

#### Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc

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#### SAVE THE DATES

# 2016 ABGA AGM WEEKEND

14,15 & 16 OCTOBER 2016

CALEULA MOTOR LODGE,

## ORANGE, NSW

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#### Welcome to new members

To new members of the Association, on behalf of the Council, we wish you a warm welcome, should you have any queries, questions on procedures you do not understand or know, please do not hesitate to either contact any of the Council members in your vicinity or the Secretariat direct. (Council names and contact numbers are listed on the front page of this newsletter or on the ABGA web page which is available on the web at www.beltedgalloway.org.au).

#### **FULL MEMBERS**

#671 ESENTEE WATERS, Tracey Waters, Nyora VIC 3987 #674 HIGHTOP, P West & H Biffin, Nemingah NSW 2340 #675 LSM, Lindsay & Sally Mulligan, Armidale NSW 2350 #676 IDAVALE, Jeanette Holness, Bungendore NSW 2621

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS

#672 TIMAY, Tim Aspinall, Dungowan NSW 2340 #673 MRM, Matthew Maiolo, High Range NSW 2575 #677 LACHABY FARM, Lachlan Plant, Beaconsfield VIC 3807

#### Norco Primex dates announced – June 23, 24, 25

#### Fairfax Rural Events (FRE) is proud to announce the 2016 dates for Norco Primex

FRE is entering the second year as licensees of this prestigious event, and now armed with 'on the ground' experience from 2015, is ready to hit the ground running in June this year.

Group manager for Fairfax Rural Events, Kate Nugent, said the 'team asked a lot of questions last year, and listened to exhibitors' comments regarding how the Primex 'experience' can be enhanced for both exhibitor and visitor. Addressing these concerns is at the forefront of our minds, and we're looking forward to building on the solid platform that was set last June,' she continued.

Enquiry for Norco Primex 2016 has been strong, and a high number of you have already committed to returning in June on the back of last year's results, combined with a fresh perspective of management which is an encouraging sign for another successful event.

The *FRE* team take their role very seriously, and pride themselves on delivering quality events that are mutually beneficial to both organiser and exhibitor.

The prospectus is available on the website (http://www.farmonline.com.au/events/Primex/home), and due to the heavy enquiry we encourage you to fill out the booking sheet as soon as possible to secure your site for 2016.

#### YEAR LETTER FOR 2016

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PUBLISHING INFORMATION		
Issue	Closing date for information	
December	25 November	
March	25 February	
June	25 May	
September	25 August	
ADVERTISING RATES		
Full page \$49.50		
Half page 27.50		
Quarter page \$16.50		

#### Guyra Show – February 2016

Our newest young member, Tim Aspinall, has wasted no time in getting himself and his animals out into the show ring with great success - Junior Champion of Breed Annabel and Supreme Champion, Jenna Senior Champion Female



Annabel Junior Champion of Breed and Supreme Champion



#### <u>Jenna Senior Champion Female</u>

Newsletters are published with a view to keeping members informed on Association acivities, results, etc. This is your Association, so PLEASE provide correspondence on any subject or concern you may have including any cattle or associated agricultural livestock services and business advert(s).

#### Canberra Show Results

#### Bulls 8 to 12 months

- 1 7 Hills Luke (P Munday)
- 2 Benvuie Esmond (C Hart & G Stuart)

Junior Champion Bull 7 Hills Luke

Reserve Junior Bull Benvuie Esmond

Grand Champion Bull 7 Hills Luke

**Females** 

Heifer 8 to 12 months 7 Hills Leia (P Munday)

Heifer 12 to 14 months Benvuie Glad 2nd (C Hart & G Stuart)

Heifer 14 to 16 months Ashrose Kezia (J Hutt)

Heifer 16 to 18 months Hutt River Dinah (J Hutt)

Junior Heifer Ashrose Kezia

Reserve Junior Heifer 7 Hills Leia

Senior Females

20 to 24 months

Lochlyn Kim (J Hutt & J Vials)

24 to 30 months

Benvuie Glad (C Hart & G Stuart)

#### Over 30 months

1- Benvuie Esme (C Hart & G Stuart)

2nd Lochlyn Joy (P Munday)

3rd Belmont Park Sybil (J Hutt & J Vials)

Senior Cow Benvuie Glad

Reserve Cow Benvuie Esme

Grand Champion Cow Benvuie Glad

Supreme Champion of Breed Benvuie Glad



#### 2016 Royal Sydney Show

### Best Maintained Belted Galloway Team, 2 to 5 head

Jason Vials & John Hutt

#### Female, over 14 & not over 20months

- 1 Innis Lullaby, Northholm Grammar School Arcadia
- 2 Benvuie Glad 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Hart & Greg Stuart

#### Female, over 14 & not over 20months

- 1 Ashrose Kezia John Hutt
- 2 Hutt River Dinah John Hutt

#### Junior Champion Female

Ashrose Kezia

#### Reserve Junior Champion Female

Innis Lullaby

#### Female, over 20 & not over 30 months

- 1 Benvuie Glad Christine Hart & Greg Stuart
- 2 Lochlyn Kim Jason Vials & John Hutt

#### Female, over 30 months

- 1- Benvuie Esme Christine Hart & Greg Stuart
- 2 Belmont Park Sybil Jason Vials & John Hutt
- 3 Yarra Creek Jazz Northholm Grammar School

#### Senior Champion Female

Benvuie Esme

#### Reserve Senior Champion Female

Benvuie Glad

#### Grand Champion Female

Benvuie Esme

#### Bull, 9 & not over 14mths

- 1 Benvuie Esmond Christine Hart & Greg Stuart
- 2 Hutt River Leopard Jason Vials & John Hutt

#### Junior Champion Bull

Benvuie - Esmond

#### Reserve Junior Champion Bull

Hutt River Leopard

#### Grand Champion Bull

Benvuie Esmond

#### **Best Exhibit**

Benvuie Esme

#### Dates:

The dates for the Field Day and 2016 Forum and AGM are:

- Field day Friday, 14 October,
- Forum, AGM and dinner Saturday, 15 October, and
- Farm visits Sunday, 16 October

Orange has a wine festival starting 16 October 2016 for one week and an Ag Fair starting 22 October 2016 for two weeks. Some breeders may wish to stay on for part of the wine festival. It looks very interesting with master classes and all manner of activities for the everyday wine lover. There is also lovely boutique accommodation for those who like to spend a small fortune on accommodation which may or may not be already booked.

#### Accommodation.

Central Caleula Motor Lodge 60 Summer Street Orange NSW 2800 P: 02 6362 7699

20 rooms have been reserved, being a combination of single, twin share and doubles. Breakfast is not included in the cost of the room. Breakfast can either be room service or in the restaurant.

Continental breakfast is \$14

Full breakfast is \$20

Current prices for accommodation can be accessed at www.centralcaleula.com.au but prices are as follows:

- Deluxe queen single \$124
- Deluxe queen double \$142
- Executive queen single \$142
- Executive queen double \$157

Please mention that you are attending the ABGA AGM when booking.

#### Field Day

The field day will be the property of John Blackwood. It will start at 9.30 for a 10am sharp start on Friday, 14 October, break for lunch (during which if we are fortunately enough John Blackwood may give an impromptu talk about his organic structure and his methods and techniques), to finish around 3.30 to 4. Catering will be by CWA or CFS. Numbers will be limited on a first come first served basis.

Topics will include:

- a demonstration of washing, blowing and clipping
- why clip

- structure
- fitting
- ringcraft
- ettiquette in the ring
- nutrition
- plus titbits on the side throughout the day

This will be open to schools in the area including a couple of disabled children who are quite capable and the other Associations. There will be a booklet available to be bought for \$35 which gives a comprehensive overview of the day and the funds will go back to further education

#### Forum and AGM - Caleula Motor Lodge

#### Forum: 11am

Lunch: 1pm

#### AGM: 2.30pm

Parking is available at the rear of the conference venue

Lunch will be served in the conference room, being gourmet open sandwiches with cured meats, seafood and salad, with a fresh seasonal fruit platter, freshly brewed coffee, orange juice and a selection of teas at \$18 per person (attending members to purchase lunch) BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

#### Dinner: 6.30pm

Cost is \$52 per person – BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Meals are an alternate drop and are served with bread rolls and tea/coffee

It is a fully licensed cash bar so each member will be responsible for their own drinks

The menu is (please advise if you have special dietary requirements)

#### Main course.

Salmon fillet, asparagus, potato gratin, cafe de Paris butter Beef tenderloin, mushroom and prosciutto ragu, red wine jus

#### Dessert:

French lemon tart, double cream, raspberry coulis Bailey's creme brulee, almond biscotti, strawberry confit

#### Farm visits to herds in the area on the Sunday – details to be sent with the Notice of AGM

There is something for everyone at this AGM. If you are unable to make the field day then come and be part of the Forum where you can have your say in discussions, socialise at the lunch and after the AGM at the dinner and then of course at the farm visits which are promising to be special.

#### Getting to Orange

There are regular flights to Orange.

#### Distance and times to travel by road

#### From Sydney and the East

From Sydney and the east, travel to Bathurst and take the Mitchell Highway

#### From Dubbo and the North

From Dubbo and the north travel along the Mitchell Highway

#### From Parkes, Forbes and the North-West

From Parkes, Forbes and the north-west travel on the Escort Way

#### From Grenfell, Cowra, Canowindra, Cargo and the West

From Grenfell, Cowra, Canowindra, Cargo and the west travel on the Cargo Road.

Lucknow	10 min
Spring Hill	15 min
Millthorpe	20 min
Cargo	25 min
Molong	25 min
Blayney	30 min
Canowindra	45 min
Carcoar	45 min
Cowra	1hr 10 min
Forbes	1hr 30 min
Parkes	1hr 30 min
Wellington	1hr 30 min
Dubbo	1hr 35 min
Armidale	6hr
Canberra	3hr 30 min
Sydney	3hr 30 min
Melbourne	8hr

#### 2015 Victorian Christmas Party Report

Once again Lorna Andrews with help from Kerry Heazlewood and Helen Daly organised a very successful Christmas get-together for Belted Galloway breeders. The photo does not do justice to the numbers who attended as the photo was very much a last minute thought and most had left for home.



The tables were once again decorated beautifully with a real Christmas spirit present with great conversation and getting to know new and old members. Lots of raffle tickets were sold and the last of the calendars, both those items raising funds for the 2018 World Galloway Conference. Numbers were down from last year but there were still three full tables. The winner of the raffle was Lindy Clifden. The recipients of the table prizes were Helen Daly on Table 1, Bruce van Eyles Table 2 and Sheila Earles Table 3. Everyone had a lot of amusement with much laughter at the efforts of members attempting to put together balloons in a Best Balloon competition which was won by Judy Cohn who managed to get her balloons to make a sausage dog. Thank you to all the members who contacted Lorna, Kerry and Helen advising they were not able to make it, it is very much appreciated. I look forward to going over to this year's Christmas party and meeting even more members. It is a great day of fun and laughter and comradery.

#### NSW Primary Industries | August 2011, www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/publications for updates

Primefact 1110 first edition

Animal Biosecurity, Graham Bailey, Cattle Health Coordinator, Orange Agricultural Institute

#### Bovine anaemia caused by Theileria orientalis group

#### Introduction

Theileria are protozoan parasites carried by ticks. When ticks carrying *Theileria* feed on cattle, the parasite gets into their bloodstream and enters red blood cells. In some animals, sufficient red blood cells are destroyed to cause anaemia- a reduction in the red blood cell numbers. This reduces the ability of blood to carry oxygen and makes the animal ill.

A protozoan referred to as *Theileria buffeli* has been present in Australia for around 100 years. It has been seen occasionally in blood smears of cattle from "ticky" country, but seldom caused any illness. It was considered a benign infection.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of animals with disease caused by Theileria. Most of these animals have the Ikeda variant of *Theileria*. Work is underway to better understand why there has been an increase in the disease and to develop improved treatment and prevention strategies.

Even though more cases of disease have been seen in NSW, it is important to distinguish this disease from the far more serious diseases caused by other species of *Theileria* not present in Australia, such as east coast fever (caused by *Theileria parva*) that occurs in Africa, and Tropical Theileriosis (caused by *T. annulata*).

The disease occurring in Australia is referred to as Bovine Anaemia caused by *Theileria orientalis* group.

#### Cause

Disease is caused by protozoan parasites from the *Theileria buffeli/sergenti/orientalis* group. The grouping of 3 species is used because at this stage it is not clear how the protozoa from the group interact with the various ticks that carry them and their animal hosts. The Ikeda variant seen in a number of countries for simplicity is referred to as *T. orientalis*.

#### Method of Infection

Generally ticks are the carriers (vectors) responsible for spread of *Theileria* throughout the world. In NSW, the bush tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*) is suspected to be responsible though other ticks could be involved. Small numbers (<10 ticks) are able to spread the infection. Many farmers on affected properties have not observed ticks on affected cattle. Experimentally lice and march flies have also been shown to transmit infection. Work is underway to better understand the means of spread in NSW.

#### Susceptible animals

Disease is seen in calves born in coastal districts and in the eastern foothills of the Great Dividing Range. Disease is generally seen when calves are 8–12 weeks old. By about 6 months of age, immunity develops and it is rare to see disease in calves older than 6 months and adults who have been resident in these districts.

In adults, disease is seen if:

Cattle are moved from a district where the parasite is not present to districts where *Theileria* is common (typically interstate or inland cattle moved to coastal districts). Disease can be seen in the introduced cattle as soon as 3 weeks though generally 5–8 weeks after introduction.

Cattle carrying *Theileria* (having red blood cells infected with the parasite) are moved to a property that was previously uninfected. Transmission to home-bred cattle may occur with disease 2–6 months later in home-bred cattle. Typically this has involved movement of coastal cattle to tableland or slopes districts. In 2010 and 2011, expansion of the parasites to a number of previously clean districts has occurred. The location of where disease has been seen in NSW is available on the Maps of *Theileria* cases to December 2010, June 2011 and Dec 2011.

#### Signs of disease

Signs are those associated with severe anaemia and include:

- lethargy,
- lack of appetite,
- exercise intolerance (weak cattle that lag behind the mob if moved). If forced to run they may stagger and gasp for breath and some may collapse and die.
- Their gums will be pale and/or yellow.
- Pregnant cows may abort and still births are common. In dairy cows a drop in milk production will occur. Death rates are highest in heavily pregnant cows.

#### Confirmation of disease

Diseases such as babesiosis (tick fever) and anaplasmosis cause similar signs. To determine the cause, a veterinarian will need to take blood samples and have these examined in a laboratory to determine if the animal is anaemic and if *Theileria* are present. As the protozoa are tiny, this requires examination of blood under the microscope. Additional tests can be performed to determine which variant(s) are present. Other causes of anaemia also need to be excluded.

#### Treatment

Current treatment options are limited. Registered products used include to oxytetracycline and/or immidocarb. Veterinarians have reported good responses to treatment for mildly affected animals, but poor response is reported for severely affected animals. Blood transfusion has been performed occasionally on

valuable animals. Animals improve following transfusion but it is expensive and not practical if multiple animals are involved.

Stress and movement of affected cattle should be minimised or their reduced ability to transport oxygen throughout the body may lead to collapse. If possible avoid handling the affected cattle and put the affected mob in a paddock with good feed and water. If movement or yarding is necessary, move animals slowly.

#### Managing bovine anaemia caused by Theileria orientalis group

There are no vaccines for the disease.

The following precautions are recommended:

In districts where *Theileria* are commonly found (generally coastal areas) source cattle locally. Avoid moving adult cattle especially late pregnant heifers and cows from districts where cattle have a low chance of exposure to districts where *Theileria* are commonly found (generally coastal areas). Avoid introducing or mixing cattle from areas where *Theileria* infection is widespread (generally coastal districts) with cattle in districts where *Theileria* infection is uncommon.

Assess the risk the animal movement poses prior to moving the cattle. In districts where *Theileria* infection is uncommon, the *Ikeda* variant of *Theileria* may have been introduced through previous cattle movements. A laboratory test confirming the cattle to be moved have been exposed to *Theileria* indicates the animals would have a low risk of developing disease on moving to districts with *Theileria*. If these options are not practical, the following management is recommended:

Inspections in high risk periods

In districts where *Theileria* is commonly found (endemic areas) and most adult cattle are immune, calves should be closely inspected when they are 6–12 weeks old.

Introduced cattle should be examined closely when they have been in the district for 3-8 weeks.

In districts where *Theileria* is normally not present, but cattle from *Theileria*-infected areas have been introduced, check home cattle regularly between 2 and 6 months after the introductions.

If signs of disease are noted, seek veterinary advice as treatment when animals are mildly affected has been most successful.

#### General management

If cattle are in good condition and are on good feed, they will be less susceptible to disease. Careful attention to nutrition, worm control and trace element supplementation (if required) will minimise susceptibility to disease.

If possible, avoid mustering or otherwise stressing stock at times when there is a high risk of disease.

At this stage it is not known if infection can be transferred from animal to animal by management procedures such as multiuse needles, castration knives, etc. If practicable, items such as castration knives

should be cleaned and then disinfected between animals. Where not possible such as vaccinating a mob of cattle, use sharp needles and change regularly to minimise blood transfer.

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#### Vector control

Reducing tick numbers should reduce the likelihood of cattle becoming infected. The Bush tick is suspected as the main vector and its control is described in

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0004/50377/three\_ticks\_of\_concern\_to\_nsw\_stockowne rs\_-\_primefact\_84-final.pdf.

However on some properties the disease has spread where no bush ticks have been seen on cattle, and the actual mode of spread on all properties has not been determined. It is suspected that other vectors could be involved.

Despite having followed the above measures, some producers have experienced significant losses, and the reasons why some herds are more severely affected than others is not clearly understood. It appears in most cases once cattle are exposed, they develop immunity to *Theileria*. Thus calves after about 6 months of age and adults surviving in mobs with sick cattle will not suffer further disease. New introductions (next year's calves or introduced naïve adults) will be susceptible. In a small number of farms, new cases appear to continue.

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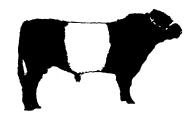
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## BELTED BEEF IS BEST



## **CALENDAR**

17 – 30 March 2016 – Sydney Easter Show – Belties shown 3.30pm Sunday, 20 March

31 March 2016 - Inventories due

7 – 9 April 2016 – Toowoomba Royal Show

8 – 10 April 2016 – Bathurst Royal Show

31 July 2016 – Membership subscription due

5 - 10 August 2016 - World Galloway Conference, Gretna Green, Scotland (for more information go to www.beltedgalloway.org.au)

5 – 14 August 2016 – Brisbane Royal Show

2 – 11 September 2016 – Adelaide Royal Show

17 – 27 September 2016 – Melbourne Royal Show

24 September - 1 October 2016 - Perth Royal Show

14 October 2016 - Field Day, Orange

15 October 2016 - Forum, AGM, Caleula Motor Lodge, Orange

16 October 2016 - Farm Visits, Orange and surrounding districts

6 – 18 October 2016 – Launceston Royal Show

13-16 October 2016 - Royal Geelong Show

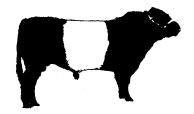
19 – 22 October 2016 – Hobart Royal Show

11 - 13 November 2016 - Ballarat Show

#### Items of interest for members.

- 1. Moratorium on the reregistration of cattle has been extended to 30 June 2016
  - a. a member may apply to re-register/reactivate any lapsed animals for a fee of \$10 per animal
  - b. a member may apply to register an animal which has not previously been registered for a fee of \$20 per animal
- 2. **Inventories** are due **31 March 2016**. Remember to post your tail hairs and cheque separately to Zoetis at the same time or before you submit your inventory to the ABGA office.

- 3. **DNA Forms** The ABGA have been working with Zoetis to simplify the DNA process, and have developed new DNA Testing forms that are simpler and clearer. A copy of the form is **attached**. Please complete the form and send directly to Zoetis, with your tail hair samples or your semen samples. Please **do not** send the samples through the ABRI office, as this can cause up to or more than a week's delay in getting the results back for your animals. If you require any DNA sampling kits or more of these forms, please either ring or e-mail the office, and Carole will send them to you by post.
- 4. **Certificate of Service** must be lodged if you are registering progeny and **did not own the bull** at the time of mating this can be found on the ABGA website under "Forms"
- 5. **Registrations** must be submitted on the assigned registration form. This form can be found on the ABGA website
- 6. **Photos** The ABGA FaceBook page and website are in need of new photos so if you have a photo you would like to share please, email photos of your Belted Galloway to **Sally McPhie at the ABGA office** (beltedgalloway@abri.une.edu.au).
  - Photos are also needed for the **2017 annual and calendar**. We are particularly looking for front page photos for the calendar and annual. Please remember they must be of high resolution.
- 7. **Semen List** If you wish to have your bull included on the ABGA Semen List please contact the office for details of what action/fee is required.
- 8. **Newsletter** The next newsletter is due out 1 June 2016 so if you have an ad or a function you would like promoted in the newsletter please get it to the ABGA as soon as you are able.
- 9. **2016 World Galloway Conference** at Gretna Green. See the March 2015 newsletter for more information or the ABGA website.
- 10. Select Fitting have offered to supply a semi and pick up cattle starting at Inverell and then along the way to Adelaide for the World Galloway Conference in early September 2018. Select Fitting is an experienced team of cattle fitters, trainers and transporters of cattle and steers preparing numerous show champions at most Royal Shows in Australia including Beef Australia 2015. This offer is subject to numbers making up the load. So, please, if you think you will be coming to Adelaide Show in 2018 make contact as soon as possible. Select Fitting have also offered to care for cattle at Adelaide Show, fit for the show ring and if needed lead in the ring. Contact details for Select Fitting are: PH: 0267236477 or 0429236477.
- 11. A heads up to Queensland breeders bringing cattle to Adelaide in 2018. Due to the prevalence of the detected pest red imported fire ant (RIFA) in parts of Qld, hay/fodder ex Qld (coming into SA) must be accompanied by either a plant health certificate issued by Queensland DPI, tel 07 3404 6999, or a plant health assurance certificate from an accredited business. The certificate would certify:
  - 3.1 That the hay has originated from within 5 kms of a known outbreak of RIFA and that the source property has been monitored and found free of RIFA or the hay has been fumigated with Methyl Bromide; or
  - 3.2 That the hay has been sourced from a property located greater than 5 kms from any known or suspect outbreak of RIFA.



## Belties Breed Better Beef

#### **FOR SALE**

Two registered miniature black Belted Galloway bulls

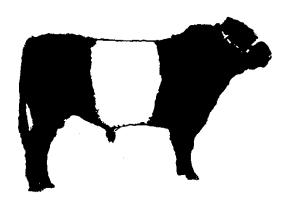
- 1st DOB 20-2-14 Herd Book No 10172 (Tattoo No. MBWK6)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DOB 22-8-14 Herd Book No 10171 (Tattoo No. MBW K3)
  - 2nd halter trained and shown at many shows

Both from good bloodlines

For further details phone Bryan and Marion Watts on

02 6564 8897 after 7pm

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#### **FOR SALE**

- ➤ 10 x 2013 heifers joined for first calf (not preg tested but we can do) \$1250 in calf
- ➤ 12 x 2014 heifers- to be joined for first calf this year \$950
- > 20 x 2015 heifers \$650

All prices include GST

The bulls they are joined to are from Stan Robinson and Alan Snaith

Please phone Lou Mann on 0419341404 for further details