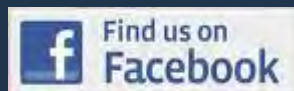


VICTORIAN YOUNG RIDER DRESSAGE SQUADS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2017-2018



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2017-2018 Program

We will ensure that all Squad & Development Program members will have access to high quality coaching both for riding and supporting programs.

Riders will have the opportunity to work towards their Equestrian Australia Introductory Riding and Horse Management Certificates.

Those who fulfil the criteria will also have the chance to work towards their EA Introductory Coaching Certificate (and potentially to NCAS Level 1)

We will be running the Australian Youth (Young Rider) Dressage Championships in January 2018 with classes for riders from 8 to 25 years of age. Squad members and parents are an integral part of this event. We will also be offering Participation and Inter School classes.

If funds permit we will be offering an excursion to a range of interesting places

We will continue to offer an attractive Development Program which will be a pathway from Interschool level Participation level dressage to Competitive EA dressage and ultimately FEI level.

Scholarships available: The Carol Simpson Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squad Scholarship (covers half fees for 2 riders) is available for 2017-2018. Thanks to the generosity of long time supporter Carol Simpson, there will be scholarships to cover 50% of fees for the year (\$400 value per rider).

Confidential enquiries to Jan janasmith@bigpond.com

YOUNG RIDER DRESSAGE SQUADS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRAINING WEEKENDS 2017-2018

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Closing date For applications</i>
<i>16 - 17 September 2017</i>	<i>Boneo Park EC</i>	<i>2 day training clinic</i>	<i>8 September</i>
<i>16 - 17 December 2017</i>	<i>Werribee Park NEC</i>	<i>2 day training clinic & Christmas break up</i>	<i>11 December</i>
<i>13 January 2018</i>	<i>Werribee Park NEC</i>	<i>Test protocol day Ride the tests of your choice.</i>	<i>tbc Free for Squad members</i>
<i>10-11 March 2018</i>	<i>Werribee Park NEC</i>	<i>2 day training clinic</i>	<i>2 March</i>
<i>2-3 June 2018</i>	<i>Werribee Park NEC</i>	<i>2 day training clinic</i>	<i>25 May</i>



Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squads & Development Program

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Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squads and Development Program 2016-2017 Review

2016-2017 saw some fantastic goals met. We had over 100 riders register for the program with 60 plus riders attending each training weekend. Our first training weekend in August 2016 was a little affected by a health scare that hit Werribee Park but the September weekend at Boneo Park was fantastic. We were a victim of forty plus degree heat which affected our Protocol day in January but the March and April training weekends saw record numbers attend. Nearly 70% of Squad members attended the Victorian Youth Dressage Championships held at Boneo Park in January.

Again riders who registered received a free Squad cap and had access to a fantastic range of Squad merchandise at cost price, thanks to David Hivon and his company for this service.

At our final Squad weekend in April riders received a copy of Basic Training of the Young Horse by world renowned rider and trainer Ingrid Klimke. We were able to purchase these books very reasonably thanks to the assistance of Mary Mumford at The Dancing Horse (<https://www.dancinghorse.com.au/>)

We have received great support from Equissage (<https://www.niagara.com.au/equissage/>) and Manfred Dobrow of Boeckmann Floats (<http://www.boeckmann.com.au/>) who have donated goods for our upcoming fund-raising raffle

All riders received some amazing opportunities for high quality instruction from coaches such as Mary Hanna, Clemens Dierks, Bjarne Elefsen, Brett Parbery, Dr Susan Thompson (from Canada) Sue Leslie, Sue Chandler, Karen Blythe, Bianca Veneziano, Viv Axton, Robyn Brown, Sue Chandler, Gitte Donvig, Lou D'Elia, Julia Battams & Jan Smith. Our regular fitness coach Natalia Evertsz, has worked hard with our riders to improve their flexibility and balance.

Other topics covered were

- Veterinary matters with Dr. Emma Stella-Hall
- Motivational session with Katherine Stewart
- Warm up arena etiquette with Sharyn McCombe
- Poles & Grids with Sue Chandler
- Medication Control (swabbing) with Jan Smith
- The Science behind Dressage Training with the wonderful Dr Andrew McLean
- Equine Geonomics with Antoinette Foster from HiForm
- EA Introductory Horse Riding & Horse Management Certificates with Sue Leslie
- Movie night
- Representing Victoria at the New Zealand Youth Championships.

Thank you to David Hivon for maintaining our Team App service.

Our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Victorian-Dressage-Young-Rider-Squads-and-Development-Program-1635341310044420/>) has seen amazing traffic and proved a great way to get information out and share ideas. Don't forget to "Like & Follow" and Squad members are sent regular emails to their registered email address.

We also have a page on the Equestrian Victoria website <http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/content/yr-program>

Please support our supporters! If you are shopping or looking for information please consider supporting the businesses that have supported our Young Riders.

If you know anyone whose business profile may suit our Young Rider Program please introduce them to what we offer. Contact Jan Smith if you have any ideas.

How the Squads will work:

- ◆ Riders can apply from the commencement of the calendar year in which they turn eight years old on ponies and ten years of age on horses, (as per the EA Rules) and can remain in the squads until the end of the year in which they turn twenty five.
- ◆ Riders must be financial members of Equestrian Victoria
- ◆ Horses in the Development Program do not need to be EV registered.
- ◆ There are 4 training weekends planned (8 training days) plus a Protocol test riding day.
- ◆ At least one excursion is planned.
- ◆ All Squad members will take an active part in the Australian Youth Dressage Championships in January 2018 at Boneo Park Equestrian Centre.
- ◆ Points for our planned Annual Awards will be gained at training weekends throughout the year.

Victorian Youth A Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 12 best performed combinations—Novice / Elementary x 3 + Medium / Advanced x 3 + FEI x 4 + 2 wildcards. Squads will be reviewed at the end of January 2018

Victorian Youth B Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 16 best performed combinations (excluding the Victorian Youth A Squad) —Novice / Elementary x 8 + Medium / Advances x 4 + FEI x 4. Squads will be reviewed at the end of January 2018.

Victorian Youth C Squad:

Will consist of a maximum of 10 best performed combinations (excluding the Victorian Youth A & B Squads) Novice & Elementary. Squads will be reviewed at the end of January 2018.

Please Note: Squads will be formed based on registrations received by the first training weekend.

Development Program:

This will be for riders that may, for whatever reason, not fill the above criteria. There will be squads or groups that will form within this Development Squad:

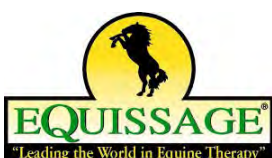
Junior: 8 to 14 years

Senior: 15 to 25 years.

This is to give every rider the chance to work with other riders of similar levels and ages . Ponies will also be catered for within levels / groups.

Training Weekend Format:

- ◆ Typically A Squad members will receive 1 private riding lesson each day.
- ◆ Typically B Squad members will receive 1 private riding lesson each day.
- ◆ Typically C Squad & Development Program groups will receive 1 shared (group of 2) lesson each day with potentially a private lesson depending on availability.
- ◆ All Squads and groups will also work with a qualified personal fitness trainer to maximise their potential as an athlete. A range of other workshops / seminars will be offered. Attendance at these workshops / seminars is compulsory unless prior permission is obtained.
- ◆ Innovative entertainment on the Saturday night (ideas welcome) & Social Activities
- ◆ A quality range of Squad merchandise will be available.
- ◆ All riders and parents are expected to enjoy meals together. Lunch provided both days. Saturday night meal may incur a small charge.



Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

Equestrian Victoria, Equestrian Australian and the FEI expect all those involved in equestrian sport to adhere to the Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farrier and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. EV, EA & the FEI urge all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.

The Victorian Dressage Young Rider Squad's Athlete Agreement

- Abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse at all times
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow riders, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others including coaches, parents and officials.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression or harassment towards people or horses.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow riders and competitors. Be proactive in assisting other Squad members and be aware that they may be in a different stage of their equestrian experience.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
- Always acknowledge and respect sponsors and their involvement in the Squad and our sport.
- Understand the Social Media Policy of the organisation and any ramifications that may arise from breaches of that policy. To view the policy in full: <http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.pdf>
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality, be courteous, kind and always set a good example in dress and high personal behavior standards.
- Learn and abide by the rules of our sport and respect the decision of the officials making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision. Always operate within the rules, if you or your parents don't understand, ask for help.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your fellow riders. Be prepared to set goals to help you achieve your aims and ambitions.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model and be prepared to make a long term commitment to the Squad and the values that drive it and be prepared to take part in all scheduled activities.

I agree to abide by the above conditions:

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____



When applying you need to send:

- Your signed Athlete's Agreement (page 6)
 - Your completed Registration Form (page 7)
 - Your Medical Form / Photographic consent form (page 8) and
 - Your completed Application and Payment Form (page 9)
- See Page 9 for where to send.

Victorian Dressage

Young Riders Registration Form for 2017-2018

(All applicants must complete a Medical Form at the beginning of the year and undertake to notify the Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squad if there are any changes to the information initially submitted)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

Address: _____

_____ Pcode _____

Phone: Daytime: _____ AH _____

Mobile: _____ Email _____

EV Membership Number _____ Horse Name: _____

EV No: (If Applicable): _____ Level Competing: _____

Level Training: _____ My current Coach: _____

Please give a brief description of your horse & your training level & competition plans. (if not enough room include extra sheet).

COMPETITION RESULTS: If no results available please just mention where you are at with training:

DATE	EVENT	LEVEL	HORSE	RESULTS %

CRITERIA:

Best 4 performances at Novice to FEI Scores 60% or over. 1/8/16 - 1/8/17

Preference is given to results achieved at the following events:

- CDIs (International classes, eg CDI-Y etc. National & State Championships (VIC/NSW/QLD/SA/WA)
- Australian Youth Dressage Championships, State Young Rider Championships
- State or National Interschool Championships (**One Interschool score from State or Nationals accepted**)
- EA Club Championships / events
- Freestyle scores not accepted

Development Program (Junior: 8-14 Senior: 15-25) Please include your most recent performances.

All applications will be considered.

The committee reserves the right to grant wild cards and/or to alter the size of the Squads.

Victorian Dressage Young Riders for 2017-2018

Medical Form

Personal Details:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Health Care Details:

Medicare # _____ Private Cover Yes No Fund: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Current & Past Medical History:

Please indicate if you have any medical conditions, allergies or disabilities: _____

Any Medication required: _____

**To the best of my knowledge, all information contained on this sheet is correct
(if under 18 please have parent or legal guardian sign)**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photographic / Media Consent Form

I _____ consent to the use of photographs or video footage for use on our websites, newsletters, promotional purposes and publications as well as for distribution to members. I give this consent voluntarily.

Signature of parent _____ Date: _____

Signature of Rider _____ Date: _____

