



Australian Continental Equestrian Group

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The ACE Assessment Tour 2012

For the 1st time we are fortunate to present the 2012 ACE Assessor - Antonius (Tönne) Böckmann. Tönne himself competed from Advanced, A Grade up to 3 Star Level in Eventing. After his agriculture studies he took on the family stallion stud. Many famous stallions like Landadel, De Niro and Fidertanz had their home at the Böckmann Stud. We are very happy to offer again someone with over 40 years in equestrian performance breeding and competition.

This years' tour will start around mid February for 4 weeks - the tour itinerary will be finalized by the 10th of January. See our website for current updates.

Areas and studs we generally visit are as follows: **QLD:** Gympie, Sunshine Coast, Paradise Stud, Belcam Stud, Toowoomba and Warwick area. **NSW:** Palmers Channel, Coffs Harbour Area, Hunter Valley Area, Revelwood, Wilberforce Area, Southern Highlands and Berry area, ACT area. **VIC:** Wondonga Area, Kenlock Stud, Tulara Warmbloods, Coldstream Park, Bloomfield Farm-Gippsland area, Heathmont Dressage - Mornington Peninsula, North/West Victoria, Cloverfern Stud. **SA:** Lewiston, Adelaide Hills and Winmallee **WA:** Narbethong Equestrian Park, Carlar Park Equestrian - Perth area, Bluefield Stud - North of Perth, Kendhall Park - Burekup Area, Yalambi - Margaret River area. **Tasmania** and **New Zealand** will be confirmed upon adequate numbers.

ACE Assessment Notes for 2012

Registration forms

- New registrations: Please supply the fully completed [Application Form](#) including the Service Certificate on the assessment day.
- For horses which are only being assessed (already registered) please supply a copy of their ACE or other registrations.

Presentation requirements

- Horse handlers to be dressed neatly with suitable footwear.
- Riders are required to wear neat riding clothes, safety footwear & helmet.
- Horses to be presented in a neat and tidy manner. Manes to be pulled or trimmed short, plaits are **not essential**. Unbroken horses and mares can be presented in a halter (ensure that halter and lead are in good condition, for safety and presentation). Geldings and mares can be presented in bridles, or halters. Stallions must be presented in a bridle. Feet can be oiled, but not blacked. No boots or bandages for Conformation & Movement assessments. Boots/Bandages can be used for Ridden and Jumping assessments.

Assessment Procedure

- **Conformation & Movement:** Before judging begins, you will be asked to stand the horse for recording of the markings.
- You will then be asked to stand the horse for assessment of Conformation. Preferably an even surface approximately 5m from the Assessor. The Assessor will move around your horse whilst making his assessment.
- You will then be asked to walk away from the Assessor in a straight line, continue walking until you are asked to return – ensuring that you walk straight towards the assessor on your return, before continuing to walk on the triangle
- To judge the horse's in-hand movement, you will be asked to trot the horse on the triangle. Trotting the horse away from the Assessor on a clockwise triangle.
(Approx 20m across the back length of the triangle.)
Please note foals and yearlings will be shown in liberty only.
- Afterwards you will be asked to turn the horse free to assess it's free movement.
- **Ridden Assessment:** Ridden in with a normal snaffle. You will be given time to warm your horse up and will be advised before assessment begins. The Assessor will give you instructions regarding what movements he wishes to see from your horse. The horse is expected to perform at a level relevant to its age and experience.
- **Jumping Assessment:** This can be done in a free jumping lane or under saddle. Free jumping; preferably have the lane set up as a Cross Rail, one stride to a Vertical and one or two strides to an Oxer – depending on area and equipment available. When ridden, we expect to see the horse over both a Vertical and an Oxer. If you have further queries about these requirements, please contact our office.
- **Awards:** "Silver" Plaques will be presented to premium scores of 78% -79.99% and "Golden" Plaques to elite scores of 80% and above. The Assessment Sheet will be handed out straight away, unless the account is not settled. Overall prizes given after the tour including ACE products and Vouchers.
- **Branding and/or DNA testing:** Any Branding or DNA testing will be done after the presentation. Please note due to various regulations no Micro-chipping will be offered. *Please supply a Gas Bottle (BBQ) and a spanner if you wish to have your horse branded.*



Please feel free to speak with the Assessor about your horse's results when you have received the Assessment Sheet – all assessments will be published. He will be happy to elaborate on comments made and scores given.