



The Carbine Club of NSW

Gai Waterhouse

Born: Sydney, 1954

Carbine Club Member since: 2003

Gai is an Australian horse trainer and businesswoman.

After graduating from the University of New South Wales, she worked as an actor for a time, appearing in both Australian and English television series. Having worked under her father, successful horse trainer Tommy Smith, for a period of 15 years, Waterhouse was granted an Australian Jockey Club (AJC) licence in 1992, and trained her first Group One (G1) winner later that year.

In 1994, she took over Tulloch Lodge stable, and she has since trained 135 G1 winners and won seven Sydney trainers' premierships. She was also the trainer of Fiorente, the winner of the 2013 Melbourne Cup, becoming the third woman (and first Australian woman) to train a winner of that race.

Waterhouse was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2007, and has been described as the "first lady of Australian racing."

In 2000, Gai was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for "outstanding contribution to thoroughbred racing". She is also an Australian Living Treasure nominated by the National Trust of Australia.

Gai was inducted into the Australian Racing's Hall of Fame in November 2007, following in the footsteps of her late father, T. J. Smith.

In October 2018, she was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. Her father was inducted in 1996.