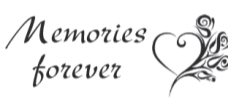


DEATH NOTICE



**GUNDRY - Margaret Agnes.**  
Passed away suddenly on Monday November 19, 2018.  
Dearly loved mother of Rob and Suz. Nanny to Maddie, Sheridan and Bronte.  
At peace and reunited with Winston.  
*Forever in our hearts.*

**GUNDRY (nee Phyland) - Margaret.**  
November 19, 2018 suddenly.  
Loved sister-in-law of Val, Ken and family, Linda, Heather, James, Andrea and Malcolm.  
Condolences to Keith, Noel, Mandy, Rob and Suz and families.  
Remembering our family gatherings and chats.  
*Sadly missed.*



**GUNDRY - Margaret.**  
With love and thoughts to all the family.  
Special friend to Kay, Leigh, Sally, Scott, Michael, Eliza and family.  
You went so quickly without a goodbye.  
Only now have we time to cry.  
Marg and Wintie together again.

FUNERAL

**BARTON -**  
A Memorial Service for Mr Gregory Paul "Wally" Barton will be held at Adams Funeral Chapel, 39 Fitzroy Street, Kerang on **THURSDAY** (November 29, 2018) at 2.00 p.m.  
A Private Cremation will be held earlier.

 **A.G. ADAMS**  
& Sons  
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**FREE -**  
A Graveside Service for Mr Rodger Alexander Free will be held at the Cohuna Lawn Cemetery on **FRIDAY** (Nov 30, 2018) at 11.00 a.m.

 **A.G. ADAMS**  
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BEREAVEMENT THANKS



Garry Hooper and families of the late Eily Roberts wish to thank the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the Cohuna Hospital for their care of Eily.  
Thank you to Philip Davey and Jenny Hawken for their kind words and assistance with Eily's funeral and to the Cohuna Golf Club for the lovely afternoon tea.  
To the many people who sent cards, flowers and food, thank you. We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful community.



**McGILLIVRAY - Brenda Jane.**  
Thank you for sharing your memories, kindness and love during this time of great sadness.  
A special thanks to the staff at ERH for going above and beyond.  
- Tom, Azaria and Mitch, Brodie and Alison, Xavier and Cathy and all our grandchildren.

  
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# From the wild to willing

## Brumby now on Shaniah's team

JENNY DENTON

LEITCHVILLE horse-trainer Shaniah Dye walked away from the Equitana equestrian event in Melbourne with a judges' award and a happy ending.

The 20-year-old was one of 27 entrants in the Australian Brumby Challenge, which sees wild horses that have been trapped in High Country national parks paired with volunteer trainers who spend 150 days breaking, or "starting", them.

The transformed animals are then presented and taken through their paces in a range of activities, from dressage to "freestyle", and on the last day of the four-day show are auctioned to raise money for the Victorian Brumby Association, which rescues and re-homes wild horses caught on public lands and aims to raise awareness about their plight and potential to be domesticated.

"I was super pleased with how Ariat went at Equitana," Ms Dye said of her four-year-old gelding. "He looked around and said, 'Okay, this is the environment I'm going to be in,' and handled the whole thing like a pro."

VBA Ariat - the prefix recognises that a horse was caught by the Victorian Brumby Association - was running with "a pack of bachelor stallions" in Kosciuszko National Park when he was rounded up, Ms Dye said.

"He'd spent four years in the wild before seeing a person. I had to pretty much just stand with him the first day to show I wasn't going to jump on him and rip his neck open, like a predator would."

"Whereas domestic horses see us as a friend, brumbies see us as a predator. You have to take things slower with a brumby and try to think like a wild horse."

Ms Dye's training method and general approach is one of "natural horsemanship", which she has completed high level training in - a respect-based school of horse riding and handling which is attuned



Ariat going through his paces at Equitana.

to the animal's way of thinking.

Although she got involved in the challenge purely for the experience of working with a brumby and to help save one that might otherwise be culled, Ms Dye and Ariat performed so well at Equitana that she won a judges choice award, along with high praise from a personal hero - acclaimed New Zealand trainer Vicky Wilson, who together with her sisters wrote a book about taking on the Australian Brumby Challenge in 2016, Saving the Snowy

Brumbies.

"He's a completely changed horse," Ms Dye said. "He went from being a scared little brumby in the corner on day one to a horse that can walk, canter, do dressage. I can ride him through objects. He likes to socialise. He's inquisitive."

When it came time for the auction on day four, Ms Dye wasn't focused on fund-raising.

"I just put my head down so no-one would see me cry," she said.

She and her supporters were quietly hoping Ariat wouldn't

sell, and as it turned out, the brumby's \$1250 reserve price wasn't reached.

Despite already having a rescue mare, two miniatures, a retired racehorse and two horses of Shaniah's mum's on their property, the family agreed to take Ariat back home for good.

"Considering how well he went at Equitana, that he tried his heart out for me and what a team we've become, I decided to keep him and put more work into him," Ms Dye said.

"He came home with me and he's in the paddock now."



VBA Ariat, on the day Shaniah picked him up. "He was completely wild."



The Lions Club of Murrabit did a roaring trade providing breakfast to hungry Massive Murray Paddle competitors, ground crew and officials.