

Bulahdelah Dressage Club Inc.

Presidents Report January 2018 – Kerry Turnbull

Welcome to everyone attending this 2018 AGM. It is wonderful to have people interested in supporting our sport, and actually putting their hand up to have a hand in planning the direction our great club is to take in 2018.

2017 saw the introduction of Working Equitation (WE) to BDC and this has proven to be a successful strategy in bringing more people and beautiful horses to our Bulahdelah Showground. Well done to Liz and Muriel for going to training to be officials in this new endeavour and especially well done to Liz for sourcing and buying all the equipment we need for WE.

We have a tiny committee so of course Jo and Sheila were involved in the WE side of the club as well.

With such a small committee we are very grateful to those non-committee members who help out so cheerfully at competitions and training days.

This year we have seen our web site get a facelift and it looks great. Many thanks to Sheila for taking on this task, the rest of us went into hiding so we wouldn't have to think about it or learn more computer speak.

Muriel has again taken us into the world of Social Media and using the technology available to us, our Facebook page is a great way of instant communication with members.

Jo and Leo are our people in the background, finishing up arena set up and pull down, scoring and helping out in the canteen. Everyone works to their strengths and so our club continues to thrive.

We continue our association with the Bulahdelah Lion's Club who assist with setting up arenas every competition and 2018 will see them also doing the catering for competitions.

I am not sure when I first became President of BDC, it was a long time ago. I had a brief spell away from the job on 2 occasions and I have decided it is time for me to once again step down from the Presidency. I think I have been President this time since 2005 so it is definitely time for a change. I will still be available for helping out at competitions but, as the committee know, I am now very busy with other parts of my life and have been doing less work with less enthusiasm in the last couple of years. It is time for someone with more passion and enthusiasm to step in and steer BDC through 2018.

I would like to thank Liz, Sheila, Jo, Muriel and Leo for all the support they have given me as my workload became too big for me to be able to do what was needed at BDC. Liz, in particular, has ensured the smooth running of the club over the last year with me little more than a figure head for much of the time.

I look forward to being able to advise and mentor our new President if needed and to maybe actually ride a horse again one day. Funny how things change: once I dreamed of riding Grand Prix, now I dream of riding.

Happy riding to all my friends,

Kerry