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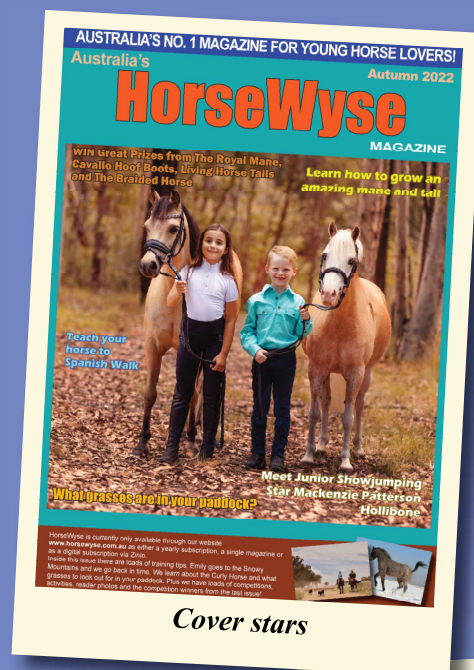
February was another busy and full month of horse competitions and activities.

When you are 6 years and 8 years old and you are asked if you and your ponies would like to do a photo shoot for the front cover of the best young rider magazine in the country, you only have two words – “YES PLEASE”! Thank you HorseWyse for making Indi & Teddy and Hugo & Alaska look fantastic. The photos were taken in the far back area of HVEC on sunset. The setting was perfect. The photos were taken by Shannon Smith of La Bella Vita Photography. HorseWyse is a quarterly magazine and you can subscribe to it online for an annual fee of \$55.

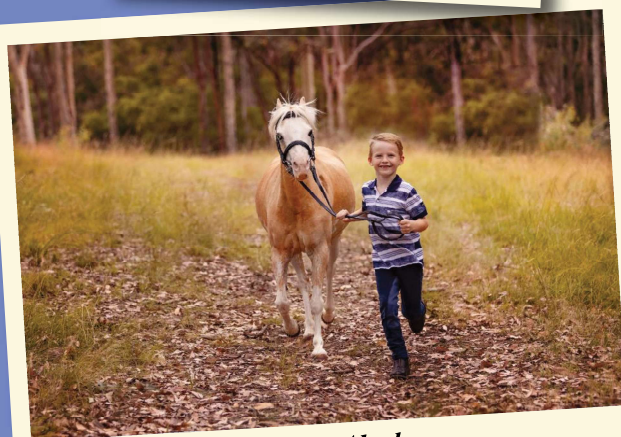
Sadly Teddy was recently sold to Victoria. Indi and her family are moving to Singapore, where Indi will start at a new riding school. In the short time she has been with me, she has learnt so much and shows lots of potential as a young rider. I will miss our lessons.

For a Christmas present Indi's family gave me a gift voucher to Signal Box. This is a restaurant in Newcastle on the old train line at the old signal box. I took Jade, Carly and Orla out and we had a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to the Sicrea Family.

Niccolo, my young gelding by Nemo (Negro) out of Scarlet, has been living in Moree for the last 6 months. Gary and Jen (Results Horsemanship) have been working with Niccolo and teaching him about the real world of being a riding horse. He has grown to approximately 16.1 hh and looks well. Niccolo will come home at the end of March and hopefully learn to go as well as his father, Nemo (Nemo has just competed at Willinga Park's Dressage by the Sea with Rozzie Ryan. Rozzie and Nemo came home with lots of ribbons.) Tracey and I drove to Moree to visit Niccolo in February. We caught up with Ruby on the big property and enjoyed our 1 ½ days in the real country.



Cover stars



Hugo & Alaska



Indi & Teddy

Many Queensland riders and horses stopped off at HVEC on their way to Willinga Park. It was great to see everyone again. Unfortunately some are going home to damaged properties from the floods. I hope they have good memories of the beautiful Willinga Park and the appreciation of competing once again at one of the biggest competitions in the country. The photos, stories and live streaming were fantastic.

In February, Alexander Park Dressage Club held their first unofficial competition for the year. I competed on Bindi, owned by Izzy Taylor. Bindi normally show jumps each weekend, but would like to event a little with her owner. That's where the dressage training with Shaun comes in. It's nice to get the feedback about how the 2-3 days a week of dressage training is helping the showjumping. The results tell the story.

Orla and her horse Red (Rouge Damour) are definitely the Champions of the Month. Orla's chauffeur and no. 1 fan (her Dad, Enda) drove to Wallaby Hill on February 12-13 to compete in the 95 cm Hunter Trials. They were very successful and won the event and their first ever rug. Congratulations.

Rosheen, the wild young Irish Setter, has now been desexed. It will take time for her to settle down. She loves all the people and visitors a little too much. Please do not let her jump on you and most of all, do not let her jump on your cars. I'm trying to train her, but I need help from all the visitors and the horse owners.

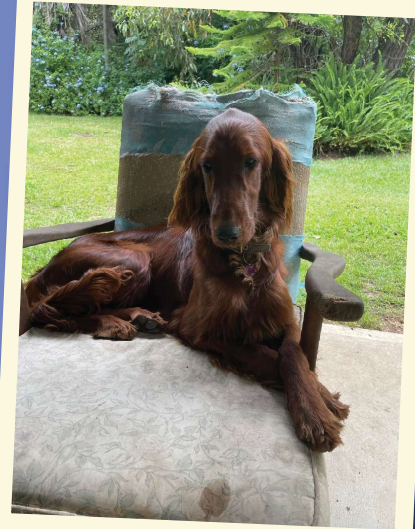
HVEC is doing well with all the rain. Agistment and lessons are still available and never stop. The facilities are great every day of the year.

In February we welcomed Shoey & Gus and said farewell to Lena & Dotty.

Please stay safe with all the rain.

Till next time,

Goodbye, Shaun



Rosheen the Irish Setter



Ruby on the farm



Orla & Red