



Equestrian Australia Annual Awards (2017)

EA Club of the Year Award Presented by Gow-Gates

Hawkesbury Riding Club



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Nomination details

Nominee's achievements during the year 2017

Hawkesbury Riding Club (HRC) - current membership 316 - caters for all levels of riding (beginners - high performance) and all ages.

- Its strong volunteer culture was demonstrated by all competitions being run by volunteers and over 200 individuals participating in grounds maintenance.
- It provides a grassroots program and access to grounds for high-level coaching and other equestrian events e.g the Police Equestrian, Club utilises the grounds for training and competitions.
- Beginners have their own instructor and a designated riding area.
- EA officials are integrated within the club, and mentoring and encourage equestrian volunteering takes place (dressage judges, international gear steward etc).
- Open monthly meetings (11) were attended by 250 members.
- Strong communication processes included monthly newsletters, regular email updates, a monitored Facebook page and a web page.

All members enjoyed free access to club grounds with professional facilities. The club has 4 sand arenas with show jumping equipment and cross-country obstacles including banks, water jumps. Facilities are also accessed at minimal cost by other equestrians including WEG and Olympic combinations and pleasure riders from the local area.

HRC 'events' included competitions, training and learning opportunities;

- Open official dressage events (3 per annum) catered for more than 700 tests. Several HRC riders qualified for state and national dressage championships.
- Four shadow judging opportunities were offered for aspiring dressage judges.
- Twice monthly training days (21) with EA accredited coaching sessions in dressage, showjumping and cross country provided high-quality training for over 1000 combinations.
- Two major All-Star training clinics with six high-level EA coaches (L2 and L3) catered for 120 riders.
- A Junior ODE, two showjumping and one derby day catered for 180 riders.
- An active education program (long reining, vet workshops) was attended by 60 member and community participants.

Governance was enhanced by an experienced senior committee ensuring compliance with all safety requirements was a top priority.

- Management systems updated with the introduction of online entries for Training Days.
- Strategic planning is demonstrated by an ongoing commitment to long-term planning e.g. fundraising for indoor training space.

Executives worked closely with the Sydney Showjumping Club and Sydney Dog Trialing Club to manage the overall equestrian precinct.

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