PAT FLYNN



AS RECORDED in the Droughtmaster Digest 2008:

For more than four decades Pat has been involved with the Droughtmaster breed and during that time has been dedicated to helping youth learn about the cattle industry, which prompted his nomination for Life Membership of the Droughtmaster Society.

Many breeders would be familiar with the Droughtmaster stud prefix. Boystown, which was established in 1984 as Stud No. 495.

Pat was working with Boystown in the 1980s and he recommended the establishment of a Droughtmaster stud because he believed a stud operation would instil responsibility and accountability in the boys of Boystown, while creating a rewarding hobby that would generate life-changing opportunities for them. Through Pat's experience of showing cattle with his three sons he knew the temperament of the Droughtmaster breed would be perfect for Boystowns's youth.

Boystown cattle eventually became highly sought after, and in the show ring celebrated a remarkable list of successes.

When Pat was asked about his contribution to the Boystown Droughtmaster Stud, he simply replied "My passion was using the Droughtmaster breed to change the lives of disadvantaged and disengaged children."

"Droughtmaster cattle provided many kids with a sense of accomplishment and improved their attitude and outlook on life," he said.

Pat's association and involvement with Boystown came to an end when the home was shut down in 1992.

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In 2000 he commenced employment with the Warwick State High School and on Pat's recommendation the school started showing Droughtmasters, thanks to the generosity of the Rowe family (Greenacres and Southern Cross Studs).

Fred Rowe sent 14 head of Droughtmaster cattle to Warwick State High School, which cemented a long association between the two men.

Pat has assisted and guided many people in establishing their own Droughtmaster studs, he has also provided free semen, show equipment and transportation to many of those studs.

Pat Flynn dedicated over half his life to working with you and the Droughtmaster breed, and is a very worthy recipient of Life Membership.