

# Williams / Verrall / Barlow

1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Mt Willoughby No. 1 - 2017



**Training/Feeding:** Geoff and Jono joined with Rick as the Williams / Verrall / Barlow partnership at the end of 2015. Subsequently, all the birds were raced at Ricks loft. Due to work commitments, the majority of the training of the birds was kindly provided by Geoff and also by Rick. In addition to daily loft flying for approximately 1.5 to 2hrs, tossing via the units on the north and private tossing on the east/south east occurred twice a week between racing. Feeding of the birds is pretty standard, with fat/oil seeds increased for the distance races. Birds are kept as close to nature as possible.

**Race program for 15634:** 2016 season: As a late bred youngster he flew the East line program, beginning with Lamerou 2, then Underbool 1, Moulamein Derby, Deniliquin Open and Morundah Open. As he was a consistent young cock who was improving as the distance increased, he was paired up at seasons end to another Barlow hen (SA15-15645 BBH) and we let him rear a round of youngsters in the race loft.

2017 Season: He was trained on both lines and started his racing campaign back on the South East line, placing 10th Assoc SDC SAHPA

Coonalpyn (992 mpm) in his first race back. He was subsequently switched to the north line in preparation for Alice Springs. He flew Bookaloo, homing mid field, then flew the Lyndhurst open placing 2nd Port group, 73rd Assoc SAHPA (1113 mpm). He was then trained aside with the Alice team, however was too light in condition on hampering night, so he was held back for the subsequent Coober Pedy cocks special race & Marla instead. With better weight/condition after a number of short/separate tosses he was subsequently sent to the Coober Pedy Cocks Special and was clocked 6th Assoc SAHPA (1381 mpm).

Being in form condition, he was thus sent to Marla ten days later. Due to adverse conditions (heavy fog after heavy rain the day previous), the birds were re-scheduled for release at Mt Willoughby instead. The race turned into a more classic two-day distance event, with warm, steady conditions and cross/head SE to SW winds (10-25 km/hr). 15634 was clocked on the second morning for 1st Assoc SAHPA (982 mpm, 877km, 81 fliers 1257 birds), being ten minutes clear of the next bird in the association. He was flown to the perch in both of his racing seasons.