WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

Date: 20 April 2026

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Dear Madam / Sir

PRESIDENT'S REPORT WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

I refer to the abovementioned matter and wish to report on 2025 as set out herein.

The year saw another slight decline in Membership Numbers in the Western Cape, but we are hopeful that the numbers will increase in the next couple of months to where it was previously. I suspect that it will increase should we bid for SA Champs in 2027 as this seems to be a huge determining factor in membership numbers.

We are very fortunate to have a string of professional riders and the best coaches in the country, as well as the SA Adult and Medium Champion in our Province and have seen some senior riders relocating from Gauteng who competes horses in Medium Tour and Big Tour.

Furthermore, the outer regions of the Western Cape is doing very well resulting in us awarding the DSA Challenge to a new venue, Robberg Equestrian Club in Plettenberg Bay. We have also seen a revival at Stellenbosch District Riding Club and Dejavu Equestrian Estate in George. Europa Equestrian Estate in Malmesbury hosted excellent shows as always. The Western Cape hosted 3 large shows that were all well attended and enjoyed by the riders which included a Freestyle Series and Western Cape Championships held at Europa, the DSA Challenge at SDRC and Western Cape Championships at Mistico Equestrian Centre.

With the dedication of Sylvia Brückner and Chanda Bailey paying off (we are extremely fortunate to have her), it has yet again been a busy and exciting year for our judges, constantly supported by the Council's investment and commitment to develop and improve our Judges in the Western Cape.

Committee Members: Elana Hopkins (President), Luzaan Slabbert (Vice-President), Suzie Michaelides (Treasurer) Armin Fritz (Development and Transformation), Jade Kirkbride (Public Relations and Communication); Chanda Bailey (Judges and Officials), Anja Lourens (Athlete's Representative), Anlé Hattingh (Teams Selection and Awards), Sally Knittle (Show Holders and Venues)
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We are looking forward to a wonderful 2026.

Kind regards,
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ELANA HOPKINS
PRESIDENT