



Newsletter - October 2024

Hi Everyone,

Another very busy month for everyone. School holidays, National Dressage Championships, Coach Education, birthdays and the end of year preparations for the HVEC Christmas Party, foals and a special baby.

On October 18th Kaitlyn, Roseman and I set off to Sydney for the Australian National Dressage Championships. Roseman has only ever competed in the Hunter Valley, so I knew this would be a big challenge. He was brave, he tried hard, but unfortunately tension affected our performance. He is a big horse, approximately 17.2 hh and I'm only 5'4 so manoeuvring a not so confident Roseman around the Medium 4.2 and 4.3 tests required skill, strength and experience. Kaitlyn did a great job as head groom, Roseman really held it together and I loved competing at a big competition again. Onwards and upwards from here for 2025.

The school holiday Children's Days were again a great success. Some riders have new horses so these full days offer more time for learning, training, social interaction and keep the coach fine tuned on teaching groups. All the young riders, whether they have their own ponies or not, love coming for the whole day to spend more time with either their own horses and ponies or the HVEC ponies Alaska and Clancy. Some of the riders were preparing for the Alexander Park Dressage Club Championship event, so fine tuning their dressage tests was a priority.

Quinn, Bonnie and Hugo competed at APDC Championships on October 12th. It was raining a lot. The riders, the parents, the horses and ponies and the coach were soaked. The children still rode and did their very best, all coming home with ribbons.

On Saturday 26th, I had my coach educator hat on again as I was observed teaching two riders, one at Advanced level and the other at preliminary level, by Mary Nischke, a well known young Grand Prix rider. Mary is learning to become an EA level 1 coach. She sat watching and writing lots of



Roseman and I



Kaitlyn and Roseman



Rambo fly boots

information down as she learnt watching from an experienced level 3 coach.

October was also birthday time. Happy 9th birthday to my grandson Hugo Gray – gosh, time flies. Happy 10th birthday to Nylah – our hardworking and loving stable cat. Nylah and Roseman have something in common – maximum 2 pats. 😊

Summer horse management tips – prevention is better than cure:

- Keep your horses covered
- Spray regularly or use pour ons and lots of cream
- Leg protectors, like the latest from Rambo, help protect their legs from biting insects
- Owners – use Aeoguard Tropical or similar every time you come to the stables.

Mark the date in your calendar – HVEC Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 15th.

Hunter Valley Dressage Association last dressage competition for the year is November 24th.

Alexander Park Dressage Club's last dressage competition for the year is December 1st.

There are currently 3 paddocks available for agistment, and lessons will be available throughout the whole of the summer.

To finish on a sad note – we farewell the stallion Regardez Moi. I bought and bred many horses sired by Regardez Moi – Rubeneque, Rufous Fantail, Rionnarc, Raffinni, Rune, Roseman and Risto. He was a beautiful stallion. Thank you Health and Rozzie for owning him and influencing Australian Dressage in a big way.

Bye for now, Shaun

VALE Regardez Moi



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Extract from Heath Ryan's Facebook post:

“Regardez Moi was born on 18th June 1996 - he was 28 years, 4 months and 10 days old.

For me he was everything - such a legend.

He won more than 40 Grand Prix starts. On three occasions he was the Australian Grand Prix Champion.

Regardez Moi represented Australia in 2009 at the World Cup Finals in Las Vegas, USA. It seems a life time ago that Regardez Moi and I would charge into the arena to the roar of spectators who were packed to the ceiling. Not even any standing room available! The crowd loved Regardez Moi and would start clapping before he even entered the arena. He was like a rock star and I didn't think the times would ever end.

Regardez Moi rocked from Queensland to the Sydney CDI and down to the Melbourne Internationals. Regardez Moi won the Equitana Freestyle on five different occasions.

He was iconic. “

You and your family are cordially invited to the

Hunter Valley Equestrian Centre Christmas Party



To be held at 2 Blackhill Road, Black Hill

Sunday 15 December from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Please bring a plate of yummy food for nibblyies.

A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Bring your swimmers if the weather is good.

RSVP to Shaun by 13 December on 0407 200 907

