



Newsletter - November 2024

Hi Everyone,

Christmas is not far away and everyone is preparing for the HVEC Christmas Party on December 15th from 1-5 pm. Please bring a plate of yummy food and relax. The BBQ will be fired up and chief chef Christopher will be bossing his mother around. The kids are welcome to go swimming and I will relax as usual.

Celebrations all round for Rhannarr. She had a filly on Monday 25th November. Corinna was the first to discover her and called me to the stables so I could meet a tiny little chestnut filly who I have named Tulip. Rhannarr being a maiden mare at 15 years of age didn't know much about being a mum, and so the troops were called in. Heath Ryan sent his experienced and wonderful girls, Ellen and Tiarni. With the help of them both and Corinna (who found this more exciting than her normal job) we encouraged Rhannarr to let Tulip drink. Peter Tabak realised he was needed (10 calls later) and made sure all was well. Thank you Peter.

Alexander Park Dressage Club and Hunter Valley Dressage Club finished their year with friendly, easy going t-shirt days. Congratulations to all my riders. Hugo will definitely have to do Preliminary next year (4 am starts are big days).

On November 23/24 Enda and Orla with their horses Beau Jangles and Barney drove over the Great Dividing Range to the NEGS One Day Event. They had a great weekend of eventing and Barney won his first rug. Congratulations.

I was in trouble again for not telling anyone it was my birthday on November 27th. Christopher and family, plus Vanessa and Imogen remembered. Imogen knew because these days you have to say your date of birth with nearly every business call that you make. No more secrets or confidentiality.



Farewell to Imogen who worked at HVEC from 19.2.24 to 12.11.24. Imogen has finished university and will explore the world in Marine Biology. Thank you. You are a brilliant, intelligent and hard working young woman.

On November 3rd we attended Vanessa and Lewis' baby shower in Centennial Park, Sydney. In true Columbian style it was a great party and brought everyone together to prepare for the birth of their first baby. The baby is due on December 23rd. This was Lewis' father's birthday.

I have been warned to show more excitement that I did for the birth of Tulip, stop doing horse stuff and get in the car quickly and head down to M1.

Merry Christmas,

Shaun

HVEC Holiday Program

Tuesday 7th January

Children's Full Day

- 2 group lessons - 1 x dressage, 1 x jumping
- Plus learning about horse care and looking after your own horse or pony.
- Starts at 9 am and finishes at 3 pm.
- Riders must have their own horses or ponies.
- Age 5 years to 15 years are welcome.
- \$80 for the whole day.

Thursday 9th January

Young Rider Dressage Training Day

- Preparation for the 2025 Competition Season
- Morning - Shared lesson with Shaun (only 2 in each group)
- Afternoon - Ride a dressage test and be judged by Shaun. Discuss the test after your ride.
- Riders must have their own horses or ponies.
- \$80 for the whole day.

*Great preparation for the
HVDA T-shirt day on Sunday, 12th January!*



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 nibbles.
A BBQ lunch will be provided.
Bring your swimmers if the weather is good.
RSVP to Shaun by 13 December on 0407 200 907

