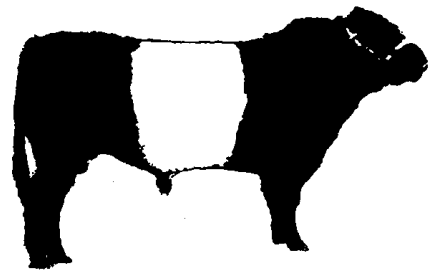


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Galloways return home to Central West

The ancient Scottish Galloway family of cattle breeds are returning to this year's Bathurst Royal Show at the Bathurst Showground, NSW.

The Bathurst AH&P Association have reintroduced sections for the breeds in a show of support.

The first registered traditional solid colour Galloways were imported into Australia in 1951 by H E Kater, *Swatchfield* in Oberon NSW, although the breed was recorded as having arrived as early as 1858.

While the rarer Belted Galloway arrived in Australia during the late 1950s as commercial animals, the first registered Belties were imported by Hereford breeder Sir Reginald Reed, *Mt Wayo* near Goulburn in 1973.

"Bathurst Royal has been chosen by Galloway breeders to develop as a focal point for the breed west of Sydney," says Francie MacLean, vice-president of the Australian Belted Galloway Association.

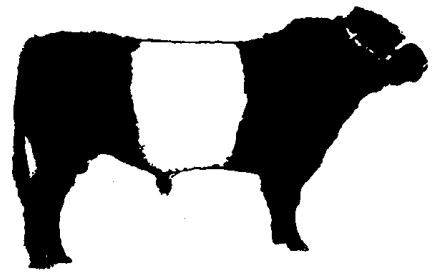
"The Central West is ideal country for running Galloways. People can go to Bathurst show, see the animals, meet the breeders and learn more."

Solid and Belted Galloways developed in the harsh hill country of southwest Scotland. The medium sized polled breeds are known for superior non-selective foraging ability, feed efficiency, docility and beef quality.

A Belted Galloway heifer and steer recently took out Grand Champion and Heavyweight Champion carcasses at the Cootamundra Carcass Competition in October last year.

Two local studs will be joining studs from around NSW in bringing their Galloways to Bathurst. More than twenty exhibits are expected.

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Financial planner Jason Vials got involved with traditional solid Galloways two years ago and now runs his small stud *Monreith* of 22 breeders on 40 ha at Borenore, NSW.

“So far, our research into Galloway traits has proved correct,” says Mr Vials. “The cattle do well on average pastures and have minimal trouble with calving, and even the new mothers are docile and easy to handle.

Sydney costume designer, Andrew Monaghan of Stuart Town, north of Orange NSW chose to work with the rarer Belted Galloway. He holds his *Jandrew* herd at Bathurst.

‘I guess like everyone, I was initially attracted to their striking appearance. But you can’t eat that,” says Mr Monaghan.

“So I’ve worked towards selecting for carcass quality. My first carcass comp Beltie steer beat all the stud and trade Angus at the Scone competition in 2008. That wasn’t a bad start.”

“Its important for local breeders that the Galloway associations provide them support. There are a number of good beef Galloway herds throughout the Central West, and they need a consolidated presence there for promoting the breed,” says Mrs MacLean.

“We hope our support of Bathurst Royal, and their support of us, can help achieve that for them.”

“The show also provides prospective breeders with a great opportunity to learn more about the breed, and to inspect reputable seed stock animals before they buy their females.”

Bathurst Royal Show runs 5th-7th March, with Solid And Belted Galloway judging held on Friday 5th March. Breeders will be on hand to speak with. More information on Galloways at Bathurst Royal can be downloaded from www.beltedgalloway.org.au

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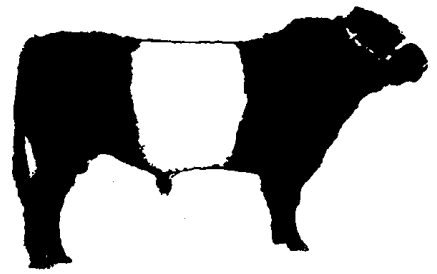
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The following .jpg photo files are submitted along with this release:



Jason Vials (Monreith Galloway Stud, Borenore NSW) with daughters, Meaghan and Eleanor with a Monreith solid black Galloway.



Andrew Monaghan (Jandrew Belted Galloway Stud, Bathurst NSW) with Jandrew Dudley, a Belted Galloway Steer being prepared for competition.



Wombledale Belted Galloway cow located at Peel (near Bathurst), NSW