

Dear Rider,

Please take the time to read the email below from Shane Rose and reply to a short survey, ASAP, it will take 1 minute, by clicking on this link:

<http://www.eventingswregistrations.com/sydney3dedate.htm>

Sydney 3DE date. As president of EvNSW I believe for the 3DE to prosper it needs to move to November, 2 weeks before Adelaide 3DE. Why? There are not enough people entering the event to make it financially viable, nor to create the atmosphere this event and venue deserves.

There are 2 parts to our eventing calendar in NSW. End of January to June, then July to end of November. With Sydney 3DE falling in the middle of the second part of our year it doesn't allow horses that went to Werribee 3DE to get enough runs in to upgrade in time to then back up for Sydney. If we move the 3DE, we would be able to give all NSW riders the chance to do two 3DE's a year at the end of each part of our calendar. It would allow all the horses going to Werribee enough time to upgrade and qualify for Sydney, and all riders at every level (Preliminary – 3 star) the chance to do a 3DE at the end of the year without travelling interstate.

This would give good numbers to the 3 major 3DE's in the country allowing the other two 3DE's to fill in the gaps. QLD's in , and Lakes and Craters could move or stay where they are as they get big numbers from their lower levels anyway. Only small numbers of people travel from Victoria for Sydney 3DE and likewise for Lakes and Craters.

We also need to think of the 3DE calendar from a national perspective and not just a state based calendar. I believe this would allow the major states to have a 3DE that best suits each state. Victoria's in June as a standalone major 3DE, NSW in November and running classes that assist Adelaide and not clash. The horses that travel to Adelaide do so because they want to be a part of it and will still do so. I don't think anyone wanting to go 4 star will choose to go 3 star in Sydney instead, but will allow horses that haven't qualified for Adelaide to do a 3 star without having to travel to the 32 hours return Adelaide then travelling the 26 hours return to Camperdown from Sydney.

Advantages-

Stable date at end of year.

Allow more horses to qualify for event.

All riders can finish the year with a 3DE in NSW.

Riders can have a final hit out with their Adelaide horses and not leave them behind.

Disadvantages-

Can be hot in early November - so can August but in November horses are more acclimatised.

Clashes with other 3DE's- we would run classes that wouldn't clash with Adelaide and only small numbers of NSW horses make the long trip down to Lakes and Craters.

Proposed classes-

4 star combined training or similar warm up for Adelaide

3 star CCI

2 star CNC championship or similar

1 star CCI

PN CCN

Prelim CCN

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