

KEITH MALCOLM TERRILL SWAN OAM

Keith was a Station Manager in North West Queensland in 1960 when he became involved with Pony Clubs, as both an instructor and examiner. In 1976 he attended Oklahoma Farrier's College and on return to Australia established his own farrier business in Townsville and commenced clinics for farriers and also laypersons and has been involved with teaching farrier skills ever since. What Keith does not know about a horse's hoof is not worth knowing.

A quiet unassuming man, Keith has so many honours to his name in the field of Equine specializing in Farriery – being inducted into the Equine Hall of Fame in 2003 and awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2004.

In 1973 Keith became an active member of the CPBSA – which is current to this day; He imported Stonely Golden Heather from England and purchased Connemara Park Paul from Dr Fred Wiltshire and established his stud "Noorookoo".

He was a Committee Member of the Connemara Action Group, Brisbane Region since its founding year in 1980 until 1997; Committee Member of National Body from 1993 until 2003 when he declined nomination; Keith held the position of Vice-President of the Society for a number of years.

Keith is invaluable as an Inspector for the Society, a position he has held since 1989, his special area has of course been the hoof, and has been asked to be guest speaker at many a meeting on "Importance of Straight Legs", "Importance of Feet and Legs" and general areas to look at and issues to look for when inspecting pony as breeding stock.

The reason for Keith not accepting nomination on the Committee of the Society in 2003 was his acceptance into a University Course on Photography, which was a little tamer than dealing with horses and their problems, but once again something that Keith gave enormous energy to achieve a degree.

Despite Keith's wonderful list of achievements in the Equine Field, he is very honoured to be offered Life Membership with the CPBSA. Keith accepted the honour with the humility that becomes him – the CPBSA should consider itself very lucky to have a dedicated man like Keith part of the managing body.