



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

January 2021

Hi Everyone,

January has come and gone very quickly and the New Year of 2021 is well on its way. We have had more rain than ever before and the property looks very green. I have lived at Black Hill for 26 years and I have never seen so much grass. The competitions are starting and everyone is very enthusiastic to ride, and many to compete.

Hunter Valley Dressage Association always starts the competition year with an unofficial T-shirt day at Salt Ash. I had five pupils and myself competing in various levels – Molly at Advanced, myself at Elementary, Wylva at Prep and Preliminary, Enda at Preliminary and Elliot at Prep. It was good for all of us to be out competing and coming home with lots of homework.

The entries for competitions are usually posted on the Nominate website, so keep this in mind if you would like to take your horses out.

I currently have some vacancies for lessons. There has been a small increase in the lesson price by \$3 so lessons are now \$80 per hour.

If you are travelling north or south on the M1 and need a stop over with or without your horse please contact me on 0407 200 907. I have a room with a double bed, TV, fridge etc which is available for \$66 per night. If bringing your horse stables are available for \$22 per night. There is plenty of space to walk your horses around and the room is dog friendly.

This month we welcomed Becky and Dexter, Family Antonuccio and Galaxy and Sally and Farah.

Farah is a young chestnut mare by Fiji R who was recently broken in by Adam Wilton and now training with her new owner, Sally. They had a short stay over at HVEC so that Sally could use the facilities to build the confidence of this lovely young horse.

We farewelled Emma and Ragnar. Emma is a young rider who has made a lot of progress with her thoroughbred eventer. She has enjoyed her stay at HVEC and learnt a lot. I wish them well and hope they survive the hustle and bustle of Sydney life.

Bruce has been unwell lately so I have been trying to take on a few extra jobs. I might be a bit short on time at the moment and not able to stop and have a chat, and any extra help such as setting up showjumps or any small jobs is always appreciated if you have any spare time. I'm still looking for a casual groom to work Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and some Sundays from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Dancing has started for 2021 on Friday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. This is a beginner's class held at the Masonic Hall at Wallsend and is \$15 per class. It is a great way to destress. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn, laugh and enjoy the company of very friendly, lovely people. Single men would be an advantage, as like the horse industry there seems to be more women than men.

Stay healthy, safe and keep riding.

From Shaun

Images from January...



Becky and Dexter



Rosie and Lilly helping with the morning feed up



Lots of grass!