



# Naomi O'Farrell

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## **Naomi O'Farrell's Equestrian Riding, Competition and Administration experience.**

I would like to provide a broad overview of my experiences in many facets of equestrian sport; and to demonstrate an understanding of more than one discipline and my participation in various capacities within these disciplines.

### **Equestrian Riding, Competition and Training:**

- I began riding at the age of 4.
- I was given my first horse at age 12.
- Joined Pony Club at 15, until age 21, and was a qualified PC instructor.
- I met my late husband Jim in 1983 and joined the EFA in 1983.

In the past, I competed successfully in Show Horse classes at Agricultural shows. Results including - being Champion Lady rider and riding a Supreme Champion hack; showing Champion led horses (breeds being TB, A.S.H.A and W.B.) and winning other show horse classes.

With horses such as Inca Gold, Benalbyn Amadeo, Benalbyn Warrior, Rye ford Amber, Benalbyn Sensation.

In the past, I have competed successfully at Horse Trials up to Novice and Show Jumping, winning and placing with my station bred Thoroughbred - Benalbyn Warrior.

### **Dressage competition.**

- I started to concentrate on dressage after a serious riding accident in 1992, which resulted in multiple breaks in my pelvis and hip. I have competed successfully in Dressage, winning National, State and Regional Championships on several different horses. These horses including: Benalbyn Losanna, Benalbyn Airs & Graces, Rye ford Amber and recently Benalbyn Classique.
- I have won Young Horse Champion with Benalbyn Airs & Graces. I have broken in and started my own horses (including Benalbyn Classic). I have also trained several of my own horses to F.E.I level, i.e. Benalbyn Warrior, Benalbyn Losanna and Benalbyn Airs & Graces, and Rye ford Amber from Elementary to Grand Prix. On Rye ford Amber I competed at Grand Prix and competed at the Brisbane C.D.I.
- I was on and off the State Squad for approximately 15 yrs - with several different horses (i.e. Benalbyn Warrior, Rye ford Amber and Benalbyn Airs & Graces). I have been chosen to represent Australia at a C.D.N. on a borrowed horse (Renae Waldron's Off Limits).
- I have trained with many Australian and International coaches over the years, including Clemens Dierks, Edgar Lichtwark, Christopher Bartels, Uwe Spenlen, Manola Mendez, Carlos De Cleermacker, to name just a few.

- I have also attended many judges' clinics, again with Australian and International Judges. Participating as a demonstration rider and as an observer.

**Officiating;**

- I am a Qualified F.E.I steward ; acting at Equitana Brisbane and the National Young Rider Championships to name 2 events.
- I have been on (and off) the Dressage Queensland committee for nearly 20 yrs.
- I have been on C.D.I committees and State Championship committees.
- I have been Chief Steward at numerous events as well as acting as the F.E.I Swabbing Steward at several F.E.I competitions and State championships.
- Head Gear Steward is also another position I have occupied at local level as well as F.E.I and State level competitions.
- I have acted as Technical Delegate for PRARG \*\* Competition in 2010.
- I have been the Event director and Organizing Committee of the State Young Horse Championships- from 2008 till 2010.
- I have also run local club days for Park Ridge Adult Riding Group, as well as Gear Check when needed, on many occasions.



Naomi and Benalbyn Classique



Naomi presenting a trophy to Tori Welch at the DQ Awards night