

Ashley Randle & Highlands Mr Henrysee

(Glenormiston Bartley x Rose of Pekan(TB))



It has been nothing less than an amazing year for Ashley Randle and her Connemara Sporthorse Highlands Mr Henrysee!

Henry has been a horse that Ashley has educated from a very young age and all credit to her for the spoils that she and Henry are now enjoying.

In the lead up to 2017 Ashley and Henry had been NSW Pony Club Eventing Champions in 2015, followed by Reserve Champion in 2016 when the cross-country course was actually washed away and the pair were the only combination to show jump clear! Ashley and Henry have also won the National Connemara Partbred Title and been named in the top 5 National Partbreds on another occasion. They also achieved their Gold Award in the Performance Register last year.

Henry has competed from the Connemara Pony Showcase in Werribee to the

National Pony Club Championships in Toowoomba and nearly every other venue in between. It is a testament to his temperament and trainability that he excels in almost any discipline that he is asked to tackle.

The second half of 2017 has been phenomenal for the pair. After returning from the USA in July, where Ashley was a member of the Australian High School Rodeo Team in the discipline of shooting, it was full steam ahead for preparations to compete at the Australian National Pony Club Championships held in Toowoomba in September. Ashley and Henry were selected in both the NSW Eventing Team and also the NSW Tetrathlon Team.



After a super dressage test followed by a beautiful clear show jumping round and clear cross-country phase with a few speeding fines the pair finished in 6th place at the National Championships. No mean feat considering the quality of competitors. The tetrathlon competition was a very interesting event with plenty of controversy but in true 'Connie style' it was Ashley and Henry who took out the jumping phase over all other competitors much to the delight of the crowd. It was a brilliant display of horsemanship and the complete trust between horse and rider in a course that included both show jumps and cross-country fences along with slip rails and gates!



Following on from their achievements at the National Pony Club Championships the pair returned closer to home to compete

at the Interschools Horse Extravaganza at AELEC at Tamworth. Competing in both the eventing and the show jumping competitions they finished the event 2nd in the EvA95 eventing and also placing 3rd in the Show jumping. Due to the fact that Ashley could only compete in the EvA95 level at the National Championships due to her age we decided to gear his training around this level to optimize his performance at the Nationals.

In late October Ashley and Henry stepped up a level and took on the A Grade at their local pony club leading from start to finish in what everyone remarked at the time as being a picture-perfect ride across all three phases! Completing the dressage with 78.89% the pair were then untouchable with a flawless performance in both the show jumping and cross country. Ashley and Henry also took out the trophy for the leading local rider at the event!

The very next weekend Ashley and Henry competed in the EvA105 competition at the NEGS ODE. Sitting 8th after dressage, only 2.2 penalties behind the leader, a perfect show jumping round moved the combination up the scoreboard and this was followed by a flawless cross-country round to secure the win in both the Open and Junior Divisions!

2nd place was taken out by Sarah English (none other than Isabel English's mum) riding one of Isabel's horses Grandi Andi and comment was heard that she could not believe that she had got beaten by a Connemara!

Henry is now enjoying a well-earned break while Ashley starts her Year 12 studies. 2018 plans are still up in the air with major school commitments and a couple of very serious young horses coming on, we make start Henry in a 1* in 2018 but for now, watch this space!



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