

# **VICTORIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.**

## **DIVISION ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (DAMC)**

### **AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Date 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

**Time 7pm**

**Location Teams**

**1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT – PAUL NUGENT**

**2. PRESENT: PAUL NUGENT. DONNA NICHOLAS. HELEN SPENCER. SIMON THOMAS. SHANNON DECKER. NICOLE PORTER. ANG LEA. ERIN STEINBACHER. VIRGINIA REICHENBACH. NICOLE PORTER LEFT MEETING AT 9PM.**

**3. APOLOGIES: SIOUX REID**

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Conflict of Interest register was confirmed

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Point of Conflict</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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
Nicole Porter	State Championships	Ride Organiser

**5. VISITORS: NONE**

**6. MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**6.1 Amendments: None**

**6.2 Adoption**

**Motion No.(1) June 25: That the minutes from the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 be adopted.**

**Moved: Donna Nicholas**

**Seconded: Paul Nugent**

**Carried: Yes**

**6.3 Business Arising: None**

## 6.4 Action List

## 7. RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

Description	Yes	No	Abstain	Non Vote	
Motion: That VERA sponsor a \$500 checkpoint package plus \$500 for Volunteer vouchers. Total sponsorship \$1,000 for the TQ25. Moved: Donna Nicholas Seconded: Virginia Reichenbach	10				10
Motion: Change to Moyston Endurance ride: Moyston endurance ride be postponed until the 13/14th September. TPR school and distances remain the same at the time of this motion. Be accepted. Moved: Nicole Porter Seconded: Donna Nicholas	9		1		10
Motion: SMYTHESDALE Endurance Ride When: 28th/29th June. Distances: Saturday: 10km&20km Sunday: 40km 80km Be accepted! Moved: Nicole Porter Seconded: Shannon Decker	10				10
Motion: GERZ gadabout' 15/16th Nov, change their 20km from Sunday 16th to Saturday 15th November. Be accepted. Moved: Nicole Porter Seconded: Virginia Reichenbach	10				10

### RATIFICATION OF ONLINE MOTIONS

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

Moved: Nicole Porter

Seconded Shannon Decker

Carried: Yes

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 Inwards Correspondence

Date	From	Details
8/4/25	Elisa Shaw	Re: Logbook.
10/4/25	Elisa Shaw	Logbook x 2
11/4/25	Kim Moir – AERA	AERA Management Committee Meeting logindetails
12/4/25	Kim Moir - AERA	AERA AGM 26 <sup>th</sup> March Draft Minutes FWD - DAMC
13/4/25	ASA Admin	Moving to Windows 11 for all Aeraspace access FWD - DAMC
15/4/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Non returning members FWD - DAMC
20/4/25	Andrew Miles	RE: VERAs ETS system for the TQ 25 FWD - DAMC
22/4/25	Bronwyn Cuthbertson	AERASpace Requirement for Windows 11 Upgrade FWD – DAMC
23/4/25	Amelia TQ Tassie	Re: Sponsorship.
25/4/25	TQ25	Invoice for sponsorship. FWD - Treasurer
28/4/25	Pointscore Officer	Problems with AERA space. FWD - DAMC
28/4/25	ASA Admin	Replying to Problems with AERA Space. FWD - BEK

2/5/25	Dianne Leehane	CS report from Eaglehawk Endurance FWD - DAMC
7/5/25	Nicola Pearse	Hall of fame
9/5/25	Paul Nugent	CS Report Eldorado FWD – DAMC, AERA
11/5/25	Kim Moir - AERA	Correspondence re AERA Meeting on 10 June 2025 FWD - DAMC
14/5/25	Ken Bradley	Cancellation of Mia Mia ride. FWD - DAMC
15/5/25	Sioux Reid.	Postponement of Moyston Ride FWD - DAMC
18/5/25	Bek Williamson	AERA space issues. FWD - DAMC
19/5/25	Nicola Pearse	AERA Hall of Fame. FWD - DAMC
22/5/25	ASA Admin	Training for Mailing Lists.
22/5/25	Louise Mackey	Eldorado Step In Fees FWD - DAMC
23/5/25	Smythesdale Flyer	Mark Carson, Mez Manners, Andrew Martin positive responses.
25/5/25	Erika Vodopic	Re: Half yearly memberships FWD - DAMC
27/5/25	Linda Tanian	Best Conditioned Criteria & Pat Slater Criteria FWD - DAMC
28/5/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Half Year Memberships FWD - DAMC
28/5/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Email to Das re: half yearly memberships FWD - DAMC
1/6/25	Kim Moir – AERA	Sterling Nakeeta - hall of fame profile x 2
1/6/25	Sioux Reid	Concussion in Australian Sport   Concussion in Australian Sport FWD - DAMC
1/6/25	Sioux Reid	New member survey FWD – DAMC See 10.17 in General Business
1/6/25	Nikki Pearse	Photo for hall of fame. FWD - AERA

## 8.2 Outwards Correspondence

Date	To	Details
10/4/25	Webmaster	Updated AERA Vet fees.
10/4/25	TQ 25 Team Members	Email notifying who is on short list for the TQ25.
10/4/25	TQ25	Unsuccessful nominees for the TQ25
10/4/25	Amelia - Tassie TQ	Re: VERA sponsorship
26/4/25	TQ25 Committee	VERA Logo for promotion at TQ25.
29/4/25	ASA Admin	RE: Pointscore officer having trouble with AERA space.
5/5/25	ASA Admin	Asking for a lesson on ASA Admin for Secretary
8/5/25	AERA – Kim Moir	Hall of Fame
9/5/25	Nicole Pearse	Hall of fame.
13/5/25	Jen & Mark	Ratified March Minutes 25
21/5/25	Kim Moir/Nicola Pearse	AERA Hall of Fame
21/5/25	ASA Admin	Re: Training
25/5/25	Erika Vodopic	Half Year Memberships
27/5/25	Kim Moir – AERA	AERA Half Yearly Membership
27/5/25	Tash AERA Treasurer	Bank Fees & Transfer Fees
27/5/25	Linda Tanian	Pat Slater Criteria and BC Criteria

- **Motion No (3) Jun 25 Motion that correspondence has been received.**

**Moved: Donna Nicholas**

**Seconded: Nicole Porter**

**Carried: Yes**

**Motion No.(4): Jun 25. Motion: That half yearly membership fees be set at Adults \$90. Junior \$35 Intermediate \$60 effective 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025 be accepted.**

**Moved: Donna Nicholas**

**Seconded Virginia Reichenbach**

**Carried: Yes**

## 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 President – Paul Nugent

Everything is running smoothly, not much to report. I encourage everyone to step up and engage in VERA.

### 9.2 Treasurer

#### **Bills to pay**

Digger Leehane Chief steward reimbursement Eaglehawk \$150  
Paul Nugent chief steward reimbursement Snake valley & Eldorado \$ 400  
Paul Nugent reimbursement 3 batteries for ETS \$597  
Consumer Affairs annual return unsure of amount  
S&S Reed bib invoice \$129.02  
AERA Inv 2485 - member affiliation \$2007  
AERA Inv 2532 - member insurance \$1358  
AERA Inv 2533 - member affiliation \$920

#### **Bills paid**

Hosting Aust SPAM Protect \$119  
AERA Inv 2484 - member insurance \$3338  
TQ25 Sponsorship \$1100  
TQ25 VERA Team entry \$60

**MOTION No (5) Jun 25:** That the tabled accounts be paid.

**Moved:** Helen Spencer

**Seconded:** Ang Lea

**Abstained:** Paul Nugent

**Carried:** Yes

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

**Moved:** Helen Spencer

**Seconded:** Virginia Reichenbach

**Carried:** Yes

### 9.3 Rides – Nicole Porter

Firstly, THANK YOU to all our members and non-members who reached out and responded to our RO's needing support. I think the response from all has been very positive and I am confident this will be seen in the support for up coming rides.

- NEXT RIDE: SMYTHESDALE ENDURANCE RIDE 28-29th June distances- 10,20km, sat 40,80kmsun
- NEXT RIDE: Eldorado in July 19-20th July distances- 20,40,80km sun
- Moyston Endurance Ride postponed- thank you so much to ride organizers for their ongoing support. Please put this one in your calendar- 13/09/2025 TPR school running at this ride also!
- Smythesdale ride organiser committee phone and offered to put on a ride, but they didn't want to do a no frills they just want to run a ride, meeting Vera ride criteria. Cannot thank them enough.
- Smythesdale to ensure that they don't run at a loss have made the decision to close moms earlier than we are all used to, I understand this was something that has been trialed in the past but was no ongoing, successful, it's something I think needs to be considered.
- MIA mia cancelled ride. Due to lack of sponsorship and reduced numbers of riders at rides. Thank you to RO's for their support.

- GERZ requested to change their 20km from sun to sat and this seems to have been a very popular decision for those starting out in endurance! Gives them the opportunity to come and go on the same day or do 20 sat 40sun
- Ride flyers, as I promised at the AGM we would be sending the out via emails, unfortunately there was a big delay is this coming to action and is still not exact, but we are working on this, any members who have not received a flyer from [Secretary@vicera.com.au](mailto:Secretary@vicera.com.au) please email and we will add you to the list!!!
- Extra, thank you to donna for circulating the flyers to emails, this will continue on.
- Eldorado in July RO's have requested assistance with finding some TPr's for their ride. Message to rus for this.
- State champs progressing well, looking for sponsorship, will circulate email later in the month. Entry prices to be discussed at this meeting.
- Ararat have applied for permits and have been in touch. Will discuss further, regarding some portable fences to prevent loose horses leaving ride base.
- TPr schools- forms not up to date with Respiratory update. To discuss approaching AERA if we can get these up to date before next clinic.
- RO's have been asking how they run one- to be discussed lots of members now interested.
- Temp log once members have completed entry, does not reflect 4day temp log, still states 'the standard requirement for recording temperatures will be for the 3 days prior to departure plus the date of departure' a lot of people asking questions. Feel it should just be worded as 4day temp log.

Rides 2025	Chief Steward	Head Vet	Ride Sec
Eldorado 19/7/25 – 20/7/25	Paul Nugent	Narelle Cribb	Damien Little
Ararat 9/8/25 – 10/8/25	Sandy Little	Helen Spencer	Damien Little
Moyston/TPR School 13/9/25	Paul Nugent	Narelle Cribb	Damien Little
Waikerie Dual Affiliated 30/8/25 – 31/8/25			
State Championship 10/10/25 – 12/10/25			
Dergholm 1/11/25 – 2/11/25			
Gerz 15/11/25 – 16/11/25			

#### Dual Affiliation Request: Waikerie

**Motion No (7): Jun 25 Dual Affiliation Request from SAERA for Waikerie River Ride 30/8 – 31/8/25 of ride distances 80/40/20 be accepted.**

**Moved: Nicole Porter**

**Seconded: Virginia Reichenbach**

**Carried: Yes**

**Motion No (8): Jun 25 That the State Championship ride fees of 160km \$ 200, 80km \$120, 40km \$60 be accepted.**

**Moved: Nicole Porter**

**Seconded: Donna Nicholas**

**Carried: Yes**

#### 9.4 Bookkeeper - Kerrie Gabb

##### From Meeting 11/03/2025

I have reconciled all the transactions after a conversation with the president on what each transaction is, and supplied reports, but please be aware I **STILL** need copies of the following for the auditor:

- 1) 19/01/2025 - invoice paid Osko sent end year awards \$291.50
- 2) 19/01/2025 - invoice paid Osko send Swabbing Equestrian Australia \$384.41
- 3) 12/02/2025 – money in Osko Received Legendary Moorabool Plains \$1,530. – This ride fees form is required for the auditor, but also for the SMC so the amount paid into the bank can be verified against the report and AERA.

**As at the 01/06/2025 I am still waiting for this paperwork**

Banking – I have filled in the forms to be signed so I can be re added to the bank accounts, and forwarded them to the SMC on 17/02/2025. I am still waiting on 2 other signatories to sign and send these back. Please note the outgoing treasurer is still listed on all the bank accounts, and the incoming treasurer is only listed on the log book - memberships account and none of the others, which potentially means the outgoing treasurer and the president need to sign the new treasurer and myself up for every bank account.

**As at the 01/06/2025 this has not changed**

#### **From 03/02/2025**

I have raised the issue that a ride application form has not been supplied for \$85.00 that was deposited on 17/01/2025. Numerous times since then I have raised the query. I was told an RO had paid and had not decided on when the ride would be run, therefore no ride application fee has been done. On the 8/03/2025 I was informed by the president that this \$85.00 would be refunded to the RO.

**As at the 01/06/2025 this has not been done, if this is not refunded I will need a copy of an application form for the auditor.**

#### **From 08/03/2025**

AERA Invoices - After discussions with the president I will do a collation of the AERA invoices, to match against rides held within Victoria. I have a template of this from years ago, so as soon as it is done, I will forward this to the SMC.

**As at the 01/06/2025 this cannot be completed as I am still waiting for the Ride fees form from Mia Mia, I have it all completed except that part.**

As per the Ride Fees form, the RO's of each ride, are the make sure the fees form is to be sent to the treasurer and paid into the VERA account within 14 days of the ride. The Mia Mia Ride held in Nov 2024 form is now well over due. Perhaps the SMC need to be following up on this with the RO, I have supplied the SMC with the RO's email address on 18/05/2025.

**As per the letter from the auditor last year, they will no longer be doing audits from their office, as their auditor has retired. The SMC asked me to track down a new auditor. I have not done this as yet, as until the SMC can supply the paperwork I have been requesting since the start of the year (via messages, phone calls, emails and reports), I feel I will be wasting my time finding an auditor as no auditor will pass the audit without all the paperwork.**

Reports supplied

- Balance sheet as at 01/06/2025
- P & L YTD

#### **9.5 Assets Officer – Paul Nugent**

Nothing to report.

#### **9.6 Horse Welfare Officer – Simon Thomas**

I have had got AERAspace up and running on my new Laptop running windows 11

I have run the reports for the early warning system and found no riders or horses have accumulated enough points to receive any early warnings.

Plans have been made for the 2025 season for swabbing at VERA rides

#### **9.7 Logbook Registrar – Bronwyn Cuthbertson**

Good to see that I am processing a lot of logbook upgrades to endurance. Things generally quiet.

#### **9.8 Merchandise Officer – Shannon Decker**

Nothing to report.

## 9.9 Point Score Officer – Bek Williamson

This month I was required to download another update for aeraspace.

Unfortunately, once the update was installed, aeraspace no longer functioned, and simply shut down after performing the update. I was unable to finalise the Eaglehawk ride due to this issue.

I followed this up with the aeraspace database administrator and received a response from Linda Tanian with some fixes to try. Several emails went back and forth with various solutions which I tried and none of them worked. I spent a lot of my own time trying all the options I was given. Eventually Linda advised that she would finalise the Eaglehawk ride as it was overdue, and that the issues I was having were due to the configuration of my laptop.

As it is a VERA laptop, I then contacted Mark Gabb to see if he was able to rectify the issue. I thought he might be able to patch into my computer, as he was the person who originally set it up. Mark sent through a possible solution however it was too complex for me to attempt so I have not done it, as I'm not really a technical person. He also advised that he would need to charge VERA for doing the updates if I needed him to do it (indicating that it's not a simple job so I feel better that I don't have the confidence to do it).

The VERA laptop I have will also need to be upgraded to run Windows 11 before the end of the year so that I can continue to use aeraspace. I do not have the technical expertise to do this, and I imagine it would need to be done by the account holder for the current windows version, but I could be wrong on that. I therefore suggest that the laptop be upgraded so that I can run aeraspace now and in the future when Windows 11 is required. If Mark is going to charge VERA despite already receiving an honorarium for his role, it may be worth me using a local technician, which would save postage on the laptop and may well be more cost effective. Perhaps Mark could provide a quote for the work so we can assess this.

As the SMC is aware, I have had issues with Linda overstepping and finalising rides on my behalf without being asked to before. I am unsure why she is the self-appointed person to finalise rides when she feels it's necessary. She has emailed me with a query about the Eaglehawk ride and a warning message that came up when she went to finalise it. This happens with most rides, and I advised her that despite her telling the SMC that finalising a ride is a 10 second job, it clearly isn't when you have to figure out what to do to address the warnings, which often involves other registrars or data entry personnel. **Moving forward, I would prefer that we appoint someone so that I am able to train them and they know the procedures to follow so that I can delegate to them if I need to. I recently went on holiday and didn't finalise a ride immediately upon my return and received a reprimand from aera. If we had a delegate, I could have asked them to finalise the ride on my behalf.**

The next ride is in around 4 weeks. I may not be able to finalise it if this issue isn't resolved by then.

The issue I was having with aeraspace has now been rectified. Peter, who is one of the database authors, logged in remotely last week and had the issue sorted within 10 minutes. This was organised by Linda Tanian.

Please note that it would have been good to have been offered a couple of options for when this was to occur, and perhaps more than 24 hours notice, rather than being told the night before that I needed to be available at 8pm the following evening. This is just a request for future reference when these sorts of things are being organised for Registrars.

I was also advised on Monday that the Eaglehawk Extravaganza had still not been finalised, despite Linda Tanian saying she was going to do it.

I have now finalised the ride but don't appreciate being left holding the baby, because as far as the membership know, it was me who left it so long. I've sent Linda an email letting her know it has been finalised, in case she still intends on doing it.

**Motion No (9): Jun 25 VERA DAMC appoint Simon Thomas as Secondary Pointscore Officer.**

**Moved: Paul Nugent**

**Seconded: Shannon Decker Abstain: Simon Thomas Carried: Yes**

**9.10 TPR Coordinator – Russell Gillingham**

Have sent out requests for TPRs for Smythesdale and Eldorado.

**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 is ready to be uploaded.

**9.14 Webmaster – Mark Gabb**

No report received.

**9.15 Social Media – Jen Green**

As expected, there was a flurry of social media activity based around the Tom Quilty in Tasmania in May. Big congratulations to our VERA members who rode, crewed and helped out with what was reported to be a very enjoyable and well run event.

On ride night/day, our face book group was rather quiet this year. I am going to suggest this was largely due to the tracking app that allowed folks to follow along at home, not needing to receive their info from Facebook updates. It certainly meant I could have the night off for the first time in many years!

My Group Dashboard is showing, as usual, a healthy group with a high engagement level, consistent growth and the usual peaks and troughs that occur before and after an event.

A lot of subject matter has been about rides – the who, why and wherefore about running rides is often revisited. Newer people are often not aware of what has gone into the running of an event, let alone the background of us having a data base, an online entry system and electronic timing. All these things amounted to individual people working their tails off to bring us to where we are today. Sometimes criticism isn't constructive. Fortunately, most people have the good grace to accept criticism for what it is or to explain why something is the way it is.

We did have one example of things going a little far, however the issue was sorted quickly and no actioned was needed to be taken.

Whilst VERA are not able to discipline non members, our Facebook admin/moderator team can! Poor online behavior will not be tolerated – simple!

With the last minute addition of the Smythesdale ride, members will be busy preparing their horses. Winter management brings it own set of challenges so I'll be expecting lots of questions and answers about clipping, rugging, feeding, finding time to train, headlights and strapping in the near future.



## 9.16 Membership – Wendy Riha

Membership Type	2024 EOY	2024 YTD	2025 YTD
Adult Rider	122	104	95
Junior Rider	5	4	9
Associate	2	2	0
Intermediate	10	9	11
Junior Intermediate	3	3	0
Life	4	4	3
Total	146	126	118

## 9.17 Aera Delegate – Sioux Reid

TQ25 has indeed been run and won. It was a great TQ & lovely to see so many people having a great time & renewing friendships across the states. Congratulations to the ROC, officials, volunteers, successful riders, riders that gave it their best but didn't get there, ride crews, horses and participants. Looking forward to TQ26 @ Stirlings Endurance Complex. Best wishes to the ROC in the coming year.

It is with great sadness we note the passing of two of our endurance legends, Barb Timms and Richard Summerfield. The presence will be missed but their essence lives on in our endurance community. Condolences to all family and friends.

For our 2024 AGM there were two special resolutions put forward.

One from VERA to abolish the restrictive time frame on AERA Management Committee membership.

One from NSWERA to form a national IDP/IAP for any DA to approach if they felt there was a need for greater distance outside their DA from those adjudicating. Both special resolutions were lost.

The MC from the six DA's look at special resolutions and motions and decide and direct their AERA representatives how to vote. At the AERA meeting level we all discuss the special resolutions, and as a result of that, often redefine how they could work.

In the VERA special resolution we could have had a suggested timeframe on how we are going to transition the secretary's role if Kim is no longer able to be reappointed. It is a massive role and requires much in-depth knowledge and skills. The remuneration that is offered is in no way recompense enough for the scope of the role.

In the NSWERA special resolution the rationale was well thought out and presented. It just didn't include a budget and how it was to be funded. Further discussion on this point found solutions but DA reps had already been instructed to vote against the special resolution so it was lost.

Perhaps DA MC's could make suggestions for amendments they would find acceptable to any special resolution or motion and instruct their AERA representatives with a choice to vote differently if the suggested acceptable amendments are made?

Somewhere we are missing a better way to capture the forthcoming discussions and amendments to allow our DA reps to go back to their DA and try for a compromise that satisfies all parties. And we lose a year in trying to do so. I hope both special resolutions come back to the 2025 AGM, modified, rediscussed and recognised as adding value to the administration of endurance nationally, not parochially from any individual DAMC.

There continues to be confusion of the AERA ride fees and charges. Kim and I did float an idea of having an AERA meeting with all DA MC's to ask any questions regarding the fees and charges and inviting Tash Ellery & Deb Edwards to be part of it. I think this idea has merit & to get it worthwhile, I suggest we formulate and send all DA MC's a questionnaire so we already have the answers, if the MC agrees?

Another issue that seems to be coming up soon is the upgrade of AERASpace to windows 11 and the associated costs to all secretaries and registrars etc. Most of the people I know have old computers that won't be able to upgrade to Windows 11. I'm not sure how we mitigate the cost to these people given that 1/2 of them don't want to pay for a new computer for volunteer work. Ideas anyone, what are the plans in other DA's?

Thanks to Jil and Tracee Nix for collaborating on a survey to new members. I think it has great merit to establish what has attracted new people to endurance and what their needs are from our community. If we can understand better, we can seek to fulfil their needs and retain them to grow our membership. A problem for all DA's in this present day.

#### **9.18 Honorary Vet – Narelle Cribb**

Not much to report on the Veterinary front that I am aware of.

#### **9.19 TQ Sub Committee - Sioux Reid. Donna Nicholas**

Nothing to report.

#### **9.20 Newcomer Support Group – Erin Steinbacher, Martin Mizzi**

In the future, can the Introductory/Training Rider Annual Award be for novice riders only? From my recollection (I am happy to stand corrected!), this was the only Annual VERA Award for people participating in entry level distances.

It would be great to be able to offer more awards for novice riders. E.g:

- > most rides participated in for first year VERA member.
- > an acknowledgement award for riders upgrading from novice to endurance
- > riders in a season

It was discussed that Getting Fit For A Forty would sponsor Awards for 20 – 40km riders with Ribbon, Mugs etc. It was all decided this will be a great initiative.

#### **9.21 Instagram – Ang Lea**

VERA's Instagram was launched on Saturday 12th April 2025. This report covers the first seven weeks of the IG account till Sunday 1st June 2025. To date there have been 41 pieces of IG content published, on varied subjects such as: Tom Quilty Gold Cup VERA Team Member interviews; VERA Ride Announcements and interviews with our diverse VERA participants and some of the interesting things they have experienced in endurance.

Virginia Reichenbach has had VERA IG Administrator status and access to the account since launch. I'd like to acknowledge the time-consuming work Virginia has undertaken and the support she has provided.

To date VERA's IG account has: 111 followers

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **10.1 Volunteering and Membership - DAMC**

Discussion re getting members to volunteer with either a Levy if they choose not to or determine how many hours or days a member must volunteer.

How do we get volunteers, do we charge a Levy for non volunteers, or a reduced membership fee if volunteer so many hours previous year. Perhaps a Logbook discount voucher. Premium parking at rides, free camping or less entry fees.

**10.2 Windows 11 upgrade. Paul Nugent.**

Discussion was had regarding the new AERA upgrade to Windows 11. The DAMC will be sending an email to AERA regarding what assistance will be given to volunteers to get computers upgraded and what can be done about computers that cannot be upgraded to Windows 11.

**10.3 Rules for Robyn Alber**

Difference between aeraonline and aerospace. Boots in the vet ring. Ribbon for horses.  
How does one upgrade from novice to endurance.

**10.4 TPR - Nicole Porter. FWD – DAMC 30/5/25**

The DAMC will be updating the TPR list.

**LATE ITEMS**

**11.1 None**

**12.0 NEXT TWO MEETINGS: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 7pm via teams.**

**Face to Face meeting Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025  
Eleanora 38A Doveton St N, Ballarat Central VIC 3350,**

**13.0 MEETING CLOSURE: 10pm.**