

Riders ready for Show equestrian events

IT is showtime for Wairoa Pony Club members with the first of the equestrian events at Wairoa A&P Show starting tomorrow.

The equestrian area will be transformed with an instant village of horsetrucks assembled and riders busy grooming their ponies and horses for competition.

Dressage dominates the first day, and last Wednesday Wairoa riders were practising their routines for the disciplined event. Some riders prepared for intermediate level events

while others will compete in their first dressage competition.

The club's twilight rally also prepared riders for a range of other classes including pleasure, working hunter, show hunter and show jumping. After a warm-up, ponies and riders went through their dressage routines and number letter combinations, moving from a marching gait, to a swinging gait then cantering or mixing it up with a long walk while making it look effortless before a final bow to the judge.



□ Annabel Alexander and Martha at last week's twilight rally.



□ Georgia Tizard (above) and a willing Rex prepare for show competition this week.



□ A bow to the judge from Maisey Alexander and Dunstan last Wednesday.

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