

With the 2019/20 coach registration period coming to an end and the commencement of a new registration period, it is an ideal time to reflect and review coaching activities that occurred over the past 12 months. Please see the highlights below.

**Reinstatement of the Equestrian Australia (EA) Coaching Committee (EACC). The members are:**

- o Robert Stewart (NSW) – Chair
- o Tim Calkin (VIC)
- o Geraldine van Montfrans-Eady (QLD)
- o Judy Peel (TAS)
- o Lynda Smith (SA)
- o Philippa Collier (WA)

Second delegates are:

- o Gillian Botten (WA)
- o Sally-Ann Barbera (NSW)
- o Susan Leslie (VIC)

Simon Kale was co-opted to the committee by the EA Board as the International Group of Equestrian Qualifications (IGEQ) delegate.

**Coach Educator/SSTA**

**Updates** delivered in each state in partnership with state branches – locally delivered and nationally funded (from 2018/19 EA funds).

**EA 2019/20 NUMBERS:**

**897** current registered accredited coaches.

**35 new coaches** entered the system - 34 Intro General and 1 Intro Driving

**26 new coaching accreditations** achieved –  
8 Level 1 General  
9 Level 1 Dressage  
2 Level 2 General  
3 Level 2 Dressage  
2 Level 2 Eventing  
2 Level 2 Jumping

Through the hard work of 31 volunteers working across 9 different syllabus groups, EA commenced stage 1 of the **coaching syllabus review** to ensure content is up to date and to develop a solid foundation on which to build our coaching resources and professional development programs.

Supportive, informative, fluid and accurate information provided during the height of **Covid-19** to support our coaches to keep coaching where appropriate.

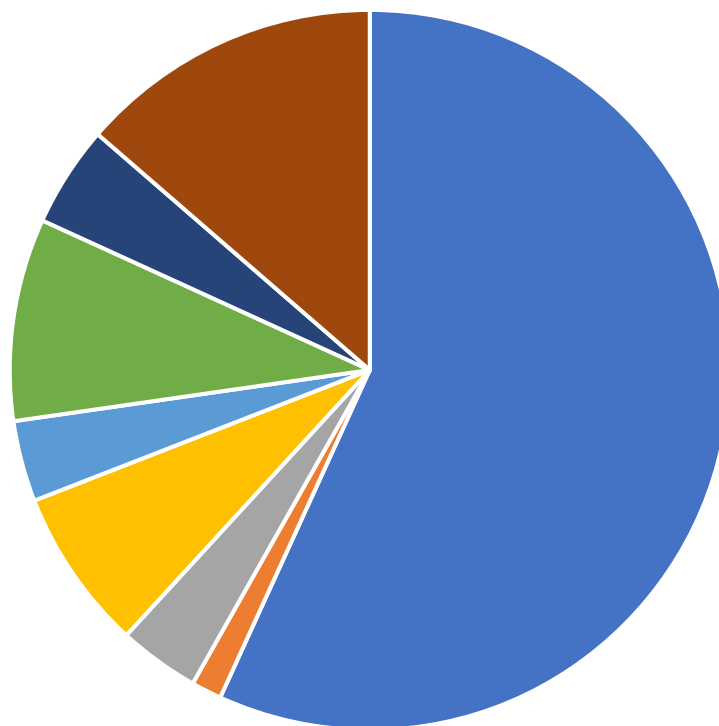
Appointment to fill vacant **full time Coaching Pathways Officer** position.

EA supported 2 delegates (Simon Kale and Tim Calkin) to **represent Australia at the International Group of Equestrian Qualifications (IGEQ) conference** in December. Due to the efforts of the EA delegates and the work of EA in the area of safety and risk management, the IGEQ has asked Simon Kale to **Chair an international working group** to progress the issues of Safety and Risk Management in the area of coaching on an international scale.

The current EA coaching syllabus was reviewed by the IGEQ and appropriately identified on the IGEQ matrix. As a result, both EA delegates will join an IGEQ working group established to review the syllabi of new IGEQ member nations and to map accreditation against the IGEQ matrix of existing IGEQ member nations.

If you've ever wondered ***"where do my coach registration fees go?"***, we have developed the following graph to provide a snapshot for our coaching community.

SUMMARISED ALLOCATION OF 2019/2020 COACH REGISTRATION FEES



- STAFFING - the equivalent of 1.6 full time equivalent EA staff members are dedicated to coaching.
- SYLLABUS REVIEW - EA have prioritised a holistic coach syllabus review. Costs include providing coaching resources to working group members for review.
- EACC MEETINGS - in addition to teleconferences and video conferencing, the EACC held a face to face meeting in Melbourne.
- CONTRIBUTION TO EA RUNNING COSTS - a percentage of your coaching fees contribute to EA office costs eg paper, photocopier, telephones, IT, utilities - electricity & water etc
- IGEQU CONFERENCE- two Equestrian Australia coach delegates attended the 2019 IGEQU conference in Germany with great outcomes.
- NOMINATE TRANSACTION FEES - every coach registration attracts a transaction fee from Nominate which is built into the registration fee.
- COACH WORKBOOKS - workbooks associated with the Equestrian Australia coach pathway are printed by a professional service.
- COVID-19 RESPONSE 20/21 - due to Covid-19 and the forecast financial position of EA, all unspent 19/20 funds (from all budget areas) are directed to ensure 2020/21 operations.

During the early stages of 2020/21, Equestrian Australia (EA) will be focussing on recovery from the impacts of the Covid-19 epidemic, our return to sport plan and implementing recommendations and directions following the outcome of the Voluntary Administration process.

There is no doubt that coaching is valued by EA and as such, EA is committed to providing the necessary support to continually grow and develop equestrian coaching in Australia. With the support and technical input of the EA Coaching Committee (EACC), during 2020/21 EA will focus on achieving the following in support of our coaching community:

- Finalising the EA Coaching Syllabus Review
- Investigation of an online learning platform that will ensure our ability to maintain a current coaching syllabus
- Review and updating of existing supporting resources eg Coach Update, Orientation to Coaching workshop etc to ensure accuracy of information and consistent delivery
- Commencement of a Level 3 Coaching Course
- A national framework for professional development that is supported by local delivery

As a current registered EA coach, you can choose to enjoy some or all of the following benefits:

- Rewarding career path
- Helping others achieve their dreams and become the best riders they can be
- Potential domestic and international travel opportunities
- Formalised education, coach training & accreditation
- EA is a member organisation of the [FEI](#), [IGEIQ](#), [Sport Australia](#) & [AOC](#) with the needs of EA coaches appropriately represented and met by these groups
- Alignment with the EA coaching brand, a highly regarded coaching accreditation scheme both internationally and domestically
- Group negotiation for better [insurance](#) opportunities
- Alignment of equestrian sports through [national discipline committees](#) who all work together to achieve joint outcomes - including coaching needs
- Integrated development pathways for coaches, athletes and officials
- [EA by-laws & policies](#) (e.g. member protection) to support the coaching and wider EA community
- [ASADA](#) compliance and education
- A strong, proactive coaching community represented by a [national coaching committee](#)

Your clients are offered peace of mind as being a current registered EA accredited coach means:

- your coaching accreditation is of a standard that is recognised internationally and can be reviewed against other international equestrian coaching accreditation (IGEIQ)
- you're insured
- you're qualified in first aid
- you're aware of ASADA rules and guidelines and
- you have completed a state-based working with children check.

*Further questions?* Please visit the EA website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/> - specifically:

- the resource page <https://www.equestrian.org.au/coaching/resources;>
- the frequently asked questions page <https://www.equestrian.org.au/coaching/FAQ;> or
- contact the EA Office on 02 8762 7777 or [coaching@equestrian.org.au](mailto:coaching@equestrian.org.au)