

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4625

## Wainwright, Sue

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**Occupation** Cattle Farmer

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### Summary

Sue Wainwright was a 1997 nominee for the ABC Rural Woman of the Year Award, for the Northern Territory.

Sue Wainwright started a 200 cow Poll Hereford Stud in 1975. She imported American Poll Hereford bulls and females and, using the latest artificial breeding and embryo technology learned in the United States of America, she built her herd into trait leaders with major show wins in three states. She began breeding Pakistan based Sahiwal cattle in 1983 and had the world's first successful embryo transfer of this breed. She had the largest registered herd in Australia and overseas.

Sue went to Central and South America to promote the durability and milk production advantages of Sahiwal and Shival cross cattle and as a result supplied many overseas markets. In June of 1996, Sue purchased Larrakeyah Station and built a new artificial breeding unit and quarantine area for her own use and for the anticipated overseas demand for identified cattle genetics.

Unfortunately, there were tough times between 1997 and 2000 and Sue was forced to sell the station and breeding business and move to Darwin. Despite the difficulties Sue undertook a study tour of China, where she made some valuable contacts and acquired relevant information, which she has been able to share, through Meat and Livestock Australia, with the Australian beef cattle industry.

### Events

#### 1997 - 1997

Nominated for ABC Rural Woman of the Year in the Northern Territory

#### 2000 - 2000

State Winner RIRDC Rural Woman of the Year.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

1997 ABC Northern Territory Rural Woman of the Year, ABC Radio, 1997,  
<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/rwoty/nt.htm#reg>

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

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