

MARCH 2016

SENDING RAINBOWS

A TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA INGLIS

Ride for Olivia

Dear valued clients and friends,

It is too difficult for me to write about our beloved horses this month.

The tragic death of our dear young friend Olivia Inglis, has taken its toll on all our senses. I would like to dedicate this month to Olivia. I'm sure you would have seen Olivia from time to time in the newsletter, jumping Ross Daisley's ex racehorse, Togah, to victory. Sadly, Togah also lost his life after their horrific fall in a Scone cross country event, on the sixth of March. Togah had been a true friend and companion to Olivia for the past five years. Olivia had nurtured him back to health and over soundness problems on many occasions, with the conviction of a Saint. He had never let Olivia down. Just one-foot wrong cost their lives, we can only be consoled with the belief that this was their fate. I along with all others who knew Olivia, would describe her as the perfect young lady. Compassionate, caring and always ready to help other's - a true friend.

At Olivia's funeral, her close friend, Sophia, said and I quote, 'you know you have a genuine friend when they are prepared to suck the sour part off the sweet and sour lolly and hand you the sweet part. Olivia used to do that for me.' Many humorous memories like this, lightened our heavy hearts at the funeral and after at Newmarket, where an amazing tribute to Olivia was set up. It gave friends and family time to talk and give thanks for having shared special times with Olivia. A genuine Angel.

Over thirty-three million equestrians worldwide, shared a photo on Facebook of themselves with their horse, under the banner, 'Ride for Olivia.' This, I know, has helped Arthur, Charlotte, Antoinette and Alexandra, tremendously. The love and support from so many souls, can only be uplifting and give us faith in humanity. When world chaos hits the headlines, it gives strength to know the majority of us are good and caring people.

We first met Olivia when she was a happy toddler, and I'd like to share our journey together with some special photos. And also a poem I wrote, knowing Olivia loved sweets and it would make the people who knew and loved her smile.

Rest in peace our darling Olivia.

A photograph of a rider in equestrian attire, including a helmet and a vest with stars, riding a brown horse. The horse is captured in mid-air, performing a jump over a fence. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds.

11th December 1998- 6th March 2016

OLIVIA'S EQUESTRIAN HEAVEN

Dedicated to Olivia Inglis

Do you think we only have the Olympics' here on earth?

Well let me tell you, in heaven, clouds are the turf.

The jumps are made of liquorice sticks.

So if you fall you can take a pick.

Olivia has lined up in the 2016 cross country course

Ready to win on Togah - her trusty horse.

Oh! And there they go, over the first what a burst!

The power of their wings is beyond belief

I look to see they've impressed the chief

The next is over the water jump

Or a lemonade, pump if the truth be known.

Yes, over that they've flown!

Onto the four-foot log, made from chocolate frogs.

They are going great guns.

Oops, don't get stuck in the puddle of gums.

No, they're free and riding fast over the pancake stack.

There's no holding them back!

And now the barrel of snakes, lolly ones of course!

It seems they're relishing this jumping course!

Around the rainbow bend they ride.

Taking all in their stride.

With a huge smile on her face,

Olivia takes the next sugarplum jump with grace.

They keep up a cracking pace!

Olivia sees the gold medal plain and clear.

Her family and friends are there to cheer.

One last jump to take, it's her favourite, a chocolate cake!

Yes, they've cleared it with not a smudge of cream to be seen.

Olivia now stands on the marshmallow podium, Togah in hand.

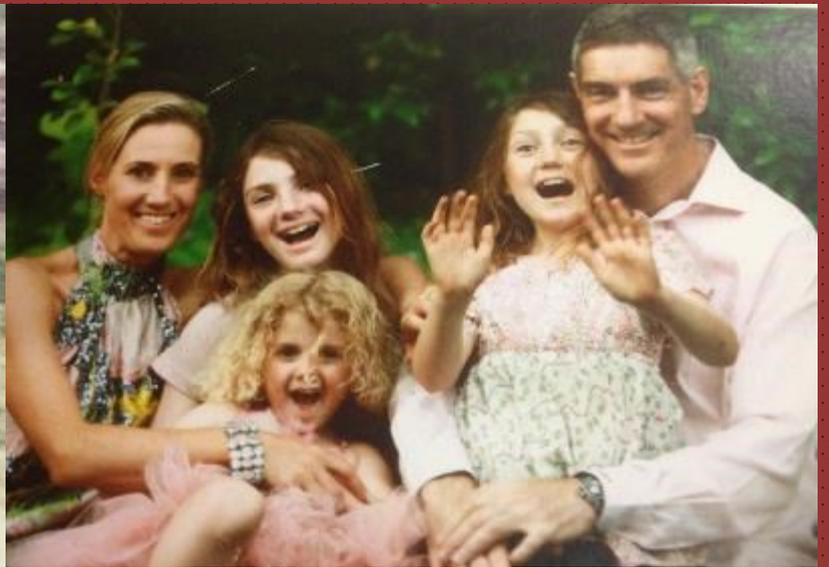
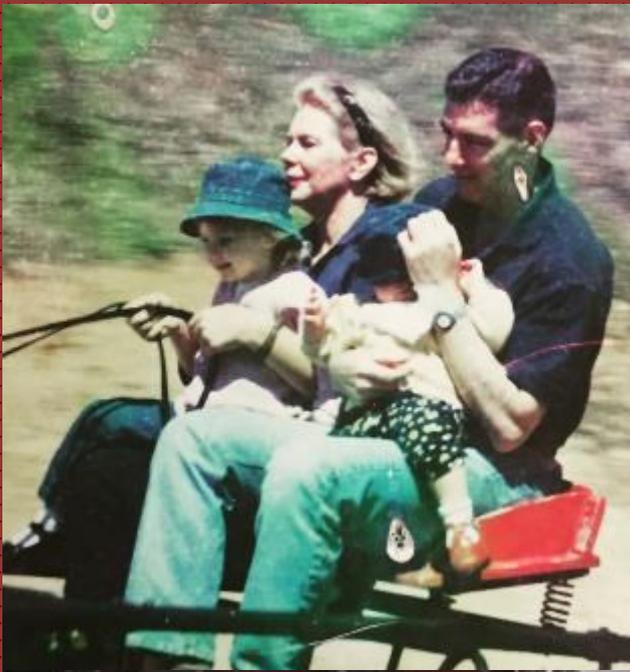
Where they're presented with a bag of gold dust.

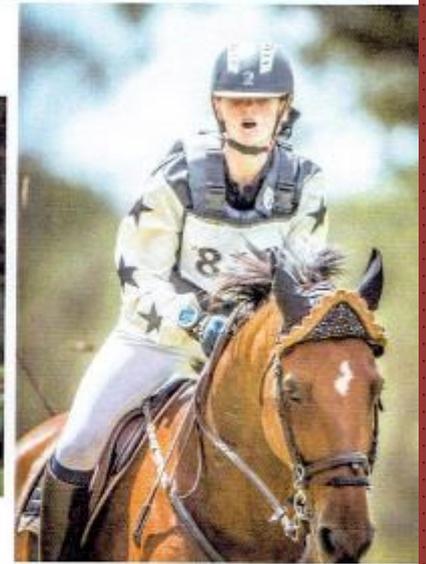
Which she sprinkles down on us.

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We know you will keep winning in heaven, our dearest Olivia.

Your friend forever,
Dor Slinkard.





Olivia Inglis Eventing Scholarship

A scholarship for young Eventing riders has been established in memory of Olivia Inglis.

The Olivia Inglis Eventing Scholarship will provide emerging riders with funding to support their training and competition, with full details to be released soon.

The Scone Horse Trials Organising Committee initiated the fundraising by donating the remainder of prizemoney from 2016 March event for the memorial fund scholarship.

Blair Richardson, President of Scone Horse Trials said: "We are delighted that Equestrian NSW in conjunction with the Australian Sports Foundation will administer this fund.

The scholarship will be awarded at the Equestrian NSW Annual Awards held in March each year, to help young riders in the sport of Eventing. These riders can use the funding to obtain extra lessons, or schooling, to help them in their career over the coming years."

Blair said; " It is our sincere hope the fund will achieve four purposes: – Honour an incredible and all too short life, help ease the pain we are all feeling, ensure something good comes from this tragedy, and produce a new generation of Australian Olympians."



Scholarship Details

Equestrian New South Wales has set-up the fund through the Australian Sports Foundation so that donations which are made are tax deductible.



To make a tax deductible donation to the Scholarship fund please go to

<https://asf.org.au/project/olivia-inglis-eventing-scholarship>

Click on Make a Tax Deductible donation and follow the prompts. If you have any problems please contact the Equestrian NSW office on (02) 9620 2660



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