

Jumping NSW Inc President's Report

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I would like to begin my report by extending a big thank you to all our Jumping NSW members and our affiliated clubs for your support and to all our hard working volunteers for their work over the past year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the Jumping NSW committee members for their contribution to the administration of our sport, and to the Executive Committee I personally extend my appreciation for providing encouragement and support as incumbent to this role. This has been, to say the least, an extremely challenging 12 months. Commencing with the impact of the drought, the catastrophic bushfires and then just to top it all off let's throw in a pandemic. I certainly hope that 2021 brings a much brighter and optimistic future.

Australian Championship Results

Once again NSW Riders continue to excel and have made us extremely proud of their performances nationally. Our NSW based Australian Champions for 2019 were:

Junior Champion - Sally Simmonds and Oaks Chifley
Young Rider Champion - Madeline Sinderberry and Ciel
Senior Champion - Tom McDermott and Elegance De La Charmille

NSW also took out a clean sweep of the National Teams events. Our Senior Team consisting of Chris Chugg, Jamie Kermond, Tom McDermott and Katie Laurie, Young Rider Team Jess Rice-Ward, Amelia Douglas, Jessica Trip and Jamie Priestley and our Junior Team of Sally Simmonds, Clemency Hughes, Lucy Locke and Anneliese Wansey. While I would like to acknowledge and congratulate these riders on a tremendous result, it was also extremely encouraging to scroll through final round results and see how many NSW riders there were finishing within the top 12. To all of these riders I commend you on your representation of our state.

Competition Support

Once again Jumping NSW was able to provide financial support to our 2019 NSW State Showjumping Titles, 2019 NSW Country and Indoor Titles along with the 2019 World Cup Qualifiers that were held within our state.

Summer Classic

2019 saw a whole new look for the traditional Summer Classic. We moved the show down to the grass arena and over the course of three days we navigated the set up of the event complex. The new look was very well received, with comments on social media that it had the feel of an international show making the hard work and months of planning worthwhile. I would like to extend my thanks to Jane Frankum for her passion and determination to make this Jumping NSW Show the elite event on our National calendar that this show has become renowned for. We would also like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the Chatham Park team for their sponsorship of Summer Classic, this was instrumental in the implementation of the concept we had for the show. While we acknowledge the whole Chatham Park team, I would also like to personally thank George Sanna for his conviction in this show. It did

prove to be a very challenging show with added tension created by the bushfires, however we do have wonderful sepia like pictorial memories to look back on.

The Year Ahead

Once again I would like to commend our clubs on the great job they do throughout the year in providing training opportunities for our riders, facilitating clinics for the education of officials and providing coaching clinics for our members. While it is easy to bask in the results of our members at national and state level, it should never be underestimated all the hours of hard work and dedication contributed by hundreds of Jumping NSW members at club level. You are the backbone of our sport and I extend to you my gratitude for making our wonderful jumping community what it is.

I hope that the end of 2020 and moving into 2021 will see a return to competition as we work our way through the Covid 19 health requirements and navigate our way out of the current travel restrictions. We were required to postpone a planned off horse education program with a focus on sport psychology and we will endeavour to offer this in 2021. Another important area of focus for 2021 is supporting a return to competition and assisting our clubs with this task.