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Coach Profile:

Robert Harrisson Schmerglatt

Join us for an exclusive dressage training and coaching weekend with the renowned Robert Harrisson Schmerglatt of RHS Dressage. Whether you're beginning your dressage journey or looking to refine your skills, this clinic offers a unique opportunity to learn from one of the best in the field.



I grew up in quite the horsey family, with my father being a successful Professional ShowJump rider in Germany, and my mother a successful Dressage rider based on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. My sister who is also based together with my mother, is also training young dressage horses as her profession.

I started out with the plans of being a ShowJump rider when I was a teenager, but then got hooked to Dressage because I found it so much harder and therefore much more challenging. Nothing beats the feeling a horse can give you when letting go and swinging through the body carrying itself.

At the age of 17 I decided to move to Germany to follow my aspirations of hopefully becoming a better dressage trainer/rider. I have always been a very hungry, curious and analytical person by nature seeing everything as an opportunity to learn from.

In Germany I was very lucky to be employed for many years with two very renowned trainers in Hans Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen, and Holga Finken. I then started my own Dressage Horse training business at the latter parts of 2008. After going out on my own, I was very lucky to have the chance to train with coaches like Hubertus Schmidt, Isabel Werth, Wolfram Wittig and several more. But I really found "my" coach when I started riding with Jonny Hilberath whom I then stayed with for many years up until I moved back to Australia in 2018. I still talk with Jonny frequently as he is a bit of a father figure in my life and when in Germany I visit him as often as I can.

One of my biggest achievements so far would have been when I was awarded the "Golden Rider Badge" in Germany for my Grand Prix successes together with some of the horses I had the privilege of training.

I am now based in Galston close to Sydney, running together with my partner Victoria Luxford a small boutique-like Dressage Horse training business. I also fly frequently to Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia on coaching trips. I have a passion for coaching and simply just love horses.



“Every new day is a chance to do everything better. Never give up.”

I feel very honoured and privileged to have been invited to conduct a clinic at Blayney. I look forward to meeting and helping all riders and horses no matter what level they are at. My goal is to help people learn from my mistakes, wrong doings, and all the experiences I have had so far when training horses or riders with their horses. When asked if I have a philosophy, I would probably say that my goal is to find a way to make everything as harmonious, elegant and athletic as possible.

I focus mainly on fundamental things like the training scale and working to always improve the understanding between horse and rider.