

GARLAND SHANNON

Dreaming contentedly in the shade of leafy Hawthorn trees at Westbury in Northern Tasmania is a little white stallion named Garland Shannon. Now 28 years old, Shannon (Stud book no. 40 - Tulira Colman x Easter Strand) was bred by Roger and Lindy Salkeld, Garland NSW, and arrived at the Hill N'Dale Stud in Tasmania as a yearling in 1973 and has remained with the Whittington family since.

Shannon had a very successful show and ridden career and was still being ridden by children in St Patrick's Day parades at 26 years of age. Shannon's stud career produced some outstanding foals despite never having stood at stud commercially, only being used over our own stud mares.

His progeny include Dark Warrior, a State Tasmanian Junior Showjumper of the year and recently his last foal Riverdance has achieved great success in eventing and was honoured to receive the 2000 'Jo Heard Trophy', in February Riverdance competed in the State Championship C Grade Trials ridden by 13 year old Sarah Pyke in their first season together.

In our Pony Club at present Shannon has representatives in A grade and C grade Trials as well as a Junior Hunter of the Year and Point to Point races, a good example of the versatility of his foals. Unfortunately Shannon never produced a purebred foal due to the fact that purebred mares in the 70's and 80's were very expensive being mainly imported stock. Shannon proudly help to pioneer a new era in horse breeding in Tasmania and with his kind and gentle nature he will remain a dignified little gentleman to the end of his days.