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NEC Christchurch



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National Equestrian Centre – Christchurch

“One team, one dream, attracting and embracing all equestrianism”

The NEC Christchurch is the South Island's home to ESNZ Dressage, ESNZ Show Jumping, ESNZ Eventing as well as hosting several Annual Pony Club events, shows, multiple training days, private coaching groups, camps and is a base site for trekking and endurance with the link to West Melton Forest.

The National Equestrian Centre has been the home of all things equestrian more than 30 years. It is a much loved and highly regarded venue, and hosts more than 20 National and regional equestrian events annually.

It was established for the benefit of all members of ESNZ. The NEC is to be developed with the purpose of enhancing the experience of ESNZ members. A main goal of the NEC is to develop it into an international standard training and competition venue.

2020 has the team coming together to develop a new strategy and way forward for NEC Christchurch and things are looking up for our future. One of the many things important to improve at NEC is the irrigation system, which in turn will help with all the surfaces everyone uses.

NEC have just had TreadLite put on the NRM Arena and once we have more of an idea of how much the improvement is we have will look at further arena upgrades. Ongoing funding sourcing is continual and as our list outweighs our bank balance these will all take time.

NEC are grateful for all the input we get and hope everyone appreciates that we cannot get it all done at once. We are currently running a survey regarding membership and usage and looking forward to seeing all the comments coming through.

Something important to NEC is to improve what we have but never lose the history that created this beautiful equestrian centre.



Far Left:

New gate all installed.

Left:

NRM Arena getting new surface



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NEC Christchurch

YOUR TEAM

ESNZ APPOINTED:

Convenor : Don Robertson

Treasurer: Andrew Bruce

ESNZ Eventing: Nick Pyke

ESNZ Dressage: Soo Wells

ESNZ Endurance: Sue Billigheimer

ESNZ Jumping: Gus Taylor

DISCIPLINE APPOINTED

Dressage: Cherie Pearson

Eventing: Tony Roberts

Show Jumping: Nathan Brown

Caretaker: Blue Clark

Administrator: Gail Power



BLUE CLARK
CARETAKER

Really needs no introduction to those around the area. Blue comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and skills both in the equine world and ground management. Blue works his magic around the grounds. Blue is very approachable and his willingness to help anyone is second to none!



GAIL POWER
ADMINISTRATOR

I'm new to the role here at NEC Christchurch and really enjoying it. It is a great challenge to help get more systems and communication in place and work with a great team of people. I am also the Event Secretary for SJ Canterbury and have vast experience working and chairing committees. I've only ridden a horse possibly 3 times in my life, it is my 19 year old daughter Zara who has the equine bug and I just love it!!! Am always willing to help anyone!



DON ROBERTSON
CONVENOR

I have been involved with NEC Committee for around 7 years, & replaced Kevin Bowden as the convenor 3 years ago. Apparently it is a life appointment, as I am only the 3rd convenor after Alan Hampton, & Kevin. My pathway has been via Pony Club, Eventing & now into administration roles. I am on the board of ESNZ, & also a number of other charitable & not for profit organisations. My role is to oversee the committee while improving the facilities & balancing the needs of the users & disciplines. At times it is challenging, but there is a really great team in place & we are all heading in the same direction.



NICK PYKE

ESNZ EVENTING APPOINTED
I have been involved with NEC committee representing ESNZ Eventing for a number of years and have seen huge improvements at the NEC in the time I have been involved. I rode eventing for many years at a national level and now am a FEI cross country course designer and a National Eventing Selector. I have also been involved with ESNZ as Chair of the board and as Chair of ESNZ Eventing. In my work time I work in my own business in agricultural research.



ANDREW BRUCE
TREASURER

I have been on NEC for a good number of years. My wife rides Dressage and I was on the dressage committee for some time also. I run my own business and pretty much good on the wheelbarrow and shovel.



SOO WELLS
ESNZ DRESSAGE APPOINTED

I think it is 8 years now I have represented Dressage NZ on the NEC ChCh Committee. We moved to North Canterbury from Nelson 15 years ago.

I have dabbled in breeding sport horses over the years and competed jumping and eventing, then got hooked on dressage. Took Aztec from young opinionated horse to Grand Prix. We won NZ Dressage Horse of the Year, Rigoletto Trophy, Burkner Medal for NZ Dressage Champion. Represented NZ in Australia with Aztec, won many Area Championships and National Points prizes.

Won NZ Young Dressage Horse Champion on Scherzo. Had several other horses to medium or advanced, the last one was Carronade who has just retired. Currently working a young mare I bred.



TONY ROBERTS
EVENTING CANTERBURY REP

As a non-riding parent of a competitive rider I was involved at committee level for Pony Club Branch and Area level for many years before transitioning to Eventing Canterbury and Christchurch NEC. Contributing to the future growth, development and success of the NEC provides a lot of enjoyment and it is fantastic to be part of this journey. The skills I've acquired in my 35 year working career bodes well with the structure of the NEC committee as it is made up of members with varying skills and backgrounds, who are all dedicated to the success of the NEC and each other's disciplines. 'We Are One'.



SUE BILLIGHEIMER

ESNZ ENDURANCE APPOINTED

I have enjoyed competing, officiating and volunteering in Endurance for the past 5 years but am currently regaining confidence having sustained a severe injury last year. Luckily my Anglo Arab Ribbonwood Monet is an all rounder and pretty cruisy out hacking. I am enjoying riding at the NEC both round the hacking track and in the arenas. For work I help my husband with running a small beef and sheep farm.



NATHAN BROWN

SHOW JUMPING CANTERBURY REP



CHERIE PEARSON
CANTERBURY DRESSAGE REP

Dressage is my passion, and I train with Christine Weal. I have recently purchased a 5 year old Dante Weltino / Furst Romanicer mare, we have had quite a bit of success in a very short time together, I just adore her. I also work full time in our transport company with around 70 trucks on the road. This is my first year on the NEC committee after being elected Chair of Dressage Canterbury.



GUS TAYLOR
ESNZ JUMPING APPOINTED

Gus Taylor joined the NEC Committee as the ESNZ Jumping Board representative. Gus has a background in both agriculture and equestrian. He has a degree in Agriculture Commerce and ran a contracting and feed business whilst farming a dry land block for some years. Gus and his partner now own a poultry farm. Gus competes regularly in show jumping, and occasionally eventing, and has been involved in running the National Show Jumping show for some years, so is a regular visitor to the NEC

FRIENDS OF NEC

This is an initiative by Gaye & Des Skene to have a group that still have a commitment & passion for the NEC. It is largely informal, but is starting to gather momentum. For a donation, you are rewarded with a membership badge & are more than welcome to attend events & be hosted by the various disciplines. The group is working towards having regular Friday afternoon working & social gatherings at the NEC where they can catch up and if the mood takes them, help with maintenance tasks around the facility. Anybody who has an interest in the NEC can come along & be a member



SHOWJUMPING CANTERBURY

Proud supporters of NEC Christchurch

Show Jumping Canterbury is run by a committee and manage all 3 shows and training days for our area.

2020 brings a new Chair to the seat in Samantha Pascoe and new Secretary Phil Niven. Treasurer remains with Lisa Clark and Blue Clark has stepped into the new role of Show Director. Event Secretary is Gail Power. There is a mix of old and new on the committee this season and we are proud to have some young riders join us to help out.

SJ Canterbury use Main-Events as their preferred entry system and all our shows go up on here when entries are ready to open.

We always value the feedback from riders regarding the classes we offer and try to work in to make sure everything is covered.

We have just purchased a full set of jumping rails for Ring 1 and therefore each ring has been refurbished. We also have some new complete jumps like our Tavern Harewood jump and Christchurch Hunt Club, owned and lent to us by Graeme McClintock. We have also created a special Graeme McClintock Future Stars Championship with riders needing to qualify to ride in the final at Xmas Cracker. We run our annual auction at Xmas Cracker on the Saturday evening and had a fantastic response this year again.

The special Dress Up Award, donated by the late Faye Oxenham was awarded to Alyssa Parris & Silver Possum. SJ Canterbury are working with NEC Christchurch to try and keep new jump courses up in the training area for members and casual users to train over. This season we have had a huge response from sponsors and would like to take this moment to thank them all for their fantastic support. All our sponsors are shared on our Facebook page so check them out! We are always looking for extra helpers at our shows and welcome anyone aboard our fantastic team!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When entering on Main Events, how do I enter when I am just a casual & it needs a number to continue.

A: Everything is exactly the same, and where it asks for your ESNZ membership or Equine Registration number, just type in 1111 and we will see you are casual

Q: How do I know if I need to be registered?

A: Casual Riders can ONLY ride in introductory or welcome labelled classes at \$15 per day. Casual Equines can enter up to 1.0m on a pony or 1.10m on a horse in non series classes on a casual registration of \$20 for the whole show (but they can only do the open classes if rider is fully registered)

Q: How do I select my helpers job?

A: When entering your riding classes, keep scrolling down the list and all jobs are listed there. Select one that suits around your entries and has spaces available. As simple as that (& enter early to get the job you want) We can't run our shows without your help.



2020 Canterbury Area ESNZ Scholarship winner Tessa Nichols on her horse Quinn with Chair Samantha Pascoe

UPCOMING EVENTS

XMAS CRACKER

4th, 5th, 6th
December 2020

This is SJ Canterbury's Premier Show of the Season. Friday has Rings 1 and 2 competing and Ring 3 open for \$5 for 5 minutes training rounds. Saturday and Sunday bring everything together with all 3 Show Jumping Rings and Show Hunter Horse and Pony rings both days with all the series classes. Huge fun weekend with lots of Xmas fun and Dress Up! Highly recommend this show for everyone

CANTERBURY CHAMPS

13th, 14th
February 2021

This is the pinnacle event for all the Canterbury Series Classes and the series winners are found at this show and full presentations made. All 3 Show jumping rings and Show Hunter Horse and Pony classes and series competed here.

**All entries on
MAIN EVENTS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

TWILIGHT EVENTING SERIES

Tuesdays

23rd November

1st December

Wednesdays

3rd February

10th February

Heights from 65cm to 95cm

2021 AUTUMN SEASON

February

March

April

February 20th NEC with XC

21st at Mandeville

March 21st NEC

April 16th YEH NEC

April 17th, 18th NEC One Day Championships

All entries on
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ENTRIES

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Eventing Canterbury is one of the busiest eventing committees in the country, running 6 ESNZ events per year, 3 of which are FEI events. We also run training days, Twilight events and host the South Island Eventing Development Camp.

2020 sees Anna Jones join the committee as our new Chairperson, with Kirsty Sharapoff taking a step down to Vice Chair. Leonne Jones is our Event Director, with Marg Evans our FEI Event Director. Claudia Faulkner remains our tireless event secretary, with Sharon Rayne stepping in to the meetings secretary and treasurer roles. We have a large committee but there is always room for more people to come and get involved!

Eventing Canterbury use Equestrian Entries as their entry system and all events can be found there once entries have opened. You can also scroll through the results section to find all results from previous events as well as keeping track of accumulator points. We are grateful to Tavern Harewood for sponsoring our accumulator this year. Riders need to compete in Eventing Canterbury events to be eligible. Eventing Canterbury is continually working with the NEC to provide both fantastic training facilities and awesome competition opportunities. We have been working with Glassey Contracting and the NEC on the



re-surfacing and shaping of the training ground water jump, which looks fantastic and should provide plenty of opportunities to play in more permanent puddles going forward. We are also continuing to develop great galloping tracks with earth works, surfacing and grassing on going. Our spring season finished last month with record entries at the South Island Three Day Event. Our Autumn ESNZ season kicks off in February, followed by another event in March, culminating with the South Island Young Event Horse Championships and National One Day Event Championships in April. To keep everyone busy prior to this, there will be a twilight eventing series with heights from 65cm to 95cm on

Tuesday November 23rd; Tuesday December 1st 2020 and then Wednesday February 3rd and Wednesday 10th February. See Equestrian Entries for more details.

We could not do what we do without the support of our fantastic team of sponsors, who feature regularly on our facebook pages. Many of these have been supporting us for years now and we are grateful for all that they do for us.

Eventing Canterbury also has regular working bees to make sure that our jumps, including those on the training ground that members use regularly, are maintained and safe. Keep an eye out on posts for the dates of these. Everyone is welcome.



Brodie Roberts competing at 3DE

Photo credit to Olivia Skidmore Photography

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to supply a helper and how do I do this?

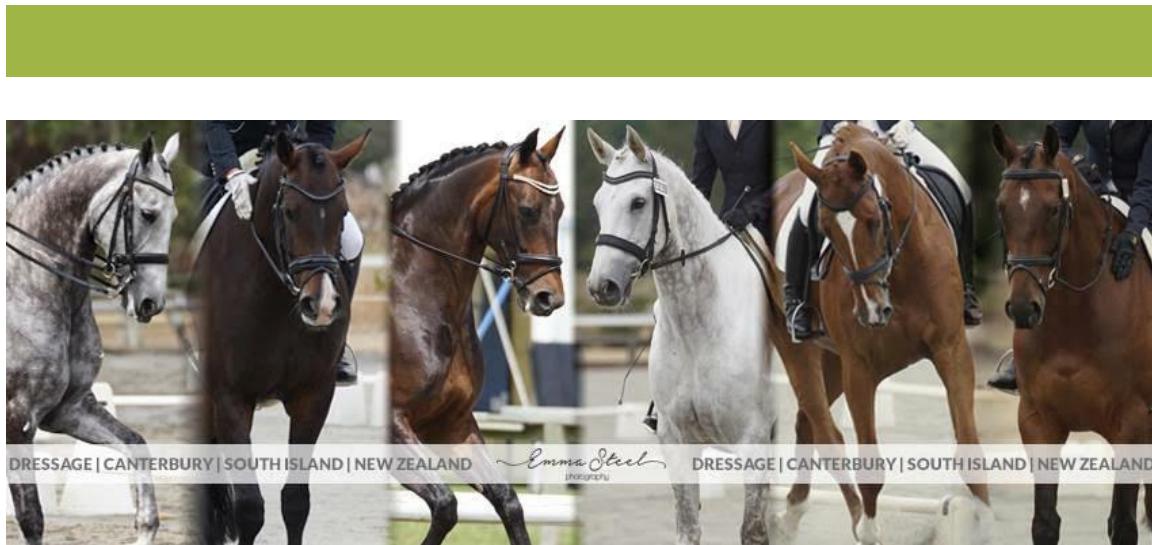
A: Yes if you live within two hours drive time of our event.

This is available in a document you can find the link for both on Equestrian entries and it will be emailed out to you prior to the event.

Q: Do I need to be ESNZ Registered to compete?

A: See below table, also available on the ESNZ website

Express Eventing	Introductory Member \$50/ Casual Member \$15/event	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+	\$2 Per Event
CN65	Introductory Member \$50/ Casual Member \$15/event	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+	\$15 Per Event
CN80	Introductory Member \$50/ Casual Member \$15/event	&	\$90	&	\$25 (Compulsory for Series) or Free	OR	\$5 Per Event
CN95	Introductory Member \$50	&	\$90	&	\$25 (Compulsory for Series) or Free	OR	\$5 Per Event
CN105	Full Membership \$140/ Child 14 and under \$90	&	\$90	&	\$60 or \$15	OR	\$20 (inc \$15 flexi start)
CCN1* & CCN2*	Full Membership \$140/ Child 14 and under \$90	&	\$90	&	\$60	N/A	N/A
CCN3* & CCN4*	Full Membership \$140/ Child 14 and under \$90	&	\$90	&	\$90	N/A	+\$40 Per Event



UPCOMING EVENTS

CANTERBURY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

28th, 29th
November 2020

This includes the Super Five and
Zilco Musical Series



We run monthly competitions being the 1st Sunday of each month. Along with this year running 3 x Premier Shows. The first being The Canterbury Championship Show, held on the 28th and 29th November. This includes the Super Five and Zilco Musical series. We have levels from Preliminary through to Big Tour. Along with Non Graded Preliminary and Novice, and Para.

The 2nd Premier Show is the South Island Festival of Dressage. This is the biggest competition on the calendar for the South Island. Riders come from all over the South Island to compete. This hosts the final of the Super Five and Zilco Musical series.

The 3rd Premier Show is the Festival of Future Stars. This was the brain storm of our very own Linda Warren-Davey who is based in Christchurch, but judges internationally also. Very lucky to have Linda in Christchurch.

This show was formed to showcase the Young Dressage Horse, with classes for 4 yo, 5yo, 6 yo and 7 yo horses. The numbers increase each year along with the quality of horse. This show also has classes from Preliminary through to Big Tour, including Para.

There certainly is something for everyone, from grass roots right through to the highest level you can ride at in dressage. We have a fabulous committee, where by many many hours are put in to ensure we run competitions to the highest of standards. Of course having such amazing facilities here makes it much easier. Everyone is very passionate about ensuring dressage gets stronger and stronger in Canterbury



SOUTH ISLAND FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE

5th – 8th
February 2021

The biggest competition on the calendar for the South Island

FESTIVAL OF FUTURE STARS

3rd and 4th
April 2021

This show was formed to showcase the Young Dressage Horse

All entries on

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NEC FACILITIES

There are five all weather competition arenas and two sand training/warm up arenas. There is a vast Cross Country course with a variety of jumps to all levels.

28 Stables
78 Covered Yards
150 Open Yards
The Glyn East Hall comes with a kitchen and office space.
Wash down facilities for equines, ablution blocks and powered sites.



Ground Users Information

- BECOME AN NEC MEMBER - One off fee payable annually to use all training grounds.**

To become a member you must be ESNZ registered for insurance purposes as this equestrian centre is governed by ESNZ. This covers casual use, training clinics and training camps. Cost is \$220 for a year. The training area consists of the training part of XC (defined below), a sand jump arena and warm up area with jumps courses set majority of the time, a flatwork sand arena with periodically set up dressage arena, lunging arena and use of the NRM arena for dressage practice when not set up days before a competition. You can also use the open yards for no extra charge at trainings. There is a 2.9km hacking track around the outside of the facility and access to forest riding.

- Casual Riders.**

For \$20 ground fee per equine, you get to use the above training grounds in the same way. There is an honesty box at the notice board inside the gate where you must complete a form and either pay cash or internet bank your fee.

- Ground Closure.**

When our disciplines or other organisations have events booked, you can see these on our website on the calendar under 'What's On' tab. Or check out our Facebook page for current updates. When there is a Eventing Canterbury event coming up, the full cross country must be closed for a minimum of 2 weeks before the competition and nobody is to train on it. Therefore, our members only have the right to go through the back gate to Roydvale Pony Club and use their xc. Clinics and trainings also book out other areas, including Ring 3 in the training ring or the NRM dressage arena. When this happens, we are trying to make sure the other training areas are utilised with jumps and areas for our members to continue riding on these days.



- A** Glyn East Hall
- B** Hampton Oval
- C** NRM Arena
- D** Dressage Arena
- E** Dressage Warm Up
- F** Black Sand Arena
- G** Ring 3 Training
- H** Ring 3 Warm Up
- I** Flatwork Arena
- J** Lunging Arena



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