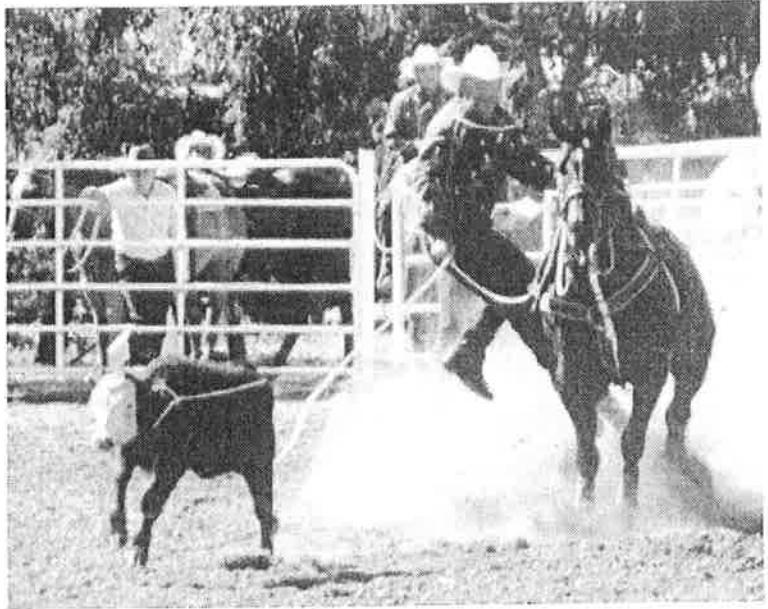


# Garry McPhee

*In 1967 Garry McPhee purchased a horse called CHUCK from former Canadian, Mel Stephens at Teen Ranch near Sydney. Garry believes that Chuck was an infused Quarter Horse and it was this early association with a good horse that started Garry on his way to win twelve Australian Rodeo titles in five years.*



Garry McPhee has dominated rodeo since his arrival from New Zealand in 1965. In the early 70's Garry and Cheryl McPhee were both winning titles on MOLSIE by Quarter Inch by Mescal (imp) and it wasn't until 1974 that Garry started riding a stout Del Mingo bred gelding registered under the name of Irvine, but known to the rodeo world as Trapper. Garry first saw the big foal in Eddie Wilson's paddock and was not impressed. The weanling later passed to Garry in a deal and was taken to Victoria where he finished growing. It didn't take long for Garry to realise the potential of Trapper once he had some arena work with cattle. It's now history that the gelding has gone on to win over \$200,000 in both roping and steer wrestling contest in rodeos in five states.

Garry McPhee has had his own breed of Quarter Horses since the early 1970's. He started with the Quarter Elgrando daughters, Elgrando Cupie, Elamo, and B.V. and is still breeding from their descendants. He bred them and others to Rojo Dynamo and Bobbies Cutter (leading sire of rodeo time events horses) and later Hank Man Leo and Diplomatic Jet - a brilliant calf roping horse. Garry trained Bobby Blair who went on to win the calf roping horse title at the Australian Quarter Horse Championships for his next owners. He showed reining and cutting horses in the 1970's including Bueno Brandy and Elgrando Cupie who won the reining futurity at the Horden pavilion in the early 70's. He won the cutting futurity at Walgett on Bueno Brandy and has partnered many of the top timed event horses such as Poko Buzz, Cadillac (registered name Sonny Boy) and many more.

The name McPhee in rodeo also extends to Rodeo Stock Contracting with the McPhee Rodeo Company having the reputation as owning some of the most consistent and toughest bucking stock in Australia. McPhee stock have received many bucking stock awards for saddle bronc of the year, bareback horse of the year and bull of the year.

Today Garry can still be found passing on his experience and knowledge, of the required skill needed to be a successful competitor, to many potential young cowboys and indeed his own family with sons Guy and Blair and daughter Dusty following in their fathers footsteps. Gary has created the market for Quarter Horses in his field of Rodeo and has arguably contributed to the promotion of the outstanding qualities of the Quarter Horse in Rodeo Time Events to the point where, today, they are the dominant breed for Barrel Racers, Steer Wrestlers, Calf Ropers and Team Ropers.

Garry McPhee's ambitions are simple he wants to continue competing in rodeos as long as he is able and lift the standards for the sport to the highest possible level.