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HELGSTRAND at TURNBERRY Sydney CDLite naming rights sponsor

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Helgstrand at Turnberry is Australia's newest centre for elite equestrian breeding and sales.

It is based on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula at an elite training facility formerly known as Statene Park, home to Olympian Mary Hanna.

Stud Manager, Lyndall Kramer, explains: "Helgstrand at Turnberry is a fifty-fifty partnership between Andreas Helgstrand, Denmark, and Australian businessman, Bruce Dixon, who owns the property.

"The idea is to bring European horses to Australia for sale from Denmark or from Helgstrand, Germany. We'll also be breeding here from European mares and Helgstrand stallions and Andreas will come out every year and make a selection from the two-and-a-half-year-olds. Some might go back to be licensed as stallions or be sale horses in Europe; others will stay here.

"We'll be promoting Australian breeding in Europe, and European sale horses in this country, which will make it a bit easier for people here."

Lyndall has worked in different equine industries all over the world specialising in international dealings, and in embryo transfers. "At the Centre we presently have one embryo foal on the ground and another due in December," she said.

"So far we've brought over three important Danish mares; some ridden horses arrived at the end of January. We have to build up the infrastructure and install more stables before we bring in any more.

"Over 2023 we're hoping to have 10 to 15 more sale horses on top of what we've already imported."

Spectators at the Sydney CDLite will have the opportunity to meet Lyndall at the Centre's trade stand. "We're looking forward to answering questions and discussing with people what their specific interests are, whether it's young horses or older, proven ones."

The Centre's principal rider, 25-year-old Alicia Ryan, will partner her on the stand when she is not busy in the arena. She and another rider will be presenting a 6 and a 12-year-old from Turnberry, and she'll be competing in the CDN GP.

"I qualified on Bluefields Furstentanz a.k.a. "William', who I've been training since he was 5, he's now 13," explained Alicia, who first worked with Brett Parbery after finishing high school. "I then went to Bluefields in Bowral before attending university." She now has a degree in Science and a Masters in Podiatry.

"I work five days a week at Turnberry and part time as a podiatrist. Brett helped me in the early days when 'William' was young and now I'm being assisted by David Shoobridge. In the near future I'm hoping to have some online lessons with Andreas Helgstrand himself which would be awesome.

"I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at the Sydney CD Lite. It's going to be a great event."

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