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with **NICOLE MEAKINS**  
**Caboolture Dressage Group**



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

Watching all the Queensland kids enter the arena at Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC) for the 2019 Interschool Nationals and seeing their enthusiasm and comradery! Was a great experience.

## **What is your most memorable experience as a volunteer?**

Running the Junior camp in 2021 with Karen and Sonja for Caboolture Dressage Group, Karen convinced me to ride a dressage test (pictured above) for the junior camp participants to judge, and gee they were harsh! It was fun see their enthusiasm and seeing dressage from the judges perspective!

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Roll your sleeves up and get involved! If you love this sport and you want to see it continue to thrive you need to get involve! Just take a look around at your next comp, It always seems to be the same faces helping (many don't even ride anymore!) and they definitely aren't getting any younger! Us younger generations need to step up so we can keep having comps in to the future.



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with **JENNA ARNETT**

**Tropical North Showjumping Club**



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

There are honestly too many to mention, but I think the big hearty smiles always come from when the unexpected happens... maybe a former lead line child rider does a full class off lead, or a OTT Thoroughbred does their first tempi changes in an advanced test, or a home bred quarter horse jumps a clear round in a class full of bigger, performance bred horses. I am proud of personal successes the most, and by volunteering in a event organisation, we are providing the platform for these moments to happen.

## **What is your most memorable experience as a volunteer?**

My most memorable experience is always the feeling at the end of an event. When you're sitting with fellow organisers / committee / officials / volunteers and you know that you did all in your power, overcome all the obstacles running equestrian events present - and you can go home with the knowledge you have given the best version of yourself you were able to throughout. It's the feeling that drives me to do it all again next time. To the individuals involved in the organisation of events, sometimes the energy you give, feels something like climbing a mountain, with the same satisfaction of reaching the summit at the end.

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Just do 'you'. Try not get tangled up in trends, opinions, gossip and fashion. I believe as long as you tried your hardest, acted morally, and thanked your horse at the end, you have succeeded.



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with **DARRYN FEDRICK**  
**Fassifern Vaulting Club**



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

The moment that I am most proud of was watching my club team run into the arena at WEG Normandy 2014 representing Australia. We all had worked for 4 years with fundraising, developing skills to reach the required level, while proving to all including selectors that a club based team could represent Australia (As in the past the only other team to represent Australia at a World Equestrian Games was selected from best individuals to make a team). It was amazing journey for all of us.

## **What is your most memorable experience?**

My most memorable experience was several. Getting to travel overseas several times and train with some of the best vaulting coaches in the world.

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Tip to volunteers, don't be afraid to have a go. As once you take the first step you will enjoy the journey with all the ups and downs.



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with **Lockyer Equestrian Group**



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

Collectively, Lockyer Equestrian Group (LEG) is proud to have won the 2019 Club of the Year award. As a committee we work tirelessly to deliver a variety of not only equestrian sports, but information and training for our members to thrive and achieve their goals. Knowing what goes in behind the scenes to make this happen and the personal sacrifice many have to make to ensure it happens, I'm in awe of. The award for us was recognition of the huge efforts of some and the contributions of many.

## **What is your most memorable experience?**

Volunteering in equestrian sport is made up of many, many moments that give us the impetus to keep doing what we do! It's very hard to pinpoint a singular memorable experience except perhaps the celebration of the club's 40 year anniversary. Being mindful that as volunteers and committee members, we carry on the ambitions of the original members with a club that has sustainably grown over time and continues to have a strong association with the foundation members makes me excited to see what's around the corner! I hope where we're at as a club in 2022 would make the 1980 LEG crew proud.

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Remember why and how you came to be there - more often than not, it's for the love of the horse and the desire to be immersed in the sport that drives a volunteer.



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with **DEB CURRY**

**North Queensland Showjumping Club**



**What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

Watching Hazel win Adelaide 3 Day Event!! She is from NQ and we travel to Adelaide each year to watch her ride, she is a legend!!

**What is your most memorable experience?**

My most memorable experience would have to be the time I volunteered at Aquis, I worked 3 days nonstop on the gate, I got to see some of the country's top riders compete their horses and it was inspirational.

**What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Get in and lend a hand, it takes a lot of work to hold events and clinics and it's so great to see that we are getting more and more people out on the field to help. Lately we have had some amazing support from our members organising community assistance and I hope this continues.



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with **ANDREA OSBORNE**  
**Warwick Horse Trials**



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

Watching my daughter compete at the Australian International Three Day event in Adelaide in 2011, placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the 4\* (now 5\*) event. The result provided her with a qualification for Badminton Horse Trials for the following year if she chose to enter. I was extremely proud of her achievement after years of hard work and commitment.

## **What is your most memorable experience?**

Working with a small group of volunteers in planning and progressing the improvement and development of facilities at the Warwick Horse Trials club and seeing those efforts recognised with the club recently being awarded the 2021 EQ Awards - Club of The Year.

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

Volunteering in your chosen equestrian sport is incredibly satisfying. It offers opportunities to learn more about the sport from officials and other experienced volunteers, to meet and socialise with the riders of all levels and other like minded individuals and to utilise specific skills. Whether it is a couple of hours on a regular basis or helping out at specific events, any contribution is greatly appreciated and has a positive effect. Equestrian clubs would struggle to keep running without volunteers.



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with **JOHN BROADBENT**  
Scenic Rim Equestrian Club



## **What moment in equestrian sport are you most proud of?**

I have been very fortunate to have had a few memorable moments with equestrian sports.

My two proudest moments would be being selected to represent Australia twice Tent pegging in Zimbabwe and Iraq .

Probably my most proudest was watching my two boys competing through Pony Club and EA and in general with their horses.

## **What is your most memorable experience?**

There are way to many memorable experiences to mention, currently I am involved with Scenic Rim Equestrian Club.

The enjoyment and happiness I see on both adults and children when we assist them to complete jumping rounds or

when having a crack at a dressage test they think is above them, either is very satisfying.

## **What is one tip you have for others involved in equestrian sport?**

My tip for anyone is to just enjoy whatever you wish to do as an official, competitor or volunteer. If you enjoy it, you will pass it on and then you get to see the enjoyment of our sport.