



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

July 2018

Hi Everyone,

In one month, so much has happened. On 3 July my son Christopher and his wife Elyse became the parents of two beautiful baby boys, Austyn and Myles. Christopher kept it a secret and the phone call came at 3 pm. I was about to start feed up and couldn't palm off this job to anyone. I eventually arrived at the hospital at 7 pm. A family of 3 boys – wow – lots of hard work.

The NSW Youth Championships were held in Sydney. Molly, Emily and Olivia competed. This is a tough competition for young riders so coming home with a ribbon is really special. Molly received a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FEI Pony class, a 6<sup>th</sup> in the Novice 2.3 and a 7<sup>th</sup> in the Novice 2.2

The NSW Interschool Championships were also held in Sydney. Molly and Danny did very well and gained 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2.3, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 2.2, 12<sup>th</sup> in the 3.2 and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 3.3.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> through to the 21<sup>st</sup> July I competed at the Brisbane CDI. The first day was really successful with Rubenesque placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Inter 2 and Rionnarc placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the 5.2. The Grand Prix, the Grand Prix Special and the 5.3 were a bit challenging but the horses really showed their talent in the Freestyles. Rionnarc placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Advanced Freestyle and Rubenesque came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the GP CDN Freestyle. The horses are improving a little all the time. It's really exciting.



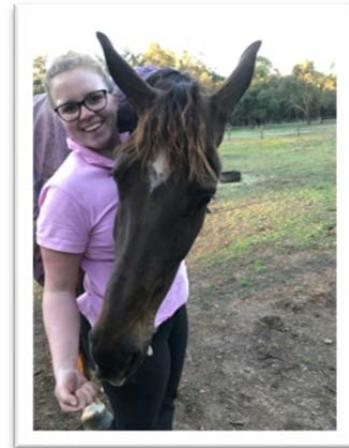
**Rhannar**



**Rubenesque**

A big thankyou to Emily Callinan who groomed for me and the horses in Brisbane. She worked so hard and made it possible for us to come home with many ribbons.

On Sunday 29 July we all went to the Ryan's Auction. My small table of 8 grew to a table of 14 and the excitement began. Deb Whyte bought a service fee to Lord Larmarque and Melanie purchased Radar, a beautiful big young horse by Regardez Moi. Hazel Shannon bred and trained him. He is enjoying his new home at HVEC and Melanie is keen to produce her new baby.



**Melanie and Radar**

Some paddocks have been sprayed at HVEC for weeds. Hopefully it will rain soon, not only for my pastures but for all the farmers in our country. It's hard for many farmers and we hope as spring arrives, the clouds will open and save many farms and animals.

On a sad note my condolences go out to David and Annabel Shoobridge and Eve Crestani. Amanda passed away on Monday 23 July. She was unwell upon arriving in London and lapsed into unconsciousness and died. So much can change so quickly in life. Enjoy life and be happy and ignore the annoying and irritating things that occur on a daily basis. Farewell Amanda.

We welcome Clive and Buttons and Sonia and Ozzelle to HVEC. I hope you are enjoying your new horsey home.

Until next time, Shaun