



## Newsletter - September 2024

Hi Everyone,

September spring weather allowed many riders to have the opportunity to compete. First up was the Hunter Valley Dressage Association Championships on September 14th and 15th. It was a great success. Hugo and Danny looked like little professionals in the Prep 2 and 3 and won both classes and were awarded Champion Junior Prep. Alex and Molly showed calm and experienced tests and won Reserve Champion AOR. Orla and Barney were 1st in the AOR Preliminary 1.3 and 4th in the AOR Preliminary 1.2 and Molly and Tosh won the Intermediate II and Grand Prix tests (they were the only ones entered, but still deserve their awards for riding at such a high level and showing the training they have been doing. I was really proud of all of my riders.

Horse Sports Australia held a combined training competition on September 22nd at the Rydges Resort at Lovedale. Orla and Barney did really well in the 65 cm class, taking home 2nd place and Stephanie and Osirus came home really happy with a clear round in the 80 cm class and 4th place.

Buying a new horse is an exciting adventure for the rider, family and the coach. Finding the new horse can take some time and the process of trialling, assessing the positives and negatives, making sure the horse passes the vet check and then proceeding to the check out can be a bit of a process. Once the new horse has arrived at his or her new home it's only the start. The new environment and home, the feeding, the saddlery fitting and most importantly the familiarisation of the new horse with the training and riding areas is a big task.



*Hugo and Danny*



*Alex and Molly*



*Stephanie and Osirus*

