

RAY PHILLIPS

SUNNY VIEW, STUD NO. 148.



Ray Phillips with Sunny View Julian, grand champion bull Brisbane Royal 1984 being presented with the Kengoon Trophy by his mother Mrs Stan Phillips, Sunny View, Kingaroy

THE SUNNY VIEW Droughtmaster Stud was established in 1973 by Stan and Ray Phillips following 65 years and four generations of family involvement in the Dairy industry and the breeding of stud AIS Cattle.

From commencement, I recognised the importance of the show ring and being involved in Society based activities and the support of new members.

I did not miss a Feature Show in the Southern Zone from 1974 to 1991.

The achievements of the Stud have been many, and I was keen to give back to the breed and soon became involved in the running of various workshops. My involvement in the long-lasting Futurity Show

at Gatton has been more than rewarding. The years served as a Director, Vice President and Classifier made me a part of the Droughtmaster Family through a period that saw major growth in the quality of Droughtmaster cattle, larger membership of Stud cattle being shown and the enormous growth and acceptance of the Droughtmaster in commercial herds. I would like to think that I am one of many that through the 70's and 80's built a platform for the breed to go to the level of success that it enjoys today.

With a need to take a different look at life, the herd was sold privately in 1991 to the Albert Downs, Valley View, Yenda and Saddle View Studs.

Since then, I have enjoyed semi-retirement, developing a scrub property that we owned separate to the original place and spending time with my grandchildren and now a great grandson.

Each year I look forward to the Gatton Futurity Show and have enjoyed my involvement with it for all the years that it has been going. I sincerely hope and trust that I can be of use for more years. I believe that any encouragement and assistance that can be given to young people and new members is paramount to the future of any breed society.

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