



## Newsletter - January 2023

Hi Everyone,

The weather in January at Black Hill was very kind to anyone working outside with horses and all riders wanting to ride, train and learn lots about horses.

HVEC held 6 Children's Full Days of Riding and Learning. A maximum of 8 horses and riders per day allowed for personalised care. The children and horses were really good to teach and it was obvious to all that improvements were made in horse control, rider confidence, rider position and learning the basics of jumping. Thank you to Emi, Tenille, Carly, Tracey and the parents who assisted.

Easter Holiday Full Days for Children will be held on April 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th. Please book in early as there are only 8 riders per day. Cost is \$77 per day.

The Accommodation at HVEC was very popular in January. People from the cities and towns love experiencing a little bit of country/farm life. Many people travelling interstate for holidays, or moving back home, enjoy the stop over. The small room in the shed is dog friendly, so once again a great stop

over for the many people who travel with their dogs.

Lessons are available at HVEC 7 days a week. Riders must have their own horses, with the exception of riders between the ages of 5 to 8 years who can ride Alaska. Alaska is only small, so is only available for teaching young, beginner riders.

I teach riders of all levels. My specialty is dressage and basic jumping, with a focus on rider and position and horse control. I welcome riders and horses at any level of training who want to learn and gain valuable experience, through to riders wanting to be successful at competitions.

### Dressage events in February:

- Willinga Park Dressage by the Sea 23–26 February
- Manning Valley – Taree Showground 12 February
- UHDA – White Park, Scone Members Day – 19 February
- Hunter Valley Dressage Association – Salt Ash 18 March (*entries close 19 February*)



The indoor covered arena allows lessons to continue in all weather conditions. Building a relationship with your horse and coach is really important. There is so much to learn, so learning from a qualified EA Level 3 Coach is a big advantage. Private lessons are \$80 per hour.

Hunter Valley Dressage held the first unofficial competition for the year. There were lots of entries and many enthusiastic riders going out for the start of 2023. Congratulations to Molly, Tenille and Emi.

HVEC welcomes Gemma & Bella and the return of Alex & Molly.

Farewell to Shoey & Gus and Courtney & Charlie Brown.

Welcome Lilly Davidson to the staff team. I hope you learn lots and survive working with Shaun.

Three 17 year old girls – “I hope I survive”!

Bye, from Shaun



*Looking for a present for a young horse lover? Gift Certificates for a session with Alaska are available for young horse lovers aged 5-8. Only \$80 - contact Shaun to get your certificate!*



**GIFT CERTIFICATE**

For 1 x Grooming and Riding Lesson with Alaska the Pony

Dear [],

Happy [] Birthday!

We hope you enjoy your pony experience with Alaska, and learn more about ponies and riding.

Lots of love from,

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