

## **President's Report –2024**

Another year has come to an end, and I again thank your hard-working Committee for their commitment throughout the year. With fewer and fewer volunteers coming forward, your committee members have always put their hands up to help – a commitment we value.

Again, the year was a year of consolidation, but there were still a number of projects completed.

Further improvements were completed in the toilet area with the floor in the ladies facility being further upgraded.

All of our portable cross-country fences have been remodeled to extend the jumping widths, and only need repainting, taking on a menagerie theme. The Up-and-Over obstacle on the top of the hill has been rejuvenated and two other permanent fences have been relocated.

Undoubtedly, our largest undertaking is the ongoing upgrade of the purlins in the indoor arena, with a further \$10,000 being set aside for future work.

In addition, the show horse area has been fenced, and our front fence being repainted

We have continued our partnership under the Adult Offenders Community Work Program which helps to keep our grounds neat and tidy. Again, ground maintenance continues to be one of our major expenses, as does insurance, which now exceeds \$7,000 pa.

To help fund these ongoing expenses, during 2024, the Centre conducted 5 fundraising events: Three more Eventing Grand Prix events sponsored by Albany Horseworld; the Albany Stockfeeds Unofficial Dressage; and an AEC Combined Training event. These events raised just \$8,000 for the Centre and have proved very popular. They will be continued into 2025.

### **Ongoing Projects on Hold**

**Spectator Safe Area.** This creates a properly fenced spectator safe area which also provides amenities for the spectator and one way we can ensure our spectators are protected from a galloping horse.

**Public Address system** to the showjumping area, show horse arenas, indoor arena, and horse yards has been put on hold until such time as a source of funding becomes available.

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