

Remarkable Show Record

Former meatworks buyer Ron Bauer was converted to Brahmans in 1954 when he saw 900 Brahman cross bullocks in the yards at Bob Beak's Wilangi property, St Lawrence.

The Grampians Stud (ABBA 45) was founded in 1955 with the purchase of a purebred Brahman bull and three heifers at the annual Rockhampton Brahman sale. These were bred by McCartney Bros at Princhester.

The same year 15 Brahman x Poll Hereford heifers were purchased from A. McKenzie, Wumalgi. In 1956, 16 three-quarter and seven-eighths heifers were added from F. Codd, Kalarka. A purebred bull was purchased from Glenprairie in 1957.

In 1961, Waverley James de Manso, a grey son of JDH Wendell de Manso 571/6 (imp), was purchased from Waverley for 1000 guineas. He must have sired more champions than any other Brahman bull and in the 1970s was used extensively for artificial insemination. A daughter, Grampians Karen, sold in 1967 for \$6000, which was an Australian female Brahman record.

The Grampians Stud of W. R. & B. W. Bauer, operated at Purga, near Ipswich, until 1975, when Mr and Mrs Bauer moved to Boonah. Their son, Graham and his wife Roslyn, shortly afterwards set up Amaroo Stud at Crows Nest.



MR RON BAUER

Grampians cattle have been shown at Brisbane every year since 1965 (when Grampians Jodee was grand champion female) except 1980, and that was only because the properties were changing.

At the 1971 Sydney Royal Grampians Duncan (by Apis Creek Court Jester) won the 15/18 months class and was junior champion, grand champion bull and best Brahman exhibit. The sire's progeny award went to Apis Creek Acrobat. Junior and reserve champion heifers were Grampians Wendy and Nardja. At auction, Wendy topped the sale at \$3600, which was a record price for a Brahman heifer.

Grampians Duncan went on to be grand champion bull at Rockhampton 1972 and has been a top producer of females. His daughter Amaroo Nikki was reserve senior champion Brisbane 1978.

Acrobat was a bull that went right to the top. He was grand champion bull at Brisbane Royal in 1966 and 1967. He proved a true champion, siring stock which had outstanding success in showrings all over Australia. He was the winning Brahman in the National Beef Sire of the Year Competition in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

Best known of his progeny was Grampians Charm, who in a



GRAMPIANS ANDREW de MANSO, Champion Brahman Bull Melbourne Royal 1970. Exhibited by Mornington Park Stud.