

And he
sees the vision splendid
of the sunlit plains
extended, and at night
the wondrous beauty
of the everlasting stars



At Kumeu in 2008, Tammy judges the first Lowline classes ever held in the North Island of New Zealand

Out the back of Dubbo, not far from the Black Stump, where every moment evokes Banjo Paterson and Clancy is probably just around the corner, lies everybody's childhood dream and everyone's Australia.

On these beautiful western plains, Robert and Peter Miller and Tammy Breuer breed some of the toughest, hardiest and most beautiful Lowlines in all of Australia. Allambie Stud has the straightest fences, the most meticulously designed farm layout, the best built cattle yards and the strongest work ethic anyone could ever imagine.

It's a family affair, a city family, brought up on the shores of Botany Bay. Bob was a spec builder, who, according to Tammy, has "looked for blank canvasses all of his life". Peter was a mechanic and Tammy a "city chick" who once ran a huge Duty Free store. Together they have taken a rundown 2500 acre station (running a compactor for 12 hours to get rid of the rubbish) and turned it into state of the art cattle country.

Since then, they've experienced all the hopes, despairs and triumphs of rural Australia, through seven years of drought, illness, and more expenditure than they ever imagined. For three solid years they hand fed stock and carried their water. But together, they've done it, their property is a showplace, and Allambie Lowlines are recognised throughout Australia for their sterling Miller/Breuer qualities.

On the way, Tammy particularly, but also the rest of family including her husband Bart, have mentored newby cattle breeders, welcoming them into their home, passing on their skills and knowledge.

"I can't imagine anyone else being as helpful as Tammy," says 16-year-old Lucy Kuipers, one of the many youngsters Tammy has mentored. "She taught me everything. She clipped Jack for me and put in his nose ring. She gave me parading and handling lessons. I owe heaps to Tammy."

Bob Miller brought up his children to understand the the pursuit of excellence. As children, he built them meticulously crafted sailing dinghies. As teenagers they went on to become sailing champions. Tammy represented Australia twice at world championships, once in Switzerland and once in England.

It's the same with the Lowline cattle. The Miller/Breuer trio get great pleasure from having everything just right. Allambie first showed at Sydney in 1999 with two head and have shown every year since with the exception of 2001 when prevented by illness. At Sydney last year Tammy received her award as the most successful Lowline exhibitor in a wheelchair after an accident.

Their most important milestone? Tammy's reply defines the whole Miller/Breuer philosophy. "Winning our first Royal Grand Champion Bull ribbon at Brisbane 1998 on the first anniversary of Dad's triple bypass."

