

ANNUAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION



# EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA RECOGNITION AWARDS PROPOSAL

The Equine Pathways Australia Recognition Awards have been instituted by the Board and management of EPA to acknowledge attributes and outstanding contributions to and by EPA participants, connections and supporters during each twelve-month period.

This is our way to honour and show appreciation for the people who have helped to make EPA the strong and growing organisation it is, recognising a variety of contributors and attributes. Details of the awards are outlined below:

### THE EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA AWARD

**About:** This award is for the EPA participant who achieves the best and most consistent results across the course of the year in competition, whether it be at local, state, or national level.

**Nomination/Selection:** This will be open to nominations from riders, coaches, and EPA management to provide results from the year January to December. The PEM and EPA coaches will review all nominations and make a recommendation for the EPA Board.

# THE EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA FOUNDERS MEDAL

**About:** This award recognises the rider who has made the most significant improvement over the year showing improved skills and confidence across all areas both on and off the horse.

**Nomination/Selection:** Candidates for this award will be nominated by the coaches in each State and a recommendation provided by the PEM for the Board.

# THE EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA TROPHY

**About:** For the participant who is always supportive of others, contributes to the overall success of EPA and has been judged to have made the most significant contribution to the health, well-being and improvement of the organisation and its participants, and exhibits attributes in keeping with the Equine Pathways Australia culture of support and growth. The recipient of this trophy is a Role model for other participants. They volunteer their time freely and go above and beyond in any role that they take on and support all other participants to develop and grow.

**Nomination/Selection:** EPA will openly call for nominations for this award and it is directed towards active participants in the EPA Program. The Board in consultation with the PEM will select the recipient of this award.

#### THE EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA CUP

**About:** This award recognises the person who has made a significant contribution to the development of athletes with a disability in equine sports. It may be a coach, volunteer, athlete, allied health provider or other supporter and is to acknowledge and reward the person whose efforts behind the scenes show true passion for the development and growth of the organisation and its mission.

**Nomination/Selection**: EPA will openly call for nominations for this award and it is directed towards non-rider participants in the EPA Program. The Board in consultation with the PEM will select the recipient of this award.



# THE EQUINE PATHWAYS AUSTRALIA HP MEDALLIONS

**About:** The High-Performance Medallions recognise when EPA riders/officials/grooms/owners/horses are selected onto an Australian Team for World Championships or Paralympic Games. The medallions are designed to be worn on competition wear and other attire and will be presented every two years following the Championships. Medallions will be accompanied by a framed certificate.

### **RVL / OTT AWARD**

**About:** The award is sponsored by Racing Victoria Limited and recognised the Off the Track thoroughbred and it's rider who have shown:

- · Competition results
- Personal development
- · Improvement in training
- · Contribution to the EPA program

**Nomination/ Section:** EPA will openly call for nominations for this award and it is restricted to participants riding thoroughbreds in the EPA Program. The PEM, in consultation with representatives of Racing Victoria Limited, will make a recommendation to the EPA Board.

#### THE RUCHED AWARD

**About:** Ruched Award – This award recognises the Horse within the EPA program which has performed in Clinics / Competitions beyond expectations.

The award is in honour of the exceptional "Ruched" campaigned by Luke Eaton. The award is donated by the Eaton family.

# THE EPA VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

**About:** This award recognises the person who has made a significant contribution to the EPA program including day to day involvement, clinic days and competition. The award is to acknowledge and reward the person whose efforts behind the scenes show true passion towards the athletes and the horses.

**Nominators:** EPA will openly call for nominations for this award and it is directed towards rider and non-rider participants in the EPA Program.

#### **CIL DARA COSMIC AWARD**

**About:** This award recognises the person who has made a significant contribution to the EPA program including day to day involvement, clinic days and competition. The award is to acknowledge and reward the person whose efforts behind the scenes show true passion towards the athletes and the horses.

**Nominators:** EPA will openly call for nominations for this award and it is directed towards rider and non-rider participants in the EPA Program.