

Congratulations to our Trans-Tasman team to represent New Zealand vs Australia in the inaugural Reining teams event.

**Our Team:**

Adrienne Hodgson (open)  
Catherine Ladd (open)  
Rachel Humphries (Non Pro)  
Sonja Garrity (non Pro)

We would like to wish these riders all the best and would very much like the membership to get behind and support our Team.

**Sonja Garrity**

I'm excited and proud to be a part of this great team representing NZRHA in the first Trans-Tasman reining challenge at Equidays  
Six years ago I had been an English rider, however I saw the light and took up western riding, mainly reining and I haven't looked back once!  
I laugh at my first attempts at remembering the patterns. It was a big achievement if I stayed on course, so I do hope that is well behind me now!!!  
I have also meet some great new friends within Reining, looking forward to this adventure very much

**GB Smart n Lethal (Lethal)**

**Breeding**

**Sire: Jacsmart**

**Dam: Im'a Dream Too**

Lethal is a 12 yr. old QH mare. I called her Squirt when I first got her as she is rather small and I had come off a 16.3 TB. I bought Lethal, as she had already been trained with all the buttons needed to teach me Western and how to Rein, better still she is still teaching me!! I'm having so much fun on her, I think we finally understand each other!!

**Nics Seventh Heaven (Nikita)**

**Breeding**

**Sire: Peppy from Heaven**

**Dam: Ima Dream Too**

Dave Young has very kindly offered his horse Nikita to me as my second horse. She is rising 6 years old, breed by Mark Chamberlin. She is a sweetheart of a horse, tries really hard. Been shown in Reining for a few years



**Catherine Ladd**

I have competed in Reining for approximately 25 years. I started off Reining in my Youth on my Quarter Horse, we did everything from Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Reining and Working Cowhorse. When I first got out of Youth, I trained and showed my families young working bred stallion, Senor Baron, we won the NZRHA Futurity in 2002. My family owned another well-bred Reining stallion, "Melody Jay" (AKA Whizzel) who was only a year younger so I moved on to train and show him. He was incredible, at the time I thought I knew a bit about training a Reining horse, however looking back now, I didn't know much at all! He taught me so much about Reining (even though he wasn't already trained) he had an amazing amount of natural talent and a big stop!

We achieve a lot together and were rarely beaten during our show career spanning any years. Since retiring Whizzel, I have started to take on client's horses who I train and show. My most recent is Wimpys King Whiz who I bred, we have had a great show career together, winning the 2018 & 2019

NZRHA Futurities along with many other Open Reining's during his first two seasons.

I am very excited to be a part of this first NZRHA Trans-Tasman team and represent our country and association. It is a great way to get people keen on Reining and Equidays will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our sport to the wider equestrian community. Personally I'm really looking forward to the challenge of showing another horse I haven't ridden before and having the chance to compete in an international competition

### **Wimpys King Whiz (Ninja)**

#### **Breeding**

**Sire: Topsail Wimpy**

**Dam: Royal Whiz (by Melody Jay)**

Ninja is a 5-year-old gelding, he has had an intensive 2 seasons of showing, winning both 2018 & 2019 NZRHA Futurities and many Open Reining's. He also competes in Ranch Riding, Trail and Leadline (his favourite event) and last season he won High Point Horse at the AQHA-NZ Nationals. He loves to stop (and is very good at it!) however thinks going fast, isn't so much fun! He is just the coolest horse to have around, nothing much fazes him, you can do a Reining and he will try his heart out, then stick a child on him and he is super quiet, he was like this right from a 3 year old

### **GB Wimpys Ruf Bet (Huny)**

#### **Breeding**

**Sire: Topsail Wimpy**

**Dam: Major Blackout (by Ruf Major)**

Huny is a 5-year-old Mare. Huny has just completed her first full season as a full time Reining Mare, with her novice owner. She was reserve Champion twice in NZRHA's Open Futurities over 2018/19. She has a lot of spin and so much more to give. She is lovely mare and in tune with everything, what's that old saying "Ask a Stallion, tell a gelding, negotiate with a mare"!

### **Melody Jay (Whizzel)**

#### **Breeding**

**Sire: Whizzel a Melody**

**Dam: Denny n Jay (by Freckles Jay Jay)**

Whizzel is a 19-year-old Stallion, trained and shown by Catherine Ladd. He has had numerous Open Reining wins, also AQHA & NZRHA Nationals wins & Overall High Points to his name, he is somewhat of a NZ Legend/Icon in our western industry.

Everyone would come to the arena at shows to watch him Rein. He has competed in Reining, Ranch Riding, Trail and Working Cowhorse, however since been retired for the past 4.5years! Only now been brought back into work for the NZRHA Trans-Tasman event, after not being ridden (or covered) for that whole time. He is a noisy talkative boy; however, he is just all talk. He likes to announce he has arrived, so his fans can come and watch. He is a big softy and hates getting in trouble



## Rachel Humphries

I'm am 46 years young, a wife, a mother of 3 and have 2 beautiful grandbabies.

I have my own Hairdressing business in Feilding.

As a young girl I always dreamed of having my own horse, but I grew up in the city, so my dream has only become reality when my family moved to the Manawatu and we brought a lifestyle block.

Fate lead me to Western riding and once I discovered Reining "Well" that was it for me, I'm hooked!! I'd found my niche and been Reining for approx. 8 years. I absolutely love it, live it and breathe it!

What an exciting sport, I'm incredibly proud to be part of the NZRHA NZ team competing at this Inaugural Trans-Tasman Competition. I get to represent my country doing what I love, challenge myself and most of all, I'm excited to promote and grow this amazing sport Reining

## Paddy's Irish Star (Boss)

### Breeding

**Sire: Paddy's Irish Whiskey**

**Dam: Sonitas Candy Bar (by Sonitas Rondo)**

Boss is a QH Chestnut gelding, 16 years young. He is the 2019 Overall Federation High Point Reining and Ranch

Winning 6 National titles in the 2019 season:

3 AQHA National Titles

1 NZRHA National Title

NZ Federation Overall High Point Reining and Ranch Horse

Boss has won countless titles over his career span of "The Bossman!" He continues to impress his fans with his ability to rein.

Boss loves to work and is an exciting ride

## Whistle the Blues (Lily)

### Breeding

**Sire: Topsail Wimpy**

**Dam: Delta Blue (by Sonny T Bar)**

Lily is a Grey QH Mare, she is 8-year-old, and is super nosey, so nothing can be left in the paddock. She loves the spring calves, nickers out to them & licks them through the fence...very cute. She's a lovely horse in looks and in nature

Some of her achievements:

2018 Hi point Amateur Reiner AQHA-NZ

2018 Hi point Amateur Ranch Horse AQHA

2018 AQHA Ranch Horse Youth

Multiple Open Federation Reining & Ranch Horse Wins & placings



## Adrienne Hodgson

I was introduced to Western Riding back in 2007 while riding my station bred cross Millie out at Woodhill Forest. The ladies I were riding with suggested I go to their club day at Kumeu and that was it, I was hooked. Along came my first Quarter Horse the first of many, we now bred our own pleasure and reining horses in the Waikato, Argent Farm Quarter Horse stud NZ. I have competed both here and in Australia with my Reining Stallion QXH Stylish Jazz and also in pleasure and trail with my beautiful mare Cp Rose Petals to lope on. In 2016 QXH Stylish Jazz and I where the Open Furturity Champions and the Non Pro Champions. Had a bit of a gap year because of ill health and endless treatments to deal with but with the support of friends and family I managed to win the Open Reining at the Waikato Champ show and was also the Open Champion at the NZRHA Upper North Island show.

Cats Sierra Lady (Lady). Q3635

Breeding

Sire: Sierra Negro

Dam: Cats Jozette

Lady is a 6 year old mare. She has been shown in reining and ranch riding and trail for the last couple of years by a rookie rider with great success. She is an honest mare that loves to please. She is in foal to QXH Stylish Jazz. Her mum was my first quarter Horse.

Gleneagles so Smart (Sue) Q3890

Breeding

Sire: Smart Like Smart

Dam: Gleneagles Fudge Zip

Sue is a 4 year old mare who has had a lot of training with assistance from Mick Taylor and the guidance of Glen Campin. She has a great heart and wants to please. Sue has not had a lot of showing but the training is there. Catherine's famous quote was written with Sue in mind, "ask a Stallion, tell a gelding, negotiate with a Mare".

