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2017 BONEO CLASSIC CELEBRATES CHAMPIONS OF AUSTRALIAN EQUESTRIAN SPORT

We conclude the 2017 Boneo Classic, 20-22 January, and celebrate two great champions that have emerged from some of the most talented fields of riders ever seen at [Boneo Park](#).

In the dressage competitions, Olympian [Mary Hanna](#) led the way winning the NAB Grand Prix Freestyle CDI *** aboard Sancette, and won both the Paton's Machinery CDI*** Grand Prix Special and the Grand Prix CDI*** with Boogie Woogie 6 under the saddle.

In the Jumping arena, it was fantastic to see [Gabrielle Kuna](#) and 'Cera Cassiago' back on Australian shores after an 8 month European campaign, and together they certainly treated the large crowd to a Jumping masterclass with a double clear performance around a strong but fair [David Sheppard](#) course for the [Prancing Horse Estate](#) World Cup Qualifier, the final event of the championship for the year.

In an event first, the team at Boneo Park brought the two champions together for final presentations to join with the crowd in celebrating their outstanding performances throughout the 2017 Boneo Classic.

"It was a truly magical moment to see Australia's finest Dressage and Jumping riders come together to celebrate the culmination of a weekend of top class equestrian sport", said Fiona Selby, Managing Director of Boneo Park.

We send our heartiest congratulations to Clint Beresford who was crowned the 2016 FEI World Cup Australian League leading rider, a culmination of superb jumping efforts at multiple shows aboard the big hearted, and perhaps smallest Grand Prix horse going around, the magnificent 'Emmaville Jitterbug'. They have much to celebrate and we join with the jumping community to wish them every success in representing us all in the World Cup Final.

Boneo Park also wishes to acknowledge the achievements of the following competitors in securing top placing in their respective Championship classes, conducted over the event.

- Martin Collins CDI-U25 Championship, Kamber Pryderi and Fern Wright
- Mornington Peninsula Shire CDI-P Championship, Garraboo Scoobie Doo and Jessica Hivon
- RB Flinders CDI-Y Championship, Westwind and Jamie Mita
- Browns Sawdust Junior Rider Jumping Series, Oaks Goya and Sally Simmonds

- Martin Collins Amateur Rider Jumping Series, Syndicate 2 and April Lovell
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Young Rider Jumping Series, Quero Quero and Erin Buswell

Boneo Park would also like to thank and acknowledge the ongoing support of major sponsor NAB for not only their sponsorship but the provision of over 20 volunteers who were fundamental to the success of the event.