



MEDIA RELEASE

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EQUESTRIAN STARS CONFIRMED FOR THREE-DAY EVENT

A record number of riders – including some of horse riding's biggest stars - have confirmed they will take part in this year's Australian International 3-Day Event from November 13 to 15, being launched **at Rymill Park in Adelaide today (Wednesday 21 October) at 2pm.**

Olympic gold medallists **Wendy Schaeffer** and **Stuart Tinney** will battle it out against some of the biggest names in the equestrian world including silver medallists **Shane Rose, Megan Jones** and **Sonja Johnson** and defending champion in the Olympic level four star class, **Christopher Burton.**

Nearly 110 riders have entered the event, up from 80 riders who competed last year.

The event - the most significant horse sport event in the Southern Hemisphere – will also play host to New Zealand's finest horse and rider combinations competing against the Aussies for the hotly contested Adelaide Trans Tasman Challenge.

Won by the Kiwis at the last event held in New Zealand in 2007, the Australians will be out to snatch the title back.

New Zealand riders already lining up to defend their title include **Kate Wood** on Easy Tiger, **Jenna Mahoney** on Santos, **Anne-Marie Styles** on As You Like It, **Heelan Tompkins** on Sugoi, **Donna Smith** on Stanage and **Clarke Johnstone** on Orient Express and Oakley Vision.

"Not only will event goers have the chance to see world-class riding, but they can also enjoy a full program of fun events including a fantastic luncheon, fashion parades, a Masterclass with Olympic Judge Martin Plewa and a flamboyant Dressage to Music display by Spaniard Blas Largo on Northern Hector on dressage day, the Grape and Gourmet Gallop featuring the best of South Australia's food and wine and an expanded Trade and Lifestyle Village," Event Director and Olympic champion Gillian Rolton says.

With the Saturday of the event coinciding with the running of the much loved Credit Union Christmas Pageant on November 14, organisers are theming the day as a "family day" encouraging families to enjoy the fabulous sights and sounds of the Pageant and then spend the afternoon relaxing in the parklands.

For the kids, there'll be plenty to see and do, including pony rides, a dedicated playground area, arts and crafts and children's entertainment.

"This is the most important event on the Southern Hemisphere's equestrian calendar combining dressage, cross country and show jumping and we're expecting a huge turnout of spectators cheering on some of the world's best riders," Ms Rolton says,

Spectacular water jumps, a challenging cross country course and tests of elegance and precision in the dressage arena are features of the Adelaide event, one of only six four-star events in the world.

For more information visit www.australian3de.com.au or www.venuetix.com.au

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	CCI****	AUS 3DE
	Rider Name	Horse Name
	Megan Jones	KIRBY PARK IRISH JESTER
	Megan Jones	KIRBY PARK ALLOFASUDDEN
	Adam Benson	Enthusiast
	Adam Benson	ENTHUSIAST
	Tallara Barwick	CHIEF JUSTICE
NZ	Clarke Johnstone	ORIENT EXPRESS NZNZNZ
NZ	Donna Smith	STANAGE
	Chris Burton	HOLSTEIN PARK LEILANI
	Deon Stokes	RED BULL
	Kerrie Bowman	FOXHILL APHRODITE
NZ	Blair Richardson	SPEND UP
	Natalie Davies	CHATSWOOD SHARP MOVE
	Wendy Schaeffer	KOYUNA SUN MAGIC
	Wendy Schaeffer	KOYUNA SUN DANCER
	Wendy Schaeffer	KOYUNA SUN SHINE
	Wendy Schaeffer	KOYUNA SUN STORM
	Sonja Johnson	RINGWOULD JAGUAR
	Sonja Johnson	PARKIARRUP ILLICIT LIAISON
	Deon Stokes	LE DIRECTEUR
NZ	Heelan Tompkins	SUGOI
	Craig Barrett	SANDHILLS DARCY
	Amanda Howell	KOYUNA TORA BORA
	Wendy Platts	FOR PLEASURE
	Marcia Williamson	KALASON
	Kevin Mcnab	GAME PLAY
NZ	Kate Wood	EASY TIGER
	Dominic Jones	CONNOR SHEA
	Luke Jones	SOUL
	Luke Jones	SOUL
	Stuart Tinney	ARI DE GWAIHIR
	Stuart Tinney	VETTORI
	Stuart Tinney	PANAMERA
NZ	Jenna Mahoney	SANTOS
NZ	Anne-Marie Styles	AS YOU LIKE IT
	Jessica Mitchell	AEC STORMAN
	Shane Rose	ALL LUCK
	Emma Mason	F1 PHARINELLI
	Emily Anker	KENISKI
	Wilhelm Enzinger	ESB IRISH ENDEAVOUR

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	Rider Name	Horse Name
	Tegan Lush	TEMPUS FUGIT
	Lesley Stackhouse	LOST TREASURE
	Shay Smith	HITMONCHAN
	Elizabeth Moore	SEBASTIAN BACH
	Katja Weimann	PLUTO MIO
	Katja Weimann	TOMAHAWK TOM
	Natalie Blundell	ALGEBRA
	Jayne Hanson	BROOKFIELD SABRE
	Edith Kane	ESB IRISH JUSTICE
	Chris Burton	JAYBEE CALYPSO
	Augusta Clarke	DECLAN
	Tarryn Proctor	NEWSMAN
	Samuel Fasher	TAYLOR'S SUMMIT
	Sophie Warren	LET'S IMPRESS
	Keira Byrnes	FOX HILL
	Diane Gilder	FOREAL
	Helen Goddard	KILBURI MAMBO
	Paula Caplehorn	BML DIPLOMAT
	Tim Boland	MERCATOR DU RY
	John Thomson	LIBERTY MAC
	Cassie Lowe	BENTLEIGH GAMBLER
	Craig Barrett	WENDELA JAMIE
	Craig Barrett	SANDHILLS BRILLIAIRE
	Hamish Cargill	POWDERHOUND
	Hamish Cargill	STEAMBOAT
	Emma Scott	JENBERN MONYANA
	Kevin Mcnab	KINNORDY GALERA
	Rebekah Foster	CARISBROOKE COOL BANANAS
	Luke Jones	CHARLATAN
	Rachael Lee	HUNTER HILL
	Christine Bates	MAKING NEWS
	Shane Rose	KOKO BLACK
	Christine Bates	CHURCH HILL
	Niki Chapman	MILFORD MONARCH
	Lara Pizimolas	CLASSIC ECLIPSE

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	Rider Name	Horse Name
	Isabel Oloughlin	SADDLE UP VALENTINE
	Megan Jones	WESTBURY PARK IRISH GROVE
	Fiona Russell	OLIVEGROVE CHESTERFIELD
	Simon Tainsh	MIGHTY WILLIAM
	Lucinda Lambert	LETHAL CONTENDER
	Andrew Heseltine	WARREGO WINCHESTER
	Andrew Heseltine	SUNBURY LODGE PANDORA
	Cooper Oborn	SPLURGE
	Joseph Waldron	SPRINGVALE ALL BLACK
	Joseph Waldron	CHOCOLATE FROG
	Holli Coates	FOX HUNT
	Felicity Braithwaite	ALLEGRO CON FUOCO
	Ryan Fletcher	KIRBY PARK IRISH JOKER
	Amanda Habjan	ELLESMERE STORM
	Eleanor Osborne	MIGHTY HIGH
	Mark Slater	ASTRO
	Sarah Clark	RED SUN RISING
	John Thomson	CAPTAIN NEMO
	Laura Wallace	KIRBY PARK FEDWELL
	Georgina Birrell	PENTONVILLE GROVE
	Charley Freeman-finn	ODYSSEY TWIST
	Karen Perry	BV RED DEVIL
	Nicole Falkiner	BEECHWOOD WARLORD
	Fiona Guthrie	CROCKADOO
	Crystal Conning	MARCUS AURELIUS
	Catherine Davies	ELLESMERE CAILIN
	Karen Perry	BV RED DEVIL
	Alexandra Townsend	PARODIE
	Alexandra Townsend	SYRACUSE
	Carrie Mcinnes	CATHEDRAL END
	Harvey Besley	VALEN STAR
	Claudia Graham	PARK STREET VISION
	Kathryn Jones	MURRABONG KINGANUI
	Kirsty Withers	EXMOOR TRUFFLES
	Brett Davey	GOOLCOOLA MONTAGE
	Shane Rose	STATFORD NOVALIS
NZ	Leslie Stackhouse	LOST TREASURE