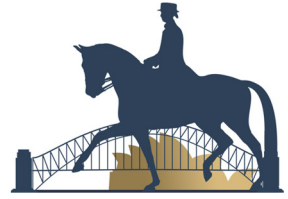


THE SYDNEY CDI

Australia's Premier Dressage Event

27 - 29 April 2017 Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park



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The ones to watch at the Sydney CDI

In 10 days' time the 2017 Sydney CDI will be underway and any number of combinations are aiming for the Champion title in Australia's oldest and most prestigious CDI.

In the *Jilli Cobcroft* Prix St Georges CDI and the *Wades Equine Coaches* Intermediate I several horses have regularly scored over 70% coming into the competition and the spotlight will be on the leading contenders: **Daniella Dierks** on Solo Feliz, **Matthew Dowsley** on AEA Prestige and **Sharon Potter**, making her CDI debut at this level on Bradgate Park Delilah.

Gordon Pratt on Bloomers Simply the Best and **Tor van den Berge** on Arnage Wasabi are strongly fancied to take out the *Mustad Saddleworld* CDN Prix St Georges, but they are not the only ones with their eyes on the prize - the favourites will need to have everything right for them on the day.

Rio Olympian **Sue Hearn** on Remmington is wanting to make it two in a row with the Grand Prix title she won last year in the *NSW Sport and Recreation* CDI Grand Prix. **Judy Dierks** on Diamond Star, **Matthew Dowsley** on Adloo Richard, **Deon Stokes** on Royal Oak II and **Lesley-Anne Taylor** on Amicelli Gold have all had the 2017 Sydney CDI in their sights since last year and their horses are stronger and have gained more experience in the last 12 months. Last year's CDI Grand Prix Freestyle winner, **Mary Warren**, riding Mindarah Park Raphael faces strong competition in the *Mulawa Performance* Under-25 Big Tour, not the least from **Katharine Farrell** on Luxor 118.

Whilst two Queensland combinations, **Jemma Heran** on Go Dutch II and **Rosanna Relton** on Four Winds Bombadier are ranked the highly in the *Agnes Banks Equine Clinic* CDI-Y competitions, **Charlotte Waterman** on Northern Xanthus II has the highest individual qualifying score of all those entered in this group and she will be looking to continue on a winning path.

Amy Bachman from Victoria riding Heritage Park Chartreuse tops the rankings coming into the *Willinga Park* FEI Pony competitions but close behind is **Romany Sanna** on Black Charming WE and **Jessica Hivan** on Garraboo Scoobie Doo.

The *Prydes EasiFeeds*, *Widderstein Stables* & *CSG* Young Horse Championships always spring surprises with so many high-ranking combinations across all age groups. All the Champions from the recent *PSI Dressage Jumping with the Stars* have entered and the pressure will be well and truly on their riders to qualify for the Hanoverian Horse Society of Australia's Young Horse Finals on Saturday.

The only place to be on April 27th - 29th is at the Sydney CDI. Don't miss it - reserve your seats now for the Saturday which includes Saturday from the website. **On-line bookings close on Monday, 24 April 2017.**

Tickets will be available from the entrance each day.

Admission: Adults: \$20 on Thursday and Friday, \$40 on Saturday, 16 years and under free admission on Thursday and Friday and \$25 on Saturday.

For more information, visit www.sydneycdi.com.

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