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## From the Committee

2015 is a year of much promise and challenge, with over 20 events scheduled.

Our congratulations go out to the past and present Kooralbyn committees for successfully resurrecting this great venue. The club has much to do to revitalise the course and I am sure would welcome any offers of assistance.

This year will see a second three star course built in Queensland. The Noosa Equestrian Centre, under the guidance of renowned course builder Wayne Copping, is preparing a CIC three star track in preparation for this year's Queensland Three Day. Many thanks to Peter Fitzgerald for his vision and willingness to make his resources available to see this through to fruition. If you want to be involved in event preparations contact Peter or Cameron Osborne and offer your assistance to the Three Day committee. Get involved and be part of this great team to produce a fantastic event.

Our sport has a desperate need for new officials as stewards, Technical Delegates and Course Designers. Send an email to Brendan ([brendan@pcschool.net](mailto:brendan@pcschool.net)) and ask him for information about where to start. Congratulations to those who gave their time and attended the TD/CD clinic at Fig Tree last year. Some from this course will be officiating at events this year and we wish them well. To our current officials a massive thank you for your continued dedication and effort on behalf of our riders.

Thoroughbreds play a large part in our sport, and many riders have given ex-racehorses a future beyond racing. Many of these "Off-the-track" purchases have proven to be great mates and have given so much joy and success to their riders. We are looking for your stories.



If you have given an ex-racehorse a home and would like to share your story post it on the Eventing Queensland Facebook page or send it to Adele ([adele.godsall@hotmail.com](mailto:adele.godsall@hotmail.com)). To get the ball rolling there is story included in this edition of OnCourse.

Whether you ride on a squad or simply for the pleasure a horse can bring, we wish you all the best for 2015. Enjoy our great sport and please take every opportunity to become involved as officials, organisers, and helpers.

*Eventing Queensland*

# For Your Information

## **BLUE CARDS**

It is a requirement of EQ that all officials, coaches and sports committee members are to hold a current Blue Card. The purpose of the blue card system is to contribute to the creation of safe and supportive environments for children and young people when receiving services and participating in activities which are essential to their development and wellbeing, such as child care, education, sport, and cultural activities.

Key benefits:

- the past is risk managed though the initial assessment, which determines a person's eligibility to work with children, based on known police or disciplinary information
- the present is risk managed through police information of all blue card or exemption card holders, which is continuously monitored so any changes are actioned appropriately, and
- the future is risk managed by service providers, who are required to implement child and youth risk management strategies and review them annually.

All Blue Card forms and documents can be found on the [Blue Card Website](#).

NOTE: When applying for a Blue Card, if you are not physically able to come into the EQ Office with your original ID documents, then you will need to complete an 'Identification Verification by Prescribed Person' form, along with your Blue card application/renewal. To obtain an 'Identification Verification by Prescribed Person' please click [here](#) or contact the Blue Card Services on 07) 3211 6999 or free call (within QLD) 1800 113 611.



## **RULE BOOKS**

With a new year comes update to the rule book.

FEI events (CIC, CCI) are run under the FEI rule book which can be found [here](#).

CNC and CCN are run under the national rules. When the National Rules are updated it will be available [here](#). Until then events will be run under the 2014 rule book, available from the same place.

## **ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARD**

This year clubs and officials will be able to use another form of communication with riders at most events.

An Electronic Notice Board will be in use on the Live Scoring page for the events and will feature information for the riders and spectators.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

If you wish to compete this year and enjoy all the other benefits that come with being an EA member you must make sure your membership for you AND your horse (for EvA95 and above) is current. To renew your membership click [here](#). This also applies to those wishing to compete in FEI classes, remember to renew your FEI registration.

## **PIC NUMBERS**

Just a reminder, it is now a legal requirement for all horses owners to register their property with Biosecurity Queensland as fines do apply.

To find out more about applying for a PIC number click [here](#). To apply for your PIC number click [here](#).



## **RANDOM TEAMS**

With the goal of increasing team spirit and friendship within our sport, Eventing Queensland is trialling a new initiative at the Tamborine event in February, and then to follow on at all Queensland events.

At the close of entries one horse for EVERY rider entered in competitive class (no CT or come and Try) will be placed on a team. To be fair riders with multiple rides will have one horse randomly selected to be on a team. Where possible each team will have an Eventing Queensland Squad Rider or experienced eventer to give those less experienced competitors another point of contact should they be unsure of anything.

Each team will consist of three or four riders, randomly selected by computer. At the end of the event the three lowest penalties of the team riders will be tallied and the team with the lowest penalties will be declared the winner. A team of three is competitive and may beat a team of four. Riders are encouraged to seek out and support the other members of their team throughout the event.

An entry fee will not be charged to be part of a team but each member of the winning team will receive \$25 sponsored by Eventing Queensland.

## **KOORALBYN EQUESTRIAN GROUP**

Kooralbyn are seeking volunteers and sponsors for their first event in April. For more details contact President Jodie Smith - [kooralbyn2015@gmail.com](mailto:kooralbyn2015@gmail.com)

## AN UPDATE TO THE 2015 FEI EVENTING RULES

The Hanging Cheek snaffle, Straight Bar Snaffle and Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece are now allowed.

### ANNEX A DRESSAGE - ANNEXES

#### 1 Permitted Bits for the Dressage Test

The Eventing Rules are lined up with the Dressage Rules exclusively and only exceptions are referred as follows:

- a) Young Horses biting requirements of Dressage do not apply to Eventing
- b) Allowance is made for sheepskin disc for the Mexican noseband and use of breastplate
- Please note the following:
- c) Bits covered in leather are no longer allowed
- d) Wavy plastic bits are not allowed
- e) Lunging reins only approved if on triangle rein (Dressage Rules therefore the lungy-bungie is no longer allowed)

**Note:** A review of the Cross Country bits will be made during 2015 for implementation in 2017

The illustrations of allowed bits can now be found in the FEI Dressage Rules

Article 428 pages 40 – 46

A couple of extra points to now note in the Dressage Rules

Dress - Article 427.2 There are a number of riders now wearing coloured helmets in the dressage phase which would not adhere to "Black or same colour as the coat" Riders need to be aware of this.

#### Saddlery

Article 428 - Minimum diameter of snaffle bits, this will now apply to Eventing.



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## EOI – OCEANIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia has been invited to send a Senior and Junior eventing team to compete in the Oceania Team Championships at Taupo, NZL 15-17 May 2015. EA will be sending a team for both Seniors and Young Riders, complimented by a Chef d'Equipe, a coach and a vet to accompany the team for the event.

Applications are now open for senior combinations qualified at CCI3\* or above, Australia will be sending a team of 4 riders and horses plus 2 non-travelling reserves. For more information and to apply click [HERE](#)

Applications for the Young Rider Oceania Championships are open for riders between the ages of 16-21. Australia will be sending 4 CCI2\* rider/horse combinations. For more information and to apply click [HERE](#)

Applications are to be submitted the Eventing National Performance Director Prue Barrett ([prue.barrett@equestrian.org.au](mailto:prue.barrett@equestrian.org.au)) with copy to Michelle Graham ([michelle.graham@equestrian.org.au](mailto:michelle.graham@equestrian.org.au)) in writing by 5pm Friday 6th February 2015.

## CHANGES TO FEI AND NATIONAL EVENTING RULES for 2015

An updated Medical Information procedure has now been introduced which can be summarised in two main steps:

- 1-abandon of the current practice of armbands imposed on all athletes to be verified by Chief Medical Officers ("CMOs") at Events, and
- 2-make athletes with a significant medical condition responsible for carrying relevant and valid information on their person

### From 1 January 2015 at all FEI and National Eventing competition the following will apply:

Article 523.1 of 2015 Eventing Rules (updated after the General Assembly) states:

#### *Medical information*

*To ensure that vital information is available to first aid or medical personnel in case of emergency, athletes must comply with the following:*

*a) Providing a valid contact information is mandatory for all Athletes.*

*The telephone number of the accompanying persons/next-of-kin must be provided to the event secretariat upon arrival (OC and medical officer to ensure all information has been received before the Cross Country).*

#### *b) Declaration of medical condition*

*Athletes with medical conditions that may be relevant in the case of a medical emergency are **responsible**, at every Event when riding, for wearing a medical data carrier\* from a system provider able to communicate information at least in English. Alternatively (and at the minimum) a medical armband of good quality can be used. Athletes who choose to wear an armband should download and fill in the form available for this purpose on the FEI's website.*

*\* Medical data carrier (also called "medical identification tag"): small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert paramedics/physicians/first responders that the wearer has an important medical condition.*

*Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgery, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the athlete should discuss this with his own treating physician.*

The updated Athlete Medical Declaration form will be available on the FEI website under

<http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/officials/eventing/forms>

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Please make sure you complete the next-of-kin information when you enter the competition via the Nominate website. This will assist the committee organising the event to supply the correct information to Medical Officers in case they need it when treating you during the event. If this information is missing on your entry, it could risk you being eligible to compete.

Nominate have entered into a partnership with EA, and they are the preferred online entries service.

The EA database is now linked to Nominate which means when nominating for an event, Nominate will be able to instantly check if the rider and horse have used the correct membership numbers and if the membership is current. Nominate will let the rider move forward if a number isn't correct, but they are warned that their number doesn't match their name. Nominate will also warn you if your membership is not current. Competitors are never stopped from entering, as technically within the rules, they have until the start of the competition to pay the membership fees and advise correct member numbers.

The other new addition to Nominate is that if the rider is also the owner of the horse, they will be able to select their horses from a drop down box on the class entry page and their horses numbers will autofill. Nominate has had feedback from riders that they are absolutely loving this addition! Horse EA numbers are probably the most mistake ridden area of the entry process, so hopefully this will assist. Riders can still add in other horses that they aren't the owner of, as they normally would.

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### HORSE AND HOME SHOW

QSEC's Horse Home Show will be held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre, Caboolture from Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 February 2015.

The line-up for the day will feature an integrated, multidiscipline program focusing on **the RIDER, the HORSE, TRAINING & PERFORMANCE**. Kick start the season with training tips, new products and the very best advice from some of the country's leading equestrian professionals.

Plus more amazing shopping than you can poke a whip at! From farriers to farm supplies, feed to floats - special show offers on everything you need for you and your horse.

The weekend will also include night entertainment at the conclusion of Saturday's program with live entertainment and spit roast.

For more information, go to [www.qsec.com.au/HorseHomeShow/](http://www.qsec.com.au/HorseHomeShow/)

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### LIFE AFTER RACING

Foaled in 1991, Jack commenced his racing career as a two-year-old in Tasmania. In 1995, after 31 starts and earnings of almost \$7,000 he was retired from racing and sold to a young girl and her family who brought him to Queensland.

By 2001 the pair had progressed through the levels and claim 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the CIC1\*J at the Australian One Day Event Championships. This event was held in Sydney in the wake of the Olympic, and standing at only 15.1 hands the little grey machine added only 8.8 time faults to his dressage score to finish on 63.3 faults.

Two owners later Jack was back eventing with Travis Templar, the pair enjoyed many successes including a 1\* win at Maryborough. Soon after Jack's career almost came to an end after an altercation with a stallion left him with extensive injuries.

But while Jack recovered extremely well Travis knew the extent of his injuries would eventually catch up with him. The decision was made in 2006 to find him another home, one where he would be looked after and not exposed to the pressures of high level eventing.

Jack's new owner was a young girl who returned him to Pony Club competitions, and by the end of 2009 the pair were competing in Showjumping to 80cm and Novice dressage scoring up to 78%. Jack never returned to competitive eventing but the pair happily trained over pre-novice fences and were often used as a lead horse to teach younger horses and riders through water.

Jack's latter career has seen him competing in dressage competitions and hack shows where he always comes home with a reward.

At the ripe old age of 23 Jack is still enjoying life and after another injury, is due to return to work in March which he is really looking forward too. After all for a horse like this the word 'retirement' is not in the dictionary.





# Sandale Saddlery

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## 2014 Leaderboard

Sandale Saddlery generously sponsored the year long leaderboard for all Queensland events.

At the end of the season the horse and rider combination who have collected the most points in EvA80, EvA95 and EvA105 received a Stubben Saddle.

Over the summer break, the 2014 winner of the Stubben Saddle/Sandale Saddlery leader board, Tanya Schmidt, collected her prize of a brand new Stubben Saddle.

"I would like to personally thank Sandale Saddlery, Frank Stubben and Eventing Queensland for the opportunity of winning a very prestigious Stubben jump saddle. I am very lucky to ride and produce the very talented Indarra Baci owned by Louise Stariha. I would like to make special mention to Steph and her team at Sandale Saddlery for the very warm welcome, hospitality and professionalism. Not only is a saddle being kindly donated but Steph has gone out of her way to ensure it is the correct saddle fit for Baci, and is not happy unless it is perfect. I can't thank Sandale enough for this generosity."



# Equestrian Queensland Awards

Eventing Queensland submitted several nominations for the Equestrian Queensland Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Night at the end of January, for tickets and a full list of finalists visit the Equestrian Queensland website.

## **SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR – Kirsty Douglas and HORSE OF THE YEAR – Cushavon Crackerjack**

Kirsty Douglas and 10yo Irish Sport Horse, Cushavon Crackerjack won the Horseland CCI2\* class at the 2014 Australian International 3 Day Event.

An elegant performance from the stunning combination placed them in fifth heading into the cross-country where their fitness and boldness shone allowing them to climb the leaderboard to third heading into the final day. With the pressure on, Kirsty and 'Pudding' showcased their accuracy and athleticism to jump one of the few clear rounds of the day and clinch the big win.

In 2012, Kirsty and her husband Anthony took Pudding to Prue and Craig Barrett for intensive training culminating in a third place in the two star class at the Adelaide event that year. 2013 saw the training continue allowing the combination to move up to 3\* and qualify for 4\*.

In March of 2014 all plans were put on hold when an eye injury to Pudding saw the pair's training schedule swapped for extensive veterinary treatments. It wasn't until July that the pair returned to competition with a second place at the Inaugural One Day Event at the Noosa Equestrian Centre competing at 1\*. The pair then followed this performance up with 5 2\* starts, including three first places, one second place, and one fifth place. Proving they were yet again a force to be reckoned with.

Kirsty now plans to stay in Queensland with Anthony and Pudding, and with the help of the Barrett's and coach Michelle Lang-McMahon return to Adelaide in 2015 to take on 4\* track and further cement her place amongst Australia's best.

Preparation is everything for Kirsty, including working with Pudding for weeks ensuring he is ready to compete at the highest level. An important part of the combinations preparation is fitness training. In Eventing, fitness doesn't just affect time faults but makes all the difference in horse welfare and has a huge impact on the safety of the horse and rider. It is for this reason that Kirsty is passionate about the fitness factor of eventing and is always willing to impart her knowledge and experience of fitness training to others.

Kirsty's and Anthony's support of eventing in Queensland is best observed at the grass roots, literally. They are often seen working tirelessly to make sure a competition area is mown and ready for a competition. Lending a hand when it is needed the most.

With her approachable nature and willingness to share her experiences and knowledge, Kirsty is well known and respected by Queensland Eventers and clubs. Her successes are a testament of her commitment to her horse, her dedication to the longevity of eventing in Queensland and her belief in safety for all.



## **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR – Kristen Heffernan**

Kristen has been involved with eventing for an extended period of time.

Over the past couple of years, Kristen has been a driving force in getting the Kooralbyn Equestrian Group back up and running as an active eventing club in Queensland. This has been a fruitful exercise with the club and their grounds once again set to run a series of events in 2015.

Throughout 2014 Kristen took on the task of organising secretary for Noosa Equestrian Club. This new club has developed a completely new eventing venue, including an event course to \*\* level.

It was through the commitment of Kristen that the Noosa Equestrian Centre venue has been able to organise a number of successful official events in 2014, including One Day Events. Kristen responded to the call of the Eventing Sports Committee to form an inaugural organising committee assist Peter Fitzgerald and his band of volunteers. Although living approx. 300 kilometres from the venue she took on this task and the resulting events were most successful and have established this venue for future events.

Kristen's knowledge and experience has been invaluable to many clubs. Her enthusiasm and vigour have encouraged many volunteers to put their hand up and contribute to Eventing in Queensland.

# Equestrian Queensland Awards Cont'd

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR– Noosa Equestrian Centre**

In late 2013 Noosa Equestrian Club began on a property near Gympie.

The property owner, Peter Fitzgerald's involvement in eventing encouraged the development of cross country course, adding another much needed venue in Queensland.

Peter has taken this green stick site, and developed an excellent equestrian venue with the assistance of original course designs, supplied by Brendan Croese..

In 2014 the venue and club have hosted a number of clinics, two "Come and Try" days, an Express Event, and two official one day events up to \*\* level. Noosa Equestrian Club also holds dressage competitions and training days on this site.

In late 2014 the club, through Peter Fitzgerald, has contracted Wayne Copping as course designer to develop this course into a \*\*\* level in preparation for running the Queensland International Three Day Event in 2015.

This club has shown a great dedication to the sport. They have shown a desire to support development in the sport, to promote the sport to new entrants and to develop their facility to cater also for the elite of equestrian sport in Queensland.

This club needs to be congratulated on their vision for, and contribution to equestrian sports in Queensland and in particular the Olympic Discipline of eventing.



## **EVENT OF THE YEAR – Queensland International Three Day Event**

For the fifth year running eventers in Queensland were able to compete at an international level event in their state.

The 2014 Queensland International Three Day Event was run on the grounds of Warwick Horse Trials from August 28 to 31.

Over 150 competitors experienced competing alongside Queensland's best riders, and a smattering of southern riders who made the trek north. For some of the competitors this event was their first experience of an international event, with all of the extra formalities this level of competition brings. It is an excellent opportunity for our junior or less proficient riders to experience these extra formalities in a familiar and welcoming environment, an educational experience in itself.

The event organisers pulled together, volunteers from around Queensland to produce this world class event. Under the watchful eye of Event Director, Ron McCarthy and Event President, Cameron Osborne, these volunteers created a mini city on the grounds. The clubhouse was transported into a meeting hub and each night saw competitors and spectators alike enjoying WEG on the big screen.

This event was Queensland only long format CCI International Event, and adds another opportunity for the general public to view the elite of the sport displaying their skills to the top level of competition.



## **OFFICATOR OF THE YEAR– Bronwyn Hew**

Bronwyn Hew has had a very busy 2014 in her capacity as an FEI steward.

Bronwyn displays a confidence that puts the most novice of riders at ease, while being able to command the attention of the most seasoned of campaigners. These skills are extremely useful when Bronwyn interacts with riders of all levels.

Bronwyn is an avid supporter of eventing in Queensland, officiating at our international and national events. Bronwyn is also in demand in other states, this year travelling extensively throughout New South Wales including to Goulbourn to officiate at the NSW Eventing State titles.

In 2014 Bronwyn travelled to America to enhance her knowledge and attend a steward training clinic.

Bronwyn's dedication to equestrian sports in Queensland is broader than just eventing. Bronwyn is regularly seen officiating at showjumping, lending a hand to competitors and organisers alike.

Bronwyn is mentoring several Queenslanders to be certified as FEI stewards, this will ensure that Queensland has a healthy base of FEI stewards to draw from for some time. However Bronwyn is always on the lookout for anyone she can encourage to actively participate in our sport.

Bronwyn brings a very professional and friendly persona to the events she is involved with. She is a team player and is always a pleasure to work with and readily makes herself available.



# Equestrian Queensland Awards Cont'd

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – Peter Fitzgerald**

In late 2013 Peter Fitzgerald had a vision, and started work at his property near Gympie, to turn it into equestrian facility.

Within the year Peter has developed a facility that is used for Eventing and Dressage competitions.

In 2014, the Noosa Equestrian Centre has hosted a number of clinics, two “Come and Try” days, an Express Eventing competition, and two official One Day Events, just to name a few.

The development of this venue has been totally self-funded representing a major contribution to equestrian sport in this state.

In late 2014 Peter Fitzgerald, has contracted Wayne Copping as course designer to develop this course into a three star level in preparation for running the Queensland International Three Day Event in 2015.

Peter, a rider himself, shows a great dedication to the sport. He has shown a desire to support development in the sport, to promote the sport to new entrants and to develop a facility to cater also for the elite of the support. Access to another three star Cross Country course in Queensland will be a major boost to the sport.

Peter Fitzgerald needs to be congratulated on his vision for, and contribution to eventing in Queensland.



## **SERVICE TO JUNIOR SPORT – Darren Wilson**

Darren Wilson has been a selfless supporter of Eventing in Queensland through 2014.

For many years Darren has supported a number of clubs providing funding and in kind contributions to enable the club to run successful events.

He has been a strong supporter of Regional Development through his on-going support of Yeppoon Club.

In 2014 Darren not only sponsored the Yeppoon event but also contributed a special award to the Junior competitors at the event. With Darren's help, clubs like Yeppoon are able to attract entries to their competitions from as far afield as the south east corner of the state. This gives the regional juniors a taste of what it is like to compete at the large events, and encourages them to continue on in this sport. Darren is also passionate about Junior Sport Development. Seeing the Junior competitors as the future of Equestrian Sport in Queensland, Darren encourages the Eventing Sports Committee to focus on this age group and ensure there is a thriving sport and competition base for them in the future.

In 2014 Darren hosted the annual Eventing Awards night. All proceeds from this event were donated back to the Eventing Sports Committee with the specific proviso that all funds be directed toward Junior development.

Darren is a dedicated supporter of our sport and has indicated his intention to continue to support Junior development into the future.



## **SERVICE TO SPORT– Des Hughes**

Des has been a great advocate for, and worker in Equestrian sport in Queensland for almost twenty years.

Des is an accredited FEI International Technical Delegate with qualification to TD up to three and four star level. He has consistently made himself available to officiate at international events overseas and in Australia. Recently Des travelled to South America to officiate at a competition, and closer to home Des has been the Technical Delegate at Adelaide for the two star class as well as at events in Melbourne and Sydney.

Des is always willing to officiate at events held in Queensland, either in his capacity as Technical Delegate, or as course controller or Sector controller.

He is a mentor to a number of Technical Delegates and other officials in the sport.

Des also holds qualification as a Level 1 Eventing FEI Steward.

Des held the chair of the State Eventing Sports committee in past terms, and now serves on the Equestrian Australia Board.

Through his company, King Track, Des has also been a supporter and sponsor for many Queensland events.

Des is a great ambassador and advocate for our sport and very worthy of recognition for his service in all facets of the sport.



# Ewan Kellett comes to the Darling Downs

Toowoomba Jump Club and Warwick Horse Trials were very fortunate to host Ewan Kellett in early December. Both clubs have engaged Ewan to assist them to maximise the rider /horse friendliness of their courses. Warwick is hoping to engage Ewan further to design more of their course for their next ODE. Toowoomba Jump Club will continue to use their own CD and CB but with modifications following discussions and course walks with Ewan .

Kathy Humphrey and Richard King represented both their clubs in the on course discussions and subsequent drawings and designs. Ewan likes a course to always reward the thinking and brave horse and rider and to make the questions to the horse clear and

fair. He is also very particular about the flow of a course and likes the horse to be heading towards its next jump fairly soon after the current jump without too much yanking or turning. He gave us good parameters for every grade but the designs we worked most on were the star classes, as Ewan felt the lower classes were well served at both clubs.

Both clubs are trying to develop different and new areas of their courses. Warwick is hoping to develop new tracks where the ground is more forgiving and also to develop tracks that can be well maintained and soft. Toowoomba is trying to get more space and room for the star classes with a new start for them and a new paddock for 2 star after the picnic tables. They are also building a new 2 star fence at the sunken road complex. Both clubs realise that it will take some time to finalise new tracks and jumps. Toowoomba should have the new start track and 2 star paddock ready by next October. However their new star jumps on the existing tracks will be ready by April next year. Warwick has a much bigger task ahead and Richard says theirs is a steady long term project with some new development ready by next March, but the remainder being a long term, several year project.



## **Ewan's Course Designer Resume**

- Accredited by the FEI to 3\*\*\* & 4\*\*\*\* Course Designer Status in 2006, the highest level of accreditation, also the youngest to be accredited to this level at the time (31years). One of 7 such qualified in Australia and about 60 worldwide
- Member of course building team Beijing Olympics , 2008 and Test event 2007
- Course Designer and Builder Melbourne International 3DE 2007-Present
- Course Builder and Assistant Course Designer Melbourne International 3DE 2001-2006
- Course Designer and Builder Sydney International 3DE 2009 – 2011
- Course Designer Miki (Japan) 3DE 2008 – 2011
- Course Designer Wallaby Hill (NSW) Horse Trials 2011-present
- Course Designer Swan River (WA) Horse Trials 2008-present
- Course Designer and Builder 2011 Sydney World Cup
- Course Designer Dryandra (WA) Horse Trials 2013-present
- Course Designer Alcoa International (Fairbridge, WA) 2014



# Map of Events

There comes a time in every eventers career when they would like to expand their horizons and tackle the challenge of new events and courses. Quite often we hear that the biggest challenge is nominating, because we don't always know where the events are and just what exactly we are signing ourselves up for in terms of travel. So, below are two maps of Queensland and New South Wales, each have marked on them all the EA clubs that are running eventing competitions in 2015, accompanied with a list that shows which heights the clubs are CAPABLE running.



QLD	
Yeppoon	EvQ60 – 1*
Fraser Coast (Maryborough)	EvQ60 – 2*
Noosa	EvQ60 – 2* (3* in progress)
Burpengary	EvQ60 – 1*
Fig Tree Pocket	EvA80 – 2*
Toowoomba	EvQ60 – 2*
Tamborine	EvQ60 – 2*
Warwick	EvQ60 – 3*
Kooralbyn	EvQ60 – Eva105 (plans to return to 2*)

## NSW

Nana Glen (Coffs Harbour)	EvNSW45 – 1*
NEGS (Armidale)	EvNSW45 – 1*
Tamworth	EvNSW60 – 3*
Quirindi	EvNSW45 – 2*
Warrumbungle (Coonabarabran)	EvNSW45 – 1*
Wingham	EvNSW45 – 1*
Mid Western (Nyngan)	EvNSW45 – 1*
Scone	EvNSW60 – 3*
Denman	EvNSW45 – 1*
Mudgee	EvNSW – 1*
Hidden Valley	EvNSW45 – Eva105
SIEC (Sydney)	EvNSW60 – 3*
Equestriad (Camden)	EvNSW60 – 3*
Silver Hills	EvNSW60 – 2*
Berrima	EvNSW60 – 2*
Harden	EvNSW45 – 1*



Wallaby Hill	EvA80 – 2* (3* in progress)
Lynton (Goulburn)	EvA95 – 3*
REA (Wagga Wagga)	EvNSW60 – 2*
Bungendore	EvA80 – 2*
Canberra	EvA60 – 3*
Albury	EvNSW60 – 3*
Mirraboooka	EvNSW45 – 1*

# What's Next

Don't forget the full calendar can be found on the Eventing Website or by clicking [here](#).

Date	Event	Closing Date for nominations
January 24	<b>Noosa Equestrian Centre</b> – Open Training Day	POSTPONED 21 January via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
January 24 & 25	Australian Day Weekend Training and Show jumping Competition at <b>Tamborine Equestrian Group</b>	POSTPONED 22 January via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
January 25	<b>Noosa Equestrian Centre</b> – Express Eventing	POSTPONED 21 January via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
January 31 & February 1	Sam Lyle Eventing Clinic at <b>Warwick Horse Trials</b>	27 January via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
January 31 & February 1	Rebel Morrow Eventing Clinic at <b>Warwick Horse Trials</b>	28 January via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 7 & 8	Wallaby Hill One Day Event CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80 + 3 Star Combined Training	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
February 14 & 15	<b>Tamborine Equestrian Group</b> - One Day Event CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvQ60, Come & Try + 3 Star Combined Training	04 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 14 & 15	Matt Ryan Clinic at Maryborough Showgrounds	
February 14 & 15	NEGS (Armidale) One Day Event (CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW60, EvNSW45)	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
February 19	Sydney Eventing Midweek Summer Classic CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW60	<a href="#">NSW event</a> 04 February via Nominate
February 20 & 21	Matt Ryan Clinic at <b>Noosa Equestrian Centre</b>	18 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 21 & 22	Toowoomba and District Showjumping Club – Hunter Trial	
February 21 & 22	Sydney Eventing Summer Classic CNC3, CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW60	04 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 28 & March 1	Matt Ryan Clinic at <b>Fig Tree Pocket</b>	19 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 28 & March 1	Jen Hamilton Jumping Clinic at <b>Fig Tree Pocket</b>	16 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
February 28 & March 1	Brett Cattle Eventing Clinic at <b>Noosa Equestrian Centre</b>	25 February via <a href="#">Nominate</a>
March 1	Jump Day at <b>Kooralbyn Equestrian Centre</b> \$5 per round; \$25 per horse cross country training	
February 28 & March 1	Canberra One Day Event CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW60	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
March 7 & 8	<b>Warwick Horse Trails</b> – One Day Event	
March 7 & 8	Scone One Day Event CNC3, CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW60	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
March 7 & 8	Tonimbuk One Day Event Includes CIC classes	VIC event
March 14 & 15	Wallaby Hill Equestrian Extravaganza	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
March 21 & 22	Fig Tree Pocket Equestrian Club – One Day Event CNC2, CNC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80	
March 21 & 22	Berrima One Day Event CIC2, CIC1, EvA105, EvA95, EvA80, EvNSW 60	<a href="#">NSW event</a>
March 21 & 22	Wandin One Day Event Includes CIC classes	VIC event