



Vale

Kannanook Cassanova, 1975- 2009

Registered: Part bred Arabian and APHA

Tara as we called him came to us as a freebie, at the age of 20yrs. It was a case of "If you can get him on the float, he is yours!". He came with some stubborn characteristics, and hated being tied up. We sorted him out over six months, and he became Sharon's 1st horse. Sharon was a relatively learner rider, and Tara just a paddock bomb, they'd chase

the cows, and he would trail ride out along with many a lot younger than himself. We also went to the beach in summer; this was a fun time too.

He was a member of Freshwater Creek Adult Riding Club, teaching Sharon to go over poles and small jumps. I also rode him in Arabian costume classes and he didn't care. Tara loved Liquorice, sugar cubes, and his soggy soft dinners in his later years, as he had no back teeth, just the front ones, but seemed to hold his condition really well.

He was a great old ambassador for the Palomino and Arabian breeds, his gold coat in summer made him stand out, and he always had a long soft mane, and super thick tail. His breeding was of English crabbet Arabian blood, with his sire Radanick being the stallion at Kannanook Stud near Colac, owned by Joyce and Jim Edwards. He was one of her very early foals, so when it came the time to finally retire Tara at about 26yrs, we turned to Kannanook Stud again. This is where we saw little Banjo, as a wee foal still on his palomino dam Kannanook Pixie. A few months later as a weaner, Banjo came home with us. Banjo's Arabian sire is Kannanook Halley's Comet, and Comet is the half brother to Tara, both being by Radanick.

Sadly Jim and Joyce have now passed on, and the stud dispersed about 7yrs ago. And now Tara has joined them, he had a healthy, fun filled long life, and is buried at Sharon and Rob's farm in Inverleigh, surprisingly enough; it's only about 2kms from one of the original sites of Kannanook Stud!



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