



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

*November/December 2021*

Hi Everyone,

The last newsletter of the year of 2021. A very different and unusual year for all of us. I would firstly like to thank everyone who has supported HVEC. Running the business takes a lot of hard work and money. In one way I am very grateful that I was taught to be strong and work really hard. We have survived 2021, so let's look forward and positive to 2022.

During lockdown I had four major projects to complete:

1. To update the website (thank you to Nigel Fairclough of Mentor Advantage);
2. My bold, big new sign from MG Signs;
3. Finish the Camp Site, ready for Caravan Holiday Stays on a beautiful horse property (a big thank you to Fiona (Blaze's owner) for helping me with these projects);
4. To compete Roseman at APDC at Medium level. This was my most achievable goal. Unlike most of the other Grand Prix riders who were riding for an 80% in a Medium test, Roseman and I had our training wheels on and were out for a quiet confidence run. Next time, we will let the engine rev and purr and challenge these other Advanced horses in the Medium classes. Roseman was pretty good for a 7 year old ginger teenager boy.

Another ginger went out in Elementary for the first time. Dolly (MV Brooklyn) and Ally were really happy to be at a competition again.

Orla and Enda, the father and daughter dressage/eventing stars, also ventured out and came home smiling and happy that they had the opportunity to compete and learn lots about that thing called Dressage (for some eventers, it is a big challenge).

The Airbnb room is open again and is very popular for the holiday period. The wet weather has also encouraged many riders to come and use the indoor arena and cool off the horses afterwards with a nice bush ride.

Welcome Charlie & Courtney, Lena & Madeline, Amoretti & Louise and Kenny (Merrick's new horse). Farewell Ardie & Beau. Please come back again soon.

Congratulations to Fiona on her Wedding Day and Happy Birthday to my son Christopher, and mum Shaun.

For the first time in 26 years for many reasons, I'm sorry to say that there won't be a HVEC Christmas Party.

I do however want to wish everyone a very enjoyable Christmas and a really Happy New Year.

Don't forget the first local competition for 2022 is the HVDA Member's T-shirt Day at Salt Ash on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Entries close on 15 December so be careful that you don't miss out.

From *Shaun*

## *Images from November/December...*



*New sign!*



*Camping site*



*Roseman – first  
Medium test*



*Congratulations Fiona*



*Happy Birthday  
Christopher*