



# JANUARY

## 2026



## GCEC NEWSLETTER #1

### WHAT'S NEW

GCEC has been busy, forming committees for our exciting upcoming events and planning some fantastic clinics!

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for the latest updates. Your support is vital to our success!

### GCEC EVENTS



#### GET IN QUICK!

Early Bird discount expires  
Midnight 31st JAN 2026



#### UPCOMING



EOI Sort for Karen Nicoletto  
Western Dressage Clinic



### REMINDER

If you would like to help out in your favourite discipline, please contact your reps  
**JO TAYLOR** Showjumping  
**LUCY LOWE** Dressage  
**ROWENA CHANT** Showhorse

Be sure to join our facebook group for more updates!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

28 FEB/1st MAR- Western

Dressage Clinic TBC

8th MAR - Sunrise Dressage

14th MAR - Showhorse Afternoon

14/15th MAR - Showjumping

22nd MAR - Sunrise Dressage

21st/22nd MAR- Showjumping

28th MAR - BUSY Bee



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### Chair's Welcome

Welcome to another exciting season at the Geraldton Combined Equestrian Club. Whether you are a long-standing member, a volunteer who gives countless hours behind the scenes, or someone new to our Club, I would like to thank you for being part of the GCEC community. Our Club continues to grow because of the shared commitment and generosity of our members and supporters.

As Chair, my focus - together with the Committee - is on ensuring GCEC remains a safe, inclusive, well-governed and welcoming Club, where riders, volunteers, officials and families can participate with confidence and enjoyment. We are continuing to plan responsibly for the future, and have a number of longer-term infrastructure goals that we are really excited about.

So far this year we have been engaging with the City of Greater Geraldton about extending our lease area, meeting with Parks and Gardens to investigate improvement of our grass areas around the grounds and planning clinics and events for our members. Please remember to keep checking the website for updates and communication.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your continued support of GCEC. We look forward to a positive, productive and enjoyable year ahead and to seeing you at the grounds.

Warm regards,  
Susan Seaward

Jump into 2026 and try our showjumping training days in March!



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Introducing your

# 2026 GCCEC Committee



**Chair Person: Susan Seaward**

"Here's to a productive, positive and rewarding year ahead!"



**Vice Chair Person:**

**Christy Poulson**

"Very excited to join the committee this year, helping the club continue to grow and bringing new initiatives"



**Treasurer: Lisa Wallace**

"Looking forward to a fun and fruitful 2026 for the club"



**Dressage Rep: Lucy Lowe**

"Looking forward to a wonderful year of all things horses and likeminded people"



**Show jumping Rep:**

**Jo Taylor**



**Shownorse Rep:**

**Rowena Chant**



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### Showhorse High Point Winners 2025!

Pony Stella Bunker - Wendamar Bumble Bee

Galloway - Skyla Dalton Tamblyn Park BeeBop

Horse - Lilly Chant Benbrook Legacy

Overall Highest Point - Lilly Chant Benbrook Legacy

### Dressage High Point Winners 2025!

Official Horse or Pony Riders over 21  
Susanne Mitchell FIDERZANE

Hugh Clifford Unofficial Horse or Pony Riders over 21  
Jessie Jarvis MRS NORTONKNIGHT

Official Jnr under 17 Horse or Pony  
Charlee Omalley WENDAMAR NADIRA

Unofficial Jnr under 17 Horse or Pony  
Lucy O'Malley WORANORA GEMINI

Most Improved - Tasha Pearce  
Encouragement Award - Alice Hunt



### Showjumping High Point Winners 2025!

Senior 1m and Below - Indi Smith Darkest Secret

Junior 1m and Below - Bronte Butt Buffalo Soldier

Senior 1.05cm and above- Jo Taylor Paraway Park Panza

Junior 1.05cm and Above  
Alice Hunt Royal Archie and Charlie Harrison

Most improved - Lahni Godenzie



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### SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS UPDATE - 2025 SEASON REVIEW

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members, sponsors, and contributors whose involvement and support ensured the success of our 2025 season.

In 2025, sponsors were welcomed early in the season and a total 49 sponsorship opportunities were accepted.

Key moments include:

- \*the inclusion of brand specific signage displayed across our grounds allowing for clear and consistent exposure
- \*an expanded trade fair at the July 3 day Show Jumping competition and additional sponsor-focused opportunities, meaning sponsors, visitors, competitors and their families had opportunity to engage with like minded folk while enjoying the benefits that come with season-long visibility
- \*championship classes and presentations across all 3 disciplines broadcasts major sponsors and invited brand representatives to attend
- \*a n acknowledgement pack—including a letter of thanks, a club sticker, and an opportunity to use photos courtesy of Gemma Simkin Photography—was distributed to those who supported us throughout the year
- \*a growth in social media presence to broadcast our sponsor contributions



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Additionally, across 2025, 14 small grant applications were submitted. While the Indoor Arena Committee continues its work on this larger-scale project, contributions from two successful grant applications have enabled the extension of portable seating options and upgrades to Show Jumping equipment, including the addition of new feature jump attractions.

A key part of this success continues to be the involvement of our members. The club's ability to grow its opportunity for sponsorship includes the enthusiasm and support of our community. Our members presence added real value to our events, giving members direct access to products, demonstrations, and expertise that align with our sport, and please do consider using products and expertise offered by those who support our club.

As the 2026 season opens, we welcome and encourage anyone with an interest in sponsorship, business promotion, or hosting a trade stall in the coming season to reach out.





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## Sponsorship

**2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW  
OPEN!**

WE'RE EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH LOCAL  
BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS  
FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
SHOWCASE YOUR BRAND WHILE HELPING US  
GROW, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

**[email secretary@gcec.org.au](mailto:secretary@gcec.org.au)**

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Dressage series in March!**

