

## NOWEDDIE NICHOLAS

I thought the society may be interested to hear how my purebred gelding "Noweddie Nicholas" performed at last weeks Hamag EFA National Young Dressage Rider and Pony Championships.

We entered in the National Pony Preliminary and Novice Championships. This was our ever EFA competition due to EI so we had no idea of what we were facing. The trip down took 3 days from Roma, Western Queensland to Werribee, Victoria. Nick and his 12 y/o rider performed very well taking out **National Champion Preliminary and National Runner Up Champion Novice Pony**. Nick seems to be getting better with age. I'm not sure how many ponies are still so sound at 19!

I purchased Nick from Gary Rozynski as a 3 year old and broke him to harness. We competed successfully around Toowoomba and district for several years winning numerous broads in harness. In 2000 my job took me to Roma in Western Qld. There are no other harness enthusiasts out here so I decided to break him to saddle at age 14 and teach children to ride. He was teaching children 1 month after being broken to saddle.

He has won District Pony Hack for 4 years running and has taught numerous children to ride. At last years State PCAQ Dressage Championships our zone sent 6 riders. Nick taught 4 of these children to ride (all with non-horse parents). He won Champion for his age group and made the Qld State Pony Club Dressage Team. He has won in harness, showing, show jumping, equitation, barrel racing, western pleasure, novelties and dressage.

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