



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Newsletter - February 2023

Hi Everyone,

Alexander Park Dressage Club held its first competition for the year on the 5th February. I decided to go to support my young pupil Molly Callinan and to watch a few of the FEI tests.

It was impressive. The riders warming up for the Prix St George, Inter 1 and Inter A classes were riding extremely well and also looked amazing. Molly rode a mistake free PSG test, and nearly did the same in the Inter 1. It's a tough competition for everyone, but riding a mistake free test is a really good start to perfection. I felt totally at home out there and loved being at the competition, even though I was horseless. Won't be too long now.

Willinga Park Dressage by the Sea 2023 was also on in February. I couldn't go due to my commitments at HVEC, but I did encourage Leanne and Geoff (Indi's owners) to travel down to see this amazing competition.

There were many reports on Facebook and I was totally envious of everyone competing, or just being there to watch. Congratulations to everyone who won or placed. I have competed many times at Willinga and hope to be back there again sometime soon. To all competitors travelling from Queensland, Hunter Valley Equestrian Centre is a great place to stopover for you and your horse. It was good to see Julie Bland and her two lovely warmblood horses in the stables again.

HVEC is very lucky to have one horse owner who is a wonderful, kind vet. Some may not see Ilona Hudson from Noah's Ark Veterinary Clinic because she is super fit and comes to ride Roquet early in the morning. Rosie and Pip are really lucky to have made friends with Ilona and they are eternally grateful for trotting past her at 6:30 am. Thank you Ilona.

A casual groom's position is available at HVEC. If you

are experienced with horses and would like some work, please call me on 0407 200 907.

The school holidays are coming up in April, and we will again be running the Children's Full Day Camps. These will be held on the 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th of April. Please book in early as I only take a maximum of 8 riders per day. The cost is \$77 for the full day.

HVEC would like to welcome Sophiana, Elle, Bodie and Marley. Two baby girls and two fresh ponies. Enjoy your stay at HVEC.

There are many competitions and horse events in March and April. Please make time to go and watch. Some of these events are Hunter Valley Dressage, Central Coast Dressage Championships, Equestrian in the Vines, Singleton Dressage and of course, the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Goodbye for now and enjoy the Autumn weather, Shaun



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Bring your horse and have riding lessons with Shaun France, EA Level 3 Dressage Coach and Coach Educator, or enjoy riding at your leisure...

All levels of riders are welcome to train at Hunter Valley Equestrian Centre. You can have lessons in any weather in the undercover arena, or ride outside on the outdoor arena, around the jumping course and then relax out on the bush trails.

Package deals are available to include both rider and horse accommodation. Stabling is available from \$22 per night, lessons are \$80 per hour and use of the arenas if you are wanting to ride on your own are \$11 per hour.
Please contact Shaun France on 0407 200 907 for more information.

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Christmas catch up with 2 horses I bred - Laura & Raffinni and Riley & Risto



Children's Riding and Horse Care Days will be held over January - book in now!