

**ARCA Dressage Challenge**  
**Proudly presented by Gnangara Adult Equestrian**  
**Club.**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
State Equestrian Centre (Grass and C-quest arenas)

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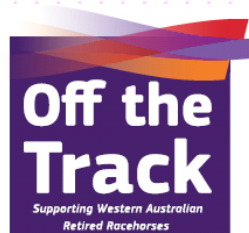
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## Penrose Park Garlands

The Annual ARCA Dressage Challenge is a fabulous dressage filled day, open to all ARCA club members. This year it will be held at the State Equestrian Centre, and is hosted by Gngangara Adult Equestrian Club. Riders can participate in up to 4 classes - two individual tests, a pas de deux (pairs to music) and club quadrille (4 or above). GAEC aims to provide a relaxed, supportive day, with something to suit all levels. We hope to see you there!

**Prizes & Ribbons:** Ribbons will be given up to 6<sup>th</sup> place for all classes. There will also be some prizes on offer from our Sponsors.

**OTT TB/ SB:** Horses eligible for Off the Track Awards INCLUDE untried & unraced horses. If race name is unknown, brands must be supplied

**Available Food/ Drinks:** Blue Cow Café and Hey Pesto food trucks will be onsite from 8am

**Photographers:** Jessie Lloyd and Sonny's Snaps will be snapping away

### ARCA Trophies:

**Individual Trophy:** To qualify for this trophy you must complete a standard test and an individual freestyle of the same level. This year's individual trophy is also sponsored by Penrose Park Garlands

- Participation in Pas De Deux and Quadrille do not count as a freestyle towards the individual trophy, riders can enter these events in addition to their two other tests).
- Riders that choose to do two standard tests are NOT eligible for the individual trophy but they still accumulate points from both tests towards their club's total points for the Highpoint and Handicap trophies.

**Highpoint Trophy:** This trophy goes to the club with the highest number of total points, accumulated by all riders in the club.

**Handicap Trophy:** This trophy is calculated on the club's total points divided by the number of riders they had competing on the day.

### Wendy Aslett Perpetual Trophy:

There is also a new perpetual trophy for the Pas De Deux donated by Kelmscott in memory of one of their riders Wendy Aslett.

This will be awarded to the pair of riders that win the Pas De Deux freestyle.

### Helper Jobs

Helper jobs are allocated to each club entering ARCA challenge. A

An email of times will be sent to your club prior to the competition. It is your club's responsibility to organise your members to fill these timeslots, ensuring they do not clash with draw times. GAEC cannot guarantee that spots will not align with some rider times, so you may wish to request none riding members come along and fill the helper duties!

If each job is not completed by your club as allocated, the club will forfeit points towards Highpoint and Handicap trophies and the club will not be eligible for any prizes.

### **Sponsorship Support**

Win a prize? Please support these local businesses with a letter or email of thanks. Their support is greatly appreciated and should be recognised. A photo with your winnings would be wonderful as well. Thank you.

### **Tests**

The following Tests will be run on the day:	
Prep E	Prep Freestyle
Prelim 1.2	Prelim Freestyle
Novice 2.2	Novice Freestyle
Elementary 3.2	Elementary Freestyle
Medium 4.2	Medium Freestyle
Pas De Deux	Quadrille

**A MAXIMUM of 2 Individual tests may be ridden per day on the same horse. Riders may then also participate in a Quadrille and Pas De Deux**  
**If you wish to ride two standard tests (and no individual freestyle) they must be at consecutive levels, e.g. 1 x Prep and 1 x Prelim**

Entry is via Nominate; <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx>

### **Collection of Tests**

All tests will be available for collection during the Trophy and Prize Presentations. It can be posted if you supply a self-addressed envelope with a stamp.

### **Plaiting**

Plaiting is preferred but not compulsory for individual tests.

### **Attire**

Your club uniform is essential attire for individual tests. Costumes are encouraged for your Freestyle, Pas De Deux and Quadrille!

### **Freestyle Music**

Your music will need to be submitted to the clubhouse prior to the beginning of the freestyles on the morning. Please ensure you label your **USB** stick with name/ horse and test, so we can allocate the correct music!

### **Callers**

Callers are permitted for Individual tests only, ensure that only the printed text, or extracts thereof, is read out.

### **Equipment and Gear-check Requirements**

All equipment must be in good condition and pass a gear check, prior to commencement of the test. It is your responsibility to ensure you see the gear checker.

- Riders must wear an approved safety standards helmet at all times when riding
- Back protectors are permitted to be worn
- Saddles; Dressage / AP or a western style is permitted for challenge.
- Bridles; Snaffle bridle up to and including Elementary. Optional double at medium. Bitless bridles not accepted
- Neck straps/ monkey straps/ breastplates are permitted at all levels.
- Boots/ Bandages; used for warmup, but must be removed for individual dressage tests (unless as part of costume for freestyle/ pas de deux/ quadrille).
- Ear hoods are permissible, but ear plugs are not (you may be asked to remove the ear hood at end of test, by the gearchecker).

**We are running to EA National Dressage Rules, unless otherwise specified.**

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>. If you have a question regarding equipment, please contact the organising equipment prior to the event.

### **Officials, Ground Staff and Volunteers**

These people are essential in the running of our competitions and events. Please treat them with respect. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Verbal or physical bullying behaviour will be reported to the ARCA Committee and disciplinary action will be taken where appropriate.

### **Lunging**

No lunging on the general grounds/ in the warm up area. There are two round yards available to lunge.

### **Stables**

Stables are to be booked directly with State Equestrian Centre. SEC allows for tie up of horses, or yards to be setup off floats

### **Scratch from Event**

Once the event entries have closed, a refund of 50% of the entry fee, will only be processed with presentation of vet or medical certificate.

**Duty of Care / Statement of liability**

*It is the responsibility of the rider to promptly report unsafe or hazardous situations to the Event Organiser or attending steward.*

*GAEC does NOT accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, and spectators or any other person or property whatsoever.*