



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

November 2019

Hi Everyone,

The month of November was for many people, a very tense and frightening month. The drought has affected everyone, and the bushfires have been devastating. The price of horse feed has risen three times in the last six months, water is in short supply and the horse industry feels like it has a pause button on. The weather has had such a huge effect.

At HVEC we are lucky to have town water and our feed supply is positive, and so far no price increase to the owners. The horses all look good and are well cared for. As summer approaches, it is important to prioritise horse care and management, even if you are not riding as much. Remember the farriers go on holidays for two weeks or more at the end of the December. They are like normal people – *“they close the door, don’t answer the phone and try to relax on holidays”*.

If you are still keen to train and compete over the holiday period then get your entries in for the Hunter Valley Dressage Association T-shirt day at Salt Ash on 19 January. I will still be working all through the Christmas period so will be available for lessons.

Gilbert and I both celebrated our birthdays in November. I still feel that I can challenge Gilbert on a day’s work so naturally still feel like an 18 year old, on most days “ha ha”.

I recently took an afternoon off to spend time with Bruce, Lewis, Vanessa and Vanessa’s mother, Martha. Martha was visiting from Columbia. We travelled to the vineyards and had a relaxing afternoon at Enzo’s and Bimbadgen Estate doing some wine tasting.



On Friday evening I have started attending Ballroom Dancing classes at Wallsend. It is very interesting, fun and a bit difficult to coordinate at times. Very similar to dressage. Emily and Tracey came along and enjoyed learning from Jeff and Barb, who are a lot more chilled than riding instructors. If anyone would like to join in next year please ask me for details. It is only \$15 and we go down the road for dinner afterwards.



Risto has returned from Adam Wilton’s and is ready for his new life as a riding horse. He is nearly 3 years old, 17 hh and a full brother to Rhannar, Raffinnii, Rune and Roseman. He is amazing with athleticism, quality and personality. I can’t keep them all so if anyone is interested please contact me.

Don’t forget Auction of the Stars is on Sunday, 15 December and the HVEC Christmas Party is on Saturday, 21 December. Please let me know if you would like to attend these events.

Good bye, stay safe and have a Merry Christmas everyone,

Shaun



Hunter Valley Equestrian Centre

would love to see you and your family for the
2019 Christmas Party

to be held at 2 Blackhill Road, Black Hill
On Saturday 21 December from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
Please bring a plate of yummy food for nibbles.
A BBQ lunch will be provided.
Don’t forget to bring your swimmers!

RSVP to Shaun by 16 December on 0407200907
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