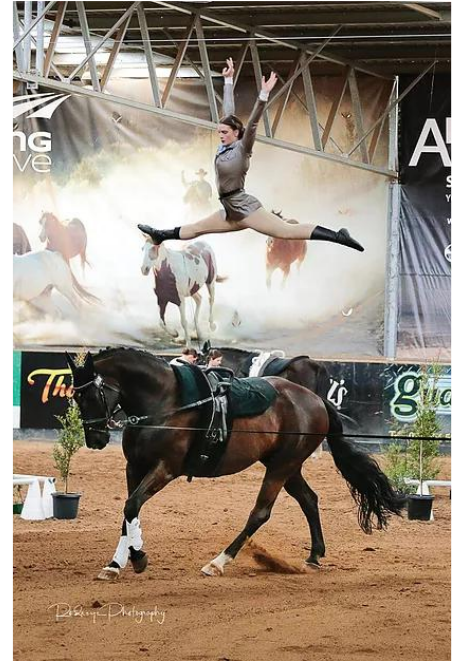


2018 Southern Cross CVI & Australian Vaulting Championships

K Ranch Arena, Mount Hunter was the place to be to see Australia's vaulting at its best on 4th – 7th October 2018. The 22nd Australian Vaulting Championships and Southern Cross CVI attracted entries from NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA as well as competitors from Germany and New Zealand. It was a truly international competition with 114 vaulters, 28 lungers and 28 horses.

Our FEI judges, Rob de Bruin, the Netherlands, Mimi Wickholm, Finland and Angie Deeks, Nina Fritzell and Darryn Fedricks from Australia gave generously of their time and expertise to judge 3 fun filled, jam packed days of skills and talent and horsemanship. Rob and Mimi arrived direct from World Equestrian Games and were available to conduct clinics to our vaulters and judges and coaches. It is important for us to keep learning from the best.

The vaulting arena was adorned with colourful Australian Native plants from Wariapendi Native Nursery, Colo Vale.



The competition kicked off in the rain, the rain we have all been praying so hard for, but it didn't dampen our spirits as we were competing under the big top of the K Ranch Arena.

The atmosphere was fun and welcoming and horses, vaulters, coaches, lungers and support crews gave it their best assisted by the biggest, best band of volunteers who ran the show like a well oiled machine.

From our grassroots vaulters to Australia's best. Ruth Skryzpek, Stephanie Dore and Jamie Hocking flew back from the World Equestrian Games Vaulting Competition in Tryon to defend their Australian titles and be part of the fun. Along with Tristyn Lowe, their Chef d'Equipe, we celebrated their success representing Australia at the highest level in Vaulting. They were decorated with an armful each of Australian Natives from Flower Flower, Bowral.

Congratulations to them and including Sarah Grayson, Jerri Dixon and Rachel Barlow, Our Australian WEG Vaulting team.

We were excited to have 100% of our horses get through the trot up, attended by Dr Derek Major FEI veterinarian from Agnes Banks and Dr Andrew Argyle, Treating Vet from Wollondilly Equine.

Saturday night was a Nations night, Dance off, way too much fun in the Saloon Bar, our vaulting families enjoying a great get together.

Congratulations to the National Winners:

Open Female Individual, Ruth Skryzpek, from National Equestrian Centre, ACT vaulting on Comic Symphony lunged by Tristyn Lowe

Open Male Individual, Jamie Hocking from Acacia Gold Vaulting, SA vaulting on Robyn Boyle's Hunterview Sinatra from Scone.

The Winning Pas de Deux, was Ginger Kennett and Stephanie Dore vaulting on Donati 3 lunged by Georgie Kennett.

The champion Athlete with a Disability was Tiannah Witney competing on Crème Brulee lunged by Melinda Osborne from Scone.

The winning National Squad, Sydney Vaulting Group on Kingston Legato lunged by Lyn Lynch.

Hunterview Sinatra, aka Frank, was awarded the champion Sash for the The Best Horse of the National Championships, 2018.

The Southern Cross CVI2* competition gave our vaulter a pathway to international competition.

Numerous vaulters achieved qualifying scores and special mention to Ginger Kennett, Wellington Park, Picton, Alex Playfoot, Melbourne Equestrian Vaulting and Bella Napthali, Southern Highlands Vaulting Team for achieving their scores to be considered to represent Australia in the Junior World Championships in Ermelo 2019.

Congratulations to the Best Home Athlete for the CVI Ginger Kennett on her horse Donati 3 lunged by her mum Georgie Kennett from Picton.

Best Foreign Athlete was Philipp Stippel, from Haus Getter, Munster, Germany. He vaulted on Kingston Legato lunged by Lyn Lynch.

The garland for the Best Horse of the CVI was awarded to Quickmagic lunged by Wendy Singlehurst from South Australia.



We are thankful to Lyn Lynch, Sydney vaulting Group, Darani Cumming Ella Springs, Qld and Robyn Oram Thompson, Willameka Equestrian Vaulting, SA for loaning their horses to our international vaulters.

This competition was hosted by Southern highlands Vaulting Team and Sydney Vaulting Group supported by many sponsors, supporters, volunteers who gave so generously as outlined in the Southern Cross CVI / Nationals Program

Links to the Results:

Southern Cross CVI Mount Hunter; follow the link to each CVI event.

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Link to Event Photo Gallery Photos: Rodney's Photography

We hope y'all had a good time at K ranch

Kerri Wilson and Lyn Lynch on behalf of

Southern Highlands Vaulting Team and Sydney Vaulting Group