

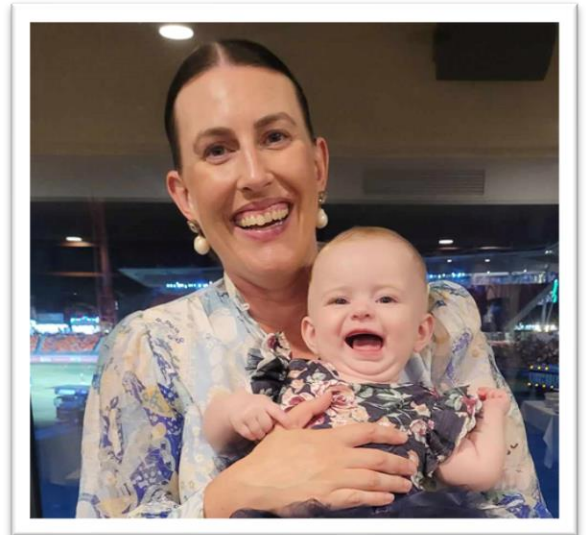
# 2024 BOARD NOMINEES



**EQUESTRIAN**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## AMY EGGLETON

My love of Equestrian Sport began at a young age, starting in the Pony Club ranks and then getting involved with my local clubs and state bodies. I have been an avid eventer since being introduced to the sport over 10 years ago and can be found every year as a steward in the horse ring at the Sydney Royal. I am also involved with my local dressage club and show society however my main involvement in the sport has been from a committee perspective, which is where I am able to offer the most assistance.



I am a current member on the Board of Equestrian NSW. I have previously been the Chair of the Equestrian NSW Finance and Risk Management Committee, as well as the Treasurer on the Board of Equestrian Queensland. Other previous board experience includes Treasurer of the Mudgee Chamber of Commerce as well as a current committee member on my local show society and dressage club.

I have over 15 years' experience within the finance and education sectors, with extensive experience in operational and strategic management as well as risk and compliance and managerial. I am a highly experienced operations manager with a demonstrated track record of reliably delivering a range of projects and services in a timely fashion. My business practice includes building strong customer-focused relationships that enables business to be conducted effectively. With excellent organisational skills that allows the outcomes of multiple projects to be achieved as well as being a team player with high attention to detail.



My formal qualifications include:

- CPA Australia (current studies)
- Masters in Business with a Major in Human Resource Management (Queensland University of Technology)
- Bachelor in Equine Business Management (University of Sydney)
- Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors (Australian Institute of Company Directors)
- Risk Management - Financial Services (Deakin University)

## GILLIAN BURNS

I started riding when I was 13 years old and attended Pony Club in NSW. We moved to the US when I was 15 and I rode at a private equestrian centre and attended local dressage and showjumping shows. After university, I rode in adult riding clubs. My children started in Pony Club and Interschools and progressed to eventing. We also became involved in



equestrian vaulting and I now am a competitive lunger in that discipline.

I am a Director of the ENSW Board and a member of the Equestrian Australia Vaulting Committee. I was involved as an instructor and committee member of several pony clubs in the US and Australia. I also took on the role of President in several schools my children attended. I was then asked to join the Vaulting NSW Committee and took over the Chairman's role which I held for 7 years.

I am a veterinarian, starting out in my own practice early in my career, and treating both small animals and horses. I sold the practice in 2000 and worked in several mixed practices in different states, ending up in the Sydney area. I undertook further studies in equine back pain and rehabilitation. I now own a practice focusing on equine rehabilitation. Additionally, I trained as an FEI Permitted Treating Veterinarian, an FEI Veterinary Vaulting Delegate, and an FEI Testing Veterinarian. In 2015, I was the team Veterinarian for the Australian Vaulting Team, Team Zelos, at the inaugural Junior World Vaulting Championships in Ermelo, The Netherlands.

I have a BS from Oklahoma State University and a DVM from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University. I also have a Diploma in Equine Manipulation.

I have a strong focus on equine welfare through both my work and my competitive activities. I am also able to provide insight as a parent with children competing in EA and ENSW events. I have experience as the Chair of the OC for four CVI3\* events. I am familiar with the FEI Veterinary Regulations and drug testing procedures and I am currently on a subcommittee of the EAVC developing the High Performance Program for Equestrian Vaulting.

## KAYE SPENCE

As a rider, I have ridden show horses up to and including horse of the year and royal show placings. I have ridden dressage to grand prix and had multiple FEI horses. I am currently competing Advanced and Prelim/Novice Dressage on two horses. My pony has been a dual NSW state championship winner.

I am currently a member of the EA Integrity committee and have been a Regional Delegate for DNSW for about 8 years.



I have worked in a variety of career domains including:

- law enforcement
- retail sales, and
- as a contractor/consultant delivering multi million dollar projects for the Australian Government.

In my professional life, I have worked on Program Boards and Steering Committees for Programs and Projects for over a decade.

My qualifications include Prince 2, Managing Successful Programs, PROSCI Organisational Change Practitioner, Lean six sigma, Diploma in Government Security.

Skill Sets that I hold include: Administration, Marketing, Legal, Human Resources, High Performance Athlete, Event Organisation, Management, Program and Project Management, Business Process Analysis, Security and Change Management.

## ROD MCQUEEN

As a resident of Kulnura near Mangrove Mountain, I bring a lifetime of dedication to the equestrian community, having competed in showjumping since the age of 12. Over the years, I've had the privilege of competing at the World Cup level in Australia, and today, I am a professional showjumper and an NCAS Level 2 Showjumping Coach, a qualification I proudly achieved in 2022.

My passion for nurturing the next generation of riders drives my work as a coach. This year, I have taken on the role of Coach and Discipline Support for the Equestrian NSW State Interschool Team, supporting Jumping, Combined Training, and Eventing competitors. I am particularly committed to mentoring young riders, as they represent the future of our sport.

In addition to my coaching, I was previously a volunteer in our local equestrian community, serving as Safety Officer and Groundskeeper for the Central Coast Showjumping Club. Prior to my full-time dedication to showjumping, I worked as a qualified plumber from 2008 to 2013 before focusing entirely on my riding and training career with Equus Australia.

I am excited by the opportunity to bring my experience, passion, and commitment for Equestrian Sport to the Equestrian NSW Board and to continue supporting the equestrian community at every level.

Skill Set: High Performance Athlete, Management, Professional Coach



## AMITY DURHAM

I am a resident of Arcadia in the Hills District of Sydney and as an equestrian I participated in show riding in NSW as a junior rider in the 1980s competing at State and Royal levels. My daughter currently competes as a show rider in Pony Club, Interschool, Royal, State and National events. I am currently a Vice President of Glenorie Pony Club.

I am passionate about the benefits that equestrian sport brings to communities and participants. I would love to make a greater contribution to our sport by joining the Equestrian NSW Board. I would bring to the position skills and experience from my professional life.

I have Board experience, as a current Board Director for the McCall Gardens Foundation, a non-profit disability services provider in western Sydney.

I am presently employed as a Strategic Adviser at Amazon Web Services in the Public Sector business where I advise on internal business and sales strategy, as well as the opportunities for digital innovation with our public sector customers.

Prior to this I held senior executive roles in the NSW and Victorian Governments in policy, strategy and program design for health and social services. I have also worked as a management consultant with KPMG.

I hold the following qualifications:

- AICD Company Directors Certificate
- AWS Cloud Practitioner
- Australian New Zealand School of Government Executive Masters in Public Administration
- Legal Practitioners Board Diploma in Law
- Bachelor of Social Science and Policy (Honours)

Skill Set: Strategy, Administration, Management, Governance & Risk Management, IT & Cyber Security



## EMILY BOWKER

For the past 4 years I have held the position of Secretary and Treasurer with the Harden Horse Trials.

I am an active committee member of the Harden Pony Club.

Alongside my son we are members of the Young Jump Club, ACT Show Jumping Club, Dubbo Eventing and Show Jumping Club and the Young Dressage Association.

I grew up in NZ and participated in Pony Club until I was 16yrs old, in my late teens/early twenties I travelled between NZ/Aust and the UK as an international polo groom which is a great way to see the world and work with horses.



In my role within the Harden Horse Trials, I am responsible for bringing our annual competition to life, the ongoing growth of the membership base, the organisation of a number of clinics throughout the year which are designed to support the growth and development of the younger rider and amateur rider, whilst ensuring that the club/association remains financially viable and sustainable whilst we continue to improve our facilities, upgrade equipment and the growth of the membership base, which has grown from 26 in 2020 to 41 members in 2024.

I am also responsible for the co-ordination of numerous coaching clinics at Harden, specifically our annual Young Rider/Amateur Eventing clinic where we host up to 50 young or amateur riders for a 3-day clinic under the coaching team of 7 EA qualified coaches.

I am passionate about the growth, sustainability and relevance of grassroots equestrian organisations and the role which these associations/clubs play in the larger overarching growth, sustainability and success of the equestrian sport and discipline.

I currently own and operate (since 2016) my own financial advisory business based in Young NSW- servicing clients from the local area. I employ 2 permanent staff members.

I hold a Diploma in Financial Advice, and I am currently studying for a Graduate Diploma of Financial Advice.

Skill Set: Accounting & Finance, Administration, Marketing, Event Organisation, Management and Human Resources