



BOARD Talk



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Hello Members

This week has been a busy but productive week with Board members attending a number of gatherings including the Jumping QLD committee monthly meeting, Mt Gravatt ODE and the Equitec Queensland Dressage Squad function. It was also great to receive press exposure for Boyd Exell and Equestrian Sport with articles being run in a number of major and local newspapers including the Courier Mail in Brisbane.

I hope everyone has switched onto the Equestrian QLD Facebook page,  where I will be making regular posts to advise the latest information on a daily basis. Regular Tweets via the Equestrian QLD Twitter Feed is also coming up soon, so stay tuned.

Victor Nichols

Chair, Equestrian Queensland

Equitec provides continued support for the State Dressage Squad



I was pleased to be invited to attend a recent gathering of the Equitec Queensland Dressage Squad and their sponsor, Equitec. The Equitec Queensland Dressage Squad present themselves as a very professional group

in their Team shirts and Jackets and also conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to the sport of dressage. State Coach **Carlos DeCleermacker** commented that the Queensland riders are well positioned for top performances at the upcoming Sydney CDI and also at National Competitions in the coming months. Carlos referred to the Queensland horses as Ferraris that are ready to produce performances equal to any in the country. Good Luck to all of our Dressage riders as they cross the border to compete in the coming months.

www.equitec.com.au
First Choice for the Queensland Dressage Squad

MEDICATION CONTROL PROGRAM (SWABBING)

Equestrian Queensland takes its role very seriously when it comes to swabbing at events throughout Queensland. It is important for everyone to understand the criteria around the compulsory swabbing program.

- All FEI Events (refer FEI Rules and Regulations)
- All National Championships*
- All State Championships*
- All classes with prize money totalling more than \$2000 or with a first prize of \$1000 or more*
- Upon any horse that dies/euthanized at an EA National Championship Competition

* at least three horses or three percent of horses taking part, whichever is greater.



Medication Control Officer and Board Member – Maria Schwennesen and Board Member David Finch at the Toowoomba Royal Show



EQ support for FEI Level competitions

The Board is committed to the growth of the sport and the participation of riders in FEI level competition. With this in mind the board has provided funding to the three Olympic Disciplines in order to ensure this continued opportunity for Queensland Riders, EQ has supported financially the EQ CIC3* Eventing at Warwick in April, EQ World Cup Super Series for Jumping in August and funds have been accrued for a Dressage CDI most likely at the new State Dressage Centre in 2011.



The Queensland Royal Show (the Ekka) will again be conducting a World Cup Qualifier for Jumping on Peoples Day Wednesday 11 August. This show is a key event for Queensland Jumping and is the second of three World Cup Shows; Toowoomba, Queensland Royal Show and Caboolture, over a three week period. August is certainly the month for Jumping in Queensland!

Mt Gravatt ODE

I visited the Mt Gravatt ODE on Saturday 24 April - what a great roll up and the event was buzzing. The weather wasn't being the kindest, but everyone was flat out running the Cross Country on Saturday in order to cater for a late start on Sunday in respect of Anzac Day.



Ozshots Photographer busy at work at the Mt Gravatt ODE
For more photos from the event go to www.ozshotz.com.au