## 2014 MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

## WILLOW PARK CROCKET

## R1-2330

The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours WILLOW PARK CROCKET with a MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE.

Sire: BILL'S CROCKETT Q-211

Dam: STYLISH FM-16087

Breeder: EDWARD J. HODGES SCONE, NSW

First Owner: LOIS KAYSER ORANGE, NSW

Owner: KAYSER ESTATES TERRY HIE HIE, NSW

Profile: 28/11/1972 – 10/3/2002 BAY GELDING

WILLOW PARK CROCKET (Davey) was purchased by Jack Reilly on behalf of Lois Kayser as a foal with his dam, STYLISH FM-16087 from Willow Park Stud, Scone.

Jack Reilly used to play polocrosse on SYTLISH and knew what an exceptional horse she was. He liked the look of her foal and recommended him as a potential champion because of his excellent conformation and breeding. His first stable name was "Baby" but as he grew he needed a grown up name, so his name was changed to "Davey". He was a beautiful tall brown gelding with absolutely perfect conformation.

WILLOW PARK CROCKET began his training in 1974 with initial education for barrel racing and reining futurities. The barrel race futurity was eventually cancelled, but "Davey" did compete at the County of Cumberland Reining Futurity where he placed third. At the New England Quarter Horse Association Moonbi Reining Futurity in 1976 he placed fourth in the aggregate. This early initial education, and further refinement as he grew older, set him in good stead for his future performances.

In the 1970's the AQHA were promoting versatility of the Quarter Horse as the horse to own and Quarter Horse geldings in particular. "Davey" more than fitted this criteria as he was a true winning versatile-all-rounder.

In 1976, at the County of Cumberland Show, WILLOW PARK CROCKET won a 400 metre sprint race, a keyhole race and was placed second in the reining and working cowhorse on the same day. This versatile performance was repeated on a number of occasions at a number of shows and competitions.

WILLOW PARK CROCKET won three sprint races (unbeaten), working cowhorse, reining, cutting, barrel race, calf roping, team roping, western pleasure, western riding, campdrafting, English pleasure hack, goat tying and keyhole race. He was also placed in numerous events and was only ever beaten by tiny margins. He was competing against some of the notable champions of the past such as JET BOOM Q-467, COMMANDER'S NELSON Q-512-, KAY BINGO Q-911 etc.

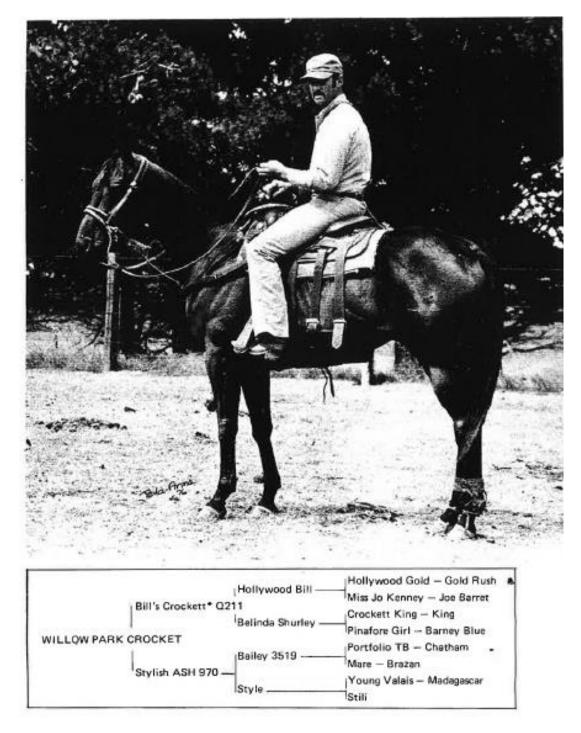


Photo: ANDY KAYSER ON WILLOW PARK CROCKET R1-2330

He won Champion Performance Horse on many occasions (such as at Darbarlera Cutting Club) and many other shows during 1975/76 as well as the County of Cumberland Show in 1976. He was also used as a pick-up horse at rodeos and was great in harness.

WILLOW PARK CROCKET was invited to give a reining exhibition in Sydney at a fund raiser for the Olympic Equestrian team. After the exhibition, Mrs Gould, an official of the Dressage Association, commented that she did not realize that there was so much dressage involved in western riding. He was able to do most dressage movements and change leads every stride.

He also proved to be a very precise barrel racer. He competed successfully in competitions throughout NSW and Southern Queensland. He was part of the Teams Rodeo held at the Sydney Royal Show in 1982, 1983 and 1984 competing in the barrel race.

## WILLOW PARK CROCKET won numerous AQHA awards:-

AWARDS		
Date	Event	Award
25/02/1976	Performance	Register of Merit
25/05/1979	General Performance	Superior Horse
25/05/1979	General Performance	Register of Merit
20/08/1980	Reining	Register of Merit
31/12/1982	Barrel Race	Register of Merit
31/12/1982	Barrel Race	Superior Horse
31/10/1983	Roping	Register of Merit
02/09/1993	Barrel Race	Silver Century
02/09/1993	Barrel Race	Bronze Century
02/09/1993	Barrel Race	Achievement
02/09/1993	Camp Drafting	Achievement
02/09/1993	General Performance	Bronze Century
02/09/1993	General Performance	Achievement
02/09/1993	Reining	Achievement
02/09/1993	Roping	Achievement

He won the:- \*Australasian Championship Barrel Race titles in 1982, 1983 and 1984

\*Australian Champion Barrel Race title 1983 \*New South Wales State Bararel Race title in 1984

These achievements entitled Lois Skuthorpe to be selected to represent Australia on the ABCRA Team at the North American Rodeo Commission Finals in Denver in 1983 and 1984.



Photo: LOIS KAYSER (SKUTHORPE) ON WILLOW PARK CROCKET R1-2330



WILLOW PARK CROCKET died from a heart attack just prior to his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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