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Membership Renewal Reminder:

Hawkesbury Dressage has a great program of events and activities planned for 2016.

So don't forget to renew your membership to enjoy discounted entry fees, Members Only training days, discounted clinic fees and automatic entry into the Horse/Pony of The Year competitions

The membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December and membership categories are:

Junior Membership (under 21 years): \$35

Senior Membership: \$45

Family Membership: \$70

You can join or renew membership through Global Entries Online

(See the Membership page on the HDC website (hawkesburydressage.com.au) for full details on how to join/renew membership.)

A Message From the President

You will probably have often heard organising committees complaining that they can't operate without volunteers, and if we have no helpers there'll be no competitions. And yes, it's true, but the threat seems empty. The competitions still run, and we all breathe a sigh of relief until the next time, when we start the whole process again.

So, for once I'm not going to tell you that we can't do it without more volunteers because we always manage to get *just* enough helpers and we always manage to get the job done. And if I may say so, we seem to get it done smoother and more efficiently each time. As well as four smoothly run, successful competitions in 2015, here are some of the other things our Club has achieved:

1. NSW purchased golf carts that we and other clubs can now hire to get around SIEC to pick up test papers, take judges to their arenas etc...that came from a committee suggestion to them and they obligingly ran with it!
2. There are a considerable number of newly accredited dressage stewards across the clubs in NSW after a suggestion and offer to run a stewards workshop was made by the HDC reps at the DNSW Club forum.
3. We had not one but FOUR teams at the Clarendon Winter Festival & NSW State Championships. States were particularly good with 1st and 2nd placings at both levels. This was a real boost to the Club and the riders and is an area that we want to develop more in the future. Team members ranged from Novice to Inter II.
4. In 2015 we introduced SIEC 'familiarisation' days. Members had the opportunity to get their horses used to the arenas in a relaxed atmosphere, have a BBQ lunch and then go on to do a trail ride in the afternoon. They have become a popular inclusion into our calendar and we'll continue with more of these throughout 2016. We also held additional dressage clinics with Rachael Downs, Caroline Twomey and David Shoobridge at various other venues.
5. We held our first Jackpot Classes at the 2015 Championships and gave actual prize money to the top 3 riders in 2 randomly selected classes which, in 2015, were Novice and Medium.
6. We held our second Horseland Dural Young Horse Championship, with a bit more support in 2015 due to a change of date so that the horses could get qualifying scores for DWTS and the Sydney CDI.

So that's not a bad influence on the dressage calendar in 2015. And there are more great ideas which will become reality in 2016, including Futurity Classes with big prize money, along with features at every competition.

Another point that is also worth a mention is how representative the HDC committee was across the board in 2015 and continues to be in 2016. We have a mix of professional, semi professional and amateur riders ranging from Prelim to FEI level,

Young Horse riders, ex-riders, owners, breeders and a judge. This has worked so well in helping us to cater for a wide range of people at our events.

So I won't say 'we can't do it without volunteers' because you know that. ... But what I will say is...why not join in and be a part of a forward thinking, progressive club that wants to make a difference to our dressage scene. Come and help make that happen! It's fun, it's challenging, and it's rewarding. It doesn't take up ALL your time. Everyone on the committee has a family, a full or part time job, or a business, or horses they want to train and compete or all of the above. We could do with a hand!

With all that said, I would now like to sincerely thank all our committee members for all the hard work and support that they have given me and each other throughout 2015. It has been one of the most cohesive committees yet.

I'd also like to publicly thank all our riders, their families, grooms, owners, who all support our events just by being there, a special thanks to anyone who volunteers to do anything, to our sponsors, and all our judges and officials and everyone else who helps to make all this happen.

Sally-Ann Barbera
HDC President

Know Your Dressage Rules

Dressage in Australia is conducted in accordance with the Australian Dressage Rules and these quite frequently change.

So make sure that you are always up-to-date on the rules governing such things as permissible equipment, how tests need to be ridden, how events need to be run, and much more.

The latest Dressage Rules are effective as from 1 January 2016. Find them at:

[www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2016 Dressage Rule Book effective 1st Jan 2016 Clean Version 3.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2016%20Dressage%20Rule%20Book%20effective%201st%20Jan%202016%20Clean%20Version%203.pdf)

Or view a summary of the changes from the previous (August 2015) Rules at:

[www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2016 Summary of Dressage Rule Changes for WEBSITE 3.pdf](http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/2016%20Summary%20of%20Dressage%20Rule%20Changes%20for%20WEBSITE%203.pdf)

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Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at The Richmond Golf Club, Bourke Street, Richmond (right beside the railway station).

If you would like to come along, we would love to see you there!

2016 Event Calendar

Hawkesbury Dressage Club is offering a number of exciting competition and training events in 2016, with the opportunity to win **great cash prizes!!!**

2016 Competitions

6 March: This is our first competition of the year, with the following classes being offered:

Preparatory A (cu)	Preparatory B (cu)
Preliminary 1.1 (oc,cu)	Preliminary 1.2 (oc,cu)
Novice 2.1 (oc,cu)	Novice 2.2 (oc,cu)
Elementary 3.1 (oc)	Elementary 3.2 (oc)
Medium 4.1 (oc)	Medium 4.2 (oc)
Advanced 5.1 (oc)	Advanced 5.2 (oc)
Prix St Georges	Intermediate I
Intermediate A	Intermediate II
Intermediate B	Grand Prix
EA Para Equestrian	

Closing date for this Competition: 14 February, 2016

28-29 May: The HDC Annual Championships. This event will include **Jackpot Classes with prize money of over \$1,000.**

Closing date for this Competition: 8 May, 2016

31 July: A special event which will feature inaugural Futurity Classes. There will be **prizes of over \$5,000** on offer*. Why not combine this with the Australian Warmblood Horse Association Gala Day, also held at SIEC on 30 July, for a whole weekend of equestrian activities.

* Conditions apply

Closing date for this Competition: 10 July, 2016

6 November: An Open competition which also features the Horseland Young Horse Championship for 4, 5 and 6 Year Olds.

Closing date for this Competition: 16 October 2016

2016 Training days

Get your horse used to the SIEC arenas at our Members Only Training days. Arena familiarisation, coaching from NCAS accredited coaches, protocol tests and trail rides are just some of the activities that may be on offer at these events

Training Days are currently scheduled for:

- Saturday, 6 February
- Saturday, 14 May
- Saturday, 16 July
- Saturday, 15 October

HDC competition entry fees remain the same in 2016. They have not increased for two years!

Member Entry Fee: \$38

Non-Member Entry Fee: \$48

Administration Fee: \$10

All HDC competitions and training days are held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park ... a world class venue.

You can enter **all HDC activities** (competitions, training days and clinics) via Global Entries Online. You can register for these at:

www.globalentriesonline.com.au/equestrian_dressage/sign_up

Next HDC Event: 6 February Training Day

HDC invites its Members to attend its next Training Day, which will be held on Saturday, 6 February at SIEC. A range of activities has been organised which offers Members a day of fun, assistance and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The activities available are:

- **Arena familiarisation:** Arenas will be available all day for Members to familiarise their horses with the SIEC environment and the presence of other horses.
- **Coaching:** Members will be able to book coaching slots with **Rachael Downs**. Clinics with Rachael have proven to be very popular, so make sure to get your bookings in early so as not to miss out.
- **Protocol Tests:** Members will also have the opportunity to ride protocol tests with high level judge, **Vicki Newham**. As usual, you can choose your own test to ride but again, book early to ensure a slot.
- **Trail Rides:** Enjoy a relaxed ride through the picturesque SIEC countryside, with over 10 km of trails to explore.
- **Refreshments:** A morning tea and light lunch will be provided to Members, free of charge.

Activity costs*

- **Arena Familiarisation:** \$15
- **Coaching Slot:** \$140
- **Protocol Test:** \$25
- **Trail Ride:** \$25

* Plus a \$10 Admin fee (which also covers the SIEC day-stay fee)

Bookings for all activities can be made through Global Entries Online

Big Cash Prizes! Futurity Classes at the July Competition

HDC is introducing a great new competition concept at its 31 July Event, with three Futurity Classes being run with total prize money of over \$5,000

There will be a Futurity class at each of the levels:

- **Novice** (Novice 2.2)
- **Medium** (Medium 4.2)
- **Prix St Georges**

In each of these classes the cash prizes will be:

1st Place: \$1,000

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$250

Conditions will apply to the running of these classes:

- Horses entered in the class must not have previously competed at the relevant level (Novice, Medium or Prix St Georges) prior to 2016
- Due to the entry conditions being applied to the Futurity classes, they must be classified as Restricted, Invitational. As such, horses and ponies will participate in the same class and scores will not be official.
- For a Futurity class to be run, there will have to be a minimum of 10 horses/ponies entered in the class by the event closing date. Refunds may be made up to the closing date but no refunds will be made after the closing date.
- Entry fees for a Futurity Class will be:
Members: \$60
Non-Members: \$80

New HDC Life Member – Penny Callum



Q: Tell us a little of your riding history

I started riding as a child growing up in England. I did all the usual pony club activities but my main interest then was in eventing, jumping and even hunting.

I came to Australia at the age of 18 and, before long, became involved with a group of riders, including eventers and dressage riders such as Joy Charlton, who used to ride at Centennial Park. I well remember my introduction to riding in Australia. I was taken to Centennial Park and the horse I was riding took off and I did at least three circuits of the track before I was able to bring it to halt!

Q: So what attracted you to dressage?

As a Pony Club rider being involved in Gosling Cup competitions, I was doing eventing so, of course, I was also engaging in some dressage. I remember as quite a young person reading an article by a German rider, which explained the finesse of using the aids in the training of the horse and I found that really fascinating.

But it was during my involvement with the riders at Centennial Park that Gladys Bunworth, who trained modern pentathlon riders, really encouraged me to develop my dressage skill and enter into competitions. I joined EFA around 1970 and began competing in the Dressage Council competitions which, at that time, took place at the Warwick Farm race track.

But it was mainly once I became a mum in 1972 that I re-evaluated the risks involved in jumping and decided to concentrate on dressage. I also felt that dressage was more ordered in its organisation, so that made it easier, as a young mother, to manage my time.



Penny (9yo, left) with pony...in the days before jeans and T-shirts

Q: How long have you been involved with Hawkesbury Dressage Club?

I joined HDC in 1991, soon after it was created. It seemed a nice, friendly club and was holding its competitions at Horsecworld, not far from my home and where I had already done some freestyle



*An HDC prize medallion
awarded to Penny*

riding. We had moved to Annangrove in 1988 and I recall watching Horseworld being built whilst on my trail rides.



APH Rocella: Reserve Advanced Champion

Q: When did you join the HDC Committee and what roles have you played?

I was just an ordinary member of HDC from 1991 until around 2000. In 2000, with Horseworld changing hands, there was significant discussion about where the club should continue to hold its events. I attended an important meeting that was held at the Mean Fiddler to discuss possible locations and, in fact, strongly suggested that the club should consider using the newly constructed SIEC facilities, which it did. I continued regularly attending the HDC meetings and so evolved into a committee member.

In the early days I was more involved in riding and competing but still assisted at events with such things as organising judges' gifts and so forth. However, from 2010 to 2015 I have organised the club's catering. I decided that it was time to step aside, so have not rejoined the committee in 2016.

Q: Are you still competing?

My last competition was in 2010 when I won the Medium HOTY competition. In 2010 APH Rocella was retired. She was with me from the age of 4 months and was competed from 1997. At the moment I am riding a grey Andalusian-cross mare who is not quite ready for competition but on whom I would really like to do at least some low level competition one day.

Q: What equestrian activities have you engaged in?

Well, we have already discussed my riding in eventing, jumping and dressage. However, I have always loved trail riding and still do so. But I have also ridden at hunts and have even done stock mustering at Murrurundi in the Hunter Valley.



Penny on APH Rocella

Apart from riding, I also was a judge, to Elementary level, for 10 years. I have also bred a number of horses, including William Lawson, on whom I competed extensively, Wisteria who is currently being ridden by our HDC Vice-President, Justin Worthy and Wetherill who is currently in training with Justin.

Q: Is there anyone in particular who has inspired you?

It is probably more a matter of who has most influenced me and, without doubt, that would have to be Miguel Tavora. I commenced having lessons with Miguel in 1987 and still have the occasional lesson with him. He has such a great insight into the horse and what it needs in its training.

Q: If you had a piece of advice for dressage riders, what would it be?


First and foremost – care for your horse! Looking after your horse is a skill in itself. Second, make sure that you are getting the best possible help with your training. Third, look for quality in the horse. However, even the highest quality horse won't produce the results you want without the first two conditions being met!

How Far We Have Come!

An HDC Event Entry Form from 1992

EASTER MONDAY

ENQUIRIES
045-799331



HAWKESBURY DRESSAGE CLUB
OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL COMPETITION

VENUE: HORSEWORLD 38A Maguires Road, NELSON
DATE: Easter Monday 20 April 1992

PROGRAMME

OFFICIAL	UNOFFICIAL
Event 1 Prelim 1D	Event 5 Preparatory (see over)
Event 2 Novice 2D	Event 6 Prelim 1B
Event 3 Elementary 3A	Event 7 Prelim 1C
Event 4 Medium 4A	Event 8 Novice 2C

Ribbons and prizes for all events

Entry Fee: Members \$13.00 Non Members \$18.00
E.F.A. Rules apply in all Official Events

ENTRIES TO H.D.C. BOX 210 WILBERFORCE 2756

H.D.C.

EVENT	HORSE	RIDER	FEE	EFA HORSE/RIDER NO	POINTS

RIDER DETAILS

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
PHONE..... PC.....
I AGREE TO RIDE IN THIS EVENT AT MY OWN RISK AND
ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RULES FOR THE
CONDUCT OF DRESSAGE EVENTS.

ENTRIES
CLOSE
20 MAR 1992

NO REFUNDS AFTER
CLOSING DATE

DATE..... SIGNATURE.....
PLEASE SEND BUSINESS SIZE STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR
DRAW TO
H.D.C. PO BOX 210 WILBERFORCE 2756
PLEASE REMEMBER NO ENVELOPE NO DRAW

Camelot Horse Rugs 2015 HOTY Winners



Congratulations to all our 2015 HOTY Winners!!!

Preliminary HOTY and Supreme Horse of the Year

Wendy Peters on William Wordsworth



Novice HOTY

Mary Simonian on Tara Noriego



Elementary HOTY

Niki Turner on Emmerson Park Mr Bax



Medium HOTY

Wendy Calabro on Mauritius



Advanced HOTY

Holly Lewis on Heatherton park Romeo



FEI HOTY

Helen Macaskill on Neversfelde Rupert



Pony OTY

India Shead on Buckton Sundown



Well done!!!!

Revised 2016 HOTY Rules

1. Both the owner and the rider(s) of the horse must be financial members of the club at the time of competing.
2. Competition runs through the calendar year. Horses are eligible from owner and rider's joining date. All points accrued prior to this date are ineligible.
3. To be eligible for HOTY, owners, riders or a representative of that horse, must work a minimum of 4 hours across the 4 events during the calendar year. This may be done all at one event or at various events throughout the year.
4. There will be a volunteer sign-in book at our event office at each of our competitions. Volunteers will need to sign in AND out. A committee representative must verify hours upon completion.

5. The following awards are offered in 2016:

Closed Unrestricted HOTY	Reserve Closed Unrestricted HOTY
Preliminary HOTY	Reserve Preliminary HOTY
Novice HOTY	Reserve Novice HOTY
Elementary HOTY	Reserve Elementary HOTY
Medium HOTY	Reserve Medium HOTY
Advanced HOTY	Reserve Advanced HOTY
FEI HOTY	Reserve FEI HOTY
Pony OTY	Reserve POTY
Supreme HOTY	

The Closed Unrestricted HOTY award will be a combination of both Preliminary and Novice Closed Unrestricted classes. All other levels will be awarded for combinations in Official Competitive classes.

6. HOTY winners are not eligible to compete for HOTY at the same level in subsequent years (FEI and Ponies are an exception to this rule).
7. Points are limited to the 2 highest scoring tests of the day per horse/rider combination (NB no points for freestyles, choose your own tests and horses competing HC).
8. Points are awarded as follows:
1st = 30 pts, 2nd = 29 pts, 3rd = 28pts, 4th = 27 pts down to 30th= 1pt.
The members will be awarded points according to their placing in the test NOT where they rank compared to other members.
9. Points will be awarded for each division if the tests are divided.
10. Equal placings receive equal points
11. If there are two horses on equal results at the end of the year, the highest average percentage will be the winner. If they are still equal then the higher place getter in the more difficult test (.2 or .3) at the Championships is the winner.
12. Supreme HOTY is awarded to the horse or pony that accrues the most points over the year.
13. Results will be posted after all point scores, volunteer hours and membership status have been verified.
14. The committee's decision will be final when awarding HOTY winners.

**Any questions please contact the HOTY Point Score Co-ordinator
Justin Worthy : justin.worthy@gmail.com**

HOTY Rider Spotlight: Wendy Peters

Winner of Preliminary HOTY and Supreme Horse of the Year

Riding has always been a passion ever since I acquired my cousin's outgrown pony when I was 11 years old and was fortunate enough to be able keep him at home on my parents' 3 acre property in Cheshire. Most of my riding then was hacking around the country lanes, pony club at the local farm and a bit of show jumping at a local indoor arena. Sadly, my pony days were over at the age of 17 when college studies got in the way.



Photo: Catchlight Photo Imaging

However, my local riding school was only a mile from where we lived and on weekends I would take one of their horses for a ride. I even went with them to The Cheshire Hunt, much to the dismay of my Mum. Looking back at how I galloped flat out across a ploughed field, jumping hedges and ditches after a Stirrup Cup of sherry at 7am in the morning is now a frightening thought.

In my early 30's I took up the opportunity of a lifetime to sail a luxury 125ft ketch, sailing from the UK to Auckland New Zealand via the Suez Canal. I loved Auckland so decided to stay and work for 12 months. In this time I met my wonderful husband Jonathan while I was working in the boatyard that was building the racing yachts for Team New Zealand for the 1995 Americas Cup in San Diego. We both became part of Team New Zealand and spent almost 12 months living in San Diego. It was an incredible experience to be part of the winning team bringing the "Auld Mug" back to New Zealand.

We married in Auckland and within 2 years were a family of four. Michael was born in Auckland and Jessica born in Cheshire shortly after we moved back to the Northern Hemisphere with Jonathan's job. Jessica soon developed her mum's love of horses and so, at the age of three, my horse riding turned to tutoring Jess on a wee small pony. By the age of four she could trot and canter without any hesitation. I think it must be one of life's little rewarding achievements to teach your child a skill that you are so passionate about.

Unfortunately this all came to halt when Jonathan's job moved us to Tokyo for 2½ years. After a further move to Michigan, we became permanently relocated to Sydney, where we now live on the Northern Beaches.

Just over 7 years ago Jessica started to take regular riding lessons and I loved seeing her become a very capable rider in both in flatwork and jumping. She wanted a horse of her own. It is rather difficult for parents who live in a suburban street to accommodate such a request but I shared her desire to own our own horse and, as the old saying goes, “where there’s a will, there is a way”.

That “way” became possible when Jess and I were riding a friend’s horse in Duffys Forest Public Arena in October 2011. We were having a few ‘difficulties’ at the time since the horse hadn’t been ridden much and as I don’t bounce too well anymore was going to give up on him. A total stranger walked over to us, hopped on the horse, gave him what he needed, jumped off and stayed with us. It was the best ride we’d had all week on him – we were in awe. We thanked her profusely for her free and kind help and asked her name. She still is one amazing and incredible horse trainer who never advertises and keeps under the radar. And that was the beginning of it all.

Alexis Scott was starting up an agistment yard 10 minutes from our home with a fabulous 100m outdoor arena and was looking to board privately owned horses. It was a dream come true – Jessica and I were in heaven at the thought of owning our own horse and within 3 weeks had purchased Barney, a handsome 16.2 hh, 7 year old bay TB gelding with a white blaze who had done some dressage and could jump to 60cm He was perfect for us and being under the care of Alexis too was even more perfect.

We both got to know him and he became a very important member of our family. Jess was jumping him in the arena and riding to a level I was in my younger years. Being wisely cautious, I kept telling myself I don’t bounce, but enjoyed the thrill of riding a young and energetic, forward-moving horse again.

I had my first riding lesson in 30 years in February 2012 and Alexis introduced me to the discipline of Dressage. I was hooked. Regular lessons enabled me to compete at my first local dressage event with Barney in May and from then on we always came home with a ribbon or two. In 2013, I joined Hawkesbury Dressage Club competing mainly Preliminary but unfortunately in the September Barney developed a respiratory illness which had vets baffled. We gave him every possible medication and prayed every day for his full recovery but early one morning in February our lovely big boy was taken from us to that big green paddock in the sky. We were heartbroken and tears still well up in my eyes now when I talk about him.

We were in pieces for a while after and there was a big hole in our lives. I pulled myself together and started looking for a replacement Barney. After searching countless numbers of ads we came across young William. He had done no dressage, just a bit of jumping and was very green. Not at all what we were looking for but something clicked and we bought him. He was green and I was green as far as training a young horse was concerned but it was a challenge and a project that over the coming months, with regular lessons, patience and consistency, became a rewarding experience under the guidance of Alexis.

We competed our first dressage event at SIEC in October just doing a single Preliminary test in a “spooky” arena where there were far too many distractions for William. The horn tooted for us to enter but William decided it was safer to jump in. He didn’t want to halt as it wasn’t safe to do so either and from then on I just wanted the ground to swallow us up. Thankfully I stayed on and although in general our marks were expectedly low the judge’s comments were very encouraging and our marks for rider and his paces were extremely good. So, although we came last, I felt as though I had achieved what I came to do - to expose him to a new place, complete a dressage test without any major issues and make it as best an experience for him and me - and have a laugh about it later. Fortunately, from then on our trips out to Hawkesbury Dressage got more and more enjoyable.

The Training Days which were run during the earlier part of the year were a huge help for us. It enabled us to ride around the grounds and the arenas in our own time, at our own pace and for William to “chill”. It was also a lovely way to meet like-minded members and their horses and exchange stories while having a spot of lunch together.

The Hawkesbury Dressage Championships in May were more than I could have ever expected of William and we came away on the Sunday afternoon with 6 blue ribbons a beautiful blue rug embroidered with Unrestricted Champion and a big rosette. I had tears of joy and disbelief as I drove him home out of the grounds of SIEC.

The second half of the year became easier for William as he became less spooky and took most things in his stride. We kept up with our regular lessons with Alexis to improve our movements and explore his potential without any pressure. Patience, discipline, time and allowing a horse to enjoy his work is, as I have found a very important part of training a green horse.

In October I knighted William and called him Sir William Wordsworth and bought him his Dressage Card so we could enter Official classes. Our first “Official” outing at Northside Riding Club saw us come first in the 2.3 Novice with 64.8% and 67.3% in the Prelim 1.3. It was a good first entry of points on his new dressage card.

As the year was drawing to a close, an email from Justin confirming William had won the Hawkesbury Preliminary Horse of the Year for 2015 was just the icing on the cake to finish a pleasing year with William - and a bonus rug with his name embroidered on it too. Jonathan and I went along to the awards night and I was presented with not only a beautifully embroidered rug but a beautiful silver trophy too. I was just amazed. Then once everyone had been presented with their awards the last one was announced – Supreme Horse of the Year. My jaw dropped as Justin read out William’s name. Another beautiful trophy to add to what I had never expected.

Once home I placed my trophies on our coffee table and looked at them thinking this is like a dream, but when I woke in the morning they were still there and it was for real.

Meet a Committee Member

Joanne Peet

Q: How long have you been involved in Hawkesbury Dressage Club? What got you involved with our Club?

I have been involved with HDC for 3 years. I wanted to give back to the sport I love and be involved with a Committee by having new ideas for HDC competitions.

Q: What role do you play (or have played) within the HDC Committee?

In the past, I have played the role of HDC Sponsorship Coordinator but in 2016 I am a General Committee member.



Q: What equestrian activities have you engaged in?

Riding, coaching and breeding. I have bred three horses that I have competed on. One of those horses was placed at Dressage State and National Championships.

Q: Are you still competing?

I have competed up to Advanced and am currently competing in 5 year old Young Horse and Novice classes.

Q: What attracted you to dressage?

My good showjumping mare hurt herself and I got a horse off the track who could do better dressage than showjumping. I then became hooked on dressage!

Q: Is there anyone in particular who has inspired you?

Over the years there has been a number of top dressage riders that have inspired myself. Anky van Grunsven and Isabell Werth are truly inspirational riders to me.

Q: If you had a piece of advice for dressage riders, what would it be?

Enjoy your dressage journey with your horse, never stop learning, work hard and believe in yourself.

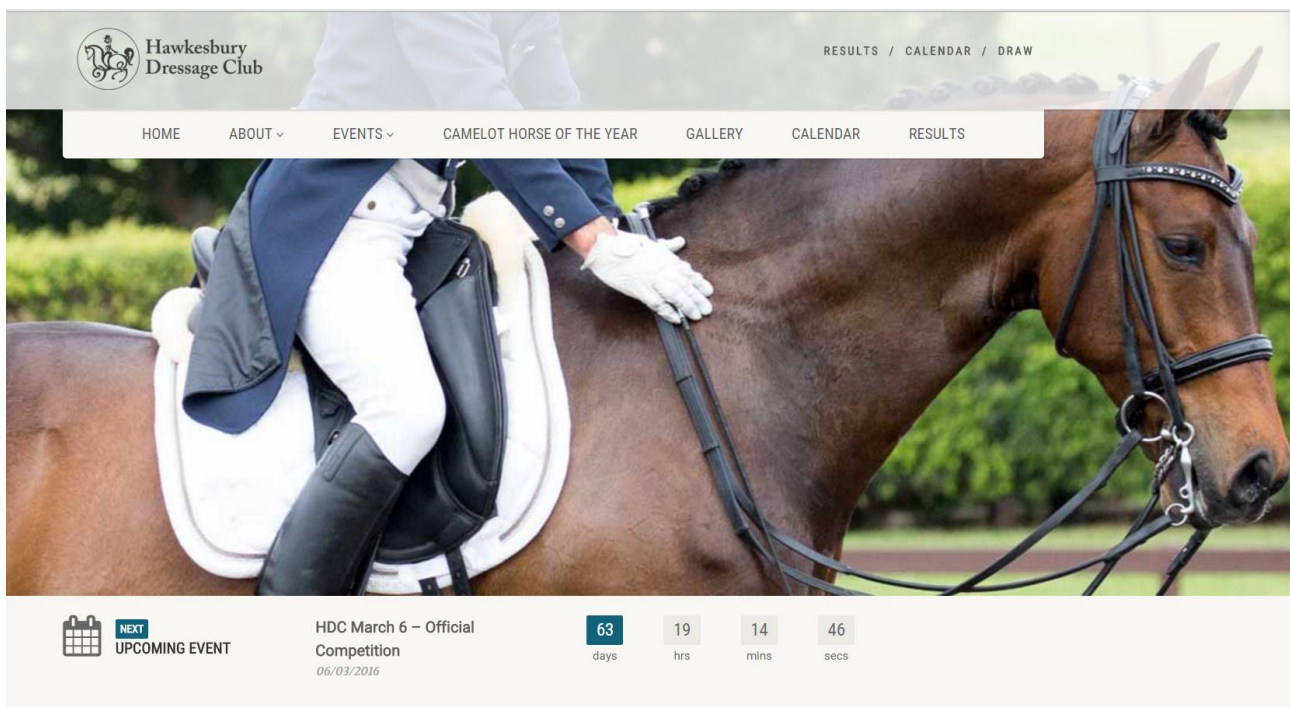
Q: Tell us something non-horsey about yourself

This is a hard one! I have climbed Ayers Rock to the top.

The New HDC Website

Hawkesbury Dressage Club is very excited to announce that its website has been completely redesigned!

The URL remains the same:
hawkesburydressage.com.au



This new website allows HDC to present a fresh new face to the world and brings many advantages to both its users and its administrators.

- The information on the site is easy for users to navigate
- The technology used (Wordpress) makes it easier for the content to be managed, so information can more easily be kept up-to-date and relevant to the Club's needs

HDC extends its wholehearted thanks to Verity Muscat and her company, Pixel Eight Creative, for all her effort and commitment in creating our new site!



Hawkesbury Dressage Club Thanks Its Generous 2015/2016 Sponsors and Supporters

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