

**April 2-3, 2017**  
**Equitation Science**  
**Dressage and Jumping Clinic**  
**with**  
**Manuela McLean** *NCAS Level 2*  
*(Dressage Specialist), BSc (biology), Dip Ed*



After a very successful clinic at Topline in 2016, Topline is very excited to have an opportunity to once again host Manuela McLean from the Australian Equine Behaviour Center. A national coach of dressage, Manuela's focus is on teaching riders how to train and maintain the basics in their horses, creating a true foundation for higher level dressage. By creating obedience of the responses riders develop the correct biomechanics in their horses and are then able to train the higher movements. Her riders develop confidence in their abilities and gain an in depth knowledge of the development of a horse's education. She also likes to teach jumping.

With pupils of all ages, levels and experience, Manuela is known for her patience, encouragement and persistence in her pursuit of excellence at all stages of training. Her teaching style is hallmarked by her passion and excitement at even the smallest of successes. In great demand as a teacher, Manuela has great talents, both for educating effectively and having an acute eye for identifying what is right and wrong with both horse and rider. She keeps up to date with the latest scientific knowledge from conferences such as ISES and the Global Dressage Forum and imparts that knowledge to her pupils in lessons. Her particular interest is in the biomechanics of the horse and rider and how posture and the seat influence the delivery of the aids and their influence on the horse. Mary Wanless has been influential in this.

Manuela co-developed the AEBC training system and in 2002 most recently Andrew and Manuela released 'Academic Horse Training', a true masterpiece in equine literature, along with a series of three complimenting DVDs.

Manuela McLean has ridden and competed at FEI level in dressage and advanced Three Day Eventing. Based at the AEBC in Victoria, Australia she teaches regularly at the AEBC and is the principal coach of dressage in all clinics. Manuela is an international instructor travelling for clinics throughout Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Canada. She has also taught along with Andrew in Denmark and Finland. Her students have been successful at all FEI, EFA, HRCAV and Pony Club levels and she has helped many riders to realize their full potential.

One of Manuela's most recent achievements is coaching and training Joann Formosa and her stallion, Worldwide PB to gold medal success at the London 2012 Paralympics. In just 6 months Manuela trained Worldwide PB to be a competitive Paralympic mount, to be responsive to verbal and postural cues and to the lightest of aids. Joann's disabilities make it that she is only able to ride with the lightest of pressures; she had to learn how to train and maintain those cues and the specific pressures used for motivation.