

## Dressage New Zealand Youth Council Expressions of Interest



*Expressions of Interest* are sought for two additional members of the Dressage New Zealand Youth Council (DNZYC).

### Background

The Youth Council was formed following the successful youth forum at the 2020 U25 Youth Festival of Dressage. During the forum, youth riders were separated into groups to collect ideas on the future of the sport. A member from each group was chosen to present the ideas to the wider group. This included the development of a permanent Youth Council.

Inspired by Netball New Zealand's youth council, the Dressage NZ Board invited these representatives to be a part of an inaugural youth advocacy group. Since then, these members have worked hard on developing the proposals for establishing the DNZYC. They presented these proposals at the 2021 Youth Festival and at the Dressage New Zealand AGM 2021 where area group dressage delegates unanimously voted to establish the DNZYC.

In the first year, the Dressage NZ Board has invited the four founder members to form the basis of the inaugural council. They are:

- Lucarne Dolley
- Rebecca Mobberley
- Alyssa Harrison
- Piper Crake

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### Goal of DNZYC

Our goal is to increase youth participation and enjoyment in the sport of dressage. We want to make the sport of dressage more inclusive of all young riders and to promote a safe environment for young riders to learn and grow.

- To create a safe space that allows U25 riders to learn and grow when involved with dressage.
- To encourage more grass roots participation in dressage.
- To promote opportunities for the development of young rider friendships.
- To promote the knowledge and development of all U25 riders, and to give them the opportunity to interact with experts in different fields to help improve their enjoyment of dressage.
- To work alongside Dressage New Zealand to create a youth performance pathway, as well as more youth competitions and opportunities at an international level, including CDIs.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of DNZYC are to promote friendships and fun, to help U 25 riders to gain a deep understanding of horse welfare, to focus on rider well-being, and to help riders perform to the best of their ability.

## **What is the role?**

As a member of DNZYC you will have the opportunity to represent the views of young riders on issues affecting youth in our sport, and to actively participate in the future of youth dressage in New Zealand.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be between 14 and 25 years of age when they are elected to DNZYC and a current Equestrian Sports member

## **Term of membership**

Members of DNZYC will serve a two-year term on the DNZYC with the opportunity to extend their term at the end of their second year.

## **Time Commitment**

Members of DNZYC will be expected to give approximately two hours per week to the council. You will also need to participate in bi-monthly zoom meetings. There will be regular email chains and messenger group chats with fellow youth council members; Lucarne Dolley, Piper Crake, Alyssa Harrison, and Rebecca Mobberley.

## **How to Apply**

If you are interested in applying for this role, please fill out the application below and email it to Judith Cunningham at: [DNZYYouthCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:DNZYYouthCouncil@gmail.com). Judith is the Dressage NZ Board member delegated to support this Expressions of Interest process.

## **Other questions?**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact existing members of the council via private message on either Instagram or Facebook.

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