

# GLENORMISTON CARRICKBEG

I would like to nominate my daughter's Connemara pony Glenormiston Carrickbeg. We purchased 'Carrick', for short, two years ago this June. He has taken Felicity from a nervous grade 5 pony clubber to a now very competitive grade 2 pony club rider.

The reason why I think he is so deserving of this award is that he is so dependable and adaptable in whatever situation he finds himself in, whether on a cross country course (his favourite) or a handy-mount he gives 110% every time.

We have parents coming up to us all the time and asking 'what is his breed?' 'We say Connemara of course'.

He has quite a reputation around our area. We hear 'oh no Carrick is in my draw.'

The joy he has brought Felicity will stay with her right throughout her life. I still find it truly amazing every morning when he sees Felicity coming to feed him his breakfast he has a spot in the corner of his yard he waits gets a kiss and together they walk to the stable.

The bond they share is remarkable.

In whatever they do I am always at ease (important for a mother).

One thing they love doing is founding up the cattle

I find it a shame that there are not more Connemara's around so kids can enjoy their versatility and honesty and experience such wonderful enjoyment that Felicity has.

The two of them are out competing most weekends and it's very rare they don't come home without a sash.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May Felicity represented West Gippsland Zone at Werribee Equestrian centre for a Two day event and they came home with a rug.

At Barastoc in February they came home with a bunch of rosettes and qualified for the Goulburn Valley ridden native show in Tatura. Carrick is also registered Australian sports pony and last year came first in eventing and third in Dressage.

Wherever Carrick goes he always has admirers from afar for his intelligent dependable nature.

Our family love him to bits and that's why we think he is worthy and deserving of such an award.

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