



NATALIE WILLIAMSON-HOLLEY
Secretary

Natalie Williamson (Holley) came from a very horsey background. Her grandfather was a light horseman and bred and worked award winning Shire horses on his family farm in South Australia. After moving to Western Australia, he went on to breed, train and race Standardbreds in Perth. Her Mum now manages the property and still breeds and trains Standardbreds.

With her Dad being in the Airforce, Natalie learnt to ride with her mum Kaye and Dorothy Mills (her grandparent's next-door neighbour) who was a world class showjumper and horse trainer who bred ponies and thoroughbreds. With all the moving around she rode at riding schools in Darwin and Melbourne although would come home to Perth frequently on school holidays to ride the family ponies at her grandparent's place in the Swan Valley.

At age 11 Natalie got her first horse, an old Thoroughbred brood mare which was given to her by the riding school that was closing down in Melbourne and not long after purchased a younger Palomino Quarter horse mare which was brought over to WA in 1991. Natalie joined the WATA Pony Trots in 1991, racing several ponies at Gloucester Park and throughout tracks in WA. Natalie was a member of the Swan View Horse and Pony Club (now known as Swan Valley Pony Club) and went on to obtain her "B" Certificate but became too old to complete her "A" certificate and started her NCAS Level 1 Pony Club & EFA Coaching Certificates.

After working in many racing stables throughout her late teens and beyond, Natalie started work at Springfield Riding School where she completed her AHRC Level O Coaching certificate. Natalie completed her EFA NCAS Level 1 in December 2000 and her NCAS Pony Club Level 1 coaching at Darling Range Pony Club in 2001. After travelling to England to ride, coach and become an Air hostess she returned to WA. Natalie is frequently teaching at various Pony Clubs and adult riding clubs, was Chief Coach at Katanning Pony Club for two years and Murray Horse and Pony for one year.

Natalie is a qualified Level E Official Dressage Judge and accredited SSTA (Skill Specific Training Assessor) and can assist with people wishing to undertake the NCAS Intro certificates.

Natalie now lives in Waroona where she has a small property, where she occasionally breaks in the odd pony to saddle and harness. She enjoys riding and training her own horses as much as she can. She regularly has lessons with local and interstate Instructors and attends clinics and seminars in an effort to continually improve herself and her horses.

