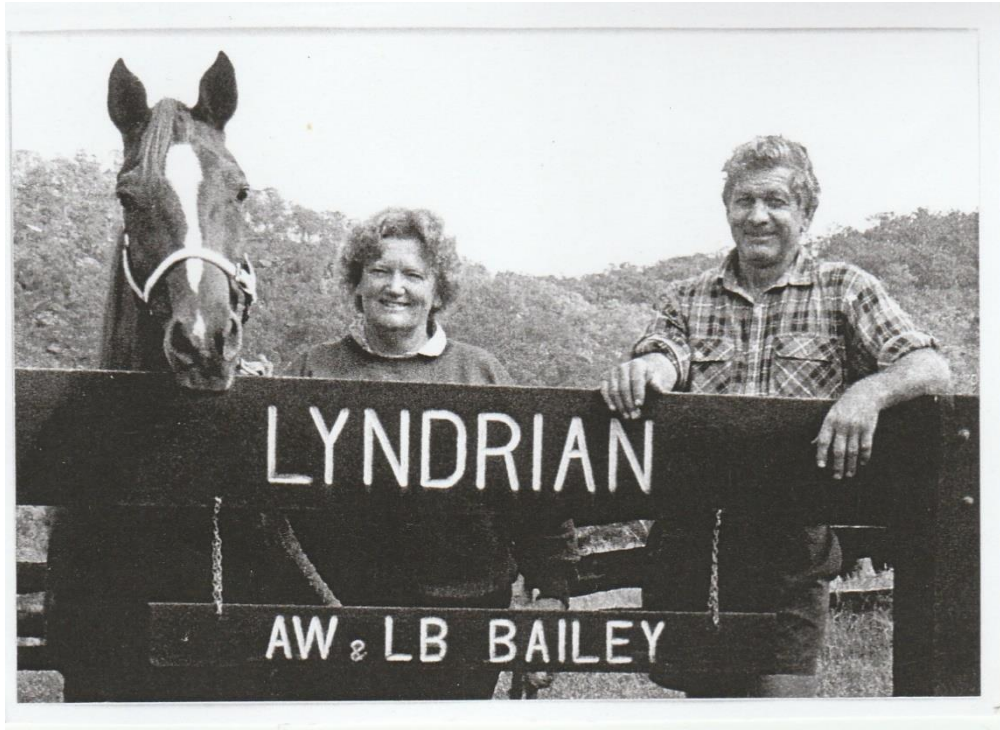


HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

ADRIAN BAILEY 1940 – 2005

LYN BAILEY – 1944 - 2008



Adrian and Lyn were introduced to the sport of endurance by Ron & Val Males of Ralvon Arab Stud, I believe sometime in the early 1970's perhaps 1971 or 1972, I remember Mum telling the story of going to visit Ralvon Stud at Clarendon near Windsor NSW, in the kitchen Val had all these BBQ chickens and told Mum they were to feed all the workers at the Tom Quilty 100 mile ride – thus the attraction to Endurance began.

Mum and Dad were on the inaugural committee of the St Albans Endurance Riders Club along with Barbara MacDonald (Timms) with the first St Albans ride being held in 1973, this event continued until the late 2000's, they were also both instrumental in the creation of the Shahzada Memorial Test way back in 1981 in addition to the Careflight 80km ride and the Mud Hut 40km training ride, these latter two events no longer in existence but did run successfully for many years and gave literally thousands of dollars to NRMA Careflight and Riding for Disabled as any profits from these events were donated to these charities. Also in the 1970's MACTRAC (Macdonald Valley Trail Riders Assoc) was formed by my parents and ran for many years, some people I remember from these great trail riding weekends did get involved in endurance riding and are still competing today.

Mum was one of the instigators of the AERA Distance Register and was also the NSW Registrar for many years, she later obtained her Chief Steward and Ground Jury status and she and Dad would be off around the countryside helping out at rides always giving back to the endurance community. Mum was also given life membership of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia.

The purchase of the Anglo Arabian stallion, Ralvon Review, in the early 1970's from Ron and Val saw the beginning of Lyndrian Stud, only a young colt at the time I remember Review being very snorty and flighty; under Mum's guidance this same colt became one of the quietest and most trustworthy stallions I have ever known, I rode him in the show ring in child's hack classes something which is not permissible these days; he did his fair share of endurance completing 1625km in rides plus numerous endurance harness events; he sired a number of progeny that

excelled in endurance with most notable being Lyndrian Arion who completed over 5800km including 7 x Shahzada finishes.

In total 17 horses bearing the Lyndrian prefix competed in endurance amassing around 28,000km, some did more than others but they were all tough as they were bred to be. Included in that 28,000km were 20 x Shahzada completions, 8 x 160km completions, 3 x marathons other than Shahzada, the Lyndrian bred horses would have only commenced competing around 1983 and were still competing in 2019 thus spanning over 36 years, perhaps we will see one compete in 2023 rounding out to 40 years! A wonderful testament to the breeding program created by Lyn and Adrian all those years ago.

Individually both Lyn and Adrian did their fair share of endurance riding, both commenced in 1974 with Dad completing Mudgee 88km and Mum completing East Kurrajong 100km – it would have been miles back then and no logbooks in sight. Mum's total is just under 10,000km and includes 7 x Shahzada, 3 x Tom Quilty, 2 x State Championship 160km, the Expo 1980 160km in South Australia where she was the lucky draw winner of an Olympic horse float which we had for many years. The last endurance ride Mum completed was on 04.12.2004 the 160km Cobb & Co Championship at Darlington Point – I rode this event also and Mum was quite ill during the first and second legs and wanted to withdraw but I encouraged her to keep going and her horse Lyndrian Reflection (Boof) thus achieved his 5000km. Dad didn't ride as often, he preferred to talk to others and thus was mainly strapper and driver. His total of 2159km includes 1 x Tom Quilty and 1 x Shahzada, his last event was in November 2003 an 88km completion at Griffith-Binya on his beloved Khaiyal Sculptured Pearl.

Endurance riding was encouraged amongst us children – my brother Christopher notched up 2900km including 2 x Shahzada, 2 x State Championship and 1 x Tom Quilty; sister Cheryl has done over 8300km inclusive of 5 x Shahzada, 4 x Tom Quilty and 1 x State Championship. I am still competing and have only done 6176kms including 1 x Shahzada, 1 x State Championship and 2 other 160kms and finally, this year 2022, I was able to achieve my very first Tom Quilty buckle in my home state of NSW. This has been on my bucket list since I was a very little girl. I trained my horse as Mum had taught me and I feel very proud to have continued the Bailey name into the history books of this prestigious event.

Lyn and Adrian were salt of the earth type people, always willing to help others in need with Mum the quiet achiever and Dad always up for a chin wag; I consider myself very privileged to be their daughter and will do my utmost to uphold all they stood for.

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