

Macedon Ranges Dressage Club

President's Report 2024/25

At the end of another membership year, it's time to reflect on what we have done as a club, as riders, as volunteers and ***where can we do and be better.***

Many of our members have been active with good attendance at our rallies and in competitions this year, it is so pleasing to see the achievements and great results, be it big or small, good on you all.

This year's Patron's prize was won by Fiona MacDonald-Crowley for the highest % score in any test on the day. An amazing result. Congratulations Fiona.

Now we eagerly wait to see who wins the HRCAV President's prize at our HRCAV 2025 October competition.

Special thanks to members who answered the call when we needed help with our EA competition, stepping in to ensure classes continued to run during the day. Annie Gray for bringing her own coffee machine (yet again) to ensure the judges and volunteers were appropriately caffeinated and baking her scrumptious date slice. Brooke Morrison for answering the call and coordinated the ordering of the sashes, helped set up the presentation table and assisted with the presentations on the day, and also in partnership with Elissa Raines putting their fingers to work with all the SM posts. Joan O'Reilly who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in bringing this competition together yet again. Plus, the many other members who volunteered their time to help us run this competition with ease and fantastic feedback.

I'd like to take an opportunity to thank the committee members; I feel very grateful to have such a wonderful group of like-minded and passionate people sitting with me and supporting the club. Thank you for what you do.

Special thanks to Rhonda for continuously being generous through offering her property as an ideal venue for our rallies and other events, as well as generously coordinating and contributing to the sponsoring of our HRCAV event. Thank you Rhonda (and Paul)

Our long-term partnerships with local businesses are critical to our club. We are extremely grateful to Gisborne Veterinary Clinic, who have supported us for the last 28 years. To Perry's Stockfeeds who assist us through their loyalty Program. Leader Equine and Barastoc who once again support and provide generous products as prizes for our competitions.

2025 we celebrated MRDC's 30th birthday.. Set in the beautiful location of Hanging Rock Winery on a stunning sunny day with an amazing group of people, it couldn't have been more perfect. Here's too many more.

This year I'll be stepping down as President and I look forward to seeing the club grow and flourish under the new leadership.

Finally, I'd just like to leave a message for the new MRDC President. Be brave, you're not alone in this, and you're not expected to have all the answers. You will be supported by your committee and club members. Make this role your own 😊

Fiona Cooper
President
17/10/25