



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Newsletter - June 2024

Hi Everyone,

The 2024 Paris Olympic Games are getting closer and closer. To be selected on a team is a dream come true along with the reality of representing your country. I have been a spectator at the Sydney and London Olympics for both Dressage and Eventing. They were both fantastic experiences. So for anyone going as a spectator, I know you will have a fantastic experience.

Please check the dates:

- July 27 Eventing Dressage
- 28 Cross Country
- 29 Showjumping
- 30 Dressage - Grand Prix
- 31 Dressage - Grand Prix
- Aug 1 Showjumping
- 2 Showjumping
- 3 Dressage - Grand Prix Special
- 4 Dressage - Freestyle
- 5 Showjumping
- 6 Showjumping

The Equestrian Teams have been announced. Congratulations to all the riders who were chosen. Sally Hurt was the first on the phone to tell me that our long time friend Thaisa Erwin has been chosen to represent Australia in the All Girls Showjumping Team riding Hialita B. We are so proud of you and if there



Thaisa and Hialita B



is a chance to be in Paris to cheer you on, we will take it. From our Sunday evening dinners in Darby Street, Newcastle to the Olympics in Paris. What a journey and a great story.

I have completed my Equestrian Australia coaching re-accreditation for this year. So I am officially an EA Level 3 Dressage Coach, Level 1 General Coach and an EA Coach Educator for another year.

On a lighter note, I am going to be a grandmother again. Lewis and Vanessa are expecting their first baby in December. Everyone is very excited, especially Vanessa's mother Martha.

On June 17, Vanessa became an Australian Citizen. Lewis and I attended the ceremony at Marrickville Town Hall to celebrate this special occasion. Congratulations - a mum to be and an Aussie.

Welcome Reign, Tosca, Bindi and Saturn. Bindi has returned whilst her Mum takes the big plunge of marriage, with a wedding in both Australia and England Congratulations Izzy.

Bye for now,

Shaun

The Olympic Venue

The Chateau de Versailles, an iconic symbol illustrating France's global reputation, will welcome the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024 to a magnificent setting with a rich history.

A temporary outdoor arena, flanked by several stands, will be set up on the Etoile Royale esplanade to the west of the Grand Canal at the heart of the palace's gardens. This arena will stage dressage and eventing dressage, and showjumping and eventing showjumping. The eventing cross-country section will be held alongside the Grand Canal.



Lewis & Vanessa



*Congratulations
Izzy*

*Thaisa & I in
New York*

