

NEIL AND MARGARET WARNE

CEDARDALE, STUD NO. 307.



NEIL AND MARGARET WARNE were made Honorary Life Members in 2015. Prior to founding their stud in 1980 as Stud No. 307, the Warnes were running commercial cattle and over the years upgraded to stud breeding. Neil and Margaret were major players in the ongoing success of the breed in NSW, particularly in northern NSW.

The Warnes were always first to donate steers to local schools or colleges and made many donations

to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other health institutions.

Neil sat on the Board of Directors during years when things were not always easy for the Society. They also were showing their cattle at several Country Shows winning a number of Championships including a grand champion female at a feature show. But it was with his steers that Neil shone, and it was to be his life's passion.

Showing on the hoof and over the hook, Neil's cattle shone with his greatest achievement being a steer whose saleable meat yield was 76.4 per cent. Never before in Australia had this been achieved by any breed. Neil and Margaret were justifiably proud. These amazing yields continued on, and his steers attracted extra attention at the saleyards with his clients quickly realising the value of their steers in feedlots and paddock fattening situations.

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