA Correspondence re MOU with Equestrian Australia FWD – DAMC On Agenda
25/6/25	Kim Moir – AERA	WWCC Dr Narelle Cribb FWD – Russell Gillingham
29/6/25	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA Correspondence Management Committee - 29/30 July FWD - DAMC
8/7/25	Bron Cuthbertson	Trailer purchase. FWD - DAMC
15/7/25	Helen Spencer	Ararat ride flyer FWD - DAMC
18/7/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Requesting reports for AERA meeting.
21/7/25	Kim Moir - AERA	2026 FEI Calendar Applications FWD - DAMC
22/7/25	Tracey Button	OTT in Endurance asking for more information. FWD - DAMC
23/7/25	Kim Moir - AERA	Agenda for AERA Meeting on 29 - 30 July 2025 FWD - DAMC
25/7/25	Kim Moir – AERA	AERA space upgrades. FWD - DAMC
28/7/25	ASA Admin	Re: Simon Thomas access to Aeraspace
28/7/25	Tracey Button	My details for OTT FWD - DAMC

8.2 Outwards Correspondence

Date	To	Details
4/6/25	The Bradleys	Reimbursement form for Mia Mia
5/6/25	SAERA	Confirmation of Dual Affiliation request for Waikerie
8/6/25	DAMC	Re: Insurance liability if your horse causes damage.
8/6/25	Robyn Albers	Rules for posting

8/6/25	ASA Admin	Half Yearly Membership fees.
8/6/25	ASA Admin	4 day temperature log
8/6/25	Susan Woodward	Susan Woodward – Radicon re: sponsorship of State Champs
8/6/25	Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Novice to endurance acknowledgement
8/6/25	Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Midland Zone purchase of old trailer
10/6/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Upgrading to Windows 11
10/6/25	Webmaster/Social Med	Draft Minutes 9 th April, 2025
16/7/25	Webmaster	Microsoft Invoice.
24/7/25	AERASPACE UPGRADE	Simon, Bron, Wendy, Paul, Donna, Helen, Damien, Kerrie, Mark, Bek.
25/7/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Aeraspace assistance numbers
26/7/25	AERASPACE UPGRADE	Bron, Paul, Bek, Helen. Re what Windows system are they running.
26/7/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Re: emails sent regarding Aeraspace.
26/7/25	Linda Tanian	Requesting help with Aeraspace.
27/7/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Re: notes from June AERA meeting
28/7/25	ASA Admin	Aeraspace access to be given to Simon Thomas.

- **Motion No (3) Jul 25 Motion that correspondence has been received.**
Moved: Donna Nicholas
Seconded: Shannon Decker
Carried: Yes

9. REPORTS

9.1 President – Paul Nugent

All is going well. Veras half yearly memberships have attracted 8 new members.

9.2 Treasurer Helen Spencer

I finally have access to all the accounts .

Bills have been paid as the bookkeepers report

Bills to be paid

S&S Reed for VERA bags & stickers \$ 418

Bronwyn Cuthbertson Reimbursement Logbooks \$178.42

& Trailer outfit \$597.06

AERA 2600 \$1799

AERA 2601 \$962

Total of bills to be paid: \$3954.48

Motion No (4): Jul 25 To not reregister the old VERA Trailers.

Moved: Helen Spencer

Seconded: Paul Nugent

Carried:Yes

Motion No (5): Jul 25: That the tabled accounts be paid.

Moved: Helen Spencer

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Abstained: None

Carried: Yes

Motion No (6): Jul 25 That the Treasurer's Report be received.

Moved: Helen Spencer

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Carried:Yes

9.3 Rides – Nicole Porter

Rides 2025	Chief Steward	Head Vet	Ride Sec
Ararat 9/8/25 – 10/8/25	Digger Leehane	Helen Spencer	Damien Little
Waikerie DA 30/8/25 – 31/8/25	Digger Leehane		
Moyston/TPR School 13/9/25	Paul Nugent	Narelle Cribb	Damien Little
State Champs 10/10/25 – 12/10/10/25			Damien Little
Dergholm 1/11/25 – 2/11/25			
Gerz 15/11/25 – 16/11/25			

9.4 Bookkeeper - Kerrie Gabb

◆ Transactions Still Requiring Documentation (Meeting: 11 March 2025)

Date	Description	Amount	Payment Method	Status
19/01/2025	End Year Awards	\$291.50	Osko	Documentation missing
19/01/2025	Swabbing (Equestrian Australia)	\$384.41	Osko	Documentation missing

Status as at 27/07/2025: Still awaiting paperwork.

◆ AERA Invoices (Meeting: 8 March 2025)

Item	Description
Collation of AERA Invoices	Matched against Victorian rides following consultation with the President
Template Used	Historical ride comparison template
Current Status	Finalised with the Mia Mia ride fees form and forwarded to the SMC
Future Reports	Please advise if you would like the same done for 2025

◆ Invoice Copy Pending (Meeting: 17 May 2025)

Date	Description	Amount	Status
09/05/2025	TQ 2025 Invoice	\$60.00	Invoice copy missing

Status as at 27/07/2025: Still awaiting document.

◆ Pending Items (Meeting: 17 July 2025)

Date	Description	Amount	Notes
10/06/2025	Newmarket GrandW Refund	\$158.43	Awaiting documentation
08/06/2025	Year-End Sashes – Computer Sashes & Ro	\$1109.90	Awaiting documentation
29/06/2025	Ride Application Forms – Eldorado Endurance	\$170.00	2 forms pending
20/07/2025	Chief Steward Reimbursement	\$200.00	Awaiting documentation

Auditor Update

As per the auditor's letter from last year, audits will no longer be conducted from their office due to the retirement of their auditor. The SMC requested that I locate a new auditor. However, I have not proceeded with this task because:

Reports Supplied

Report Name	Period / Details
Unreconciled Balance Sheet	As at 27/07/2025
Unreconciled Profit & Loss Statement YTD	As at 27/07/2025
AERA Bill Comparison Excel	

9.5 Assets Officer – Paul Nugent

At Smythesdale Endurance Ride the Electronic Timing System was lot. VERA will be looking into getting replacement parts.

9.6 Horse Welfare Officer – Simon Thomas

3 horses were swabbed at the Eldorado Endurance Ride. Awaiting outcome. Great to see active swabbing in Victoria. There are no horses or riders in danger of receiving letters.

9.7 Logbook Registrar – Bronwyn Cuthbertson

Logbooks remain quiet. Sufficient stock still held.

VERA Trailer – as the committee may be aware, a box from the timing system has been misplaced after the trailer left my place for the Smythesdale Endurance Ride. As I had completed a trailer audit the morning of the handover, I know the timing box was in the trailer when it left my place. I have not yet had the trailer returned to me, but I believe that this box of equipment has not yet been found.

In light of this loss of quite expensive and not quickly replaceable equipment, I will instigate additional procedures to future trailer hand over. I will now have all receiving RO's visually check the contents of the trailer before taking the trailer in addition to providing a list of trailer contents to support the return of all trailer contents.

As discussed, the computer that I use for aeraspace access for logbooks and ride secretary does not have the operating systems to update to windows 11 - I have confirmed this with a local IT business. I will need to purchase a new or refurbished computer to access from next Thursday.

This is now quite urgent as I am experiencing a run of logbook applications for Ararat and expect this to continue into next week. I will also require the computer for the Ararat ride on 9th August.

9.8 Merchandise Officer – Shannon Decker

Merchandise was sold at the Smythesdale Endurance Ride. Will also have available merchandise to purchase at the Ararat Endurance Ride.

Motion No (7): Jul25 To replenish stock of merchandise up to \$1,000

Moved: Shannon Decker

Seconded: Helen Spencer

Carried:Yes

9.9 Point Score Officer – Bek Williamson

This month I finalised the Smythesdale Ride and created an instructional video so that Simon could use it to learn how to finalise rides in the event that I am unable to. There were no warnings flagged at this ride, so I was unable to demonstrate how to deal with these, but in reality every warning is dealt with differently, as they're all quite individual.

Simon is going to test out the instructions by finalising the Eldorado ride this week and I can make adjustments to the instructions as required.

Nothing else to report.

9.10 TPR Coordinator – Russell Gillingham

Nothing to report.

9.11 Veterinary Coordinator – Russell Gillingham

Nothing to report.

9.12 Grievance Officer – Kasey Thomas







Nothing to report.

9.13 Governance Sub-committee – Sioux Reid. Donna Nicholas

State Champs Policy has been emailed to webmaster & social media for uploading.

9.14 Webmaster – Mark Gabb

Task Status Update

Task	Completed	Comments
Server Performance Checks	 Warning	All systems are as up to date as possible, no longer tracked
Email Space Checks	 Yes	No accounts exceeding 70% capacity
Security Updates & Patches	N/A	No further patches able to be applied
New Website	 Pending	Refer to notes below
Billing	 Yes	No outstanding items
Minutes	 Yes	Current as of 11/9/24
Vera Committee Access	 On Hold	Contingent on new website setup

9.15 Social Media – Jen Green

Just a quick report to let you know all is well with our Facebook Group.

There have been an increased number of join requests recently. Often this is as a result of people seeing info elsewhere about rides, especially the Tom Quilty, and then taking the step of finding out more about endurance in their local area or state.

Online behaviour has been excellent. Polite, helpful and informative is the name of the game.

We get a huge number of hits on photos from rides. I hope our professional and amateur photographers enjoy that their work is being viewed hundreds of times.

Looking forward to the rest of the calendar of rides.

9.16 Membership – Wendy Riha

We have had a total of 17 new members for this year and 8 new members since the 1 July (Half yearly memberships).

Membership Type	2024 EOY	2024 YTD	2025 YTD
Adult Rider	122	115	103
Junior Rider	5	4	9
Associate	2	2	0
Intermediate	10	9	12
Junior Intermediate	3	3	0
Life	4	4	3
Total	146	137	127

9.17 Aera Delegate – Sioux Reid

- Database changes re horse breeding – horses that are not registered with a breed society will now show on AERASpace as breeding not confirmed.
- Ride Calendar – just a reminder that DAs should be working with Ride organisers to establish their calendars for 2026. I know this seems a long way off, but we do need to have a good guestimate of the number of rides planned as we get ready to negotiate our insurance policy for 2026. I have also sought advice from Equestrian Australia about the timeframe for applications to host FEI events and will provide further information when I have it. Note that TQ26 is on 4 July 2026 at Imbil and WAERA are already planning for TQ27.
- TQ25 has been successfully run in Tasmania and congratulations to QERA members, Nikki Sample and Matty Sample, taking equal line honours. The efforts of the TQ25 Committee were acknowledged and will be formally recognised by AERA.
- Concussion policy – Equestrian Australia has asked that we review our concussion policy so it is aligned with their policy with particular reference to mandatory out-of-competition periods for riders. This may result in an AERA policy and some work with the Database Sub-committee to look at how this is tracked.
- 2032 Olympics – exciting work being done by QERA in conjunction with EQ and EA with a proposal submitted to have endurance included as a demonstration sport at the Olympics in 2032.
- Treasury – the Treasurer noted that Gros Profit to the end of April was done by 7.5% and expenses slightly over budget. This is in some way due to expenses incurred for the TQ and income not yet received. Memberships are down and ride entries down compared to the same period in 2024 – a number of rides have been cancelled so there is some impact from that.
- Promotions – this portfolio has been strongly driven over the last two years by Jil Bourton and we will look to do some “market research” to learn how new members come to hear about the sport. Jill is currently working on an article for Studs and Stallions.
- Chief Stewards – there is a shortage of accredited Chief Stewards in some areas and WAERA and SAERA both have a number of candidates working towards accreditation. There was discussion Website: www.aera.asn.au

- about how provisional CSs can be given a wide enough experience in smaller states with options for EA AERA inter-state exchanges discussed.
- EA AERA Memorandum of understanding – this agreement is due for review this year and will be forwarded to DAs as separate correspondence so that you may have input to this.
- The EA Endurance Committee has advised that they will be seeking to consult with Ride Organisers about the challenges of hosting FEI events.
- Swabbing – so far this year 29 out of a target of 96 swabs have been done. Three DAs are still to do any swabbing and AERA is still in discussion with EA about opportunities for accreditation of more stewards.

Rulebook considerations ID requirements for endurance horses – AERA will be discussing whether we continue to require identification of horses by vets if the horse is registered with a breed association;
Review of the use of Forms 6 and 7, and what these mean;
Review of the use of only pass or fail outcomes from a panel assessment of horse’s gait

Rule changes passed for a second vote to be implemented from 1 January 2026

EADCM Rules

13.3 Appellant Body

A decision listed in Rule 13.3 may be appealed to the relevant DA which shall appoint an Appeals Committee of a minimum of 2 persons pursuant to the relevant DA Constitution to hear the appeal or may be referred to the National Sports Tribunal or equivalent if both parties agree.

29.3 Appellant Body

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14.2.1 and 30.2.1 - ref to public reporting

Once a violation of these EAD Rules / ECM Rules has been established, it shall be publicly reported in an expeditious manner on the AERA website unless another mechanism for publicly reporting the information is warranted at the discretion of the AERA. Public reporting shall be for a period of 3 months from the date of notification.

Ride and Tie Rules

3.8 Each team must tie its horse and switch from rider to runner and runner to rider at least two (2) times during the event. Teams may tie as many times as they desire anywhere along the course as long as the ties do not obstruct the course or are not made in designated "No Tie Areas." A required tie will occur at each veterinary inspection. If a runner on a team has not been overtaken by his partner before the next veterinary inspection, then the runner must wait at the veterinary inspection for his partner to arrive in order to meet the required vet inspection tie.

The horse must be presented for veterinary inspection within 30 minutes of arrival off the course irrespective of whether or not both team members have arrived.

3.14 Stallions are not permitted to be used in Ride and Tie events.

General Rules

11.7 All horses currently registered with the FEI on the day of a ride must adhere to Article 839.3.2 of the FEI Endurance Rules relating to the Mandatory Rest for Horses. The rest period applies to both FEI and AERA affiliated rides. It shall be the responsibility of the rider to ensure that the horse will not violate Article 839.3.2. Failure to comply with Website: www.aera.asn.au

FEI Endurance Article 839.3.2 whether intentionally or unintentionally, shall result in the horse and rider being eliminated retrospectively

9.18 Honorary Vet – Narelle Cribb

Great to see rides being well attended! Also great to see people holding rides - some at short notice.

I have had some feedback from a few of the vets that I think is worth some discussion.

The vets understand that Rides are regularly run by small committees and that everyone is busy, but often communication with the vet only consists of "can you vet at our ride on x date".

The vets are also busy.

Provision of more information will help us help the ride organisers, and also help us organise our lives too.

We have previously submitted a "ride sheet" that contained information that the Vets would like to have to facilitate this, and I am submitting it again for consideration.

This will help to prevent situations arising such as no designated treatment vet (or insufficient treatment supplies at a ride due to vets not organising who is bringing what), and also ensure that there are adequate vets for the rides being held.

The other situation that is becoming more common is the addition of extra rides over the weekend - often training rides. We completely understand the rationale behind this being done - every cent of revenue is needed for the ride organisers, and we do want to encourage new people into the sport! If these additional rides require the vet to be on site early Saturday (before noon) to get pre-ride vetting done so the riders can go out at a suitable time, then the event is a Multi Day ride, and not an 80km ride with incorporated training rides, and the vet should be remunerated accordingly. Vet fees ideally should be negotiated between the RO and the vet prior to the event.

It was super to see Kerry Agnew out in the vet ring vetting another ride, and could she now be guided through the accreditation process.

TPRs are becoming few and far between.... riders need to acknowledge that like many sports, Endurance relies heavily on volunteers. Each member should have to volunteer in some capacity once through the year. Is there interest in running another TPR school? Is AERA looking to make the theory part of this an online module like they have with the Vet Education? This could encourage more people to do this!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out enjoying this super sport!

9.19 TQ Sub Committee - Sioux Reid. Donna Nicholas

Nothing to report.

9.20 Newcomer Support Group – Erin Steinbacher, Martin Mizzi

Martin Mizzi plans to attend Ararat and Moyston Endurance Rides. 19 Newcomer bags have been handed out and have been well received.

9.21 Instagram – Ang Lea

VERA's Instagram was launched on Saturday 12th April 2025. The comprehensive June IG Portfolio Report that I submitted, was heavily edited as directed by Paul Nugent, for agenda publication. That report covered the first seven weeks of the account till Sunday 1st June 2025. This report covers weeks 7 to 14 of the account - from Monday 2nd June till Monday 21st July 2025.

- VERA's IG account has 145 followers.
- There were 24 posts, and 6 stories created.
- 1860 IG accounts were reached.
- 5 posts received more than 400 views.
- My interview of Shea Reynolds, complemented by Sarah Sullivan's donation of photo use, received 831 views and request for Gippsland, local media publication. I am still awaiting a press email request. Interestingly only 25.9% of views were from VERA IG followers. 74.1% of views were from VERA IG non followers. There were 71 interactions, 5 comments and 1 share of this post.
- Views | The number of times the content was played or displayed. Content includes reels, posts, stories, videos, live videos and ads. There have been: 6412 views of the account - 49.3% of views were from followers and 50.7% of views were from non-followers.
- Interactions | The total number of post interactions, story interactions, reel interactions, video interactions and live video interactions, including any interactions on boosted content. There were 363 interactions on the account content - 328 likes, 19 comments, 6 saves and 5 shares. 52.6% of interactions were from followers and 47.4% of interactions were from non-followers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Incentive Form Reimbursement Timeline (3 months?) Sioux Reid

It was decided that volunteers will be given 4 weeks to send in reimbursement forms as of the 1st September, 2025.

10.2 Midland Zone purchase of trailer for \$750.00.

Invoice to be issued.

10.3 Ang Lea requesting leave of absence.

In Ang Leas absence Virginia Reichenbach will be an administer of Instagram.

Motion No (8): Jul25 That Ang Lea request for leave of absence be granted as from 30/7/25.

Moved: Virginia Reichenbach

Seconded: Shannon Decker

Carried:Yes

10.4 Nicole Porter resigning from DAMC but wanting to stay on as Ride Calendar Co-Ordinator.

It was agreed that Nicole is doing a wonderful job as Ride Calendar Co-Ordinator and the DAMC are Happy for Nicole to stay on in this position.

10.5 Accumulating Distance for Australian owned horses and Australian riders competing O/S has been forwarded to the DBSC to formulate.

Does AERA want to proceed with public reporting of such?

EA & Swabbing courses – no change to requirements, no online course available for the in- person course that is 25% of the content. 75% is supervised at rides under another Swabbing Steward. **Not enough swabbing stewards atm**

NSWERA

Looking at re-forming a sub committee to look at tracking systems/RS lite was used for EA National Championships for FEI horses @ an additional cost of \$3000 as a requirement from FEI
Track Me Live has also been used

Does AERA want to mandate live tracking for TQ events?

Vera response: Good idea. Costing?

QERA

QERA State Champs included FEI events. Feed back has mostly been positive.

AERA/AHSA/QERA/Stirling's Endurance is looking at hosting an Arabian Endurance Horse show on the Thursday before TQ26.

AHSA registered horses and TQ26 entrants only. Led and ridden classes for Purebred and derivative Arabians.

\$6,000 in grant funding for Database upgrades has been sent to AERA with QERA needing to approve the choice of upgrades to satisfy the Dept of Sport ToR

An Endurance Memorabilia Facility is being proposed with memorabilia from the last 50 years. Concept plans have been submitted for funding. **If AERA liaise with QERA, do other DA's wish to contribute memorabilia?** **Vera response: Good idea. I have a box of memorabilia here.**

TPR Training

At present TPR stewards have to do 3 provisional rides after a training weekend to be passed as stewards.
Is this still considered necessary?

VERA response: Agree that he needs to be changed to maybe competency test after TPR school and to be supervised until competent and confident. Too much effort to get accredited.

SAERA

Experiencing trouble accessing forestry tracks due to increased pressure from other users e.g. mountain bike riders 3 more rides on their calendar & a CATE weekend and possible 3 rides if dual affiliation is granted with VERA.

This makes it difficult for SAERA members to do well on the National Points and Distance scores.

Prolonged drought and the increased cost of feed have also been factors within the membership.

Funds from TQ24 will be used to invest into the sport of endurance in SAERA.

Treasurer

Affiliation income down 12%

Registration income down 62% (less horses being registered or having change of ownership)

PA Income insurance down 9%

Cost of sales up 56%

AERASpace 40% over budget

TQ Awards 53% over budget

Need to set 2026 budget for September meeting to remain viable and foster growth in our sport

Insurance

AERA meeting in September will be the 1st draft of the 2026 budget including what we may pay for insurance

AERA are seeking new tenders for the 3 year period. It is unlikely that any new tenders will be different from SUREWiSE. AERA will probably stay with SUREWiSE as they have been our long term partners and they assure AERA they will continue to support the Sport of Endurance.

2026 will probably see a 10% increase in the PL insurance premium

National Ride Statistics

QERA (1381) & NSWERA (904) lead the ride entries in 2025 across all ride distances.

Promotions

Studs & Stallions has 12 more pages of advertising for 2025 plus some advertising and a Stud Stallion profile

An article on older endurance riders (70+) shows the ability of our members to still be active in our sport. Older horses have been showcased also which highlights our Horse Welfare, care and management.

Horse Deals has 2 more articles

One being a focus on the World Youth Championships. One is advertising

CS & TPR's

WAERA has 3 CS progressing to oral exams

SAERA have 1 x CS progressing to oral exam and 1 x CS having completed their 1st supervised ride.

TPR badges are now available from AERA if any DA needs them?

VERA response. Vests are good idea. Badges too.

HW & Invasive Treatments

The HWSC recognises that euthanasia is very traumatic to all parties involved and bearing witness to. The following recommendations have been made

- NVP identifies specifically who too and how support is given
- AERA directs DA's to increase the importance to ROC's to complete detailed Pre-ride Track Hazard information to participants
- AERA reviews "Track Marking Standards" and emphasise how track hazards are identified and marked
- AERA highlights to all DA CS's the importance of thorough knowledge of tracks and complete track inspections pre-ride to identify and mark any additional hazards
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Preliminary discussion on AERA/EA MOU

The sub committee has met to discuss the MOU for 2026 with EA. As the recognised body for endurance riding in Australia, we see AERA as doing majority of the heavy lifting providing officials, rides, qualifying horses and riders for FEI related rides both nationally and internationally.

Our MOU with EA leading forward needs to highlight the role of AERA

TQ Buckles

It is estimated that TQ26 will require 200 buckles

At present there are 2 in stock.

In order to start manufacturing these buckles, G Bou, on 2023 prices will need to outlay \$15,000 for materials. AERA need to fund this.

How many buckles should we order?

Should we order 2 replica cups in case of an equal placing?

Vera response: 260 – 300 as can be used for future years. Yes to replica cups.

Rule Changes

None to be considered

LATE ITEMS -

11.1 None

**12.0 NEXT MEETING: Face to Face meeting Saturday 20th September, 2025
Eleanora 38A Doveton St N, Ballarat Central VIC 3350,**

**13.0 MEETING CLOSURE: 30/7/25 9.45pm
5/8/25 9.08pm**