

Australian Belted Galloway Association

Newsletter March 2011



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and much more!



AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.
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*Annual General Meeting
Preliminary notice*

Council Committee Meeting

5pm Friday 29TH July 2011,
Council only required!

Dinner 7.00pm

venue to be selected
all members welcome

11am Saturday 30TH July 2011

ABRI New England University
Campus
Morning Tea at 10.30am

Members Forum

A chance to discuss the issues
and voice your opinion

Lunch at 1pm

2pm Saturday 30TH July 2011

Annual General Meeting
A chance to make a difference

Dinner at 7pm

Location to be advised

Motel accommodation will be
arranged and held for a limited
time

Armidale is the nearest airport
with a 5min drive to the Venue.

Futher details to come.

**Francie MacLean, Dennis Griffis,
Merv Presland NSW Councilors,**

**New England Belted Galloway Stud
and Francie & Duncan MacLean in
conjunction with the ABGA Annual
General Meeting
invite all ABGA members & guests
to tour their stud at**

**Oakview 701 Mulla Creek Road
MULLA CREEK NSW 2340**

a mud map will be provided at the ABGA
AGM

Sunday 31st July 2011 from 8.00 am
Morning tea and lunch
will be provided.

Please BYO alcohol!

Please RSVP to Francie by 22nd July
to help us with catering
02 67644264
franciemaclean@ozemail.com.au

Please join us for a relaxing day at New
England Belted Galloway Stud
on the picturesque Mulla Creek

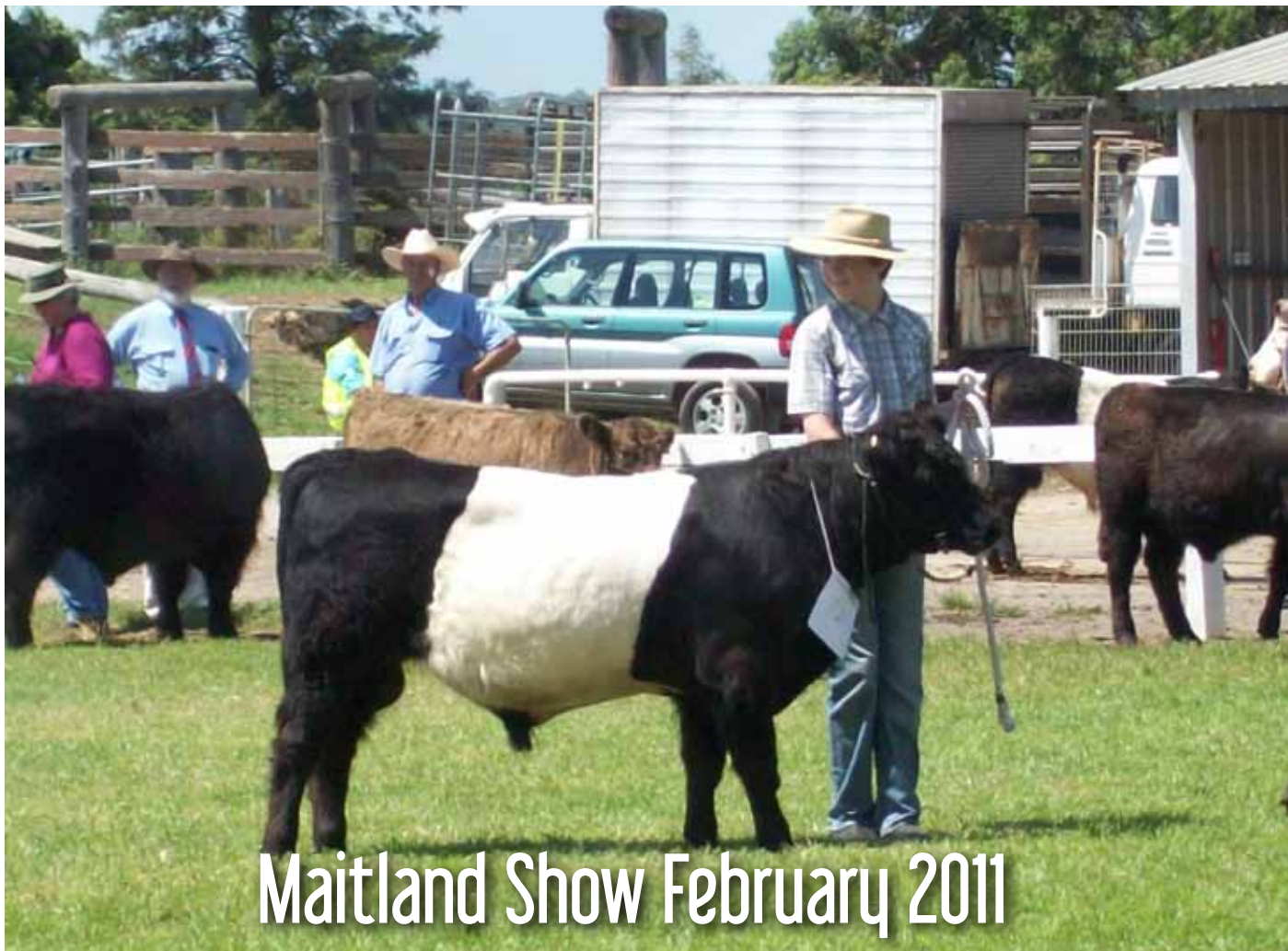
The Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc will have new contact details from late May

**Our new telephone number is:
02 67 733 243**

**Our new address:
Australian Belted Galloway
Association Agricultural Business
Research Institute University of
New England Armidale NSW 2351**

**Our email address:
beltedgalloway@abri.une.edu.au**

**Website:
www.beltedgalloway.org.au**



Maitland Show February 2011

Belted Galloways were judged on sat 19th February, 4 Studs exhibited (up from 2 studs in 2010), Figtree Park, Minto, Sassafras and Windcrest studs exhibited, 6 standard Belted Galloway animals represented their breed (up from 4 in 2010)

Belted Galloway Female class
1st Marananga Esme Greg Stuart Minto Stud

2nd New England Devine Shaun & Sherine Coffey Figtree Park Stud

3rd Peppercorn Emily Kate Jason & Kimberley Astbury Sassafras Stud

4th Marananga Dell Jason & Kimberley Astbury Sassafras Stud

Champion Female Marananga Esme

Belted Galloway Bull class
1st SISU Faderlig John & Pam Ford Windcrest Stud

2nd Sassafras Franklin Jason & Kimberly Astbury Sassafras Stud

Champion Bull SISU Faderlig

It was a small enthusiastic group of Belted Galloway breeders exhibiting at Maitland with 14 year old Luke Ford making his debut in the show ring with his 9 month old bull SISU Faderlig aka Fonze taking the honors. The judge Mr Ball from the Hunter region of NSW had to decide between two very different types of bulls going in favour of the Sisu bull for his greater frame and market options compared to the well presented and muscled second place getter Sassafras



Franklin exhibited by Jason & Kimberley Astbury. Tasmanian born Marananga Esme scooped the pool taking out Champion Female.

Males and females regardless of age were judged in the same sex class.

*John Ford Windcrest Belted Galloway Stud
A special thanks go to Karen & Terry Pierce*



Tim Eyes and New England Devine
Figtree Park Belted Galloway Stud



Kimberley Astbury Sassafras Belted Galloway
Stud striding out with Peppercorn Emily Kate



Jason Astbury Sassafras Belted Galloway
Stud getting close to Marananga Dell



Terry Pierce Peppercorn Belted Galloway
Stud with the winner of the day Champion
female Marananga Esme

Hey Georgia... you're Devine!

New kid on the block, 12-year-old Georgia Coffey from Figtree Park Belted Galloway Stud, NSW took to February's Maitland Show cattle ring for her first outing.

Georgia is known in the horse arena where she competes at local and royal shows. She has taken a break, wanting to try her hand in the cattle arena.

Under the tutelage of 18-yr-old Tocal Ag College graduate and Central Coast Beltie breeder, Tim Eyes (pictured right), Georgia competed in the junior handler class (under 12 yrs) with her heifer, New England Devine.

Competing against a line-up of 13 experienced rural students, first-time parader Georgia achieved 2nd place. The judge was very surprised to find to discover she had no previous experience. Way to go, Georgia! You're a natural!



2010 Mullumbimby Show.

Mullumbimby show was held on the 13th November 2010. This little show was defunct a few years ago and 2010 was just the second year of the revival. The cattle section started in 2009 with eleven studs exhibiting 47 head of cattle. In 2010 there was 98 head exhibited with many studs returning from the previous year. The show differs slightly to most shows in format in that supreme champion male and female is awarded for both small and large breeds and from these four supreme exhibit of show is judged. No standard Belted Galloways or Galloways were exhibited, however two studs exhibited miniature Belted Galloways and one stud exhibited miniature Galloways. Three Dexter studs also in the small breeds section. The results were: Miniature Belted Galloways: Junior Champion Female Dragonbridge Damsel P. Morrow V. Iggleden, Reserve Junior Female

Dragonbridge Elfin Troy Hepburn (Foxtail Hill stud) Senior Champion Female Dragonbridge Challis Grand Champion Female Dragonbridge Challis. Junior Champion Male and Grand Champion Male and Supreme Champion Small Breeds Dragonbridge Dracco. Miniature Galloways: Junior Champion Female Slynfold Snowflake H & S Stenning Senior Champion Female and Grand Champion Female and Supreme Champion Small Breeds Slynfold Panda. Junior Champion Male and Grand Champion Male Slynfold Oreo. Supreme Exhibit of Show was awarded to Mullum Charolais Mullum Panache (heifer) Owned by B & D Littler Paraded by Steve Skillington.

Vicki Iggleden Dragonbridge Miniature Belted Galloway Stud



Dragonbridge Belted galloway Stud Phil Morrow and Vicki Iggleden

AGM ARMIDALE NSW

Saturday 30th July
Stud visit Sunday 31st July 2011



As you may be aware this years AGM proposed venue was Tasmania. Prior to our last council meeting I had spoken with our Tasmanian councilor Newton Maddick; Newton sees the benefits in swapping to NSW on this occasion. Newton believes it will give Tasmania a better opportunity to provide more time to suitably host the AGM in Tasmania 2012.

I proposed this change of state venue for reasons I will outline, it will provide us with a tremendous opportunity to hold the AGM at ABRI in the city of Armidale, thereby enabling councilors, members and guests to meet all the staff who will be providing our new day to day service from May this year.

The large majority of councilors are supportive of relocating our AGM on this occasion; they can see merit in attending our new service provider. ABRI is located in the grounds of New England University's campus.

ABRI's longstanding manager Arthur Rickards will have the opportunity to introduce his staff who will be working directly with the Australian Belted Galloway Associations council, our members and prospective members. ABRI will provide our allocated secretary for both Friday evenings, (council only meeting) also the Saturday; we currently have to outsource secretarial staff for AGM's which would require us to fly our new secretary to Tasmania. There will be many opportunities for discussion about our herd book, our policies and procedures, also administration, newsletters and we will have ample opportunities to seek assistance with ABGA's future direction. I am aware some members may find Armidale as a regional centre a little more expensive to fly to, we are alive to some of the concerns raised at the last

council meeting but many felt the opportunities outweighed any negative concerns.

Armidale is a picturesque city in the New England Tablelands, it is located 6.5 hrs drive from Sydney, there are a number of daily flights from Sydney to Armidale, Armidale's airport is at most 5 mins from the city centre.

There is also the opportunity for guests to drive 1 hour south to New England Belted Galloway Stud for a visit for either morning tea or lunch, We look forward to welcoming visitors to view out Belted Galloway cattle both stud and commercial prior to their departure on the Sunday.

Our stud is 40 mins drive from Tamworth airport where there are flights to Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra. Some guests may wish to fly into Armidale and depart from Tamworth. I'm sure there will be many guests at the meeting that would assist with transport to and from airports or the stud visit on the Sunday. I have included the cost of motels within the CBD and we are also working with another motel in Armidale and we will advise you as more information comes to hand.

The Country Comfort in Barney Street is \$ 100.00 per double/queen bedroom.

The Estelle Kramer in Barney Street with the same cost of \$100.00 per bedroom.

The New England Motor Inn in Dumaresq Street is \$ 115.00 per double/queen bedroom.

Flight companies servicing this area are Qantas in and out of Armidale and Tamworth, Brindabella Air fly's from Canberra to Tamworth also Brisbane to Tamworth.

Francie MacLean Dennis Griffiths Merv Presland
NSW Councilors

We welcome you to the Australian Belted Galloway Annual General meeting for 2011 and the beautiful New England District!

Sydney Royal Show 2011

14 – 27th April

Australia's Premier Show
Stud Show Hoof & Hook
Competition
Sydney Showground

Your ABGA Contact is
Dennis Griffis 02 65 503648

School steer judging 8am
Wednesday 13th April

Open steer judging 8am
Thursday 14th April

Stud cattle judging
4.00pm Sunday 17th April

Steer carcass
presentation 8.00am
Tuesday 19th April

www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au/cattle

Bathurst Royal Show 2011

6th – 8th May 2011

Stud cattle & Lead steer
show

Great Western Highway
Bathurst

Australia's largest regional
royal show for 2011!

Judging Friday 6th May
9.30am

Entries close 22nd April

Your ABGA Contact
is Andrew Monaghan
041768 6455

*...largest display of Belted Galloways
outside of Sydney Royal*

www.bathurstshow.com.au

For your diary

Eastern Canada has offered to host the next World Galloway Conference in early October 2012 at Guelph visit 2 shows with a number of Galloways on show for your complete entertainment watch the ABGA newsletter for more updates as they come to hand.

Herd Inventories

Your stud cattle herd inventories are due to be submitted by the 31st March 2011. Herd inventories are very important to ensure your registered cattle stay active in the Australian Belted Galloway Associations herd book. Inventories allow your registry to plan for future development of the breed. As you are aware our service provider changes in May to ABRI in Armidale and we need to include all your updated stud information within our herd book. If you have any problems in filling out your inventory please call Anne at Livestock & Business Centre on 02 42323333.

Black & White never looked so good!

First there was Michael, Now here's Jackson!

New England Girls School Armidale are preparing another Belted Galloway Steer, donated by Duncan & Francie MacLean at New England Belted Galloway Stud Jackson competed at Guyra Show in his preparation for Sydney Royal Show, Jackson did well on the hoof placing 2nd in the lightweight steer section out of a field of 12 head. Last weekend he also secured 2nd place in the lightweight class at the Armidale Show. Weighing in at 364kg this smart looking milk tooth steer is one to watch out for at this years Sydney Royal. Jackson will be joining 2 Beltie steers from Sue & Peter Burgess of Wombledale Stud Bathurst forming the Stan Hill Trophy team at Sydney Royal.



2011 Royal Canberra Show

Belted Galloways were judged on Saturday 26th February. Five studs exhibited 16 animals (up from 10 in 2010). Three studs, Greenthorpe, Minto and Twin Oaks exhibited ten standard Belties (up from 6 in 2010), and two studs, Bangalla and Temmygotcha exhibited six Miniature Belties (up from 4 in 2010). However, the number of overall Beltie exhibitors fell (down from 7 in 2010).

Like Sydney Royal was a few years ago, Canberra Royal is being challenged by the retirement of long established breeders local to its catchment area. It is an issue we have to confront with frankness in restoring Canberra's true potential as a regional focal point.

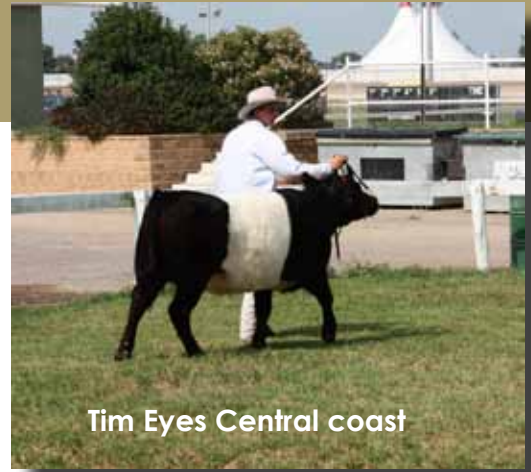
All is not doom! We actually achieved growth in exhibits! And Canberra exhibitors are to be congratulated on such a great achievement. We have much to thank Keith and Warren Edwards (Twin Oaks) for their continued and loyal commitment to promote the breed at Canberra, and also to stud manager Mike Bloomfield who picks up this commitment with vigour. Many thanks, boys!

Thanks are also due to Anita Durham (Temmygotcha) for her return to Canberra this year after her excellent maiden showing season in 2010. Your support in exhibiting Belties is superb, and benefits all.

We must also thank AGA and GA member studs for their great support of Canberra as well. You have held up your end of support for this show very well.

Our reality though, is that ABGA and its membership could perhaps do just a bit more to support Canberra Royal, and the promotion of Belted Galloways in that regional catchment area. The breed reality, in terms of numbers, is if ABGA does not pull its weight, the breed suffers.

We are looking for a better representation of ABGA breeders supporting Canberra as the region's major Beltie focal point, and who work together to help develop an identifiable and positive market for stock. Canberra and Maitland are the two shows and communities that we will be hustling for real practical involvement from breeders local to those areas to achieve these aims.



Tim Eyes Central coast

The Canberra Beltie community does need freshening up with breeder regeneration, and some enthusiastic leadership to connect with, or create local breeders. Wherever this occurs, Belties succeed. We only need two or three breeders to achieve progress. Are you up for success?

We would love to find more young and awesome breeders that can reintroduce to Canberra more of the exciting energy that is swarming the Belted Galloway breed around other regions in NSW. It's catching! We would like to see a genuine increase in ABGA-sourced exhibition for 2012. We can do it.

There are many breeders who don't show cattle. That's ok. However, you can still assist in sustaining the breed. Promotional displays are imperative in terms of education and contact for buyers and public alike. You don't need to exhibit cattle to organize and man a publicity display.

Sales are directly affected by breed promotion. If you can at least once a year, go along to a show or field day and provide support, even in a small way, your presence will be both useful and invaluable.

Hand out brochures, talk about your experiences with the breed, man a stall for a couple of hours, all this support builds great friendships and connects you to a stronger network of potential buyers. Who knows? You may even be able to find a buyer to set up a daughter stud for yourself, and increase the registered herd! Or why not donate a steer to a school that has a rural program and enters steer carcass competitions?

It's all beneficial! Working together works.

Francie MacLean
President & NSW councilor

USA STUD VISITS

Whilst on a family vacation in January, 2011 on the East coast of USA we visited 2 Belted Galloway studs, one in Vermont and the other next door, in New Hampshire.

The stud in Lyndonville, Vermont was Meadow View Farm. Steve Downing runs this family farm which consists of about 150 head of Belted Galloway cattle. These cattle are bred on grass only and are predominantly for the local beef markets. Meadow View Farm's show cattle have won awards throughout New England. The Belties graze on 275 acres of pastures but during the winter, when we were visiting, are housed in an enormous new barn. You can see more about this stud at www.meadow-view-farm.com

Steers ready waiting for their next bale of hay – nothing much to eat here.

-27 degrees Celsius

These guys were looking longingly at the new barn for warmth but the pregnant females take up all the stalls.

From Vermont we continued on our travels down to New Hampshire where we visited Hollbrook Hill Farm, owned and operated by Steven Silberberg. What a character he is. We were welcomed by his 3 winter rules for visiting his stud, they were 1. Do your jacket up, 2. Wear a warm hat 3. Make sure your shoes have rubber soles. After the initial introduction to these we were taken into his paddocks to view his cattle. Steven literally called these cattle to him, one by one, all by their names. When the cattle came up to Steven they put their heads on his shoulder while he sang to them. These animals were absolutely true to the breed, incredible quality cattle.

Our daughter brushing a 10 month old bull calf at Holbrook Hill Farm.

Steven singing to Princess

These 2 studs were very different, the first solely a beef operation (although he does very well in the local shows) and Hollbrook Hill Farm very much a boutique, smaller group of animals from excellent lines.

Philippa Goninan

Ironbark Belted Galloway Stud



The girls ready to go into their new barn.

Belted Galloways at CRT Farmfest

Toowoomba Queensland

7th to 9th June 2011



Despite the recent extensive flooding, Queensland's premier primary industry field days CRT FarmFest field days are on track to become one of the biggest and best annual 'one stop farmers shop' in Australia. Organisers Rural Press Events are optimistic about the longer term agricultural outlook in Queensland and will go ahead with many field improvements and innovations to cater for exhibitors and farming families visiting the event in 2011.

Due to the enormous success of last year's Belted Galloway exhibit at CRT Farmfest, the Queensland breeders supported by the Australian Belted Galloway Association will be exhibiting again this year. Colin and Raeline Walker Lowen Brae Stud have kindly offered to prepare animals for the exhibition. Sue Smith Yarabilgong Stud and Philippa Goninan Ironbark Stud will also be in attendance and welcome any other members who can spare the time in assisting with the exhibition and marketing of our much loved breed. Let's promote Belted Galloways to a wider market and generate further interest in the breed.

Please contact Philippa at Ironbark Belted Galloway Stud on 0418-729049 for further information.

**Farmfest Field Days.....
determined to be the best!**

QLD show dates

Atherton	NORTH QLD	11-Jul	-	12-Jul
Innisfail	NORTH QLD	14-Jul	-	15-Jul
Gatton	WEST M & B VAL	15-Jul	-	16-Jul
Mareeba	NORTH QLD	16-Jul	-	17-Jul
Samford	NEAR N COAST	16-Jul	-	17-Jul
Cairns	NORTH QLD	20-Jul	-	22-Jul
Mt Gravatt	SOUTH EAST QLD	23-Jul	-	24-Jul
Mossman	NORTH QLD	24-Jul	-	25-Jul
Tully	NORTH QLD	29-Jul	-	30-Jul
Texas	DARLING DOWNS	30-Jul	-	31-Jul
Charters Towers	NORTH QLD	31-Jul	-	2-Aug
Pine Rivers	NEAR N COAST	5-Aug	-	7-Aug
Sarina	CENTRAL QLD	6-Aug	-	7-Aug
Gladstone	CENTRAL QLD	10-Aug		
Royal Qld Show	EKKA	11-Aug		20-Aug
Mt Morgan	CENTRAL QLD	13-Aug		
Wowan	CENTRAL QLD	20-Aug		
Mary Valley (Imbil)	NEAR N COAST	20-Aug		
Canungra	SOUTH EAST QLD	27-Aug		
Wondai	SOUTH BURNETT	2-Sep	-	3-Sep
Gold Coast	SOUTH EAST QLD	2-Sep	-	4-Sep
Beaudesert	SOUTH EAST QLD	9-Sep	-	10-Sep
Noosa	NEAR N COAST	9-Sep	-	10-Sep
Giru	NORTH QLD	10-Sep		
Quilpie	SOUTH WEST QLD	10-Sep		
Beenleigh	SOUTH EAST QLD	16-Sep	-	17-Sep
Comet River	CEN HLANDS	17-Sep	-	18-Sep
Kenilworth	NEAR N COAST	17-Sep		
Eumundi	NEAR N COAST	24-Sep		
Tamborine Mt	SOUTH EASTS	24-Sep	-	25 Sep

IMPORTANT

For Show Societies: Should errors be identified in this document please advise the Queensland Shows Office as early as possible. Every effort has been made to ensure correct show dates prior to publication.

Lasting Impressions

By Judith McKinnon

Clan Fingon Belted Galloway Stud South Australia

On the first Saturday of February 2010 I had the pleasure and honour to judge the Small All Breeds at the Gore Show at which Galloway were the nominated Feature Breed. Gore is in New Zealand at the very south of the South Island. I found Gore a particularly attractive part of New Zealand and the day was sunny and warm – just perfect for presenting cattle. There were two arenas next to the cattle pavilions which were grassed in exceptional condition, as was the whole of the showgrounds. The Galloway breeders had put up an excellent promotional display under a marquee and so it was not difficult to work out where I was meant to be.

Judging commenced immediately after the Beef Herdsperson Competition. There were 16 classes plus championships. In New Zealand the class initially presents to the judge with all breeds entered in that class (ie effectively an interbreed class). Then, if the feature breed, which was Galloway, had 5 or more exhibits in that class they exhibited again as a Galloway feature class. There was only one class which had fewer than three exhibits. Within the classes were Highland and Dexter cattle and so they competed against the Galloways. Belted Galloway, White Galloway and Galloway then competed against each other in the Galloway class. In some of the classes the size of the class was so strong that there was barely room for the animals to fit nose to tail which meant competition was very strong. I was presented with a very high standard of cattle all beautifully presented.

I found very fascinating and surprisingly interesting the calf class, which is where calves were shown independently of their mothers. There were obvious winners and in one instance I placed a bull calf over a yearling bull. It was a meaty square White Galloway bull calf standing with excellent balance, walking freely with that

beautiful Galloway head – quite striking in its physical attributes at a very young age. The wafting aroma of barbecued beef, which was being barbecued next to the showing arena, drew quite a crowd to watch the last of the judging and the judging of the Interbreed championships. After judging Donald and I mingled with the exhibitors, who all made us very welcome, talking cattle and have a lunch of delicious Belted Galloway beef provided by Rob Hall.

The number of Galloway exhibits was impressive as was the obvious pride and passion that the exhibitors displayed toward their cattle. The following day we were up at day-break looking at cattle, back to Rob and Lynne Halls' for a quick lunch and then on to more breeders. I had the good fortune to visit 7 breeders' properties (plus I managed to visit Carole and Warren Miller just out of Christchurch two days earlier – unfortunately Carole had to go to work and we did miss Carole but Warren was a wonderful host) looking at cattle and talking cattle from dawn until after the sun went down. However, we did not have the lovely sunny mild day of Saturday, we had between 70 mls and 100 mls depending on where we were and I have not ever been so wet so many times in one day. It was an amazing day with wonderful people and I cannot express my appreciation enough for the hospitality and friendship that was extended to both Donald and I.

It was obvious that New Zealanders are very passionate about their agriculture and take great pride in the progress they have made breeding Galloways in New Zealand. The exhibits I saw in the ring, and on the properties we visited the next day, would certainly give Australians a run for their money. I came home full of enthusiasm and invigorated.



Judith McKinnon

Gore A&P Association 129th Annual Show Galloway Feature Show 5th February 2011



Rob Hall

Set in the beautiful Mataura River Valley, bordered by the Hokonui Hills, steeped with Scottish pioneering history, is a community strongly supported by the rural sector to host the 129th Annual Gore Agricultural and Pastoral Show. The small town of Gore is a warm and inviting place which is surrounded by a rich farming industry made up of Dairy, Sheep, Beef and Arable land use. The area also supports some of the best fishing in New Zealand along with its rich heritage of "Hokonui Moonshine" production during prohibition times in the early 1900's. Gore is also known for its strong support of Arts, having many talented Musical groups, a strong Operatic group and annually hosting the NZ Gold Guitar Country Music competition. What would have to be one of the best kept and attractive show grounds in New Zealand drew big crowds to see very high quality livestock and exhibits displayed on the day of the show. With over 100 dairy, 370 sheep and 85 beef cattle, the core primary farming industry exhibits were well supported with in excess of 400 horse entries along with Alpaca's, goats, hens, dogs, classic cars and home produce etc. This little show has something for everyone, anywhere.

The weather was kind, the atmosphere was warm and inviting with all the trimmings of a community show. The early morning start and 'buzz' as people prepared for intense competition, with exhibits that had the quality to take on any competition around Australasia, could be felt as any visitor entered the show grounds.

In the beef section of the show, there were 85 beef exhibits. Starting at 9am sharp with the Junior Herdsperson competition, young people under 21 lined up with yearling heifers and bulls to be judged on their abilities to show off and parade their exhibit. Morning nerves could be felt around the ring as supporters gathered to

'will on' the future of the beef industry. Not twenty minutes had passed and the first winners of the day had been selected and with Gore being the last of a three show Southern Rural Life Aggregate Beef Handlers competition, Hannah Knight from Invercargill came out on top as Champion Handler with Robert Gregory of Otama clipping at her heels in Reserve Champion spot.

Competition then started in earnest in two judging rings. Ring one hosted the Large All Breeds including Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, South Devon, Pinzgauer and Speckle Park under the Judge Mr Colin Gibson from Oamaru. Ring two hosted the Small All Breeds including Dexter, Highland and the feature breed of the show for 2011 – Galloway, under the judge Mrs Judith McKinnon from South Australia with junior judge Mr Cameron Walker from Balclutha to assist.

With it being a Galloway Feature Show, competition in the Small Breeds was very strong, with 40 Galloway exhibits from eight breeders alone, not to mention the two Highland and two Dexter breeders with their exhibits. If in any one class there is five or more entries from one breed, this entitled the breed to its own class which followed the all breeds class. In this instance, Galloway were able to secure 5 Galloway classes namely cow 3yrs and over, yearling heifer, heifer calf, bull calf and breeders group. There were strong Galloway entries in other classes as well except the yearling bull class.

The standard of Galloways in the opinion of Mrs McKinnon was very high, with the quality and depth especially in the female classes being outstanding. Being presented with eight quality cows with calves at foot in the first class, ranging in age from three to thirteen years, set the scene for a good Galloway Feature show. Then to have twelve yearling heifers three

classes later meant that Mrs McKinnon had her work cut out for her. Neil McKerchar exhibited the winning exhibits in both these classes showing strong, well fleshed free moving cattle. With strong calf classes it was the first time the judge had judged such classes, but enjoyed the challenge as did the handlers with their raw charges. Of particular note was the winning bull calf that displayed good bone and width throughout the carcass – a White Galloway calf that had a lot of promise exhibited by Bridget Lowry. Likewise the winning heifer calf exhibited by Halland Downs (Rob Hall) showed sweetness in the head which carried through to strength in the back end.

Having two senior bulls of similar age and quality to judge in the last age class (each being worthy winners), highlighted how difficult a job Mrs McKinnon had had through the day with Peter & Susan Lawson's bull taking first place. Judith did an excellent job, talking to each class she judged, emphasising her selection of structurally sound cattle that could move, that had width and depth of carcass and good muscle development. She was also strong on male reproductive organs, commenting on important these areas were in a breeding programme along with the ability of females to show feminine traits that were just as important in the female classes.

The class that Judith enjoyed the most was the Breeders Group of three animals. This was a big class and a credit to the Southern Galloway Breeders for supporting the Galloway Feature Show with not only with the number of animals, but also the quality that was presented. This number of quality animals would be one of the best seen in New Zealand if not Australasia, in Mrs McKinnon's opinion.

The Supreme Champion Galloway selected was a two year old heifer exhibited by Halland Downs (Rob Hall) – Lilliesleaf Queen 518. In Judith's opinion an exceptionally feminine heifer that was structurally very correct with tremendous width and depth of carcass showing good muscling ability. This heifer moved very well and took the judges eye the minute she first entered the ring in her class and went on through the day to finally be awarded the Alliance Meat & Wool cup for the Supreme Beef Exhibit of the beef show by a panel of judges. This is the first time in the shows 129 year history that a small breed such as the Galloway had won the prestigious Supreme award. After judging was complete, Mrs McKinnon was surprised to learn that the winning heifer was a daughter of a bull of her own breeding, Clanfignon Limelight along with the winning

Breeders group that had two Limelight daughters and one Limelight granddaughter in the winning group also exhibited by Rob Hall. During judging as lunchtime approached the sweet smell of bar-b-que'd Galloway wafted around the ring where the Southern Galloway Group had a "Taste of Galloway" available so that the visual display of Galloway in the ring could be also tasted. This aspect put the 'icing on the cake' for the Galloway Feature Show.

The weekend didn't finish on the Saturday at the show – it continued onto Sunday where the Southern Galloway Breeders hosted Judith and her husband Don and took them on a tour of Southland squeezing in as many herd visits as daylight would allow on the Sunday and then discussing all aspects of Galloway into the wee small hours of the morning. A totally enjoyable time had by all over a fun packed weekend.

*Rob Hall Lilliesleaf Belted Galloway Stud,
Halland Downs*

Where do I buy Beltie beef?

www.wbgbeef.com.au
bred & fed by Warialda Beef VIC

www.sassafrasbelties.com.au
bred & fed by Sassafras Stud NSW

www.belties.com.au
bred & fed by Peppercorn Stud
NSW

colinm@twmba.net
bred & fed by Lowen Brae Stud
QLD

belts2beef@yahoo.com.au
bred & fed by Bonnibelt Stud SA



The Australian Belted Galloway Association proudly supports Allen & Lizette Snaith and their up close and personal Belted Galloway beef promotion, this is a important opportunity for breeders to learn more about the beef you breed. We are sure you will take away more knowledge than you arrived with!

Two Rare Breeds

Warialda Belted Galloway Beef, up close and personal with Matthew Wilkinson

9:00am (for 10am start), Saturday April 30

130 Ryans Road, Clonbinane

You've mastered the perfect steak, poach like a professional and can braise, barbeque, roast, caramelise, casserole and stir-fry with the best of them. Brisket and ribs, shanks and flanks, sphincter and loin, rare breed, well-aged, grass-fed and hung on the bone – you know your beef.

We want to take you further.

Spend the day in Clonbinane and get intimate with our meat.

The Pope's chef, Matthew Wilkinson, renowned for championing local produce, will help you get up close and personal with our meat, guiding you through the techniques involved in making bouvette and onglette. He'll even share a very special curing recipe. There will also be a rare and exciting opportunity to gain some hands-on experience of boning, under Matt's (and our butcher's) careful supervision and tutelage.

Allen will explain the processing of the animals, how the meat is aged and the various cuts produced from each beast.

There'll also be a farm walk so you can see how our beautiful belties roam free in the Clonbinane Valley.

Please join us for this special celebration of Warialda Belted Galloway Beef.

Allen & Lizette Snaith

Cost: \$175 per person including GST (limit: 30 people)

Inclusions: cutting board, recipes, lunch, dinner, wine/beer, cheese, farm tour

Please bring with you: a chef's knife, a paring knife, 2 teatowels and an apron per person. You may also wish to bring your own heavy-based frying pan.

Bookings: (03) 5787 1560

0438 871 560

lizette@wbgbeef.com.au

Directions: From Melbourne follow the Hume Highway to the **Clonbinane** exit, then follow the map attached. We suggest you allow an hour from Melbourne.

MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW

Advising any breeder wishing to exhibit at Melbourne Royal this year,
Note the following dates:

Cattle schedules posted out to exhibitors 6th May 2011

Entry close 15th July 2011

Melbourne Royal will be running from 24th September till 4th October; although not confirmed yet, the RASV expects beef cattle to be exhibited in the second week of the show.

RASV has advised they will be ensuring ALL exhibitors are wearing the official breed uniform this year, both in the judging ring and in the Grand parade. So please be forward warned!!!

For the record our breed uniform at Melbourne Royal is: Light Blue chambray shirt (short or long sleeve), blue jeans, the ABGA black vest and ABGA tie or scarf.

Stud Beef Victoria

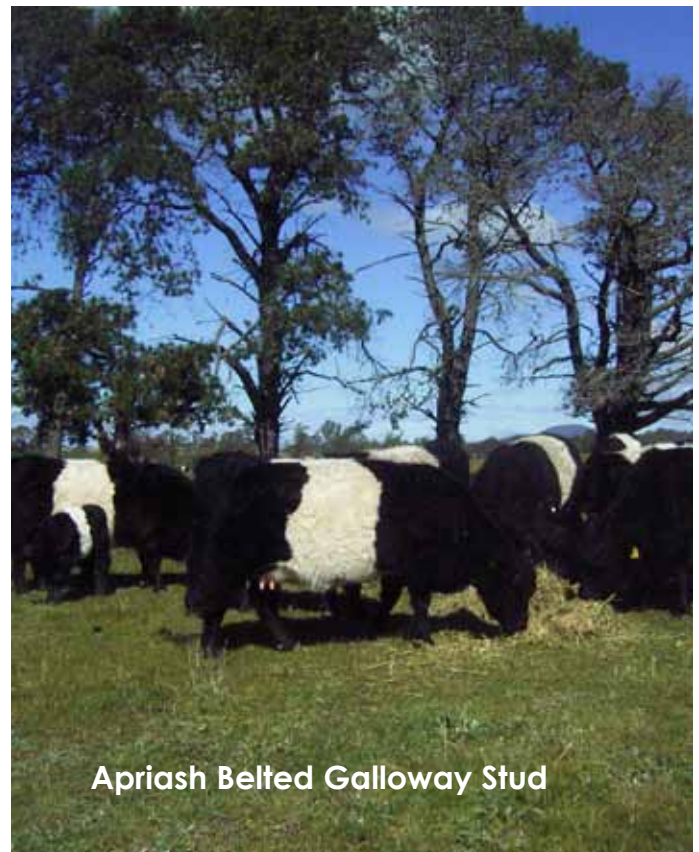
Each year Stud Beef Victoria runs a Cattle Handlers camp for the young and the young at heart (well up to 70 years)

The camp is run during the Victorian School holidays in July, usually at Melbourne Royal showgrounds, but sometimes at Geelong Royal showgrounds.

This is a chance to learn new tricks, to master the art of leading cattle, general cattle knowledge from the experts and to have lots of fun with like minded people. So guys, if you are interest at having a chance at this great camp, please log on to the Stud Beef web site any time after 15th March 2011, when details and entry forms for this year's Camp will be posted.

www.studbeef.com.au

or Contact Carol at the RASV on
0392817444



Apriash Belted Galloway Stud



Annual Victorian Christmas Party

On a cool day in December, some Victorian members of the ABGA gathered for their annual Christmas party, this time, at Rob and Jan Davidson's Karandrea Stud at Binginwarri – where – I hear you ask, in beautiful South Gippsland.

An excellent turn out of members and cattle friends enjoyed superb food, which we ALL ate too much of and had to waddle away by the end of the day. Our \$5.00 Santa gifts adding to the fun of the day. A couple of lucky breeders received very unique cup cake (muffin size) soaps – very real looking.

It was great to catch up with so many people in relaxing surrounds and no cattle mess in site.....

Thanks Rob and Jan for the great day.

Kerry Heazlewood Victorian Councilor

Australian Belted Galloway Association Welcomes these new members!

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hosts Jan & Robbie Davidson



Stan Robinson & Bill Virue

The ABGA website is **THE** place to both **sell**
and search out Belties of all types to **buy!**
www.beltedgalloway.org.au

Send your classified sales ad details photos to sam@slwalker.com.au
It's a **FREE** service for ABGA financial members only.
Ads will be placed on the website for a 3 months term



The Pine Gully Park herd (278-ABGA)

Scottsdale Show 2010 Tasmania

Scottsdale Show went well with 32 adult belties on show plus calves. The judge was Mr Rob Hall from New Zealand who did a fine job placing a high priority on the commercial qualities of the animals exhibited before him. Rob was consistent throughout the day with his comments and preferences.

The following awards were presented:

Bull - Born between 1 Mar 2009 & 31 May 2009

1st Marananga Earl Rod Summers
2nd Marananga Elmo Rod Summers

Bull - 1 Year

1st Ashleigh Esquire Glen & Karen Prien
2nd Spring Rises Ogilvie Andrew & Sallie Wadley

Champion Bull - Marananga Earl Rod Summers
Reserve Champion Bull - Ashleigh Esquire Glen & Karen Prien

Cow - 4 Years & Over

1st Marananga Ann Rod Summers
2nd Marananga Brae Rod Summers
3rd Spring Rises Jane Andrew & Sallie Wadley

Cow - 3 Years

1st Marananga Cher Rod Summers
2nd Kookaburra Carmen Glen & Karen Prien
3rd Kookaburra Clover Lachlan Prien

Senior Heifer - 2 Years

1st Marananga Dell Rod Summers
2nd Kookaburra Destiny Glen & Karen Prien
3rd Marananga Dash Rod Summers

Senior Heifer - Born between 1 Jan 2009 & 28 Feb 2009

1st Peppercorn Emily Kate by Jason & Kimberly Astbury

Heifer - Born between 1st March 2009 & 31st May 2009

1st Marananga Effy Rod Summers
2nd Marananga Emma Rod Summers
3rd Marananga Ego Rod Summers

Heifer - 1 Year

1st Lazy B Francisco Jim & Luke Bonar
2nd Spring Rises Sara Andrew & Sallie Wadley

Senior Champion Female - Marananga Ann Rod Summers

Junior Champion Female - Marananga Effy Rod Summers

Champion Female - Marananga Ann
Reserve Champion Female - Marananga Dell

Supreme Exhibit - Marananga Ann

Calf - Either Sex (born since 1st March 2010)

1st Marananga Fifi Rod Summers
2nd Kookaburra Faith Glen & Karen Prien
3rd Edinburgh Ferdinand Lachlan Prien

Sire's Progeny

1st Midfern Stuart Rod Summers, comprising
Marananga Earl
Marananga Ann

2nd Ashleigh Wildfire Glen & Karen Prien, comprising

Kookaburra Carmen
Kookaburra Destiny

Group - Consisting of 1 Bull & 2 Females

1st Marananga Belted Galloways comprising
Marananga Earl
Marananga Ann
Marananga Effy

2nd Kookaburra Belted Galloways comprising
Ashleigh Esquire
Kookaburra Carmen
Kookaburra Destiny

NOTEWORTHY INTERBREED RESULTS

CHAMPION BEEF CALF OF THE SHOW -

KOOKABURRA FAITH Glen & Karen Prien



Glen Prien

Kookaburra Belted Galloway Stud Tasmania
Reserve Champion Ashleigh Esquire

A family affair at Scotsdale Show



Kate Astbury in her dressing room ready to enter the Little Miss Toddler class at Scotsdale Show



Peppercorn Beth & Sassafra Franklin enter for the calf class lead by Jason & Kimberley



Jason Astbury waiting to enter the ring

Notice to all members

DNA Protocols for registration of Belted Galloway bulls and Unlicensed Semen register
Effective January 2011

All new bulls registered with ABGA are required to have a DNA test; your registration application must be submitted with a tail hair sample in an appropriate collection sachet.

ABGA Council made this new ruling at the Council Meeting on the 30th July, 2010 it is now mandatory for a full DNA Profile; this must be provided when registering .

All testing will be carried out by Pfizer Animal Genetics under a reduced price contract to all ABGA members. The cost of testing is \$44.00 including gst per sample, which is payable by the Breeder. Your sample will be forwarded to Pfizer Animal Genetics from our office for testing and the report will return to accompany your registration application.

How much will it cost to register my bull? New registration \$25.00 plus Pfizer DNA test \$44.00

For those Breeders who wish to do Genestar testing for feed efficiency, marbling and tenderness it may be preferable to do this at the same time. Genstar testing is not mandatory and is a personal choice to genetically test your stud sire for desirable traits, this is an additional cost on top of the DNA test \$49.50 inclusive.

The Australian Belted Galloway Association has relaxed its ruling on unlicensed semen usage to come into line with other breed societies, belted Galloway breeders wishing to have their bull placed on our unlicensed semen register must provide a copy of the bulls registration with a 5 generation pedigree. Belted Galloway bulls on this register must meet the Australian Belted Galloway Associations rules of registration. The bull must also have a DNA profile on record at LBC in the instance of deceased bulls a straw of semen must be tested by Pfizer Animal Genetics and accompany the application for inclusion on the unlicensed semen bull register. There is no charge for bulls to be placed on the register.

If further verification or help is required on this matter please contact one of your State Councillors for assistance or our office.

Year Tattooing

2007 - C

2008 - D

2009 - E

2010 - F

2011 - G

2012 - H

2013 - I or J (to be confirmed)

Year Letter 2011



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Edelweiss Ranch

Valued Belted Galloway breeders Peter and Sue Ellen Barnowicz of Edelweiss Ranch are dispersing their beloved herd of Belties due to retirement. Edelweiss Ranch was established in 2006 at picturesque Doon Doon in northern New South Wales. Peter and Sue Ellen selected their location for its rich pastures and ideal climate for breeding high quality Belted Galloway cattle and Lipizzaner horses.

Extensive improvements to the property infrastructure and a careful stock selection have laid the foundations for successful breeding programs. Peter and Sue Ellen have placed a strong focus on providing quality care and a natural, healthy environment for their stock.

Belted Galloways have thrived at Edelweiss Ranch since their introduction in 2006. The herd enjoys lush meadows and a sparkling creek that feeds the nearby Clarry Hall Dam. Peter and Sue Ellen have found the naturally calm nature of the breed to be a delight. They respond positively to daily human interactions on the ranch, and are sweet tempered and affectionate.

Herd numbers average between 70 – 80, which given the size of the property (close to 70 acres) is a testament to the exceptional quality of the Edelweiss pastures. The herd currently comprises one bull, around 30 cows and 40+ calves and yearlings.

Visit the Edelweiss Ranch website for more details and photo galleries of the ranch or call 02 66799056

