

An update from your CEO

Matthew Brown

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Equestrian Victoria welcomes new Board members

The EV Board is pleased to welcome 3 new board members following a skills audit in the latter stages of 2019, which identified the need for additional support in the areas of finance, governance and risk, as well as a change in representation from Dressage Victoria.

Peter Lee and Peter Findlay were formally welcomed to the EV Board in September, both with qualifications in Accounting and with varied professional backgrounds incorporating senior experience in both privately owned and publicly listed companies in Australia and internationally.

Virginia Creed joined the EV Board in October 2020, having assumed the position as Chair of Dressage Victoria (DV), succeeding Louise Curran. Now retired, Virginia's extensive involvement with the dressage community currently includes representative roles both locally in Victoria and nationally, as well as with the establishment of the Interschool Equestrian program.

EV would like to thank Louise for her valuable contribution to the EV Board and wish her well as she focusses on her various business interests.

Welcome to the team, Peter, Peter and Virginia.



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Meet our new Board members

Board Changes



PETER FINDLAY

Skills based Board appointment

Pete is a commercially focused Chief Financial Officer with over 20 years' experience in translating business strategy into commercial outcomes. His experience has been gained in professional services and finance and operational roles across private and publicly owned businesses.

Pete has held several senior CFO roles in a variety of industries including manufacturing, retail, information technology and distribution. He has led cross functional teams in finance, technology and customer service throughout Asia Pacific, North America and Europe, and is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Bega Cheese Limited, an ASX listed dairy and food business.

Pete holds a Bachelor of Business Accounting Degree and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Having owned horses from a very young age, Pete enjoys trail riding with his family around the Mornington Peninsula and in the Victorian High Country.



PETER LEE

Skills based Board appointment

Peter's experience in governance and finance incorporates more than 35 years working with publicly listed companies in Australia, the US and Canada. He has enjoyed roles that include Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and Director in Australia and the US, and as Chair for one of the listed companies in Canada.

Peter holds a Bachelor of Business, majoring in accounting, is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, a fellow of the Governance Institute and a member of the Institute of Company Directors.

Alongside his professional career, Peter has been involved with the not-for-profit sector for 45yrs, starting in the role of treasurer with his local cricket club, holding the position of treasurer for the Old Essendon Club (the governing body of amateur sporting clubs in the area), and sitting on the Finance Committee, chairing the Nominations Committee and as a Director of his children's school for 10 years.

Peter has been involved in Carriage Driving as a competitor (driving single pair and four-in-hand teams), as an event official and in senior governance roles both at federal and state level for the past 15 years, and was instrumental in the development of the Education Program for driving officials.

During the week, and on weekends he spends time working with his horses with his family, who share his passion for equestrian life.



VIRGINIA CREED

Chair of Dressage

Virginia is a highly qualified and experienced music teacher and performer. Backed by a Bachelor of Music Performance, and Graduate Diploma's in both Education and Public Relations, she recently retired from her position as the Head of Performing Arts at Ivanhoe Grammar School after 30 years. She also held roles in Public Relations and Development.

As well as spending many years performing with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra and performing with many well-known musicians, Virginia has been an active member of the equestrian community since the age of five. She gives dressage judges clinics throughout Australia, and particularly enjoys delivering Freestyle Seminars for judges as well as riders, combining her two passions – music and horses!

As a rider, Virginia enjoyed success at Eventing, Showing as well as Dressage. She has trained and competed on several horses to Grand Prix, and she competed regularly at FEI level in State and National Championships until retiring from competition in 1993. As an FEI 3* Dressage Judge, Virginia has judged extensively throughout Australia as well as overseas and is an active Judge Educator and Mentor. She is also a well respected level 3 Dressage coach and coach educator.

Virginia is a member of the EA Dressage Committee, Dressage Victoria Committee and the DJEP. Previously she has held the roles of National Selector, Chair of DJEP and has been a member of the EA Dressage Judges Committee for many years. As Equestrian Coordinator at Ivanhoe Grammar School, Virginia introduced the VCE/VET Equine Studies course into the School Curriculum. She helped to implement a strong network of Interschool Equestrian competitions in Victoria which continue to provide outstanding opportunities for our young riders.

Annual General Meeting

24 November, 2020
7:30pm via Zoom