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SERVICE TO SPORT

NEW SOUTH WALES

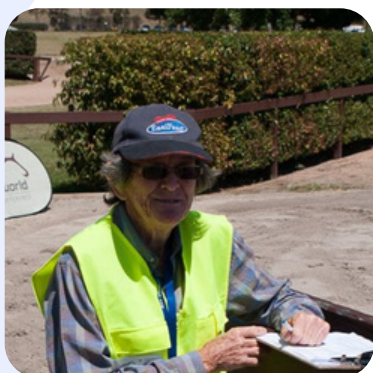
Katrina Dukats – Jumping

Katrina Dukats is a true stalwart of the sport, having served as Secretary of Jumping NSW since 2003 with unwavering dedication. As an owner of numerous high-level jumping horses, Katrina brings deep, first-hand knowledge to her many roles, having also served extensively as an Official Judge becoming an international judge in 1996, Steward General from 1999 to 2023. Always generous with her time, she is ever willing to answer questions on rules and general jumping queries, offering guidance that is as wonderful as it is invaluable. Her passion for the sport, and for those who help run it, shines through in everything she does.



Helen Zimic – Dressage

Helen Zimic is a long-serving dressage official and dedicated volunteer who has supported the Manning Valley Dressage and Hacking Club for more than 35 years. She has served as President, Treasurer, committee member, judge coordinator, dressage and para judge, steward and competitor. Helen has been instrumental in developing the club's facilities at the Taree Showground and advancing regional dressage. Known for her generosity and encouragement, she regularly volunteers at local, interschool and official competitions while mentoring others. She also supports the Mid North Coast Working Equitation Club, making an outstanding contribution to equestrian sport in regional NSW.



Stephanie Dore – Vaulting

Steph has built an outstanding career in equestrian vaulting, combining athletic achievement with a lasting commitment to giving back to the sport. A multiple Australian National Champion and Australia's highest-performing female vaulter at the 2018 and 2022 World Equestrian Games, Steph has earned respect for her warmth, generosity and professionalism. An EA Level 2 Vaulting Athlete Coach and FEI Level 1 Coach, she has contributed through coaching clinics, championships, committees and international initiatives. She helped establish the K-Ranch Vaulting Team and serves on the Equestrian Australia High Performance Committee. Steph is currently in Aachen, Germany, supporting the Australian Vaulting Team at the 2026 World Equestrian Games.



Sue Cunningham – Para Equestrian

For more than 30 years, Sue has shaped para equestrian through judging, coaching, education and governance at club, state, national and international levels. She has contributed to FEI Para Dressage Test development and the global growth of the sport while mentoring officials and athletes alike. A respected and supportive judge, Sue has officiated from grassroots competitions to the FEI World Championships and the Tokyo and Paris Paralympic Games, leaving a lasting legacy.



SERVICE TO SPORT

NEW SOUTH WALES

Elizabeth Armstrong - Eventing

Elizabeth (Winks) Armstrong For over 30 years Winks has been part of Horse Trials (Eventing). From running Cassilis Dressage Club to Goondiwindi Three Day Events and every other venue in NSW. For 9 years she was a FEI level 2 Judge and since retiring from FEI has still been one of the most active Judges in Eventing. Winks is always available not only to Judge 'star' level but also at interschools and grass root levels.



Carolyn James - Interschool



Carolyn has been a valued Riders' Rep at many State Interschool Championships, providing support and guidance to riders throughout the event. Her dedication, time and commitment, often over a long and demanding week, are greatly appreciated. Carolyn's willingness to be available, assist wherever needed has made a meaningful contribution to the success of the Championships. Her continued support and enthusiasm demonstrate the important role that dedicated officials play in creating a positive and enjoyable experience for all competitors.

Bare Equestrian - Show Horse

BARE Equestrian is the deserving recipient of the Show Horse Service to Sport Award. For the past six years, BARE Equestrian has been the major sponsor of the NSW Horse of the Year and has also proudly supported the NSW National Show Horse Team for many years. Their generous and ongoing contribution has played an important role in the success of our events and in supporting NSW riders competing at the national level. Equestrian NSW sincerely thanks Hollie and Lisa for their continued generosity, commitment and unwavering support of the ENSW Show Horse community.



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

NEW SOUTH WALES

Megan Scrivener – Jumping

Megan can be found most weekends judging at events across the state, officiating at a wide range of showjumping competitions. She holds EA Level 3 and FEI Level 1 accreditation and is keen to continually improve her own skills while also helping to develop and mentor less experienced officials. While she officiates at numerous high-level events including Australian Championships and World Cup events, she also enjoys encouraging younger competitors, notably at State Inter-schools, where she particularly enjoys judging the primary school children. As an official, Megan is passionate, fair, encouraging and upholds all ENSW values.



Jobina Kennedy – Dressage

Jobina Kennedy is an internationally respected FEI dressage judge, National A-Level Judge, Young Horse Judge, Judge Educator and mentor based in Albury, NSW. In 2026, she was one of just 15 judges from 12 countries promoted to FEI Level 3 following examinations in Italy. With more than 25 years of service, Jobina has become a leading figure in Australian dressage governance and education. She officiates at premier events, including the Sydney CDI and national championships, while remaining dedicated to grassroots competitions. Through her leadership, education and mentorship, Jobina continues to strengthen the quality and future of dressage



Julie Kirpichnikov– Vaulting

Julie began her equestrian journey by trick riding, which sparked an interest in Vaulting. She then transitioned to equestrian vaulting, eventually pursuing training to become a judge. Julie is always keen to bring her knowledge and skills and in turn gives back to the sport. She regularly judges at protocol days to give valuable feedback to vaulters to further improve their performances. She is a wonderful judge and a valuable asset to the sport of Equestrian Vaulting.



Julie Jones– Para Equestrian

Julie has been officiating at Dressage and Para Dressage events for well over ten years. She serves as a dressage mentor and educator and has been Chair of Dressage NSW Judges Sub Committee and a member the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee. Julie has provided her time and expertise as a regular judge of Para, Virtus and Equibilty athletes; her encouraging feedback at competitions and in Protocol events has allowed our athletes to develop their test riding skills and aim for higher levels of competition.



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

NEW SOUTH WALES

Margaret Warwick – Eventing

Margaret's long-standing contribution to Dressage and Eventing is truly remarkable. Her dedication and commitment to equestrian sport have made her a valued and trusted member of the community. Eventing clubs can always rely on Marg to have their dates pencilled into her diary well in advance, reflecting her unwavering support for the sport and its events. Margaret has also made a significant contribution as a breeder, successfully breeding horses that have gone on to compete at FEI level in Eventing. Her passion, knowledge and generosity continue to benefit the equestrian community.



Ian James – Interschool

Ian played an important and valued role as Dressage Steward throughout the State Interschool Championships. His commitment, professionalism and attention to detail helped ensure the smooth and successful running of the event. His willingness to dedicate his time and expertise is greatly appreciated and highlights the important contribution that officials make to the success of equestrian events.



Joann Maunder – Show Horse

Jo is a National-level Show Horse Judge, an accredited EA Measurer and a regular Ringmaster at major equestrian events. She is always willing to share her extensive knowledge, volunteer her time and support the Show Horse community whenever needed. Jo's professionalism, experience and unwavering dedication make her a most deserving winner of the Show Horse Official of the Year Award.

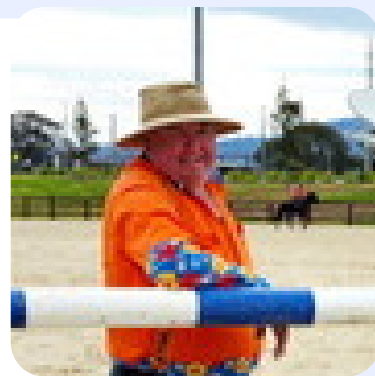


VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mark Pettiford – Jumping

Mark Pettiford has been an outstanding volunteer with the North and North West Showjumping Club in Tamworth for over 20 years. His knowledge, reliability and willingness to do whatever is needed make him invaluable to the club. Mark ensures arenas, footing and equipment are safe and ready, working closely with AELEC staff on ground conditions critical to events like the NNWSJC Indoor Titles and World Cup. He also manages essential logistics, from infrastructure to equipment inventory, ensuring smooth running of competitions across multiple rings. He is North and North West's go-to for all things that keep competitions on track.



Jennifer Bryant- Dressage

Jenny Bryant is a highly valued and dedicated grassroots volunteer from Cowra, and she has worked tirelessly for over 3 decades for Young Dressage Club. She has served as a committee member, Vice President and currently Treasurer, but her sphere of influence is far greater than that. Jenny is a tireless presence at competitions and working bees, and she is the driving force behind obtaining assistance from locals for the building of infrastructure and amenities at the grounds. She coordinates volunteers, judges and riders and during events she is seen late into the night ensuring the grounds and equipment are set up for the next days' competition, and all with a smile.



Karen Fraser- Vaulting

Karen is an integral member of our AusScorers Group in Australia. Karen spends countless volunteer hours ensuring our scoring system is prepared with the annual updates, both National and FEI rules in readiness for our events. Her meticulous attention to rule updates ensures fair and smooth operations at every event, greatly enhancing participant experience. She has been a scorer for many years and continues to volunteer even though her children are no longer involved in the sport. Karen is a tireless volunteer to the sport of Equestrian Vaulting.



Janett Watts – Para Equestrian

Janett has dedicated more than 20 years to volunteering within the equestrian community. Best known as the mother of ENSW Life Member and Virtus athlete Sui Watts, she has been instrumental in supporting Sui's journey to international success, including Team and Individual Gold at the Virtus Global Games. Janett has served in leadership roles, mentored new members and volunteered tirelessly at clubs and events, assisting with judging, scoring and para-dressage support. She has also championed Virtus equestrian participation, helping families navigate the pathway. Her generosity, leadership and commitment make her a truly deserving recipient of this recognition.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NEW SOUTH WALES

Jo-Anna Heenan – Eventing

Jo is the treasurer of Tamworth International Eventing and manages the catering and office. She is a dedicated member and volunteer of TIE. Jo is also one of the driving forces of ISHE (Inter – School Horse Extravaganza) even though her children are no longer involved.



Rebecca Cullen – Interschool



Rebecca is a dedicated and hard-working volunteer who is always willing to help wherever needed. She plays an important role in supporting the success of events and is particularly involved in running the Show Horse event at the (ISHE). Her commitment, reliability and willingness to lend a hand are greatly appreciated, helping ensure the event runs smoothly and providing valuable support to riders, officials and fellow volunteers.

Georgie Batten – Show Horse

Georgie is a dedicated and hardworking volunteer who makes an invaluable contribution behind the scenes. She manages the Point Score Leaderboard, an important role that requires considerable time, attention to detail and accuracy to ensure results are recorded correctly and competitors' points remain up to date throughout the season. Georgie's ongoing dedication to the Show Horse community is greatly valued, and her tireless contribution is sincerely appreciated.



COACHING

NEW SOUTH WALES

Deon Stokes – Outstanding Achievement

Deon Stokes has demonstrated exceptional dedication to coaching, inspiring riders, advancing inclusive equestrian sport, mentoring others, and training a para rider selected for the WEG Team with distinction and success.



Vicki Roycroft – Lifetime Achievement

Vicki Roycroft has devoted a lifetime to equestrian sport, achieving at the highest levels, generously sharing her knowledge, mentoring generations, and leaving an enduring legacy in Australian coaching and competition.

Fiona Hughes – Service to Community

Fiona Hughes combines clinic coordination with practical horse knowledge, creating well-organised NSW Squad training opportunities where riders feel supported, coaches can contribute, and learning remains safe, positive, inclusive and productive.



Jazmin Osbourne, Black Opal Equestrian – Dedication and Enthusiasm to Coaching Community

Jazmin Osbourne of Black Opal Equestrian brings dedication, energy and enthusiasm to the coaching community, inspiring riders, supporting coaches, promoting learning and creating an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.



SHOW HORSE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Junior Athlete of the Year – Hallie Cowdroy

Hallie is a talented young rider who continues to achieve outstanding success in the Show Horse arena. She won the Rider 5 Years and Under 9 Years class at the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year, qualifying her for the 2025 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. Riding her own horse, Bellevale Charisma, Hallie was crowned Champion Rider. She was also the recipient of the Junior Athlete Award in both 2024 and 2025, recognising her consistent achievements, dedication and commitment to the sport.



Senior Athlete of the Year– Courtney Larard

Courtney is an outstanding rider who was awarded Reserve Champion Rider at the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year. She also piloted Verdict by Direction, owned by Melissa Gillies, to Champion Small Show Hunter Hack at both the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year and the 2025 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships.



Owner Rider of the Year – Cherie Spinks & Merry Jewel of Royalwood

Cherie purchased Merry Jewel of Royalwood, affectionately known as “Bubble,” in 2024, and the pair entered the show ring with immediate success. Horse and rider complement each other perfectly, forming an impressive partnership. At the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year, Cherie and Bubbles were awarded Reserve Champion Medium Open Show Pony and Champion Owner/Rider Medium Open Show Pony.



SHOW HORSE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Show Horse of the Year – Bordershow the Last Dance



Bordershow the Last Dance is a highly competitive Small Open Show Pony owned by Georgia Dalley. She is a nine-year-old Riding Pony mare by Falconhurst Boy Blue and out of Langtree Dancing in the Dark.

Ridden by Ella Warren, Bordershow the Last Dance was crowned Champion Small Open Pony and placed third in the Child's Small Open Pony at the 2025 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. The combination was also awarded Reserve Champion Small Open Pony and again placed third in the Child's Small Open Pony.

Show Hunter Horse of the Year Wynara Endless Love

Wynara Endless Love is a stunning Large Show Hunter Pony owned by Elke Pledger and Emma Adams. Affectionately known as "Ruby," she is an 11-year-old Riding Pony mare by Brookman Park Jimmy Choo and out of Regal Romance of Class. Ruby enjoyed an outstanding 2025–26 season. Ridden by Emma Adams, she was crowned Champion Large Show Hunter Pony at both the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year and the 2025 EA Australasian Show Horse and Rider Championships. She was also awarded Champion Child's Large Show Hunter Pony with Elke at the 2025 BARE Equestrian NSW Horse of the Year.



DRESSAGE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Young Rider of the Year – Tia Rose McKenzie

Tia Rose McKenzie is an outstanding young dressage rider who continues to shine on both the national and international stage. Over the past year, she and Phenomenon achieved multiple CDI Young Rider victories, consistently scoring close to 70%, including an impressive 70.94% in the Young Rider Freestyle at the Sydney CDI. The pair also delivered outstanding performances at the Australian Dressage Championships. Tia Rose was recognised at the 2025 Dressage NSW Annual Awards, winning the Medium Young Rider title on Phenomenon and FEI Young Rider on Franzisco RW, while also developing her promising young horse, Willinga Park Miana.



Senior Rider of the Year – Serena Ireland



Serena Ireland is a highly accomplished dressage rider, coach and trainer dedicated to developing horses through the levels. Over the past year, she achieved outstanding success with her FEI horses, Tjibbe B and Royalty R. Tjibbe B earned top placings at the Australian Dressage Championships and NSW State Championships, including first in the Advanced Freestyle. Royalty R excelled in Grand Prix competition, highlighted by selection for the World Cup Final in Fort Worth, Texas. Serena and Royalty R qualified for the Freestyle Final, finishing 15th in the world—an exceptional achievement and a proud milestone for Australian dressage.

Para Rider of the Year – Lisa Martin

Lisa Martin is an accomplished dressage rider competing at the highest levels of both able-bodied dressage and Grade V para-dressage. Over the past year, she and Vilaggio earned selection to represent Australia at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen and achieved the distinction of Lisa becoming the world's top-ranked FEI Grade V para-dressage athlete. The pair recorded outstanding results, including victories and scores above 72% at Dressage by the Sea CDI, personal bests and clean sweeps at Boneo Park, plus championship performances at the Australian, NSW State and Brisbane CDIs. Congratulations to an exceptional rider on a remarkable year.



DRESSAGE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Pony of the Year – Charlie Sheen



Charlie Sheen is a highly successful imported German Riding Pony stallion competing at elite FEI dressage level in Australia. Owned by Jenny Stock of Karizmah Performance Palominos and ridden by Sophie Artup, this striking liver chestnut is renowned for his outstanding temperament, expressive paces and ability to outscore many horses. Over the past year, Charlie achieved top results including first in both FEI Pony classes at the 2025 Australian Dressage Championships, FEI victories at the 2026 Hawkesbury Dressage Festival, and podium finishes in PSG and Intermediate I at the 2026 Sydney CDI, making him Dressage Pony of the Year.

Horse of the Year – Royalty R

Royalty R, affectionately known as "Rusty", is an elite Australian-bred Grand Prix dressage horse owned and ridden by Serena Ireland. Over the past year, the pair achieved outstanding results at the NSW State Championships, Dressage by the Sea CDI and the 2025 Pacific League Final, where they placed second in both the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle. In 2026, they proudly represented Australia at the FEI Dressage World Cup Final in Fort Worth, Texas, qualifying for the Freestyle Final and finishing 15th overall. Royalty R is a superb ambassador for Australian breeding and a deserving NSW Dressage Horse of the Year.



2024 Australian Dressage Championships
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INTERSCHOOL

NEW SOUTH WALES

Highest individual Point Score – Primary Avalon McLachlan – Arndell Anglican College

Avalon had an outstanding competition, achieving the highest individual point score in the Primary category. She was Primary Champion at 90cm and placed 5th at 80cm, as well as winning the Combined Training 80cm Championship on Romatal Colours. Avalon also competed successfully at 60cm, finishing 3rd and placed 4th in Combined Training 65cm riding Weston Park Crusader.



Highest Individual Point Score – Secondary Charlize Mackie – Abbotsleigh

Charlize achieved the highest individual point score in the Secondary category. Her strong results included 5th place in 1m Show Jumping, along with 4th in Secondary CT 105cm. Dressage, placing 13th in Elementary and 8th in Medium riding Adelaide Hill.

Highest School Point Score – Arndell Anglican College

Arndell Anglican College achieved an outstanding result at the State Interschool Championships, with 20 riders representing the school across the competition. Together, the team accumulated an impressive 863 points. Their collective performances across multiple disciplines secured Arndell Anglican College the Highest School Point Score Award.



ABBOTSLEIGH

Highest School Team Average – Abbotsleigh

Abbotsleigh achieved the Highest School Team Average, with four riders representing the school at the State Interschool Championships and achieving an impressive, combined competition average of 69.75%.

PARA EQUESTRIAN

NEW SOUTH WALES

Para Equestrian Athlete of the Year – Lisa Martin

Para Equestrian Athlete Award: Awarded to the rider and horse combination with the highest average percentage gained for placings in at least 3 separate Para events with a minimum score of 65%

Lisa and Villagio from the Hunter Valley have had another outstanding year of competition in both Para and open Dressage events. She is currently ranked Number 1 in FEI World Rankings for Grade V (a first for any Australian Para Equestrian). Lisa is not here to collect her award tonight as she is in Aachen at the World Championships with the rest of the Australian Para Dressage team; we will know the results of the Individual competition and are looking forward to watching the Teams and Freestyle competitions over the weekend. Best of luck to the team.



Equibility Athlete of the Year – Vicki Buckley



Equibility Athlete Award: Awarded to the rider and horse combination with the highest average percentage gained with a minimum score of 60% in at least 3 separate events.

Vicki from the South Coast has once again taken out the Equibility Award, she has had a consistent year with her horse Lukey and is a regular supporter of South Coast competitions.

The committee is delighted that further discussion is underway to introduce Equibility as a National competition after trials in NSW. Not all athletes with a disability are eligible for Para classification and Equibility provides an opportunity for more athletes to participate.

Virtus Athlete of the Year – Grace Murphie-Ryan

Virtus Athlete Award: Awarded to the rider and horse combination with the highest average percentage gained in at least 3 separate Virtus events with a minimum score of 60%

Grace and her pony Pemberton Show Biz are from Leeton, they have once again achieved consistent results in the high 60's in Virtus competition. The committee is pleased to note that several other combinations also achieved over 65% this year as the standard of competition in this category continues to improve. Grace is now developing a new partnership which we look forward to seeing out very soon.



PARA EQUESTRIAN

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sportsmanship Award – Amylie Hines

Awarded to the athlete who consistently fosters a positive competition environment by showing care for their horse, fair and considerate behaviour towards other competitors, and acknowledgement of the contributions of their support crew and officials.



As well as demonstrating consideration for her own horse, support crew and Officials Amylie regularly provides information and advice to support other Para Equestrian and Virtus athletes. It can be a challenge for athletes to find their way around sourcing equipment needs, event requirements, venue information and Amylie saw a need and volunteered these services to everyone. Amylie also regularly provides event reporting and photographic memories of activities that help to keep supporters and athletes informed and encourages more athletes to get involved.

Club of the Year Award – Hawkesbury Dressage Club

Recognising a NSW Equestrian Club for their consistent support and inclusion of athletes with a disability.

Hawkesbury Dressage Club has been providing for all dressage athletes with a disability for many years, the introduction of the Hawkesbury Dressage Festival has further expanded their inclusive club policies by regularly offering competition for all levels and training and development opportunities for athletes judges and stewards. Their welcoming attitude makes this event one of the highlights in the calendar.



VAULTING

NEW SOUTH WALES

Junior Vaultler of the Year – Marlia Stewart

Marly Stewart had an outstanding year in equestrian vaulting, achieving success at state and international level. She was crowned NSW State Champion and NSW Age Champion (13–17 years). At the Great Southern CVI at Wallaby Hill, Marly won the Junior 2* Individual Female competition and achieved the qualifying score for the 2027 Junior World Championships in Italy. Recognising her achievements, she was also invited to showcase equestrian vaulting at the Equimillion event in October. Marly continues developing her partnership with off-the-track Thoroughbred Rapid Fire “Rapha”, while dedicating herself to vaulting, gymnastics and strength training as she works towards representing Australia internationally.



Youth Vaultler of the Year – Ivy Sykes

Ivy has been involved in equestrian vaulting for 13 years, beginning at the age of seven with Central West Vaulters in Bathurst. Over the years, she has competed as an individual, in Pas de Deux, and as part of vaulting Squads. Ivy is currently a member of the Nexus Vaulting Squad and has earned the honour of representing Australia at the 2026 World Equestrian Games in Aachen as a member of the Australian Equestrian Team. Ivy is hardworking, dedicated, fun-loving, loyal, and supportive, bringing enthusiasm and positivity to everything she does. We are incredibly proud of all that she has achieved and of the wonderful young woman she has become. Congratulations, Ivy, on this outstanding milestone—we wish you every success as you represent Australia on the world stage.



Senior Vaultler of the Year –Ginger Kennett

Ginger Kennett’s 2026 season has been defined by determination, resilience and excellence. Representing Australia internationally, she competed against the world’s elite at the FEI World Cup Final at Sentower Park, Belgium. She continued campaigning her own horses across Europe, competing at 3* events in Ermelo (Netherlands), Lier (Belgium) and Flyinge (Sweden). Her consistent performances earned selection to represent Australia at the 2026 FEI World Championships in Aachen. This landmark achievement saw Ginger make Australian vaulting history as the first entirely Australian combination—vaulter, horse and lunger—to qualify for a World Championships. Her journey reflects her commitment to developing Australian vaulting on the world stage.



Horse, Lunger & Owner of the Year Springtime Park Rustic Stomp & Gina Sykes

Springtime Park Rustic Stomp, more fondly known as Rusty, is a very quirky horse well loved by all who get to know him and those in the wider vaulting community. Gina Sykes and her family have owned Springtime Rustic Stomp ("Rusty") since 2019, when he was purchased from Tess Ferguson of Byron Bay Equestrian. Rusty competes at the highest level of equestrian vaulting and is the primary horse for the Nexus Vaulting Squad. Caring for an older performance horse requires dedication, consistency, and teamwork to keep him physically fit, mentally engaged, and happy in his work.



EVENTING

NEW SOUTH WALES

Junior Horse and Rider of the Year Liam MacKenzie-Smith & Sandhills Invader

Liam Mackenzie-Smith & Liam's own horse SANDHILLS INVADER. 13-year-old bay Gelding. Liam turned 18 in 2026 and has had a very successful year with Sandhills Invader. In 2023 Liam started Invader at EvA80 in Sydney, by June 2025 they were successfully competing at 2* level.

1st Quirindi CCI2*-L 2025

1st Camden CCN3*-S 2026

2nd Melbourne CCI2*-L



1* Junior Rider of the Year Liam MacKenzie-Smith

Liam Mackenzie-Smith had a successful year riding his own MIKADO ROSE a 9-year-old black mare.

As a combination they placed within open classes and were in the winner's podium as a Junior Rider. They have successfully started their 'long' format career with placings at Quirindi CCN1*-L in August and Sydney CCN1*-L in November 2025.

Senior Rider of the Year – Oliver Barrett

Oliver's extraordinary results with Sandhills Briar were not the only horses Oliver gained points riding.

TEMPRANADO, SANDHILLS GEM and FELDALE SHORT BLACK contributed to his very successful Eventing year.

Oliver is currently ranked 2nd in the FEI Under 25 World Rankings.



Horse of the Year – Sandhills Briar

SANDHILL BRIAR Owners: Craig, Prue and Jesper Barrett. 10-year old Bay Gelding. Sire: CHRISTIAN 25 Dam: SANDHILLS BEETLE Sire of Dam: STIRLING SPRITE

So many outstanding placings and wins.

1st Adelaide CCI5*-L 2026

1st Sydney CCI4*-L 2025

1st Adelaide CCI3*-L 2025

3rd Melbourne CCI2&-L 2024

1st Sydney CCI2*-L 2023



JUMPING

NEW SOUTH WALES

Junior Rider of the Year – Jake Tomlinson

Jake Tomlinson has been named Junior Jumping Rider of the Year for 2025, the reward for a season built on consistency and quiet determination. Riding his talented partner Bellhaven Boom Boom, the young rider from Forbes, NSW, has built an impressive record, including strong placings at Sydney Royal and other high-level competitions. Jake's steady rise through the ranks reflects genuine hard work and effort, marking him as an outstanding young rider in Australian showjumping.



Young Rider of the Year – Charlie Magnier

Charlie Magnier has been named Young Jumping Rider of the Year for 2025, a fitting end to a season defined by standout results. Riding his talented mare Notre Dame De Bourguignon, Charlie claimed both the Australian Young Rider Championship and Australian Junior Championship titles, along with victory in the Young Rider Grand Prix at Sydney Royal. Charlie has carved his own path in showjumping, consistently competing – and winning – against riders well beyond his years, a testament to his talent, dedication and bright future in the sport.



Amateur Rider of the Year Shanae Bohr-Howell

Jumping NSW is proud to acknowledge Shanae Bohr-Howell and her horse Daunie's Surprise as recipients of the Jumping NSW Amateur of the Year – Showjumping award. Regularly travelling from Albury to compete, Shanae's dedication and willingness to go the extra distance have been central to her success this season. Her consistent results, sportsmanship, and steady improvement stand out among a strong field of amateur competitors. Congratulations, Shanae, on this well-deserved achievement. We look forward to following your continued progress with Daunie's Surprise in the seasons ahead.



JUMPING

NEW SOUTH WALES

Senior Rider of the Year Tom McDermott



Tom McDermott has been named Australian Jumping's Senior Rider of the Year for 2025, capping a season that was nearly impossible to miss. Riding Oaks Ventriloquist, he claimed the Pet Circle Australian Senior Championship at Boneo Park, his fourth national senior title. The pair also won Stonewall's inaugural World Cup and closed out the FEI Jumping World Cup Australian League with a dominant win at the Jumping NSW Summer Classic. It was a complete season across every phase of competition, cementing Tom's place among Australia's elite showjumpers.

Horse of the Year – Oaks Ventriloquist

Oaks Ventriloquist enjoyed a stellar 2025 under Tom McDermott. The pair claimed the Pet Circle Australian Senior Championship at Boneo Park, delivering Tom's fourth national senior title in testing conditions against a world-class field. "Venti" also won the inaugural Stonewall World Cup and closed out the FEI Jumping World Cup Australian League season in style, taking out the final CSI1*-W qualifier at the Jumping NSW Summer Classic in Sydney. Bred in Australia by Oaks Sport Horses, by Vivant out of Renata Ego Z, the talented gelding proved himself one of the standout performers of the Australian jumping season.



LIFE MEMBER

NEW SOUTH WALES

Jan Golding



For more than 50 years, Jan has made an extraordinary contribution to the sport of jumping through her dedication as a judge, steward, educator and mentor. As an EA National Level 3 Jumping Judge, FEI Level 3 Jumping Judge, EA Steward, FEI Steward and former Chief Steward (Jumping), she has officiated at every level of the sport, from local competitions to World Cup qualifiers, Australian Championships and prestigious international events. Since 2010, Jan has been instrumental in educating and mentoring officials, writing and maintaining the EA Jumping Officials Syllabus to ensure the highest standards across the country. Renowned for her integrity, professionalism and knowledge of the rules, she has always placed fairness and horse welfare at the forefront of the sport. Humble, generous and deeply respected, Jan's lasting legacy is reflected in the many officials she has inspired and the countless riders, horses and competitions that have benefited from her remarkable service.

Franz-Josef Venhaus

Franz Venhaus is being recognised for more than 30 years of exceptional service and leadership within Australian equestrian sport. His remarkable contribution spans governance, event management, athlete support, official development and international relations. As Equestrian Games Manager for the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Franz played a pivotal role in delivering one of the most successful equestrian competitions in Olympic history, while contributing to the planning and development of the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. He, later served as Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General of Equestrian Australia, where he strengthened the organisation through sound governance, national policy development and strong international partnerships. Beyond his executive roles, Franz has remained a dedicated volunteer, supporting Equestrian NSW and Dressage NSW through governance, fundraising, event support and photography, preserving the sport's history for future generations. His enduring commitment, professionalism and passion have made a lasting impact on equestrian sport in New South Wales, Australia and internationally.





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