



Equestrian Australia Annual Awards (2017)

EA International Athlete of the Year Award Presented by the Australian Institute of Sport

Boyd Exell



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Nomination details

Nominee's achievements during the year 2017

To the Equestrian World, Australian Boyd Exell needs no introduction! He is a multiple World Four-In-Hand Carriage Driving Champion. Having been based in the UK for 20 years, he is now based in Valkenswaard, Netherlands.

Behind Boyd's success lies his genuine love of horses and a deep sense of connection with his animals. Boyd says "It's a team sport and you need to have a great affinity with your horses. I feel I have that and long may it continue to be that way".

Boyd's results in 2017 include:

- Out of 22 competitions, he finished 1st on 18th occasions, 2nd on 2 occasions and 3rd on 2 occasions.
- 1st FEI World Cup Final in Bordeaux
- 1st in Breda CAIO4* H4 WCupQ
- 1st in Windsor CAIO4* H4 WCupQ
- 1st in Aachen CAIO4* H4 WCupQ
- 1st in Göteborg CAI-W Final
- 1st in Bordeaux CAI-W
- 1st in Geneva CAI-W
- 1st in Leipzig CAI-W
- 1st in Stuttgart CAI-W
- 1st in Stockholm CAI-W

Eight time FEI World Cup Champion, Boyd Exell has been fascinated by horses from the age of six. Exell's path to international sporting greatness began when a school teacher introduced him to a carriage driving friend. His passion was cemented when he went on to win the Australian Pairs Championship at the age of 16. Moving to the UK to develop this early talent, Boyd soon took the world of carriage driving by storm, competing for Australia as well as training the British driving team.

Among his achievements, he has been crowned four-in-hand World Champion Four times, as well as writing history, winning the FEI World Cup Driving Championships eight times. In 2012 (Kentucky, USA) and 2014 (Normandy, France), he won Gold at the World Equestrian Games.

Boyd's competitive spirit has shaped the sportsman he has become today. He was awarded the prestigious FEI Best Athlete Award in 2015 for his unmatched track record in the sport of Driving, has been honoured with the Order of

Australia Medal in recognition of his services to equestrian sport.

Boyd has won Aachen CAIO numerous times, and is also a multiple winner of the Equestrian Australia International Athlete of the Year award having taken home the honours in 2010, 2013 2014 and 2015.

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