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NEC Christchurch YOUR TEAM

ESNZ APPOINTED:

Convenor : Don Robertson

Treasurer: Andrew Bruce

ESNZ Eventing: Nick Pyke

ESNZ Dressage: Soo Wells

ESNZ Endurance: Sue

Billigheimer

ESNZ Jumping: Gus Taylor

DISCIPLINE APPOINTED

Dressage: Cherie Pearson

Eventing: Tony Roberts

Show Jumping: Nathan Brown

Caretaker: Blue Clark

Administrator: Gail Power

National Equestrian Centre – Christchurch

“One team, one dream, attracting and embracing all equestrianism”

The National Equestrian Centre at Christchurch is celebrating after receiving a grant of \$200,000 from NZCT to complete its irrigation project – an initiative that will revolutionise competition preparation at the centre.

The Committee applied to NZCT for \$222,000 and received the majority of that. Convenor Don Robertson said the committee was over the moon with the result which now meant they could begin the project to future proof the facility.

“The granting of these funds to the Centre means we can forge ahead with the upgrade to our irrigation system. This has served us well in the past but is sorely in need of improving to meet current and future demands.” Don said the plans were part of an overall development strategy and were an opportunity to improve the riding conditions and accessibility to a whole range of riders from introductory, pony club and through to international.

The money will see a 50m bore drilled and preparation for better irrigation on the grass arenas, the artificial surfaces, and in time the cross country. It will allow for better water troughs throughout the facility and wash bays.

Don said the committee would like to thank NZCT for the fantastic support to not only the NEC Christchurch, but equestrian sport as a whole.

“We look forward to implementing the system and working towards our next goals.”

Other recent works and changes at NEC are the resurfacing of our Ring 3 with TreadLite and more TreadLite about to go on the Dressage warm up Arena (E). There have been some trees removed and we are underway with extending the Hampton Oval toward the black sand arena. Dirt has arrived and ready to be spread on the grass area behind the Hampton Oval where riders warm up for various disciplines.

Our sponsorship subcommittee are in negotiations with several interested parties and we hope to have these in place for our new sponsor season from 1st June annually. Hopefully the new waterjump in the cross country training area will be able to be used soon, once the ground has fully recovered from the work done. New outside yarding is being planned and should also hopefully begin shortly.

Our strategic plan has been finalised and is included in this newsletter and our website is all updated and looking fantastic!

Many bookings have been placed and updated on our Calendar for the next season so keep an eye on there and on Facebook for all closures.

For those keen to help out at NEC by volunteering, we will also have a working document available to look at and see what jobs are needed to be done so you can put your name down to do these.



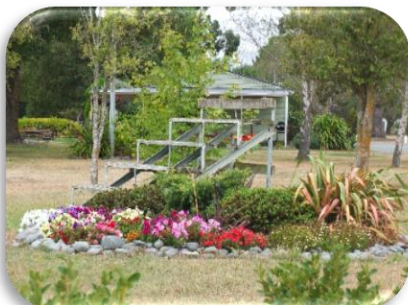
SHOWJUMPING CANTERBURY

Kate Mullins is a well known, and popular Canterbury rider who competes on her well performed, and equally well known, hack Cowboy Cool around the South Island in Show Hunter. Kate and Cowboy are a force to be reckoned with, especially in Equitation and Amateur Series classes.

Kate is also a wonderful helper behind the scenes at Canterbury Shows, and is the person behind the lovely plants that are used to decorate the show hunter rings. Kate and her wonderful mother Annie, bring the plants in for each show and then take them home to look after them between shows. This is a huge job and the rings would look rather sad without these plants.

Kate is also active on the Canterbury show hunter committee, has been a Show Hunter area delegate in the past, and also served on the ESNZ Show Hunter Executive for a number of years. Clearly a rider committed to her sport both as a rider and a volunteer.

Kate is pictured on Cowboy Cool with Gail from ConcretePower, after winning the ConcretePower Canterbury Amateur Series at the recent Canterbury Championships.



RIDER SPOTLIGHT



One of Eventing Canterbury's up and coming young riders and officials is Jamie Atkinson. Jamie has been riding since he was 6 years old and currently balances competing his team of two horses – Chatham (pictured above) and Captain Cat, with working full time for Emily Cammock and some part time arable farm work in the summer months thrown in.

Jamie is currently competing at 1* level and looking for progress further up the grades. He just absolutely loves eventing in general! "The thrill of jumping is amazing but also the challenge of improving your horse on the flat, and how that helps the jumping side so considerably. The people in eventing are a huge part of it, how hard working everyone is and driven to do well. There are such genuinely great people in our sport"

He is also one of our promising young course designers. "I got into course designing through Emily who asked if I wanted to help her out with tracks she was designing a couple years ago. From there I got involved with doing more and more with heaps of guidance from Emily, and also from Nick Pyke and Richard Crowe, who let me be involved with the higher heights and FEI level of things, as well as national classes. They are all so generous with their time to help, and have been very influential. I love being able to put back into the sport I'm so passionate about and continue to learn so much from officials, whilst also being able to ride and see both sides of how competitions are run".

We wish Jamie all the best for his season and thank him very much for his considerable contribution to Eventing Canterbury.



RIDER SPOTLIGHT



Dressage Canterbury's local rider is Jane Fibbes. Jane is a keen competitor and supporter, who regularly volunteers and helps at our events.

She's having a terrific season competing around the South Island at Level 4 on her talented mare D'Malia. She was entered at HOY, but Covid has delayed that for another time.

Jane was fortunate enough to find D'Malia locally. She was pretty much green broke and just out of the broodmare paddock as a 6 yr old. D'Malia is by Donnerubin out of Mastery is a clone of her dam and was bred by Debra Bromiley, Kismaayu Horses in Gisborne.

Jane is thankful to her coaches Nicki Ford and Christine Weal but particularly Nicki Ford who for years has tirelessly been a rock, through all of her ups and downs. In Jane's words' "I certainly would not have done it without her".



RIDER SPOTLIGHT



Introducing local riders Marga Marshall and her daughter Zoey. Marga has been a keen endurance and CTR rider since starting in the sport a few years ago. This year she has managed to move up to 100Km completion coming 3rd in the South Island Championships 1* combined class. Also riding on the second day in the CTR Intermediate Championship gaining second place with Zoey winning the Junior class. Showcasing the sport as one for all the family to enjoy together.

Marga is on the Canterbury committee as treasurer and both herself and Zoey are often helping out with rides anywhere that is needed, helping set the tracks, start/finish line or vet writing.

Picture Marga & Zoey riding together.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POST



ROBIN SAVAGE

Based in Cust, Summerhill Robin is one of the stalwarts of our sport and of NEC Christchurch. Robin is always volunteering at NEC both within her sport of Dressage and helping their events or with set up or bringing along her husband and working hard at the NEC grounds, tending gardens and flowers and endless hours of time spent beautifying our beloved centre.

Robin still enjoys hacking to keep up her riding along with sheep and wool judging at local A&P shows. Gardening is a true passion of Robin's and it certainly shows around NEC Christchurch.

A huge Thank you to Robin and her husband Rob for their amazing support of NEC Christchurch



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NEC FACILITIES

There are five all weather competition arenas and two sand training/warm up arenas. There is a vast Cross Country course with a variety of jumps to all levels.

28 Stables

78 Covered Yards

150 Open Yards

The Glyn East Hall comes with a kitchen and office space.

Wash down facilities for equines, ablution blocks and powered sites.



Ground Users Information

- **BECOME AN NEC MEMBER - One off fee payable annually to use all training grounds. – These will be up for renewal before the 1st of June 2021**

To become a member you must be ESNZ registered for insurance purposes as this equestrian centre is governed by ESNZ. This covers casual use, training clinics and training camps. Cost is \$220 for a year. The training area consists of the training part of XC (defined below), a sand jump arena and warm up area with jumps courses set majority of the time, a flatwork sand arena with periodically set up dressage arena, lunging arena and use of the NRM arena for dressage practice when not set up days before a competition. You can also day use the open yards for no extra charge at trainings. There is a 2.9km hacking track around the outside of the facility and access to forest riding.

- **Casual Riders.**

For \$20 ground fee per equine, you get to use the above training grounds in the same way. There is an honesty box at the notice board inside the gate where you must complete a form and either pay cash or internet bank your fee.

- **Ground Closure.**

When our disciplines or other organisations have events booked, you can see these on our website on the calendar under 'What's On' tab. Or check out our Facebook page for current updates. When there is a Eventing Canterbury event coming up, the full cross country must be closed for a minimum of 2 weeks before the competition and nobody is to train on it. Therefore, our members only have the right to go through the back gate to Roydvale Pony Club and use their xc. Clinics and trainings also book out other areas, including Ring 3 in the training ring or the NRM dressage arena. When this happens, we are trying to make sure the other training areas are utilised with jumps and areas for our members to continue riding on these days.



- A** Glyn East Hall
- B** Hampton Oval
- C** NRM Arena
- D** Dressage Arena
- E** Dressage Warm Up
- F** Black Sand Arena
- G** Ring 3 Training
- H** Ring 3 Warm Up
- I** Flatwork Arena
- J** Lunging Arena

PURPOSE :

National equestrian centre of excellence.

HOW :

Horses.
People.
Competition and training.
Site facilities.
Communication and collaboration.

PEOPLE :

- Roading and pedestrian ways designed for safety and access.
- Suitable ablution blocks including showers.
- Improve environment gardens, lanes and camping area.
- First aid post with recovery room.
- Communal areas for trade and food designed for easy access and use.
- Safe and healthy environment for all stages and ages.
- Athlete training and fitness facilities.

COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION :

- ESNZ a partner in what we do.
- All members informed, engaged and able to input.
- Effective electronic systems and processes.
- An informed and engaged equestrian community with access to the facility, eg. pony clubs, riding clubs.
- An informed and aware community supporting equestrianism, eg. ECAN, Christchurch City Council.
- Funding, grants and philanthropy aware and engaged.

HORSES :

- Redevelop outside yards to accommodate horse numbers and future cover.
- Safe laneways designed for movement of horses.
- Washdown (hot and cold) facilities with suitable drainage.
- Vet facility with vet box and testing box.
- Farrier, physio, fitness area and facilities including horse swimming pool.

COMPETITION & TRAINING :

- Catering for beginner to top international standards of competition.
- Show-jumps, cross country jumps and dressage arenas of international quality and safety.
- The one-stop shop for professional trainers.
- A broad range of competition types, standards and activities, eg. western, driving and showing.
- New Zealand's best overall competition centre used by both NZ and Australia.

STRATEGIC PLAN

NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE - CHRISTCHURCH
2021

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SITE FACILITIES :

- Surfaces suited to the use.
- Venue designed and laid out to run two separate events/training simultaneously.
- Water delivered where and when needed.
- Covered complex including an arena, meeting rooms, kitchen, accommodation, offices, viewing platform, ablutions, social area.
- Develop a hacking trail suited for endurance.
- Set up to get Revenue from non-equestrian events.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For any sponsorship enquiries please email Gail at administrator@nec-chch.co.nz