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QUEENSLAND



Name: Nikki DOOGUE
Horses: "Kaludah Regard"
Location: Noosa

Hello, My name is Nikki. I am a 34-year-old current serving Police Officer.

In Easter of 2008 whilst riding a Police Horse on deployment, my horse slipped on the road surface, falling and crushing my right foot.

Multiple operations later I am currently left with a triple arthrodesis in the right foot and no movement.

Unfortunately the injury is still unstable all these years later and I am still undergoing further surgeries. I am now classified as a grade IV rider.

I have been riding since I was 8 years old. I have actively competed in State and Australian level with breed horses. I have had a successful riding career in eventing, showjumping and dressage. I also trained Police horses for many years.

I have found returning to riding with a permanent impairment a struggle. You desperately want to be able to ride like you were able pre-injury. In some ways maybe it is an advantage as you know what feel you're looking for and you are always striving to find it again. However, returning to riding has made me appreciate my love of horses and the sport and has been wonderful for my rehabilitation. I am more determined than ever to improve and succeed now. I have an exciting young horse and together will be making 2011 our début year.