DressageSA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2025 YEAR



April 2026

Dear Members and Council

2025 was a year of ups and downs. On a positive note, with generous sponsorship from Toyota, we were able to arrange an international event against Japan, and for the first time, local riders were awarded Protea Colours for competing on local soil. Toyota was also responsible for another first for dressage, in that they sponsored a Starlet Cross as a prize for the higher levels at SA Champs. Candice Hobday was the very lucky winner of this car.

I would like to thank Toyota for raising dressage to a new level with this amazing sponsorship.

I would also like to thank all of our other sponsors for their continued support throughout the year.

On the down side we did notice that while the big shows were generally well supported, entries at the smaller shows were very much down. It is hard to gauge whether this is due to financial constraints or other factors.

The judge's committee has been very busy with seminars and promotions. This will be covered in Sylvia Bruckner's report; thank you Sylvia for everything you contribute, your knowledge is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all of the national judges for their hard work and many exams that they had to adjudicate as well as judging.

Thanks to all the organizing committees of the shows. You become more and more professional with the huge demands made on you. We all know what a tough job you face.

Debbie and Peter in the office, as the face of DSA you are invaluable, and Carol Oberem, our treasurer, thanks for everything.

Thank you to the committee members around the country, your work and input is greatly appreciated.

Last but not least thank you to my Exco, I could not function without you. Elana, Belinda Carol, Angie and Sylvia.

2026 is once again proving a tough year with the international situation. I wish all members safety and prosperity and hope to see you out there competing.

Dianne Smith
President