

# 2006 a season to remeber 2007

In the last twelve months Willowcroft Stud has again enjoyed success in the show rings around Australia and although it has become difficult to keep up with horses we have bred that are competing around the country (in various disciplines including Grand Prix dressage) there is one Riding Pony/Galloway that has done so well in the show ring that he has achieved celebrity status... Willowcroft Regal Winter



**Willowcroft Regal Winter**  
2006 Brisbane Galloway Champion

Willowcroft Regal Winter (by Urubula Regal Promise), owned by Laura, Lynda and Peter Widdowson and ridden by Adam Oliver, has won five major Ridden Galloway Championships at Royal Shows over the last 18 months plus the Grand National Small Galloway of the Year plus numerous Riding Pony awards !! He won his first Royal Champion at Canberra Royal in 2006 followed by Sydney and Brisbane to achieve "the triple crown". This year he has again achieved what most would think was impossible with the quality of saddle galloways in Australia now – two Royals – Canberra and Sydney – for two Champions with a Grand National win tucked in between for good measure!! Congratulations to the Widdowson team for their enviable achievements – five consecutive Royal Championships plus a Grand National Galloway of the Year – this must surely be a record.

Another Galloway by Regal Promise that has had a fabulous year is Bree and Nick Petree's Willowcroft Chance Encounter winning Champion Saddle Galloway at Melbourne Royal ; VASA Large Galloway Champion (for the second time in a row) and Barastoc Galloway of the Year '07as well as winning at Canberra Royal. Canberra, now one of the biggest and most popular Royals in the country, saw many other Willowcroft's by Urubula Regal Promise in the winners circle. Willowcroft. Cruise Control, making

his Royal debut, won the Novice Small Galloway and Res. Champion Galloway Gelding. He was also a finalist at the National Riding Pony show Led and Ridden His full-sister W. Annie's Lane, owned by Susie Burt and the Mackinnon family, was successful in the Ladies Galloway along with Emma Marie's W. Garland. (Urubula Regal Promise/W. Sapphire). Mimi Elliot's W. Regal Sensation was also a winner in the Galloway ring and I understand his full-brother Regal Occasion (out of Serene Festive Occasion imp) was successful in the pony hacks.



**Willowcroft Cruise Control**  
Canberra Royal 2007 Novice winner and Res. Champion Led Galloway

In NSW Maryanne Bullpitt has had great success with her small Galloway Regal Rhapsody. Maryanne owns W. Regal Secret who was Champion Ridden at Canberra and Sydney and Supreme Riding Pony at Sydney Royal twice. Secret is now in foal to Oakvale Serenade but was ridden to success at Canberra Royal by Courtney Herd. Coincidentally Courtney is having great success in Victoria with her new small galloway Tailormade who is a full-brother to Regal Rhapsody.!



**Willowcroft Regal Winter**  
(Urubula Regal Promise/Willowcroft Winter)  
Grand National Small Galloway of the Year 2007  
Champion Galloway Canberra Royal 2006 2007 Sydney  
Royal 2006 & 2007 Brisbane Royal 2006

It is a challenge to keep up with the horses we have bred and their successes in the show ring and I wish I had more time to keep track of "where are they now?". We love to hear how they are fairing and it is fascinating to see how particular family lines continue to be successful For example, at this years Sydney Royal, the Saddle Galloway Champion Regal Winter, is out of W. Winter, a full-sister to W. Wizard (W. Vagabond/W. Raffles). The Res. Champion, Paint the Stars of Astral, is out of Kirreway Tranquility who was by W. Wizard. Tranquility is also the dam of the very good moving Showpiece, National Flag and Masterpiece of Astral as well as Mirinda Jack of Diamonds and K. Explorer. This fabulous movement can be attributed to some extent to Lennels Strolling Minstrel considered to be one of the best moving Riding Pony sires in the U.K. W. Wizard's sire W. Vagabond was by The Laird(imp) out of a Strolling Minstrel daughter, Redmayne Primula Other top movers currently in the spotlight that are out of a mares by Wizard are the Grand National Pony of the Year Sanlirra Just Gossip and the Brisbane Champion Saddle Pony Westlake Hummingbird.

It is now also particularly rewarding to see the young progeny by Emblem starting to make their mark in the show ring. Emblem is by Urubula Regal Promise out of Willowcroft Sapphire (W. Wizard/ Weston Sequin by Rotherwood Acrobat (imp). The Widdowson Family in Qld have a brother to Regal Winter by Emblem called Merivale Park Steal the Show. "Hugo", won Supreme Led Riding Pony Exhibit at Toowoomba Royal at his first outing and has since beaten his brother for Champion Gelding at the Qld Riding Pony of the Year Show. At the Arabian Nationals Regal Emblem's progeny also



excelled. W. Regal Princess owned by the Fallick family won Champion 3 yrs and under and Naaman Stud's Merivale Park NV was awarded Champion Riding Pony Stallion.



**Ke-Anbree Da Ja Vous**  
(Willowcroft Regal Emblem )  
2007 SA Rising Star Galloway of the Year  
Runner-Up Newcomer Galloway of the Year

Demia de Tonnerre's Willowcroft Royal Acclaim by Emblem recently won Champion Novice Galloway at Bathurst Royal shortly after a most successful day at the National Saddle Pony Show where she was awarded Supreme Saddle Pony and Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit of the Show. Reserve Champion went to another Emblem filly owned by Kayla Guner. In Vic Emma Richardson's Willowcroft Spring Holly by Emblem has been very successful under saddle with wins including the Childs Pony at Melbourne Royal. Also to do well in Vic. is Leanne Fielding's Regal Tradition and Manorvale's Diamond Diva.

In SA Ke-Anbree De Ja Voue owned by Kelly Mules won the SA Rising Star Galloway of the Year as a three year old and attracted a

fan club at the Grand Nationals. De Ja Vou was the 2005 SA Riding Pony Youngstock of the Year. Last year this award was won by another Emblem baby – this time the beautiful yearling Willowcroft High Society owned by Annabell Kerslake. High Society won her Riding Pony Class at Adelaide Royal but was beaten for Champion Filly by W. Pretty Woman. Pretty Woman (Oakvale Serenade/Willowcroft Sapphire) who had won Supreme Riding Pony Exhibit at Sydney Royal as a yearling in 2005 went on to win the Supreme award at Adelaide Royal It was such a thrill to have three Champions in the line up for Supreme. The Champion Gelding, Willowcroft Manuscript, was also by Emblem and I hear that he is now going beautifully under saddle for young Holly Mc Donald Smith and will make his Newcomer debut later in the year.



**Willowcroft Regal Charisma**  
2005 & 2006 Champion Galloway Geelong Royal

In WA another Emblem youngster Willowcroft Insignia has been very successful and in NZ Willowcroft Sweet Secrets belonging to Katherine Kirk has recently won Newcomer Pony of the Year at the Grand Nationals. Emblem progeny also winning in SA include Lia Blacket's Wynara Regal Kiss .and Regal Romance of Class.



**Willowcroft Regal Dynasty**  
SA Bred Champion Ridilen Riding Pony of the Year'06



**Willowcroft Chance Encounter**  
Champion Saddle Galloway Melbourne Royal 2006  
Vic Barastoc and VASA Galloway of the Year



Other highlights that have been brought to my attention include Wendy Rodger-Claxton's Willowcroft Regal Sonnet (Urubula Regal Promise) Champion Arabian Derivative Leading Rein with five year old Ned on board. Wendy's other beautiful mare Regal Rhymes has been most successful in her first year out under saddle and Wendy has recently purchased a half sister by Serenade called Prada that will come out later in the year with Anthony Mountney

Karen Newman's Willowcroft Regal Charisma won Champion Galloway at the Royal Geelong Show for the second successive year as well as winning at the Melbourne Summer Royal. Apparently she has a new home with a young girl in Bundaberg in Qld.

Emblem's full brother Regal Bronze has had another beautiful

crop of foals in England for Stanley Grange Stud and we recently sold another Emblem youngster, a small hack called Secret Agent, to the UK. Full-sister Miss Money Penny, who was Champion Led Galloway mare at Canberra two years ago, is now about to make her saddle debut after giving us two stunning fillies by Serenade. Another full brother called Secret Service has gone to Liz Doggit in Qld. There is no substitute for those fabulous performance dam lines! All too often we expect the stallion to do everything.

In South Australia Helen Grantham's Willowcroft Regal Dynasty is one of those beautiful little galloways mares that endears herself to all judges whether it be at a Royal or Riding Pony of the Year Show. Helen has a brother by Emblem that will have his first saddle outing later in the year. Edwina Harrison's small hack Willowcroft Composer has had a brilliant run in the last twelve months taking Edwina to win Grand National Rider and Owner/Rider SA Hack of the Year. Shannon Graham's Willowcroft Picasso won the Runner Up Newcomer SHC Galloway of the Year and Private Dancer owned by Teagan Harris has many Supremes to his credit in his first year out.



**Willowcroft Regal Dynasty**

Willowcroft Stud has leased Oakvale Serenade (Syon Royal Portrait (imp)/Chippenham Pop Music) from Mrs. Mavis Dilly of Gordon Park Stud in WA for last four seasons and we have some outstanding stock by this beautiful Riding Pony sire. We took a chance when we decided to show him,



**Oakvale Serenade**  
2006 SA Led and Ridden Riding Pony of the Year

aged thirteen at the State Show in October but we need not have stressed as he was awarded Led and Ridden Riding Pony of the Year. Serenade is staying in WA this year but his influence on our breeding program will be with us for many years to come. We will have for sale some lovely young mares in foal to him in the spring, as well as three stunning colts from mares with excellent Riding Pony bloodlines

The extremely dry conditions in 2006 proved to be very taxing but we were again rewarded with a superb crop of foals. Before we know it it will be "that time" of the year again and we will be venturing out early each morning to see what little surprises await us in the foaling paddock.. Best of luck to everyone for the coming show and breeding season and let's hope it rains in those

areas so desperate for a drink.



**Willowcroft Composer**



**Willowcroft Pretty Woman**  
(Oakvale Serenade/Willowcroft Sapphire)  
Supreme Champion Riding Pony Exhibit Sydney Royal 2006 & Adelaide Royal 2006



**Willowcroft Regal Winter**



**Willowcroft High Society**  
(Willowcroft Regal Emblem/ Urubula Giselle)  
2006 SA Youngstock of the Year



**Willowcroft Garland**  
Canberra Royal  
(Urubula Regal Promise/Willowcroft Sapphire)  
Multi-Champion Saddle Galloway including Perth Royal



**Willowcroft Regal Dynasty**  
at Adelaide Royal 2006



**Willowcroft Composer**  
Adelaide Royal 2006



**Willowcroft Regal Princess**  
by Willowcroft Regal Emblem Australian  
National Champion Yearling 2007



**Willowcroft Regal Princess**  
(Willowcroft Regal Emblem/ Willowcroft Moss Cottage)  
Reserve Champion Arabian Riding Pony Yearling  
Arabian National 2007



**Willowcroft Royal Acclaim**  
07 Supreme Champion Saddle Pony  
National Saddle Pony of the Year



**Willowcroft Royal Acclaim**  
(Willowcroft Regal Emblem/Willowcroft RegalAffair)  
Champion novice galloway 2007 Bathurst Royal  
2007 Supreme Champion Saddle Pony National Saddle  
Pony of the Year



**Willowcroft Sweet Secrets**  
by Willowcroft Regal Emblem NZ  
Newcomer Pony of the Year