



STATE GOVERNMENT COVID CIRCUIT BREAKER LOCKDOWN FORCES CANCELLATION OF 2021 EVENT

On March 23, 2020, we made the early call to cancel the 2020 Furphy Media Melbourne International 3 Day Event due to the State of Emergency and the COVID-19 lockdown. We promised to come back bigger and better in 2021.

Throughout the remainder of 2020 and during 2021, with Sue McKay and the team, we have worked enthusiastically to deliver on that promise. With the generous support and encouragement of our Sponsors we planned big. A brand new arena hosting the Dressage and Show jumping was to be surrounded on three sides by trading and hospitality marquees. On Cross Country Day the horses would appear on the horizon, jump down the hill through the arena complex and off to the water. Half of those marquees are currently in position.

We were looking forward to watching large numbers in the 4* and 3*, many from Interstate and some of our Kiwi friends. It was interesting that our 2* numbers were down by approximately thirty. I believe this may have been a result of riders in Victoria having very few competitions in 2020 to gain the experience and qualifications needed to run CCI2*L.

Thank you to the amazing team that have worked so hard to get it to this stage...you know who you are! Thank you to the Officials, Volunteers and crew who were ready and willing to roll out the event next week, support integral to the success of this iconic event.

Our digital program will be released next week and published on our website. Please take the time to look at the program and read about the Sponsors and Traders who were eager to greet you at this year's Event! Hopefully they'll be back next year, and you can meet them in person!

We are resilient so we will see you in 2022...bigger and better.

Janet Houghton
Event Director

