



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

October 2021

Hi Everyone,

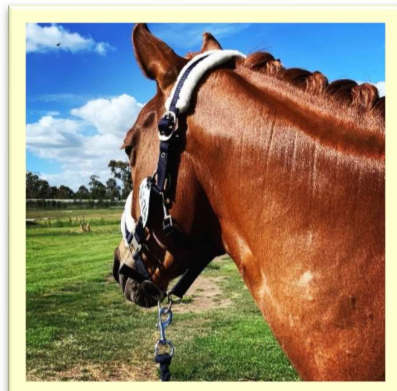
I hope everyone is celebrating. We are finally out of lockdown. We can travel with our horses, we can see our family and friends, smile and enjoy many pleasures in life. We can plan holidays for Christmas and the New Year, we can compete with our horses and make our businesses strong again.

Hugo (my little grandson) turned 6 in October. We held a small pony party at the stables. The children loved the party and the adults enjoyed catching up and walking with the ponies and riders on the trail ride.



The first pupil to bolt out the gate and gallop off to a competition in Scone (Upper Hunter Dressage Members' Championship) was Sally Hurt and her lovely little warmblood mare, Florencia. Sally came for a lesson immediately after lockdown, took on board everything said, worked and fine tuned, came for another lesson, competed and came home with Reserve Champion Preliminary Horse. Congratulations Sally.

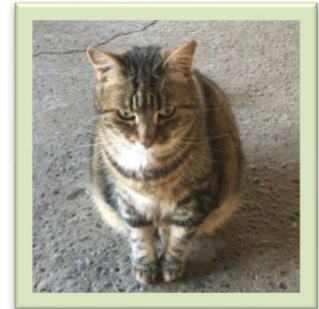
*Florencia  
learning her  
dressage tests  
at UHDA  
Championships*



Roseman and I trotted off for a lesson with Heath Ryan. Heath was promptly on time, happy to see us again, and then seriously started coaching. Roseman showed his new moves and I was in trouble as usual for being a bit disobedient (only for wanting to escalate to FEI level too quickly). I loved the lesson and enjoy learning. I look forward to galloping back and promise to be disciplined.

Pip, my tabby cat who is approximately 16 years old, was found unwell with a tick. I rushed her to Wallsend Vet Clinic where she was well looked after. She is at home now and doing well, relaxing in the house or

outside with Rosie, Rosheen, Gerard and Ecki. I'm very happy to still have her with us. For 16 years she has put up with everything and only complains if you don't give her a handful of biscuits morning and night.



*Pip* ♥

Welcome back Dolly and Ally. Good to see you out training early in the morning.

Merrick's mum told me she worked with me at the Old George and Dragon Restaurant (then owned by Ian and Jenny Morphy) 30 years ago. Wow. We exchanged a few stories about that Restaurant. It was the best and we loved eating and working there.

By for now.  
Enjoy your freedom and the beautiful spring weather.

Till next time, Shaun

*Nothing  
beats a  
Pony Party!*

