

## INTERSTATE NEWS N.S.W. SHOWJUMPING EVENTS

Incorporating FEI competitions  
**Saddleworld Australian Youth Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September Woorigee.** Incorporates FEI International Children's Competition 12 – 14 years of age  
**NSW State Championships Woorigee – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October** Incorporates **FEI World Jumping Challenge** – amateur riders over 21 who have not competed in a World Cup Qualifier in last 5 years  
**ISS Summer Classic CSI-W Sydney International Equestrian Centre – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December** Incorporating the **FEI World Cup Qualifiers Australian Final.**  
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## OLYMPIC NEWS W.A. HONOURS

The W.A. bred horse Noblewood Park Blatini owned by Robynne McTaggart and ridden by Vicki Roycroft from NSW is performing very creditably in the Olympic Trials currently being run in Germany. Blatini has made WA history in being only the second WA bred horse to participate in Australian Olympic Trials.  
The first WA bred horse was **Whisper Grey**, a grey gelding ridden by Jeff McVean who is currently residing in New Zealand.  
We will keep our fingers crossed that Noblewood Park Blatini and Vicki Roycroft are selected for the Australian Olympic Team that will be announced in July.

## EFA STATE SQUADS NEWS SPONSORS

The EFA State Jumping Squads would like to recognise and thank their sponsors for their invaluable support.  
**Noblewood Park - The State Jumping Squad** would like to thank Noblewood Park for their generous support and the **Horseland Jumping State Young Rider Squad** would also like to thank **Horseland** for their ongoing support.

If you have any items of interest you would like to have included in this Newsletter please contact Marie Donovan by email  
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## MEET YOUR COMMITTEE JUDITH ODGAARD-BAKER

Judith is a well known and highly respected and accredited FEI (C) Judge who has volunteered her time over many years to advance the sport of Showjumping in W.A.  
As a young woman Judith was a very competitive rider but turned her attention to Judging in the mid 1980s and has stood as an EFA Showjumping Committee Member for many, many years  
Judith works as a Science Technician at Helena College, has her Masters in Environmental Subsistence and is currently working towards a Ph.D in the same area.  
A passionate animal lover Judith is a well known cat breeder and National Judge. She was the first to bring Abyssinian cats into WA and has taken out many trophies with her Siamese cats. Judith is also a successful dog breeder concentrating on Afghans, Manchester Terriers & long haired, miniature Dachshunds.  
Add to these accomplishments the successful breeding of two race horses, a history in car racing, driving a Hot VW and a Lotus 7, a Rally Car Driver in a VM, plus her dedicated commitment to showjumping and you can't help but stand back in awe over what she has achieved.  
Judith Odgaard-Baker we salute you and thank you for your dedicated support of Showjumping in W.A.

## W.A.S.J.A. EVENT INDOORS 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE

As usual WASJA attracted a large entry of riders over both days and the organisers must be congratulated on their efficient organisation. It was great to see Rita and Derek Dobson officiating as judges on Saturday. It was pleasing to see so many young riders competing. Emma Isbister and Lucy Rowe had a very successful day on Saturday with two wins each to their credit. On Sunday Evie Buller continued her good form with wins on both Celtic Warrior and Charlie Girl. Anna McGregor rode her outstanding horse Mandarin in the HOTY Qualifier for the first time this season and gained an impressive third place. Congratulations to all riders on an excellent performance.

## STATE NEWS UPDATE RIDER OPINION SOUGHT RE A & B GRADE HORSES COMPETING IN HEIGHT CLASSES

Currently the W.A. rules state "Height classes are open to any grade horse/pony. NOTE; A & B GRADE HORSES NOT ridden by a Junior or Young Rider MAY be eligible to participate in classes BELOW 1.20m but will NOT be eligible for prizes or money".  
Now that Clubs are running both Graded and Height classes on a regular basis many senior riders who are not aspiring to jumping large fences but have A & B grade horses are keen to have this clause reconsidered for 2009.  
A "Riders Meeting" will be held on Friday evening 11<sup>th</sup> July in **Geraldton** and this topic will be discussed and rider feedback gained. If you are not going to Geraldton and you would like to make comment on this issue please contact your EFA Jumping Committee Rider Representatives Nellandra Henry (93873 7720) or Rory Hovell (9755 6235) or email me your ideas so that your opinions can be tabled at the meeting.

## GET WELL WISHES KELLIE-ANNE CROWE

Kelli-anne had a very nasty fall last week and was rushed to hospital. As well as being an outstanding rider, Kellie-anne has contributed so much to the sport of Showjumping over many years. She provides a wonderful role model for young aspiring riders with her outstanding sportsmanship and leadership.  
We send her our warmest regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery



## THANK YOU JACQUI MOON

You may have all read that due to EFA restructuring Jacqui Moon will no longer be responsible for producing the BLAST. As you are aware Jacqui has been a strong supporter of Showjumping for many years and was the author of a Newsletter very similar to this one called "WINGS".  
On behalf of all showjumping members I would like to thank Jacqui for her work with the BLAST and for her support of showjumping. It has been greatly appreciated.