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Area Reports 2024





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Ashburton Area ESNZ Jumping Report – June 2024

2023-2024 was another busy season with our group running three shows, including two days of A&P showjumping, our November Grand Prix show and the Premier show in January.

While well supported, entries were down across our shows this season, a trend that was general throughout the South Island. A sign of the times we may suggest, but unfortunately our Premier show in January proved not good timing for a Premier and ESNZ jumping not granting dispensation to run a Grand Prix competition, did impact entries across the entire show especially so given there were no entries in the Super League.

But roll on and we look forward to hosting the 2024-2025 season South Island Championships at our Premier show in November this year, 2024.

The season also saw an upgrade of our Jumping and Show Hunter gear which we can fairly boast is up with the best, for four rings of competition, in the country.

We have been fortunate to have had another season with a great venue and superbly presented grounds for our shows at the Ashburton A&P showgrounds. This is much appreciated by competitors and organisers as it does make us proud to hear the complimentary feedback about the grounds and especially noted, how we can run all four arenas on the one oval space, with well-prepared competition and warm up areas, being a huge plus.

However the ongoing uncertainty of continuing in this vein into the future is a huge concern for the viability and success of suitable grounds to run our shows.

We face a significant challenge for suitable area and jumping surfaces at the Ashburton showgrounds as the A&P Board plans a redevelopment of the venue, specifically geared towards the Mid Canterbury Rugby Union, which is endeavouring to mandate regulation to get horses off the main oval and adjacent playing fields.

While we have been presented a proposed redevelopment plan for consideration, it has been very strategically scrutinised but unfortunately will not meet the necessary requirements for ESNZ Ashburton area jumping and show hunter events in the future.

We are currently in difficult conversations, which in many respects lack transparency and while the proposed redevelopment plan's lack of suitability has been communicated to the A&P Board, and despite advising we require certainty for this coming season, especially as we are hosting the South Island Champs in November (2024), as I write this report, we are still awaiting the outcome of a decision, very clearly being driven by rugby.

So it could well be we won't have suitable grounds and venue to run our shows, as carded, for this upcoming 2023-2024 season.

Frustratingly, it's a very much a watch this space. Meantime we remain positive and vigilant, open to any opportunities that may arise.

There is an exciting opportunity in the wings and we are following this with much interest and support – that being the Southern Parallel Equestrian Centre (SPEC), now with the green light to go, for development in the Ashburton District.

The \$200 million project that's been in the making for almost five years, has just last month (May 2024) been granted unconditional land use change consent (LUC) from both the Ashburton District Council and Environment Canterbury.

SPEC has planned and designed a state-of-the-art world class equestrian centre that will feature an indoor arena, selling centre, veterinary clinic, a 650 stable complex, training arenas as well as fields for showjumping, dressage, eventing, polo and grazing pastures. Once fully operational the centre is expected to employ about 160 people. Start of construction, underground irrigation and pasture preparation, is scheduled to start in the next half of this year (2024) with stage one geared for completion late 2025.

For more detail and to view the full development “flyover” and construction progress: follow Southern Parallel Campus on Facebook or website www.southernparallelcampus.nz

So while some frustrating short term venue challenges, an exciting future looms.

Ashburton Jumping and Show Hunter is focused on growing membership both in riding members and supporters, officials and volunteers, while endeavouring to navigate the challenges of keeping our sport affordable to all, showing value to members, and catering for all levels from the grassroots up.

This is an area where Ashburton would like to see the national body offering greater support at the grassroots to encourage engagement and balance the needs of all members to ensure sustainability into the future.

Officials in particular are a huge challenge to lure in given the voluntary time commitment and financial expense involved. Without the volunteers, be they officials, organising committees or passionate supporters, there is risk of no sport as currently, especially amidst the current economic climate, the goal posts are deterring rather than retaining and attracting our people of the future.

Annette Scott

Ashburton ESNZ Jumping delegate

AUCKLAND SHOW JUMPING AREA REPORT 2024

Auckland hosted the North Island Show Jumping Championships for the second year in a row. While the weather was not kind we had two days of ok weather, but Sunday was a real challenge. It was great to jump the inaugural Counties Cup on the Friday with a 20 strong field and great jump off.

Saturday late afternoon saw the fun fancy dress classes, Table C for horses and 4 bar for ponies. It was nice to have people staying around and supporting the BBQ and Cocktail Cart. Shame we managed to drink the cocktails dry!

Sunday was a bit like Déjà vu with urgent meetings and ring/class changes to get jumping onto the best footing. Huge thanks to Kerry Willets and Tony Hutton for working in so well together. Moving all classes from ring 2, which is usually our “dry” end of the oval.

Dannielle Watts played a total blinder building Ring 1, adjusting courses perfectly to the conditions and starters, also keeping some clean ground for Sunday.

Sponsors – We love our group of sponsors. We consistently grow them, most are local, and it is so satisfying seeing them networking together at the Sunday luncheon. Long may this continue.

A new sponsor to thank is Canter for Cancer, providing the 18 dress rugs required. Nicki has already signed up for the coming season.

Live streaming was a large expense. Moving forward we need to look at more cost-effective options, if at all.

The main financial investment last season was the building of 66 new permanent wooden yards. Great value of \$14k, so no more expensive portable yards (4.5k per year) which were a ton of work, mostly done by our wonderful SiteLand Development team. Thanks to Vicki Ridley and Terry for organizing all of the new build and recycling timber to keep costs down.

We hosted two days jumping at the Pukekohe A&P Show in February. Again, a fun show to run, we had one ring and hosted 4 series classes. Not great numbers due to a clash with Takapoto, and financially we took a loss.

Sadly, we couldn't field a Saba Sam team, but joined forces with Waitemata and placed 4th.

A new initiative thanks to Vicki Ridley, was running a grass jump club day in early March, pre HOY. The event was very well run by the capable team of Vicki, Edward Bullock & Tracey Ramsden.

We sold off some of our older jump stands, rails and fillers. Potentially these won't be replaced as we had more gear than required. We donated one of the gear trailers and some rails to Woodhill Sands on a 'permanent loan'. With one less trailer this enabled us to get our judging float permanently under cover at the grounds.

Due to a busy winter calendar, we didn't run any training jumping days, but could maybe look at a spring date at Abderry Equestrian.

We ran the inaugural Auckland Leading Riders Awards. Other areas do this and we hope it builds engagement with our group. Thanks to Appetite, Brandright and Fiber fFesh for supporting this event.

Financially we had another solid season.

This season we sadly said goodbye to Gayle Crammond from the committee, there for about 7 years, and has been a super secretary for many years. Also, Lisa Manning, very sadly hung up her microphone!

A huge thank you to the committee. Too many mention, but please know you are all very much appreciated and we couldn't do what we do without you.

Regards

Paula Mussen

AKSJ Chair 2023-24

Bay of Plenty Delegate Area Report

Rotorua

The Rotorua Group ran another very successful show at the start of September at the Taupo National Equestrian Centre. Yet again the show was a success and was also one of the bigger show's numbers wise of the season. It was disappointing the weather playing havoc on the Sunday and the ring one warm up became flooded which was then closed by the grounds committee, resulting in the Horse grand prix riders warming up on a different surface which wasn't ideal. Being a small committee we are ever so grateful for the help from volunteers and sponsorship we receive and losing a key long-term member of our committee last year saddened the group however being able to present the new "Couper Cup" to the Horse grand prix winner was heart-warming. The group is going to miss the amazing help they received for the last few years from NEC workers Logan and Karen, however we are excited for the upgrades that are continuously being made to the NEC facilities in hope it will make this year's show bigger and better.

Tauranga

The Tauranga group had a disappointing 22/23 season and made a huge loss at their show in April. They held a winter series that was able to make up some of the shortfall, that was well supported by locals. They held a course designers seminar that led to Becky Ormsby gaining her national course designers ticket after a long 4 years shadowing fellow course designers at events around the country. With an incredibly small committee and finding sponsorship near impossible they opted not to run an ESNZ show for the 23/24 season. Instead they jumped on board to help out a local pony club for some trials, however it was then cancelled by the grounds committee. Unfortunately the Tauranga show jumping committee have not submitted any dates for a 24/25 show as TESA could not provide them with any dates where they were able to fully book out the grounds. The TGA committee are very disappointed with this, and will be holding their AGM mid August where they invite any enthusiastic people to join their committee to help build it back to where it used to be.

Opotiki

Opotiki has a new committee of proactive and motivated horse people. First up they changed their date from February to early December and that worked really well. It was much easier not having to water the grounds. They had decent entries being their first show back in almost four years. Everything ran smoothly with running two show jumping rings (pony and hack) and a practise ring that turned

into a derby ring. Financially the show has a lot of running costs with the bringing in and setting up of portable yards, and the countless hours of manpower. It is a stressful few days from Thursday to Sunday as they cannot set up midweek being such a public area and ensuring the safety of their gear. With this in mind the committee look forward to having decided to trial moving their show to the Teteko Racecourse to run their show in November this year, hopefully resulting in a much more financially better, and physically easier show.

Te Teko

Te tekko show held some winter practise show jumping days that encouraged hat tagging which they were very pleased with the high numbers it attracted, The were very happy and ran a successful show with having a few very disappointing years being let down by the weather so this season they changed their dates from October to February. This proved to be very popular for the show hunter riders especially, with those chasing HOY qualifying points and series points. With this in mind however their numbers in Ring One were down but their Ring Two numbers had increased from previous years. It was exciting with the rings now inclusive of the racecourse, to be able to run all the rings Infront of the grandstand away from the trees. The committee is enthusiastic to see how they can make this years show even better.

Taupo

Taupo still don't affectively have their own "committee". The committee there are a subcommittee of the NEC committee. Over the season they ran 3 show jumping shows (Matariki Jumping Show, Christmas Classic, and the NZ Jumping Series finals). Two of which were approximately 25% down in numbers this year. Aside from equifest which has its own committee, and the total number of horses is spread out between all disciplines that are there. Christmas Classic numbers were not down from the previous year as it was nice to see they reinstated a smaller class of (1m) for horses which meant they gained their numbers there. The Taupo committee is hopeful the remit regarding sweepstakes doesn't go through as it will mean the prizemoney of their shows will take a dive and be very little to make the show profitable when expenses are on the rise. When they finalised the shows, they found that the prizemoney with sweepstakes actually ended up giving more to the riders than what they would have put on the schedule as prizemoney. It is still a shame to see that the Christmas Classic isn't how it used to be, but with a small committee and increasing costs it is becoming harder and harder to break even with shows, especially with the rising costs in hiring out these awesome facilities.

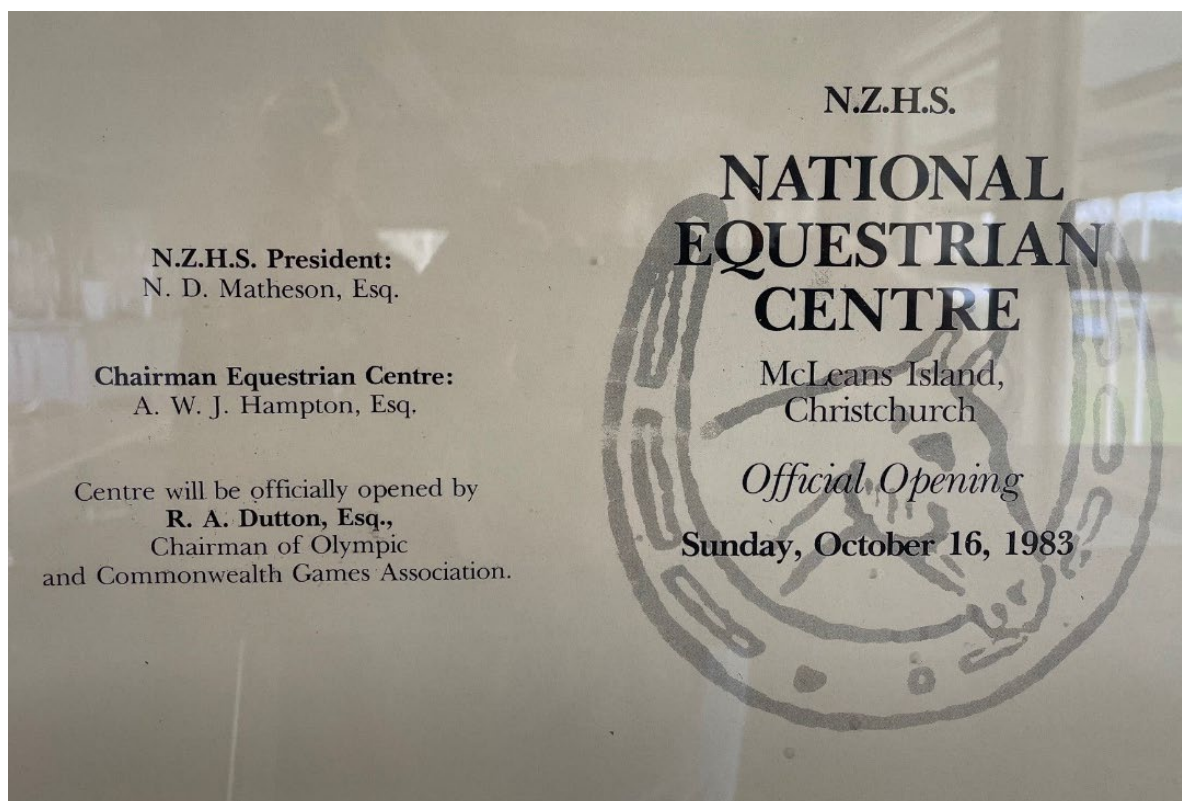
I would like to again thank all the hardworking volunteers, officials and amazing sponsors new and old for the ongoing support they give back to our sport. With everything getting harder and harder each year it is you guys that keep us going with a smile on our faces.

Mikayla Herbert

Rotorua Show Jumping Chair/Area Delegate

Show Jumping Canterbury Area Delegates Report 2024

- Show Jumping Canterbury run three shows over the season with our three day Xmas Cracker show in December running the South Island Jumping Championships which was well supported by riders across the South Island.
- We celebrated the 40th anniversary of show jumping at McLeans Island at the Dunstan Fibre Fresh NEC at our Labour Weekend show with some invited guests for a small function.
- Dinie Rutherford who was the first rider to compete in SJ at the centre on the 16 October 1983 at the official opening, attended our celebration. We also had some of Alan Hampton's family attend and cut the cake.



- We have been well supported once again by our fabulous sponsors.
- I have retired as the chairperson of Canterbury Area.

Blue Clark

Area Delegate

Show Jumping Canterbury

4 June 2024

Central and Southern Hawkes Bay Area Report 2023-2024

The Central and Southern Hawkes Bay Showjumping and Showhunter Show was run 5-7 January. We are so grateful to all of our kind sponsors, in particular our premier sponsor, Alabaster Contracting.

The World Cup Class was won by our Vice President, Logan Massie and built by committee member Heather McDonald. The Pony Grand Prix was won by Sofia Williams and the Answer Back Cup was won by George White.

Our new irrigation system is going well and we are enjoying working with Dannevirke A&P, under the management of Kirstin Wahlberg. The facilities and surface is continually being improved.

We have plans to purchase new jumps in the coming months, and aim to hold an FEI 1 Star and a World Cup at our next show.

Many riders in our area have experienced a successful season. A few highlights include, Brooke Edgecombe winning the World Cup Series, with our area having 4 WC riders in the top 6. Jacqui Symes won the Amateur Show Hunter of the Year title. Our Pony Grand Prix riders won the Saba Sam Teams event and Anna Wilson won the Pony title at Nationals.

Maurice Beatson and Brooke Edgecombe took their horses to Florida and jumped on the NZ Nations Cup Team. Sam Carrington has taken a horse to Australia to gain more experience over the winter.

Thanks to the many people who support the shows in the Central and Southern Hawkes Bay; volunteers, sponsors and competitors.

Claire Wilson, Area Delegate

Gisborne Area Show Jumping | Report 2023/2024

2023/2024 was another successful season for the Gisborne Area. We have a small but dedicated committee that is well supported by local volunteers. Caroline Coop does a fantastic job as chairperson.

Leading up to the season we ran several practice days. These days offer a chance to jump a show jumping and show hunter course in a low-pressure environment. They welcomed a good range of riders, successfully kicking our season into gear.

All participants of the practice days must be a member of our local Gisborne Area Equestrian group. By becoming a member, you have access to a course of jumps we have set up permanently at the show grounds and they must commit to helping for half a day at both shows. This has been a fantastic initiative and has given us a huge database of names to call upon as volunteers.

Our next event is the Poverty Bay A&P Show where our area organises the Show Jumping and Show Hunter. Although the entries were low this year, it was encouraging to receive great feedback regarding our team culture and community feel. The gift bags of local produce that were given to competitors on entry proved to be a great new initiative.

January saw our feature event the Larsen Sawmilling Jumping Championships. There was some great jumping and it was nice to welcome the Australian Young Rider team back to NZ for the Trans Tasman Test. We acknowledged naming rights sponsor John Larsen and other sponsors with a dinner on the Friday night of our show. This was enjoyed by all competitors and gave everyone an opportunity to meet the Australian team.

The Star Spotters Scholarship was well received by local rider Axelrose Campbell. A quote from Axelrose's family is as follows "the star spotters opportunity this year was something that gave us drive and more meaning to give it a real go". The Campbell family are the first to volunteer, are always friendly and always smiling. We couldn't have chosen a more deserving recipient and are grateful to ESNZ for helping us encourage and support a new generation of equestrians in the area.

Cyclone Gabrielle had a massive impact on our area and we would like to thank those that have supported us through this challenging time. I would also like to thank the officials, sponsors and volunteers that keep our sport alive and wish everyone all the best for the 2024-2025 season.

Claudia Humphreys

Gisborne Area Delegate

MARLBOROUGH AREA REPORT - 2024

We have had a very busy year with developing more of our equestrian park. As seen in the pictures the park is looking amazing.

We have increased the size of the showhunter ring. Had judges' boxes built.

Our biggest accomplishment has been the building of 54 covered yards. At the moment we are in the process of getting sponsorship to have the complete park under irrigation. Main oval, all dressage arenas and the showhunter arena.

We had 2 very successful shows. One in the Spring and the other in the Autumn.

In 2025 12/13/14 December we will be holding the South Island Champs. This will be a very up market show. All going well we hope to have a \$10,000 Horse Grand Prix.

Helen Ensor
Area Delegate

2024 Northern Hawkes Bay Report

The 2023 Jumping season has been a challenge for our sport with lower numbers across all areas, this being a reflection of the current economic climate. People have chosen to come to fewer shows and trucks are not as full as they have been in the past.

For our Northern Hawkes Bay area, we have successfully run another fantastic show under a new 4-day format which was well received with lots of positive feedback.

The Bayleys National Young Horse Show is a go-to event on the show jumping calendar. Although numbers were down in the age group classes, something that was seen across the sport, we still had solid numbers in the higher grades. We have been awarded the right to run the show for the next three years.

The Northern Hawkes Bay Jumping group deserve congratulations and a big thank you for all the hard work and valuable time volunteers have put in to help get this over the line.

We are a very fortunate group to have such a strong volunteer base.

Horse of the Year was delivered for the first time in three years. The show is such an asset to our area and we are lucky to receive income from the event to help our group invest back into the sport. We purchased another lump of classy new jump stands, poles and fill this year. This helps create ease of moving gear from sheds to rings and back again, ensures our jumping rings to look modern and light and makes it so that everyone can be involved.

NHBJ are very fortunate to have a healthy relationship with the new owners of the Tomoana Show Grounds, Hastings District Council and the future looks bright with the development of the facilities. HOY Limited have also contributed towards this. This process has been taken a bit of a hit with Cyclone Gabriel coming along in 2023.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support, it takes a small army of busy people to successfully keep the ball rolling. We look forward to continuing to work with people in our sport to run our forever-evolving show and contribute to what is such a wonderful sport, from here in Hawkes Bay.

Thank you

Dirk Waldin

Chairman/Delegate Northern Hawkes Bay Jumping

Northland Jumping Delegate Season Report (2024)

Hey folks, let's take a ride down memory lane through the Northland Jumping Season of 2024. It's been quite the journey filled with excitement, community spirit, and of course, plenty of horsepower! This report sums up all the highs and lows we've experienced along the way.

We kicked off the year with some prep work. Zoom meetings became our best friend as we got all our National Event Secretaries together virtually. Seminars for our course designers and judges ensured we were all on the same page. Despite not being able to meet face-to-face for task delegation, our sub-committees showed amazing teamwork in setting the stage for a smashing season.

Pulling off our events smoothly was our top priority. Even though we saw a slight dip in horse numbers, our GP show went off without a hitch. The positive vibes about the relaxed atmosphere and course designs confirmed that we were hitting the mark in making sure everyone had a great event. Thanks to all our committee that worked hard to pull this event together.

We didn't just focus on the fun stuff; we also put in work behind the scenes. ESNZ held online sessions to discuss potential changes to our constitution, making sure everyone had a say in how things should look going forward. We have had reports that it is status quo with the constitution and INC society at the moment,

Let's give a round of applause for all the amazing achievements this year! Our Northland Riders have outdone themselves on the National Stage, our Northland riders totally rocked it at HOY and series finals to finish the season strong. It is pleasing to know that all these riders have come through our early days and grassroots events and worked their way up. We've got some serious talent in our region, no doubt about it.

Our Officials have also progressed. Mac & Sandy MacPherson levelled up as CD and judging positions, we have also progressed with a new CD Monique Wilson whose CV is now ready to be presented to the Committee and sent to ESNZ for approval. We have Kristine Leonard now starting her CD journey with her CV starting last weekend at our autumn day.

We do need to do a push for some new officials Judges and more CD to help share the load. Some winter local run seminars may be a way to encourage some new people on board.

Our summer Series was run with great numbers (although ponies were low in the high level, we managed good competition) and was awesome to see new combinations and riders stepping up through the grades. The Autumn series has encouraged lots of new riders and horses, so these are the new members to come along to the new season. Numbers for these days have been super.

We made some upgrades to our equipment, ensuring safety and efficiency were top-notch. Plus, we're looking into sprucing up our stands and cups to add even more prestige to our events. Hopefully this progresses over winter.

As we look ahead, it's all about keeping the momentum going. We've got plans in the pipeline if the weather stays nice for some more practice days, Winter seminars in person for riders and officials, encourage the Pony Club to come along, so these kids are being taught correct at their rallies. ESNZ jumping conference Coming up in Auckland. And let's not forget about the awards dinner –We're also busy updating our calendar for next season, getting our Sub Committees together early to discuss the running of our Mini Circuit and Grand Prix Show beneficial to be done early this time.

In wrapping up, the Northland Jumping Season of 2024 has been a pretty great season, our first full season in a while after Covid and wet weather, planning, executing events and new committee members learning tasks Huge thanks to everyone involved – from our organising committee to our volunteers and participants. Together, we've laid down the groundwork for more awesome seasons to come. Let's keep the spirit alive and keeping working together to make the next season even, better.

OTAGO AREA REPORT - 2024

Each season we run two main shows. One in October at the start of the season and our main show mid January.

This season didn't start out as we had hoped, as the Otago Taieri show grounds was damaged by machinery and we were informed we could not use it, but we could use the ground along side the road, which is certainly large enough, but lacks water. The ground is nice and flat but quite firm.

We did use these areas and the show went off well, but there were some riders, not many, that would prefer a better surface.

After the show we were advised by the Otago A&P, that the oval will be well and truly sorted by our January show.

We were well organised and looking forward to our January show.

Tuesday morning 9:30AM, the day before we were to set up the four arenas, we received a phone call to say we were not allowed to use these grounds.

That evening our committee went to the show grounds to see what was going on.

The grounds looked perfect but the A&P and the DCC had made this decision.

Three days out we had no option but to cancel our show, as we had no other grounds, stabling etc to run a show the size of this one.

It was a hard decision to make but our hands were tied.

We are now in conversations with the A&P to make sure this type of thing doesn't happen again.

In the mean time our group is working behind the scenes getting ready for the next season and I'm sure everything will be sorted.

Mark Whelan
Otago Area Delegate.



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2023-2024 Chairman's Report

SCNO Area ESNZ Jumping

Our area has had another successful year. First up; Harriet Gardner and Lewis McLellan attended the ESNZ AGMs for Jumping & Show Hunter respectively.

We kicked off the season with our Spring Has Sprung Show, which was a success despite the chilly weather. A total of 166 riders and 245 horses attended.

In late November, we hosted our Area Championships, and the weather was perfect with sunshine throughout the weekend. A total of 234 riders and 334 horses attended.

By mid-March, Waimate was getting very dry so a lot of irrigation was required for our Autumn Classic. This show started well with fine weather on the first day but ended a bit cold and damp after drizzle on Sunday Morning. A total of 171 riders and 225 horses attended.

Many riders from our area performed exceptionally well on the national stage, with a special congratulations to Molly Smith who won both the Pony Grand Prix Series and the Pony of the Year Pony Title, a first for our area.

Extra special is that the Course Designer for the Premier Arena (where the Pony of the Year took place) was Roger Laplanche, in his final outing as a Course Designer at this level. It was great to see the organisers honour Roger's many years of service with this opportunity, as normally this role would be fulfilled by someone from overseas.

The new 60-stall covered yard complex and associated roading improvements have been a hit with competitors, and the ground conditions were more than satisfactory for all of our shows.

As always, thank my fellow committee members, family members, sponsors, and everyone who has volunteered and officiated for us this season.

Tim Douglass - Area Chairman / Jumping Delegate

SOUTHLAND AREA REPORT – 2024

It's been a busy but highly successful year in the Deep South, and as a region we have achieved a lot, and had cause to celebrate a lot of achievements.

One of the few low points of the year was the tragic loss of Karen White in early March. In fact, it was likely that Karen was to have been here at this meeting as the Southland delegate this year, adding another facet to her already deep involvement in and love of the sport as a Southland Show Jumping stalwart, horse breeder, and of course chief groom and supporter of her daughter Nicole. Her loss is keenly felt in Southland, and we were very touched and appreciative that so many riders wore a blue ribbon in her memory at Nationals.

Speaking of Nationals, a contingent of Southland riders made a very enjoyable expedition of the Waimate and Nationals back-to-back weekends and came away with a number of titles (including the big one!) and a lot of placings. It was highly encouraging to see exceptional results from many up-and-coming younger riders. The strength of our numbers and results in this latter group bodes very well for the future. Nationals was the perfect finale to the season for us and it must be said many Southland riders are a little sad to have Nationals returning to an earlier date.

We had riders well placed in Series and Horse of the Year competitions, and of course a Southlander took out the Dunstan Amateur Rider series this year, which is no mean feat given the amount of travel required.

The season in the South starts late for us because of weather and ground conditions, but it kicked off busy with 8 practice days in August and September in Invercargill and Gore. As well as a valuable fundraiser, these pre-season days are essential preparation for our riders, and we had around 50 horses entered on our busiest days.

Our three Area shows at Gore were well attended, with the Labour Weekend show having 207 horses, the Festival Show (December) 263 horses and Southland Circuit Show (Feb) with 225 horses entered.

The shows all ran smoothly thanks to a large number of dedicated volunteers, many of whom are also competing. Each show had a particular highlight, with the Hobby Horse competition at Labour Weekend, our annual dinner and fundraising auction at our Christmas Festival show where we also ran Age Group Series classes for the first time with good support, and in February our Circuit Show saw the running of our very special annual classes, the Tower Trophy (for brand new young riders mentored by senior riders) and Southland Stakes (1.15m horses).

Facilities at Gore A&P Showgrounds are part of what makes our shows easy to run. We are lucky to have such a well-appointed facility, and regularly get compliments on the quality of the going at our shows, for which we are grateful for the expertise of Dawn, the groundskeeper and the grounds owners who partner with us to improve and expand our infrastructure there.

We have added **11** large permanent stables and 20 temporary yards to our area show facility at Gore A &P showgrounds, giving an overall horse accommodation count of **224**.

The facility has also been further upgraded with permanent irrigation in the main oval and the all-weather arena, giving us the capacity for four fully irrigated rings.

We've also improved our equipment, with a full three rings of new aluminium jumps stands, and we are just finalising the purchase to complete our fourth ring.

Despite all the expenditure, Southland Show Jumping is in a robust financial position and well supported with our area having number of experienced and highly qualified officials, and a settled committee, and a large pool of active volunteers. It is a fortunate position to be in, as we all face ongoing headwinds from seemingly ever-increasing costs, so we are very grateful to our incredibly loyal sponsors and supporters, and those competitors who travel to support our shows. Thank you all, and here's to an equally successful 24/25 season!

Anna Crooks

Southland Show Jumping Delegate

Taihape Area Report 2024

We had a show! Taihape Show Jumping finally managed to get underway with our 65th Annual show.

Firstly, we would like to thank Maryanne Mallalieu for her many years of volunteering in various roles but mostly as our show secretary. Her dedication over the years even after her kids had left the sport was amazing and we hope more people will give their time like Maryanne did over the years! A thanks as well to Wendy Knight who helped myself and our committee members on EvoEvents and some of the curlier parts to running a show.

We would like to thank all of the competitors who attended our show this year. We had people all the way from Queenstown trip up plus the locals who support year after year.

The council stepped up and re-did our track which was very exciting. We then had a few yard repairs to do and some dirt to spread and she was underway! Comments from our course builders said our surface was one of the best they had built on all season, and we didn't even have to turn on the irrigators. The council did an excellent job to aerate the grounds and mowed it when we want them done.

We also won't lie that having a large private show the week after ours hurt our entries, but we were surprised with how well our numbers looked against the previous show. We only have 2021 figures to compare plus that show was also a three day show. We had a total of 167 riders and 281 start over the weekend after scratchings. Our largest class was 66 and lower heights were very well supported.

Our new jumps finally got their turn in the sun and the cleaning products bought out to remove the vivid illustrations and words that ended up on our stolen then returned after public plea gumboot jumps. The weekend ran well and we even had a bouncy castle for the kids. We received lots of positive feedback.

Our show was only the second group to use the Nga Awa block and we sure tested it! It was a four million dollar council upgrade with new showers, toilets, changing rooms, kitchenette and upstairs rooms overlooking the grounds. Unfortunately we found the faults in the building with someone setting off the fire alarm at 9:30 and after racing down there myself to try sort it out and with other members on the phone to council and some of us on the phone to local fire brigade, in the end 111 was called and even they took 20 minutes trying to turn it off. Everyone continued showering however and by 10:30 it was finally off. To their credit the Mayor showed up the next day to apologise however it did take him an hour of watching the show to finally front up. Show organisers a little stressed aren't that scary are they?!?!

Locally, there is still a very strong sports day circuit and a few local shows that have all grown in numbers over the past few years. These sports days are lower cost which should help encourage people into the sport, but are all run to a good standard to make sure that people can see the pathway into ESNZ.

The threat of temporarily losing our grounds is now gone with a change in planning from a large local project. This is great news and secures all park users that Memorial Park can still be 100% used for the foreseeable future.

Taranaki Equestrian Jumping

Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. had a fantastic 2023-2024 season. In November the Egmont A&P equestrian event was held along with our one-day show, which were both a great success. It was a lovely, relaxed show which was enjoyed by the committee and competitors in both show jumping and show hunter alike.

In January, we ran a three-day Grand Prix show, which catered to both grassroots and high-level show jumpers. Inspired by the Answer Back Cup, we introduced the "Spot You Later Classic" for our up-and-coming riders in the sport. This class was a real success and a highlight of the show. We were also able to host a free rider's barbeque, kids' games and a dog jumping competition, which really contributed to the family orientated atmosphere we were looking to promote at this show.

The Taranaki Team have put a huge amount of work into our assets over the last couple of years. We have purchased new jumps, painted our existing jumps and the show hunter ring has a new arena chain. We have been progressing building two judges' trailers for ring one and two, which we hope will be ready for our shows in this upcoming season.

The Egmont A&P Show Grounds continue to be a huge asset to the Taranaki Area with a brilliant grass jumping surface, an indoor arena and 200 covered yards / stables. The greyhound track has been removed in the main oval, enabling the jumping rings to be even larger and providing more room in the warm-up arena. The grounds will continue to improve with a proposal to add an all-weather arena and improve the grass surface in the Pony Club Area.

The success of Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. could not happen without the volunteers we have. We are incredibly lucky to have such a hard-working committee and great group of volunteers in Taranaki. Our successful and well supported shows are a true reflection of the great bunch of people that work hard to make everything run smoothly. It is fantastic to watch so many horse and rider combinations stepping up to achieve their goals. The Taranaki team are always helping each other out, whether it is warming up, holding a horse or just being there to support each other. This is such a special part of our group and the wider equestrian community, and something we want to continue to foster in Taranaki.

Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. would like to acknowledge and thank Tanya Hansen for all her hard work and dedication to our group as Chairman over the last 8 years. During this time, we have run a number of shows, including North Island Championships, multiple World Cup events and World Cup Finals. Many of these have been under trying conditions, with both COVID-19 and severe weather. The success of these events would not have been possible without Tanya. The growth and accomplishments this group have achieved are a testament to Tanya's work ethic and passion for the sport. As she's stepping down as Chairman this season, we want to thank her for all that she has done for us.

As a group, Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. are already working hard to prepare for our 2024/25 season, with a number of training events on the cards as well as our two ESNZ shows. We are excited and looking forward to the season ahead.

Nakeysha Dickey

Taranaki Area Jumping Delegate

Laura Hutterd

Taranaki Area Secretary

Waikato - Delegates Report

Jackie Jermyn

First of all a thank you to the officials, stewards, volunteers and the riders that supported our event in 2024.

We again were privileged to be able to run our event at the beautiful Takapoto Estate.

The facilities certainly make it easy to run an event there and we would like to thank Mitch and Kate Plaw for their incredible vision that has created such a world class venue and something that can only benefit the future of the sport in NZ.

Waikato area have always prided ourselves on running a professional show with good prizemoney, facilities and a good venue with the best footing available. We believe we are continuing to achieve this by using the Takapoto Estate Venue.

I believe that our program/schedule is beneficial to those horses and riders at an upper level to be able to step up in competition while still maintaining a competitive program for those at a lower level.

A big thank you to our committee members who do a great job with running the show and welcome to our new committee members. We are always encouraged by having new people on the committee as they bring new ideas and it is good to have new people wanting to be involved in the running of the sport.

Our Waikato riders have been a credit to us with many in the prizemoney throughout the season.

Wairarapa SJ Delegates report 2024

Our group again ran 4 winter training days which were well supported by our local riders. These winter days help tremendously towards running our summer shows. They increase our income significantly – we made a profit of just under \$6000. Overall we had 180 horses attend, both SH and SJ days were run

Labour weekend show went well, we were blessed with lovely weather for jumping. The grounds as usual were presented beautifully, thank you to the Masterton A&P Association. The show broke even. We had 287 horses, 9 horses competed in the horse GP and 14 in the PGP. We chose to use the new rule that came into effect at last year's AGM for prize money pay out and GP shows.

Our February show battled with a hot, dry Wairarapa summer, which we haven't seen for 3 years! We chose to run with no showjumping series classes, which did diminish top end horses coming to the show unfortunately. We had 175 horses over the 2 days. We did however run series in the Showhunter section, which were well supported in the horse classes. We made a very small profit of \$2000

This winter we are looking forward to running 5 winter SH/SJ days, and 2 summer shows

The A&P continue to make great improvements to our local grounds, which we are very thankful for

Nicki Hull
Wairarapa SJ Delegate

Waitemata Report Area Report 2024

Another season has passed. Following our 2023 AGM, we successfully hosted our Winter Series, consisting of four well-attended days despite the challenging weather last winter.

As Show Jumping Waitemata, we organized two major events this season. The return of the World Cup Final saw a late change in title sponsors, moving from Audi to Archibald and Shorter Land Rover, both within the Giltrap family. Despite the timing so close to Christmas, we managed the transition smoothly, ensuring fresh jump skins for the event. It was a joy to host the World Cup Final at Woodhill Sands, with the venue looking picturesque and packed with spectators throughout the weekend. We were delighted to have Peter Holmes and his family from Canada designing the courses. Peter's talent, approachability, and collaboration were invaluable, and he has become a cherished friend. We're excited to announce Peter's return in 2025, visiting both us and the Gisborne area, and we're also working to bring another talented Canadian, Peter Grant, out in 2026.

March marked derby time, where we held both the Ray Burmester Memorial and the Rhonda Goddard Memorial classes concurrently. Each year, our collection of unique derby fences grows, and this season was no exception. We were fortunate to acquire many distinctive props from a film set at auction just before the show, enhancing our derby courses. With expanded derby classes, it was gratifying to see more participants enjoying these elaborate setups.

Due to recent changes at Woodhill Sands, we've completed our usual Winter Series early, substituting it with an Autumn Series of three shows. Despite the favourable weather, attendance numbers were lower, reflecting economic conditions and increased competition from other events.

Throughout the season, we've made substantial investments in equipment to benefit Woodhill Sands. Last year, we purchased a large flat deck trailer, followed more recently by a ride-on lawn mower, both of which are now on long-term loan to the venue.

While Show Jumping Waitemata operates independently as an ESNZ Area Group, our close ties with Woodhill Sands are evident. Many of us on the committee wear dual hats, contributing to both organisations. This dual commitment underscores Woodhill Sands' vital role in our broader equestrian community, and our group works to support not only show jumping but also dressage, show hunter, eventing, and pony club events.

Woodhill Sands is owned by the equestrian community, with 14 years remaining on our mortgage. Despite challenges such as rising interest rates, reaching this point represents a significant achievement.

In today's challenging economic climate, Woodhill Sands faces its own set of challenges. But the venue is essential for our sport's survival and represents a lasting legacy for future generations. As urban sprawl continues to encroach on available land, the importance of this community-owned asset grows clearer. Recent developments in Clevedon and the A & P

Showgrounds highlight the foresight of our local equestrian community in securing this land ownership.

Emma Buckingham
Show Jumping Waitemata

Year in Review - 2023

As 2023 dawned we had hoped that the tough years of Covid were behind us, the year of rain had ended and we looked forward to life returning to normal.

However, like so many other businesses around New Zealand, we have endured some of the harshest conditions in recent times. Our mortgage interest rates have climbed, the impact of loan holidays during Covid has increased monthly repayments, minimum wage has risen and costs have leapt up. All at a time when these same pressures on our riding community have seen them choose to spend less on events, and our income has not recovered to pre-Covid levels as anticipated.

As a community-owned intergenerational asset, our commitment to maintaining and enhancing this valuable facility remains steadfast. Throughout the year, we have continued to deliver across our operations, facility developments and community engagement.

During 2023, Woodhill Sands hosted a total of 176 events, training days, clinics and open days with 7,229 horse starts. We are proud to have provided a venue where a wide range of disciplines can come together.

Highlights of the year included:

- **Spring Shows:** We hosted 3 Spring GP SJ shows, providing an opportunity for riders to compete early in the season, the spring calendar also included 2 Spring Show Hunter Festival weekends.
- **Summer Grand Prix Show Jumping:** Over the summer months, we held 8 GP SJ shows with several series running across these events. Running from the end of September through to the end of February these shows provided a consistent and high level of competition for ponies and horses including series classes.
- Woodhill Sands was thrilled to host **Show Jumping Waitemata Premier Jumping Festival**, which included the FEI World Cup Round 5 and the League FINAL. This event showcased the sport and with Ring 1 on our grass arena, the Waitemata team did another extraordinary job of creating an outstanding event atmosphere which highlights our venue's capability to host international-level competitions.
- **Autumn and Winter Series:** The venue introduced a new autumn series in addition to our winter days which was well received. These supportive and welcoming days provide an environment that is perfect for those wanting to compete at lower levels, new to the discipline or with younger horses. These shows introduce riders to our sport and support bringing new members into the ESNZ disciplines. With the all weather surfaces at the venue our riders can be assured that our days will be able to run.

Financial Overview As mentioned above, the season has been a financially challenging one with a reduction in entries as the economic climate and discretionary spend continue to be squeezed, alongside an increase in debt servicing and operational costs (including fuel and consumables). Despite ongoing efforts to minimize costs, owning and operating a venue such as Woodhill Sands requires a significant level of fixed costs, in addition to mortgage repayments in excess of \$20,000 per month.

We extend our enormous gratitude to all the riders who have supported the venue and attended shows during these difficult times. One of our greatest challenges faced by the Trust is that ensuring this venue is owned by riders in perpetuity, meaning decades of riders to come, it is being paid for by the current generation of riders. The Trust has appreciated the support of the Auckland Council Regional Sport and Recreation Operations Grant, which has assisted with some of our operational expenses, and without which we would have struggled to fund debt servicing. Additionally, the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment fund has allowed us to continue making improvements at the venue, such as the installation of a permanent sound system and an upgrade to our ablutions block, including an increased number of toilets and new showers.

Sponsorship continues to be a vital part of our venue's support and the success of our events. With a number of venue sponsors, we are able to provide these sponsors with profile and brand exposure year-round across a range of disciplines at all levels. We cannot express enough our gratitude for their support and the importance of building long-term, mutually beneficial relationships with these sponsors. The Trust has also provided some lower-cost sponsorship opportunities for our smaller local businesses, which have been warmly welcomed and strongly supported.

Resource Consent Challenges The Resource Consent has continued to present challenges, some 5 years after making the initial application consent in relation to securing the ongoing activities at Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre. After our hearing at the Environment Court in 2022, we finally received an interim decision. While consent had been granted, the terms were not compatible with the facility continuing to operate at its current level.

A significant amount of work has since been undertaken to clarify the Court's interim decision, consult with Council on the proposed conditions, and negotiate with neighbours on the level of permitted activity. These have now been submitted back to the Environment Court, and we are currently awaiting the final decision and conditions. While this will provide the desperately needed certainty for planning our calendar, it will also require us to meet approximately 176 conditions, imposing significant operational changes and capital requirements.

Community Engagement Woodhill Sands remains deeply committed to fostering a strong sense of community. In addition to our full summer programme, Woodhill Sands continues to support the local riding community at a grassroots level. We hosted numerous training days, clinics and open days throughout the summer and winter months, providing opportunities for riders to familiarize themselves with the venue and develop their skills. We also provide a site for local pony clubs to hold early season rallies, camps and competitions as well as providing a base for local adult riders. These initiatives are crucial for introducing new riders to the sport and fostering a supportive and inclusive equestrian community. The large number of events we run is also instrumental in providing a pathway for the development of officials based in the region. We are able to offer a range of opportunities for a number of trainee show jump judges, stewards and course designers allowing them to train and be mentored at our events. We are also a vital asset for a number of user groups, from formal ESNZ groups to Western Riding to local Adult Riding Clubs. Our regular user group forums are a wonderful opportunity to bring together these varied riding disciplines and collaborate on matters of importance to our wider riding community.

Despite facing significant challenges this year, we remain resilient and committed to our vision of enhancing and growing the riding community in Auckland and its surrounds and *is* to provide an experience that attracts riders and supporters, building lasting memories and relationships. We are grateful to everyone who has supported us, from riders and volunteers to sponsors and spectators. Together, we are ensuring that Woodhill Sands continues to be a treasured community asset for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead.

Philippa Fourie and the team at Woodhill Sands.

