

2017 MEDAL OF ESTEEM

SUE WILLIAMS #73495

The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours Sue Williams with a Medal of Esteem.

Living in Charleville, Central Queensland and being a chronic asthmatic, Sue was given her first horse for her ninth birthday in the hope that the dry climate, and a life dream of owning a horse might help with her asthma. She was named Cindy and came only with a bridle, so she rode everywhere bareback - even to school every day. So began her love affair with horses.

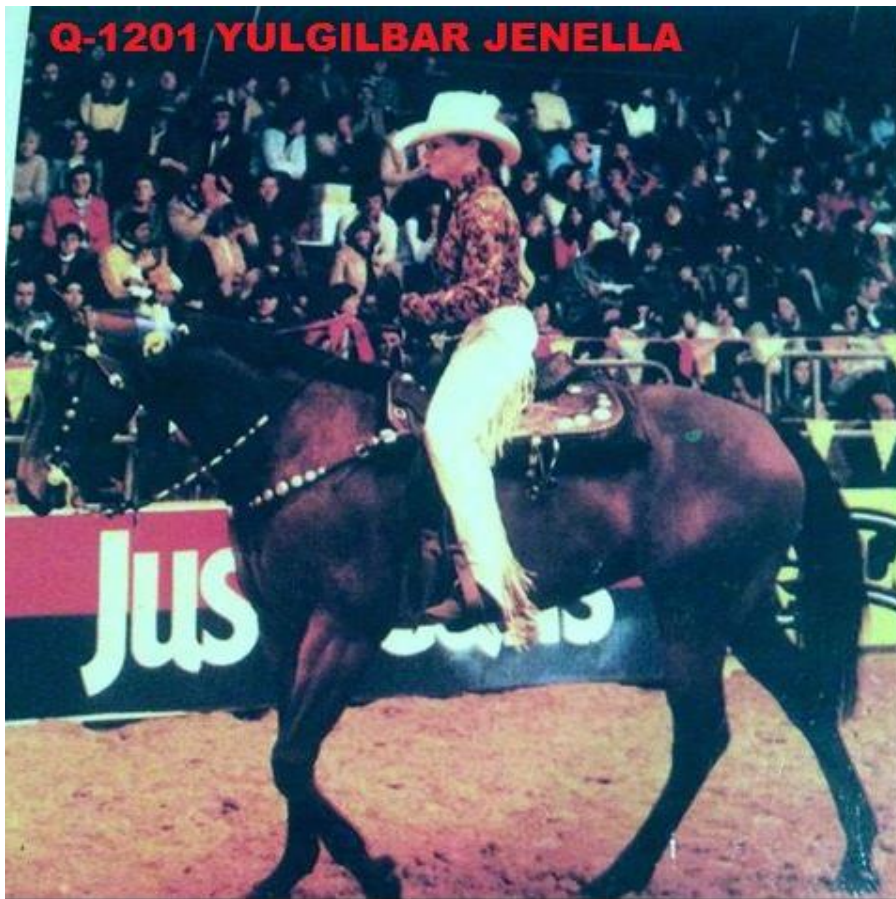


KING RANCH FABIAN R2-450 by BON HAND Q-31 was her first Australian Quarter Horse. Sue describes the gelding as a big, strong, sometimes hot, best friend. Sue will openly admit the gelding knew very little and she knew even less, back in the day when if you wanted to ride "western" you entered the OPEN western pleasure, trail, and bridle path hack. No amateur, snaffle bit, junior, senior, beginner, improver classes in those days.

In no time at all, Sue and KING RANCH FABIAN were awarded the title of High Point Western Pleasure and High Point Bridle Path Hack Horse of Australia not once, but, two years in a row.

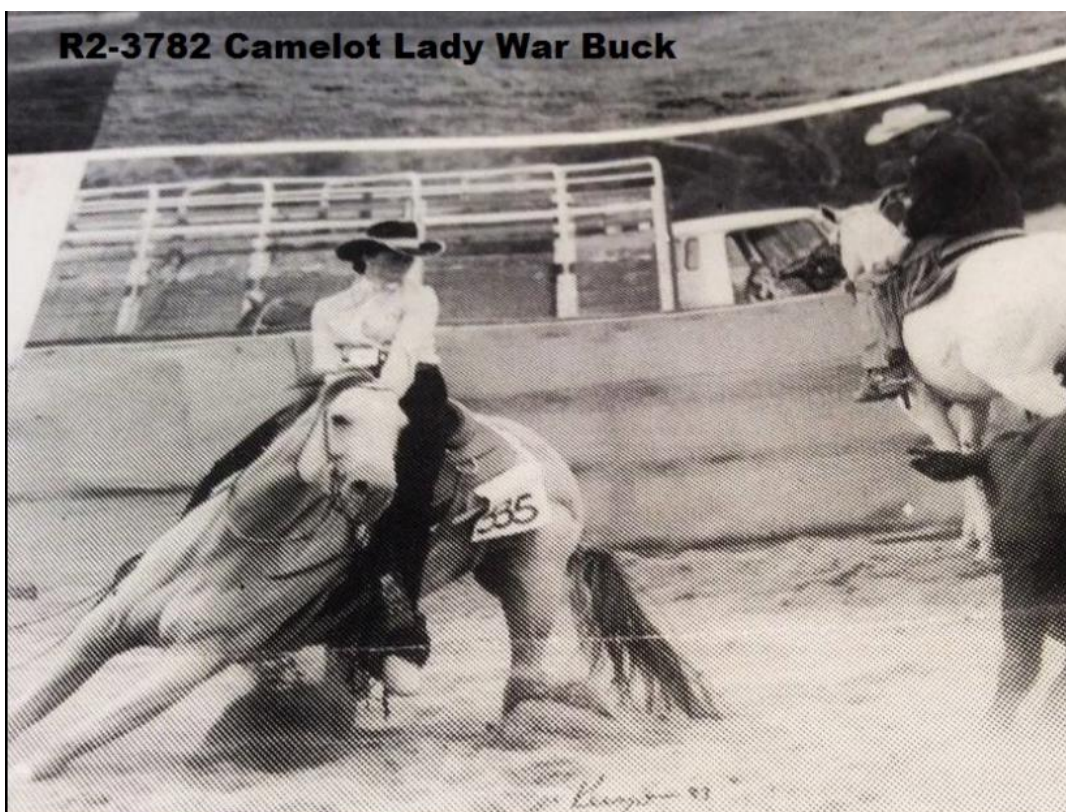
Sue spent time on Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud as Stud Manager and one of her favorite horses was YULGILBAR ROSITA Q-8006, by the 2003 Hall of Fame sire CHICKERAMIC (IMP) Q-337 – (owned by Anne and Gary Bridgeland). A mare not all that big but Sue believes had a heart the size of Texas. Sue and YULGILBAR ROSITA went on to win many events. One that Sue recalls was the Queensland Reining Futurity where the mare won the reining and later that same day went on to win the Western Pleasure Futurity as well remarkable for a three year old and Sue suggests testament to the mare's great heart and mind.

YULGILBAR JENELLA Q-1201 also by the great sire CHICKERAMIC (IMP) owned by the Myer family was another of her favorite Yulgilbar horses. The 1980 AQHA Championships in Melbourne a memorable event for Sue with YULGILBAR JENELLA winning both the Senior Western Pleasure (48 contestants), Senior Bridle Path Hack (42 contestants) and YULGILBAR JENELLA was named High Point Horse of the Show. Interesting to note that many years later Sue and her husband David were to become Stud Managers for Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud for some time.



There are many stellar Australian Quarter Horses who have been lucky enough to have spent time with Sue Williams, all highly successfully in the arena in multi-disciplined events. Here are but a few:

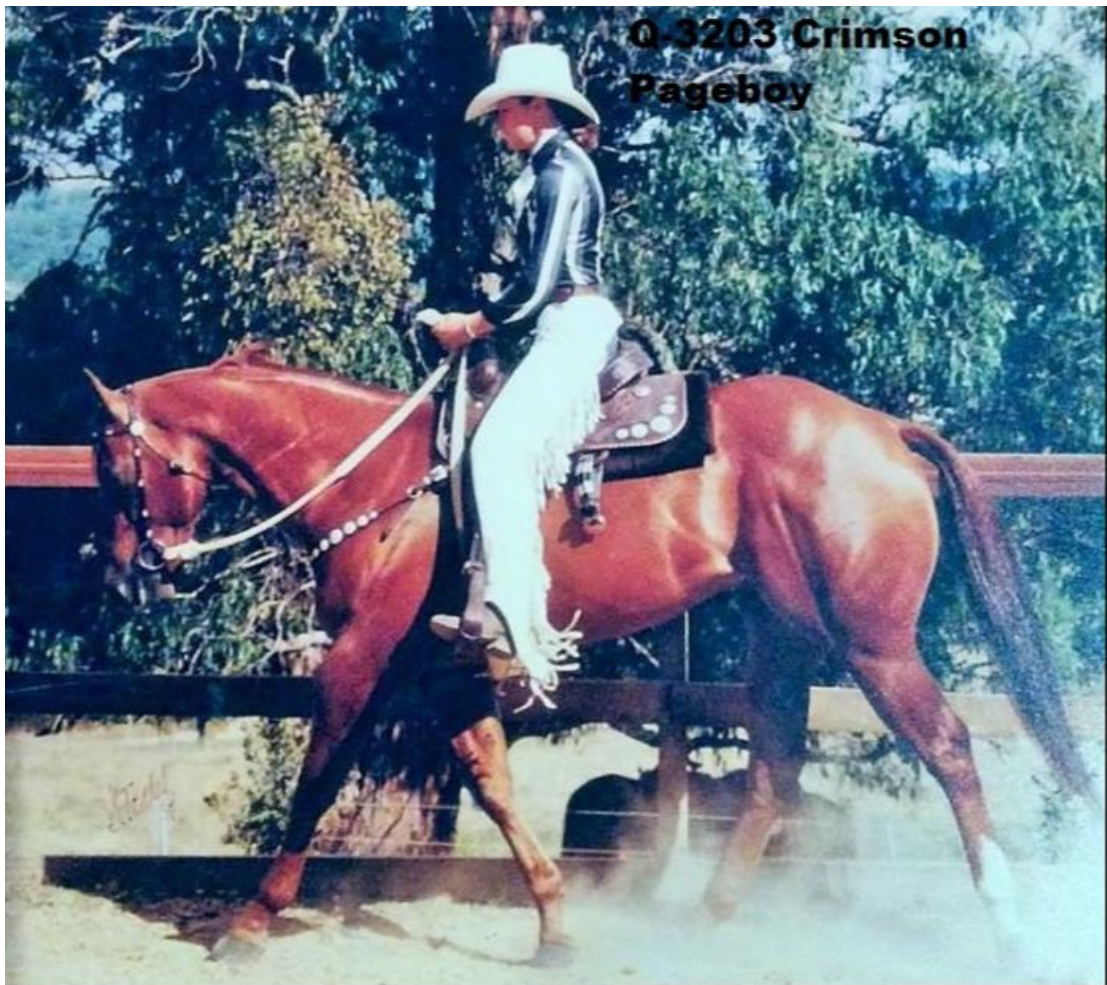
- CAMELOT LADY WAR BUCK R2-3782 by MR WAR CUTTER Q-731. Owned by Frank and Denise Starr, Paul Farrell started her as a two year old.



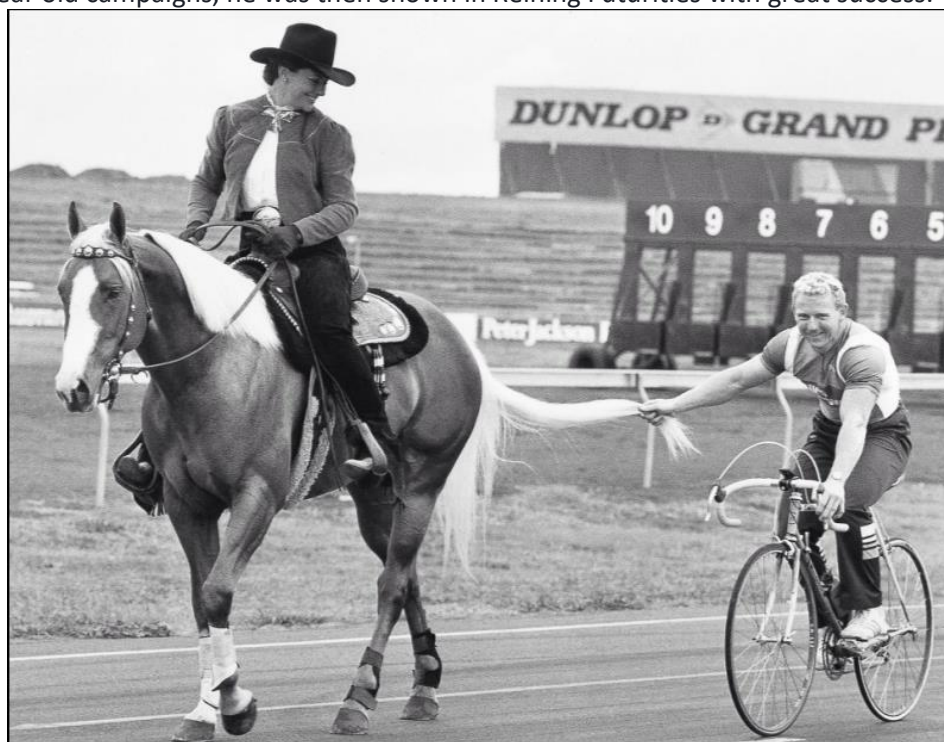
- ROC DECK Q-5889 a stunning stallion by MORN DECK Q-2160 and out of ROXANA BAR (IMP) Q-1158. Owned by Brian and Mathea Usher.

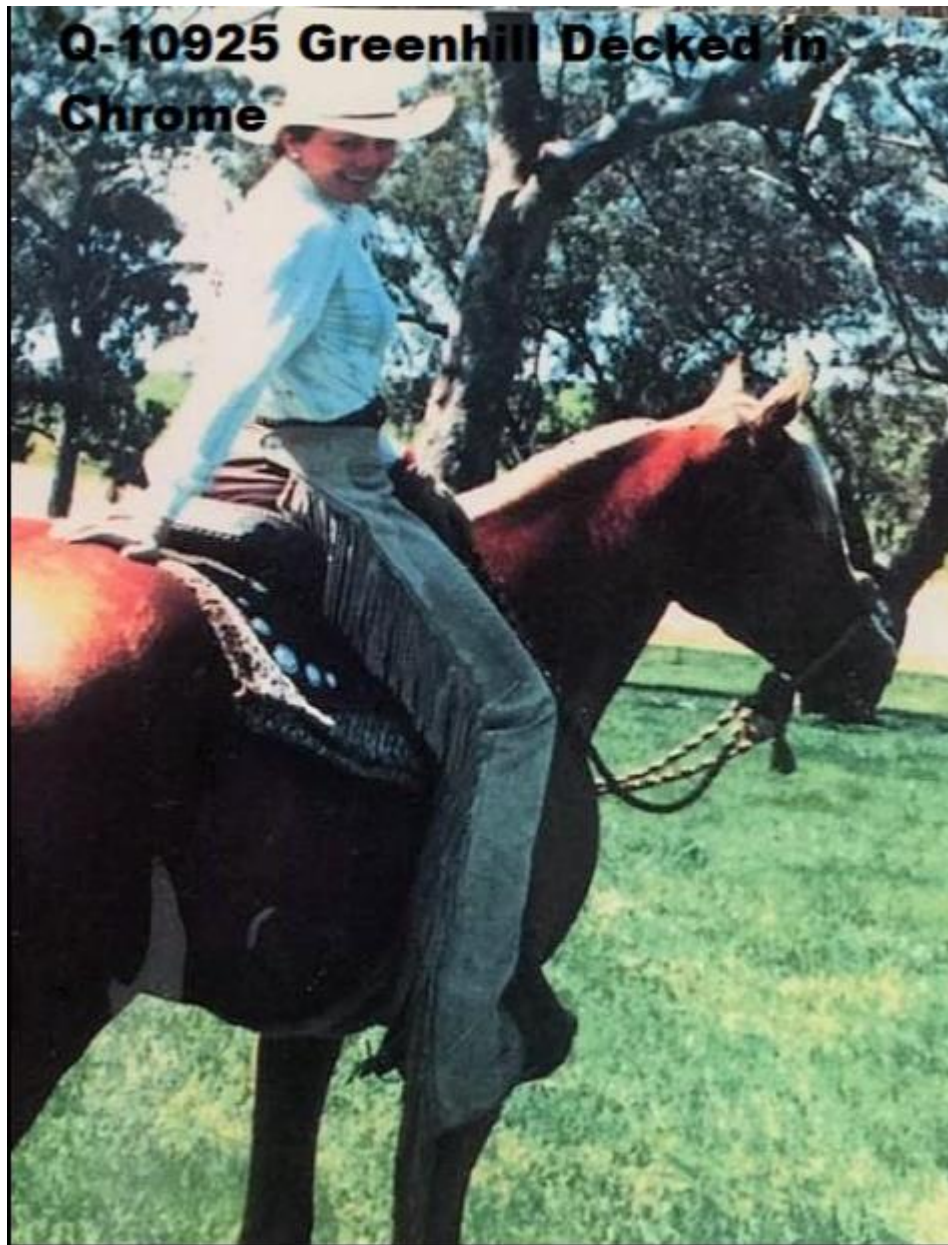


- WINDERADEEN JUST A BABE Q-2002 – Sue feels blessed to have been a small part of this gorgeous mare's journey. Originally broken in and trained by the two of Australia's leading horsemen, Phil and Taurita Webb.
- JAZZ'S LASS R2-2793 by JAZZ SET (IMP) Q-878 out of CASSIUS LASS R1-5929. Owned by the Bourne family at Wagga Wagga. Won many futurities in both Western Pleasure and Bridle Path Hack.
- CRIMSON PAGEBOY (IMP) Q-3203 - ALL the way from Saskatchewan, Canada. The first stallion Sue trained from scratch was a lovely minded colt, a highlight for Sue winning the Western Pleasure Derby at John Guyatts arena in Tynong Victoria. Sue said the trophy was HUGE!



- GREENHILL DECKED IN CHROME Q-10925, a palomino stallion that Sue adored. Sue broke and started him as a two year old where he started his career as a pleasure Futurity horse. He won many futurities as a two year old and was High Point Performance Horse at the Victorian State Palomino Championships after being broken in for only six months. After his three year old campaigns, he was then shown in Reining Futurities with great success.





- MILLER'S CATTLE QUEEN Q-2949 by CLARENCE R MILLER Q-1463 out of MY SLICK CHICK R2-959 aka "Queeny" is the Australian Quarter Horse that Sue credits as her first special horse. MILLER'S CATTLE QUEEN won many Western Pleasure events. However, to Sue, 'Queeny's' real success was with her daughter, Bec Farrell (now Gordon) in the Youth Western Pleasure. Sue to this day feels the mare was "one in a million".

Sue Williams has a long and illustrious career which is yet to end with the Australian Quarter Horse. Together with Paul Farrell, establishing the Farrell–Greenhill Training Centre in Whittlesea as one of Victoria's leading Indoor Equestrian Centre's for dressage, show jumping, western events and youth. She has operated her own training academy - The Sue Farrell Training Stables and spent six months training and instructing in the USA and Canada. Sue also spent 12 months as the Equestrian Manager for a Riding Academy in Malaysia where she introduced the concept of Youth Camps based on her AQHA knowledge of them in Australia. A concept that has since become one of the leading income-earners for the Academy.

She is an advocate and an ambassador for the Australian Quarter Horse and has been a guest Lecturer in Horse Management and Training, delivering seminars at Marcus Oldham Agricultural College in Ballarat, Glenormiston Agricultural College in Victoria and the Riverina College of Advanced Education in Wagga Wagga. Sue has also delivered lectures, by invitation of the South African Equestrian Federation and provided instructional horsemanship seminars in KwaZulu Natal, Johannesburg, East London and Richmond, South Africa.

She has been interviewed to speak on the Western horse industry on two Australian National television programs, Totally Wild and Wide World of Sport.

Sue has judged Australian Quarter Horse State Championships in every State of Australia as well as New Zealand and New Caledonia where she also conducted clinics.

Sue Williams is an Honorary Life Member and past Vice President of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, she was a Member and past President of the Queensland Reining Horse Association a Member of the National Reining Horse Association and Member of the Australian Equestrian Federation of Australia. She is a past Member of the National Cutting Horse Association and for a time was employed as the NCHA Administration Assistant and Sales Coordinator.

In recent years, Sue was instrumental in resurrecting the New England Quarter Horse Association from de-registration with the AQHA. Together with a good team of supporters around her able to not only repay many thousands of dollars of debt incurred by the Association but left it with a healthy balance of over \$7,000.00 in credit after holding the President's role within the Association for two years. Sue is very proud of the fact that under her guidance the NEQHA was the first AQHA Affiliate to introduce the Ranch Class into Australia.

Positions previously held with the Australian Quarter Horse Association include:

- Director
- Vice President
- International Director
- Show & Performance Director
- National Judging Convener

Sue is someone who prefers to build up others and so you know just how much it meant and means to her when you hear her talk about the success of the 1986 Youth World Cup. A huge task given to her at extremely short notice, she was singularly responsible for the task of organizing the Youth World Cup in Australia that year and rates it as one of her personal greatest achievements.

In 1990 Sue was selected by the Board of the Australian Quarter Horse Association as Team Instructor for the Australian Youth Team to compete at the International Youth World Cup held in Calgary, Canada that year. In total, seven Nations competed and the Australian Youth Team was Runners Up!

As Director of Show and Performance Sue got together with Jan Millar, who at that time was Director of Judging (both women having been long time HSAA and AQHA Judges). Between them they put the somewhat controversial "green book" together which for those whose memories or age will not stretch that far back, basically provided the foundation for our own AQHA Rule Book for Judges. Prior to this, our Quarter Horses were judged by HSAA judges who were not always familiar with the AQHA "Standard of Excellence". Hence the need to be trained and educated to the Australian Quarter Horse breed standard.

Sue and her husband David Williams continue to own, breed, train and promote the Australian Quarter Horse. She is a credit to herself, her family, her country, and the industry, most specifically, the Australian Quarter Horse Association.

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