

### **Rachel Cannon**

Hi my name is Rachel Cannon and I am 16 years old and live in Manawatu New Zealand. I have been competing in Mounted Games for 3 years. I competed for NZ at the U17 Worlds Championships, Florida, USA, 2015. I am really looking forward to the Worlds Championship in Ireland.



### **Ikaia Blackwell**

Hi my name is Ikaia, I am 15 years of age and I come from Orere Point, Auckland, New Zealand. Around 4 years ago I was introduced to Mounted Games and have enjoyed every minute of it. In 2015, I held the NZ Under 14s Individual and Pairs Champion titles as well as being a part of the crew that earned the NZ Under 17s Pairs and Teams Reserve Champion titles. I have recently gained a new best friend, my pony Dobby, who I am looking forward to competing on next season. During my downtime I enjoy riding motocross and fishing. This will be my first world's competition and I cannot wait to be a part of it and get to know other riders from around the world.



### **Georgia Hendry**

Hi, my name is Georgia Hendry, I am 17 years old and reside on a small lifestyle block South of Christchurch in the South Island of New Zealand. I currently attend Lincoln High School as a year 12 and I work part-time at a local race stables which I really enjoy.

I have been riding horses all my life and started MGA about four years ago. MGA is fairly new to the South Island and it is a challenge to get ride time at competitions. I travel to the North Island many times a year to get training and competition experience. My games ponies are "Smudge" an opens games pony and "Moon" who is new to games, she is usually found on the cross country course. In 2015 I was in the NZ U17 WTC in Florida USA, and the reserve for Nations 2015 held in Australia. I have recently been selected for Nations South Africa in December later this year. I am excited for this competition and are looking forward to meeting you all in Millstream for WTC 2016.



### **Shayla Shaw**

Hi I'm Shayla Shaw and I am 16 years old and I live in Cambridge, New Zealand and am part of Waikato MGA. In 2015 I represented NZ in the U17 WTC in Florida, riding in the reserve competition and loved it so much and can't wait to catch up with people I met last year! I am very proud to have been chosen to represent New Zealand again in Ireland. I have been riding games for four years and have been hooked ever since the day I decided to give it a go. I enjoy anything to do with horses and like many others spend nearly every weekend traveling around the country competing during the season. Even though I do not have time to play other sports anymore I enjoy netball and especially swimming whenever I get the chance. I have been part of the Waikato team which won the regional teams in 2014, Reserve Champion NZ U14 pairs 2014, Reserve Champion NZ U17 pairs 2015, 5th NZ U17 pairs 2016 (riding with Simon from the Australian team), 3rd NZ U17 teams 2016, 6th NZ U17 individuals 2016 and 3rd NZ Pony Club Team Games Championships for Waikato 2016. I look forward to seeing and meeting everyone along with representing New Zealand in Ireland very soon!



### **Sky Notter**

Hi my name is Sky Notter, I'm 16 years old and live in Clevedon, Auckland, New Zealand. I have been competing in mounted games for about 5 years. In 2015 I held the U17 NZ teams, pairs and individual titles, this year I hold the U17 teams and pairs title and 7th in the open individuals. I competed this season on my three ponies Polly, Ace and Mac. I also have 2 novice ponies coming up who I look forward to bringing out next season. I have competed for NZ in Australia at the Nation's cup championship where we came second. I look forward to WTC as it's my first world championship, following WTC I will go on to compete at the 2016 World Pairs and Individuals.



### **Tyler Christensen**

Hi my name is Tyler Christensen, I'm 16 years old. I was born in Sydney Australia but moved to west Auckland New Zealand when I was 4 and have lived here ever since, I am currently studying at Massey high school in year 12. I have been riding since I was 7 doing all sorts of pony club events but found an interest in mounted games about 5 years ago and have put my all into it ever since. My other hobbies while I'm not on the games field are skiing in the winter and jet skiing. Significant achievements include: NZ U17's pairs champ 2015, 2016, NZ U 17's teams champ 2015, 2016. NZ U 14's pairs champ 2014. 2nd at Nations in Aus 2015 •national under 17's indis 4th 2016



### **Felicity Watson (Coach)**

I am originally from Midhurst in West Sussex, England.

I competed in mounted games representing Sussex for several seasons. I was lucky enough to win the inter-counties on three occasions and be reserve champion four times. I have represented GB and England MGA teams and been fortunate enough to be a former World Pairs and Teams champion.

I now live in Cambridge NZ with my Husband James who is a former NZ polo representative. We have two crazy little boys Henry (4) and Archie (2) and they are already being trained up in the arts of equestrianism on their Shetland Katie!

I am honoured to be coaching the NZ under 17 team and hope that we can do ourselves proud in Ireland!

