



In memory of Di Pieterse
25 September 1952 – 27 May 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of our founding directors, and dear friend, Diane (Di) Pieterse.

As the Equestrian Qualifications Authority of Southern Africa NPC (EQASA) and the rest of the equestrian sector takes the necessary time to process this profound loss, we would like to remember the major influence that Di had within the equestrian and equine sectors.

Di had an admirable 59 years' experience in the equestrian and equine field that extended across instruction, stable and yard management and competitive riding. As one of our founding directors, she played a significant role in the setting of standards for career qualifications related to the equine and equestrian industry. Di's contributions to the equestrian landscape in Southern Africa are unparalleled and her passion, commitment and vision to establish a leading framework for equestrian coaches and development of all career paths in the equine and equestrian industry left a lasting legacy that EQASA are proud to continue.

She held a seat on the original Standards Generating Body for Sport and subsequently initiated the formation of the Standards Generating Body for Equine Management and Equestrian Instruction. She chaired this group since its inception and since, more than 84-unit standards and five qualifications have been registered with the South Africa Qualifications Authority (SAQA). She further chaired the follow-on committee for Community of Expert Practitioners (CEP) for the drafting of the three levels of new Equestrian Coach / Instructor qualifications for registration with SAQA. Her commitment to setting of standards and resultant writing of qualifications now spans South African National Qualifications Framework levels one to seven.

At EQASA, Di's legacy will continue to guide our work and her positive influence will be felt for many years to come. We will continue to honour her commitment and vision for the sector through maintaining her high standards towards equestrian and equine education.

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Di's family and friends, our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you come to terms with Di's passing.

A memorial service will be held to honour Di's legacy at Maple Ridge Farm, Gauteng on 14 June 2022 at 10:00. Please bring a small plate of snacks and join us there. Enquiries regarding the service may be directed to Kim at gauteng@sanip.org.za.

