

Dear members,

With 2018 well underway, and (scarily) 2019 looming! the Northern Zone committee, with your assistance, would like to undertake a review of our grounds' usage so we can begin to plan ahead for next season.

Your input is valued and decisions need to be inclusive and acceptable for everyone.

The hire agreement for the Thirlstane Grounds from the North West Zone expires on 4th October 2018. Initial competitions have been successful with good attendances and positive feedback.

The committee has not received feedback on alternative northern grounds from members and is therefore considering renewing the agreement for ongoing use of the Thirlstane Grounds.

The committee takes membership access and inclusion seriously and endeavours to administer and apply the safest and highest quality resources and competition environment possible. It also values greatly members' wellbeing, situations and constructive ideas on improving and refining the way we operate.

Working together we can make it possible for everyone to participate at a level and space which is both enjoyable for those who just like to be involved in dressage and also offers opportunities for advancement to qualifiers and higher levels of competition. Individual needs vary and the committee recognises that it needs to cater for everyone's needs.

Options have been discussed by the committee as possible decision making points for the future, including the possibility of holding affiliated competitions at suitable grounds in the northern region, if required resources were sourced and if organisational values were maintained.

With that in mind, the committee proposes that the Northern and North West Zones formalise a long term agreement for use of the Thirlstane Grounds as the main competition grounds for both Zones.

Please consider attending the next committee meeting at the Jailhouse Grill, Wellington Street, Launceston at 6.30pm on Tuesday 3 April, 2018 – when opportunities for further discussion will be open to all attendees. Please treat it as a genuine and consultative opportunity.

Please consider the information above and provide your thoughts and ideas to dressagenorth@gmail.com by **30 March 2018**. Your ideas and reasons for them are vital for the success of the Zone. All responses will be respectfully considered by the committee to progress dressage for members and prospective participants into the future.

Kind Regards,

Dressage Tasmania Northern Zone Committee