

## MEDIA STATEMENT



# Murray Cowper MLA

**Member for Murray-Wellington  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Police;  
Emergency Services; Road Safety**

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On behalf of the local community Murray Cowper the member for Murray-Wellington, would like to wish Gabriella D'ercole and Rici Mercer of Pinjarra all the best at the National Show Hunter Equestrian Event in Melbourne at Werribee later this month.

This is the second year in a row Gabriella, a 14 year old Mandurah Catholic College student has qualified to represent WA at the event but unfortunately last year due to the equine influenza crisis, she was unable to compete.

"I would like to congratulate Gabriella and Rici on qualifying to represent WA as part of an 11 adult/child member team. It has taken years of training and hard work to get where they are today", Mr Cowper said.

The girls are looking for sponsorships to help cover the costs of their \$6000(each) trip and Murray is urging the community to get behind them and support their efforts.

Photo – Rici Mercer on Autumn, Murray Cowper MLA and Gabriella D'ercole on Rex at Sir Ross McLarty Oval.

(Other photos – L-R Rici Mercer, Gabriella D'ercole.)



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