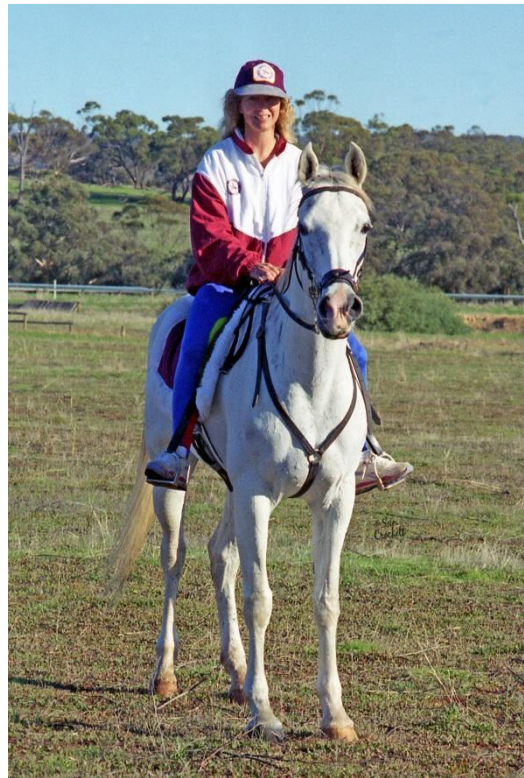


Anne Jones – Life Member Australian Endurance Riders Association

Life Member Queensland Endurance Riders Association

Anne began her endurance riding career in 1984 in NSW. It was a bad start – her horse, Marengo Buznin, vetted out lame. Anne was not put off. She went on to record nearly 25000 kilometres of successful completions over 25 years of endurance riding. Buznin completed over 5000 kms, including two Tom Quilty buckles, three Faraway 320km marathons, a Shahzada 400km marathon and a NSW State Championships. This shows a lot of Anne's character. She was determined, focussed, disciplined and even a bit stubborn. And the vast majority of her endurance kilometres were done on only 6 horses: 3 of the 6 (M Buznin, Kim Dande Tara and Kelkette Park Silver Elite) completed over 5000 kms each, and the other 3 (Noondi Sadj, Tongarra Red Cloud and Carnarvon Cavalier) completed well over 3000 kms each. In this illustrious riding career, Anne completed 11 Tom Quilties, 10 Faraway marathons and 10 Shahzada marathons. She also represented Australia in the World Endurance Championships in Dubai in 2005.



Anne was not just a rider, however. Her Life Membership was awarded because of her lifetime of dedication to administration and management of the sport she loved.



Anne was Secretary of the Queensland Endurance Riders for 18 years and Secretary of the Australian Endurance Riders for 11 years. In those roles, Anne brought her small business experience and expertise and a desire to always look for better ways of doing things. She was an instigator and/or supporter of a number of management initiatives which have moved the

sport of endurance forward. She was, above all, a hard worker for endurance – and she was a fighter. When diagnosed with breast cancer in her early 40s, she fought this off with typical determination and enjoyed nearly two decades of remission. When the cancer returned, she again faced up to the many rounds of treatment with great strength and positivity. Past QERA President Matthew Krahn tells the story of visiting Anne in hospital, with tubes running chemicals into her arm and her hair fast disappearing, but with the QERA laptop across her knees and Anne doing minutes and correspondence for the next meeting.

Anne Jones – a lightweight rider, but a real heavyweight of our sport.