



**Name:** Susan Seipel  
**Horses:** "Menora Wildfire" and "Larundel Gelata"  
**Location:** Brisbane, Queensland

I was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex, a rare disorder characterised by fusion of joints and absent muscle formation in my legs. When I was seven years old, I started having riding lessons at The McIntyre Pony Riding for the Disabled Centre. There I fell in love with the horses and discovered a passion for the equestrian sport of dressage.

I represented Queensland for the first time at the Riding for the Disabled National Dressage Championships in 1998 and placed 1st in my warm-up test against international riders. Since then I continued to compete as part of the state team at national level for ten consecutive years. I won the National Championships in 2006 on my own horse "Menora Wildfire", and in 2008 on a borrowed horse named "Mellizo", and also achieved the highest score of the competition.



In 2006 I was selected to represent Australia at the Pacific Rim Para-Equestrian Dressage International Competition, held at Milner Downs Equestrian Centre in Langley, Canada. Riding a borrowed horse named "Conclusive Talent," I won a bronze medal.

I currently have two beautiful horses that were given to me by two very generous families. "Menora Wildfire" is a Morab (Morgan x Arab), paint gelding from Menora Morgan and Morab Stud in Victoria. I first rode him at the 2001 National Championships where we placed 2nd overall in our grade. We regularly compete in open pony dressage competitions against able-bodied riders. My other horse, "Larundel Gelata" is an Australian Warmblood mare from Larundel Warmblood Stud and Equestrian School in Queensland. We came 2nd overall at our first major competition together, the 2009 Para Equestrian International Dressage Championships in Melbourne, Australia. We are named on the 2010 Equestrian Australia Para-Equestrian National Elite Squad and long-list for the World Equestrian Games.

