

Friday 22 February 2019

Dear A&P Societies and Breed Societies.

The Royal Agricultural Society are pleased to announce the following Youth Equestrian Team to represent New Zealand in the forth-coming Youth Challenge to be held in the United Kingdom this August. The team will compete against teams from Australia and England, however teams from Wales and Scotland also competed in the UK in the inaugural competition in 2016. New Zealand won the 2016 Challenge and drew the Challenge with the United Kingdom when New Zealand hosted the event at the Canterbury A&P Show in 2017.

The four member team has been selected from sixteen keen, competent riders who put themselves forward for the squad. Members need to have excelled in Showing classes at top level and ridden various mounts as the team will be riding borrowed mounts during the competition.

Congratulations to the following:-

Courtenay Mullen – Ellesmere A&P

Laura McNab (Waikato) Welsh Pony & Cob Society

Ashleigh Tawhera – Canterbury A&P

Maia Waratini-Anderson – Ellesmere A&P.

Non Travelling Reserve: Jordan Fairbrother – Northern A&P

The team will be managed by Melissa Jebson (Malvern A&P, Member RAS Executive, Central District Chairperson) and Tryphena Carter (Gore A&P, Southern District Councillor)

The Team is funding themselves, however if A&P's and Breed Societies would like to assist with funds towards uniforms (Jackets, polo shirts, ties etc) and badges for the team plus small gifts that could be taken with them for host families, the team members & Managers would be very appreciative of the assistance. Funds can be sent to RAS Head Office with NZ Youth Challenge Team sponsorship in the reference line.

Kind Regards,

Melissa Jebson and Tryphena Carter
NZ RAS Team Managers 2019.