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AUSTRALIAN GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Australian Galloway Association congratulates the Australian Belted Galloway Association on reaching its 40 year anniversary.

In that time both Associations have seen the Belted Galloway surge in popularity and gain a more visible presence.

The Australian Galloway Association also congratulates the Australian Belted Galloway Association in gaining the 2018 World Galloway Conference and looks forward to supporting it in this endeavour.

Sallie Wadley
Executive Officer
Australian Galloway Association

PRESIDENTS REPORT

BY IAN MARJASON | ABGA PRESIDENT



IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I WELCOME YOU to the Special 40th Anniversary Edition of our magazine. This year the Australian Belted Galloway Association celebrates 40 years of existence.

The Association was founded in 1975 as the Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association Inc. Its first President was Mr Heithersay of the Uganda Stud in South Australia. The initial secretariat was the RA&H South Australia based in Adelaide. The Association initially had many South Australian breeders and from there expanded into all Australian States and Territories apart from the Northern Territory.

You will see in this magazine that there are Honour Rolls for the champion animals at Royal Shows. The style of animal has changed significantly over the past 40 years. Breeders have been conscious of the need to produce an animal which fits well into the mainstream cattle market. They have been constantly improving the breed through selective genetics.

The Association later changed its name to the Australian Belted Galloway Association. The secretariat was then changed from Adelaide to Kiama in southern New South Wales and then to Armidale in northern New South Wales.

There have been some famous studs in Australia which have now disbursed such as Midfern. Many breeders, if they traced their animals back, would find Midfern blood lines in their herd. Other early studs are still going. These include Belmont Park, Cumbria, Carinya and my own stud of Longfield. The breed has a secure future in Australia and more Studs are starting each year.

The ABGA is the leading Association in this country which registers Belted Galloway cattle and will continue to be so in the future. When looking at the wonderful animals contained in this publication, it is important to realise this does not happen by accident. It is the dedication and hard work of the breeders that produce such wonderful specimens of the breed. Having travelled overseas and seen Belted Galloways in their native Scotland and other countries, I can say with confidence that the Belted Galloway produced in Australia is the equal of any in the world.

In closing I thank Judith McKinnon for the effort she has put in to producing this magnificent Anniversary publication.

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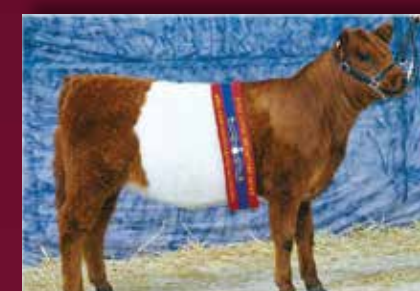
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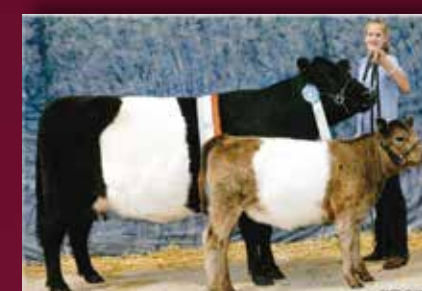
ASHLEIGH CHANTAL (POIS) (MF) Senior, Grand Champion Female Supreme Exhibit, Galloway Family Interbreed Champion at 2009 RM Galloway Family Feature Show



ROWSLEY PARK RED BURBON (POIS) (MF) Reserve Senior Champion Female 2008 RMS, Reserve Senior Champion Female 2009 RM Galloway Family Feature Show, Senior & Grand Champion Female, Supreme Exhibit 2010 RMS



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ASHLEIGH DANIELLA (POIS) (MF) Junior Champion Female 2009 RM Galloway Family Feature Show, Senior & Grand Champion Female & Supreme Exhibit 2013 RMS



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ASHLEIGH SIGNATURE (AI) (POIS) (MF) Champion Bull 2000 Reserve Champion Group C Interbreed Bull 2000 Reserve Senior Champion Bull 2001 RMS



ASHLEIGH YARDSTICK (POIS) (MF) Junior & Grand Champion Bull & Supreme Exhibit 2004 RMS



ASHLEIGH CHALMERS (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Bull 2008 RMS, Senior Champion Bull 2009 RM Galloway Family Feature Show



ASHLEIGH HELMSMAN (POIS) (MF) Junior & Grand Champion Bull 2013 RMS



ASHLEIGH HARRISON (POIS) (MF) Senior & Grand Champion Bull & Supreme Exhibit 2014 RMS

OTHER CHAMPIONS

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ASHLEIGH CLAIRE (POIS) (MF) Junior Champion Female 2008 RMS
ASHLEIGH DESIRED (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Female 2009 RM Galloway Family Feature Show
ASHLEIGH EMMERSON (POIS) (MF) Junior & Grand Champion Bull 2010 RMS
ASHLEIGH FLETCHER (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Bull 2011 RMS
ASHLEIGH GRACEANNA (POIS) (MF) Reserve Senior Champion Female 2003 RMS
ASHLEIGH GRASON (POIS) (MF) Reserve Champion Bull 1996 RMS, Champion Bull 1997 Berwick Feature Show
ASHLEIGH GUARDSMAN (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Bull 2012 RMS

ASHLEIGH VALENTINE (AI) (POIS) (MF) Senior & Grand Champion Female & Supreme Exhibit 2006 Pakenham Feature Show Reserve Senior Champion Female 2005 RMS
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ASHLEIGH XANTHIA (AI) (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Female 2003 RMS
ASHLEIGH YARDLEY (AI) (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Female 2004 RMS
ASHLEIGH ZINNIA (AI) (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Female 2005 Red Hill Regional Feature Show
ASHLEIGH ZION (AI) (POIS) (MF) Reserve Junior Champion Bull 2005 RMS
APRIASH FARANHEIT (POIS) (MF) Junior & Grand Champion Bull, Supreme Exhibit 2011 RMS
MIDFERN STUART (POIS) (MF) Champion Bull 1992 & 1993 RMS

BELTIES & ME

BY STAN ROBINSON



WHEN I FIRST SAW a Belted Galloway calf in 1939/1940 I was not to know how much influence Belties would have later in my life on the other side of the world.

This calf was born into a commercial black Galloway herd. Whether this was by design or accident I don't know but at the time I considered it to be something of a freak.

It was about ten years later that I discovered Belted Galloways were in fact a breed of cattle when I had contact with two families who were breeding them.

Apart from seeing them at shows and in markets I had no direct involvement with Belted Galloways for a number of years.

My first contact with Belties in Australia was at a hoof and hook competition in Ballarat in the early 1970's when a Beltie cross steer was entered. Many people were interested in the odd markings of the steer and I was surprised to find that no-one had ever heard of Belted Galloways.

I tracked down the steer's owner who was Clarrie Liddle from Winnap in south-west Victoria. During a conversation with him I found he had a number of black Belted cows and some dun solid coloured cattle. The breeding of these cattle was unknown as he had picked them up a few years earlier at a market in northern Victoria.



After visiting his property I eventually bought a dun Beltie bull from him which was from a black Beltie cow by a solid dun bull.

This I used over crossbred cattle including some Galloway crosses.

As a result of this purchase I was contacted by Bill Heithersay who had also bought stock from Clarrie and was interested in forming a Belted Galloway association.

This contact with Bill eventually led to me being present at the meeting at Adelaide showgrounds in 1975 when the 'Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association' was formed. This was later shortened to 'Australian Belted Galloway Association'. I was registered as herd No.6.

The dun bull I had purchased and some of his progeny were later classified by Athol Malseed and became part of the first herd-book.

I was not happy with the type of cattle that this system produced and so they were later sold off as commercials. I then bought a bull named Reburn Charles which had been imported from New Zealand by another breeder and started to upgrade from registered black and dun Galloways that I already owned.

Subsequently I bought the bull Midfern Kingsley from Tyrendarra which led to the start of showing in 1984

at Melbourne Royal. With the assistance of Lorna we attended Melbourne Royal for 20 consecutive years, during which time we collected seven champion bull ribbons but never a champion cow.

About five or six country shows have also been supported each year up to the present day. Adelaide Royal has also been attended many times and two trips to Canberra Royal.

Amongst the many highlight of a lifetime of showing the major showing highlight would have to be winning the Supreme Exhibit at the Tyrendarra Show from 93 exhibits with Midfern Kingsley in 1986. Another highlight was being part of the feature show at Ballarat in 1994 where 79 cattle were present coming from Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. This at the time was the largest gathering of Belted Galloways at a show anywhere in the world. As far as I know this record still stands today. As part of the organising committee it was very satisfying to see such a large turnout of Belted Galloway.

In 2001 as recognition of my services to, association with and promotion of Belties I was honoured and



humbled to receive the first honorary life membership of the Australian Belted Galloway Association.

One of my great honours was being invited to judge Belties at the Royal Highland Show at Edinburgh in 2010 and to still be made welcome as a visitor in 2014.

Breeding Belted Galloways along with attending country and royal shows has led to a large number of friends in Australia and overseas and this is I feel the most important part of being involved in the cattle world.

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THE HISTORICAL BELTIE

The First Belted Galloway in Australia

BY EDITH SMITH

UNIQUE AND OF NATIONAL INTEREST is the first Belted Galloway to be bred in Australia At Dunalister stud at Elmore on Victoria's Campaspe River a young Galloway bull has recently been born.

Like all his breed he is an attractive fellow; black with a brownish tinge, and completely encircling his body is the distinguishing white belt that proclaims his true line. He and his parents, imported from New Zealand, are the only Belties in this country and will remain so until either the ban on their import is lifted, or a new calf is born.

The birth of this calf was naturally eagerly awaited, but until the ban is lifted the opportunity to expand the stud is restricted. In time the white belt should be a familiar sign, for the Galloways are not only adaptable, hardy, and excellent beef cattle, they are also good milkers and able to rear their young well.

In their native Scotland (where their origins have been lost in the mists of time) the calves are often born in the snow and the cows are well able to suckle them.

Many hill farmers there never house their cattle at all, yet in such hard conditions the Beltie will develop economically, and fatten readily later.

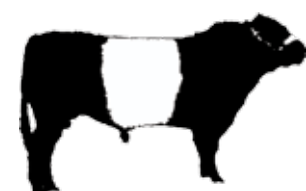
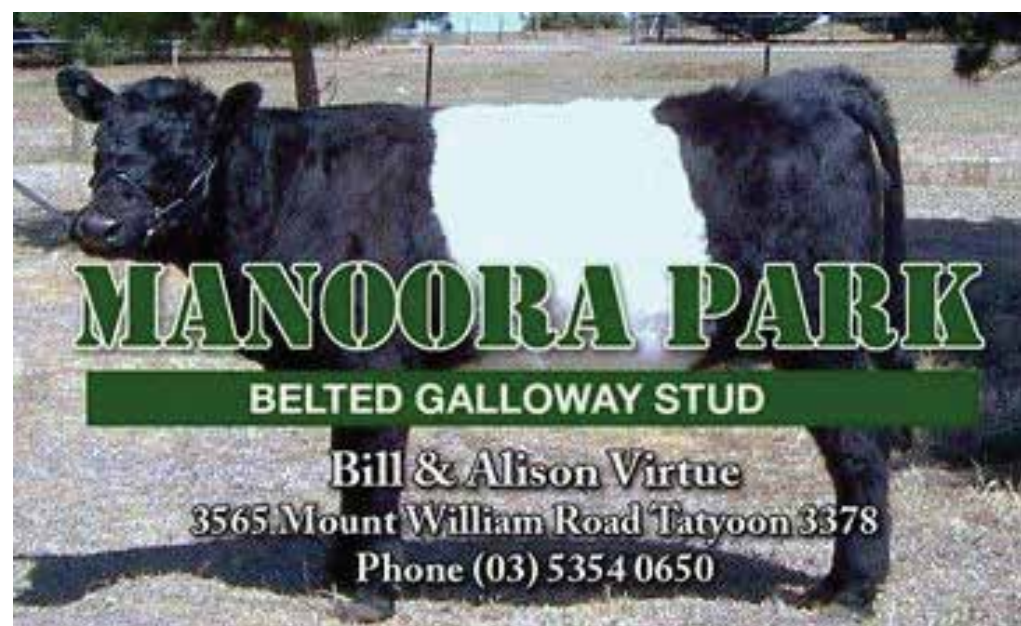
They not only forage for themselves, ranging far and wide, and eating up roughage, but they improve the grazing for sheep.

The Dunalister cattle are direct descendants of pedigree Belties imported from Scotland by New Zealand, where the breed was first introduced as recently as 1947.

They have adapted themselves readily to the warmer climate, and there seems no doubt they will fully justify the judgement and initiative of Mr Bob Blackwell who, in buying them for Dunalister, is the first and to date the only one, to bring them into Australia.

"Riverlander" the magazine of the Murray Valley League, May 1959 (unfortunately the photo accompanying this article was not of sufficient quality to reproduce).

This article is taken from the December 1988 Newsletter of The Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders' Association, Inc. (as the Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc was then known)



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BY JOHN AND AMANDA SEAMAN

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Our stud was born with the purchase of 10 yearling heifers from the long running stud, Wombledale, of Peel, New South Wales. Our foundation sire, a young bull from the Cumbria stud Victoria, was also purchased, and in addition, four striking female specimens were brought across from Belmont Park, South Australia.

Our herd now consists of 20 registered stud breeders, with a view to increasing to 30 over the next few years. The cattle thrive on our property, and have many endearing attributes.

They possess outstanding temperament, are very robust and hardy, and as breeders well know they have undoubted maternal qualities, being exceptional nurturers of their offspring. With a solid animal health program in place, they are, generally speaking, a low maintenance animal.

We are big believers in quality. A solid foundation sets the platform for future success. Still in its infancy Lochlyn has already tasted success in the show ring. The first animals bearing the Lochlyn name were shown at Bathurst in 2013, with Lochlyn Harley winning Junior Champion Bull, our team of juniors picking up Sires Progeny, and our heifer also won her class.

2014 brought more success, with Lochlyn Judge and Lochlyn Joan of Arc winning Junior Champion Bull and Junior Champion Female, respectively.



Again our Sires Progeny team was successful as well as our cow winning her class. Bathurst Royal is fast earning a reputation among breeders as a focal point for the breed, with plenty of top class competition from all over NSW.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to 2015 and will be exhibiting again at the Bathurst Royal and the Sydney Royal for the first time. In addition, we will be entering two steers into the carcass competition. No doubt this will be a learning curve for us hopefully furthering our stud's credentials, and those of the breed in general.

We take pride in our motto, 'breeding better Belties', and through a careful selection process of breeding stock, and the use of AI programs, we believe we are on the right path, with the right focus to achieve this.

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FREEDOM RISE

BY BADEN GEEVES



BADEN GEEVES & RAYMOND CROSS are the owners of Freedom Rise Galloways. Our stud is named "Freedom Rise" after the sense of escape that we get every time we drive up the gentle slope of the 52 acre property to our cottage nestled near the top of the hill. The property is mostly cleared, has deep red soil, is covered with improved pastures and located at Yarraman, a two hour drive north-east of Brisbane.

Like many breeders of the wonderful Belted Galloway cattle we started with a tree change, an escape from the hectic life of Brisbane. In 2004 we bought a five acre property in Blackbutt, south-east Queensland as a weekender and soon found that we were spending our weekends mowing. This led to us looking around for something to eat the grass and we settled on three Dexters. We chose smaller breeds as we had had no experience with cattle, and decided that it was the best way to go. Soon we acquired the neighbouring property and started to "collect" a few more cattle, something which seems to happen to everyone who starts off small, intending like all "cattle addicts", to only have few.

One day, at a small cattle Expo, we noticed a display with Belted Galloways. Not only were we drawn in by the

stark contrast of the belt, but we were also impressed that the person running the Belted Galloway display was prepared to let us come in and interact with their bull; something none of the other breeds were confident enough to do. If a mature bull could let two strangers touch it, we thought it must be naturally very gentle in nature. Next weekend we were visiting the Galloway stud, and before we knew it, we were proud owners of a pedigree bull, so gentle in nature, and which is now living out his days in the Gold Coast Hinterland with a small Beltie harem of his own. So, the herd just kept growing. The bull put his belt through the slowly growing herd, and we even acquired a mini-Hereford from a neighbour who felt she needed companions. Next thing we knew we had twelve cattle, and needed more room.

In 2010 we purchased our "Freedom Rise", and established our Stud in 2012. We had seen pictures of red Belties and decided that we would like a few miniatures with red belts. It was then that we discovered that they were, at the time, impossible to source in Queensland. The red colour is recessive, which means that it is easy to breed out of a herd unless the breeder is particularly trying to keep red in their herd. This led to the long search

for someone who had some for sale. There are very few breeders in Australia, and each inquiry ended with "yes we have them, but we have a waiting list a mile long". Each person put us onto someone else, until finally, we made contact with Bob Maddern at Budawang Stud, situated on the Murray River.

In September 2012 we made the long road trip to see Bob, and eventually bought a nice bull, a cow and three heifers. On the return trip we made visits to other studs situated along the way, and found everyone particularly welcoming, and helpful. Bob delivered our reds within the month, and out of the blue one of the cows dropped a beautiful red bull calf the next week.... our stud had its first calf!

During our search for miniature reds, we found out that the gene pool of these animals is very small. Most of the reds have a common ancestor. If you look at any two red animals on any Galloway Herd Book, you will find they are almost always related only a few generations back. One of our aims is to introduce as much genetic diversity into the reds as possible. This is our long term project, something that involves crossing out to blacks and then breeding back to red... a long, process indeed!

In 2013 we managed to acquire five other animals, reds, or blacks that carried red, and these, along with the animals from Budawang have become the nucleus



of their herd. We eventually hope to carry about 15-20 breeding females.

We find spending time with all our animals extremely rewarding and relaxing. Watching a favourite animal grow and mature gives us a sense of satisfaction that could only come from putting time and effort (and affection) into an animal.

This year, we are having a go at showing our animals. We did our first show in November and were more than happy with our results, as well as the camaraderie and friendship that fellow competitors gave. It is an extremely rewarding experience that all owners of stud cattle should try.

Raymond still travels to Brisbane and stays three days a week to help his elderly father. Baden stays on the farm and tries to ensure that everything flows smoothly. As anybody who has cattle knows, there is always something to do.

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GLENTHOMPSON

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BY TED MANN

THE GLENTHOMPSON PASTORAL COMPANY began its association with the Belted Galloway Breed 20 years ago in the early 90's. We went into Belties as it was a realization that it was difficult to make money out of Beef Cattle in Western Victoria.

Ted Mann, director, always had a preference for sheep over cattle; traditionally sheep have been so good to us. We didn't want to go out of cattle altogether, and we saw Belted Galloway's as a fun breed that we could enjoy. With the added attraction of representing Ted's most loved football team.

As we've gotten to know the breed, we've decided to get bigger. We currently have a 500 head herd in total, joining 150 cows and heifers this year. Through breeding, and buying and growing out, we aim to sell 100 bullocks per year.

We're struggling to meet the demand from suppliers to Farmers Markets and boutique hotels that want Galloway Beef. Also, we are currently supplying an American Restaurant Chain wanting exclusively Grass-Fed and Grown Beef. This fits in with our philosophy of free-range, pasture-fed, low-stress cattle.



We found that having not known much about the breed 20 years ago when we started, we have learnt that they are hardy cattle, well suited to the cold Western District winters and hot summers, they forage well cleaning up the grasses that are too long and not nutritious for sheep. Fertility is good and it suits us to have cattle that don't require constant pampering and attention.

Our bloodlines initially came from Peter and Jenny Kudelka of Yeaburn Stud, and Stan and Lorna Robinson of Cumbria Stud. And in more recent years we purchased the Grimshaw's heard at Tyrendarra, Western Victoria.

Originally we thought that the breed was small compared with other beef breeds. We have selected bigger cows and have an emphasis on bigger animals with good temperaments.

In 2011, Ted was impressed with the size of the Galloway's at the Edinburgh Show and small herds he visited in the North of England.

We don't do any supplementary feeding and the cattle do well on our pasture whether running with sheep or not. Having a smaller herd of cattle in addition rather suits our lighter stocking rates. Since getting into the



breed and developing our herd, we found that other Belted Galloway breeders have very similar environmental ideas to us. We wonder whether there is any breed of cattle as well liked and enjoyed as the Belted Galloway's are by their owners.

It's nice to be involved with people who have similar ideals as we do about having healthy and un-stressed cattle.

Over the past 20 years the emphasis for us has been on building the size of the herd. We have now reached a herd size, which allows us to be more selective in size, milking ability, confirmation, temperament and markings. Our aim is to run 200 high quality breeders. Ted finds them amusing cattle to work with; recently he went to muster steers on a hot day, they went and stood in the middle of a dam and he couldn't get the out! It was either a matter of getting frustrated or laughing, so he chose the latter!

From starting as a hobby, it is now a serious commercial enterprise for us, and we aim to contribute to the understanding of the breed and hope that it will continue to develop in Australia.



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ASHROSE

Belted Galloways

BY JOHN & KATE BLACKWOOD

IN ABOUT 1994 Kate and I borrowed to buy a run down soldier settlement block of 100 acres intending to use it as a weekend retreat from regional suburbia.

Whilst dreaming of bush walks and picnics, we had no idea that we were becoming involved in an endless saga of unavoidable 'farming'.

There began a passion for this little acreage that persists and intensifies now twenty years on. We are blessed with a location at the end of a lane, away from congested roads and overlooking neighbours; there are large remnant trees, small spring fed creeks, folding hills, rich basalt soils, reliable(?) rainfall and four distinct seasons.

At the time of purchase, it was about seventy years since this modest little property had been developed and there had been little maintenance since that time; fences were no longer stock proof, there was a small creek and a soak but no other water, remnants of a small orchard, old machinery, chaff and potatoes, weeds, thistles, hawthorn, broom, blackberries, briars, broken down fences, endless garbage and the neighbour's sheep.

We had no idea where to start, so we went to the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days. The most memorable exhibit was a bull, unfenced but haltered, quietly lying in the public thoroughfare, black with a white midriff. I think it may have belonged to Sue Burgess.

We started with other people's horses and cattle on agistment, ending with overgrazing and under payment. Then some wild Angus followed by runaway Herefords. We had single hot wire tread-in fencing which succeeded to separate young calves from their mothers, and was repeatedly trashed by kangaroos.

The old cattle yards were also very poor; there were outrageous domestics and very confused cattle. I took myself to night school and did two courses in cattle management leading to four years of organic agriculture one night a week. I replaced the cattle yards with an extravagant architect designed arrangement that the



cattle love. I also re-planned the whole property using Yoeman's property planning principles, and managed year by year to implement it with a new driveway, dams, cattle lane ways incorporating water reticulation, and curved fencing following ridges, contours and key lines. The plan includes extensive shelterbelts and other regenerative tree planting, and the fencing responds to the topography and fits the landscape - much to the delight of the cattle. They also appreciate the laneways which provide absolutely stress free stock handling.

At some point we realized cattle on only 100 acres could not produce a significant financial return so we might as well have an aesthetically inspiring easily managed and enjoyable alternative herd. Memories of the bull with the white midriff induced us to experiment with some belted steers; they behaved well and were soon replaced by half a dozen heifers from Peter & Sue Burgess and later a bull from Judy McKinnon. Our breeding commenced in 2002 and the herd has now grown to more than 80 stud breeders, 40 growing heifers, 40 fattening steers and 60 new calves.

The property has also expanded to 500 acres with further agistment. Unlike other breeds, the Belted Galloways thrive during our very cold winters; they have all been

born on the property and know it intimately, they have been treated quietly with low stress techniques and their temperament is exceptional; their fertility, calving, mothering, milking, and foraging is excellent. We always look forward to visiting them and more often than not they come to meet us at the paddock gate.



I have recently done two courses in holistic management and now realize that our point of difference at Ashrose is the belief that the

property and the stock should be managed as naturally as possible with minimum human interference. All species on the planet have evolved and survived with self-sustenance and self-medication. We have noticed that whenever there is a problem on the property, it is usually the result of our mismanagement rather than the animals' misbehaviour. In the wild, before cattle were fenced in, they were free to breed, free to feed on fresh pastures, free to select appropriate herbs, free to wean at a time that was best for the mother and the

calf, free to chew their cud and service their rumen, free to enjoy a long life and produce the best meat possible. Human interference has spoilt virtually all their freedoms and in so doing has compromised their health, their temperament and their meat quality. It is ironic that our interference and generally unnatural management may have improved some profit but at the cost of the health of the animals, the meat and the consumers.

The contemporary cattle industry encourages a range of practices that focus on efficiency, cost savings, profitability and disease prevention. There is virtually no attention to natural soil and pasture health, animal welfare, meat attributes etc. Early weaning for example may be profitable but it denies a calf the opportunity of learning proper grazing from its mother; chemical drenching may be effective however is it really necessary, can it be avoided, what side effects a there on the soil, the pastures and the meat? At Ashrose we have pursued an alternative old fashioned natural approach that retains the intrinsic flavour and health of the meat and health of the environment. It is known as chemical free, grass feeding and finishing, and it is in direct contrast to hormone and anti-biotic supplemented grain feeding and finishing. The bovine rumen is not intended to process a grain only diet, particularly with synthetic supplements; cattle



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evolved to travel through fresh pastures and lead an unstressed life being able to rest on grass and chew their cud; they are not

designed to suffer concentrated feedlots, semi trailers and repeated sale yards. Artificial grain fed meat does not retain the same texture, taste, tenderness and health attributes of natural grass fed meat.

Many years ago I took a two week bus trip visiting biodynamic farms across NSW. As a result of this insight, we have not generally used chemical drenches, vaccines or fertilizers for the last twelve years and to date there have been no health problems as a result of this policy. We do use Pat Coleby's powdered mineral lick and a number of other mineral supplements. including copper sulphate for worm control, sulphur dust for lice control, dolomite and seaweed powder. We back-line with sulphur in winter to control lice and drench with cod liver oil in late spring to ward against pink-eye. Calving heifers are given apple cider vinegar to relax birthing muscles. Stock salt is also provided. Soil fertility is encouraged by rotational mob grazing, dung beetles and biodynamic sprays. Pastures are never sprayed with chemicals to remove weeds; instead we try to avoid over-grazing and to retain sufficient pasture cover to prevent weed germination. Wet, springy areas have been fenced out to avoid pulpy kidney. We are currently half way through an organic certification process.



I remain fervently suspicious of chemical practices and believe all meat, particularly belted Galloway meat must be better in a natural form rather than contaminated with chemicals. Weed spraying and worm drenching must have a devastating impact on soil microbes and this will impact on pasture health, cattle health, meat health, and consumer health. A chemical free diet will improve meat quality. Meat can also be improved by the avoidance of poor animal welfare practices particularly stressful handling, transporting and yarding. Grass fed animals will produce meat with

uncompromised beef flavour and texture, together with superior health benefits. These include saturated fats and lineolic acids which are claimed to have medicinal benefits in the treatment of obesity, cancer and heart diseases. Belted Galloway meat is reputed to have more of these fats and acids than other breeds, and their shaggy coat and thick hide insulate the meat so that there is less sub-cutaneous fat and more intramuscular and desirable marbled fat. Further, Belted Galloways are claimed to be an ancient and rare breed. Their genetics haven't been compromised by interbreeding and their meat remains true to the original ancient characteristics. It is claimed to be full-flavoured, succulent, healthy and tender, particularly if dry aged as was the custom before refrigeration.

So we are producing an ancient rare breed of chemical free, grass fed and finished beef with superior texture, taste, tenderness and health benefits. Our herd prospers in an absolutely natural environment where ecological diversity and environmental sustainability is valued and pursued. The product ticks all the boxes.

Steers are allowed a full life to about three years and 600 kilos. Whilst this may be slow maturing, there is an argument that slow growth should produce superior meat qualities as slow growth generally produces superior timber! They are selected in pairs and delivered to the abattoir by our own vehicle to ensure minimum stress. The abattoir then sends the carcasses directly to Sydney butchers from where they are distributed to restaurants and domestic customers. The offal is included and the carcass is dry aged for 6-8 weeks to increase tenderness before being sold. Both the butcher and the customers value the provenance of the meat. The butcher has visited the farm and can be confident the animals have been ethically raised in an ecologically aware environment. His customers put a high value on the rare breed, the chemical free husbandry, the grass feeding and finishing, the dry ageing, and the consistency of supply. In addition to the meat, the butcher also sells the hides which we collect from the abattoir, salt, and have tanned using natural wattle tannins. These suffer hair slip during the tanning process in summer so we are investigating a polished leather process for that season and the fabrication of simple leather bags. The butcher is keen to see the whole animal is



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BELMONT PARK

Belted Galloways

BY HUME MACDONALD

39 YEARS OF BREEDING BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE, with around 2500 Beltie calves produced, including blacks, duns and reds.

Hume Macdonald saw his first Belted Galloways in 1975 at 'Uganda', the Belted Galloway Stud farmed by Bill and Yvonne Heithersay in South Australia, and subsequently purchased three in-calf Beltie females.

His investigation into the breed in Australia showed that the Blackwell family initially imported a number of head from New Zealand in the 1950's, but then Australia again stopped the importation of cattle from overseas. The Blackwell's subsequently dispersed their herd, but enquiries showed that there were three herds still in existence in Victoria. Hume traced one of the three to a Mr VF James of Barmah Forest, and he purchased ten animals, including one dun female with a day old dun Beltie heifer calf at foot.

At this stage, with no pure bred bull available, Hume went to New Zealand and visited every stud in the North Island. He decided to purchase four bulls and three cows, in calf and with calves at foot, from the 'Hikawai' Stud, owned by Les Wilton, at Masterton. Fortunately, in those days the cost of air transport was about the same as by ship, so Hume brought them home by air.



These cattle proved to be a sound purchase, and they formed the nucleus of the 'Belmont Park' stud. One of the calves at foot, 'Hikawai Thea', lived to 18 years of age, won a number of championships and produced further champion offspring. Thea produced 15 calves during her long life.

To further diversify bloodlines, Hume again went to New Zealand, firstly in 1981 and purchased a bull, 'Quartz of Strathmore Park' from Don Mayo. This bull was one of two bull calves from two Scottish heifers that Don had imported, and were sired by the Scottish bull, 'Boreland Olympic'. The next foray to New Zealand was in 1985, when Hume purchased the bull 'Summerlea Master'.

Bloodlines were markedly strengthened as a result of an arrangement that Hume entered into with an American Beltie breeder, John Jeffords. John purchased a share in the bull, 'Belmont Park Lord Heathfield', and used his semen in the USA and elsewhere. Hume was able to secure semen from a number of USA Beltie bulls, including 'Dirigo Apache' (dun), and the black bulls 'Dirigo Daniel' and 'Dirigo Dalton'. Later the semen acquisition included the UK champion 'Boreland Slammer' and USA bull 'Prock Ridge Nero'.

An interesting point is that from the original dun cow and dun calf purchased in 1976, Hume bred seven

generations of dun females using only black Beltie bulls. This changed as a result of the acquisition of semen from the dun bull, 'Dirigo Apache'. In addition to producing great dun calves, he also produced silver Belties.

Red Belties were introduced into both 'Belmont Park' and its sister stud 'Clan Ranald' early in the 21st century, and imported USA semen was used. Later, with Ashleigh Michael and Stan Robinson, we imported and used semen from the UK bull 'Boreland James Bond', which also carries the red gene.

The Stud began showing in 1978, and was successful with both champion male and female exhibits at both the Royal Melbourne and Royal Adelaide Shows. These were the start of a long list of show wins. 'Belmont Park' and its sister stud 'Clan Ranald' have won over 90 Society Medallions.

There have been two singular Show successes. Firstly, in 1978 the Australian Beef Sire of the Year for Belted Galloways with Hume's imported New Zealand bull, 'Hikawai Nomia'. Secondly, in 2001 Belmont Park was awarded not only the most Successful Belted Galloway exhibitor at the Royal Adelaide Show, but also the prestigious, Stock Journal sponsored, Most Successful Beef Exhibitor (all breeds). The prize included \$1,000.00 and a silver Rose Bowl.

One of the many pleasures involved in breeding and showing of Belted Galloway cattle has been the encouragement of young people to take up handling and showing of cattle. Over 50 youngsters have been assisted in this endeavor.

During the same period, over 40 steers have been provided to rural schools for Royal Adelaide Show steer



competitions. The best result achieved was by Mt Barker High School, with a Reserve Champion in the domestic lightweight trade steer class, from a total of 55 entries.

Hume has always been heavily involved with the Belted Galloway Society. He was first elected to the Committee in 1976 and has served for 38 years. He drafted the original constitution and Rules and By Laws of the Society. He has served as Vice President for 3 years, President for 10 years, Treasurer for many years, and Public Officer for most of the Society's existence.

Hume is firmly of the view that the future success of the Belted Galloway breed is to improve their communal acceptability. This will involve breeding an animal that matures more quickly and is substantially larger than today's cattle.



BALTIMORE

Belted Galloway Stud



I FIRST STARTED BREEDING CATTLE when I was 5 years old. I had my own Jersey Stud, Keroma.

I first started breeding cattle when I was 5 years old. I had my own Jersey Stud, Keroma. I was the fifth generation on my father's side. Due to the drought, in 2010 our family's dairy farm closed down and we moved across into the beef cattle industry.

In 2012 I started my red Belted Galloway stud. I had sold all my Jerseys so invested the money by buying a heifer called Bonnibelt Faith from Tony & Jo Kreher from Murray Bridge with the intention of taking her to the SA Junior Heifer Expo that year. This was my first year attending the Heifer Expo. I enjoyed my time staying at the Heifer Expo and learn a lot.

In 2013 I did not have the opportunity to go to the Heifer Expo as Faith was too old. Instead I took her to the Royal Adelaide Show with a bull calf at foot. I was extremely happy because Faith got first in her class then from there went on to be Senior Champion Belted Galloway Cow. It was a momentous occasion for me because I was now the fifth generation to get a champion at the Royal Adelaide Show, with past generations gaining their awards with Jersey cattle in the Dairy Section.

Then this year in 2014 as a result of selling Faith's bull calf Baltimore Jimmy to the Milton family in Tasmania I was able to purchase another two heifers from Tony & Jo. I was glad he went to someone who could breed from him because my dad said, "He was going to turn him into a toilet mat". I then trained these two heifers so they could attend the Heifer Expo this year. They also went to the Royal Adelaide Show this year with Bonnibelt Johannah getting first prize in the 12 to 18 month class.

I enjoy showing and breeding my Belted Galloway Cattle. I have a preference for red Belted Galloways.

BY SAMUEL VIVIAN



BELTEDNESS IN MY HERD

BY KEN MOORE

IN MY HERD, I have a mixture of Belties ranging from 100% pure to 25% animals.

It started off as a pure herd, with a registered bull, and is now a commercial herd, with a 50% bull, that has good, normal Beltie markings.

Over the about 14 years that I have had a small, hobby herd, I have kept records of beltedness compared to purity. I am particularly interested in how the belt persists over the generations, as purity is lost.

From a total of 82 calves born on my property, the recordings give the results shown in the table below:

"Beltedness" has been classified from full/complete, to part and none at all. "B.G. purity" classifies the Belties from 100 % pure to 25%. The table also incorporates some data from my earlier article in the Newsletter of Dec, 2011.

As can be seen, the full belt holds up quite well at the 100% and 75% levels, but has been close to being lost at the 25% level.

BG PURITY	BELTEDNESS		
	FULL	PART	NIL
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50%	17 (54%)	14	4
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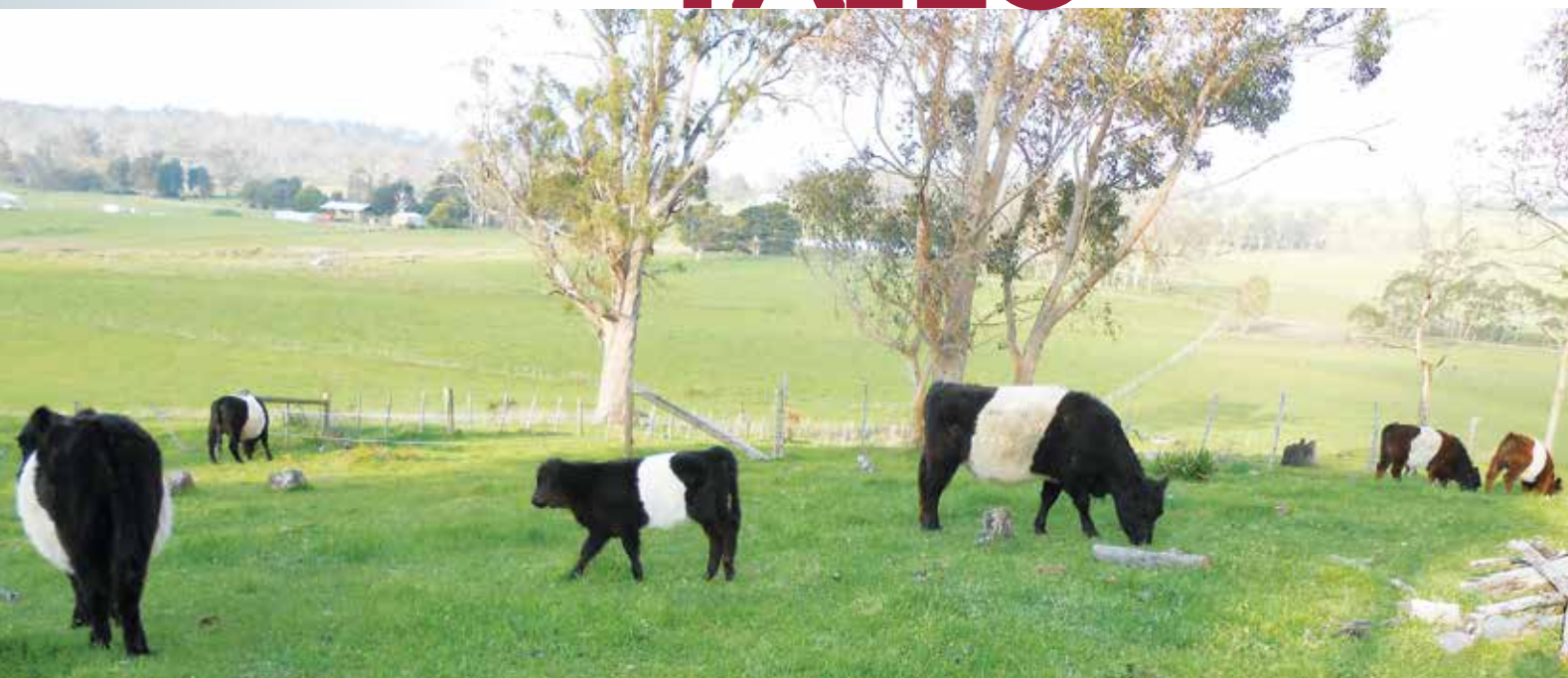
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KOOKABURRA TAILS

BY GLEN, KAREN & LACHLAN PRIEN



EVERYBODY SEEMS TO HAVE A STORY about their journey into and through their Belted Galloway breeding experiences and we at Kookaburra Belted Galloways are no different.

Our love for Belted Galloways has flourished from simply finding them pleasing to the eye to making them a part of our lives. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our story with you as we also enjoy hearing the stories of other members.

Karen spent her childhood on a mid-sized dairy farm on the Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland while Glen spent his childhood on various small dairy farm and beef grazing enterprises both north and west of Ipswich in South East Queensland. Our life together began in suburban Townsville, North Queensland and among many other attractions we found in each other, was a common yearning to have a hobby farm. From our childhood farming backgrounds and our own hard-earned careers ahead of us, neither of us at that time saw ourselves being full-time farmers. We agreed that with our respective childhood farming experiences we both wished one day to own Poll Hereford cattle – neither of us had heard of Belted Galloways let alone had seen one.

But our hobby farm plan was delayed with a career enhancing move to Sydney where we lived for five years. But city living was not for us and we searched for further career enhancing opportunities in rural or provincial areas. Of all the places to find such an opportunity was in Alice Springs, NT. So our 7.5 year outback experience began. Along the way we accumulated four sons: Fergus, Cameron, Sean and Lachlan who collectively distracted us from our hobby farm plan for a while. But we did start searching in Alice Springs for a hobby farm where the stock carrying capacity varied between 10 and 20 or more acres per head. Land values in the Red Centre are always at a premium and it became clear that it was not our idea of hobby farming.

With a number of other matters influencing us, we purchased 30 acres near Launceston city and set about searching for our Poll Herefords, which took us to the Royal Launceston Show where we saw our first Belted Galloway cattle.

When our first Belted Galloways were delivered our stock-agent neighbour visited in a flash, scratching and slowly shaking his head in bemusement saying: 'Glen, they are the strangest looking Poll Herefords I have seen'. His body language shouted out: 'Phew, have we

got some real hobby farmers here and they have no idea of what they are doing'. And he was right.

Within three weeks a beautiful looking cow we had just purchased who had been previously shown, went lame with an infected sand crack down the centre of one inner front claw over its full length and within another week the other inner front claw had a matching infected crack. The claws were overgrown and we had not noticed. We put her in yellow shoofs to both of her front feet so her weight did not bear upon the cracked claws and changed her dressings daily for many weeks until she could walk slowly without her shoofs.

With a string of other minor mishaps of our own and others' doing, along with a good dose of just plain 'bad luck', we reacquainted ourselves with the joys, trials and tribulation of owning cattle.

But it has been said that from every challenge we encounter, some good always comes from it. These early disappointing experiences developed in us a thirst for further cattle knowledge and stock management.

Cattle structure became our obsession, particularly with regard to feet and breeding capability. Cattle nutrition and diets also became a keen interest of ours, and the possible consequences of feeding too much protein. We found ourselves at the bottom of a steep learning curve, but our new found passion for Belted Galloways constantly inspired us to climb the curve.

One of the best things we did was for Fergus, Cameron and Glen to participate in the Stud Beef Victoria course held at the old Melbourne showgrounds at Easter 2004. For one week we ate, slept and breathed cattle from dawn till well after dusk, under the expert guidance of esteemed industry experts in every aspect of the cattle industry. We were like sponges soaking up cattle knowledge.

One evening, a young lady who was part of the expert panel of cattle advisers took Glen on a personal tour through the cattle sheds, stopping at each animal and sharing with him its structural attributes in minute detail. She also emphasized the true economic value of structure over the breeding life of a stud animal.

From this moment we more selectively purchased stock from Australia's North Island and more aggressively culled what we had, by now a concoction of cattle from five different studs. We quickly became educated on what to systematically look for in an animal and



we then confidently adopted a targeted approach to cattle selection, breeding and feeding. We purchased a quality herd bull and supplemented natural breeding with artificial insemination. Cattle breeding, feeding, training and showing became a shared family activity that bonded us together even through the sometimes stressful moments of preparing for competition. Over about eight years we showed our cattle with increasing satisfaction.

Most importantly this competitive environment provided us with the opportunity to keep learning from our show competitors, breeders of other cattle breeds, junior cattle handling competitions and of course, cattle judges.

Many years later the young lady who advised Glen in Melbourne at Easter 2004 was a guest judge at a Tasmanian cattle show where she consistently remarked upon the structural correctness of the Kookaburra cattle. The positive comments from any judge acknowledging that we have achieved the breeding traits we strive for are more appreciated than the place given, but to hear those comments from her was a special honour. We no longer have any feet problems in our herd and the occurrence of calving and fertility difficulties is negligible.

We have in recent years been trying to increase the size of our animals without losing structural correctness and so far are having some success, although this breeding objective remains a 'work in progress' and will not be reliably fulfilled in a short time.

Within Tasmania, there does not seem to be a market for locally bred stud Belted Galloway cattle, with Tasmanian stud breeders generally replenishing or repositioning their bloodlines utilizing stock from renowned mainland studs. Over the past decade Kookaburra Belted Galloways has been no different in this regard. On a few occasions Tasmanian studs have successfully sold stud

cattle to mainland herds and this is something we will try to do more of ourselves. Tasmanian Belted Galloway stud cattle seem to be more consistent in good quality than they used to, but this is probably true of mainland Belted Galloway studs too.

On a commercial scale though, there are ever increasing numbers of Belted Galloway herds appearing with an improved quality of animals. This is no doubt due to the limited stud cattle market in Tasmania. What we might like to sell as stud animals can only be sold to a commercial breeder or put in the freezer, and Belted Galloway stud breeders can only eat so many themselves.

Also increasing numbers of Belted Galloways are now appearing in mixed commercial herds, clearly purchased as store cattle along with more traditional commercial breeds. But what is most pleasing is that the gap between in quality of the commercial Belted Galloways in these herds is gradually closing in comparison with that of the more traditional beef breeds. It seems the economic principles of meeting 'supply and demand' are slowly shaping the Tasmanian beef market to include Belted Galloways. But there is still a long way to go before we see a large and significant commercial herd of Belted Galloways in Tasmania. The largest Tasmanian commercial herd we are aware of numbers about 75 to 80 breeding cows. It would be great to see a few herds of 250 to 500 commercial breeding cows – then our progress as a commercial breed would be more broadly and readily recognized. Perhaps this will take place within the next decade.

In the meantime, Kookaburra Belted Galloways will continue its pursuit of consistently breeding animals



as close to our interpretation of perfection as we can get them, with the ongoing help and support of like-minded Belted Galloway breeders throughout Australia and beyond. We will try to offload our best stud cattle that are excess to our requirements into Australia's North Island as well as Tasmania, and our others to local commercial herds or the abattoirs.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Festive Season. We also wish you success in achieving your individual breeding objectives.

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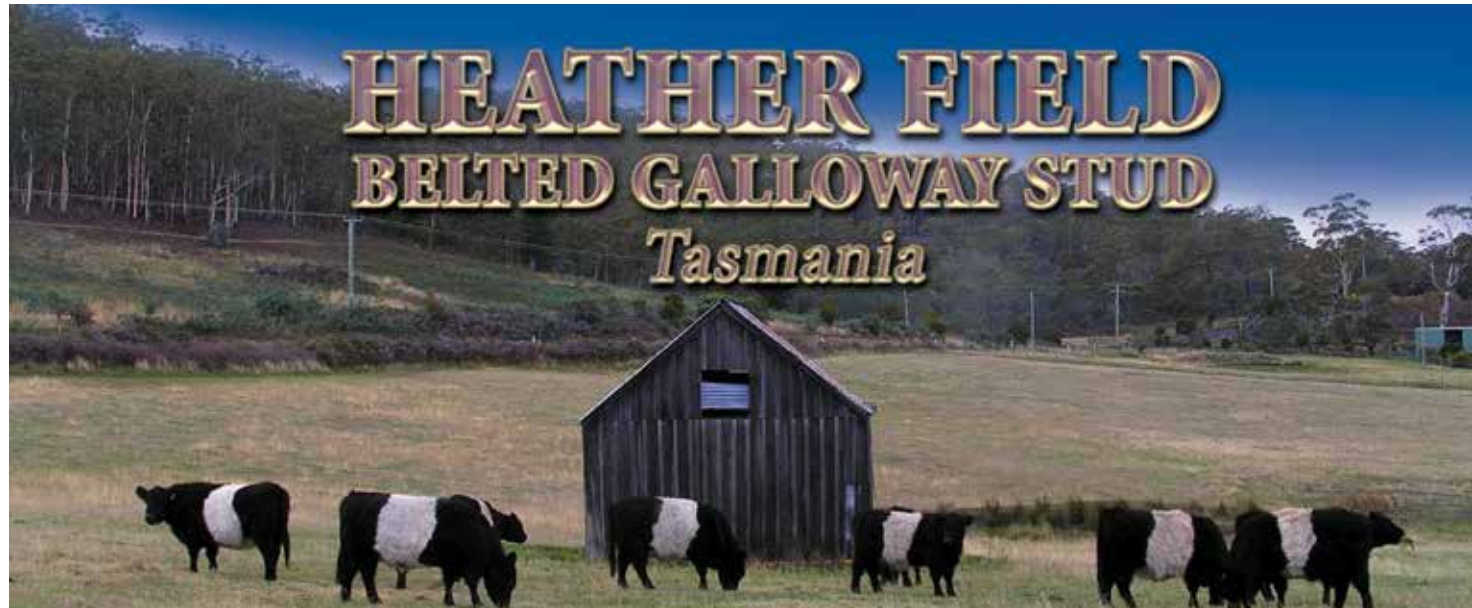
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SHORT HISTORY

Of Belted Galloway In Australia

BY JUDITH MCKINNON

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE with thanks the help received from Stanley Robinson in putting this short history together and providing every bit of the considerable information he has on the Belted Galloway breed.

There are differing claims as to the date Belted Galloway first arrived in Australia. According to the thesis written by Kilie Martin of Winni Royd Belted Galloway Stud in the mid to late-1970's According to history, and all known facts, Belted Galloway were the first cattle to ever come to Australia - but for some reason this breed of cattle were not bred in great numbers and were not very well known. . With just a tiny bit of research I have come across quite a few breeds claiming to be the first in Australia. My investigations have established that five cows and two bulls of Indian Zebu were purchased at Cape Town by the First Fleet to be used for transporting goods and breeding - not eating. By 1820 there were about 54,000 cattle in Australia and by 1840 there were 371,699 so other breeds of cattle were introduced to Australia quite early but not with the First Fleet.

The earliest substantiated claim of Belted Galloway in Australia I can find is an article by Edith Smith published in May, 1959 in the Riverlander, magazine of the Murray Valley League, regarding a bull calf recently born to the only two Belted Galloway in Australia which had been imported from New Zealand (I am surmising) in about 1957/1958 (allowing time for quarantine and gestation). The birth was at Dunalister, Elmore, Victoria.

As far as I can discover, 1973 was the next time registered Belted Galloway were imported into Australia from New Zealand, being three bulls and six females by Sir Reginald Reed of Mt Wayo, New South Wales. A number of registered Belted Galloway were imported from New Zealand in the following few years mainly in New South Wales and Victoria. Additionally, Ricky and Joyce Stowe, Bullsbrook Western Australia imported quite a lot of Belties from New Zealand in 1975.

It would seem from the outset there have been two herd books registering Belted Galloway in Australia. One was the Australian Belted Galloway Association formerly The

Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association. Belted Galloway were first registered with The Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association in 1975. The other herd book was the New South Wales Belted Galloway Association which comprised seven breeders and had a prefix in the Australian Galloway Association that catered for Belted Galloway. Belted Galloway were first allowed into that herd book in 1976. From the very beginning registration requirements differed in each Association and it is interesting to note the changing differences in registration requirements up to the present time.

On 1 August 1975 Mr W Heithersay (Bill) convened a meeting for 30 August 1975 of persons interested in the formation of an Association to promote the breeding of Belted Galloway beef cattle in the Commonwealth of Australia. There were 19 persons present with 7 apologies. At the meeting Bill Heithersay introduced Henry Excell who informed those present that the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia would be prepared to provide secretarial services at a reasonable cost for the first 12 months with a review at the end of that time of the work involved. Also introduced by Bill Heithersay was Athol Malseed with a view to Athol Malseed being considered as a classifier in the event of an association being formed. As a result of that meeting The Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association was formed with Henry Excell appointed public officer, the RA&HS of South Australia secretary and Athol Malseed classifier for a period of two years. Mrs Yvonne Heithersay was appointed Patron, Bill Heithersay the inaugural President and Mr JMck Blackwell Vice-President.

At this time members were breeding other breeds with a small interest in Belted Galloway. The Association was formed because of the beef qualities, conformation and striking good looks of Belted Galloway with the aim to promote Belted Galloway for commercial and stud purposes and to maintain a high standard of excellence.

In an endeavour to build numbers in the Belted Galloway Herd Book the A, B, C and D grading/classing of Belted

Galloway was used by the classifiers. This applied to both bulls and females. Belted Galloway imported from New Zealand were also classified even though they may have been fully registered in the New Zealand Herd Book. For the first two years of the Association classification was based on conformation and having a classifier inspect the cattle to meet the A, B, C and D requirements the Herd Book. The first classification took place on 11 November 1975 and at the AGM in 1979 1,380 females and 132 bulls had been classified across 20 different properties with 38 registered herds at that time, a significant increase in the numbers in 1976 of 479 females and 22 bulls. In the event the classifier deemed any animal was not up to the standard for which it was eligible the Classifier could down-grade that animal to another grade.

Up to 1977 the classification worked along the following lines:

An Angus or a Galloway was a "D" and if she produced a perfectly marked heifer with excellent conformation it was classified "A" by an Official Classifier. But if the heifer had white feet, part belt or any other unwanted characteristic it was Classified "C" or "B" depending on the severity of the characteristics.

Classification changed in 1978 so that the A, B, C and D classification related to females only. A bull was only eligible for entry into the Herd Book where that bull was the progeny of mating between a registered Belted Galloway bull and a registered A-Grade female.

The D classification for females was changed to Base breeding female being either pure bred Angus or pure

bred Galloway and then further changed in 1980 to D Grade Females – base breeding female being either pure bred Angus or pure bred Galloway and approved Belted Galloway. Again, in 1982 the D Grade classification was amended to read Base Breeding females being either registered stud Angus, registered stud Red Angus, registered stud Galloways, or registered stud Red Polls .

In 1982 because of a time lag between the request for classification and classification occurring, together with the costs involved, the committee approved classifiers in each State. For Western Australian classifications, due to the cost of airfares at that time, Mr LA Hemley, a prominent breeder of Poll Hereford and also the official classifier and inspector for the Angus Society, the Murray Greys and other breeds, was appointed classifier for Belted Galloway.

During 1984 the Association became aware of the a-mannosidosis gene in Belted Galloway and, for the betterment of the breed, initiated a requirement that as of 31 December 1985 all Belted Galloway submitted for classification and/or registration in the Association Herd Book had to be progeny of registered males and females that had been tested free of a-mannosidosis and no animal could be transferred unless it was certified free of a-mannosidosis. Additionally, all bulls found to be carriers of a-mannosidosis were required to be slaughtered (unless required for scientists for research purposes) and that bull calves found to be 'carriers' of a-mannosidosis be denied registration in the Herd Book.

In an endeavour to further strengthen the Belted Galloway breed the Association ruled that all bull calves born as of

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1 July 1990 had to be by sires and dams who themselves had four known generations of breeding on both sides, thus the sire and the dam were 5th generation and their progeny 6th generation. This was amended at the 1994 AGM so that all bull calves born on or after 1 January 1994 having 5 generations of known breeding be accepted thereby bringing the Association in line with the majority of Galloway societies around the world.

Pending the 1990 ruling re the registration of bulls, any breeder had the right to have their cattle re-classified in accordance with genetic considerations and not in accordance with factors based predominantly on conformation as accepted at the inauguration of the Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association (Inc).

It was not until 1987 that artificial insemination and embryo transfer was written into the Rules and Regulations of the Association. This technology had been around since the 1940's and it was accepted that the use of existing technology would increase the availability of new bloodlines.

At the 1988 AGM the Association advised members the classification system was to be replaced with registration subject to the regulations of the Association which would reduce costs and reduce delay between classification and registration and that as of 1 August 1989 members were to make their own classifications and tattoo their animals accordingly. Classifiers were still available to carry out stud classification if members wished. It was also noted that the Royal Melbourne Show would not accept exhibits unless they were at least 93.75% breeding and this is still the same today. Sydney Royal Show had and has the same requirement. The Adelaide Royal Show accepts exhibits as per the individual Society rules and regulations.

Members were advised at the AGM in 1993 that investigations were underway regarding computerisation of registrations and records and that the data recorded would become the property of the Association. This eventuated in 1999. Similarly, it was suggested in 1997 that the Association change its name from The Australian Belted Galloway Cattle Breeders Association to Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc. This transpired in 2000. At the same AGM the question of registering miniature Belted Galloway arose.

It was at the AGM in 1998 that the Association resolved to register miniature Belted Galloway in the Appendix section of the Herd Book with the proviso that neither it nor its progeny were to be transferred back to the General Section and that the same criteria apply to registering miniatures as to general animals apart from height, with the height measurements being 125 cm hip height for bulls and 120 cm hip height for females. These rules were amended in 2004 to: bull 10 to 12 months 110cm, to a maximum of 125cm, and female 10 to 12 months - 105cm, to a maximum of 120cm and then further amended in 2007 to As of the 25th July 1998, Miniature Belted Galloway cattle can be registered with the Association, as an Appendix to the Herd Book.

Once an animal is registered as a Miniature Belted Galloway, it or its progeny will not be allowed back into the General Section of the Herd Book without the letters POMS after its name and then in 2009 the wording was finessed to Registration of Miniature Belted Galloway's will follow the same criteria as General Section animals - Males to be no more than 125cm hip height and Females to be no more than 120cm hip height. Animals which exceed these hip heights can no longer be regarded as miniatures and should be transferred to the General Herd Book with the letters POMS after their names.

2001 saw the production of the Association's first annual which was a resounding success and an annual continued to be produced up to and including 2007 after which Breeder's Guides were published. 2015 will see a return to the annual format. It is anticipated the annual will become a two-yearly occurrence.

After many years of discussion and a push by members toward uniformity of rules between the three associations, 2011 saw the introduction of DNA testing of bulls as a registration requirement as of 1 January 2011. 2011 was a big year because it also saw the approval of the use of unlicensed semen as of the above date, provided the bull was tested for pestivirus, leptospirosis, vibriosis and DNA was recorded together with provision to the office of photos of both sides of the bull to verify no mismarking.

To date the Association has awarded three members with honorary life memberships for services above and beyond to the Belted Galloway breed. The first recipient was Stanley Robinson, Cumbria Partners in 2001, followed by Hume MacDonald, Belmont Park, Clan Ranald and Wilmac in 2004 and finally Eve Cullen, Hawkshead in 2006.

Belted Galloway were first shown in Australia at Adelaide in 1976 and have been shown in Adelaide continuously since (ie, without a break in showing). The first feature show of Belted Galloway was in 1978 at Mt Gambier with 8 breeders from 3 States exhibiting. Belted Galloway were first shown at Melbourne in 1977, Perth and Sydney in 1978 and Brisbane (Ekka) in 1999.

Membership of the Association grew steadily for a number of years, plateauing in 2003 at 158 members. Cattle numbers grew quickly with the classification system thereby providing funds enabling the Association to thrive and prosper. However, with typical Australian conditions (as Dorothy Mackellar said in her poem My Country) of sweeping plains, ragged mountain ranges, droughts and flooding rains the numbers of cattle

registered have correlated to the conditions of the moment. Belted Galloway have now spread throughout Australia from southern Australia, through the inland, up the Birdsville track and northern Australia displaying the versatility and adaptability of Belted Galloway.


From the very early days of the Association there have been concerted efforts on the part of all Associations to form one Association registering Belted Galloway. Unfortunately, I can only, quote the French novelist Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr, and say that after almost 40 years of negotiation the more things change the more they stay the same.

Having said that, all Associations have been working together toward uniform rules for showing Belted Galloway with more work to be done and are still working together on the classification of registered Belted Galloway. Further, one can never say 'never'. The phrase united we stand, divided we fall has been used from ancient Greek times (the ancient storyteller Aesop), the Bible in the New Testament and most famously in modern times by the US Founding Father John Dickinson in his pre-revolutionary war song.


I believe strongly that Belted Galloway must unite both as a breed and breeders breeding a marvellously under-rated breed of cattle to thrive and prosper and that if there must be three associations registering Belted Galloway in Australia then let us work together for the betterment of the breed. When that transpires I adamantly believe Belted Galloway will become a breed recognised for the qualities it can give to the meat industry. The meat qualities have been proven in the numerous carcass competitions throughout Australia. It is we, the keepers of the breed, that have to make that happen.

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OBSERVATIONS

Of A Qld Beltie Breeder

BY COLIN WALKER

WE OBTAINED OUR FIRST Belted Galloways in 1998. Two A class heifers in calf and an unjoined B class heifer. We scored with the first 2 calves born being heifers and so our stud was under way.

Our reasons for choosing Belties? we wanted a breed that wasn't too large to handle, were a bit out of the ordinary and besides we had a bit of Scottish ancestry in our grandparents so Belties gave us a bit of a link with our heritage.

What do we think of the results of our choice..... challenging.

I have a bit of a motto, always get the bad news over with first. And the bad news... you will almost always get hammered in the mainstream markets when you go to sell your commercial Belties. I am speaking here of the live auction sales as these are probably the easiest for most to access when coming to sell a few head.

The belt and the shaggy coat seems to be a flag for the buyers to say, "just another hobby farmer", and not be prepared to give a fair price for the cattle.

Other negatives: Belties will almost never outperform on a growth rate, weight for age basis compared to the more popular breeds.

Neither will they have the muscling that can be obtained with the European breeds of cattle. So from a commercial perspective, Belties will not be in the race; what's that saying; you can't fight city hall!!

However, things are not all bad, it is just going to make things a bit harder. Although we have predominately a stud, we are very conscious of the need to have a commercial outlook and I guess it is those traits that we are looking for in our cattle. Due to our experiences selling steers at auction, we started direct marketing the meat.

Predominately we sell mixed quarters of beef, cut and packed by the butcher ready for the freezer. The thing that we have found quite perplexing in all this marketing game is that we have heard unsolicited positive comments like, "Where did this meat come from? We aren't able to buy anything like it in the supermarket!"



Lown Brae during 'Feast'



Lown Brae during 'Famine'

We ourselves of course are a bit spoiled and we get used to the quality of it I guess. Just find it strange that the message doesn't get through to the mainstream meat buyers.

Although we have entered led steer competitions before, for the first time in 2014 we have had steers go right through from led steer to carcass competition so were very keen to get the results. Although unplaced in the led section, we have been encouraged by the carcass results.

At the Brisbane Royal Show (Ekka) in the Junior Led Steer carcass the steer entered attained equal 7th out of 65 entries and the second steer entered at the Toowoomba Ag Show Interschool Led Steer/Heifer competition attained 3rd out of 27.

These competitions were against all breeds and using MSA grading system so for pure Beltie steers to be in the top 20% is very satisfying. We acknowledge the staff and students of Downlands College in Toowoomba for preparing and showing these steers for us.

So if we can just offer one piece of advice. When you are looking for a market for your Beltie steers, and don't want to go the direct market road, aim to sell across the hooks as I believe this is the only way you can be assured of fair market price. A word of warning though: make sure your animals are properly finished as an unfinished animal will only bring you grief and you will battle to get repeat sales.

For us, this means finishing off on a grain mix, and I don't mean just a few weeks. Our experience is it will take at

least 120 to 150 days on grain to get the sort of finish we need. Unfortunately, we don't get a long enough season to finish on green grass.

Which brings me to another aspect of the area we live and farm. We had a ten year period of drought followed by a couple of years with above average rainfall and some flood rains and now we are back in drought.

It is so very hard to maintain a pattern of calving in our cows as without fresh green grass most of the cows don't cycle especially if they are feeding a calf. You see a new calf born and have hopes for it but then 6 months later there has still not been enough rain and you know the calf will never perform to its genetic potential. The resilience of the Belties though does amaze me at times.

On the subject of mismarking. The experience in our stud herd over the years is approximately 14% of calves born have been mismarked with either a broken belt, or white on the feet or tail.

Where do I see the future of Belties? ... Sorry, next question.

I do admire the work that ones like the Snaith family in Victoria are doing with their direct marketing and promotional work. As much as I would love to see some serious long term research done on the breed, I know it is not going to happen unless there is someone with very deep pockets and a substantial number of cattle to make the results meaningful

I believe that Belties will remain a boutique breed, enjoyed by those that want to take up the challenge.

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RED OCHRE STUD

BY PAM BROWN & JOHN MAIOLO

RED OCHRE STUD PROUDLY CARRIES the name of one of Australia's most well known Red Belted Galloway bulls, Oradala Red Ochre Mountain.

Oradala Stud was established in 2000 in South Australia. I became the manager shortly after, and there began my passion and love of the Belted Galloway breed.

In 2002 new genetics from superior USA and Canadian bloodlines were imported enabling Oradala Stud to produce top quality Red Belted Galloway cattle. In 2003, during a prolonged drought, Oradala was forced to disperse. The dispersal of Oradala Stud saw the most well known pair of Red Belted Galloways, Chilli Pepper and Red Ochre Mountain make their way to their new home on the outskirts of Sydney.

During their show careers both had many successes at Country and Royal Shows. Red Ochre's show career highlight was achieving both Supreme Exhibit as a Junior and then as a Senior, back to back years at Sydney Royal 2004 and 2005.

Foundation genetics from Chilli Pepper and Red Ochre are still part of the stud's breeding program today. To enable us to continue producing quality animals we have introduced black belted genetics. Red Ochre Stud's focus is on breeding Red Belted Galloway, however remain committed to producing cattle that possess superior characteristics and traits. With consideration for commercial production, Red Ochre Stud has






always sourced bulls offering acceptable daily weight gains and eye muscle areas. The introduction of black belted genetics allows us to maintain our standard. Red Ochre progeny have been successful in several steer competitions, and he still holds the highest EMA record for the Belted Galloway breed at Sydney Royal Show.

2013 saw the return of owner Pam Brown to the show ring, proudly presenting Clanfingon Vagabond, a black belted bull, at the National Show and Sale in Bendigo. Vagabond achieved Reserve Junior Champion Bull, and in 2014 was Reserve Champion Bull at Sydney Royal Show.

Owners John Maiolo and Pam Brown remain passionate about the breed and are looking forward to relocating from our current property to a much larger acreage. Being fortunate to have been able to begin our journey with Chilli Pepper and Red Ochre producing those deep red big capacity cows and amazing temperaments, our focus in the future is to offer new genetics, built on those foundations, to the Belted Galloway breed.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BY JUDITH MCKINNON

2014 WAS A GREAT YEAR for Belted Galloway in South Australia seeing a rise in inquiries for Belted Galloways generally but in particular Belted Galloway bulls.

Belted Galloway were exhibited at Mannum, Mt Pleasant and Adelaide Shows. What I am very pleased to be able to report is that every animal exhibited was beautifully presented regardless of whether it was a country show or a Royal show.

The beginning of 2015 saw the sale of a daughter herd from Clanfingon to The Greatley Stud in Western Australia. What was really exciting was that as new owners of cattle, Eleonora and Eli flew back from Western Australia and exhibited the animals they had purchased at the Mt Pleasant Show. Although there were no ribbons to take home the experience was one of immense learning, fun and continuing friendships.

Samuel Vivian attended the SA Heifer Expo with a Belted heifer. The SA Heifer Expo is attended by young people aged from 8 years to 23 years from all areas of Australia and generally has two or three students from overseas countries. It is quite possibly the leading learning show for young people in Australia about cattle, showing and the cattle industry. Most young people attending the week long course in the July school holidays go on to be successful leaders in the cattle industry.

The first weekend of September saw Belted Galloway shown at the Adelaide Royal with 5 exhibitors. In addition to the actual showing of Belted Galloway there were



two steers entered in the hoof and hook section. Two schools were given the opportunity to participate in the hoof and hook competition by Hume Macdonald who supplied a steer to each of the schools.

2015 also saw our second free 12 months membership being awarded. South Australia is trialling for a limited time the grant of an initial 12 month membership to prospective new stud breeders in an endeavour to raise member numbers and reduce the number of registered animals leaving the Herd Book in South Australia. I guess only time will tell whether this initiative will bear fruit. We welcome into the Belted Galloway South Australian family Dr Johannes Steyn and his wife Renè and John and Jan West and hope they will enjoy and love their Belted Galloway as much as I do mine.

There have been a number of commercial Belted Galloway sold through the yards under the auction system and most unfortunately they have been receiving very poor prices, eg a typical price in the saleyard has been at best \$275 and very often less for cow/calf pairs which is several hundred dollars below the average obtained for other breeds. This is an issue which needs to be addressed and I think can only be tackled by South Australian members working with those who purchase their animals and coaching them on presentation at sale and method of sale, ie my preferred method of sale is direct over the hooks to the abattoir where I obtain a very good price for what I produce.



NEW SOUTH WALES

BY PAM BROWN

MUCH LIKE THE REST OF AUSTRALIA, 2014 has been a challenging year for all cattle breeders in NSW, with drought still affecting large areas of the state.

With continued threat of fires and unseasonal weather conditions, breeders supported various shows and field days throughout the year.

Considering the challenges, it was encouraging to see an increase in Belted Galloway entries for the Sydney Royal Show. The Female Classes saw a strong line up and congratulations go to Merv and Beth Presland for presenting the Supreme Exhibit, Bekadan Hollywood. We welcomed the entry of a new stud, Northholm Grammer School, where students displayed a great deal of enthusiasm for the Belted Galloway breed and commitment to their presentation. 2014 also saw the return of Pam Brown and John Maiolo (Red Ochre) to the Sydney Royal show ring after a long absence.

As has been the case in recent years, Canberra Royal Show had difficulty attracting any significant numbers of standard sized Belted Galloway exhibitors or any ABGA members. Support of Miniature Belted Galloway and Miniature Galloway classes has been strong in the ACT due to a large member base of miniature breeders in this area, catering to the small farm enthusiast.

A bitterly cold Bathurst Royal pretty much attracted the same number of standard sized Belted Galloway exhibits, as well as a small number of Miniature Belted Galloways. First time entry into the show ring by Kate and John Blackwood (Ashrose) was rewarded by taking home the Supreme Exhibit, awarded to Ashrose Dinah. Also, worthy of congratulations for their hard work in preparing 2 Jandrew (Andrew Monaghan) heifers, were the 37 students from All Saints College, Bathurst.

In relative isolation from the rest of the members in NSW, a small group of Belted Galloway breeders in



the Northern Rivers area of NSW have worked hard throughout the year to represent the breed at various shows and Field Days. In June, the Primex Field Days were held in Casino. Being some 700 kilometres north of Sydney, Casino is considered one of Australia's largest beef centres.

Members Bryan and Marion Watts (Crystall Waters) and Phill Morrow and Vicki Iggleden (Dragonbridge), supported by the Hepburn family, presented an exhibit that drew much interest. This group has also displayed their cattle at shows such as Nimbin, Mullumbimby and Alstonville.

Commercial promotion has been well supported this year. Entries in carcass competitions have been steadily increasing with at least 13 Belted Galloway or crosses participating in various events in NSW. Special mention and congratulations are forwarded to Nick Faseas (Splendid Solitude) for achieving 86.869 points for his entry in the Wingham Beef Week. Results such as these are encouraging for the breed as a whole and create benchmarks for others to aspire to.

NSW membership has been active with events well supported this year. However, lack of support of the standard sized Belted Galloway at Canberra Royal indicates a need for more encouragement from the association and the members to promote in this area.

The Canberra Royal venue has excellent facilities with an easy camaraderie displayed between exhibitors. I do believe the 'Wash Bay Disco' has origins here!!

VICTORIA

BY ANNE WILSON



NORTHWEST VICTORIA is currently in drought conditions. The hay and grain harvest has been brought forward, but for some farmers there is no harvest.

There was no run off with the winter rains, so dams didn't fill. I encourage everyone to implement their long term farm drought planning.

In February, Cumbria Partners and Wilkamdai Stud Belted Galloways were part of the Stock N Land Beef Week.. Then in March they had a stand at the Ballarat Farm Expo. These were very successful exhibitions for both cattle sales and breed promotions.

Warialda Belted Galloways Beef shines again. Congratulations to Allen and Lizette Snaith on their Gold Medal win in the ABC Delicious Magazine's Produce Awards, winning the Best Product in the "From the Paddock" section in Sydney on the 14th July 2014. The awards are judged by a panel of eminent chefs and food suppliers. The Snaith's grass-fed heritage Belted Galloway beef was the winner from 27 finalists. The Snaiths have been medalists over the past couple of years, and the win this year is a very deserving reward for their hard work over the past 30 years.

The Royal Melbourne Show kicked off the Victorian shows with its Spring Show. From there the Shows roll around from the Western side of Victoria, onto the Northern parts and then to the East in the summer and autumn. Congratulation goes to Ashleigh Michael (Ashleigh Park Belted Galloways) who was the most successful exhibitor at the Royal Melbourne Show and in his 27th year of exhibiting there. There were 7 exhibitors with 26 Belted Galloways entered. There were many handlers involved to get all the 5 groups of 3 in the ring for the Breeders Group. It was a spectacular sight with 15 Belties plus calves filling the ring. A great display and indeed a credit to all the breeders on their beautiful presentation. Our wonderful breeder and promoter Allan Snaith was stewarding in the ring, ensuring everything run smoothly.

Swan Hill runs a very popular Show, and Cumbria Partners came home with a swag of prizes including the Reserve Champion Bull in the interbreed bull classic.

Following on, the Royal Geelong Show had two Belted Galloway Heifers placed 4th in their different age groups in the interbreed heifer classic. I must mention the competition was strong. They had to split judge 2 classes due to the enormous numbers. To complete the Classic judging evening, the Belted Galloway pair of Heifers came 3rd in the interbreed heifer pairs. On the Saturday, Grandview Belted Galloways took out the Supreme Exhibit for the Belted Galloways. Next year the Royal Geelong Show would like to have the Belted Galloways as their feature breed. They have wonderful facilities, it is easy to get to and they make you most welcome. So I encourage breeders to get behind this show in 2015 to showcase their stud and the breed.

Following on from Geelong, the Warrnambool Show hosted Belted Galloways as their feature breed this year. Unfortunately the Show was held on the Friday which made it difficult for many breeders to attend. Credit must be given to Rachel Alexander for all her hard work in organising this event. She is a young enthusiastic breeder who is actively showing and promoting the breed. Cumbria Partners took out the Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit with a heifer. Although the heifer beat the bull in the Belties, the Cumbria Partners Bull went onto be judges Senior Interbreed Bull Champion. Well done to Rachel on winning the Junior Judging 15 -25 years Competition and this means she will be off to Royal Melbourne Show next year to compete.

At the Ballarat Show there was total of 106 beef cattle entries, which was fantastic for the region and of these there were 17 Belted Galloway Entries, equalling the number of Charolais which were the feature breed. In one class of the interbreed Heifer Classic, the Belted Galloways outnumbered the other breeds 6 to 1. The following day, Grandview Belted Galloways won both

Belted Galloway OVERSEAS

USA

The Belted Galloway Society in the United States sends congratulations to the Australian Belted Galloway Association for promoting Belted Galloways for the past 40 years. We understand and appreciate the hard work and dedication it takes to maintain a functional, effective volunteer organization for that many years.

The Belted Galloway Society in the US was initially organized in 1951 and incorporated in 1964. In the early years, the Society had a limited number of members and animals, as I'm sure was the case in Australia. Fortunately, due to the increased popularity of the breed in the past few years, the number of Belties has increased, which has grown our member numbers to over 1000, distributed throughout the country.

The advent of the internet and social media has markedly increased the public exposure of Belties. The Society provides financial assistance to regional groups' shows and exhibitions, in addition to sponsoring a

national show and sale along with the Annual meeting in Louisville, KY. In addition, the Society produces a monthly newsletter and several informational brochures and publications promoting the breed.

In 2010, the Belted Galloway Society entered into a contract with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation to handle the Society's membership, registration and transfer work. CLRC's expertise and experience has provided our members with professional handling of their applications and offers internet access to information regarding our members and their animals.

The Belted Galloway Foundation, formed in 2002, has provided funds to develop our Breeders Manual, a selection guide, scholarships, support youth activities and funded a nutritional study of Belted Galloway meat.

Hopefully 2015 will be the beginning of another successful 50 years of promoting Belted Galloway in Australia.

VIC EGGLESTON, DVM Executive Director,
Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

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the Champion Belted Galloway Female and Male. Young Kai Bakker won the Junior Judging 12 – 15 years on his 13th birthday. This was a personal best and a fabulous birthday present.

Next show weekend was Clunes Show where the Belted Galloways placed 2nd out of eight in the Interbreed Pairs on the Saturday and Sunday it was the Beaufort Show. Beaufort is popular with many breeders because all exhibitors enjoy a shared lunch after judging.

Many friends are made at the Shows, both with breeders from Belted Galloways and other breeds. Everyone pitches in to help when help is needed, especially when it comes to parading the cattle in the Show ring. Showing

has helped me a lot in learning about the breed and the beef industry. I managed to find time to watch the dairy judging at Ballarat and learnt a lot of their genetic mapping by talking to their judge and breeders. Dairying seems to be more advanced in their EBV's than the beef industry.

To conclude, there seems to be more judges appreciating the qualities of the Belted Galloway and not just judging them on the standards of a European beef animal or bigger is best. I hope this trend continues. I give credit to Francie Maclean who once wrote, "Belties Breed Better Beef". So judges take note and it's a great promotional slogan.

Belted Galloway Overseas

NZ

I am pleased to report the Galloway Cattle Society of NZ is in good heart. We have a membership of 135 and during the 2013 year there were a total of 380 registrations, that being 255 Belteds, 88 Whites and 37 Standards. These are very good results. The most exciting is the Standards registrations - from 4 registrations, including only 1 female in 2008 - to 37 this past year.

The Standard Galloway is the founding breed type of our breed and we have worked hard to preserve and encourage the breeding of this breed type amongst our breeders to achieve the result we have now.

In New Zealand, the Galloway breed is expanding not only in numbers but also genetically. There has been injections imported semen from the UK, USA and Australia to compliment our uniquely pure Belted and Standard bloodlines.

Cow numbers in the South Island have dramatically increased in recent years, with an excess of 400 breeding females, with some of the larger herds of 30 plus breeding females. This increase has been reflected in the showing and promotion of Galloway's in the South Island through large numbers of breeders showing and a strong Southern Breeders Group in the Deep South.

Promotion has been strong over the past year through the Website, Gazette, Facebook and having a strong presence at shows and field days throughout the country. We as a breed have made big in roads at competing alongside other breeds at Shows and in heifer competitions. Our Galloway cattle are getting ribbons and mentions from judges when footing it against other breeds such as Angus, Hereford, Simmental and Charolais etc in the show ring.

We as a breed are proving that we do have an animal that is commercially viable and has qualities that can benefit our NZ Beef Industry. It has been a thrill over the last couple of years to see Galloway's pulled up into the top 6 at major shows in the Meat & Wool cups and yearling Championships.

Likewise it has been a thrill to have heard of Belted yearling heifers being judged 1st against other well established breeds and breeders - my Belteds even beating my own group of Angus heifers!!

There has been mixed results in livestock sales, success for some breeders while sales have been slower for others. This perhaps would be in part due to the supply starting to meet demand particularly in Belted breeding females. Demand for Belted bulls in the South Island has been exceptional in the dairy industry.

Other parts of the country are experiencing the same demand for bulls. At the end of the day, the growing number of dairy farmers, have to get their cows and heifers pregnant to produce milk to make money and the Galloway bull presents a good option for the dairy farmer being an easy calving, instant marker mating option. The Galloway has that advantage over other heavier colourless breeds.

Further to the live animal markets, we are realising that we are sitting on a wee gold mine of meat. Underneath that cuteness, we have a product that is starting to get recognised as a superior product. I have people asking me for Galloway meat - there are huge opportunities for us as a breed - our society is becoming more aware of what we eat.

As Galloway breeders we are sitting on a product that can even make vegetarians mouths water. I have had an ex-President of the Hereford Society of NZ pull me aside and admit that he has put a Galloway heifer in his freezer and to add to that, has commented that it has been the best beef he has ever tasted!!!

A couple of months ago I had an Angus breeder sidle up to me and discretely ask - "How can I get some Galloway animals." We have a product that other breed stud breeders are talking about - this speaks volumes to me!

All members of the extended Galloway World Family are warmly welcome to visit our breeding herds in New Zealand. Look on our website to find councillors and breeders willing to help with your enquires.

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ROB HALL Secretary, Financial Sub-committee,
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CANADA

Hello fellow Galloway breeders and enthusiasts, I would like to share with you some of the activities with in the Canadian Galloway Association (CGA) over the past year. Once again variable weather has presented challenges to the Canadian agricultural industry. This past winter was longer then the previous year, leading into a damper and cooler spring. These resulted into a delayed seeding and later turn out to pasture, and a late start to haying season. As farmers and producers we find a way to over come obstacles and make do with what we are given.

In Canada cattle prices have been on a steady incline since last January and most producers are making a profit whether it be on calves, yearlings, cows or bulls. Prices for feeder calves are ranging from \$1.70 - \$3.90/lb at respective weights from 300-1000 lbs. Market cows or bulls are running for \$0.95 - \$1.55/lb with bred cows at \$1600 - \$2500 and cow/calf pairs going for \$1800 - \$2350. These prices reflect commercial values.

I personally sold all my marketable calves for \$1100/each with an average weight of 400lbs, the most I have ever gotten in my brief time as a cattle producer. Feed grain prices are lower and easier for feedlot producers to feed cattle and make a profit. Hopefully this trend will continue and provided for more good years like the one we just had. Last March these same higher prices also were seen in a few purebred Galloway sales that were held by Alberta Plaid & Guests Galloway Sale & Genuine Genetics Galloway Sale showing that there is still demand for purebred Galloway cattle.

The Eastern Canadian Galloway members have been busy exhibiting their cattle at various fall fairs like Erin, Acton, & Rockton, just to name a few as well as junior shows and trade shows. The Western Canadian Galloway members participated in private bull and female sales, The Canadian Bull Congress and a few breeders are going to be displaying cattle at Farm Fair International Edmonton. CGA members who participate in these events all help promote the Galloway breed and are always willing to share their experience with the cattle, the benefits and attributes to the Galloway bred.

Membership in Canada has increased with most of our newly added breeders residing in Alberta or Ontario. In addition to new members we have also seen an increase in the number of cattle registered and transferred which seems to be a result of the associations newly adopted fee schedule for registrations and transfers.

This year we held our Annual Meeting in Stratford, Ontario combined with farm tours to Cranberry Hill Galloways, Brad & Colleen Card's, Chris & Yvonne Schapp's, Suncrest & Sunrise Galloways, Greg & Marie Blake's, Glenfiddich Galloways, The McIlwraith family and Bev Burtis's operations. Great hospitality, a shared common interest and Galloway enthusiasts lead to a good time had by all.

The CGA had made a goal early this year to try and update our image. July we launched our new look with a new website with content and information managed by the association to keep things current and up to date. So please feel free to check it out and let us know what you think - www.galloway.ca.

The CGA executive & board of Directors for 2014 - 2015 include: President - Brian A. Robertson TRI-R-WAY Livestock, Vice President - Marie Blake Sunrise, Executive Secretary Simon Lagacé Ferme Du Rapid, Secretary Treasurer Ron Black and directors Bob Airth Walking A Ranches, Jim King Chickadee Farm, James Kurz Green Way and Steve Schweer Alberta Plaid.

The associations leadership goal is to promote Galloway cattle benefits to both commercial and pure bred cattle producers. Hopefully we will recruit more new members and have more Galloway genetics in cattle operations. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wants to visit Canada to come see our breeders and view our cattle. You are always welcomed! I would also like to wish you success and prosperity in the year to come.

BRIAN ROBERTSON President CGA



Check out our new look @ "galloway.ca"

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2001 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW



Longfield Viper
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1986 TYRENDARRA



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Shiralee Moonshine
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Clanfingon Limelight
Judith McKinnon

2005 TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW



Cassaglen Winchester
David & Cheryl Skillington

1997 BERWICK



Ashleigh Grason
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1998 GEELONG



Northfield Rex
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2006 GEELONG



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GRAND CHAMPION *females* FEATURE SHOW

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Ashleigh Chantal
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SHOW

2014 CHAMPIONS



2014 SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW

Bekadan Hollywood (POIS) (MF)
Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female

SYDNEY MELBOURNE ADELAIDE



2014 MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW

Ashleigh Park Gwynnedd (POIS) (MF)
with Ashleigh Kingtide Red (calf)
Grand Champion
Belted Galloway Female



2014 MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW

Ashleigh Park Harrison (POIS) (MF)
Grand Champion
Belted Galloway Bull
& Supreme Belted Galloway



2014 SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW

Clanfingon Vagabond
Reserve Senior Champion
Belted Galloway Bull

2014 ADELAIDE ROYAL SHOW

Grandview Joshua
Grand Champion
Belted Galloway Bull



2014 ADELAIDE ROYAL SHOW

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Grand Champion
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