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ALICE RIDER JUMPS TO INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Alice Springs Pony Club rider Kate Averay has been selected to represent Australia at an international equestrian competition in Hong Kong.

Kate, 17, is the first Northern Territory rider to be selected for the biennial Pony Club Inter Pacific Exchange, which will be held in Hong Kong from July 24 – August 7.

She is one of four riders from around Australia on the 2009 team.

The Inter Pacific Exchange is a friendly competition between the pony clubs of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan and the USA. Four separate equestrian competitions are held across the two weeks of the event, with riders competing on borrowed horses.

Alice Springs Pony Club president Angela Copland congratulated Kate on her achievement.

“Kate is a talented and hardworking equestrian who has represented Alice Springs and the Northern Territory at previous national events and done us proud,” Mrs Copland said.

“Her achievements go to show that you don’t have to live down south to achieve at a high level in equestrian sports.

“Kate has also recently completed her B certificate in pony club – a high level qualification that only two other Territorians have achieved.

“Our best wishes and support will go with Kate to Hong Kong where I know she will be a terrific ambassador for Alice Springs and the NT.”

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