



# HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

## Newsletter - March 2024

Hi Everyone,

The first month of Autumn is March. If you lived in the Southern Highlands you may see the leaves changing colour and the cooler nights coming in. Not so in Newcastle. You could still go to the beach and enjoy that true Aussie warm weather. The horses have still kept their summer coats and there was no need to go to the gym. Many competitions were happening and riders were going to Dressage, Jumping, Eventing and Pony Club.

Orla and Barney (Sweeping Brook) competed at HVDC for a good score of 67% and 2nd place in the Preliminary 1.2, and competed 2 weeks later at Tamworth ODE (without Enda the star groom) to place 7th. Barney came from the thoroughbred retraining and rehoming centre near scene. Orla is doing a great job at training and competing this thoroughbred, and they are both looking great for the future.

I would like to congratulate Kirralee Hughes on completing the Kokoda Trek with 22 other amazing women to raise over \$400,000 for the Mark Hughes Foundation. Truly inspirational and really tough. A memory you will keep forever and a reminder how precious your feet are. Good to see you back watching Bonnie and Clancy.

Condolences go to a longtime friend, Jeremy Janjic. Weeks apart he lost his best friend the Friesian stallion Django of Cacharel – a horse that will always be in his heart and life. Jeremy also lost his father to cancer. I cannot tell you how hard it would be to come to terms with this loss. His beautiful family and friends will be his strength. My thoughts are with you.

I'm not sure how it has happened but I have a fresh group of recruits aged from 5 years to 12 years.



*Kokoda 2024 Ladies Trek*



*Jeremy Janjic and Django*

These riders are super keen to learn. Alaska has a look in her questioning eyes, but I tell her to toughen up and get on with the job. I started teaching Molly Callinan at the age of 6 years, and at 18 years she is now Grand Prix. So for Oscar, Austyn, Myles, Aiden, Quinn, Bonnie, Harlow and Evie, the World is your Oyster. Make sure you always ride good horses and ponies and choose the best instructors possible.

I want to farewell Jayde Clarke. Thank you for surviving a really tough summer. Good luck with your business. You have been a great worker. Stephanie Nadalini and Kaitlyn Bailey have been helping me a lot. Thank you so much. It is not easy running a business like this.

Until next time. Ride perfectly and always love your horse, Shaun.

### Easter School Holiday Riding days

- Days run from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Two group lessons, horse care and management and a nice day to spend time with your horses and friends.
- Lessons with Shaun France (Equestrian Australia Level 3 Dressage and level 1 General coach).
- Safe and special facilities .
- Days are held on 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th April.
- \$80.00 for the whole day.

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