Passionate horseman

Keith William "Chum" Bradock
Horse breeder, dog breeder, community identity
Born: April 15, 1921; Gladstone
Died: February 9, 2007; Clare

D ROVER, horseman and pylon fancier Keith William "Chum" Bradock was one of the Mid North's iconic figures, well known in his community but equally well known throughout Australia, having developed a vast network of friends and acquaintances.

At 15, he became a state junior cyclist and then joined the Light Horse to go to war when he was almost 18. It was on one of his cycling trips while on leave that he met the love of his life, marrying Bernice Thomas on Anzac Day in 1942.

They had three children, Bernie, Jane and Kalaryn, and during the early years of marriage, both were very involved in breeding and showing English setters, cocker spaniels and horses.

Chum's study for a career as a bushman and a horseman was involved in every facet of the horse world, planting a veggie garden or sorting out the pigs ready for market.

The Bradock home was always open to everyone, and people from far and wide always filled it.

Chum's love for open spaces took him into the bush with his draying team as a young man and he loved the Flinders Ranges, but his other love was the sea, and in later life became a successful pylon fancier, breeding, showing and judging poultry, pigeons and homing pigeons.

Chum was a nationally accredited judge for the Waterfowl Association.

He was a life member of the Clare Hunt Club, Waterford Association, Clare Poultry Club as well as many other community associations.

Known as a bushman, Chum was always willing to help others in any way he could. When Black Tuesday bushfires swept through Eyre Peninsula two years ago, he sent hay and fencing wire.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bernice, son Bernie and daughters Jan and Kate and their families.