



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

September 2020

Hi Everyone,

September has been a very busy month. When I am not riding and teaching, I am trying to conquer farm maintenance or office work. Seven days a week, sometimes and often "not fun". Change is something a lot of people don't like, but it happens and it's a stepping stone in life.

Emily Callinan, who has worked at HVEC since July 2017, has decided to move to a full time position. Emily is also a pupil of mine, so I will continue to see her and Will for lessons. Emily has not only worked hard and been a great asset to HVEC but she has travelled to many competitions with me each year. Her favourite competition each year was the Brisbane CDI where she invited her best friend (originally from Newcastle and an ex-pupil) Jessica McDonald. It was the highlight of the year and wonderful for my horses to have two gorgeous girls caring for them.



It's really hard to let go of these young staff, but they must move on and learn other skills and gain more experience in life.

So I welcome a new staff member to HVEC. Carly Mott has joined the team and is learning the 100 jobs a day. I will work with her for a while and you will see her with me when you visit.

At HVEC we have three older horses – Colin, Birdy and Rocky. Rocky turned 25 in September. It was not too long ago that he qualified and competed with his owner Corinna at the NSW State Dressage Championships. I see him every morning actively eating and getting about with his girlfriend Chilli. Age does not matter if you have a good life and a very caring mother like Corinna.



I welcome Beau, a beautiful big chestnut warmblood gelding, who is settling in well in

Radar's old paddock. Another active aged gentleman.

I would like to farewell Claudette and Bill. They have been very enthusiastic and caring and liked by many at HVEC. Good luck with your new adventure.

Tanz has also moved to a new home and owner in Albury. In his time at HVEC, Sophie and Tanz learnt a lot about dressage. I often schooled him in his beautiful Italian saddle and loved riding his collected canter. Enjoy life on the border Tanz and remember your friends Boo, Ziggy, Sophie, Jennifer and Neil, Shaun, Ruby, Emily and Gilbert.

As I write this letter, restrictions are being relaxed and the competitions are starting again. Very bravely, Rionnarc and I will compete in the Inter A & B at APDC on 11 October. Too ambitious maybe, maybe not. Roseman will also go to a new level – Elementary. A big weekend for the team.

Christmas and the traditional Christmas Party. What to do this year? Would everyone be happy to relax and party at my house or do something different? Please let me know.

The AirBnB room may open again soon. If you are travelling through and need a clean and cheap room to stay in (with TV, fridge, microwave and bathroom in the stables) with all linen and towels supplied, please let me know. The cost is \$66 per night.

At the start of 2021 I will be looking for another casual groom and farm hand for one day a week. Ruby and Gilbert are going west and will sadly leave HVEC. If anyone is interested please email me your resume:

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Till next time – *Goodbye from Shaun*

