



ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025



FROM OUR CEO

In my last annual report, I stated that we as an organisation had begun a long battle to remain part of the Perth landscape, had many challenges to review programs and processes to remain a viable entity into the future. In 2024/5 we have certainly begun to meet these challenges head on. In my 8th year my role has now been split to not only look after the day to day running of the centre but also to now include strategy and design planning for our eventual move of premises. Post the Feb 25 announcement by the WA Premier that the Government would support our move to a new premises to the tune of \$10.6 million we are now all systems go on the move and a fair majority of my time and that of our President, Xander van Beusekom, is now spent working with officials from the Dep't of Health and Dep't of Finance & Infrastructure on moving through the design process from conceptual last year to schematic design this year and final design and budget by the end of 2025. From this shall hopefully come a new premisses with updated office, kitchen, meeting and toilet facilities, 28 day stables, 22 large yards with shelters, a new covered 70 x 30 arena, an outdoor 60 x 20 arena, a pony paddock and a horse paddock. All in a design that is both human and horse friendly and makes the most of the available space and will provide us with a workable facility for many years to come. Moving through this process we are already aware of probable budget constraints and that some portions of the development may come back to us to fund their completion and that some specs of the build may have to change due to budget constraints. A fine balancing act will be a constant of the next 12 months.

Our current lease has been extended until we are ready to move which is currently forecast for 2027 which gives us security of tenure for the time being. The downside of this plan is that we are not looking to upgrade any of current facilities and are basically now in a "active maintenance" role of all current facilities and fingers crossed the rapidly aging facilities remain workable until we move.

In the past year we have continued our partnership with the OTT (program of RAWWA) we have 5 sponsored OTT horses in training and they also supported us in the maintenance program of the stable yard with the installation of dividing rubber and continued Murdoch dental program for our OTT and other horses. We continue our own Sponsor a Horse program which has expanded from 12 to now 24 sponsored at the end of June which is a very pleasing result.

With the ageing population of our school horses and the unfortunate loss of favourites Arnold and Oscar this past year we are always on the lookout for suitable replacements and whilst a couple of younger big horses were purchased this year for the future the need for ponies especially who can come straight into the school is foremost in our searching. Whilst our future planning energies are directed to moving to the new site, we continue to be under pressure to provide more services on our current site. Our current waitlist totals remain over 200 for our 3.30pm integrated beginners group, 37 able riders and 133 riders with a disability. With these numbers in mind, we have introduced supervised volunteering for clients with a disability on our waitlist and also now suggest "pat & groom" visits to clients on our waitlists as well. As a Board we have also looked at expanding our centre program to include an on the ground training program as a way to encompass a changing clientele and to relive pressure on the current waitlist and I believe this is an inevitable and logical addition to our current program offering.

FROM OUR CEO

On the work front we were very fortunate to have had "Scottish Kirsty" as a casual instructor that relieved the pressure on M'liss and is super help to Alex in the yard. We have also added casual afternoon stable hands to help keep the flow of the afternoon lessons. Continuing pressure on our riding numbers and having the ability to take on new riders is an important challenge that we carry into our remaining time on our current site and into the new site. This year we also farewelled Dominique Jauffrett as our Friday instructor and thank Dom for her many years of service and wish her a long and happy retirement "down south". We now welcome Cindy Black into the Friday role and we continue to search for an additional permanent coach to join the team.

In February of 25 we were delighted and proud that M'liss once again had been nominated for a State award – this time Community Citizen of the Year.

In our extra-curricular activities, we also saw our Pony Club members complete a range of activities including Rallies, PC National Video Dressage Competition and an outing to Perth Horse & PC Show where they competed in Hacking, Jumping and Dressage. We look forward to completing another round of Pony Club certificates later this year.

On the back of SO Equestrian activities being placed into suspension for the 12 months our riders have been integrated into the Pony Club program and in recent months there have been mutterings from SO National that there is a possibility that the sport will be reinstated in time for the 2026 Nationals. On to our annual WADSA Gymkhana in November where we invite our clients and their families to come along and take part in 5 pre-set individual games set up in the Indoor. This is always a great community event and it's lovely to see family members watching their relative ride, maybe have a go themselves and then all get together to enjoy a BBQ lunch. Our able clients are our volunteers for the day and get just as much out of the day as the clients do.

You will see from the Treasurers Report that we made a small profit this year by a raise again in Able fees, our spending/expenses were down and again our camps were strong. With a small decline in NDIS riders, we have seen a \$20,000 decline in NDIS income. Our small profit this year was also bolstered by the introduction of a new Annual Admin Fee of \$125 for all clients saw an additional \$12,000 in income which helped towards our \$19,000 surplus.

In 24/5 Tonia Bates continued in a voluntary capacity as Volunteer Coordinator and my assistant as well helping in all admin areas in the office. Our core group of volunteers are a fantastic asset and fabulous to know they will be there week after week as unfortunately new Volunteers are not as reliable. Like our clients it is a growing area within CTRC and we are currently receiving just as many volunteer enquiries as we are riding. Turning these enquiries into actual applications and then inductions and then a weekly roster seems to be a challenge. This year we processed paperwork for 37 new volunteers of which only 9 remain with us. An obvious area that we need to work on when we rely upon up to 60 volunteers to show up each week. Volunteers come from many walks of life including retirees, uni students, schoolwork experience, special ed students, semi retirees, teenagers, etc. The hardest part is that Volunteers, unlike employees, think that it's not a problem to not show up which can make it difficult for our teams on a daily basis.

We move into 25/26 year busier than ever with the same enthusiasm and commitment to all our clients and their riding goals as we have had in years gone by but added to the forefront of work in the year ahead once again will be our move to the new premisses, the search for more staff, horses and the possibility of introduction of new innovative on the ground program that is complimentary and not invasive of our current riding program to help relieve our wait-list and bring in more income to the centre.

For me personally a huge thanks to M'liss and Alex for putting up with my ideas and timetabling of clients. To our additional coaches, Cindy, Dom & Kirsty, as well as our afternoon stable hands, Eloise, Hayley and Lily, a very big thank you. And to all our valued Volunteers – we certainly can't do what we do without you all.

Lastly to our very supportive Board we look forward to conquering the challenges that lie ahead of us in the coming year.

Jacqui Moon
Chief Executive Officer
Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre



CTRC STATS FROM 2024/25

Overall 23/24 & 24/25

23/24	80 NDIS & 87 Able	24/25	69 NDIS & 84 Able
23/24	Volunteers 58	24/25	Volunteers 59
23/24	Waitlist Total 419	24/25	Waitlist Total 404



2024/25 Detailed

Work Experience Able:	7
Work Experience Disabled:	7
Volunteers Added:	37 of which 9 still on roster at end of year.
New Riders Total:	49: 21 Disabled & 28 Able
Still riding at end term:	12 Disabled & 8 Able

Waitlist Stats:

Disabled:	133	First Ridden:	20
Integrated Beginners:	214	Volunteers WL:	26
Volunteer enquiries:	20 per week	Rider enquiries:	21 per week

FROM OUR HEAD COACH

Once again, as I say each year, I so appreciate being surrounded by such a wonderful group of people who help make CTRC what it is today. It has been 53 years since I began the centre and what we have achieved is truly a testament to the hard work of everyone involved along the way and I am eternally grateful to you all. My role as Head Coach is both challenging and rewarding. Our riders range stretches from complete beginners through to those competing at a high level and I enjoy working with them all to help them achieve their goals. With a move to new premises now a reality we now have the added task of designing all the facilities for the new premises.

Our usual sponsors including OTT WA have again been very generous this year and I thank them all. I would also like to say a big thank you to our very generous horse community who have again donated rugs, saddle blankets, horses and plenty of other equipment. This year I was honoured to be named as a finalist in the WA Senior Citizen of the Year which in reality is also a huge testament to everyone who has helped me with my vision for this place and the work that we do here. Moving into 25 and I was also nominated for WA Community Citizen of the year.

Our Pony Club group onsite is growing and we hope to take them out to several competitions this year. On a disappointing note, it seems for the time being that Special Olympic equestrian is in suspension for this year and we wait to see if it will be rekindled in the coming 12 months. This year we have seen the retirement of Dom Jauffrett who has been our Friday coach for many years. We wish Dom all the best for her retirement down south and our very own Cindy Black has taken over Dom's Friday lessons. It has also been a great help to myself and Alex to have Kirsty on hand this past 12 months – she is such a jack of all trades and great girl to go with it.

And of course, my thanks to the core support of Alex, Jacqui, Kirsty, Dom, Hannah and Tonia – I would simply be lost without them, and of course our very supportive Board led by the amazing Xander van Beusekom.

I look forward in the coming year to helping create the vision for the new version of CTRC and continuing to provide this essential and social service that we do to the wider Perth community and to many more years where we will continue to support riders of all abilities – an opportunity for any one, any age, any ability to reach their goals.

M'liss Henry, Head Coach
Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After years of uncertainty, I can now honestly say that there is serious progress in regards of our move across the road.

But let me go back to the end of 2024 when there was still a lot of uncertainty who would pay for the move. It was great to hear that in February 2025 the Labor Government included the relocation cost in their election promise. And after their election success, they did not wait to push the project forward!

By April 2025 we had the first meeting with Cox Architects that took the existing Master Plan and started working through the details, making sure that the overall idea would actually work and be in line with all legislation. It was good to see that not much had to be changed from the original Master Plan.

Moving on from the Master Plan also meant that we were not just looking at the layout of the new place, but also the materials including Arena Base and stable types. To be able to provide detailed input in the design, M'liss, Hannah, Jacqui and myself took a trip into the Swan Valley to look at various options. All our inputs were incorporated in the Schematic Design that we received for review in July. Other topics that were looked at were existing (buried) infrastructure, bushfire risk, arboricultural survey, fire risk, design requirements and legislation, retic, water connections and so much more.

The architect is now working on the final tweaks on the detailed design drawings. A small window into the new look of our entrance/office/kitchen/mounting block (AKA The Hub) is provided in the image below.

At the moment we are still on schedule to start construction mid 2026, with the move expected to be complete Q1/Q2 2027.

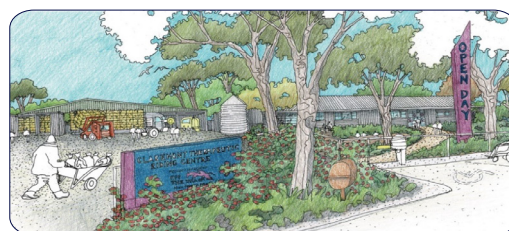
I can also report that the Lease of our current site has been extended until the end of 2027 and we are already working on the lease of the new premise.

It was also time this year to review and update our Policies and Procedures, to make sure we are still compliant with regulations. Many thanks to Beth Marchbank who went through all our procedures. We are currently working on the final updates, and we should be good for the next few years.

I would like to thank M'liss, Jacqui, Hannah, Tonia, Cindy, Kirsty and all the volunteers at the Centre for their endless support and enthusiasm in keeping the Centre going! And of course, also all the Board Members who work behind the scenes to keep the Centre on track.

Cheers

Xander van Beusekom
President
Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre



VOLUNTEER WITH US

At CTRC we rely on the generosity of volunteers in order to operate and as a close-knit family, we are always looking for more long-term volunteers who are passionate about our centre to help on a consistent basis. We are an approved provider for community service with a number of educational institutions, as well as centrelink, and many of these volunteers choose to stay with us past their mandatory community service period.

Volunteering not only helps us, but it can be highly rewarding for the volunteers. Our volunteers say they get a therapeutic experience from simply being in our slice of country. The involvement in helping a rider grow in competency, mentally and physically is an invaluable and enriching experience.

Head to our website: claremonttherapeuticridingcentre.org.au/how-you-can-help/ to read more.

ABOUT CTRC

Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre (CTRC) provides horse riding for therapy, sport, recreation and training for children and adults of all abilities. With a focus on inclusion and participation, CTRC is striving to provide the best facilities, horses and well trained staff possible. Riders with disabilities receive world class riding tuition and therapy at a highly subsidised rate.

Established in 1972, 20 years later, on November 2, 1992 the Centre became incorporated and known as the Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre Inc. It is the longest running organisation in WA providing riding for people with disabilities.

Lessons provide both therapy and learning experience for the participating riders (psychologically as well as physically). Our qualified coaches (Equestrian Australia, AHRC, CTRC Accredited) are trained to work with a wide variety of disabilities: cerebral palsy, autism, hearing, vision and intellectual impairment, multiple sclerosis, acquired brain injury and paraplegia.

Quality of life is improved by participation in a sporting activity that provides therapeutic and recreational benefits that are both mentally and physically stimulating; it allows people with disabilities to be active participants, not just observers. Social contact and involvement with the community is an important aspect of our Centre.

Once participants have reached an accepted standard, we endeavour to integrate our riders into other equestrian environments such as pony clubs, adult riding clubs, trail riding, dressage competitions and ultimately Para and Special Olympics. Two of our riders have since competed in the 2015 & the 2019 Special Olympics.

Such is the Centre's work with people with disabilities that in 1992, the Centre won the Community Event of the Year in the Australia Day awards. The Centre's Head Coach, M'liss Henry, was awarded Citizen of the Year for her efforts in the specialised field, an Order of Australia medal in 2008 and was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2019.



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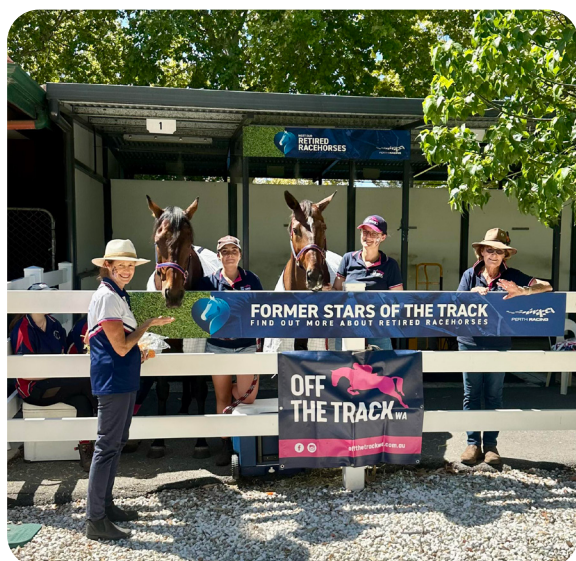
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024/2025

- 19th July Kate Chaney visited and presented us with a Federal Government Grant
- 7th August Paint and Sip at Bay Road Collective
- 22nd September Barney's Award
- 7th November Australian of the Year - Awards Ceremony
- 17th November Outing to Perth Horse and Pony Club
- 30th November Annual WASJA Gymkhana
- 14th December Pony Club Certificates
- 8th February Annual Vellie Training Day
- 21st February Media Release re Government Grant to help rebuild the centre
- 22nd March OTT WA appearances at Ascot
- 28th March Goodby to Dominique Jauffret
- May M'liss awarded Community WA Person of the Year
- 14th June Annual Sponsors Morning
- Containers for Change for 24/5 total \$1458.52



2024/25 CTRC BOARD

President	Xander van Beusekom
Vice President	Hannah Henry
CEO	Jacqui Moon
Chief Coach	M'liss Henry
Treasurer	Greg Bunney
Secretary	Carolyn Finch
General Members	Alison Young
	Yvonne Ardley
	Belinda Von Knoll
	Louis Nilant



SPONSOR A HORSE PROGRAM

In 2024/2025 we continued the "Sponsor a Horse Program" whereby a horse can be supported by either individuals or businesses for a 12 month period for \$1000. Sponsors receive a poster of their sponsored horse, which is also placed on the ponies stall, are acknowledged on our FB page, newsletter and website and also receive a tax deductible receipt. This continues to be a popular way for individuals to engage in supporting our centre. We look forward to more organisations, businesses and families to this program in the coming years.



2024-25 FINANCIAL REPORT

CTRC Treasurer's Report for the period 01/07/2024 to 30/6/2025

This year proved to be a profitable one as our surplus of \$19,805 increased by \$9,382 from the previous year. This was an excellent result given that in the previous year we received a one-off donation of \$45,000. This increase in surplus was mainly a result of a decrease in our cost of sales.

The surplus was after a non-cash expense of \$11,638 was allowed for Depreciation.

Income for the year actually decreased to \$533,290 compared to \$547,426 in the previous period. As previously noted, there was a one-off donation of \$45,000 in the previous period. There was an excellent increase in Able Fees of \$45,180. We also benefited from the new annual fee payable by riders which totalled \$12,500. Fees from Day Camps and Agistment also improved however our fees from NDIS Disabled and Donations fell.

Our Cost of Sales of maintaining direct expenses with the horses fell quite significantly by \$24,802. Whilst the cost of horse feed was up by \$8,710, farrier and vet costs were down by \$3,677 and \$11,691 respectively. We also only purchased additional horses to the value of \$15,272 compared to \$30,029 the previous year.

Other expenditure was in line with last year, even though our total employment costs increased by \$8,574. We had an increase in casual wages of \$25,402 to provide additional staff to assist M'liss and Alex in preparation of the riding lessons. This increase was offset in that we had provided \$13,850 for Long Service Leave benefits for our employed staff in the previous period.

Insurance premiums decreased by \$4,141, Donations and sponsorship by \$5,155 (we had a once of cost last year of \$6,000 to a consultant to prepare a business plan). Motor Vehicle costs increased by \$4,444 as we had significant services to some of the vehicles.

Our cash on hand sits at a very healthy \$523,830 and our net worth is \$346,924. Given our future move to new premises cash will be needed to refurbish and meet other costs.

We have budgeted for a surplus of \$11,502 for this financial year.

Greg Bunney
Treasurer
Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre



OUR MAJOR SPONSORS

We are completely thrilled that this list is a long one - we have been blown away with the support and thank our major sponsors dearly.

- Perth Equine Hospital
- Lotterywest
- Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries
- Off The Track WA (RWWA)
- All our sponsors of our Sponsor a Horse Program
- Saddlery Brands International - Wintec
- Techworks
- Telethon

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Horses on their summer break at the farm.



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