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Area Reports 2025





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Ashburton ESNZ Jumping Delegate - Report – June 2025

The 2024-2025 season took in three shows - two days of A&P showjumping to start the season, followed by the Area's November Premier South Island Championships show and the lesser show in January with just two rings (given the unavailability of suitable surface at the A&P grounds), to cater for those competitors, in particular requesting a show ahead of the National Champs the following weekend. It was pleasing to note that there were North Island riders competing at this show.

The past season has been one of mixed challenges around available suitable ground to maintain the level of jumping and extent of shows we have been accustomed to, for almost forever, as the Ashburton Area SJSH group.

It was sadly unfortunate that the promise, from the A&P, that the season would not be affected with the proposed re-development of the grounds, and that jumping would not be off the oval until suitable surface was established elsewhere on the venue was not upheld. The January 2025 show was noted as not up to the standard and expectation that Ashburton has proudly held, over many decades, having gained a nationally respected reputation. The organising committee and wider area supporters were grossly let down by the Ashburton A&P and the ongoing challenges with the Mid Canterbury Rugby Union.

Moving on... the South Island Champs event in November was a huge success and a show that Ashburton is extremely proud of.

It is a sad reality that the venue and superbly presented grounds for our shows at the Ashburton A&P showgrounds that has been much appreciated by competitors, making organisers proud to hear the complimentary feedback about the grounds and especially noted, how we could run all four arenas on the one oval space, with well-prepared competition and warm up areas, being a huge plus – is no longer, and never will be under the current re-development of the A&P grounds and facilities.

The ongoing uncertainty continuing in this vein into the future is a huge concern and currently a significant challenge for the viability and success of future top level, Grand Prix and Premier shows at the A&P grounds.

Frustratingly, it's a very much a watch this space. Meantime, it's about remaining positive and vigilant, and open to all opportunities that may arise.

Ashburton Jumping and Show Hunter remains 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 through to Premier and World Cup competition.

Officials, especially, are a huge challenge to lure on board given the voluntary time commitment and financial expense involved. Without the volunteers, be they officials, organising committees or passionate supporters, there is no sport.

Ashburton Area jumping presently has no stewards and no course designers, and just five active jumping judges.

Finally, huge congratulations to all our local riders who have had success in all levels of competition and events, not just locally and regionally, but also nationwide and internationally throughout the past season. You are all champions in your own right, and you do Ashburton proud.

Annette Scott - Ashburton ESNZ Jumping delegate

Bay of Plenty Delegate Area Report 2025

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 again. This year the committee condensed their show to three rings. With the rising costs involved in running a show and hiring the NEC itself, this made it financially easier to meet their budget. With the three rings, numbers were maxed out in both ring 1 & 2 and the rings ran until dark resulting in the committee having to shuffle a few classes around. This year they are looking to continue with the three rings but make some adjustments to their schedule in hope to irradicate this problem. Once again they continued to cater for up and coming grass roots riders, by running a 80cm Children's night class. This involved having professional show jumpers designate their time to walk the course and coach them through the class. The whole committee are strong advocates for supporting grassroots riders as much as we can and find this is always a hit with the kiddies.

Tauranga

The Tauranga group had a lot of issues with the committee that run the grounds at the Tauranga Racecourse. Unfortunately due to circumstances out of Tauranga Show Jumpings control they unfortunately were unable to run a show this season and will not be able to run one again this year due to more barriers making it impossible for them to run

Opotiki

Last season they moved their show from Opotiki to Teteko Racecourse. Running the show in Opotiki is something that was unique with beautiful grounds right next to the river and beach. Unfortunately with increasing costs of running a show, security and how much man power it takes to put up and take down all the yards they decided to try a venue already set up with everything that is needed. This was a really positive move forward and they are booked in again this coming season. They had 190 entries/140 riders. They ran x3 rings over two days and still ran their Derby classes and catered for grass roots up to Mini Prix (horse and pony). The location, grounds and facilities at Teteko made a big impact on running a successful show. We are well under way organising our next show November 8th & 9th.

The entries were low at cut off date and they extended their closing date another 5 days and the entries tripled in that time. They had to make adjustments in their

budget to cater for the possibility of low entries and the first to go was paid ring crew. Finding helpers last minute did not prove successful.

The whole committee worked super hard over the weekend and received help from lots of people attending the show but they will be having paid crew next show.

They are hoping our new venue and show date become a regular in everyone's calendar. Running a show takes up a lot of time before, during and afterwards. Sadly running costs continue to increase which is something they are working on with their budget, brain storming and apply for funding.

Luckily they have a really fun, strong & proactive committee that help in many different ways which helps a lot!

Te Teko

The Eastern Bay Showjumping & Showhunter Summer Show 2025 had just over 200 Horses/Ponies. The grounds for all 4 rings had been well watered. Numbers low in the higher heights but the grass root heights were high. It was Great to see alot of local riders at the show for the first time.

Mikayla Herbert

Rotorua Show Jumping Chair/Area Delegate



SJC Report Conference 2025

Show Jumping Canterbury held three shows over the 25/26 season. The Labour Weekend Show had record entries with 556 horses entered. The show was threatened with 72mm of rain 24 hours before the show but with a slightly delayed start the grounds drained and resulted in fantastic jumping conditions.

Xmas Cracker again had huge entries (632 horses entered), a 3 day show, it is always the biggest of our three shows and the festive vibe seems to be enjoyed by all. We held an auction on the Saturday night. This was well supported and money raised from this is going towards the purchase of new equipment.

Canterbury Champs held Feb 21-23 saw a big drop in numbers due to many of our riders (316 horses entered) heading North for Takapoto and it also coincided with Electric Ave (a big music festival that is part of uni O week). Next year we have been able to change dates to early March due to HOY moving later in March. We are running Canterbury Champs as a Premier Show instead of Xmas Cracker next year to help prepare our riders heading to HOY.

SJC has recently completed the process of becoming Incorporated. We have had a very helpful committee member take this on and make it seem very easy for the rest of the committee! As a result of becoming Incorporated we have opted to start a SJC Membership for \$25/year. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter, emailed up-to-date information and free entry to an info evening with a specialist guest speaker and in the future member discounts and offers. The aim is to improve communication with our local riders and improve the culture of our jumping community locally.

We have changed to Evo Events for our entry system and our new event secretary is doing a marvelous job in this role. We are encouraging riders to do all their changes online. We are still finessing the helpers list but have made good progress and hopefully we can make this more robust this season. One role we have had ongoing trouble with is the ring 2 and ring 3 gate keepers role. It is a really tough role and some ring 2 riders in particular have been very rude to the gate keepers. Again we will make some changes to the role this year to try and mitigate this but there is no place in sport for abusing volunteer (or paid!) helpers.

We have ordered a set of new poles and are investigating new jump stand options for ring one.

The Dunstan Horsefeeds NEC Christchurch has recently installed pop up sprinklers in the grass warm up areas for rings 1 and 2. This will ensure better management of the warm jump surface. This was made possible with some of the funding from Jumping NZ for the NEC's.

We have begun booking in Course Designers and Judges for the 2025/26 season and looking at ways to encourage new course designers. We have also made a couple of changes to our schedules and are keen to try the 130/140 Rider's Choice Class such as Waitemata held at their January Show.

Central & Southern Hawkes Bay AGM Report

The Alabaster Contracting Central & Southern Hawkes Bay Show Jumping Champs was held on the 10-12th January at the Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds.

We had an enjoyable weekend with perfect conditions and a packed grandstand watching the feature classes.

The World Cup class was won by Sophie Scott and Benrose Stellar and she also picked up the win in the FEI 1* on Normandy GHP. Sophie had a lot of praise for our show, saying "Great show!! So well run and ground was great which made for a fantastic weekend of jumping!"

Emily Oliver and Barbie Doll RSNZ won the Pony Grand Prix class, and Emily recalled "I absolutely loved the supportive, fun atmosphere the show provided and I was blown away by the generous sponsorship of the all the classes!"

And young Sadie Medway won the Answer Back Cup riding Kahlua Renegade. Sadie told us, "It was super fun and I loved watching the bigger riders doing their jumps."

The C&SHB Star Spotter Scholarship recipient, Olivia Lovelock, has had a fun and successful season. She has been very grateful for the opportunity to compete at a higher level and is already working towards next season.

The Central and Southern Hawke's Bay committee continues to make improvements to the show program and facilities. We have riders enjoying the sport at all levels and many officials and volunteers working behind the scenes.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our show.

Claire Wilson





Gisborne Area Show Jumping | Report 2024/2025

2024/2025 was another successful season for the Gisborne Area. We are fortunate to have a small yet committed committee, strongly supported by local volunteers. Caroline Coop provides outstanding leadership as chairperson, and we're truly grateful for her dedication.

In the lead-up to the season, we held several practice days that attracted a good range of riders and helped us start the season on a strong note. This year, we scheduled them over consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, which proved to be highly effective and well-supported. 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 first major event of the season was the Poverty Bay A&P Show. Although entries were low, we still enjoyed a competitive turnout and a fantastic atmosphere. It was especially encouraging to receive positive feedback about our team culture and the welcoming sense of community we foster.

January marked our feature event, the Larsen Sawmilling Jumping Championships. The competition delivered some outstanding jumping, and it was a pleasure to welcome back the Australian Young Rider team for the Trans-Tasman Test. A new addition to this year's schedule was the Extravaganza Class, which attracted strong entries and drew a lively crowd to the bank. It added a vibrant atmosphere to our sponsors' dinner, which we were proud to host for all our supporters, including naming rights sponsor John Larsen.

Local Gisborne riders enjoyed great success throughout the season- It was exciting to watch Henry Gaddum and "Bertie" win the Bayleys National Young Horse 4 Year Old show jumping class and Fraser Tombleson and "Mr Shelby" win the Bayleys National Young Horse 5 Year Old show jumping class - both horses which they had respectively bred, started and produced themselves.

Fraser Tombleson also went on to win the Five-Year-Old of the Year class at the Defender Horse of the Year, with another local rider Fraser Babbington close behind, picking up second place.

As the season ended it was a real pleasure to see all of the Tombleson's hard work rewarded with the overall win in the East Coast Performance Horses Five-Year-Old Breeding Series.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our judges, officials and sponsors who have been on hand at all our sports days and shows. Our events could not run without them. Gisborne is incredibly fortunate to have Kaye Williams in our area. Kaye has been a foreign judge on four trips to Australia and received two invitations to prestigious international shows in Europe! Kaye is a true wealth of knowledge, a passionate advocate for developing new judges and stewards, and her constant focus on horse and rider welfare is really appreciated.

As our 2025- 2026 season kicks off we're absolutely thrilled for this year's Poverty Bay A&P Show as we celebrate an incredible 150 years! It's going to be a truly unforgettable event – you won't want to miss it!

A special thank you to Caroline for all her hard work and dedication as chairperson, and well done to our entire committee for their efforts.

I wish everyone all the best for a successful 2025–2026 season!

Claudia Humphreys
Gisborne Area Delegate

NHB Delegate report 2024-2025 season.

The Northern Hawkes Bay area proudly supported 4 events during the season of 2024 into 2025; The Hawkes Bay A and P show, Mana Stables Showjumping Masters, Defender Horse of the Year and of course hosted our Bayley's National Young Horse Jumping Championships.

The Young Horse championships are a favourite across the country, and although the entries were down this year, this has been a common theme throughout the country. The grounds were fabulous, courses were inviting, and the award evening was well appreciated by riders and supporters. The awards evening was particularly appreciated by the family and friends of Graeme Hart, who was celebrated for his contribution to the sport at this event.

There have been several successes from the area this season, particularly at Defender Horse of the year which saw Northern Hawkes Bay team of Lily Kent, Tessa Moffat and Regan Calder take out the Saba Sam title, and of course Julie Davies stunning win in the Olympic Cup. We also have Luke Dee currently pursuing his overseas campaign and having some successful results representing New Zealand already.

Moving forward into the 2025/ 2026 season we are looking to put some time and effort into new equipment and resources such as jumps, stands, cups and ring florals to help with the presentation of our arenas. Our committee is also working on a way to give back to the sport through facilitated training days for area pony clubs to maintain support and encourage membership for show jumping in this area.

Northern Hawkes Bay would like to thank all their loyal committee, sponsors and volunteers who run the events. Particular thanks to Ike Baker for his contribution to the rider delegate position over the past few years and I look forward to the opportunity to represent our area this season.

Shannon James

NHB SJ Delegate

NORTHLAND AREA JUMPING



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024–2025 season has been a rewarding one for Northland Jumping, reflecting continued growth, increased capability, and strong community spirit. A huge thank you to our riders, volunteers, committee members, supporters, and sponsors for making it a success.

- Alongside our 10 seasonal events and increased participation across age groups, we successfully delivered the Mini Circuit and Grand Prix Show. The festive Mini Circuit finale in December included awards and volunteer recognition.
- Our Northland Schools Showjumping event in February hosted 130 riders—around 20 of those who rarely compete in ESNZ events—offering a welcoming entry into our sport and for some of them a stepping stone for regular competition.
- Northland riders also shone at Horse of the Year and throughout the national series, with many placings and achievements including:
 - Josh Bremner, winner of the Dunstan Horsefeeds Amateur Rider National Series as well as the Amateur Rider Title at HOY
 - Many Northland Riders such as Liv Teixeira, Ella McKay, Summer Denize, Natalia Lammers, Kate Hewlett, Keira Featherson consistently gaining points across national classes classes.

- Izzy Jameson, who stepped up to Horse Grand Prix level and made the move to compete in Australia and placed consistently. Izzy was just named the Northland Rider of the Year.

OFFICIALS RECRUITMENT

- We have managed to recruit 2 new Course Designers & 1 new Judges this season, giving them some hands-on experience at our last Competition days and training days in April/May
- **Training Programs:** This winter we will be Working with our Pony clubs to upskill a few keen Course Designers and Judges we hope to encourage some new officials from that space.
- **Recognition and Support:** This season we provided regular recognition and support for our officials, including awards for outstanding service & creating opportunities for professional development for those who wanted this.

PLANS FOR THE COMING SEASON

- Continued development of our Grassroots Pony club Series looking at our coaching scheme to continue, we reimburse riders a set fee towards signed-off coaching from approved jumping coaches.
- Encouraging more new officials into our sport.
- Encouragement of new riders into our sport, keeping fees down and reducing barriers so all can enjoy our sport.

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Otago hosted 3 shows this last season. Our usual 2 in October and January and another based in Cromwell mid September. For a first show, it was well supported by the Central Otago locals and other riders however, we felt it was just early enough, so have moved it to mid November this coming season.

We have been looking seriously at our finances as we have been running shows at losses over the past few years.

Last season we moved to using Evo Events and live scoring, rather than paying an outside secretary. This worked well and gave us much more accurate records and more timely paying of prize money. After some "rider" training, the riders seemed to be happy to sit in their trucks and make changes to their entries as well as see where classes were up to during the show.

Abby Hore made a great job of securing sponsorship for the Cromwell Show, and that is what gave us a profit this last season.

To save further on costs, we are going to drop to 2 show jumping and 1 show hunter ring this coming season for all 3 shows. With the numbers going through each ring, instead of finishing at 1-2pm on a Sunday, we are going to condense classes across 2 rings, remove lunch breaks and have an extra set of judges to be "rotating for breaks". After playing with the timetables on Evo, with the exact numbers we had at the 3 shows this last year, it is very doable. This will save on both official expenses and allow a bigger pool of volunteer help.

We run a few practice days which are well supported by a lot of locals, but these don't generally turn into entries in ring 3. Those show jumpers getting young horses going turn into entries, but the genuine 60-80cm adults who just want to have fun with their horse, will come on mass to a practice day, but the cost is too prohibitive to compete for a ribbon at a show.

Otago Show Jumping has a very stable committee and a good volunteer base when it comes to working bees. We probably need to work on attracting younger committee members and riders to ensure the future of the group.

Anne Beattie

President.

Southland Show Jumping Report for ESNZ Jumping AGM 2025

To say that the beginning of our season was a bit wet would be a bit like saying that a grey horse can get a bit grubby from time to time.

Despite both horses and humans having to develop gills and webbed feet, we managed to run the majority of our pre-season training shows, and we certainly fully tested the all-weather nature of our arena at our Gore venue! Once again we must acknowledge our partners at the Gore A&P showgrounds, particularly groundskeeper Dawn Ross, for the exceptional facilities that we have. Dawn not only showed extraordinary willingness to accommodate our usage even in monsoon times, she actively encouraged us to use the grounds. Without this venue, and the training area in Invercargill that is on sand based footing, there would have been nowhere for many of us to ride in spring at all.

The sun did finally come out in time for the season proper and although we had slightly reduced entries at our three shows – down about 10% overall – the weather was superb – jackets off in February in fact, and the quality of the competition was high. Special congratulations to our visitor from Ashburton, Jackie Weir riding Zola CSNZ who was the 2025 winner of our prestige event, the Southland Stakes, at our February Circuit Show.

A season highlight was seeing our rider Tyler McKee on his home-bred horse Corrida win at Premier level at Nationals. There might have only been one in the class, but we were incredibly proud of them and it was wonderful to see them get better and better over the five rounds, finishing with a superb final clear round. There are great conversations happening about the importance of offering higher level classes at shows in the South Island, including regular 1.40m starts, and it is worth noting that the further south you live, the harder it is to find a Premier level class to start in, so we are very grateful for the willingness of organising committees to hold classes for the small numbers of riders at this highest level, as just getting a chance to start at Premier in the South Island is somewhat rare.

Another rider who shone through the season was Tanya Davie, who won the Amateur Rider title at Nationals, also on a home-bred horse, Glenbrooke Final Rose. The Glenbrooke prefix should be very familiar to you all, but if not, I encourage you to look up the [ESNZ article 'A Rose by Any Other Name'](#) about the Meehan/Davie horses, who all trace back to Tanya's incredible New Zealand sporthorse mare by the name of Dozen Roses, proving that we can be successful at high levels when breeding with genuine New Zealand bloodlines. The contribution of the Meehan/Davie families to our sport at all levels is tremendous, an example being that while Tanya was away in Christchurch winning her title, her husband Ben was busy supporting local jumping at the Gore A&P show, living up to his 'Ring Crew of the Year' moniker.

At our December Festival show we welcomed two new life members to the Southland Show Jumping Group – Malcolm McKee and Barry Manson. Malcolm will be well known to you all through his work on the Board, and now on the Technical Committee, as well as his regular show appearances in the judge's box. Barry Manson has been a course designer for many years, and is an absolute fixture in the ring, working from early morning 'til late in the evening at our area and A&P shows, whilst also supporting his wife Kathryn who competes at Amateur level.

The past year has also seen successful recruitment of a number of officials, with new faces from our area at Level 1 of judging, course building, and stewarding. Not to mention that of course we have Eryn and Malcolm right up there in course building and judging ranks respectively. In fact Malcolm is off to Switzerland shortly to further his education, a trip which he tells me involves an exam that he is very much looking forward to!

Southland area has also continued investing in new equipment. We have completed our replacement of jump stands and now have three jumping rings and one show hunter ring of new aluminium stands which are so easy to handle that people often just walk them out to place them in the ring rather than waiting for the trailer to come to them. We also purchased some new fill and have a few sets of brand spanking new rails that were lovingly painted over the winter by the Clearwater family.

Talking of the Clearwaters, I'd like to focus the remainder of this year's report on just how much this family of four contribute – not just to show jumping, but to every community and sporting activity they are part of. Their dedication, warmth, and unfailing good humour is an inspiration to us all. Our group President, Anna Clearwater was acknowledged at Nationals with the Volunteer award, which she utterly deserves, as she devotes countless hours to her role as president, show director and CEO (Chief Entertainment Officer). Her daughter Hollie is an outstanding young woman who from the age of 10 or 11 has near single handedly prepared and produced her team of up to three ponies, an independence which is especially necessary when her Mum is completely immersed in her show director duties! Anna's husband Jeff and son Noah are often roped into show jumping activities, particularly helping with show setup and pack-down. This is on top of Noah being an accomplished rugby and basketball player, and Jeff driving the 2.5 hours to Dunedin twice a week to coach the high school rugby team. It's not enough to call them the backbone of our group, they are the heart and soul as well.

This concludes the Southland Area report. Thank you all, we wish you clear rounds and clear skies for the coming season!

Anna Crooks
Southland Delegate

Taihape Area Report

Firstly, we would like to thank Mack and Gabi Rennie for their many many years of volunteering in so many roles across many shows in the area. They have moved to Taupo, which, when you find where they are based, you shall find them a huge asset moving forward! They were instrumental in getting a new pony club up and running in our area as well. Taihape's loss is Taupo's gain!

A cracking year in the Taihape area. Small but mighty, we held our own hosting around 315 horses at our show, which was up over 30 horses on the previous show. Someone who is highly regarded said it was the best grass surface she had jumped on in years!

We would like to thank all the competitors who competed in our district this year.

The grounds as usual were excellent with the council doing a great job in ensuring the surface was aerated.

The theft of our jumps trailer was a huge blow only a few weeks out from the show. A phone call saying there were poles dumped at a local gravel pit sent the committee into a flurry. Big shout out to Farmlands Taihape who dropped tools, grabbed their trailer and helped us sort out the mess.

A huge thanks to all the areas who reached out and offered jumps, fills and everything. It was truly appreciated!! We borrowed from around the place and the show looked great. It's going to look even better next year with another set of new poles!!!

The Nga Awa buildings fire alarms stayed quiet, and the building is now functioning much better. It's a huge asset to the grounds.

Overall, we are having to adjust our schedule for 2026 due to the sheer numbers we were getting. Ring 1 ran until 6:30pm on Saturday and they were huge days. It was great to see lots of competitors and locals sitting on the bank enjoying the 16-horse strong HGP! Yards are a big focus for 2026 now that we have certainty over the grounds with a big haul over planned. We have found more people are coming with 1 or 2 horses rather than 4-5 so yarding can get finicky.

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. However, they too are lacking volunteers with one group on hiatus and likely to fold.

Thanks,
Hannah Gudsell



Taranaki Equestrian Jumping

Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. had a fantastic 2024–2025 season. In November, the Egmont A&P Show was held alongside our one-day show. While entries were down compared to previous seasons — a trend seen across several shows — both shows were a great success. Despite some weather challenges, the collaborative efforts between the A&P Committee and Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. allowed us to successfully reshuffle the program and run all Show Jumping and Show Hunter series classes. The grounds held up beautifully — a true testament to the Egmont A&P team, who work tirelessly to provide us with a superb jumping surface.

In January, we ran our three-day Grand Prix show. The committee made the strategic decision to focus on Grand Prix shows only, allowing us to better support both grassroots and high-level riders. This approach gave us the flexibility to include more classes at entry level, ensuring a wider range of riders had the opportunity to participate and progress. The event retained its family-friendly atmosphere with games for the kids, the ever-popular ANZCO barbecue, and the “Spot You Later Cup,” which was once again a highlight.

We would like to thank our sponsors who help make these events possible.

Outside the competition arena, we remain committed to rider development. We hosted spring training opportunities with excellent high-level coaches, including a very successful Grass Roots Day. These events help prepare riders for the season and build the foundations for future success.

This season, we introduced a newly built judges’ trailer for Ring One. Work is already underway on a second trailer for Ring Two, which we hope will be ready for the upcoming season.

The Egmont A&P Showgrounds remain a key asset for our region, offering a high-quality grass jumping surface, an indoor arena, and 200 covered yards/stables.

The ongoing success of Taranaki Equestrian Jumping Inc. is thanks to the dedicated volunteers and hardworking committee behind the scenes. We are fortunate to have such a committed and passionate team. The camaraderie among the Taranaki equestrian community is something truly special — whether it’s helping warm up horses, offering support at the gate, or celebrating others' successes.

We now look ahead with excitement to the 2025–2026 season — and especially to hosting the North Island Championships at our Premier Show in March 2025. Preparations are already well underway.

Nakeysha Dickey

Taranaki Area Jumping Delegate

Delegate report - Waikato

It has been a challenging year for our Waikato committee. For various reasons our contributing committee numbers have dropped considerably. This of course translated into a huge workload and the stress to fall on a small number of incredible people, both leading up to, and during our premier show at Takapoto Estate.

Due to a number of factors, we made the difficult decision to withdraw from hosting a World Cup Qualifier this coming season. Takapoto Estate Show Jumping, having the sport's best interests at heart, offered to run our World Cup round with us. After discussing various options with Takapoto, it was agreed that they will run a premier show on 'our' usual weekend this season. We will work with them wherever needed, and they are keen to incorporate some of our traditional show aspects in their event. Working with Takapoto in this way means that the sport gets the best result, and we as a committee have time to breathe and enjoy doing what we do again rather than burning out and giving up.

We are now focused on rebuilding an effective committee, getting back to looking after and promoting jumping in the Waikato at all levels.

Our aim this season is to work on incorporation and sponsorship, and raise our profile in the area. We want to help at events in the Waikato, we've got good people with a fantastic knowledge base, so let us know if you need us.

We thank you all for your support for our show and committee in the past, and we will be back with our own show next season, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

Sooz Brooks
Delegate SJW

WAIRARAPA SHOWJUMPING DELEGATE REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2024–2025 Showjumping Delegate Report for Wairarapa Jumping Group. Despite some challenges with event numbers, it has been a successful and productive season, marked by strong rider development, excellent training support, and key upgrades to both infrastructure and personnel.

This season, we ran five well-supported Winter Training Days. These sessions continue to be an important fixture for rider development and community engagement. One of the days was dedicated entirely to Show Hunter, while another combined both Showjumping and Show Hunter, catering to a broader range of riders and interests.

Proceeds from these training days were reinvested directly back into the sport, helping to fund:

- New 18mm cups across all rings
- Refurbishment of our pole trailers
- Purchase of new gear and equipment

While our training days saw strong turnout, competition numbers at official shows were lower than expected this season:

- **Labour Weekend Show** – 255 entries
- **February Show Hunter Show** – 57 entries
- **Glistening Waters** – 184 entries

Despite the reduced numbers, we were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather at each event. Notably, Glistening Waters drew strong support from South Island riders who remained up for the Series Final, providing excellent competition and atmosphere.

The recipient of the Star Spotter for our area was Hannah Firth, and her pony Pint Sized Miracle, they enjoyed lots of successes and clear rounds. Thank you to Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre for the continued support of this great initiative.

Thanks to a generous grant from Trust House, we were able to run all three shows without financial loss, ensuring their continued viability and quality. Several of our area members had a standout season, with success both regionally and nationally:

- **Sophia Williams** – 1st and 3rd in the **Pony Grand Prix Series**
- **Mandy Illston** – 3rd in the **6-Year-Old Breeders Series**
- **Penny Borthwick** – 5th in the **Young Rider Series**
- **Eliza McDonald** – Winner of both the **TiES Series** and the **Tertiary Series**

We congratulate these riders and all who competed throughout the season for their dedication, sportsmanship, and success

We are pleased to report the upskilling and expansion of our official team:

- **Debs McNelly** has upskilled into a **Steward's role**
- **Renee Hogg** has joined the list of level one **Course Designers**

The Masterton A&P Association continues to make impressive upgrades to the showgrounds. This year, they:

- Extended their bore
- Began to update the irrigation system
- Upgraded older stables into new covered yards

These improvements will ensure consistent footing and eliminate some of the challenges of our traditionally dry Wairarapa summers, benefiting both Showjumping and Show Hunter events for the coming years

In summary, while entry numbers were down at some events, the season was successful in terms of rider development, community support, and financial sustainability. Continued investment in people, infrastructure, and youth will be the focus as we move into the new season.

We extend our sincere thanks to:

- All our volunteers, officials, and committee members
- The A&P Association
- Our generous sponsor Trust House
- The riders and families who support our events

We look forward to building on this momentum and delivering another strong year for Showjumping and Show Hunter in our region

Nicki Booth



Show Jumping Waitemata – Season Recap

By Emma Buckingham

Major Events

The World Cup Final – January at Woodhill Sands

The World cup final went off well. Woodhill Sands looked absolutely stunning, drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd.

We were delighted to once again welcome renowned course designer Peter Holmes and his family from Canada. Peter's talent, professionalism, and collaborative spirit are deeply valued by our entire team. His contribution not only elevated our event but also extended to the Gisborne Area Jumping Show, where he lent his expertise to the wider jumping community. We are excited to announce that Peter is returning for 2026.

A major milestone was the partnership with ClipMyHorse.TV, who live-streamed the event. This was a first for us and a big step forward in promoting the sport to a wider audience. We're proud to have brokered an agreement that has since enabled several other New Zealand shows to benefit from ClipMyHorse's coverage. We're excited to continue building this partnership into next season.

March Derby Weekend

This year's Derby Weekend was great success, featuring the Ray Burmester Memorial and Rhonda Goddard Memorial classes. Derby classes Held over two days for the first time, the new format was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback from competitors.

Our team outdid themselves with a series of beautifully designed courses—many of which could only be described as true works of art. ClipMyHorse.TV for provided coverage also for this event.

Winter Calendar Update

Due to operational changes at Woodhill Sands, our winter competition days are now limited to 50 horses per day. These smaller days have proven incredibly popular—often selling out fast with waiting lists forming.

Our Relationship with Woodhill Sands

Though Show Jumping Waitemata operates independently as an ESNZ Area Group, our connection with Woodhill Sands is at the heart of everything we do. Many of our committee members are involved in the day-to-day running of the venue, highlighting our shared commitment to the broader equestrian community. Woodhill Sands is a central hub—not just for show jumping, but for dressage, show hunter, eventing, and pony club activities. It remains a vital facility in the region, and one we're proud to support.





Wellington Horowhenua Showjumping Delegate Report 2025

Our Wellington Horowhenua committee ran a great show in November 2024. We were lucky with the weather, and grounds management provided good footing. Although the Wellington region has experienced significant economic downturn, the committee was successful in securing a larger pool of sponsorship than the previous year, and work continues to build these into long term relationships. We were incredibly grateful to have Orizen tyres step up as our premier sponsor for 2024.

Horse numbers were up slightly on 2023 with the lower classes well supported, and the group made a good profit. Thinking continues around how to attract entries for next seasons show.

The Levin A&P show also falls within our area, held mid-January. Our committee funds water deliveries to the grounds in preparation, but this was not sufficient to set up the grounds for top level jumping. Riders voted with horse welfare at the forefront, resulting in no entries in the horse Grand Prix. The WHSJ Committee will work with the Levin committee prior to the 2026 show.

Our local riders have been a credit to us this season. Of significance were our Saba Sam team finishing 2nd at Horse of the Year and congratulations to the overall series winners from our area - Emily Oliver finishing 2nd and 4th, and Isla Bowley 5th in the Pony Grand Prix series, Charlotte Conder 4th in the Young Rider series and Hayley Fraser 4th in Amateur series.

I would like to thank the Officials, sponsors, the riders, volunteers, and our wonderful (albeit extremely small!) committee who roped in all their friends and family to work over the show weekend. We will need to push for more riders and parents to join the committee before our 2025 show.

Thank you also to Warren Ives for steering the ship as President, and Gail Goodwin for owning and running two days of showhunter series at our show.

Heloise Tolo
Wellington Horowhenua Jumping Delegate 2024-25