



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 Council of Equine and Equestrian Professionals (CEEPSA) 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 motto, *'it's all about the horse'*, is deeply entrenched in CEEPSA's organisational values and we will continue to honour this through all our work and throughout all of our programmes.

At CEEPSA, 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 pay tribute to her commitment and vision for the sector through maintaining her high standards towards equestrian and equine education and professionalism and through the groundbreaking CEEPSA Equity Programme which will be named in her honour.

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 honor 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 this service may be directed to Ms Kim Hughes at gauteng@sanip.org.za.

A further memorial service will be held in George, Western Cape at a date yet to be announced. Details of this service will be published on our website and social media pages when they are available.

