



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

March 2019

Hi Everyone,

The entries for the Sydney CDI have closed and the accepted horses are listed on the website. This year I will be competing in the Prix St George, Inter I and Inter 1 Freestyle CDN classes on Rionnarc. Rionnarc is new to this FEI level so we have been working hard on putting together a new Freestyle and establishing this harder work.

My young pupil Molly Callinan and her pony Merrindale De Niro are also competing this year. They have entered the FEI Individual and Team Pony tests. They have been training well and have learnt about FEI passports, trot ups and all the new movements required at this level.

The Sydney CDI is a tough competition. If we come home with a ribbon we will be very happy. Please come and support us if you have time.

You can even do a little shopping and relax watching the best dressage horses in the country.

Hunter Valley Dressage held their second competition of the year on 24 March. Rionnarc was very special in the Prix St George and won on 68.235%. After our test I hurried towards the judge's car to pencil for the 3B. I don't pencil often so I had to concentrate on writing and silently coaching for 2 hours. It was a very good experience. I can highly recommend pencilling, particularly for learning more and remembering how to write quickly and spell properly. Congratulations to my pupils who rode so well, particularly the riders who are competing at higher levels.

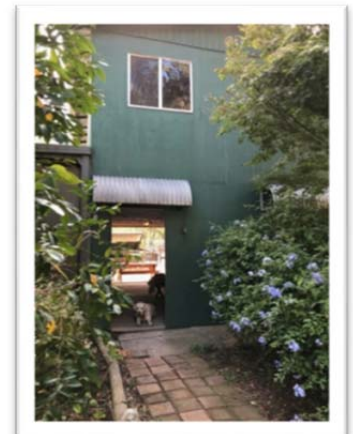


On the home front the little B&B room is going well and is very popular. We still have horses staying, who are travelling from QLD, NSW or VIC and trucks plugging into electricity.

The flat above the stables is still vacant. I lived there with my family whilst my house was being built. It's really cosy and easy. It is ideal for a single, busy lifestyle person. Water and electricity is included in the rental price which is \$280 per week. Please spread the word and share my ad from Facebook if you are my Facebook friend.



**Airbnb Room**



**Flat above the stables**

Rufous Fantail and Matt Birch (pictured below at the Grand Nationals) will be competing at Sydney Royal on 16-17 April. Best of luck and make sure you bring home the Champion ribbon.



Till next time, keep riding perfectly and always love your horse. From Shaun