



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

May 2018

Hi Everyone,

Recently a good friend and coach asked me how many riders I had produced from beginner dressage riders to successful competition riders. I started to think of many and was informed I had indeed produced many more than the average coach (with the exception of Jessica Willard who came to HVEC already competing Elementary, and ended up competing Grand Prix). Some of these riders have achieved the prestige of Young Rider Squad status.

I really love coaching and have been a coach for many years now. When I returned from training in Austria and Germany in 1983, I studied for my EA Level 1 General exam, then my Level 2 Dressage exam, and finally attained my EA Level 3 Dressage Specialist certification.

I am continuously learning more through riding at Grand Prix level on Rubenesque and Advanced/Prix St George level of Rionnarc and I enjoy passing on my knowledge to my pupils. I have an ambitious

group of pupils who I enjoy teaching every week and who love riding and competing.

Many riders from HVEC were out and about to a variety of competitions in May including the Central Coast Dressage Championships, HVGS Interschool Equestrian Carnival, Tamworth ODE and Pony Club days. The weather was perfect for competing, although we do need some rain now to fill up the tanks and dams. Let's hope it will come in June.

Lilly the Labrador had a lump removed from her hind quarter. She will recover well but does look rather worse for wear.

Some housekeeping notes for horse owners for this winter:

- Please clean your paddocks. These are your horse's homes!
- Take home your saddle cloths and soak them overnight in warm water and lots of detergent. They affect the skin on your horse's back when they are dirty.

Till next time, stay warm! *Shaun.*

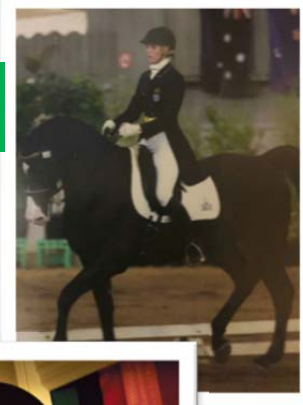
## A few of the riders who started their dressage careers at HVEC...



**Briana Burgess**



**Brett Davey**



**Jessica Willard**

**Libby Hulin**

