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# “Those were the days”



*Across the Mallee Plains 1924.*

1924



*West Australian Timber Getter 1918.*

1918

# President's Report . . .

Dear Members

Welcome to 2008 and the next edition of The Stallion Walker.

I trust that the New Year brings you happiness, peace, health and a successful year for your Shires. Certainly 2007 was a year of great difficulty for those of us that are breeding horses in the Eastern part of Australia.

Firstly, the drought has had a serious effect on all our operations. Whether this can be blamed on 'climate change' or human intervention or our relationship with our environment, I am not qualified to speculate. It appears to me that we all need to do more in many fields to ensure that we all have long term sustainability and profitability. My New Year's resolution is "to try to work smarter rather than harder".

Secondly, the equine influenza outbreak has had a devastating effect on all horse owners. It is such a pity that our Committee had to cancel our 2008 Australian National Shire Horse Show as the 2007 Show was an unqualified success in the number and quality of Shires exhibited and of course, financially for our fledgling Society.

As there will be very few Heavy Horse Shows this year our Society will be conducting a number of seminars in the eastern States. We hope at this stage to conduct one in Queensland in June 2008; one in Victoria in November 2008 and another in New South Wales in May 2008. Notices of these events will be sent to all members.

The breeding season has nearly concluded so look after those brood mares and start preparing your Shires for the 2009 Show season. I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing the next generation of our Shires.

As always, should you need assistance with Society matters or Shires in general, please do not hesitate to contact myself or anyone of our Committee members.

Best regards,  
Peter R McKeon  
*President*



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# News & Chat - by The Stablehand

Your correspondent has received two interesting letters in respect of the last item in the "News & Chat" column in Newsletter #8 which stated, "In my opinion, there are too many 'roany' types with 'baldy' faces being used".

The first letter was from Maurice Irvine who is well-known both here in Australia and overseas as a person experienced with these matters.

His letter states:-

"I read with concern the latest edition of The Stallion Walker in which The Stablehand issued "words of warning" to readers advising them of the unwise selection, in his opinion, of "too many roany, baldy faced mares" which he insists as being the "wrong types".

Again to quote the wisdom of The Stablehand, "All breeding programs need to be based on quality animals with superior genetics to enable progeny to be suitable for the Shire Appendix register." I wish to challenge this quote vehemently with facts based on my own breeding program which has been developed over many years of breeding, showing and working the heavy horse both in this country and overseas and over a number of generations.

In Australia today, we arguably have the best Clydesdale genetics in the world, some of which can no longer be procured in Scotland. Two stallions, imported by myself, have made significant contribution to this genetic pool. With access to such genetics, it would be reasonable to suggest that I have bred mares of superior quality, some of which may be roan. In addition to the Clydesdale bloodlines I have imported, I, with others, have also brought into the country the semen of three of the world's best Shire stallions, namely Nottage Trump Card, Walton Supreme and Moorefield Edward. This is in addition to my own Shire stallion, Arclid Adonis, which I imported in 2002. As yet, with my own upgrading program I have not bred a roan Shire".

Mr Irvine goes on to say, "To perpetuate this breed into the future, do we sacrifice quality for colour? Is a good horse ever a bad colour? I suggest we follow the breed standards of the Shire Horse Society which attend to all aspects of the breeding of quality Shire horses. Through stallion inspections, the stallion is required to be of a solid colour, thus maintaining the colour standards of the Shire breed".

The second letter was from Tony Bull, a member of our Society and one of the United Kingdom's leading Shire breeders. In fact, Tony and Sandra bred and exhibited Arclid Minshull Monty who was the 2007 Champion Stallion at the prestigious Peterborough National Shire Horse Show.

Tony's letter states in part:-

"Having just read the latest copy of the "Stallion Walker" I am amazed to read the personal opinions of your stable hand being put forward to readers as being the opinion of the Shire Horse Society.

In fact the Shire Horse Society accept on the female side, roans, chestnuts, white faces and wall eyes.

The stable hand knows full well that I imported a roan Clydesdale mare from Canada (at great expense) because she has the confirmation and limbs that I consider to be the best (colour was immaterial).



*Arclid Odin.*

This mare has so far bred me 2 fillies, Arclid Bonnie Maggie and Arclid Sensation and 2 colts, Arclid Odin and Arclid Legend. All 4 are good hard colours. None have white faces and all have proved to be extremely successful in the Show ring.

The stable hand is quick to quote 'put the best on the best'. Does he not know the old adage 'a good horse is never a bad colour' or 'quality comes before colour, size and markings'. He is quick to extol the virtues of the Bedfords (and rightly so), but Walter

Bedford Snr., Bob Hull, Tom Moss, Len Fountain and many more held the same view as me, that if we lose the roans completely, then the white socks will get shorter and shorter, the white blaze will disappear and flat bone will become round.

To finish off, I feel I must advocate that the only way forward is for individual breeders to breed the type of horse they prefer. We will then have a variety of types and bloodlines which will encourage hybrid vigour and go a long way towards the longevity of the breed."

The Stable Hand thanks both members for their responses and he acknowledges that these gentlemen both have experience and knowledge that SHBA members and Shire breeders in general can not ignore.

The equine influenza outbreak has been a disaster for most of the pleasure horse industry throughout most of Australia. Major Royal Shows (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and Launceston) have been forced to cancel the Horse Sections of their shows. Heavy Horse specialist shows in NSW and Queensland (Shire

Horse National Show, Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days and many local shows) have been forced to cancel as they cannot meet the bio-security requirements set out by the Australian and State Government Departments. What has concerned your scribe is the lack of co-ordinated representation for the Pleasure Horse Industries when compared to the Thoroughbred Industry. They have had a co-ordinated approach and media representation and accordingly most of their demands have been met (e.g. purple zone movement of horses and the movement of yearlings in Victoria). There have obviously been comments by individuals that have pointed out the broad requirements of pleasure horse owners (e.g. Heath Ryan) but there is no co-ordinated approach to lobby governments to protect our interests.

The Stable Hand was recently talking to some of the Shire and Clyde breeders in Queensland and they are all disappointed that the Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days were cancelled for the 2008 year. Debbie and Andrew Ormond are devastated as they have recently had their newly acquired stallion broken in to ride and were looking forward to 'surprising' all at Gatton. The stallion, Southern Cross Spitfire, was broken in by the very well-known horseman, Guy McLean, who was very impressed by the ability, temperament and of course the size of this three year old. We all look forward to seeing him being ridden at one of the major shows in the near future.



*Southern Cross Spitfire in Training.*

Your scribe who has been talking to quite a few Shire breeders believes that the number of foals born this year may be a record for Shires in Australia. This year the 'grapevine' indicates that the following have had foals born:- The McKeon's 5, Debbie Buckland in Tas 5; Alyssia Turner 2; John Miles 3, The Johnson's in Qld 3, Michelle Miles in WA 1, Terry Parks 1, Rob & Heather Young WA 1, and Ziggy Siekza 1. If there are any others please send a quick note and some photos to Terry Parks, Secretary of our Society.

The annual SHS Spring Show which is to be held on 19 & 20 March 2008 at Peterborough will now be held undercover in a purpose designed indoor facility near the existing showgrounds. Your scribe who has often heard fabulous reports of this Show (and of the severe weather conditions) now suggests this is the ideal venue to see the largest annual gathering of Shires in the world. A trip to Peterborough and the magnificent Shires is an experience that will not be forgotten.

# Shire Foals 2007



*A Southern Cross Mare and Foal.*



*Turnara Lodge Princess Sierr.*



*Mingara Black Velvet and Mingara Angus Black.*

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*Southern Cross Miss Saintly.*



*Southern Cross Luna Rouge.*



*Murwarra Hope and foal Southern Cross Western Star.*

# Tasmanian State Report

In April 2007 a small group with a lot of determination formed a new association "Tasmanian Heavy Horse Association" this association is going from strength to strength with 29 members having held two extremely successful heavy horse events with Shires in attendance. All enquiries' can be forwarded to [alyssia80@hotmail.com](mailto:alyssia80@hotmail.com) or 0408 525376.

Tasmania's biggest heavy horse show, Burnie Agricultural Show, went ahead under strict Bio security rules and Shire classes were held; six Shires were entered:

- Champion Shire Horse went to Ingelside Elizabeth owned by Steven and Alyssia Turner,
- Reserve Champion Shire went to Longcopy Charlotte leased by Alyssia and Steven Turner.
- Joe and Cathy Jetson made the trip up from Hobart with the truly handsome Foxy. In the 1928 super spreader that Joe restored himself (with help from Bits 'n' Pieces Vintage Machinery member Harry Turner, of Grove), Joe and Foxy took out "Farm implement" class. Four year old Shire gelding Foxy and Joe Jetson also scooped the pool in the draught horse section at the Huon Show.



*Young Lilly & Charlotte..*



*Joe & Foxy in Spreader.*

Maurice Irvine and Peter Mc Keon visited Tasmania in early October. The original purpose of the visit was to judge at Launceston Royal, which was cancelled due to EI. They and I visited four Clydesdale studs and travelled to Hobart to see the two latest Shire additions to the ever growing Tasmanian numbers; they are fine animals.

This foaling season has seen five SHS UK eligible foals born so far at Viewfield Stud, three colts (which will both enter the studbook as geldings) and two fillies (Appendix). All are fine specimens of the breed, and are growing very well. Four of these mares appear to be back in foal again to our stallion Ingleside Dancer,

one is not being re-joined this season. A final shire foal is due in January. Having served a total of eight mares so far, it has really been a very busy spring.

Things were neither happy nor pleasant during October and November for Turnara Lodge. We lost Malee Lady. Lady was a Fresian x Shire mare, recently bought from Mark Creus. She was in foal to Mark's beautiful gypsy stallion. Lady died of milk fever three weeks before foaling; this is rare and even rarer before foaling. If anyone would like to know more details please contact me via email on [alyssia80@hotmail.com](mailto:alyssia80@hotmail.com).

October 30th was the worst night of my breeding career. We lost the most precious mare I have ever been blessed to know - Longcopy Charlotte, who was kindly leased to us by John and Ethel Steers three years ago. She was artificially inseminated with semen from Luscombe What's Wanted and tested positive; unfortunately she was positive with triplets and the pregnancy was terminated. She'd never been ridden but had extensively worked the land and was as gentle as they come so we decided to throw a saddle on. Within 10 min-

utes we were cantering and cracking whips from her back. That was the start of a special bond that I formed with a truly beautiful animal. She took me everywhere and built my confidence up beyond belief. We hunted, we swam in dams, went bush, sunbaked at the beach and won fancy dress with me heavy in foal myself. Charlotte won the first heavy horse class under saddle in Tasmania and my baby son rode her when he was just 6 months.

She was inseminated the following breeding season. Charlotte was due 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007. That date came and went. On 28<sup>th</sup> Oct she started to wax and the family grew excited about the new arrival. She ran milk on October 29<sup>th</sup>, so we knew she wasn't far away. With the foaling alarm on we went to bed, expecting to be up again very soon. When the foaling alarm did go off, nothing could have prepared us for what we saw. There was a beautiful little foal already on the ground and Charlotte was in trouble, She sniffed her baby and got away from her; she was losing a lot of blood. She was suffering a prolapsed uterus and severe haemorrhaging. Steve rang the vet at 2.51am and rang her back at 3.06am to tell her that she only needed to bring what she needed for the foal; Charlotte was gone. I was an emotional mess and couldn't tear myself away from the mare I loved so dearly; she had slipped away with her head in my lap. It was my dear husband that sprang into action yelling at me that we have to save the foal.

Now this perfect little foal was lying in the paddock still none the wiser as to what was going on. She was looking around, not knowing what to do. We encouraged her to stand and she did so after a few attempts. We put a little foal rug on her to keep her warm.

We milked Charlotte and got an amazing four litres from her. Having no bottles, I went in to our son's cot and stole his bottle. The precious little fighter sucked from the bottle straight away. When the vet arrived she had to give little Bellah an enema, but she was amazed by the strength of the newly orphaned foal.

Amazingly, our Arab mare fostered Bellah, although it took six long days. I have a new found love and respect for my husband, who fed Bellah every hour for the first 24 hours and thereafter every two hours. I helped with the occasional feeds but Bellah took a real liking to Steve, I suspect that she may have sensed my sadness. As at 12 December, Bellah is four weeks old. She's been for a check up at the vets and has passed with flying colours.



*Turnara Lodge Bellah with Foster Mum.*

Our next hurdle is trying to get Bellah registered as Longcopy Charlotte had never produce a Shire foal no DNA is on file. Angela Whiteway, SHS UK Registration Officer is helping us through this challenge.

To finish our year on a high, Turnara Lodge is pleased and extremely relieved to announce the hard but safe arrival of a appendix B filly born 7<sup>th</sup> December. So that gives us a grand total of three foals for the season:

our Pure Shire filly Turnara Lodge Bellah Kye.

Appendix B Filly Turnara Lodge Princess Sierra. Born 7<sup>th</sup> December, she's bay with four white socks and a perfect blaze. She is definitely show quality and will be for sale.  
part bred gelding Turnara Lodge Rain Dance AKA RD.

# George Henry Greene 1838-1911

One of Australia's Agricultural Pioneers and Shire Horse Breeder

by Bill Lambert



*George Henry Greene.*

George Greene was born in Ireland, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1838, his father a British Royal Navy Officer suffered severe ill health due to his service in the Burmese War and the taking of Rangoon.

When George was only 4 years old his father was recommended to move to a warmer climate for his health, he chose Australia. The Greene family along with two other friends and family chartered a ship, the "Sarah" a 500 ton fully rigged sailing vessel and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1842 they set sail for Australia, a journey that was to take 4 months. They took with them the Butler, Grooms, Cowherd, Gardener and his family, the Man Cook and his family, Laundress, Nurse and the Governess. His father also brought with him 2 Race Horses, his Hunters, 2 Bulls and a Cow. He also brought his Library and a "House" prefabricated in sections which had been built for him in London.

In December 1842 this modern Noah's Ark arrived at Port Phillip in Melbourne. The family settled in Melbourne where George was educated and stayed until 1870 when his father died. He married Miss Ellen Nellie Crawford and in 1875 they returned to England.



*Iandra Skyline today.*

In 1878 he and his wife returned to Australia and purchased the 32,000 Acre property "Iandra" paying 6 Shillings and 6 Pence an acre. Iandra needed an enormous amount of clearing and ring barking to increase its carrying capacity. They averaged clearing 3000 acres a year with the help of Chinese labourers who no longer were needed in the Gold fields. In 8 years he had increased the carrying capacity to 32000 sheep. Greene concentrated on Wheat growing on a scale more extensive than ever attempted in the State.



*Harvesting on Iandra.*

The Wheat growing area of Iandra increased rapidly and in 1893 Greene conceived the idea of a "Share Farming" system, this was to be a first in Australia and very successful. It revolutionised the whole approach to Wheat growing. By the turn of the century there were 40 families share farming on Iandra. In addition to the wheat they also ran 41,000 sheep and 400 cattle. Oats and Lucerne were also grown for fodder.



*Carting Wheat to the Rail in 1900s.*



*Greenethorpe Rail Siding.*

At harvest time there were "700" draught horses working on Iandra, 500 to 600 men working on threshing and chaff cutting with 9 steam chaff cutting plants and 23 teams carting the chaff and wheat to the nearest Railway station 12 miles away. During harvest it must have been an amazing sight to see 63 Binders each being drawn by 3 draft horses cutting and binding the wheat with 600 workers on the harvesting of 20,000 acres of wheat.



*Greenethorpe Rail today.*

70 Binders and a 100 harvesters for NSW Government officials.

George Greene was a very kind benevolent man. In 1908 he build the village of Greenethorpe for his share farmers. He had 28 houses built for those workers with families, some of these building still stand today. That same year work started on another of his firsts, the construction of his "Castle" the beautiful building Iandra. It



*George Greene's Iandra "Castle".*

Greene lobbied the NSW Government to get the rail closer to Iandra for the vast quantities of wheat that had to be transported by road. In one season a harvest of 100,000 bags of wheat cost 8-9 pence a bag to get it to the rail head. He finally got his wishes and in May 1901 the rail opened at the Iandra Rail Siding which later was renamed "Greenethorpe"

In 1907 for a Field Day, Greene and his share farmers put on a show of harvesting wheat with 700 horses,



*An original Greenethorpe Cottage, 1908.*

was the first major Reinforced Concrete construction in Australia. Designed by an English Architect with the help of Mrs. Ellen Greene. It is truly a wonderful piece of architecture.

While on a recent research trip to Iandra I was being shown through the interior of Iandra by the present owner Mrs. Margaret Morris and there on the walls were prints of two Shire Stallions that George Greene had imported from England. I have been able to trace the names of the two Shire Stallions:

“Severn Marlow” SHS 23691 foaled 1904 bred by Mr John Lewis of Wales and “Florizel of Hatfield” SHS 24254 foaled 1907 bred by Lord Hothfield. He was Champion Shire Stallion at Sydney in 1909.



*Severn Marlow Shire Stallion.*



*Florizel of Hatfield Shire Stallion.*

George Henry Greene passed away in 1911 at his home in Iandra. The sharefarmers expressed their love and respect for him by the way in which they farewelled him. Placing a plaque at St Saviors Church Iandra to express their gratitude. It reads:

A TRIBUTE from the FARMERS of the IANDRA ESTATE  
to the cherished memory of THEIR FRIEND  
GEORGE HENRY GREENE Died 22 December 1911

The present owner of Iandra, Mrs Margaret Morris and her late husband David worked tirelessly for many years and at great expence to restore Iandra to its original beauty.

An excellent publication detailing the full story of George Henry Green is:  
“ IANDRA ” Sharing the Land, by Judith Langfield.



*An original Iandra Wheatcart.*

# Queensland State Report

*Prepared by Deb Ormond*

Last Friday, I received confirmation of the cancellation of the 2008 Gatton Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Field Days. This is Queensland's biggest heavy horse show; possibly Australia's largest Heavy horse show. I was very disappointed to receive this notice. I look forward to this show every year. Andrew and I, as well as many other Shire breeders in this neck of the woods were already organising our plans for Gatton. Oh well, looking on the bright side, now maybe we'll get to keep our perpetual trophies for an extra year!!!

The committee has been trying to get some idea from the Department of Primary Industries as to when Queenslanders were likely to have movement between the zones and as yet they are unable to give any answers. Mr Ron Glanville, the Chief Veterinary Officer for QLD stated that movement between the zones could be as far away as June or July 2008, and no time frame as to when we can move between the states. The committee are now working on an event for the May Day long weekend (2nd & 3rd) 2009. This should give us ample time to organise a qualified shire judge for 2009; Maurice Irvine will be asked to fill that role. There is some kind of a horse expo being held in Rockhampton on the same weekend that Gatton was to be held. This expo is only held once every three years, and Marty Hayward mentioned that there are to be Shire classes being held at the expo. Andrew and I will head to Rocky and support the Shire classes up there. If anyone is interested in maybe coming to Rocky for a look, or maybe judging, I can find out more about the weekend. Marty will be exhibiting, as well as Katie Bott and now Andrew and me. I'm sure it will turn out to be a great weekend.

We have had some visitors from the UK drop in on us in the past couple of months. Firstly Michelle and Brian Milnes dropped in for the night. They really loved Bonnie (Wye Bonnie Lass) and Spitty (Southern Cross Spitfire), saying that they would compete well in the UK. Michelle is studying to become a Judge and went over the horses, and said she couldn't find anything wrong with them. She was very impressed with the cleanliness of Bonnie's legs - especially for her age, and said Spitty is a fine specimen. Michelle and Brian sold their home and Shires and have migrated to Brisbane and are keen to be involved with the breed here in Australia. She doesn't want to own Shires (they have no acreage) but would like to become proactive by way of committee member or something. So if there are any voluntary jobs for her she's very keen. She intends to become a Shire judge so she can judge our magnificent animals.

The next couple that called in were Gavin and Nara Stevens of Drayhorse Shires. I found it very interesting speaking to Nara and Gavin because of the breeding, showing in hand, and driving experience they have (all of which I am interested in). They have a wedding and funeral business in the UK and their vehicles are stunning! Gavin breaks horses to harness, and also does training for in hand. He gave Andrew and me some very useful tips. I'd love to spend a few weeks with them, I could learn so much. Gavin was suitably impressed with Spitty in particular (like me he's a stallion man - I'm a woman though I know!!!) and commented particularly on his bone and joints - he reckons they're excellent. He said he would do very well in the UK and he compares well with the horses over there. I am always keen to hear how our horses compare with the UK variety!

I had a chat with Donna Hammett today, and they are still battling the drought having to cart water to their horses. Hopefully the drought will break and they can stop carting water. Donna and Victor have been long reining Misty (Luscombe Lady Grey) and she is going great guns. Donna has recently completed a course in Equine Bowen Therapy - Congratulations Donna, great going!

Anyway, that's about all I have to report on. Hope everyone is well both at home and in your stables. Good luck with joining mares and foaling this breeding season. May you all have an excellent 2008.

# Southern Cross Shires Stud Profile

*by Bill Lambert*

Southern Cross Shire Stud, based in Warragul Victoria, is now the largest Shire horse stud in Australia. Breeders Peter and Marylou McKeon are to be congratulated for their contribution to the progress that has been made in the quality and numbers of Shire horses in Australia in recent years. They now have 25 horses, mainly Shires, at stud. Nine mares will be joined in the 2008 season.

Their dedication to the breed is a genuine love of the Shire horse. They have, at great expense, imported seven quality Shire horses from the United Kingdom and have also been involved with the importing into Australia of frozen Semen from four of the finest Shire Stallions in the United Kingdom.

We have all seen the results of their efforts as the progeny from these imported bloodlines are having great success in the show ring. The future of the Shire breed in Australia has never looked so good, with the number of quality foals ever on the increase. Horses with the Southern Cross prefix are now located throughout Australia.

Peter's dedication to the Shire goes a lot further than breeding them. He travelled twice to the UK in order to become an accredited Shire Horse Society Panel Judge. His tireless work as President of Shire Horse Breeders Australia Inc. is to be commended.

Our National Shire Horse Show would neither have happened nor been such a success it was if not for his determination and drive.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Peter and Marylou.



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# Member's Horses



*Michelle Miles WA Shire Foal Amber.*



*Wyee Tobias Shire Mare -  
Gypsy Cob Sire.*



*Southern Cross Boxer at play.*

# A Trip to Tasmania

*by Peter McKeon*

Maurice Irvine and myself visited Tasmania in October 2007 to co-judge the Heavy Horses at the Launceston Show. Unfortunately, the horse section was cancelled due to the equine influenza scare. However, both Maurice and myself decided to pursue our trip to Tasmania to visit SHBA Inc members and look at the Shire horses in that State as the numbers have been growing at a steady rate.

The first stud we visited was that of Alyssia & Steve Turner at Yorktown. Alyssia & Steve have built up an impressive group of Shires and Heavy Horses. During our visit we inspected Longcopy Charlotte, a very good older style mare. (We were very disappointed to hear of her recent death). We also inspected Ingleside Emily as well as two beautifully bred Tullymore fillies that came from Maurice Irvine's. Steve & Alyssia also had a nicely-bred filly named Turnara Lady Genevieve who is by Arclid Adonis out of a very good Clydesdale mare. The other Shire owned by Alyssia & Steve is Southern Cross Boxer, a registered SHS stallion. Boxer has grown exceptionally well and will mature at 17.3 hh. He has nice limbs, good bone, very good feet and clean joints. I am sure he will produce some good foals in the future.

Next day we travelled to Hobart to visit Adele Hill who has recently purchased two fillies from the mainland. Both these fillies are black with four white legs and are sure to impress on the Tasmanian Show scene. The first filly was Wincanton Willomena by Wye King Solomon. This two year old will end up being a very big mare with solid limbs. She has nice joints and will be a good breeder. The second filly was Wye Victorine by Moorefield Edward. She is 21 months of age and is a lovely type, very good in the hocks and feet and with the Moorefield bloodlines, is sure to be another good breeder. Adele is a new member of the SHBA and we welcomed her into our fold. Adele will be acquiring some semen from overseas to AI her two lovely fillies in due course.

While in Tasmania we also visited Charley & Mary Hughes who have some excellent Clydesdales and a beautiful gypsy cob filly who will mature into a lovely brood mare. We also visited Ian & Janette Hodgetts who have two Clydesdale stallions and some excellent mares and fillies. All their horses had great structure, excellent legs, joints and feet. Both myself and Maurice thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Ian & Janette's and we were impressed with Ian's ability to present horses in the proper fashion for visitors to inspect. Thanks for your help and assistance, Ian & Janette.

Due to the EI scare, we were not able to visit Debbie Buckland and her Shires. We were disappointed at not being able to catch-up.

Overall, myself and Maurice had a wonderful trip to Tasmania and we enjoyed visiting the various Tasmanian Heavy Horse studs as well as the hospitality provided by our Southern friends.

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	Cumeragh House Kate	1986	
Fennswood Lady Helen	1990		

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<b>W. Lambert &amp; P.R. McKeon</b>	Trelow Father Abraham	1999	
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<b>P.R. &amp; M. McKeon</b>	Gronant Beachgirl	2003	
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	Hillmoor Diamond Queen	2004	
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