

REDLANDS

I have been shoeing horses for 23 years. I started my training at 15 years of age and serve 4 years training. I left my master at 19 years of age and started shoeing many show horses and eventers and show jumpers. Two years later I felt the need to travel and better myself and skills. I spent just on \$ 30,000 dollar to do that. I have travelled to Japan, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, then to Kentucky where I spent some time with Dr Rick Redden. I then got back to Australia to get back into building my business again.

Just on 10 years ago I received a call from Bart Cummings who approached me to shoe his horses – that was a great stepping stone for me. I have to this date shod 33 group one winners and just on 70 group winners. I have worked on the likes of Saintly, Dane Ripper, Testa Rosa, Rogan Josh, Helenus, Doremus, Magical Miss are only a few of the main ones that stand out. I have worked for the Melbourne Zoo trimming Zebras and even looking at reconstruction work on an elephant. I currently employ 4 people and have had up to 6 at a time. I have had many apprentices of which 2 have received apprentice of the year. I have been flown to many parts of Australia to shoe horses such as Canberra, Adelaide, Mt Gambier, Port Lincoln, Sydney and just this year I was sent to China to teach and work with 25 farriers from Beijing. I love to work on the problems, and travelling has helped me to realise that there are problem horses all over the world and you never stop learning.

All the best Dave Mangan

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