

**MINUTES OF THE 2017 GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION INC.  
Held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Byford Trotting Complex.**

**Meeting commenced:** 11.25am.

**1. Presidents Welcome.**

Deb Jewell thanked everyone for coming and went through the housekeeping details. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**2. Member's present/attendance register.**

As per register.

**3. Apologies.**

Diana McGirr, Narelle Cox Bein, Raylene & Dave Watson, Emma Swarbrick, Norbert Radny, Bec Radny, Kylie Munyard, Steve Munyard, Chell Clifton, Sharon Piscioneri, Joanna McCord, Lyn and Richard Summerfield, Jodie McKell, Marcel and Anita Fortsch, Simon Slemint, Bernie Morris, Siobahn Darlow, Kieran O'Driscoll.

**4. Previous Minutes – WAERA General Meeting 2016 (4 February 2017).**

***Motion: that the minutes of the WAERA 2016 General Meeting held on 4 February 2017 are accepted.***

***Moved: Ross McCamish/Liz Mulcahy. Carried.***

**5. Previous Minutes – WAERA Special General Meeting minutes held on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Waroona.**

***Motion: that the minutes of the WAERA Special General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 are accepted.***

***Moved: Liz Mulcahy/Jane Radny. Carried.***

**5.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017:**

- **Jane Radny:** p2, 6.5 Expressions of Interest for the FEI ride, made a comment about the qualifications for horses and riders and there is a correction. Would need to do 2 x 80km rides, not three, so novice horses and riders can ride. Jane got it wrong, but the minutes are correct.
- **Elsje Brandis:** from the amount of people that attended the meeting, it seems to be popular and it's beneficial to have the mid-year meeting.
- **Deb Ryan:** 6.13 the members were asked at the meeting to support the CRC, and it's not in here. Ieva responded that if it was a motion, it would have been written in the minutes, so obviously wasn't a motion and wasn't voted on.

**6. Portfolio Reports.**

**6.1 Draft Calendar 2018.**

Start Date	Days	Division	Dual Affil.	Ride name/event	Details	Map	Contact	Zone
24-02-2018	24	WAERA		Intro to Endurance Clinic			Debra RyanPh: 97345103	Western Australia
17-03-2018	17	WAERA		Wilga	80/40/20km		Lorraine BruynPh:	Western Australia
30-03-2018	30, 31, 1	WAERA		WAERA Easter Marathon	240/120/60/80/40km		Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
21-04-2018	21	WAERA		Golden Horseshoe	80/40/20km		Megan RichardsPh:	Western Australia
05-05-2018	5	WAERA		WAERA Collie Ride/FEI 1*	TBC		Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
19-05-2018	19	WAERA		Yarloop	80/60/40/20km		Alison HealeyPh:	Western Australia
02-06-2018	2	WAERA		Ravy 2 Day Ride	160/40/20km		Jeanette DenhamPh: 97273251	Western Australia
16-06-2018	16	WAERA		Quindanning	80/40/20km		Ph:	Western Australia
30-06-2018	30	WAERA		CETRC Collie Classic	95/55/35/20km		Ph:	Western Australia
14-07-2018	14	WAERA		Dryandra	80/40/20km		Anna EricksonPh: 98813070	Western Australia
28-07-2018	28	WAERA		Talbot	80/60/40/20/5km		Zoe ChatfieldPh:	Western Australia
11-08-2018	11	WAERA		Greenhills	80/60/40/20km		Rachell NellPh: 96464190	Western Australia
25-08-2018	25	WAERA		Merredin	80/40/20/10km		Joanne Van UdenPh: 93904698	Western Australia
08-09-2018	8	WAERA		WAERA State Championships	160/80km		Deb JewellPh:	Western Australia
23-09-2018	23	WAERA		Highbury	80/40/20km		Michael BlightPh: 98859009	Western Australia
06-10-2018	6	WAERA		Mayanup	TBC		Zoe ChatfieldPh:	Western Australia
20-10-2018	20	WAERA		Jarrahdale	80/40/20km		Anne AireyPh:	Western Australia
03-11-2018	3	WAERA		Margaret River Classic	80/60/40/20km		Ph:	Western Australia

**5, 6 & 7 October 2018, Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2018, Tasmania.**

**Discussion:**

The Wilga ride is an 80km ride. Introductory ride is 25km.

**Elsje Brandis:** can we ask them to start earlier? This is a horse welfare issue and we need to push for it a bit. Deb J usually organises for them to have hay. Is there still hay there? There will be hay available at the ride.

**Nikki Gusterson:** has volunteered to do a checkpoint at Wilga, if necessary.

**Elsje:** when they arrived at the ride venue earlier, there was no water available. Also, the vetting area had to be cleared by Arun. We need to ask them to organise things.

**Anna Erickson** is available to vet at Wilga.

**Deb Ryan:** is organising the clinic this year. It has been extremely hot in the past, so we decided not to have a ride at this year's clinic. Thought we would try other things to try and educate people. Clinic is about demonstrations like strapping, TPRing, CS stuff, Anna about PIC numbers, demo about how to take a horse's temperature, etc. and how to follow the course markers talk. There will be a lunch and then have a ride organisers get together. How to run a ride and what paperwork needs to be done. We have a couple of new ride organisers. There is a draft budget for the organisers to look at. WAERA have decided if ride organisers put in a grant application to WAERA we could possibly help them with their costs.

**Janice Skinner:** when she was doing the raffle at the last clinic, and the newbies were saying they found it confronting because there was too much information to take in, but they enjoyed the ride and doing the whole thing. If it was just the basics, that's great.

**Deb Ryan:** we're inviting the ride organisers for lunch and the afternoon session. The morning is for the riders. Some riders have never read a rule book.

**Kirsten Melis:** in the August meeting we were talking about that and suggested a leaflet for the newbies.

**Deb R:** we have done that and they will be handed out at rides.

**Elsje:** suggested that a copy is attached to the new riders' entry form.

**Robert Shaw:** are there any "cloud" schools available. Rob could do this and people could go in after the event and ask questions. Could put a link on the WAERA web page.

**Anna Erickson:** good idea. Ride organisers get a lot of questions from pony club kids so something on the website would be good or a discussion group. Flyer for the clinic will be out on Monday.

**Deb J:** reminding everyone of the Busy Bee at Collie prior to the Marathon. Easter Marathon has an 80km and 40km on the Saturday as we have the ETS to trial at the event. We want as many people using the system for the weekend. A couple of new rides this year at Myanup and another from York/Talbot which replaces the Avon ride. Jeanette's Ravensthorpe ride is a 2x160km ride.

**Cassie Mulcahy:** would Jeanette be interested in doing 1x80km ride? Deb J will ask. Ride calendar is a work in progress and there are changes.

**Cara Allan:** add a 5km to the Greenhills ride and add Rachell's phone number.

**Anne Airey:** add a 10km and 60km to Jarrahdale ride please.

**Kylie van Uden:** please add a 60km at Merredin ride.

**Deb J:** Quindanning is still to be sorted. FEI ride is on the 5<sup>th</sup> May in Collie and there will be WAERA rides as well. Thanks to Jane and family for stepping up and bringing back and sponsoring the FEI event.

## **6.2 Log Book and Membership Secretary EOY Report – 2017.**

*2017 has been an interesting year with 163 memberships, with 23 new members, 5 less than last year. The trend for the last two years has seen the membership drop by over 40 members.*

*The use of direct debit has made our life a lot easier. Please keep in mind that the post is very slow from where we are and therefore please allow at least a week for paperwork to get to and from us. Emailing your paperwork makes things a lot quicker, however, bookwork needs to be posted.*

*Again, Lyn and I thank you all for your patience and consideration this year.*

*Now, to get on with some data:*

*The following has been issued over the past year:*

### *Logbooks*

*Total of 52 logbooks issued, up 4 books from last year*

- Novice - 42 books (+7)*
- Endurance - 10 books (-3)*
- Upgrades - 11 books (+2)*

### *Membership*

*Total of 163 Members (down 19 members)*

- Life - 10 (sadly the passing of Keith Davenport)*
- Junior - 7 (-2)*
- Senior - 136 (-20)*

*We hope you all have a safe Christmas and a successful New Year.  
Lyn and Rich Summerfield*

Thanks to Lyn and Richard for doing such an amazing job.

### **6.3 AERA Report:**

#### **AERA Report for the WAERA 2017 AGM to be held on 10th February 2017**

*At the AERA AGM held in March 2017, the following positions were filled:*

*President – Melanie Scott (SA)*

*Vice President/s – Kerry Spratt (NSW), Ieva Peters (WA)*

*Secretary – Kim Moir (Qld)*

*Treasurer – Steve Swan (Qld)*

*Other delegates are: Deb Jewell (WA), Gerard Bou (Qld), Jill Hawks (Tas), Pat Hodgetts (Tas), Tamara Atkinson (Vic), Sioux Reid (Vic), Peter Bice (NSW), Alamdar Dastani (NSW).*

*The AERA delegates meet three times per year in Melbourne: March, July and November.*

### **Rule Book**

*There have been considerable updates and changes to the AERA rule book. These changes apply from the 1st January 2018. The new rule book is available from the AERA website: [www.aera.asn.au](http://www.aera.asn.au) for download. There is also a separate document that shows which rules have been updated. Hard copy rule books will no longer be issued.*

### **PA Insurance**

*Unfortunately, there has been a significant rise in the optional Personal Accident insurance that is available to our members – it has doubled. This is due to the rise in claims, the bulk of which are during training. If you want to take out the PA coverage, please do your homework and make sure that you read the PDS.*

*The current insurance contract is 2 years into a 3-year contract and by July 2018 the AERA will be calling for tenders to provide insurance cover.*

### **Discussion:**

**Anna Jermolajew:** are we going to start checking that helmets are up to standard?

**Sarah Adams:** as soon as you start checking you take on the responsibility. People need to be responsible for themselves.

### **AeraSpace/Electronic Timing System (ETS).**

*Some WAERA members have already experienced the AeraSpace ETS whilst riding at the Quilty and some other rides on the east coast. Tom McCormack will be coming to WA for the Easter Marathon this year to show the members here how the ETS works. I encourage all members to have a ride at the Marathon and be a part of the demonstration. If you're not riding, by all means come along and see how it all works. WAERA also need people to come to the ride and learn how to set up and use the system.*

### **Discussion:**

Thanks to Deb Symington for organising all of this and accommodating Tom on behalf of WAERA.

### **Vet Fees.**

*From the AERA minutes of the July 2017 meeting, the recommended vet fees for 2018 are:*

*\$678 plus GST for 80 km rides;*

*\$492 plus GST for daily fees, eg Marathons/multiple rides;*

*\$700 plus GST for 100 km rides;*

*\$762 plus GST for 120 km rides; and*

*\$949 plus GST for 160 km rides.*

*A new fee will be introduced for pre-ride vetting only of \$160 plus GST and \$500 plus GST for ride-day only.*

*Non accredited vets will be paid 75% of the accredited vet fee.*

*Vets may only be paid the GST providing that they supply a tax invoice.*

### **Quilty Buckles**

Gerard Bou did some considerable research regarding the AERA manufacturing the Quilty Buckles. Subsequently the AERA purchased an engraving machine. In the past, the buckles have been made overseas. By doing the job ourselves we have quality and price control. The machine can be used for other buckles, medallions etc. So the next time WAERA needs buckles (Marathon, State Champs, etc.) we should consider talking to the AERA and getting them designed and manufactured here in Australia.

### **AERA Constitution**

This has been a huge task over the last several years. Melanie Scott has been working very hard to have the document finished.

Final version will go to the State Divisions for discussion and all Divisions will be required to review their state constitutions – specifically to reflect the AERA by-laws regarding disciplinary matters. State constitutions will have to be reviewed to maintain congruency between constitutions; there may have to be changes as some clauses are in conflict.

### **Quilty 2017 – South Australia.**

What a fabulous event! The Gold Cup was won by Brooke Brown-Cordell riding Jared Pickering's lovely grey mare, Tierview Salama in 10 hours 28 minutes. So, the Cup went back to Tasmania where it awaits the next winner. Congratulations to our WAERA riders, strappers and spectators who made the trek and had a go!

### **Quilty 2018 – Tasmania.**

The next Quilty will be held in Scottsdale, Tasmania, on the 6th October. Scottsdale is situated in the north-east corner of Tasmania and is about a one-hour drive from Launceston. The event director is an ex-WAERA member, Graham Bucknell. Helen Spencer (Victoria) is the Head Veterinarian. Tom McCormack is the Chief Steward.

A trial 160km event was held in October last year, which I was fortunate to attend on behalf of the AERA. My role there was to assist the event organisers with the planning of the event and help with the ride results/electronic timing system. Unfortunately, the mobile availability is a bit scratchy in the area, so I wasn't able to do "live" ride results.

The track is mostly gravel and is undulating. The ride base is fairly basic with amenities and marquees having to be hired for the event. The township of Scottsdale is a 15-minute drive from the ride base.

For further information about the event, please visit the website:

<https://www.tomquilty2018.com.au/>

### **Quilty 2019 – Queensland.**

The 2019 Queensland Quilty will be held at Stirling's Crossing, Imbil, on the 11th to the 15th of July 2019. This is a purpose built endurance facility comprising a 60mx40m fully lit, undercover area suitable for endurance vetting or a variety of equestrian related events, large, level, well-maintained and grassed outdoor areas, direct access to some of Australia's most desirable forestry trails, elevated, covered viewing platform and secretarial facility.

For more information about the venue, visit their website: <https://stirlings.com.au/>

### **Hendra.**

Hendra remains a hot topic for all endurance vets but particularly those operating in Hendra risk zones in Queensland and Northern NSW. The Queensland Government Inquiry into the Use of Hendra Vaccine in Queensland was of considerable interest to the endurance community, particularly to veterinarians involved in the sport. An important finding was that workplace health and safety legislation be amended so that veterinarians are not responsible for creating a safe workplace for any person other than their staff and themselves when treating a horse suspected of being, or known to be, infected with Hendra virus. The committee has also supported the right of veterinarians to choose not to treat unvaccinated horses. Re: equestrian events the inquiry stated that Hendra virus vaccination should not be made mandatory but left to the discretion of organisers to require as a condition of entry and for horse owners to decide based on risk.

*It appears that it may be difficult to get veterinarians to vet at rides in Hendra risk zones where Hendra vaccination is not a condition of entry.*

*This subject is very controversial and has divided many a long-term friendship. At the time of writing, the QERA SMC is waiting for voting to be finalized regarding mandatory vaccination and legal advice has been sought.*

*As the Quilty will be held in Queensland in 2019, WAERA competitors need to consider vaccinating their horses. Please discuss this with your veterinarian and make the decision that is best for you and your horse.*

### **Equestrian Australia - Endurance Committee.**

#### **Horse Welfare**

**From Linda Tanian (Chair):**

*Once again the issue of horse welfare in Group 7 is first and foremost with 12 horse deaths recorded in the 2016-2017. It seems that no matter what approach is tried – banning one of the venues from running events, imposing more rules, increasing the surveillance of what is happening, strong enforcement of the rules – that not a lot of improvement is achieved. Continued rule breaches are easily identified thanks to the efforts of YAS TV.*

*Having had a Committee member attend events in the UAE recently and from discussions with people who have been visiting there is news that some improvements have occurred but to the membership of endurance in Australia this seems to be too little and certainly not improving horse welfare.*

*Letters from EA, from the EA Endurance Committee and AERA have been written and these cover a wide range of approaches. This has been deliberate in an attempt to see if the full gamut of avenues for changes can achieve anything.*

*The EA Endurance Committee has submitted some suggestions on further rule changes that may lead to improvements in horse welfare and decreases in speeds during events by lowering the heart rates. These have been submitted to the FEI's Endurance Technical Committee via Brian Sheahan.*

*The EA Endurance Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will again raise this with AERA where support is required.*

### **EA/AERA Agreement.**

*The new AERA/EA Agreement that was signed on the 21st February 2017 and expires in 2020.*

### **World Youth Championships**

*Special congratulations to our Rebecca Radny for succeeding in her dream to represent Australia at the World Youth Championships in Italy last year. Bec successfully completed the ride in 52nd position. Well done Bec. We're all very proud of you.*

### **Positive Swab TQ16 – Victoria.**

*The AERA is disappointed to announce an adverse analytical finding involving prohibited substances in The Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2016.*

*A horse tested positive to the two prohibited substances, the stimulant Caffeine and its metabolite Theophylline. Equally, Theophylline, used for the treatment of asthma and various respiratory diseases, can be metabolised to Caffeine.*

*Theophylline and Caffeine are listed as Controlled Medication and Specified Substances under the FEI's Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules (EADCMRs) as adopted by the AERA.*

*The AERA rules required the disciplinary process to be managed by the State Division of each member involved and in this instance, three persons have been identified in association with the horse and are members of the NSWERA.*

*The horse Coolahlee Park Shaman and rider Elizabeth Moir have been disqualified from the ride and the buckle has been returned to the AERA. Jolene Cole (Person Responsible) and*

*Chris Geddes (Trainer) received administrative penalties in accordance with the AERA/EADCM rules. All connections with the horse have been penalized by the imposition of fines.*

*The process in accordance with clause 25.3 of the EADCM rules has been finalized.*

*There has been another adverse analytical finding in 2017 which is being dealt with by the relevant State Management Committee.*

**Rule Change/Discussion item:**

*There is currently a discussion to change the requirements for issuing a novice horse logbook, as follows, and the AERA would like members' feedback:*

***That the rule 46 Horse Status be amended to include a new clause:***

***46.3 An application for a novice horse logbook shall not be processed by the DA unless and until:***

- a) the horse has been identified by a microchip implant, and***
- b) a complete veterinary identification (including any legible brands at the time of the veterinary inspection) has been completed and lodged with the DA, and***
- c) relevant processing fees have been paid to the DA.***

*The rationale is that microchips are universally accepted as adequate for confirming a horse's identification, and it is easier for a Chief Steward to ID horses with a microchip.*

*Not all horses are suitable for endurance but may want to try as a novice before the expense of a veterinary identification and insertion of a microchip.*

*There is some push from state governments to microchip.*

*Management of biosecurity issues is more difficult without microchips.*

**Discussion:**

**Anna Erickson:** brand or microchip or other is at present suitable and there are no plans at the moment from the WA government to change that.

**Peter Erickson:** people need to be able to identify your horse. It is the law to brand or microchip to ID your horse.

**Abigail Bartell:** the motion is about having a microchip to get a logbook. What if you have an older horse that is branded and don't want to microchip?

**Bobby McDougall:** more expense for new riders and might discourage them.

**Cassie Mulcahy:** the biggest problem from a CS perspective is identifying a horse that is doing an 80km ride. They have to have something to identify them, ie a plain grey horse. Maybe if you don't have to have a brand, but can have either.

**Ieva Peters:** maybe we need to advertise that horses coming to rides need to have either a microchip or a brand. It's about education.

**Bobby:** should it go in the nomination form.

Yes – 3

No – by majority.

**WAERA does not support the above motion.**

**Jane Radny:** suggested changing the wording slightly:

- a) the horse has been identified by a microchip implant, and OR**
- b) a complete ~~veterinary~~ identification (including any legible brands at the time of the veterinary inspection) has been completed and lodged with the DA, and**

*In closing, this report is a small snapshot of the volume of work covered by the AERA and at its meetings. Please feel free to either contact myself or Deb Jewell if you have any questions or concerns regarding AERA matters.*

*Safe riding,  
Ieva Peters*

## 7. WAERA Membership Fees 2018

(1) Membership Category	(2) Base Membership Fee	(3) Personal Accident Insurance Fee
Adult - riding	\$130.00	\$138.00
Junior - riding	\$65.00	\$36.00
Non-riding	\$40.00	\$138/\$36
Family	\$280.00	\$138/\$36
Associate (newsletter only)	\$40.00	N/A

**A request from a member:** Could the committee please set membership fees for 2019 before 31 Dec 2018 so that members can renew/join on or before 31/12/18, before their PA insurance runs out.

## 8. Correspondence Received for Discussion.

### 8.1 Correspondence from Cara Allan.

15th January 2018

Dear SMC,

*RE: Emergency SMC Meeting - TQ2020 Venue Selection and Voting.*

*Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the SMC meeting on the 13th of January 2018 due to illness. Since reading the unratified minutes of the recent meeting, I have a few concerns that I would like discussed as soon as practical. These concerns relate to the voting process and conflicts of interest that should have excluded several SMC members from voting on venues. Given we are representatives of WAERA members, I am of the firm belief that we should conduct ourselves in a manner that is both ethically and morally correct. The concerns are outlined below:*

*1. Both Carly Arnasson and myself should have filled in proxy voting forms prior to the meeting for our votes to be eligible.*

*2. A clear bias towards venues is evident as SMC members voted without adequate information on venues capacity to meet the Quilty Venue criteria:*

*a. In the minutes from the SMC meeting on the 22nd of October 2017, it is recorded that Richard Jeggo stated a preference of venue prior to reading the Tom Quilty Venue Report.*

*3. The submission made by Rosanne Pimm to the TQ2020 venue selection committee for Collie was submitted on behalf of the Collie Race Club Inc. and the Collie Endurance and Trail Riders' Club Inc (CETRC). Additionally, CETRC are mentioned in supporting letters from the Collie Chamber of Commerce & Industry, DFES/SES, DBCA, Shire of Collie and Mick Murray.*

*a. A conflict of interest may arise when a member of an association has private or personal interests outside of the association that may affect (or be perceived to affect) their ability to act in the best interests of the association when they are carrying out their duties. Sourced from: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/identifying-and-managing-conflicts-interest>*

*SMC members who are currently CETRC members, namely Debra Ryan, Debra Jewell and Ross McCamish should have recused themselves from voting due to a clear material conflict of interest. What is a conflict of interest?*

*4. The letter submitted with the Collie TQ2020 application from the Bendigo Bank makes no mention of WAERA or WAERA being the beneficiary of the \$20,000 in sponsorship funding, it also fails to define exactly what level of 'marketing exposure' will be require in return for this funding and who will be responsible for associated costs.*

*5. The Collie MOU expires on 28th February 2019 and no new MOU document has been drafted. In the current MOU Point 10. Escape Clause provides no venue security for the TQ2020, as it states either party may withdraw from the MOU provided 3 months' written notice of intention to withdraw is given.*

*When future use of the venue is uncertain, this is of concern. WAERA currently has \$38,551 invested in Collie improvements as fixed assets (non-recoverable). In addition, there are several quotes for the venue totalling \$29,773.80 (a-c below) for both ongoing maintenance and TQ2020 venue preparations. This figure does not include additional items and those included under 'Ride Costs' pg. 4-5 in the TQ2020 Venue report.*

- a. MKJ Lawn Mowing - \$8, 841.80 total, \$5,088 annually on yard maintenance*
- b. Dinner Dance marquee - \$12, 574*
- c. Bore – \$8,358 excluding installation labour at \$99/hr*
- d. 3 x Marquees for vetting, officials, timing \$TBA*
- e. Vet hospital \$TBA*
- f. Portaloo hire and maintenance \$TBA*
- g. Shower blocks \$TBA*
- h. 4 x Generator and lighting towers \$TBA*
- i. Site works to level and backfill centre of racetrack to avoid bogging \$TBA*
- j. Rubbish removal \$TBA*

*Given the concerns raised in points 1-3, I believe the votes of the following SMC members should be considered nullified in order to align ourselves with what is considered both ethical and legal behaviour:*

- 1. Carly Arnasson*
- 2. Cara Allan*
- 3. Richard Jeggo*
- 4. Debra Ryan*
- 5. Debra Jewell*
- 6. Ross McCamish*

*These concerns have been raised prior to the AGM in an effort to establish potential resolution and set precedence for future SMC meeting conduct.*

*I believe it is necessary to hold an additional emergency SMC meeting prior to the AGM to discuss these matters.*

*Regards,  
Cara Allan  
WAERA Merchandise and Sponsorship Officer  
Member Number: 122014*

**Below are the letters of support for CETRC:**



**Collie Chamber of  
Commerce & Industry Inc**

Friday, 21 July 2017

Mrs Rosanne Pimm,  
Tom Quilty 2020 Collie Steering Committee,  
Collie, WA 6225

Dear To Whom it may concern,

The Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on behalf of its members, would like to offer its support for the joint submission prepared by the Collie Race Club and the Collie Endurance and Trail Riders' Club in their bid to the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Committee to attract the 2020 Tom Quilty to Collie.

# collie race club



PO Box 432, COLLIE WA 6225

Chairman: Robert Pimm - 0400 251 339 | Secretary: Virginia  
Lincoln - 0437 902 928 | Treasurer: Rosanne Pimm - 0428 176 817.

## SUBMISSION to HOST the 2020 TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP.

M/s Jane Radny,  
PO Box 470,  
Serpentine.  
WA 6125.

Dear Jane,

Please find enclosed submission from the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2020 for Collie Steering Committee which comprises the Collie Race Club Inc. and the Collie Endurance and Trail Riders' Club Inc. The document is in support of Collie's bid for WAERA to host the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup at the Collie racecourse.

Phone: 08 9277 5438  
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## Communications Support Unit

### STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE



To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Collie Race Club (CRC) together with the Collie Endurance and Trails Riders Club (CETRC) expression of interest to host the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup event.

Your ref:

Our ref:

Enquiries: Drew Griffiths

Phone: 08 9735 1988

Email: [Wellington@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:Wellington@dbca.wa.gov.au)

To whom it may concern

### **SUPPORT FOR THE 2020 TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP**

I am writing to formally indicate the Parks and Wildlife Service's support of the Collie Race Club and the Collie Endurance and Trail Riders' Association's bid to host the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride in 2020.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Letter of Support: 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I acknowledge and support the expression of interest from the Collie based Tom Quilty Committee to host the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup event in Collie.

**Mick Murray MLA**  
**Member for Collie-Preston**  
*Minister for Seniors and Ageing;  
Volunteering; Sport and Recreation*  
**Parliament of Western Australia**



26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

WAERA 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup Committee

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to support the joint submission by the Collie Race Club and the Collie Endurance and Trail Riders Club for the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Event.

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Mrs Rosanne Pimm  
Quilty 2020 Collie Steering Committee  
PO Box 432  
**COLLIE WA 6225**

Dear Rosanne

**RE : QUILTY 2020 APPLICATION**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Collie Community (Bendigo) Bank I would like to thank you and your presentation team for your attendance at our 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 Board meeting and for the very comprehensive presentation you made on your proposal to hold the Quilty 2020 event here in Collie.

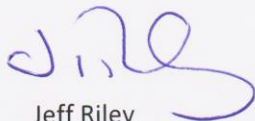
The Board was extremely impressed with the level of detail, albeit very early in the process, your Steering Committee has gone to in your quest for Collie to be selected as the 2020 venue. The facilities you have developed at the Collie Race Club will provide a high level of comfort for all competitors and their supporters, as well as the general public, thus ensuring what should be a highly successful event.

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Yours sincerely



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**Discussion:**

**Richard Jeggo:** wanted to explain his actions as this didn't sit well with him. Whole story is in August 2016 General Meeting a subcommittee was formed to take in Expressions of Interest for the 2020 Quilty. Their brief was to gather information and submissions and get back to the SMC on 1 August 2017. In May of 2017 they held their first meeting and the subcommittee thought it was proper to start installing head vets, event directors, etc. for the Quilty. At the 2017 August WAERA meeting the representative said that the Expressions of Interest were done, all that was left was the inspection of the venue and then recommendations. October of 2017 no Expression of Interest was submitted to the SMC. Richard requested a copy of the submissions, which he received. Still no report about the tracks. Richard took everything on board and made his decision and declared his position in November based on the information present and put before him. Hadn't had a report on the tracks yet, but was well after the date specified.

**Jane Radny:** wasn't an inspection of the tracks, it was an inspection of the venue. We had done what we were asked to do. Are you saying we didn't stick to the timeline?

**Richard:** timeline was by August 2017. Doesn't have a problem with any of it. Decision was made based on the information before him at the time. Richard feels persecuted. Collie 2.5 hours away, what have I got to gain?

**Cara:** This letter is supplied for the members' information. I didn't say that you have a Conflict of Interest, but pointing out that you indicated a vote prior to receiving the Quilty venue report. This letter is nothing personal, it is just stating the facts and was raised as concerns to the SMC. I didn't want to bring it here, but the responses weren't adequate and we didn't have another meeting, and there was no discussion. It doesn't state that Richard has a Conflict of Interest. I took issue to people voting for venues before the process has been agreed on and completed.

**Richard:** this letter is a direct result of the January meeting. Jane put her cases across with absolute fairness.

**Abigail Bartell:** Cara hasn't stated that Richard had a Conflict of Interest, but did state that the vote shouldn't be counted.

**Cara:** only point is that it is difficult to vote on something that is incomplete. The venue reports hadn't been received. How can you vote without all of the information? Feels that Richard didn't have enough information.

**Abigail:** Richard's initial vote was in October. Voting was in January. Doesn't understand that the letter was included in the agenda. The SMC responded but none of that response is recorded in the agenda, but seems a bit one-sided.

**Robert Shaw:** sounds like an SMC should address this.

**Abigail:** at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the SMC identified that we were unsure about Conflict of Interest and who should be doing this. We are in the process of gaining a consultant who can offer governance training for SMC and the Quilty committee so that we can move forward in a positive way. Nobody wants to be writing letters. We are here for the benefit of WAERA and want our club to move forward. We have identified the issues and looking for solutions in a positive way, and that's what Abigail would like.

**Elsje:** do you feel the SMC has addressed this?

**Abigail:** the committee is more than happy to answer any questions. Would like to see us moving forward in a positive way.

**Anne B:** I think perhaps a little bit of airing linen in public isn't a bad thing. We would like to acknowledge there are divisions in the process. People see things differently. Ultimately the membership needs to be reassured that the decision making has been somewhat flawed in some ways. This has ultimately been a vigorous and rigorous discussion and we want to process. We may not be perfect. We're working on it. We believe that the process has resulted in what can be a sound decision for the club and move forward.

**Cara:** it's about raising concerns to establish potential resolution for precedents for future meetings. I saw a problem and raised the issues and was largely ignored. These are the things that we wrestle with all the time. It's about addressing things and making sure that we know how to deal with them.

**Deb Jewell:** wants to add that the emails were ignored. This should not have been in the agenda. A group of us asked for this debate to end in email and it didn't. There were people that didn't respond. None of us had the time to have another meeting.

**Cassie Mulcahy:** just wanted to say that from a member's perspective I find it really reassuring that we have got people trying to hold people accountable and that the decisions

are right. Not that anyone has a preference, but it's reassuring that someone has been asking the questions.

**Anna Erickson:** are general members allowed to attend meetings? Yes. Read the letter and thought about the process. It's about confidence in the committee.

**Ross McCamish:** would suggest that for future Quilties that we do what Anna said, the SMC select the site, the process has been quite sloppy. At the end of the day, when the venue is selected if there are any attachments go to WAERA. With the decision to go to Collie there is a significant amount of sponsorship which is specific to Collie. Given that is WAERAs event from the AERA then it should be WAERAs money. It's to the CRC because they put the submission in. WAERA do have a strong sponsorship package for Collie because of the venue.

**Abigail:** the concept of Conflict of Interest has been bandied about quit at bit at SMC levels. Would like to reassure the members. Result would have been the same. Important to know what is a conflict of interest. We are guided by the WAERA constitution. Which doesn't refer to this situation.

**Ieva:** every time we, as a committee, hold a meeting or make any decision, we must always be aware of declaring a conflict of interest and the perception of a conflict of interest.

**Jane:** is disappointed that Ross has called the process "very sloppy". We did everything that WAERA asked us to do.

**Ross:** the process was sloppy, not the people. The way that we do it needs to be changed.

**Deb Jewell:** the summary was very well done, as well as Jane coming to the meeting.

**Cara:** everyone agrees that what Jane, Ieva and Anne did was comprehensive and was the basis for the decision. Richard voted on a venue before receiving the report.

**Rob Shaw:** in terms of Conflict of Interest, when you have a small group and have a limited numbers of active people it is difficult to be free of a conflict or perceived conflict.

**Anna E:** it is fairly clear that if you are involved in the submission, you do have a conflict of interest and would move that that we have a second vote.

**Deb J:** as a member of CETRC, I had nothing to do with the submission. Didn't know Roseanne put CETRC in the submission had no idea and no input. Personally had nothing to do with that submission.

## **8.2 Correspondence Received from Ieva Peters.**

*To the WAERA members for discussion at the WAERA General Meeting 10th February 2018*

*The following information is supplied for WAERA members WITHOUT PREJUDICE regarding the selection of the Collie Race Course as the venue for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup 2020 at the WAERA State Management Committee meeting held at Williams on the 13th January 2018.*

*Submissions had been received and four sites had been identified as potential venues to hold the Quilty: Collie Race Course, Wagin Sports Ground (same venue as the TQ2014), State Equestrian Centre (Brigadoon), Dryandra Pony Club (Cuballing). At the request of WAERA, a site visit had been carried out by Anne Barnes, Jane Radny and Ieva Peters. Anne, Jane and Ieva have no financial or familial interests in any of the venues.*

*Site visits for Collie, Wagin and Cuballing were carried out on Wednesday 6th December 2017 by Anne, Jane and Ieva. The site visit for the State Equestrian Centre was carried out on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 by Jane and Ieva (Anne was unable to get the time off work). All parties involved in the site visits were very helpful and enthusiastic and we had a great day. The TQ2020 report is available for your information.*

*The report was compiled and sent to the WAERA Secretary on 7th January 2018 and was then distributed to the State Management Committee on 8th January 2018, along with the agenda and other items for discussion for the meeting to be held on 13th January 2018.*

*Specifically included at the end of the report was a definition of a conflict of interest. It must be noted that Conflict of Interest discussions regarding the TQ2020 venue selection were pointed out at the SMC meeting held on 22nd October 2017 and again at the meeting held on 25th November 2017. One SMC member, Richard Jeggo (not present at the 22nd October meeting) voted for Collie as the TQ2020 venue. This is prior to the venue report being compiled and distributed*

*WAERA State Management Committee members present at the meeting held on 13th January 2018 when the TQ2020 venue selection was decided: Deb Jewell (Chair), Ross McCamish, Deb Ryan, Anne Barnes, Rachell Nell, Ieva Peters, Richard Jeggo, Karly Elliott, Abigail Bartell, Terry Sweeney and Caren Earl. Apologies: Carly Arnasson, Cara Allan.*

Jane Radny attended the meeting during the discussion regarding the venue report. Jane was not present during the final voting.

The State Equestrian Centre submission had been withdrawn due to not being able to access the railway reserve.

The Dryandra Pony Club was not considered a serious contender as consent for private property access has been sought, but not confirmed. It was agreed that Dryandra uncertain for 2020, but in the future could be a possibility as it's a great venue.

Collie Race Course and Wagin Sports Ground were then discussed.

Extract from the unratified minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2018 regarding the venue discussion:

**Wagin:** we know the venue and infrastructure. Little required in expenditure. Shire is supportive and will again provide in-kind support which makes them a potential major sponsor. There is no charge for venue hire which will save us thousands. Similar track as previous events with help from Richard Summerfield who will forego riding to ensure the track is done. Enormous local support. Not sure if the Lunts would be involved, but Jane hasn't heard back from them. If Anita and David are not on board, there is not a lot of WAERA people down there. Venue was used in 2014 and would just be a duplication, Shire would be a go to people. Jane has spoken to the eastern states people that came to the event previously, and they would come back and would really enjoy it. One comment was they would prefer to see a competitive finish. Race track could be used for that purpose.

**Collie:** excellent variety of tracks and terrain. Venue needs a lot more infrastructure than Wagin which adds to the costs. Vetting area needs substantial work. Bonus is the CETRC committee, a lot of willing helpers. Excellent sponsorship from Bendigo Bank. Racetrack does allow for a competitive finish and perhaps a greater spectator involvement. Camping sites are reasonably close to the vetting area. Everything would be inside the race course. Consideration of vehicles crossing the racecourse during the ride and would have to be managed. Pony Club area would need to be levelled to accommodate a large marquee.

Abigail: some people were concerned about how far the vetting area was from the campsites at Wagin.

Jane: Collie has some excellent aspects as does Wagin.

Ieva: there was concern from the members at an AGM several years ago about spending money at Collie which needs to be taken into consideration.

Richard: upgrade would be done at the Pony club grounds and not the centre.

Anne: biggest concern about Collie is these things that have to be done. If things weren't done we'd be left high and dry. Wagin is already a venue without any extra work. Major commitment for Collie would have to be done. Need a time line for Collie.

Abigail: has been talking to somebody who does training – governance and project management training. Grant funding application training also. That sort of training would help us to achieve our goals. Teach us the skills.

Anne: Collie would require a driver and project management.

Rachell: how would we separate horses from Qld and NSW Hendra zones? Need a separation of non-vaccinated horses from Qld and NSW, and also a quarantine area.

Ieva: would be a bit of an issue but could be addressed.

Rachell: was concerned about heavy vehicles getting onto the race track and getting bogged. Richard suggested a tractor could be on-site just in case. Jane suggested that some gravel or limestone could also be put in. More expense.

Anne B: vet hospital at Wagin is good, nothing really needed. Collie would need some work to have a suitable treatment area. Swab box is being re-done, apparently. Cannot use a swab box as a treatment area.

Ieva went through the facilities available at Collie. We would need to hire a very large marquee (with a floor) for the presentations, pre-ride brief, dinner/dance (300 people), showers and toilets, lighting

towers, marquees for the vet area and timing gates and vet hospital. Work to be done for an adequate vetting/strapping area for around 100 horses, and the Pony Club grounds would need to be levelled.

Abigail asked for a comparison of tracks. Jane was happy with both tracks, but Collie has more variety. Landowners involved at Collie: Nil. Wagin would be about the same as last time.

Richard Jeggo said Wagin was the easiest Quilty that he had done. Wagin would get a bit boggy if it got too wet. Collie is an all-weather course. Deb J respected the changing

terrain at Wagin, Collie the terrain is consistent. Found the roads were a bit monotonous at Wagin. Would prefer to ride in the bush.  
Jane left the meeting.

Ieva was concerned with a serious Conflict of Interest by some members of the WAERA SMC regarding the submissions received from Collie.  
From the TQ2020 report:

**Definition:**

A conflict of interest is a situation in which an individual has competing interests or loyalties or can be perceived by others as a conflict of interest; a situation that has the potential to undermine the impartiality of a person because of the possibility of a clash between the person's self-interest and professional interest or public interest; a situation in which someone cannot make a fair decision.

The Tom Quilty Gold Cup is the most prestigious endurance event on the Australian calendar and is followed by people around Australia and around the world. It is the showcase event for endurance riding in Australia and the selection of the venue should reflect the importance of this event. The selection of the venue for the event must be made by the WAERA State Management Committee with no conflict of interest and without prejudice. Any SMC member that has been involved with the submissions received from the four venues, therefore cannot make a completely impartial decision based on the merits of the proposed locations and should not be involved in the selection process.

Along with the submission received from Collie, were letters of support for Collie Endurance Trail Riders' Club (CETRC) and the Collie Race Club in their bid to hold the TQ2020 at the Collie Race  
Track from:

- Collie Race Club submission was on behalf of CETRC,
- Collie Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
- State Emergency Service,
- Parks and Wildlife Service,
- Mick Murray MLA,
- Collie Visitor Centre,
- Shire of Collie.

Also, from the 13-page document submitted by Roseanne Pimm, "Expression of Interest to Host the Quilty", p.3:

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Ieva was most concerned with the conflict of interest and recommended that anyone on the SMC that was a member of the CRC, CETRC or the "Collie based Tom Quilty Committee" should be ineligible to vote regarding the selection of the TQ2020 venue as there was obviously a huge conflict of interest. The whole process needs to be fair and transparent. We owe that to the WAERA members. Also, Richard Jeggo voted for Collie on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 (via email) at the SMC meeting (as per the minutes) which was prior to the site visits and the report from Anne, Jane and Ieva was submitted.

Karly: how long is the lease for Collie? We're spending thousands of dollars we need some kind of assurance that we are protected.

Ross: we have the MOU with CRC up until March 2019. Lease is being renewed to the CRC and we negotiate with the Collie Race Club. It's up to the committee. We have a letter from the Shire supporting the MOU. Goodwill carries value. We've already been there for 9 years.

Anne: who will drive the projects at Collie? There is a lot to do. Who will take responsibility for the things that need to be done. Ross is happy to help out. Anne wants some commitments. This is a really crucial part.

Deb R: has been gathering quotes in the past and can continue to do so.

Richard and Ross will commit and make sure that things are done at the Collie Race Club.

Ross has done a lot of work at Collie in the past, including organising the sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank with Deb Ryan.

Anne: doesn't want the Quilty committee to be responsible for any improvements that need to be made as they will have enough to do. Would like someone to take responsibility for things that need to be done.

Deb R: discussion about course person being a competitor. Ieva responded that there must be at least one person (preferably two) available for the duration of the Quilty that knows everything about the course and will be the "go to" person should we have issues. Ieva asked who on the SMC were CETRC members: Deb Jewell, Ross McCamish and Deb Ryan. Richard also decided prior to vote for Collie a couple of meetings ago.

Deb R: feels that she can make a decision that is unbiased. Richard doesn't believe that Ieva's suggestion about a Conflict of Interest is valid. Deb J had no input into the submission from Collie.

Anne asked if Cara and Karly have any preference.

Rachell spoke to Cara on the phone. She would prefer Collie.

Karly Annasson: Collie.

Ross: the best way to confirm that we have an MOU is if we have a Quilty at Collie. It's member's money being spent, so need to be very careful. We haven't asked the members about spending this money. We should be contacting the CRC and Collie Shire about the MOU and confirm things.

Rachell was concerned that we would be spending WAERA's money on a venue that was not ours. Ieva agreed that we must have some sort of reassurance that our investment was safe, and at the moment, didn't feel that was the case. We've already spent around \$38,000.

Voting was as follows:

Rachell: Wagin.

Cara: Collie

Carly: Collie

Karly: Collie

Ross: Collie.

Richard: Collie.

Terry: Collie.

Caren: Collie.

Deb R: Collie.

Abigail: Collie.

Ieva: Wagin.

Deb J: Collie.

Anne: Collie. However, Anne stipulated that Collie should be conditional on there being an on-going Memorandum of Understanding providing us access to the site for the foreseeable future and have an established and dedicated project manager to make sure the improvements, renovations and upgrades are carried out, with milestones and stop/go points by this time next year. If it's not met, all bets are off. Mid-year we need to have the vet ring underway, etc. In six months we need to have certain things confirmed and or in motion. We need to develop a schedule of works and a wish list for what is required for the CRC to be brought up to speed to hold a TQ.

There was then some discussion regarding the date and it was agreed to hold the TQ2020 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

No conflict of interest was declared by Richard Jeggo (who voted for the Collie venue prior to the site report being tabled) or CETRC members Deb Jewell, Ross McCamish and Deb Ryan. The unratified minutes of this meeting were distributed to the SMC members on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018, WAERA SMC member Cara Allan, wrote to the WAERA Secretary and the rest of the SMC and requested an emergency SMC meeting be held prior to the AGM to discuss the voting process, the conflict of interest and her concerns regarding the Collie venue security as the lease/MOU expires soon. Cara also included a document from the Law Society of Western Australia regarding Conflict of Interest. A copy of Cara's letter is elsewhere on the agenda. An SMC meeting was denied as people are busy and there is a short time frame before the AGM, and the WAERA President did not feel that there was a conflict of interest and took umbrage at the suggestion. I fully supported the suggestion of an emergency SMC meeting to discuss these important matters prior to the AGM as I felt that discussing these matters at the AGM would create more disharmony.

Significant improvements must be made to the Collie Race Course to meet the required standards to hold a Tom Quilty Gold Cup event, and no budget has been investigated. Many thousands of dollars would need to be spent to hold a Quilty. Improvements have been discussed at SMC meetings regarding a grassed vetting area, bore and irrigation for WAERA

events. Looking at what would be required for a Quilty (100+ horses) is significantly different to what we would require if the Quilty were not held at Collie.

A meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 between WAERA representatives (Steve French, Carol de Grauw and Deb Symington) and three of the Collie Race Club executive (Roseanne, Graham and Christine). Notes from that meeting state that "any structure placed on the Collie Shire grounds now became an asset of the Collie Shire". At the time, this referred to the ablution block that WAERA put onto the site at WAERA's expense (around \$10,000). I can only assume that the same applies to any improvements like lighting poles, irrigation, bore, levelling and grassing a vetting/strapping area and any other improvements made by WAERA.

At the WAERA Annual General Meeting in 2011 there was considerable discussion by the members' present about the spending at the Collie Race Course to the point where a motion was tabled "that WAERA do not spend any of the member's funds at Collie in 2012." The motion was later withdrawn. The general consensus was that it was up to the WAERA to control the funding.

To date, WAERA has invested \$38,550 at the Collie Race Course.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WAERA and the Collie Race Course expires on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The proposed Western Australian Quilty date is 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

From the current MOU:

**10. Escape Clause:**

*Either party may of their own decision and action withdraw from this MOU provided the party withdrawing provides to the other party three (3) months written notice of their intention to withdraw.*

*At the discretion of the Collie Race Club, WAERA can lose access to the Collie Race Course. Our assets and our future is currently uncertain and we may be asked to leave at any time, with the required three months' notice.*

*The only way that WAERA can secure its investment at the Collie Race Club is to ensure that a long-term, legally binding agreement is established immediately. The WAERA State Management Committee must protect WAERA's assets.*

*To continue to pour funds into the Collie Race Club when we have no guarantee of our future there is unacceptable. The MOU is scheduled for renewal next year.*

*WAERA received a letter from the Collie Shire (signed by Allison Fergie, Director Corporate Services) dated the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 regarding the Collie Race Club lease. The letter states:*

*"While the current lease expires on the 28 February 2019, there is no foreseeable reason for the lease not to be renewed at the expiry of this term. I am not aware of any occasion where Council has declined to renew a lease arrangement to a sporting club or association. Similarly, WAERA can be confident that the MOU for its use of the grounds will be renewed."*

*This is good news. However, what will those lease arrangements be? Will there be an escape clause, as above? Will any other "facility users" be included in the lease? If so, who are they? Will their needs take priority over WAERA's? Will the WAERA maintain its "exclusive use" of the site? How long will the lease be? In my opinion, these questions need to be answered immediately and a lease between WAERA and the Collie Race Course needs to be established before WAERA considers committing any more funds to the site.*

*As a part of the Collie submission, a letter from the Bendigo Bank dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 was included. This was for sponsorship of \$20,000:*

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Mrs Rosanne Pimm  
Quilty 2020 Collie Steering Committee  
PO Box 432  
COLLIE WA 6225

Dear Rosanne

**RE : QUILTY 2020 APPLICATION**

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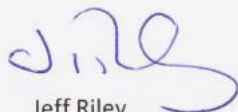
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Yours sincerely



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*This is also great news. The sponsorship dollar is hard to find and Bendigo Bank is very generous and supporting of local events. However, the letter makes no mention of WAERA – the TQ2020 Quilty is a WAERA event sanctioned by the AERA. Who would the sponsorship funds go to? It has been my experience that when a sponsor comes on board for an event, they expect something in return for their \$20,000. What is the “marketing exposure” that Bendigo Bank would require? What was discussed at the Board meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 between the Bendigo Bank and the “Quilty 2020 Collie Steering Committee”? Who are the “Quilty 2020 Collie Steering Committee”?*

Letters of support have been received from the Collie Shire CEO, David Blurton, and Shire President, Cr Wayne Sanford. It has been my experience that having the local Shire Council on board is of great benefit to any Quilty. That support could be buckle sponsorship, use of Council equipment or "work in kind" as was the case at the TQ14 at Wagin. The Bendigo Bank letter states that "It was pleasing also to hear that you have gained positive response, with promised support, from the Collie Shire Council." Yet the two letters received from the Collie Shire make no mention of any promised support. What is the promised support from the Collie Shire?

In conclusion, there are a great many questions to be answered:

- The voting and selection process for the TQ2020 venue was flawed,
- There was not enough research and no budget or time-line regarding the cost of upgrades that would be required for the Collie Race Course to be able to hold the TQ2020 and the expenditure of WAERA money,
- The uncertainty of the lease agreement between WAERA and the Collie Race Course at the present time,
- Clarification of sponsorship conditions and who the sponsorship is being awarded to.

I am perfectly happy to accept the umpire's decision, providing the umpire has all of the information, is above reproach and the decision is fair and transparent. I feel that the decision to hold the TQ2020 at Collie requires considerably more research than has been done to date and the members need to consider that infrastructure installed at WAERA's expense at the Collie Race Club becomes an asset of the Collie Race Club, and not WAERA. There must be no conflict of interest. Therefore, after many sleepless nights, wrestling with my conscience and the WAERA SMC unable to hold another meeting prior to the AGM, I feel the need to bring this matter to the members for discussion. If the membership is satisfied with the current situation and feel that they have all of the information required to make an informed decision and without prejudice, then we move forward to make the Quilty at the Collie Race Club as good as it can possibly be. The members also need to keep in mind that there are other venues available.

Please refer to the motion that I have submitted for discussion and voting.

We must do what is best for WAERA.

Submitted for your consideration and discussion,  
Ieva Peters  
WAERA Lifetime Member, 60445.

## **9. Notices of Motion.**

### **9.1 Conflict of Interest.**

Moved by Cara Allan, Membership No 122014.

Seconded by Ieva Peters, Membership No. 60445.

#### **Motion:**

1. That the Collie Endurance Trail Riders Club (CETRC) members, Collie Race Club members and the members of the Collie Based Tom Quilty Committee be excluded from Tom Quilty 2020 venue selection voting due to conflict of interest.
2. That we (WAERA State Management Committee members) must make 'disclosures of interest' a standard item on the SMC meeting agenda.

#### **Rationale for this motion:**

1. Committee members must not put themselves in a position where there is a conflict between their duties and responsibilities to the association and their personal interests. The Act requires members of the committee to disclose any material personal interest they may have in any contract, or proposed contract, entered into or being considered by the committee. A committee member has a material personal interest when that member has a personal interest in a matter which could be seen to compromise their ability to act in the interests of the association and make an impartial decision. The interest may be financial or non-financial.
2. Disclosures must explain the nature and extent of the interest and be made as soon as the member becomes aware of it. In addition to the above, the member with the conflict of interest must also disclose the nature and extent of their interest in the matter at the next general meeting and State Management Committee meeting of the association. Failure to declare an interest as soon as possible is a criminal offence and could result in a fine if convicted.

### **Discussion:**

**Robert Shaw:** this is an incumbent motion and shouldn't be at a general meeting. No matter how we vote, it doesn't change the law. Would suggest it is an "incompetent" motion.

**Abigail Bartell:** agrees and also mentions in the rationale that it is a criminal offence and could result in a fine. This is incorrect. It is not a criminal offence and there is no fine for an SMC member.

**Cara Allan:** all this information is copied and pasted from the Incorporations Act.

**Abigail:** we are governed by our constitution and on board with that but felt it is misleading.

**Robert Shaw:** a general Tennent is you declare where you believe it to exist. Does not prevent you from voting in a matter before a group.

**Rachell Nell:** from our point of view, we tried to raise it with the SMC. We believe the members should be aware of what is happening. Most people have no idea what is discussed.

**Robert Shaw:** members annual vote and vest in those people to make decisions of the club.

**Deb Ryan:** didn't agree with Rachell.

**Deb Jewell:** minutes go in the newsletter.

**Elsje Brandis:** SMC needs to wait for the process to happen before bringing it to us. Didn't have to come to an AGM.

**Ieva Peters:** this was brought to the AGM as Cara and myself were getting no satisfaction from the SMC regarding this matter.

**Ross McCamish:** motions were received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Constitution says that all notices of motion no less than 29 days before the AGM.

**Robert Shaw:** we are not in the AGM we are the GM. Vote doesn't change the laws. President can declare the motion incompetent or Cara can withdraw the motion.

**Deb Jewell declared the motion "incompetent" and withdrew the motion.**

**Sarah Adams:** wouldn't like us to leave the room without having a learning opportunity. Heartened to hear that governance training is in the pipeline and part of the solution to avoiding potential conflict of interest. Governance issue is not going to go away and we must manage people's perceptions. What we feel personally is irrelevant. We must manage the perception.

### **9.2 WAERA Assets at the Collie Race Club and proposed Quilty Venue Concerns.**

*Moved by Ieva Peters, Membership No. 60445.*

*Seconded by Cara Allan, Membership No. 122014.*

*That the WAERA State Management Committee immediately delay spending WAERA's funds at the Collie Race Course until:*

*a) A comprehensive budget is compiled by WAERA of site works, construction of infrastructure, irrigation, electrical work, or any other expenditure required to ensure that the site would be suitable and meet the standards for the holding of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup, and*

*b) The budget would be required no later than 31st March 2018, and*

*c) That there be no conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise, during the compilation of the budget, voting and approval of expenditure, and would exclude past and present members of CETRC, the Collie Race Club or the Tom Quilty 2020 Steering Committee for Collie and,*

*d) A long-term agreement (by way of a legally binding contract) is reached between the Collie Shire Council, the Collie Race Club and WAERA to ensure WAERA's continued access and use of the Collie Race Course is guaranteed in the long term (i.e. minimum of 20 years), and*

*e) Should (d) not be achieved by 31st April 2018, WAERA will not continue to spend its funds at the Collie Race Course as a proposed venue for the staging of the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup, and should re-visit the use of other, less expensive sites which are more than adequate.*

*Rationale for this motion:*

*WAERA have had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Collie Race Club Inc. for almost 9 years. The MOU expires on 28th February 2019. The proposed Western Australian Quilty date is 27th June 2020.*

*WAERA has spent \$38,550 of members' funds on improvements to the site to date.*

*In September 2011, WAERA representatives met with Collie Race Club executives. WAERA representatives brought up matter of the WAERA assets on the site (ablution block) and were informed that that any structure placed on Collie Shire grounds (Collie Race Course) become an asset*

of the Collie Shire. This is recorded in the minutes of the WAERA SMC meeting held on 15th October 2011 and in notes supplied by the WAERA representatives.

Therefore, all improvements that WAERA has completed at the Collie Race Course now belong to the Collie Race Club and WAERA has no way to retrieve or remove infrastructure or to seek compensation.

From the current MOU:

**10. Escape Clause:**

*Either party may of their own decision and action withdraw from this MOU provided the party withdrawing provides to the other party three (3) months written notice of their intention to withdraw.*

*At the discretion of the Collie Race Club, WAERA can lose access to the Collie Race Course. Our assets and our future is currently uncertain and we may be asked to leave at any time, with the required three months' notice.*

*The selection of the Collie Race Club as the TQ2020 venue was flawed as there is a conflict of interest by at least three members of the WAERA State Management Committee, and no investigation has been done in regard to a budget and the expenditure that will be required to upgrade the site. Any upgrades that are required to be done (and WAERA pays for) then becomes the property of the Collie Shire. The upgrades are significant and would not be necessary if the TQ2020 were not held there.*

*The only way that WAERA can secure its investment at the Collie Race Club is to ensure that a long-term, legally binding agreement is established immediately.*

*To continue to pour funds into the Collie Race Club when we have no guarantee of our future there is unacceptable. The MOU is scheduled for renewal and discussion next year. This is far too long to wait as Quilty preparations need to move forward as soon as possible.*

*It would be prudent for WAERA to seek legal advice regarding this matter.*

*There are other venues available to hold the TQ2020 at considerably less cost.*

**Discussion:**

**Ieva Peters:** is most concerned about the money that will have to be spent at the Collie Race Club to bring it up to the standard required to hold the TQ2020, and that once WAERA pays for any improvements, it then becomes the property of the Collie Shire and the Collie Race Course, not WAERA. Also the uncertainty regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Collie Race Course being renewed: if we spend the money, there is no guarantee that WAERA will still be included and have access to the venue. Don't think that we should move forward without the members being informed of the ramifications of the decision to hold the TQ2020 at Collie and the money that would need to be spent and no budget has been provided. Ieva is OK to hold the TQ2020 at Collie, provided the members are kept informed and the State Management Committee provides the necessary information to make an informed decision. Other venues are available that would not involve so much expenditure. WAERA has spent considerable money on the venue to date. WAERA is down almost \$60,000 in the last two years, according to the financial statements. This money has taken us many years to get together, and didn't happen overnight. We need to be very careful. Making a decision without considering what the cost would be is not good business.

**Ross McCamish:** all the committee members are aware that the MOU and constitution have been hot discussions. Deb Ryan and Ross have been to meetings with the CRC and the uncertainty of the MOU. At the most recent meeting the CRC MOU with WAERA will coincide with their lease expiry which is February next year and the CRC has to, in that period, apply to Council for a further lease of 21 or 25 years. CRC has indicated to us and the Collie Shire that they are happy for WAERA to be party to the MOU again. CRC has indicated that the same time frame would apply to them as it does to the CRC. The MOU does have a 3-month notice period which was put in at the members' request. The next MOU we can have a lock in clause. Can also have an escape clause to be determined by the members. Our commitment at Collie is \$35,000 over ten years which is \$70 per week. We don't have to enter an MOU, but we've been offered an extension. Escape clauses can be modified.

**Carol de Grauw:** can WAERA apply for the lease?

**Ross:** lease is for the CRC as a viable entity. We have to tag along with them.

**Abigail Bartell:** there has been a question about money being spent at Collie. The assets no longer belong to us. Feel that this is a misconception. It is the case that many sporting groups in WA lease their land from the shire and build things on that land and in every case those assets do not belong to the club. Nothing new here. We build something there and we benefit from the use of it. The asset is still available to us. Also the improvements need to be done have been on the radar for a long time.

Since February we have discussed what projects need to be done. Having a Quilty at the venue would probably speed up the time line. Feel that the motion timeline is too short. At the meeting in January the SMC discussed all of these things. We need to make a decision about moving ahead or going somewhere else.

**Deb Jewell:** Richard Jeggo and Ross McCamish are part of the working party.

**Peter Erickson:** it's a double edge sword. The success of the Quilty at Collie is not certain until a lot of infrastructure is put in place. As it sits today, I have to say no. In the future with infrastructure, yes. Is it better if we keep Collie and invest, then we decrease our workload over time, yes. Nice to rock up and enjoy the weekend without having to rebuild it every time. I do have reservations about how well protected we are. Don't believe the CRC or Shire have offered us security. Has asked a number of times what is the view of the Collie Shire and what is the view of the CRC. We've never been given a good security over our assets. Have seen work done and been denied access to it. Have reservations about putting the assets in without a much stronger recognition. Seems to be that the CRC was on its death knell and had WAERA in there and we did a lot of work, looked better, they then said "p\*\*\* off" WAERA and you're in our road.

**Ross:** never said that.

**Peter:** until we see a much greater and in writing extension of support and recognition from the Shire and CRC, I don't want to see us build there. If we don't build there, then why is the Quilty being held there?

**Rachell Nell:** all we're asking for is security.

**Robert Shaw:** unfortunate that the lease will expire next year.

**Jane Radny:** there is some assurance from the Collie Shire. In good faith letter.

**Sarah Adams:** in the present climate I am inclined to vote in favour of this motion and would it help Ross and Deb Ryan if there is a motion from this meeting to invite the MOU that is brought forward. Ask the question. If the CRC and the Shire are keen to support the Quilty to extend or reassure that our investment will be protected.

**Anna Erickson:** need a letter or a contract that would hold water.

**Chris Haddon:** we're talking about our asset. How much do we have to spend?

**Richard Jeggo:** we all have concerns. The question now is not the MOU, is how much it's going to cost to put the Quilty on. We already have some figures. We have potentially a \$20,000 start. So where is the problem? We're not going to blow it.

**Deb Ryan:** we've been riding from there for 30 years. We've all benefited, including last minute rides. Got to maintain our venue. We use the venue more than the Race Club. What's wrong with putting the money into the venue?

**Anne Barnes:** the only thing that is wrong is if we don't retain access to it. Can we ask the question?

**Robert Shaw:** could be central to the government sale of the TAB. The MOU is likely. Do we have to do much before the MOU is signed?

**Richard:** we do have to spend some money. We have to do the vet ring now which is \$4,000 which has been on the agenda for a while.

**Elsje Brandis:** important factor is the misconception that a MOU gives you any guarantee. It is not a legally binding document, it is an MOU. According to the vote, the CRC would have been chosen anyway.

**Ieva:** Exactly! We should have more faith in the system and follow the proper protocols. The voting result would have been the same and declaring a Conflict of Interest would have been the proper procedure.

**Abigail:** suggested that Ieva change the (d) section of the motion.

**Ross:** volunteered to guarantee that the MOU will be renewed by February 2019 or he will refund the money, less his expenses and time.

### **Lunch break 1.50pm to 2.30pm.**

**Abigail:** Want to find out what we need. WAERA needs to get the quote and prepare the time line.

**Deb Symington:** as a small club, can we have a forward plan on raising funds. Our ride fees seem to be not covering our expenses. Maybe there can be some avenues to get in cash sponsorship. Is there another way of raising funds?

For the sake of clarity and fairness, Ieva agreed to split the motions individually for the voting process. Ieva also agreed to change the time frame on (b) and withdraw (c). Conflict of Interest issues are to be addressed at SMC level.

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Peter Erickson counted the votes.

**Voting:**

**Yes – 27 (including 6 proxy votes)**

**No – 16**

**Motion is passed.**

- b) The budget would be required no later than 31st ~~March~~ **May** 2018, and

Peter Erickson counted the votes.

**Yes – 27 (including 6 proxy votes)**

**No – 16**

**Motion is passed.**

- ~~c) That there be no conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise, during the compilation of the budget, voting and approval of expenditure, and would exclude past and present members of CETRC, the Collie Race Club or the Tom Quilty 2020 Steering Committee for Collie and,~~
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Peter Erickson counted the votes.

**Yes – 10 (including 6 proxy votes)**

**No - 21**

**Motion was lost.**

- e) Should (d) not be achieved by 31st April 2018, WAERA will not continue to spend its funds at the Collie Race Course as a proposed venue for the staging of the 2020 Tom Quilty Gold Cup, and should re-visit the use of other, less expensive sites which are more than adequate.

**As (d) of the motion was lost, lewa withdrew (e).**

**9. WAERA Honorary & Lifetime Membership 2018.**

Nil.

**10. General Business.**

**10.1 TryBooking.**

*Over the course of 2018 we will be trialing a new system for receiving ride entries for WAERA rides this season.*

*The system is online and is called Trybooking. You can create and promote event pages that are fully customisable. It will save a significant amount of time by tracking entries (sales), processing refunds, allocating volunteers, downloading entrants information and linking to social media. It also has the capacity to run reports and analytics on data collected from ride entries which will allow WAERA to make decisions on future rides and training, like the clinic.*

*If anyone would like to test drive the new easy to use booking system, the link is below:*

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=4846>

*The first ride to on the calendar to use this system for ride entries will be the Easter Marathon.*

*Once the booking system is up and running everyone will receive notification via email and Facebook.*

**10.2 Merchandise Report.**

*The Big Cartel WAERA shop is up and running with 37 orders and over \$5,000 transacted through the site to date. The shop allows payment via credit card and PayPal, which is used in conjunction with direct deposit into the WAERA bank account.*

*While moving from having stock on hand to placing orders for merchandise that has been pre-paid for requires more effort initially, it has avoided storing large quantities of stock that does not move. There are still large amounts of old stock available to purchase.*

*Have discounted the old rugby jumper and sports polo in an effort to move the stock, however there is still currently \$580 across 66 discounted items remaining of this old stock. This does not include the 401 accessory items i.e. stickers, hats, beanies, drink bottles, stubby coolers etc. that we currently have on hand, totaling \$3,079 RRP.*

*A new merchandise order will be placed on the 5th of March 2018. There has been a post put on Facebook and Blast sent out to members.*

*Cheers,  
Cara Allan*

### **10.3 Other Matters for Discussion.**

- Huge thank you to Sue Howell for doing the newsletter for the last couple of years. Carly Elliott is now doing this job.
- Cara has taken over the sponsorship and prizes for rides. She has also written two articles that will be coming out in the Arabian Horse News and another in Equestrian Life magazine. Thanks to Carly and Karly for taking on this job in the past.
- Liz Mulcahy asked on behalf of Lyn Summerfield: wanted to know why the Quilty was being held in June at Collie. Deb J: some people hope to achieve the big 3 – State Champs, Marathon and Quilty. First event of the big three. Not so much rain and fog at that time of the year and the height of the Collie River will be OK. Liz asked if WAERA doing an award for the big 3 for 2020 or for all the time?
- Karen Karlovsky mentioned that at our presentation night last year, the HW trophies are looking a bit sad. Should we look at updating them? Karen has some amazing trophies that she can use. Cara and Karen will have a chat about this.
- Junior Trophy: end of year award for members for 40km and 20km for members. Agenda item for the next WAERA meeting for discussion.
- Jane Radny: asked if people are interested in pursuing the 100% completion awards at the end of year awards. Doesn't have to be a prize. Can be a certificate or a badge. Also another award for the horse. Jane will send the information to Rachell for the SMC to discuss.
- Joanne van Uden: should award first second and third at the end of year awards. Or a runner up. For discussion at an SMC meeting.
- Cassie Mulcahy: can we make sure the end of year awards that there is 1,000km successful completion award. Deb Jewell will chase this up.

**11. Meeting Closed:** 3.20pm.