



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

January 2020

Hi Everyone,

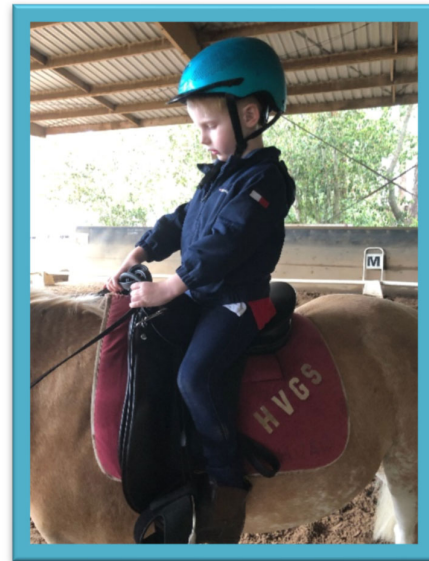
January 2020 has been one of the toughest working months in memory. The heat was unbelievable, and the worry of bushfires was with us every day. At HVEC we have been very lucky to escape the fires. The severe weather makes you very aware of management, finance and responsibility. Rain is on its way, so maybe 2020 will be a much better year.

Many visitors came to stay in our accommodation over the holiday period. People love the country feel – the horses, the kangaroos, the beaches and being able to travel with their dogs. The location on the M1 at Black Hill is ideal for a quick stop over, particularly if you have horses. Please call me if you would like to stay.



The competition year started with a busy day at Hunter Valley Dressage Association's competition at Salt Ash. Emma, Sophie, Emily, Molly, Shahni, Marley, Corinna and myself all competed. Claudette came to assist everyone and Bruce kept a watchful eye on us whilst eating his regular sandwich and hot chips. The 2019 annual awards were presented – congratulations to Molly Callinan for winning Champion Junior Elementary on Tosh, Corinna Beckmore winning Reserve Champion AAOR on Aurellian and Rionnarc for winning Reserve Champion FEI Horse of the Year.

My grandson Hugo has been riding his cute pony Alaska. They are making progress with Christopher running around the arena, telling him to sit up straight and hang on. Their new family puppy, Gerard, loves watching and going home very dirty.



On a sad note I farewelled Scarlet who died of colic. "Rest in Peace". You produced six beautiful foals and your generosity will be remembered.



I would like to welcome Amanda who is living at HVEC, Katherine & Dell, Tahlia & Maxine and Zeke & Amira & Bailey. Farewell to Tammy and Rimi.

February is now here and routine in our lives is hopefully going to return. Back to work for some, back to school for others and back to riding and competing.



May the weather be kind to us.

Till next month,  
*Shaun*