



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

February 2021

Hi Everyone,

February was again a very busy month at HVEC. On 6th February Roseman and I competed at the APDC T-shirt day at Salt Ash. It seems that everyone was very enthusiastic to get out and compete. There were approximately 240 tests over 2 days and some very tough competition. Roseman was really good again, Molly & Tosh excelled themselves in the Advanced classes and many other riders were very successful.

I could not compete at Willinga Park's Dressage by the Sea event this year but I followed some of the tests on the live streaming and live scoreboard. Congratulations to everyone, and especially the riders from the Hunter Valley. I think there were a few beautiful rugs and many ribbons to come home to our local region.

HVEC has a full team of staff now. Carly, Jade and Orla have been working with me and we are going full steam ahead, doing lots of productive work. Brad Hepplewhite and Paul have been mowing, whipper snipping and repairing and I am very happy to say that the Matt Ryan/Bruce Doyle cross country bank is now ready to be jumped on.

My thoughts for February/March 2021:

- Embrace every opportunity in our lucky country.
- Dreams are dreams, but reality is reality, so keep your feet well on the ground.
- Horses = love and happiness, so forever own one.
- You have the ability to work hard, so keep working hard.
- Making the right decisions is one of the most important things you can do in your life.

RIP Bernard Nicholas (partner/husband to Cath Hopkins and father to Chris Hopkins).

Love and hugs to Cath, Chris and their family.

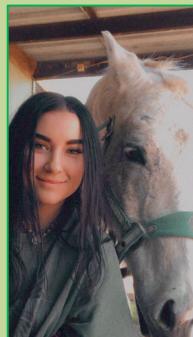
There is currently one agistment spot available at HVEC. Remember that you can also hire the indoor arena for \$11 per hour, and lessons are available at \$80 per hour. Please contact me on 0407200907 to discuss.

Until next month, *Shaun*

Images from February...



Carly



Jade



Orla



Carly raking the Matt Ryan/Bruce Doyle bank



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
Riding with Shaun France

Lessons with Shaun France
Concentrating on rider's position and the horse understanding the riders aids.
Horse and rider preparation for competition from Prep to Grand Prix.
Improving your understanding of the horse and coping with confidence, balance, control and your horse working on the bit.
Riding on the correct diagonal and center lead left and right.

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RIDING LESSONS

- 500/mouse
- EA Level 3 Dressage
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- Semes & Large groups

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30 mins from Newcastle | 20 mins from Maitland

HVEC currently has riding lessons available, and hourly hire of the indoor arena, perfect for this wet weather