

# ED AND CAROL McCORMACK

CLONLARA, STUD NO. 71.



ALTHOUGH THE Clonlara Stud started in 1969, the McCormacks' association with Droughtmasters started much earlier - Carol remembers typing up some of the notes for the inaugural meeting of the Droughtmaster Society in 1962. Her father John Stewart-Moore was instrumental in forming the Society and was a foundation member, twice President and later, Patron.

**1968** - marriage brought Ed into the Droughtmaster breed, with 12 cows and a bull from the Stewart-Moores' Telemon Stud, some with Charraboon prefixes.

**Early 1970s** - Clonlara first offered bulls at Rockhampton DM sale - only 90-100 bulls in those days (with buyers, agents and yardmen retiring to the Gracemere pub

for lunch and refreshments, resuming in due course)

**Early 1980s** - Clonlara presented 2 year old bulls at Rockhampton DM sale with very successful results. This proved a turning point for other vendors as previously mostly 3-4 year old bulls had been offered.

**1980s** - success at various commercial cattle competitions throughout Queensland.

**Mid 1980s** - sold bulls at early DM sales in Roma

**1989** - first Clonlara on property bull sale, 25 bulls selling extremely well

**1990** - Champion pen 6 steers at RNA Ekka Brisbane

**1991** - Beef '91 Champion pen 10 steers. 2 year old grass fed steers were presented in the

heavyweight class. This proved a turning point as previously the competition had comprised principally 3 year old cattle.

**2010** - Grand Champion bull, RNA Ekka Brisbane.

**2010** - Gus and Jen McCormack take over Clonlara Stud.

**2021** - Reserve Champion pen 10 grain fed steers Beef 2021.

**2022** - Annual on property sales continue uninterrupted, this year marking the 35th sale at Dilga, Glenmorgan on September 21.

We have enjoyed our Droughtmaster journey over the years, and it's great to see the breed is in good hands.

*Contributed by Ed & Carol McCormack*