

Annual Report: National Equestrian Centre – North Island

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Craig (Grounds) and Jenny (Jumping Board representative) attend the Taupo NEC Committee meetings.

The new caretaker and manager team at the Taupo NEC are Elliot and Kelly Newby.

Centre of Excellence:

The indoor facility has been a huge success with all disciplines. From squad trainings to equestrian events the building has offered an all-round facility for different sized groups.

The centre has upgraded their tractor, continued to work on finishing the kitchen/café area and put in a big screen. The new indoor show jumps are partly on site with the stands arriving and poles will be coming next.

The seating is on track for installation and the automatic watering system is a work in progress.

The bookings for the indoor are strong with not only equestrian events applying for dates but non equestrian groups booking to have various functions and events in the facility.



Around the Grounds:

John and Vicki Lawson have been appointed as the new events convenors and are forming a new committee to assist them with this.

Elliot has been busy upgrading both covered and open yards as part of his winter projects.

The sand arenas will be having a top up of sand and the new grass arena out the back will be used this season. The main grass arena in front of the indoor will see only one ring in there over the Xmas Classic show to allow for fresh ground to be utilised over all 4 days of competition.

The calendar of events is looking healthy with many weekends booked.

Health & Safety is an ongoing issue which Kelly continues to work on.

Security is another area that has been highlighted and with assistance from John Lawson cameras are being installed at certain points on the grounds.

Taupo NEC Convenor Wallie Niederer received the 2018 Waikato Award for Outstanding Contribution to sports and presenter Kylie Hawker Green who is the General Manger of Enterprise Great Lake Taupo highlighted the fantastic facility in Taupo and the work that Wallie and the NEC Committee do.



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