

# Macedon Ranges Dressage Club

## President's Report 2023/24

At the end of another membership year, it's time to reflect on what we have done as a club, as riders, as volunteers to support the club, 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 of our members on their equine journey, good on you all.

This year's Patron's prize was won by Skye Kennedy and her beautiful 'Truffle' (as he is kindly known) for the highest % score in any test on the day. This was Skye's and Truffle's first ever trophy... she was very chuffed and rightly so.

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

Many members officiated or volunteered at events throughout the year, making an important contribution to our sport. Well done and thank you.

Special thanks to members who answered the call when we needed help with our EA competition, stepping in last minute to ensure classes continued to run during the day. Annie Gray for organizing the catering and bringing her own coffee machine to ensure the judges and volunteers were appropriately caffeinated. My favorite right hand Evelyn Fletcher providing her exception organisational skills in setting up the presentation table and No 1 giggle buddy as she watched me flounder around pretending to know what I was doing. Joan O'Reilly who is our special diamond, that worked tirelessly behind the scenes in bringing this competition together. Plus the many members who volunteered their time to help us run this competition with ease and fantastic feedback. Shout out to the MRDC marshals, the official steward on the day could not praise you guys enough..

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 supporting the club. Thank you for what you do.

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 27 years. To Perry's Stockfeeds who assist us through their loyalty Program and Leader Equine who once again donated generous products as prizes for our competitions.

The times are changing and clubs like ours are finding it more and more difficult to encourage our members to contribute and support what we do. We can't continue to ask and expect the same people to do the same things every time. So please think about the future of our club and what can you do to help us continue...

2025 will be MRDC's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.. Let's endeavor to keep the club going by ensuring we support each other, lending a hand and answering the call.

Fiona Cooper  
President  
23/10/24