

Bulahdelah Dressage Club Inc.

President's Report January 2016

Once again we are here for our AGM. We have been blessed to have the same faces around for the whole year despite various members injuring themselves over the last 12 months.

The year has seen us once again sticking to our guns over Hendra vaccinations and replacement of our arena cones, both situations seem to be dragging on forever with little glimmers of hope every now and then that it will be settled then back to holding firm again. Hopefully 2016 will see both situations resolved.

Our committee is small but innovative and committed. Thank you to the four core members who help me to hold this club together and to the others who turn up on competition days and jump in to help.

I am always proud of our competitions, they do what we set out to do when we first formed the club – we encourage good horsemanship and good sportsmanship; we encourage beginners and we have happy horses. It is always a pleasure to see happy riders on relaxed horses at our days (and yes, I do know that there are times when horse and rider are not so happy, but the majority of the time there are smiles).

This last year has seen a lot of cancellations for one reason or another, our play days have been few and far between and competitions were small. This has not impacted on us financially and as our committee are getting older and are still working and even competing at times smaller is better. We have time to welcome new members and do all the jobs needed for a competition. We are always happy to see new members and competitors keen to help and learn more about their chosen sport and are happy to educate as needed, just ask or turn up on the day.

As mentioned, we are all getting older and would love to see new members joining us in the running of the club. We will not dump a heap of work on new people but would love some new insights on how we can improve the club. All ideas are welcome.

Many thanks to the committee and to Leo for all the assistance you have given me over the last 12 months, Kerry