



WESTERN DRESSAGE
ASSOCIATION OF
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Western Dressage Association of Australia

Newsletter

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ARBC

WESTERN DOWNS WESTERN DRESSAGE
BASIC LEVEL CHAMPION &
HIGHEST AGGREGATE OF THE SHOW
GITA THOMAS & SHINEY NU ADDITION



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WDAWA NAGS TO RICHES
WESTERN DRESSAGE SERIES



NATIONAL SHOW DATE CLAIMER

16 - 18
August

2024



Coming soon

AMATEUR DIVISION





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Welcome

...a short word 

Welcome to the first WDA-AUS newsletter for 2023, covering the first three months of the year for all things Western Dressage from around the country.

2023 is off to a flying start for Western Dressage. Whilst the wet weather has been a bit of a drag in some areas, there have been quite a few affiliates who have managed to hold events.

The ARBC Western Downs Western Dressage Championship show has just finished with some amazing runs and fantastic prizes given out to the winners.

WDAA has also kicked off their new NTR Series - see all the details and pics from their first show in this newsletter.

The Management Committee would like to remind its members and affiliates of the valued partnership that WDA-AUS has formed with the Australian Quarter Horse Association. They now recognize us as the governing body for Western Dressage in Australia and they are officially recording WD points for all Registered Quarter horses. Please ensure your QH Registration and Membership details are up to date and stated on your entries at all WDA-AUS affiliated events.

We have also been working very hard in the background to bring you some exciting developments - we will be introducing an AMATEUR DIVISION in the new membership year! AND...NEW TESTS will be released ready for the new season. Details will be shared as soon as it is all finalized.

The National Management Committee for 2022/2023 are highly motivated to grow and develop our sport moving forward with a long-range view to the longevity of Western Dressage in Australia.

We hope that all of our members and their families had a wonderful, safe and chocolate filled Easter break. We look forward to the rest of the Western Dressage membership year.

*Sincerely,
National Management Committee*

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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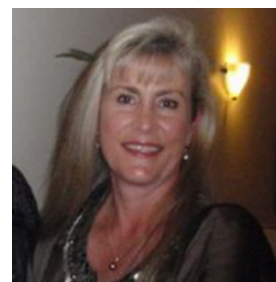
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Shows & Events

2023

Western Dressage Calendar of Events

WESTERN DRESSAGE CALENDAR

Queensland

Apr 16	BWBRAC Show	Cordalba
Apr 22	NQQHA Show #2 Series Six	Malanda
Apr 23	NQQHA Show #3 Series Six	Malanda
May 6-7	WDSEQ Show	Burpengary
May 20	NQQHA FNQ WD Championships	Tully
May 21	NQQHA Show #4 Series Six	Tully
May 20-21	WDWD Come & Try Show	Dalby
Jun 10-11	WDAQ Show	Maryborough
Jun 17-18	WDWD 'Vivian Wearing' Clinic	Dalby
July 8-9	WDSEQ Tropicana Championships	Caboolture

Western Australia

Apr 16	WDAWA NTR Series Show #2	Foxwood Farm
May 21	WDAWA NTR Series Show #3	Foxwood Farm
June 18	WDAWA State Show	Foxwood Farm

South Australia

Apr 29	SSWPC Opal Bridle Series Show #4	Meadows
Apr 30	SSWPC Opal Bridle Series Show #5	Meadows





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Members Information/Updates

Western Dressage Association of Australia



WDA-AUS has formed a proud partnership with the Australian Quarter Horse Association. The AQHA are keen to acknowledge all Quarter Horses who are attending WDA-AUS affiliated shows and achieving results in Western Dressage across Australia. Registered Quarter horses owned by financial members gain LIFETIME POINTS with the AQHA. WDA-AUS values its association with the AQHA.



When you do your show entries please ensure that you supply your **AQHA Member #** & your **Horse's Registration #** to the Show Secretary for any WDA-AUS affiliated Western Dressage show. All WDA-AUS Affiliates are required to submit all WD results to our partners at AQHA.

HAVE YOU DONE WELL AT A WD SHOW RECENTLY?

Send in a photo - if there was a Professional Photographer at the event remember to PURCHASE a photo and then share with us.

SHOW SECRETARIES !!!

Event planning and organization is going to be much simpler and united for all affiliates across Australia. WDA-AUS Management Committee has been working diligently behind the scenes for many months to bring you updated, revamped and more streamlined:

SHOW REQUIREMENTS
EVENT INFORMATION
SHOW TEMPLATES
RIBBON/ROSETTE GUIDELINES and more...

There is now a dedicated Event planning page under construction on our website just for you!

Take a breath...it will be available in just a moment or two.

AFFILIATE MEETING

Calling all Affiliate Committee Members and Show Secretaries.

Important information is discussed and shared in the affiliate meeting.

We require your attendance please.

27th April

2023 SHOW FEES

Standard Show \$50
Championship Show \$75
State Show \$100

Got a question for us?

Send us an email...or message us on our FB page

Coming soon to the website...
www.westerndressage.com.au/horses



The National High Point Awards are calculated from all WDA-AUS approved official events across the country in an official show year.

- Virtual show = 1/2 points
- Standard show = 1x points
- Championship show = 1.5x points
- State Show = 2x points
- National Show = 3x points

New

**Lifetime Horse
Recognition
&
Awards Program**



Members Information/Updates

Western Dressage Association of Australia

WDAA Online Show Timeline

- Phase 1 - Entries Accepted
May 22 - June 5, 2023
- Phase 2 - Videos Submission
Accepted
(Once Entry Is Accepted)
June 19, 2023
- Phase 3 - Judging and Score
Board
June 21 - July 5, 2023
Online Awards Ceremony
July 9, 2023



REMINDER

Save the Date !

**WDA-AUS
NATIONAL
SHOW**
16-18 August 2024
**QSEC
Caboolture, QLD**

It's almost that time of year again, where WDA (America) hold their annual Online International Challenge - it is open to everyone from around the world. In past years some WDA-AUS members have entered - and DONE WELL!

WDA-AUS encourages its members to take a look at the program and consider entering and having a crack at it. Following the success of our own Virtual Show, those who have stepped out of their comfort zone to try this platform of showing have spoken highly of the experience. Let us know if you do - we support you in your efforts!

WDA-AUS is starting preparations for our next National Show. We cannot wait to see you all there so please start getting organised so you can attend - things to think of:

- Work Vacation time application
- Family holiday planning (Roadtrip to QSEC)
- Plan your horses training and fitness program (and yours!)
- Attend your local WD events and build your confidence and skill level
- There's a class/level that suits everyone - don't be shy!

The National Management Committee will also be seeking assistance in ORGANISING and RUNNING the National Show. If you feel you can help please send an expression of interest to secretary@westerndressage.com.au

NEW

**NEW
Western
Dressage
TESTS**



To be released
1st July 2023

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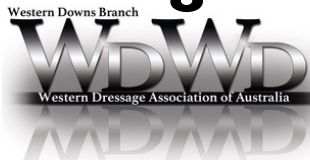
AMATEUR DIVISION
- more details very soon -

Coming 1st July 2023



WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Western Downs Western Dressage ARBC Championships



Dalby - QLD

2023 INTRODUCTORY LEVEL CHAMPION



Julie-anne Howell riding DUKES CASHIN CHEX



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The annual ARBC Western Downs Western Dressage Championship show was held in Dalby, QLD on March 31-April 1. The two days of Western Dressage competition kicked off the huge ARBC event which includes multiple discipline competitions: Western Dressage, Reining, Challenge, Campdraft and the prestigious Australia's Greatest Horseman competition.

Official WDA-AUS accredited judges Mr Steve Thake and Ms Kate Elliott judged 94 tests across all WD levels.

There were many new faces having their first go at Western Dressage, as well as regular WD competitors. How refreshing to see some new faces in the line up of winners! A sure sign that Western Dressage is growing and expanding.

ARBC is well known for putting on an exciting event with wonderful support from many sponsors which allows them to give out fantastic prizes and awards. Winners in each level each received a beautiful Buckle and Rosette and other placegetters also received rosettes and prizes up to 5th place.

Highest Aggregate of the Show was won by ARBC organiser Gita Thomas & Shiney Nu Addition - they took home the beautiful Trophy Bridle set donated by FORT WORTH Saddlery. ARBC is growing each year and we encourage you to put it on your calendar for 2024. See you all there!

2023 BASIC LEVEL CHAMPION



Gita Thomas riding Shiney Nu Addition



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HIGHEST AGGREGATE PERCENTAGE OF THE SHOW



Gita Thomas riding Shiney Nu Addition



Trophy Bridle Set Sponsor

2023 LEVEL ONE CHAMPION



Carolyn Gorrill riding Who Whiz Einstein



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2023 YOUTH CHAMPION



Megan Chatfield riding Coco Nioka King



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2023 LEVEL TWO CHAMPION



Leah McLellan riding Stockie Stella



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2023 YOUTH NON SANCTIONED CHAMPION



Megan Chatfield riding Coco Nioka King



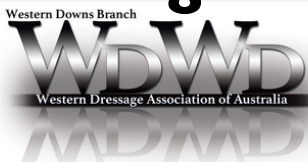
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Congratulations to all the Winners + Placegetters!



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Western Downs Western Dressage ARBC Championships



Dalby - QLD



Megan Chatfield & Coco Nioka King

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Julie-Anne Howell & Dukes Cashin Chex



B-Man Photography

Carolyn Gorrill & Who Whiz Einstein



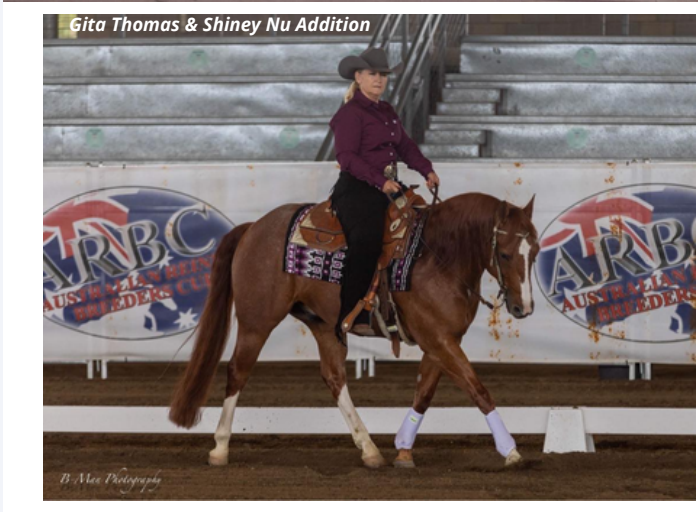
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...and the winners are

Leah McLellan & Stockie Stella



Gita Thomas & Shiney Nu Addition



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Congratulations to all the Winners & Placegetters!

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Affiliate News



Western Australia



Nags To Riches Western Dressage Series

On the 19th March the WDAWA held the first show of the NTR Western Dressage Series and it was a very successful day. As well as the regular classes they also held the AQHA approved western dressage classes for the WAQHA State Show. It was great to see some new faces as well as many regulars returning for the first show of 2023. Thanks must go to judge Vanessa Hancox as well as everyone who helped the day run so smoothly.

Sponsors play a major role in the ability of all committees to be able to run events. WDAWA would sincerely like to thank the following valued sponsors:
Nags To Riches, Hi Shine Equine, Cavalor Equicare, Gidgee Eyewear, Sign Ur Neigh'm, Horseland Kelmscott, Hold Your Horses Promotional Embroidery, Bear Paw Saddlery John McPhee, Fly n High Horse Wear, Bullsbrook Produce, DrumSox, Craig Marsh Mechanical & the Western Dressage Assoc of Australia.

Congratulations to all competitors for great day of Western Dressage.

Results

NTR Series Show #1 Introductory Level

Champion - Chandie Harding & HARBURYS QUEST FOR DALLAS
Reserve Champion - Pamela Nelson & TRAEALGAR PARK PABLO

Basic Level

Champion - Belinda Atwood & CEE THE LOOT
Reserve Champion - Barbara Sloan & GENEVIEVE

WAQHA State Show

Basic Level

Champion - Beth Noble & EEC ITS ALL GOOD
Reserve Champion - Vicki Parker & TRIANDIBO INSHEPLAYIN

Youth Champion

Charlotte Maney & INSCRIPTION

Best Presented Combination

Carly Ganzer & CERTAIN TOBE GOOD

Show #2 - APRIL 16th | Show #3 - MAY 21st



Belinda Atwood & Cee The Loot



Carly Ganzer & Certain Tobe Good



Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good



Charlotte Maney & Inscription

