



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

April 2021

Hi Everyone,

The highlight of the month was travelling to Sydney to watch the Sydney CD Lite Grand Prix and to coach my young pupil Molly Callinan. Molly competed in the FEI Junior Team and Individual tests on her horse Tosh. She remembered her tests and rode very well. It was Tosh's first time at a big competition at this level. A great experience for Molly and Tosh.

There were 25 competitors in the Grand Prix CDN class, which was held in the indoor arena at SIEC. Mary Hanna won the class on 73.913% on the beautiful Syrianna. Rozzie Ryan riding Jarrah R, who is the Hunter Valley favourite, placed 7th with 67.913%. It was great to see everyone, and particularly Rozzie doing what she does best, riding at Grand Prix level.

Many riders from the Hunter Valley were successful. It is a strong area for dressage and the competition is getting tougher all the time.

During the break I went for a little shopping trip and caught up with many people that I had not seen for over a year. Everyone was very happy to be out again.

Easter this year brought beautiful weather and a great opportunity for everyone to ride their horses. It's a great four days to do whatever you want, without the pressure of work commitments. This is why so many people love to have a horse and ride before or after work as it is time out from the stress of work and be able to do something much more enjoyable.

In April Orla competed at the wonderful Wallaby Hill Three Day Event. She could not believe how amazing the facility is and gained invaluable experience from the competition. Wallaby Hill is near Robertson, in the Southern Highlands.

Also in April I travelled to Sydney to do a coach assessment at Centennial Park Stables. The candidate was completing her Level 2 Dressage Coaching and had obviously done a lot of work towards this, as she was well prepared. I was happy to sign off at the end of the day and there were smiles all round. The stables are very busy down there and sharing all the facilities would be tricky during the peak periods.

April was also a big birthday for Carly who is now no longer a teenager, even though she looks 16. I'm sure she is often asked for ID.

Welcome to the Family Sicrea and little Teddy. Teddy is nice and vocal and enjoys being at his new home.

The room is once again on Airbnb, so you may see a few strangers around. People love staying over and smelling the country air, seeing the horses and relaxing at the farm.

Winter is now here, so horse owners are welcome to take home all the sticks in the paddocks and stoke up your fireplaces. My fire is about to kick off and give that great winter smell through the stables and arena.

Till next time – stay warm, healthy and happy.

From *Shaun*

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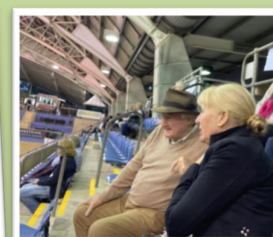
Molly and Tosh in the Junior FEI test



Mary Hanna and Syrianna Grand Prix Champion



Shannan Connell and Palladyn 4yo Champion



Shaun and Rod Ryan carefully studying the Grand Prix horses