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Our Riders Shine in Pony Club International Dressage

Attachments:

- Two photos naming all riders, horses and clubs.

- Two individual photos of Matthew Kerridge and his horse Glenrock Stevie Wonder (also on p3) and Ella Nast

Australian Pony Club riders selected to ride in the 2023 Pony Club International Dressage competition have performed beyond expectations to take some major placings.

Milly Mulcock from Victoria, an individual winner, summed up the feeling of the team members when she posted: "Thank you Pony Club Australia for such an amazing opportunity. Dressage is my passion. To win Class 1A on my pony Tanlee Raphael is such a dream come true."

Started during Covid-19 lockdowns when riders could not travel overseas to compete, the virtual competition has gone from strength to strength and become an annual event, with riders now able to ride their own horses, instead of borrowed horses, when the competition is not hosted by Australia.

Riders ride in their own country and their tests are filmed and then judged by international judges.

Now in its third year, competitors came from:

- Australia
- Cayman Islands
- Canada
- China mainland and Hong Kong
- Ireland
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- USA
- United Kingdom
- Zimbabwe

A total of 26 Australian riders had the chance to represent their country. Highlights included:

- A win to the Australian team in Class 1A, with a clean sweep of the top three placings - Milly Mulcock, 11, from Barwon Valley Pony Club (VIC) and her horse winning individually, Ava Irwin, 12, Bamawm Extension Pony Club (VIC) second and Liam Mackenzie-Smith, 14, of Mt Sugarloaf Pony Club (NSW) was 3rd. The fourth team member Chenin Hislop, 14, Woodridge Pony Club (WA) was 5th.

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- Class 3 Level 2 test: The Australian team was 2nd, and Catelin Crawford of Tumut Pony Club (NSW) 6th individually.

- Class 4 Level 3: Australia team placed 1st and individually, Darcy Eyb of Cudal Pony Club (NSW) 2nd and Lauren Rowe of Busselton Horse and Pony Club (WA) was 3rd. Caitlin Pritchard and Olivia Farrell were in the team and also performed well.

Keighley Leeson of Carabita Beach Pony Club (NSW) placed 6th in the Open class for riders over 25 ys.

- Class 5: (Pas de Deux Freestyle, a team of 2) Australia 1st, Lucy Johnson and Ella Nast of Lilydale District and Midlands Pony Clubs (TAS)

This year for the first time there was a section for mature riders (over 28 years), as more and more Pony Clubs offer open age memberships. This makes Pony Club a truly family sport, for some families.

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More on each of the Australian riders here, including their photos. Better quality photos can be supplied.

https://padlet.com/hkpc/pony-club-international-dressage-show-2023-atu2xl96neasao2b/wish/2597919523

Full results

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Australian Pony Club members are also doing well in Modern Pentathlon.

Congratulations to the Pony Club Australia members selected to compete internationally. Rhys Lanskey, Tully Watt, Amos Vagg, Zoe Addinsall, Matilda Mason, Indigo Harris, Jack McKerron, Peyton Lee, Colby Devlin and Ava Harrington make up more than half of selected athlete for Modern Pentathlon national team this year.

https://modernpentathlon.org.au/2023-national-team-selection-announcement-7516-15062023?fbclid=IwAR2gbSMD6IJ3bSP82n4Lv-JuWq6mev-uqt1dAR-ReAVhvkVprlCki4_2WGA

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Left and centre : Matthew Kerridge Right: Ella Nast.





2023 Australian team for the Pony Club International Dressage		
Novice (18y and under) USEF First level	Asha Fiedler Demi Tatnall Abbie Kirkham Matthew Kerridge	Horsham, Vic Hurstbridge, Vic Margaret River, WA Tamworth, NSW
Elementary (25y and under) USEF Second level	Lucy Johnston Catelin Crawford Ella Nast Felicity Ericsson	Midlands, Tas Tumut, NSW Lilydale District, Tas King River, WA



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