

Bob Sample

Nominated March 2019

Nomination received from QERA for an Honorary Membership to be awarded to Bob Sample.

Rationale

This nomination is to acknowledge the longstanding contribution that Bob Sample has made to our sport, both in an administrative capacity at national, state and local levels, and as a rider.

Bob served two terms as AERA President at an early stage in AERA's existence, when they needed to transition from a fairly informal structure into an incorporated association structure. He played a significant role in drafting Rules of Association for AERA in 1980 – 1981.

He was also involved with QERA at management level for a time and has supported the organisation of rides in Queensland, particularly in the development of the Far A Way Club, serving as President from 2002 – 2009, and was instrumental in development of the FAW Easter Endurance Carnival as we know it today. Bob was a Foundation Member of the FAW Club and continues to be involved in the events run by FAW as a Life Member.

Bob was involved in organising a Tom Quilty Event as Chairperson in the 1970's and is again bringing his knowledge and expertise to Tom Quilty planning as a member of the TQ19 Committee.

As a rider, Bob's AERASpace record shows that he has completed over 15,000 kilometres though he has probably done many more miles, given the gaps in recording early rides into the database. Bob rode his first Tom Quilty Gold Cup event in 1971. He won the Tom Quilty Gold Cup in 1993 and has achieved 15 Tom Quilty buckles, mostly riding horses of his own breeding.

Bob has created a dynasty with 4 of his children, three of his grandchildren and one great grandchild participating in the sport. With his riding days over, Bob will be out on the Quilty track, helping in many ways, including driving the rescue float, and watching to see possibly 5 of his family saddle up for TQ19.