

Meet the Team-Ashley Tomkinson Returns



Some of you may remember Ashley Tomkinson who was a valuable part of the Marsh Racing Team a couple of years ago before returning to his hometown in Wales. With senior foreperson Paige on maternity leave we are we couldn't think of anyone better to fill her large shoes and are thrilled to welcome Ash back to Marsh Racing as foreman at the new barn! When last at Marsh Racing Ash rode trackwork, often strapped at the races travelled to Sydney with Mark Two and Campari. We sat down with Ash to find out a bit about what brought him back to us and which horse has already caught his eye!

What is your background before joining Marsh Racing?

I was a dressage head groom. National hunt work rider. Showjumping head groom and a hunting groom.

What brought you back to Marsh Racing?

My work family. I Have made some very immediate close friends from when I first arrived not seeing them for years and then being offered this opportunity was one not to be missed.

What is your favourite thing about your job?

The challenge. As racing staff were put up against a new challenge every day. It's quite a great industry to open your eyes to other trades and professions and pick the brains of the great people you meet along the journey.

Favourite horse past or present?

There have been many but one that stands out would a Nadeem x Ivy Hall gelding who was named Princeton Spirit. He was the best. One of the few I've kept track of since he left us and has 6 wins under his belt. There is also War Affair who was the biggest privilege to get to ride every day.

What would your perfect day off look like?

Usually start with a good Instone hash stack and then a hike up some mountain with mates. And finish the day off with an espresso martini.

If you didn't look after racehorses what would you do for a job?

I have no idea. We have a healthcare system at home that supports and helps young children being bullied or have attempted suicide. I'd love to work in a profession to help those kids.

One to watch?

We have a lovely Ardrossan x Bridgewater in at the moment that looks an ideal model.