

KING RIVER RIDERS AT STATE EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 9th & 10th of July saw King River Pony Club send six of its best eventers to the State Eventing Championships held at Gidgegannup.

To qualify for the championships horse and rider combinations must successfully complete a minimum of two events in the grade they intend to compete in at the championships.

The King River Club put together a C Grade team of Emma Panizza riding Silhouette, Rebecca Hall riding Sebastian, Kim Porter riding Monty's Cruise and Ebony Kinnane riding Scarlet.

Julia Hensel riding Fascination Street and Jasmin Watkins riding Swift Reprieve teamed with Spalding rider Katie Barndon to make a composite team in B Grade.

The C Graders rode very well and the team was sitting in 4th place after the dressage phase. All riders jumped clear round cross-country and performed strongly in the showjumping to finish in 6th place. Rebecca was placed 10th individually while Kim finished 13th, Emma 29th and Ebony 32nd out of a huge field of 55 riders.

The B Grade team were trailing after dressage but came back strongly in the jumping phases with Julia and Jasmin producing clear cross-country rounds with Katie also riding well. More solid showjumping saw the team claim 3rd position with Jasmin placing 5th, Julia 6th and Katie 9th in the individual competition.

The State Eventing Championships are a much-anticipated event and the Hills Zone ran this year superbly with a picturesque cross-country and sparkling show jumps.

King River riders are hoping to qualify for next year's championships.

The next big event for the King River riders is the State Showjumping Championships on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of July at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon.

Julia, Jasmin and Kim will be competing with several other riders from the King River Club, representing the Great Southern Zone.

Julia Hensel