

WYCHWOOD FAIRY WREN

After reading Catherine McTaggart's article celebrating Vale Southern Cross's 30th birthday, I thought it timely to catch up with our branch of her family.

Her granddaughter, **Wychwood Fairy Wren (Cairnhill Partisan – Wychwood Jenny Wren)** joined Newlands Stud as a yearling in 1993. At that stage she was the baby of the family behind **Lagoonside Divinity** and later **Wychwood Grey Gull**. Fairy or Floss as she is also known would tag along at shows usually placing behind the other two. Her greatest show success was Youngstock Champion Connemara. Then Fairy was broken in and headed west to Timboon for several months doing sheepwork.

Fairy was joined to our young stallion **Newlands Gideon** for what was the start of a very happy and productive partnership, producing 4 fillies and one colt before Gideon headed to N.S.W.

Fairy's progeny in order are **Newlands Circee (alias Saucy)**, **Newlands Cascade**, **Newlands Winsome**, **Newlands Moonaree** all fillies and her latest the colt, **Newlands Flanagan**.

All Fairy's family are like peas in a pod with the expressive face and traits one associates with the Wychwood ponies. They are extremely good doers, who tend to mature early and have very lay back attitudes. It has not been unusual to find one of Fairy's daughters looking at you or the T.V. through the windows or negotiating bikes and beanbags when they have been grazing around the house. Interestingly, we have photos of Fairy, **Wychwood Jenny Wren & Vale Southern Cross** as young fillies through to mares and the family resemblance is so strong.

Newlands Circee (Saucy) the oldest & the natural born organiser of her sisters is now with Kit & Alec Boyd & Sarah Hines at Greenhills stud at Minhamite near Warrnambool in Victoria.

Newlands Cascade is here at Newlands- same expression , roly polly shape a replica of her mum.

Newlands Winsome once the no stress, leggy, gangly younger filly has grown into a beautiful young mare with her partner Helen McGorman in S.A. I'm still not sure if Helen chose Winny or Winny chose Helen but they were meant to be together. Recent photos show her at Pony Club trying her hand at jumping.

Newlands Moonaree, named after the McTaggart property, is now in N.S.W. with the Adams family and their new fillies. As well as her dad, Newlands Gideon.

Newlands Flanagan the only colt is undergoing some education before he heads off to a new home and future.