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**Draught Horses – Rex Wheeler Interviewer Suellen Florer
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“Many Years ago, when I first came here Eungella Station had draught horses. They used to run them up in the mountains in the wet weather. If they left them down on the flat with the black soil, as you know that black soil builds up on their feet, then their tails. Before the wet they had to get the draught horses in and cut their tails, it’s called ‘bang their tails’, so the black soil couldn’t build up. Anyway, this particular year it was left for some half-wit to do it and he fell down on the job, with the result that all the draught horses tails grew. They weren’t in danger or anything so they never got put up in the mountains and through the wet season, their tails were getting heavier and bigger with mud and their feet were building up. They were getting taller and the mud on their tail was hanging down on the ground, tight with mud and pulling their skin tight and it pulled their skin that tight that eventually the draught horses, they couldn’t close their eyes and they all died for lack of sleep.”