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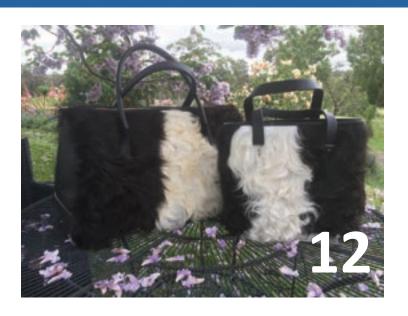
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Word from the editor

Welcome to the Australian Belted Galloway Association 2018 Annual. Belted Galloways have a long history in Australia, being specifically listed in the First Fleet manifest. Although part of the Galloway family, Belted Galloways are genetically distinct. The Australian Belted Galloway Association was formed in 1975 by a group of breeders with the specific aim of promoting and supporting the Belted Galloway breed. In this 43rd year of the ABGA we are honoured and proud to be organising the World Galloway Congress (WGC) in Melbourne from September 28 to October 3. With that in mind we have assembled a series of articles which we believe will be of interest to ABGA members and WGC 2018 delegates, including an outline of what delegates can look forward to and a review of the last WGC held in Scotland in 2016. Other articles demonstrate the adaptability of 'Belties' within Australia across both large and small holdings. However, it is not just the cattle that are adaptable, but also those who breed them, as demonstrated in the range of Beltie products that are being marketed. Articles by Meat and Livestock Australia and Meat Standards Australia outline important aspects of the broader Australian beef industry and measures aimed at standardising quality assessment. Finally, we have included a couple of recipes which will be further enhanced by the use of prime Beltie beef. We look forward to meeting members and delegates at WGC 2018.

President's Report

present the Presidents the Annual. 2018 lt is my pleasure to Report for is going the be an exciting year for Association.. We will be hosting the World Galloway to Show Congress conjunction with the Royal Melbourne in September. Subcommittee organising the congress is doing a marvellous job. Delegates will be coming from all around the world to attend. A full program for the duration of the congress has been exciting and informative for those who both will Hopefully there will be many exhibitors at the Royal Melbourne Show in conjunction with the Conference.

The Association continues to remain in a very sound financial position. Similarly the memberships and registration numbers of cattle have remained stable. The Association gets many enquiries from potential new members. Also this year saw some new members come onto the Committee. At this point I should acknowledge the magnificent contribution made to the ABGA by Mr Hume Macdonald. Hume had been on the Committee since 1975. He is a former president and gave decades of service to not only the Belted Galloway breed but the Australian Belted Galloway Association. He made life member for his contribution. was an honorary Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their work over the last 12 months and also to thank all those members who have taken the time and effort to show their cattle to promote our wonderful breed throughout Australia.

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President

Secretary Report

Source: Kate McDonald



It has been an interesting and steep learning curve since I started working with the Australian Belted Galloway Association 2 years ago.

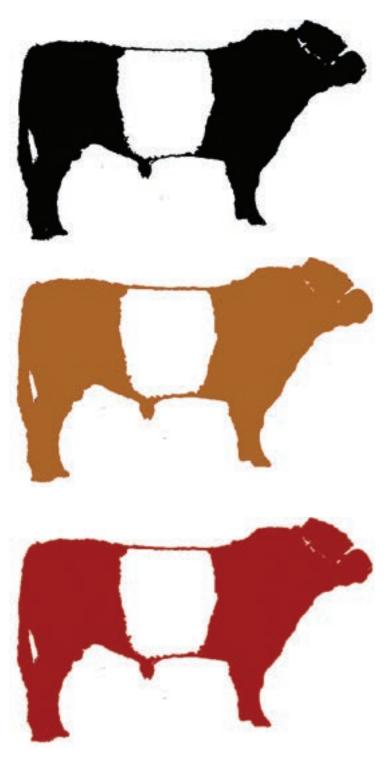
I have had many opportunities to attend various events across the country and meet many of the faces that are at the end of the telephone and emails.

The transferring of animals to other stud members as well as non-members has been steady. The Association has gained many new members through this process.

The website remains a great source of information for breeders as well as people researching about the breed and the Association. I'm always grateful to receive new information to publish on the website as well as social media channels and our bi-monthly newsletter. I encourage people to take photos whilst they are out in the paddock, attend field days, farmers markets, and industry workshops and spread the word about Belted Galloways.

This annual has stories from across the membership as well as breed and industry information. We hope you enjoy reading it.

I would like to thank the Council for their support over the last 12 months. Barb O'Shea has continued on as registrar and I'd like to thank her for her consistent effort. I hope to meet more members in the near future and if you ever have a question, please don't hesitate to contact the office.



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Certificate Codes

The following codes are used on Australian Belted Galloway pedigrees and ceriticates.

(MF) = Mannosidosis Free

(POIS) = Progeny of imported stock

(IMP) = Imported

(POMS) = Progeny of miniature stock

(AI) = Artificial Insemination

(ET) = Embryo Transfer

(MIN) = Miniature

A capital "M" in the herd book number field denotes a miniature animal

Classes of membership

The Australian Belted Galloway Association offers the following classes of membership:

Full Membership

Life Membership

Honorary Members

Commercial Members

Junior Members

Affiliated Members

Associate Membership

Foreign Members

Australian Standard Year Letter Code

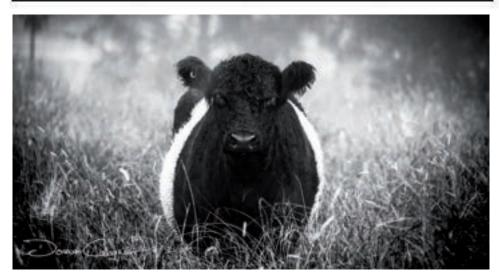
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2019	Q	2024	V
2020	R	2025	W
2021	S	2026	X
2022	Т	2027	Υ



Cattle Gestation Table

Based on 283 days gestation. The actual birth date may vary from the expected birth date by a few days.

Date of Service		Date of Birth		Date of Service		Date of Birth	
Jan	1	Oct	10	July	2	April	10
Jan	8	Oct	17	July	9	April	17
Jan	15	Oct	24	July	16	April	24
Jan	22	Oct	31	July	23	May	1
Jan	29	Nov	7	July	30	May	8
Feb	5	Nov	14	Aug	6	May	15
Feb	12	Nov	21	Aug	13	May	22
Feb	19	Nov	28	Aug	20	May	29
Feb	26	Dec	5	Aug	27	June	5
Mar	5	Dec	12	Sept	3	June	12
Mar	12	Dec	19	Sept	10	June	19
Mar	19	Dec	26	Sept	17	June	26
Mar	26	Jan	2	Sept	24	July	3
April	2	Jan	9	Oct	1	July	10
April	9	Jan	16	Oct	8	July	17
April	16	Jan	23	Oct	15	July	24
April	23	Jan	30	Oct	22	July	31
April	30	Feb	6	Oct	29	Aug	7
May	7	Feb	13	Nov	5	Aug	14
May	14	Feb	20	Nov	12	Aug	21
May	21	Feb	27	Nov	19	Aug	28
May	28	Mar	6	Nov	26	Sept	4
June	4	Mar	13	Dec	3	Sept	11
June	11	Mar	20	Dec	10	Sept	18
June	18	Mar	27	Dec	17	Sept	25
June	25	April	3	Dec	24	Oct	2



World Galloway Congress 2018 Melbourne

The World Galloway Congress 2018
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Venue: Best Western Airport Motel & Conference
Centre, Attwood
28th September to 3rd October 2018

Hosted by: Australian Belted Galloway Association In conjunction with: Australian Galloway Association and Galloways Australia

This vear the Australian Belted Galloway Association looks forward to welcoming fellow Galloway, Miniature Galloway, Belted Galloway and Miniature Belted Galloway breeders from all over the World at the 12th World Galloway Congress 2018 in Melbourne from September 28th to October 3rd. Here we provide a brief overview of what's in store for Congress delegates. The Congress will be held at the Best Western Conference Centre Airport Motel and Attwood, Melbourne. The venue has over 80 rooms and excellent facilities making it the perfect base for the duration of the Congress.

The venue is centrally located making it easily accessible by road to the lovely farms and tourist spots we will be visiting in Victoria. The Motel is in close proximity to some specialty shops and a short drive (Taxi) to major Shopping Centres, and a free shuttle bus runs to and from the Tullamarine Airport. The 5 full days of the Congress have been planned to include: An Indigenous welcome ceremony, congress day with international associations' reports and leading Australian speakers, Australian bush dance, and Royal Melbourne Show beef cattle judging. We will also visit some of the best Galloway, Miniature Galloway, Belted Galloway and Miniature Belted Galloway herds in Victoria.

During the 3 days of farm visits, the coaches will travel on some amazing Victorian roads taking in various landscapes. Between farm visits we will also visit a mix of significant tourist spots and wineries including: Healesville Sanctuary where you can see and meet Australia's unique wildlife including koalas, kangaroos, platypus, wombats and emu. The world-famous De Bortoli Winery in the Yarra Valley where some of the finest Pinot





Noir and Chardonnay is produced in Australia. The Chocolaterie Factory where you can taste and purchase fantastic handmade chocolates and icecream to savour while enjoying the scenic delights of the Yarra Valley. The magnificent Grange Cleveland Winery and its 1890's homestead in the heart of the Macedon Ranges wine country. Eureka Stockade site of the miners' rebellion of 1854 which ultimately led to the Electoral Act of 1856 that gave suffrage to male colonists in the Victorian Government lower house. Following the Congress tour, delegates are invited to contact other Galloway, Miniature Galloway, Belted Galloway and Miniature Belted Galloway farms from across Australia who have registered to host individual visits on their farm by arrangement.

For the most up to date congress information go to w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m / W o r l d - G a l l o w a y - C o n g r e s s - 2 0 1 8 - M e l b o u r n e Registrations are open: email wgcmelb2018@ bigpond.com or for postal mail: WGC 2018 Melbourne, ABGA, UNI, Armidale, NSW 2351 Tour locations and farm tours may be subject to change.

Carenne School- The Future of Belted Galloways

Source: Kevin Nelson Charles Sturt University- School of Communications



Carenne Public School is a special needs school located in Bathurst focusing on providing an education for students with a disability from the age of four to eighteen years. Carenne is very well known for its various enrichment programs for its students including the farming and caretaking of the school's Belted Galloways.

The school is currently home to five Belted Galloways with their first calf being born just over 12 months ago. There were many reasons why Carenne decided to choose the Belted Galloway breed. The students and teachers involved in selecting the breed decided on the Belted Galloway due to its history; its appearance; it is well suited to Bathurst's conditions and the number of Belted Galloway studs located near Bathurst who were willing to help the school.

The school already has an excellent agriculture facility due to Bathurst Riding For Disabled (RDA) being located on the school grounds. The cattle are located on 13hectares close to the facilities enabling the students and teachers to interact with the cattle on a day-to-day basis. The Department of Primary Industry in Bathurst owns the land, and is more than happy to lend a hand to Carenne and allow the students to be involved in agricultural studies.

Forming the small stud within the school has been very successful for the students and teachers. The cattle have been involved in various activities such as a weekly pet therapy program. Pet Therapy is a joint community venture between Carenne School and RDA providing students and people with a disability the chance to interact with a variety of animals such as donkeys, goats, deer, chooks, rabbits, pigs and llamas. The Pet Therapy program also allows students and the community members to interact with the cattle, learn more about the breed and teaches them proper techniques when handling cattle. The students have also been presented with the opportunity of showcasing the cattle at the prestigious Royal Bathurst Show where they took out awards in 2015. Not only do the Bathurst shows allow the students to showcase their cattle and their skills it also enabled them to meet other schools and exchange

information about Belted Galloways with fellow enthusiasts. Entering the cattle in the shows gives students the opportunity to engage in some friendly competition, teaching them the values of hard work and working as a team.

The Bathurst community has been involved in the program with many local farmers and stud owners donating various resources such as time and feed for the cattle. Stud owner and Belted Galloway breeder Peter Munday was very helpful to the program by donating his bull to service the cows and assist with the caretaking of the cows. John Seaman has also been another very supportive farmer of the school stud while William Bravenboer has donated hay for the past three years.

Many staff at Carenne have been involved with the program by helping out as much as they can. One staff member, Adam Ryan, has been showing cattle from a very young age and gives the students the encouragement and knowledge to exhibit the Belted Galloways. Mr. Ryan and Mr Gavin (the school farm assistant) recently took students to Ashrose Farm in Orange where they learnt about caring for cattle and presenting them for shows; they also sampled some prize winning Belted Galloway beef.

Carenne is involving the Bathurst community in the school's cattle program in many different ways. The students and school staff visited residents at Macquarie Care aged care facility showing the Belted Galloways to residents and employees. The Belted Galloways were a hit with the residents allowing students to share their knowledge with residents and talking with retired farmers from a bygone era.

In the four years that the Belted Galloway program has been running the students and staff have learnt many things about this breed. Looking towards the future, Carenne hopes to keep educating the students about Belted Galloways. They also hope to continue with their participation in events such as the Royal Bathurst Show and keeping on showcasing the fine features of the "Belties."

Belties Are a Sight To See...

Source: Geoff, Joan & Ashleigh Michael 'Reprinted from the ABGA Annual 2003'

We are the breed that is black and white and to look at we are a lovely sight A pure ancient Scottish breed which can be found all over the world today Foraging under harsh conditions or consuming high quality hay

We are the breed that can also be dun and white and to look at are a pretty sight With our double coat of hair we are able to cope under extreme conditions Which makes us a viable economical farming proposition

We are the breed that can be red and white and to look at are a beautiful sight A fertile breed which produces live calves with ease With an ample supply of milk feeding our young is a breeze

We are the breed that is black and white and to look at we are a wonderful sight Our calves have no horns as we are naturally polled This makes us easy to handle so we are told

We are the breed that can also be dun and white and to look at are a glorious sight With our superior carcase we yield high quality marbled red meat When cooked and presented in any manner it's perfect to eat

We are the breed that can be red and white and to look at are a superb sight Calving time is hassle free for calves produced are strong and wee Growing so fast you would not believe what in a short time you see

We are the breed that is black and white and to look at we are a fantastic sight We're easy to get in calf because of our high fertility When you see the end result you know it's because of our mothering ability

We are the breed that can also be dun and white and to look at are a terrific sight A long living breed producing many calves over the years of our life Easy to handle with our quiet disposition keeping us our of strife

We are the breed that can be red and white and to look at are a superior sight Our numbers are rising and we continue to be shown Through promoting our qualities haven't we grown





Warialda Hidegoods A New Venture Source: Bev Laing & James Kightly

Well known Victorian Beltie farmers and proud proponents of the nose-to-tail movement Lizette and Allen 'Snaithy' Snaith of Warialda Belted Galloway developed in late 2016 another, already popular, range of Beltie products. Warialda hidegoods are currently two designs of classy bags and a cushion, with further carefully developed designs to be added in the future.

Every single bag or cushion is completely unique. Warialda are very proud to be working with Wootten who have been manufacturing amazing leather goods for many years in Melbourne. They haven't worked with Belted Galloway before, but Jess Cameron-Wootten & Krystina Menegazzo understand the uniqueness of each hide, and will be getting the most out of each one, something core to their hand crafted approach.

Lizette Snaith said: "This has been in my head for many years and to see it actually happening is amazing. Thank you to everyone that has helped get us this far, it is really appreciated. We're very excited to be taking nose to tail to another level."

One of the odd challenges thrown up by making these hidegoods is that everyone knows that the Belties have a defining white belt. Naturally enough, people expect to see belts or a section of white hair on every bag, but as Lizette found, "we are learning, when it comes to manufacturing the hidegoods, we rapidly run out of the belt!" So there is a premium for belt sections. But the Snaiths have also discovered people are finding the black bits are equally beautiful, and, Lizette adds and as everyone knows, "there is something timeless about black."



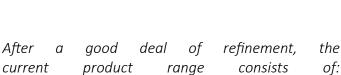
The future? Lizette explains: "We have several other designs up our sleeves which we will be gradually rolling out over the next twelve months. Once you start thinking about using the hide in a different way the possibilities seem endless. Special orders can be accommodated. Please just get in touch and ask."

Details: Warialda Hidegoods are available direct from Warialda, either by post or at the Victorian farmer's markets they attend. Contact: http://www.wbgbeef.com.au info@wbgbeef.com.au 03 5787 1560 / Allen: 0408 348 732 / Lizette: 0438 871 560. Also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. https://www.warialdahidegoods.com/











The Weekender Gladstone style bag. It's 540mm wide x 300mm high x 280mm deep at base, and features: an internal leather zippered pocket 250mm wide x 130mm high, the zips being heavy duty brass, and with 25mm wide rolled leather handles and brass rivets. Naturally, 'Warialda Beef' is branded inside.

The Tote: This is 300mm wide bottom x 380mm wide top x 290mm high x 120mm deep at base, with 25mm wide handles held with brass rivets, and 'Warialda Beef' brand.

The Cushion: With stylish leather buttons used to close the cover, and including a cushion insert, it's 460mm wide x 280mm high.



'Just The Way We Like It'

Source: Lindy Smith

April Fool's Day – the builder arrived on site ready to commence construction! I should have taken this as an omen but foolishly believed what I had been told: it would be a 6 month project and, upon completion, we would move into the farm house of our dreams. To this day, I am not quite sure what Bill and I thought running a farm would entail. I am, however, fairly certain our 'dream' was a fairy tale version including much sitting on the verandah gazing at contented stock. Today, many years on, we are still here but reality does put a slightly different spin on plans and hopes. We love our animals, the farm and the lifestyle and wouldn't change it BUT it certainly has taken countless hours of hard work, thought, negotiation, overseeing and following up - more than a few tears of frustration and disappointment - and, of course, many dollars. This is our story. After years of living in Central London as expatriates, and loving it, we moved back to Melbourne to a terrace house in an inner suburb. It felt good to be 'home' and my husband and I were happy to catch up with our children and old friends and enjoy the rhythm of life again in Australia. Our house had a tiny front garden and small courtyard at the back, just big enough to cultivate a few plants and to accommodate an outdoor setting. After I finished painting the interior, I started to yearn for more projects to occupy my time. When my part-time job disappeared, I felt the need to fill my increasing number of leisure hours. I have never enjoyed sitting about and my family has always been remarkably tolerant of my compulsive need to be 'doing'. Gradually, I convinced my husband that it would be good to have a weekender – somewhere to escape the city and people. It was never termed a 'tree' or 'sea' change but the thought of having space and freedom to move and do evolved. Although we both enjoy the beach and, as Queenslanders, grew

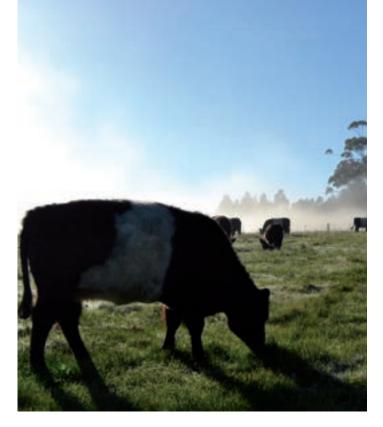
up having seaside holidays, we quickly discounted the idea of buying a beach house. (At one point, we did entertain the vague notion that perhaps we could combine both country and coast by buying acreage somewhere near the sea.) We started to pore over maps and define areas we were interested in investigating. Distance from our Melbourne home became a defining factor as we both deemed minimal travel time to be important. A 2 hour limit was imposed and then we began to address the cost issue. Land to the north west of the city in areas such as Daylesford and Lancefield appeared to have increased in value substantially in recent years and the thought of traffic holdups on other major highways ruled out the west and south west. Our quick fire assessments led us to Gippsland and the western areas particularly. It seemed to fit the criteria for proximity to Melbourne, high rainfall and, possibly, could even accommodate the coast/country factor, in areas such as Inverloch. We made a few day trips to West Gippsland and were very impressed by what we saw. Of course, it was the 'green' season! Who would not be charmed by rolling green hills, and fat black and white cows chewing contentedly? Even a few fields of daffodils in flower near the DPI station at Ellinbank. It was all very reminiscent of the farms of England and immediately convinced us that this was what we wanted. Perhaps, had the timing been different, we may have not gone ahead – we shall never know. We drove up and down the Grand Ridge Road several times and then began to check internet listings for suitable properties. We had no clear idea if we wanted 2 acres or 200 but forged ahead. We arranged to stay at a B&B near Trafalgar for 4 days and contacted every real estate agent in Warragul. A few gave us property listings to check ourselves but not one of these agents ever rang to follow up and ask if we liked what we saw or if we needed further details. Only one agency seemed to take our request seriously and the agents from there talked to us at length about the area and

what we might like. John and Miranda drove us to several places and also gave us one or two addresses to check ourselves. The offerings varied from small acreage to large farms with or without existing houses. One place looked promising in many ways but was in a remote location and I did not think I would feel safe there alone. As the four days drew to a close, we began to think we would not find any real possibilities and would need to broaden the search. John mentioned a 52 acre block close to Yarragon and suggested we take a look. Apparently, a young couple had placed a contract on the land, subject to both council approval to build a residence and to finance. The council agreed but the finance fell through so the land was back on the market. We drove to the land by ourselves and immediately decided that this was it! Unbelievable 240 degree views over the flats to the mountains including Mt Baw Baw beyond. Steep green pasture land, one dam full to almost overflowing and another small dam in the bottom paddock, one existing shelterbelt and proximity to the township of Yarragon with its shops and eateries. The next morning we met John at the land and asked a few questions. He pointed out the boundaries and provided a few scant details of the history. We stood at the gate and walked about 100 yards in to the top paddock to the spot where we felt a house could be sited to take advantage of the views. At that time, we did not set foot anywhere else on the farm. That afternoon we returned to Melbourne and contacted John by phone to make an offer on the land. The price was accepted and the land was under contract, subject once again to Council approval to build a house. The next 2 weeks were busy but just a taste of things to come. We met 3 times with a friend of ours who is an architect, including one visit to the land to get his opinion on a suitable house site. We walked all over the property but agreed that the only possible position was the place we had first thought.

None of us were farmers nor knew anything much about cattle. We ventured into one paddock and were blissfully walking up the steep slope beside the shelterbelt when we were aware of 40 pairs of eyes trained on us. A herd of black Angus steers was peering over the ridge beside us. Several animals advanced as we hastily looked for an escape route. The fence to our left was electrified and the land fell away to the gully. In haste, we scrambled ahead to a gap under the bottom wire and commando crawled into the trees. I don't think anyone said a word until we made it under another fence and into the newly designated 'home' paddock. Not the usual site visit for a city architect and his clients. On reflection, the young lads were probably looking to be fed and were not nearly as menacing as we imagined. So much for our first encounter with cattle!! Fortunately, the council did not hear of this adventure and were prepared to accept our written justification for wanting to build on the land. (There is no automatic right to build on land less than 100 acres and requests must be accompanied by a business proposal and justification for needing to reside on site). We convinced the powers that be we were going to run a calf rearing business. At this stage, we envisioned keeping our Melbourne base, Bill continuing to work both overseas and interstate and me commuting between farm and city. How naïve! After 10 long months the farm house was finished, if any house is ever 'finished'. To this day, we are still adding details, landscaping and making changes. For the first year, we leased the land to our neighbour and watched as he controlled weeds and renovated pastures. Perhaps that was our only chance to sit on the verandah and gaze at the stock! We always retained 5 acres around the house and after much research I purchased our first black huacaya alpacas. It was a steep learning curve but immeasurably rewarding. Alpacas are gentle, inquisitive animals and quite hardy in spite of their cute and cuddly appearance. Clifden Alpacas is now well recognised and we are known for our true black herd, with black only pedigrees. This recognition has been hard won by countless attendances at markets, trade displays and shows.

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We never show our animals as we firmly believe that they are happiest in the paddock and do not need to be paraded around a ring to confirm their attributes. Visitors are always welcome to inspect our stock at the farm. I attend the shows with alpaca product and the 2 children's story books I have written. Archie the Black Alpaca is now a well-loved character, based on one of our own animals - and the books provide a platform for much discussion about alpacas and our animals in particular. In the second book, Archie's Big Win, I have also introduced a Belted Galloway, Benji, to show the flag for the breed. These days we sell all the stock we can breed, process and sell all the fleece and sales of the books have exceeded expectations to the point where Archie's Haircut has been reprinted. We firmly believe this has been achieved because we are marketing a wonderful product - who can resist alpaca? - but also due to persistence, willingness to get out there to promote and to follow up every query and question posed. Nothing is achieved by waiting for customers to find you, and yes, it is hard work at times answering the same questions over and over, quite often knowing that the person will never purchase, but it is important nevertheless. Regular updates via social media also help spread the word about Clifden - the alpacas, Belted Galloways and our farm stay business, Clifden Cottage. As soon as the lease with the neighbour expired we were keen to run our own cattle. By this time Bill was still working full-time, based in Melbourne but usually interstate, and I was living at the farm virtually full-time. I had completed a Diploma of Agriculture and attended every available DPI course and field day on offer. Farm World at Lardner Park, a large agricultural field day, became the highlight of my calendar and the local produce stores were my go-to destinations in lieu of suburban shopping centres. Much reading, internet research and talking to breeders left us with a big decision to make. Was it to be Welsh Blacks or Belted Galloways? Clifden Belted Galloways commenced in earnest with the purchase of foundation stock from Cumbria Partners and our first introduction to the wonderful Stan and Lorna. Both are legendary figures in the history of the Australian breed. (Prior to this, we had an initial false start with Belties. After purchasing 3 cows and calves from another breeder, we found we were unable to claim Beef Only status as the land had not been clear of dairy cattle for the prescribed time, so those animals were on-sold.) Throughout our journey we have received Page 16



tremendous support and encouragement from Kerry Heazlewood, Victorian ABGA Council Member. Fast forward a number of years and we were running approximately 45 Belted Galloways on our original farm. We sold our Melbourne home and Bill 'retired' to the farm. Our fabulous bull Wilkamdai Galileo was scoring virtually 100% every joining and fortunately for us in some ways, there was a high percentage of bull calves born. After much planning and preparation, another dream came to pass. Suddenly, as well as the farm, we were the owner/operators of a café and farm store in Yarragon Village, a well-known tourist stop. Gumboots was open 4 days per week and as well as serving coffee and meals, we sold a variety of local produce. Initially, the meat available was Angus with the plan to eventually offer our own Belted Galloway product. This would have vertically integrated our businesses and provided the perfect outlet for all those steers. It just required time to ensure we had enough animals to guarantee consistent supply. Sadly, and it took me a while to accept this message, it is physically not possible to do everything at once. If quality really matters and we believe it does, then something suffers if you take on too much at once. While running Gumboots, the opportunity arose to purchase the farm across the road from us. Suddenly, we had two farms, (one very rundown and lacking much infra-structure) and a café business to run. Reluctantly we closed Gumboots and moved on to the job of improving the second farm. Now Clifden Farm, in total, comprises 50 hectares. Approximately 12 of those have been revegetated with more than 30 thousand indigenous plantings,

which provide shade and shelter, and competently address erosion issues. The whole farm now has a reticulated water supply thanks to a solar pump and large header tank on the second property. This has dramatically improved water quality and preserves the integrity of our dams. We appear to have achieved the happy situation, as with the alpacas, where we are selling every animal we breed and wish to sell. Sometimes, the animals are sold to people with small rural holdings, others to potentially new or existing breeders. We have, on occasions, sent a couple to the abattoirs and assembled some pen loads for the saleyards. Steers have been sold to the restaurant trade. The breeding herd is distributed across the two farms on the basis of spring or autumn calving and we now run 3 bulls. We operate a thriving farm stay business on the second farm, Clifden Cottage, and the guests are enthralled by the alpacas and the Belties, providing another opportunity to spread the word about these breeds. Our travel these days is largely restricted to 'armchair' style, via stories from our visitors. One charming elderly couple from the Netherlands entertained us with their stories of Lakenvelders. After acquiring the second farm we entered another period of herd building and to assist we purchased a number of heifers. Fortuitously at about that time our luck also changed, or the seasons did, and suddenly the Clifden cows were calving high numbers of heifers. As these females enter the breeding herd we are reaching our desired stocking rate on both farms and now have the luxury of choosing replacement heifers. Like most breeders, we regularly struggle with the limitations imposed by having such a restricted gene pool for Belted Galloways in Australia but have hopefully sourced suitable additional stock and used artificial insemination with imported semen at times. Our journey in this farming life has been much like the seaside trips of our Queensland childhoods – we have surfed the highs, belly flopped, sunk to the bottom, thrashed around, caught a few waves and crashed in to the bank, spent far too much money and loved (almost) every moment. We tire ourselves out each day but always bob up for more. One day we will sit on the deck and watch our eyecatching Belties - and their alpaca mates - all grazing happily on the green hills, but at present there is still much to do and that's just the way we like it.



MSA benchmarking improves, feedback for producers

Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

The ability to benchmark the performance of cattle against the best in the country is now available for producers involved in the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) program.

The new MSA online benchmarking tool is available through mymsa.com.au and provides producers with the opportunity to benchmark their cattle's compliance and index results against other producers in their region, state or across the country.

MSA Program Manager Sarah Strachan said the new tool provides producers with a more complete picture, beyond feedback on their own individual business performance.

"Benchmarking allows producers to see if they are matching, lagging or exceeding industry averages for MSA performance," Ms Strachan said.

"The ability for producers to localise their performance and measure their compliance against data from their own region is a significant feature of the new tool.

"We know that there is considerable variation between regions for the type of cattle and feedbase which can make it difficult to get an effective localised comparison.

"However, with this new tool, producers will be able to compare themselves to others in their own region, allowing them to really gauge the performance of cattle within the context of their local conditions, which will provide them with far more meaningful feedback.

"In the event that a consignment has a high level of non-compliance, a producer will be able to see whether this was an individual problem or potentially a broader issue in their area. This could assist in identifying potential causes and solutions." The new tool will also provide producers with the ability to break down benchmarking by feed type and HGP (hormonal growth promotant) status – providing producers with the ability to get more meaningful feedback about their own enterprise and performance.

myMSA Benchmarking complements the Australian Beef Eating Quality Insights report, which examines compliance and eating quality performance by various production categories including feed type, Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGP's) and gender. It highlights the traits of carcases in the top one per cent to bottom one per cent of the MSA Index scale to identify the areas producers can focus on to improve their own Index results. Producers can access the new benchmarking tool through their myMSA account.

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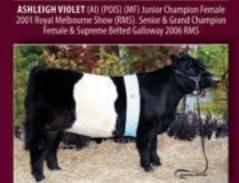
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ASHLEIGH HARRISON (FOIS) (MF) Senior & Grand Champion Bull & Supreme Exhibit 2014 RMS

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Lifestyle Farming With Belties

Source: Craig & Jan Veitch

On the face of it, our story is familiar - people of late working age opting for semi-retirement to pursue a lifestyle change - except that's not the full story. Craig spent much of his childhood and youth in and around dairy farms near Gympie in south-east Queensland and had long wanted to own a rural property and run some cattle. Our clinical and subsequent academic careers involved much time in rural areas which only reinforced our desire to eventually 'go rural'. That opportunity arose in 2012 when we saw an advertisement for a property near Bega in south-east New South Wales. Although that particular property proved unsuitable, it got us thinking about what we wanted and that we needed to act quickly if we were going to make the change and have sufficient time and fitness to both work on and enjoy a rural property. The Bega Valley met our requirements in terms of climate and proximity to key facilities and services. The next, and perhaps most important, decision was what breed of cattle we'd run. We believed a medium-sized breed would be appropriate given our age and that we would be learning on the go. Additionally, that gave us some flexibility with respect to property size and the amount of infrastructure likely to be required, such as cattle yards and handling facilities. For much the same reasons, our other breed selection criteria included quiet, hardy, good birthing and mothering capability, able to thrive on pasture of mixed quality and type, known for good quality meat and look good in the paddock. So, we pretty much identified Belted Galloways before we knew anything about We have never regretted our choice. them. At the end of 2012 we purchased a small-holding in the Bega Valley, which we named Dawyck Farm after Dawyck the one-time Veitch family seat near Peebles in Scotland (coincidentally, the Veitch family coat of arms includes three cows' heads). We opted for a small-holding over a larger farm in the belief that it would be easier to establish, maintain and likely be easier to sell in the future. We now also lease additional land from neighbours who do not run stock. The property we purchased was once part of a large dairy farm that had been de-stocked and sub-divided sometime in the 1990's. The dominant grazing pasture in the region is kikuyu, and about 30% of the property had reasonable pasture at the

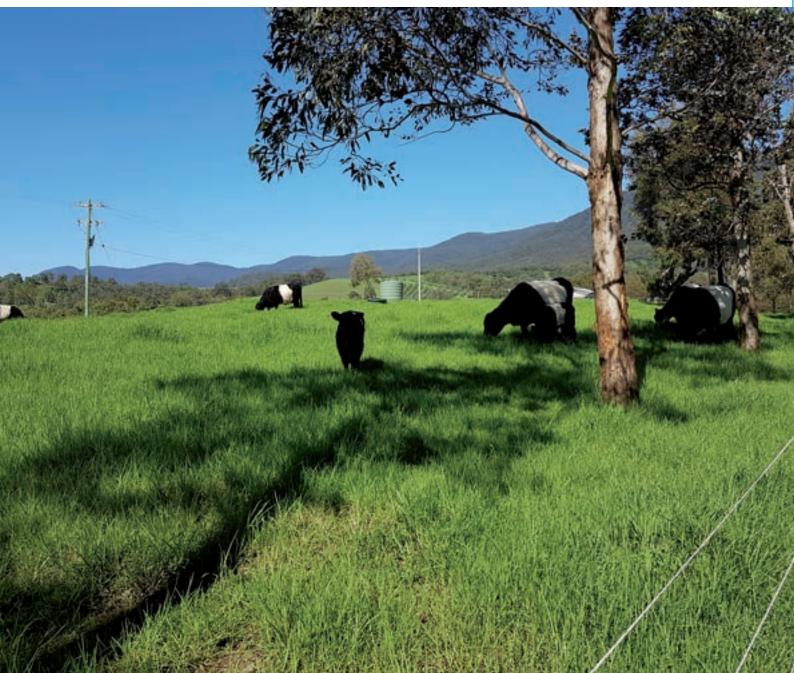
time of purchase. The remainder was overgrown with black wattle scrub and blackberries. The property is evenly divided by a deep gully, and the eastern half with the house, sheds, cattle yard and reasonable pasture also had sound boundary fencing. Initially, we focused on clearing scrub, extending pasture and internal fencing on that side so that we could bring some cattle onto the property as soon as possible. Before purchasing any stock, we contacted or visited a number of ABGA members who were very generous with their time and advice. Visits to a number of royal shows also helped us get a feel for the key physical characteristics of the breed. Then, in July 2013, we purchased some unregistered beltie heifers. Our aim was for those girls to work the existing pasture and for us to hone our husbandry skills and low stress handling techniques. Having got cattle on the front half, we set about clearing the back half of the property, fencing the boundary, restoring pasture and then sub-dividing the area with internal fencing. The cattle have been able to graze the entire property since autumn 2014. We use rotational grazing to both manage and to improve the pasture. Initially, we tried to implement managed intensive grazing but the inconsistent rainfall and variable pasture quality and coverage worked against us, as did the labour-intensive process of daily set-up and movement of temporary fencing. With time we have developed a managed rotational procedure that works well for the pasture, the cattle and for us.





We have sub-divided the property into 13 paddocks of near equal pasture quality and coverage. Depending on time of year and prevailing conditions, the cattle can be on each division for 3-5 days; meaning each paddock gets 5-8 weeks rest which can be doubled by putting the cattle onto the leased pasture. Apart from daily inspection of the grass being grazed, we use three other indicators for moving the cattle to another paddock – (i) watching for sinking on the left side (as recommended by MLA), (ii) the cattle tend to stand near the gate of the next paddock after a few days; and (iii) when kangaroos start grazing on a paddock for a while we thought they were reading our minds and trying to beat the cattle to the good pasture, then we realised that they identify the pasture that is nearing its peak nutritional value. In good years, we try to focus on improving a paddock by overseeding with a forage crop (eg oats or millet) and/ or clover, then resting it for several rotations. Just as importantly, the forage crops add organic matter to the soil. During dry spells, we manage the pasture more intensively with temporary electric fencing to limit the area grazed daily and providing supplemental hay. We learnt a great deal from the unregistered heifers as well as just enjoying watching them in the paddock, particularly their interactions and antics. We also learnt just how smart they can be when Millie, the alpha cow, started opening paddock gates and taking the others on midnight strolls around the property, including over the gully to the partially cleared, unfenced back half of the property. Interestingly, and thankfully,

they did not cross the unfenced property line - a road leading to other properties. We soon realised that Millie's escapades occurred at very nearly three-weekly intervals! It was time for her and the others to have a bull and/or pregnancy in their lives. The issue was whether to use AI or get a bull. We considered the pros and cons to each option but decided that a bull better suited our knowledge, skills and facilities at the time, as well as being the way nature intended. So, in March 2014 we purchased Hardknott and some other belties from Scott Smeal at Pyree Park. Hardknott's heritage includes the famous Hawkshead bloodline. is a lovely fellow: quiet and very good with his girls and their calves - characteristics which he has passed on to his off-spring. We had run him with the girls year-round where he did his share of crèche duties with the calves and appeared to be a calming influence within the herd. Unfortunately for Hardknott, the arrival of the first heifer calf (all previous calves have been males), in late 2016, brought that practice to an end. In early 2015, we sold the non-registered females and steer calves in order to source some registered females from Ashleigh Michael of Ashleigh Park. Our plan now is to grow the breeding stock from these females in line with increasing the farm's carrying capacity and size. We look forward to contributing to the national herd with quality breeding stock. Our cattle are entirely grass-fed and they thrive on whatever pasture is available, be it improved or native. They also enjoy grazing black wattle saplings. We keep one steer each year and grow it out for slaughter at about 30 months. That means we have at least three meat steers on hand. The mobile butcher slaughters the steers on the property, hangs the carcass for at least 3 weeks, and then cuts it up here while we pack it for freezing. The butcher is very impressed with the quality of the meat in general and rates the marbling as second only to Wagyu (which are generally grain-fed). He even purchased one of our steers for his own consumption - probably no greater praise for the breed. We find the meat flavoursome, well-marbled but lean and tender. The prime cuts are as good as any other breed and the secondary cuts make fantastic slowcooked meals. In our opinion, Beltie bangers and burgers leave all others for dead! We have the hides tanned as they make great floor coverings and wall hangings and are always much in demand. There is still much to do, particularly in terms of pasture, but we are satisfied with our choices and progress. A small-holding is not simply a shrunken farm – it requires a different mindset and approach to maximise the property's potential. The limited land area need not be a negative; it can also be an advantage in that the entire area can be given greater attention and its output maximised. Less money needs to be spent on expensive equipment and infrastructure so those 'savings' can be used in more focused ways to yield sustainable outcomes. Often, being small enables rapid response to adversities or setbacks. It can be hard work and time-consuming but the rewards, small and large, are endless. A small-holding won't make one cash-rich, but it can provide riches of other kinds. For us, it's the location, the fresh air and the sounds of nature rather than traffic. It is uplifting to look out and see cows grazing quietly while their calves run and play and just enjoy life. We are on facebook: Dawyck Farm and email: cveitch@bordernet.com.au





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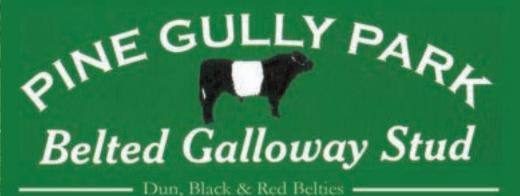


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Frequently Asked MSA Questions

Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

Ever wondered about the science that underpins the world-leading eating quality grading system Meat Standards Australia (MSA) or what the program can do for you? To help answer your queries the MSA team has pulled together some answers to five of the most commonly asked questions.

Get touch with the MSA team at msaenquiries@ mla.com.au or phone 1800 111 672.

1. What is Meat Standards Australia?

Established in 1998, Meat Standards Australia is an eating quality grading system spanning all steps of the supply chain. Developed by the Australian red meat industry to improve the eating quality and consistency of Australian beef, the program measures carcase attributes to predict the eating quality of individual cuts according to a series of factors. Only cuts that meet all of the MSA minimum requirements are identified as MSA graded.

2. What does the MSA symbol on my meat packaging mean?

The symbol means that the beef or lamb you are buying has met MSA requirements and have а known eating quality. And to ensure the beef you buy meets your expectations every time, all supply chain participants from paddock to plate manage all aspects of animal welfare, nutrition, genetic improvement and livestock transport. The grading process analyses and predicts a carcases' eating quality according to a series of complex factors. At the end, beef cuts are graded as 'good every day quality' (three stars), 'premium quality' (four stars) or 'supreme quality' (five stars). Only cuts that meet all of the MSA minimum requirements are identified as MSA graded.

3. There's so much beef being MSA graded now, so what's the benefit to my business?

2016-17 there were 2.7 In million cattle MSA graded, representing 40% Australian adult cattle slaughter. This is an increase of 2% on the previous financial year. For producers the average price differential for MSA young non-feedlot cattle across all weight ranges was \$0.23/kg. Based on the average carcase weight of MSA cattle in 2016-17 it is estimated MSA beef Page 24

producers potentially received an additional \$65 per head for young non-feedlot cattle and \$34 per head for cattle that met the grainfed specifications, totalling an estimated \$130 million delivered back to the farm gate. Australian brand owners are increasingly using MSA grades (three, four and five star product) to inform their brand lines and to help consumers identify premium product. There are now 170 MSA-licensed beef and lamb brands underpinning their products with the independent eating quality endorsement of MSA. What all this means is that, yes, the MSA program is experiencing continued growth. It also means that more producers are focusing on improving the eating quality of their product. While there is more MSA product on your supermarket or butcher shelves that just means that more product (identified by the MSA graded symbol) will meet your expectations, every time.

4. Where do MSA minimum requirements end and company specifications MSA criteria are factors known to impact on eating quality. MSA grading measures these factors as well as requiring management practices that are known to impact on a consumer's eating experience. Fat cover and meat pH are the two carcase attributes that will exclude carcases from being MSA eligible. Fat coverage is an MSA minimum requirement with 3mm required at the rib site and adequate coverage over all primals. A carcase must achieve a pH measurement of less than 5.71 at grading. Factors such as bruising and other damage to product is considered during MSA grading and noted when it impacts on major primals, but it is not part of the MSA model. While company specifications outside of MSA requirements may not impact directly on eating quality from a scientific standpoint, they are commercially important to your processor and should be taken into consideration when consigning MSA cattle.



5. I don't understand MSA premiums? How are they worked out?

In 2016-17 Meat Standards Australia created an additional \$130 million in farm gate returns. This figure is worked out based on information captured by the Meat and Livestock Australia National Livestock Reporting Service by following weekly over-the-hooks price trends from processors around the country. The MSA team collates that information and records the differences in prices for MSA cattle and non-MSA cattle. The price differential reported in the 2016-17 Meat Standards Australia Annual Outcomes Report is calculated from prices recorded across the financial year for Queensland and New South Wales grassfed cattle. MSA-registered processors offer a price premium for product that meets their specifications, but the value of the incentive and the minimum requirements vary from processor to processor.



The MSA Index is a single number and standard national measure of the predicted eating quality and potential merit of a carcase. The MSA Index is a number between 30 to 80 to represent the eating quality potential of a whole carcase. The MSA Index is calculated using only attributes influenced by the producer. It is a consistent benchmark which can be used across all processors, geographic regions and over time. It reflects the impact on eating quality of management, environmental and genetic differences between cattle at the point slaughter. The higher the MSA Index, the better predicted eating quality of the carcase. Producers can benchmark their herd's against other producers in their region, State or Nationally using the online portal myMSA (www.mymsa.com.au)







MSA Continues to Deliver Impact for Australians Red Meat Industry in 2016-17

Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

With more than 2.7 million cattle being graded through the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) program in 2016-17, an estimated \$130 million was delivered back to beef producers through additional farm gate returns. According to new 2016-17 data released in MSA Annual Outcomes Report, cattle presented for MSA grading represented 40% of the national adult cattle slaughter, an increase of 2% on the 2015-16 financial year, despite the decline in overall national cattle slaughter. There were 5.7 million sheep presented for MSA grading in 2016-17, representing 25% of the national lamb slaughter, with 71% of those lambs supplying lamb brands underpinned by MSA. MSA Program Manager Sarah Strachan said beef producers have continued to embrace carcase feedback and the new benchmarking tools on offer, with one-third of producers consigning MSA cattle the during accessing the myMSA feedback system. "Impressively across the country, MSA beef producers increased carcase compliance to MSA minimum requirements to 93.9% and the average MSA Index improved to 57.59," Ms Strachan said. "Over the hooks cattle price indicators for MSA cattle remained higher on average than non-MSA cattle in both Queensland and New South Wales, with the average differential accredited for young cattle (excluding grainfed) across all weight ranges 23 cents/kg. "Based on the average carcase weight of MSA compliant cattle in 2016-17, MSA beef producers potentially received an additional \$65 per head for these cattle and additional \$34 per head for accredited grainfed cattle. "With strong adoption continuing at the gate, more than 3000 cattle sheep producers registered to supply livestock through the MSA program." The financial year saw 16 new brands become MSA-licensed to underpin their brand with the independent endorsement of eating quality. There are now 156 brands using MSA as their quality system to ensure consumer satisfaction, with 11 of those brands now using MSA exporter guidelines to tell their story in international markets.

Ms Strachan said looking towards 2020, MSA has its sights set firmly on ensuring all cattle in Australia will be eligible for MSA grading and have their eating quality accurately described. "The goal is for more than 50% of the national cattle slaughter and 43% of the lamb slaughter being MSA graded. These goals are driving the focus for investments in new eating quality research," Ms Strachan said. "The dedicated team at MSA is focused on ensuring the MSA program continues to grow, improve and deliver benefits to its 48,000 producers, 54 MSA processors, 156 brands and 3,668 end user outlets, through consistently consumers' expectation for beef eating quality." Ms Strachan said the success of the MSA program was complemented by the robust industry consultation and ongoing support provided by all Peak Industry Councils. "A dedicated group from the Peak Industry Councils willingly provide their time regularly throughout the year as a MSA Taskforce, to ensure the research, integrity and further development of MSA continues to address key industry priorities," Ms Strachan said.

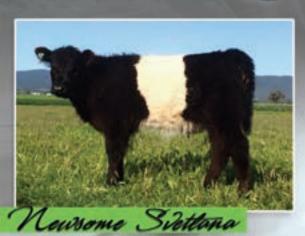






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Killure Miniature Belted Galloways

Source: Lindsay & Sally Mulligan



Lindsay and Sally Mulligan are the owners of the Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud at Armidale in northern NSW. They commenced their stud in 2015 with the purchase of 20 cows and a bull from Glenblairie Belted Galloway Stud in Victoria. To date they have mainly concentrated on building their breeding numbers and with subsequent purchase of additional Glenblairie cows and a Dragon Bridge bull they are now close to their target of 40 breeding cattle. Before commencing their stud, Lindsay and Sally mostly ran Angus steers and sold to the feedlot markets. A few years ago, the Mulligans decided to start a cattle stud and one of the first issues to consider was which breed to select. A decision was made to go with Belted Galloways after extensive research into different breeds and breed characteristics. This research indicated that Belties hold their own against all other breeds plus have the unique advantage of looking good in the paddock. Some of the major positive characteristics of Belties are their excellent beef quality, adaptability to a wide variety of climates, non-selective grazers, high fertility, easy calving, disease resistance, hardiness, longevity and great temperament. After deciding to go with Belted Galloways, Lindsay and Sally opted for miniatures for a number of reasons. Mini Belties have the same characteristics as standard Belted Galloways but in smaller animals and this smaller size can be beneficial to many potential users such as those on small acreage farms. Mini Belties are easier to

handle than standards because of their smaller size. There is also a growing trend to use Mini Belties in the restaurant trade where small cuts of beef are ideally suited to meal serving sizes. The maximum height requirement to be classified as a Mini Beltie bull is 125cm at the hip as an adult and 120cm for a female. In Australia, Miniature Belted Galloways have only been recognised for inclusion in their own category in breed society Herd Books for around the last 20 years. The Mulligans also decided to only run fullblood Mini Belties as opposed to pure bredorgraded cattle. Although they were eventually able to obtain a sufficient number of fullblood Miniature Belties, the search for cattle highlighted that there are very few studs in Australia that run fullblood Mini Belties in larger numbers. The Glenblairie owners, Arie and Erica Eyles were very helpful when Lindsay and Sally purchased their foundation cattle. They permitted Mulligan's to select the pick of the young Glenblairie cattle and this has enabled the Killure Stud to start with top quality cattle from the beginning. Lindsay and Sally's main focus in running the stud is to improve the genetics of their cattle as much as possible. Quite simply, they intend to do all they can to produce the best quality cattle. This may involve embryo transfer or artificial insemination from genetically superior animals. They also cull heavily and will not keep any cattle on their property that do not fully conform to the breed standards. They also take belts seriously and cull any cattle that do not have a fully conforming belt. Conformance and temperament are key traits that the Mulligan's look for.

Lindsay and Sally intend to mostly sell their cattle to other breeders for show, stud or commercial purposes. Steers have been sold for beef and as pets and lawnmowers. It is also interesting to note that Beltie hides command a premium because of their distinctive colour pattern. After having only been breeding Mini Belties for a couple of years, the Mulligans are more than satisfied with their choice of breed. Being guiet and having a good temperament is a major advantage of the breed. It has also been identified at Killure that the Belties are very good and protective Lindsay and Sally would certainly mothers. recommend Belted Galloways, either miniature or standard, to anyone wishing to select a breed. In addition to the Mini Belties, Killure is also home to plenty of other farm animals. Lindsay and Sally have a number of miniature horses. These horses are real characters and love to play with the Mini Belties, especially the calves. The property also runs Wiltipoll sheep and alpacas. The Wiltipoll is an Australian breed which sheds its fleece each year and therefore eliminates the need for shearing which helps to make the breed very easy to run. Lindsay and Sally also use Maremma livestock guard dogs to protect their lambs and chooks from predators such as foxes. The chooks are kept in an orchard with a Maremma and never have to be locked up as foxes keep well clear of the orchard because of the Maremma. Sally also likes to spend time in her flower and vegetable gardens. With the help of a hothouse, she grows a wide variety of vegetables all year round despite Armidale's cold winter temperatures. She also spends many hours each week in her flower garden which is now well established even though it was only developed a few short years ago when the house was built. Further information on the Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud can be found on the www.minibelties.com.au following website:











World Galloway Congress Report 2016 Source: Ashleigh Michael





The 2016 World Galloway Congress in Scotland was attended by over 300 delegates from 16 countries. The Congress was held at the Gretna Hall Hotel. The traditional presentation of visiting countries' flags occurred at the welcome dinner on Friday. Many delegates took time at the dinner to meet and renew old acquaintances.

On Saturday delegates attended the National Galloway Show, hosted at The Agricultural Show. 102 Belted Galloways, 71 solid Galloways, 7 White Galloways, and 7 Riggit Galloways participated in one of the biggest one-day shows in Scotland. Apart from the superb line-up of Galloway cattle, a highlight was the warm reception given to the flag bearing delegates from each country who led the parade of competing cattle into the centre ring.

The annual meeting was held on Sunday and the delegates presented reports from each of the countries in attendance. Discussions were held on future promotion of the breed worldwide. Delegates voted to hold the 2018 WGC in Australia.

The final three days involved visits to a number of farms and sites. Low House Farm, at Hexham, was the first. The farm is close to Hadrian's Wall. Tim Oliver, a seventh generation farmer who began buying Belted Galloways, Longhorns, and Highland cattle in 1999 to fatten for butchers seeking the fantastic flavour of native breeds.

The next farm visited was Kirkstead in the Yarrow Valley, near Selkirk owned by Alan McClymont. The family has farmed since 1967. The few Castle Douglas Galloways that Alan and his late father purchased twenty years ago has steadily grown to 40 cows.



A non-farm highlight of the tour was attending the world famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo performed by over 1,000 performers representing the British Armed forces, Commonwealth, and International military bands.

No visit of Scottish Galloway herds would be complete without taking in the famous Mochrum herd at Newtown Stewart. The Mochrum herd is one of the oldest and most famous in the world. It was founded around the turn of the 19th century and stands at 75 cows. The herd is owned by David Bertie who is a cousin of the late Miss Flora Stuart, who was the president of the UK Belted Cattle Society for many years.

The Klondyke Galloway herd, managed by Scott McKinnon, is one of the largest herds in the UK. The late Bob Gault purchased a herd of Galloway cattle, in 2000, to supply beef for his chain of farm shops called Klondyke Garden Centres. He chose Galloways because of their flavoursome meat and that the breed was well suited to the land and climate on the Maxwelton Estate. Mr McKinnon, is also chairman of the World Galloway Organization,. Maxwelton Estate has some truly beautiful scenery which is enhanced by its herd of exceptional Galoways.

Two other farms visited by delegates were Muil and SpeddochBeltiesownedbySirJCLKeswickandWilliam Clark Maxwell, and the Romesbeoch herd which has been successfully showing Galloways for 50 years.

Another highlight was lunch at Drumlanrig Castle, hosted by the Duke of Buccleuch, Richard Scott,

president of the Galloway Cattle Society and member of the Belted Galloway Society. Delegates toured the castle and surrounding gardens which form part of the Duke's 240,000 acre estate.

The farms tour formally ended at Blackcraig, at Castle Douglas, which runs Galloway cattle and Blackface sheep. Our Scottish host's hospitality, not to mention the spectacular scenery and superb Galloway cattle, made the Congress and farm visits both enjoyable and memorable.

Acknowledgment: Information presented in this article is from my own notes and from the Congress Report in US Beltie News September 2016.







Setting the Benchmark for Australian Beef Eating Ouality

Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

The eating quality of Australia's already world-renowned beef is on the rise with the Standards Australia national average Meat (MSA) Index reaching 57.56 in 2015-17.

The results are revealed in a new report, 2017 Australian Beef Eating Quality Insights (ABEQI) produced by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA). The report aims to help beef producers optimise the eating quality of cattle by demonstrating the impact production factors have on the MSA average.

The MSA Index is a single number between 30 and 80, and is the standard national measure of the predicted eating quality potential of a whole carcase.

The report analysed carcase grading data from 5.5 million MSA-compliant cattle processed in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years and examined compliance and eating quality performance by production categories including feed types, use of Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGPs) and gender.

MSA Program Manager Sarah Strachan said the report highlighted the traits of carcases in the top 1% through to the bottom 1% of the MSA Index scale to identify the areas producers can focus on to improve their own Index results.

"The report showed the top 1% of producers have an average Index of 66.19, and those in the top 25% are averaging an Index of 60.61. Producers in the bottom 10% had an average Index of about 52.17," Ms Strachan said.

"The report also found that 10.8% of MSA-graded grassfed carcases did not meet MSA requirements compared with 2.3% of grainfed cattle.

"And while seasonal conditions vary for each state, on average, non-compliance was highest in the winter months. The main reason for non-compliance across all cattle was consistently having a high meat pH above 5.70."

Ms Strachan said the report was part of a series of

planned benchmarking activities to the year 2020 to continue evaluating the eating quality performance of the Australian beef herd and build on the groundwork set by the 2015 Australian Beef Eating Quality Audit.

"The project aims to provide more meaningful tools for producers and wider industry to identify areas for improvement but to also highlight reasons for celebration," Ms Strachan said.

"The results of the study confirm with confidence that the opportunity exists for MSA beef producers to continue to improve the eating quality potential of their herd as well as manage fluctuations in compliance throughout the year.

"Improving both of these areas can increase the value of the carcase they are producing and can create potential for increased profitability and enhanced farm productivity.

"Our objective is to help producers improve their MSA Index as well as ensure all cattle in Australia are eligible to be graded to receive an MSA Index."

State breakdown

The report features state-based benchmarking, delivering key insights into the eating quality performance trends of each state.

New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory:

- Average non-compliance of 6.3%, peaking in the cooler months.
- Average MSA Index 57.52.

Queensland and Northern Territory:

- Average non-compliance of 6.2%, with noncompliance typically higher in the winter months.
- Average MSA Index of 56.02. South Australia:
- Average non-compliance of 8% with non-compliance greatest in July 2015 and noticeable in peaks in January across both years.
- Average MSA Index of 60.54.

Victoria:

- Average non-compliance of 5.6% with noncompliance remaining stable throughout the two financial years. This is possibly due to the high proportion of grainfed cattle compared to other southern states.
- Average MSA Index of 59.37.

Western Australia:

- Average non-compliance of 6.2% peaking from late spring through summer.
- Average MSA Index of 60.25.

Tasmania:

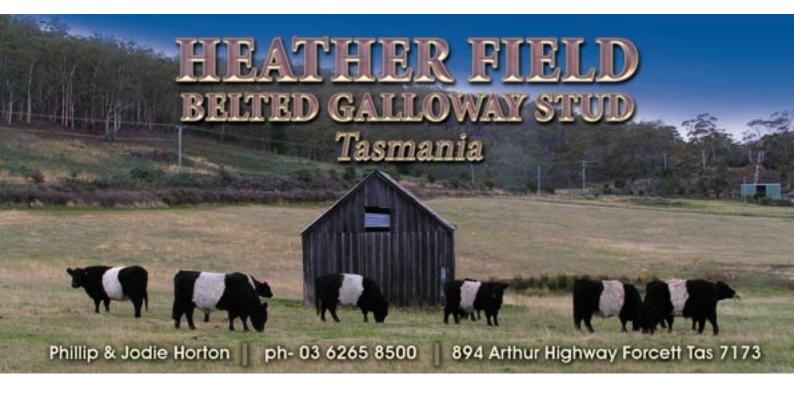
- 22% of cattle with ossification scores greater than 300 did not meet MSA minimum requirements and had an average MSA Index of 60.90.
- 10% of cattle with ossification scores less than or equal to 300 did not meet MSA minimum requirements and had an average MSA Index of 66.93.

The new online myMSA Benchmarking function was released in April to complement the ABEQI, allowing producers the ability to benchmark the performance of their herd over time against their region, state or national herd by selecting for production factors such as HGP status and feed type.

Producers can use the benchmarking tool and view their average MSA Index at www.mymsa.com.au

The 2017 Australian Beef Eating Quality Insights report can be downloaded from www.mla.com.au/msa





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Beef Korma

Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

This beef curry uses a mild, yet tasty korma paste, if you like a spicier curry replace the paste with Thai red or green paste, or Indian Madras paste.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 2 hours

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 kg beef blade, fat trimmed, cut into 3cm pieces

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 large red onion, cut into thin wedges

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 medium carrots, peeled, roughly diced

¼ cup korma curry paste

1½ cups (375ml) beef stock

400g can diced tomatoes

400ml can light coconut milk

2 tbsp brown sugar

1 cinnamon stick

3/4 cup frozen peas, thawed

½ small bunch kale, trimmed, shredded

1/4 cup flaked almonds, toasted, to garnish

Coriander sprigs, microwave brown basmati rice, roti, to serve



Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160° fan-forced). Place beef in a large snap lock bag or dish, add half the oil, season and mix well.
- 2. Heat a large ovenproof casserole dish over medium-high heat. Brown beef for 3 to 4 minutes in 2 or 3 batches, setting beef aside on a plate.
- 3. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining oil. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 to 2 minutes. Add carrots and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add korma paste and stir for 1 minute. Gradually pour in stock, add tomatoes, coconut milk and sugar. Stir until mixture boils.
- 4. Return beef and any juices to the dish and add cinnamon stick, stirring well. Cover and place in oven. Stir occasionally, adding a little water if needed to keep ingredients just covered for 1% to 1% hours or until beef is tender. Remove from heat, stir through peas and kale and set aside, covered, for 5 minutes
- 5. Sprinkle curry with almonds and serve with coriander, rice and roti.

TIPS

- Beef casserole cuts

Chuck or boneless shin/gravy beef - take 2-2½ hours to cook). Topside, round and blade take 1-1½ hours to cook

- Swap the korma paste for rogan josh or Madras paste.
- You could use silverbeet, English spinach or baby spinach instead of kale.

T-Bone Steak with Chilli & Celery Salt Source: Meat & Livestock Australia

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 25 minutes (plus 5 minutes resting time)

Serves: 4

Difficulty Rating: Care needed**

4 T-bone steaks

2 tbsp sea salt flakes

1 stalk celery, coarsely grated

1 small fresh red chilli, finely chopped

2 tsp fennel seeds

4 whole corn in husks

50g butter, at room temperature

2 tbsp chopped chives

- 1. Remove the steaks from the fridge about 15-20 minutes before cooking.
- 2. Preheat oven to 180C. Line a baking tray with non-stick baking paper. Place the salt, celery, chilli and fennel seeds on the prepared tray. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the salt mixture is light golden and celery dry. Cool on tray. Transfer to a bowl.
- 3. Meanwhile, preheat a char-grill to hot. Pull back the husks on corn, but do not remove. Brush corn cobs with the butter, then sprinkle with chives. Season. Cover the cobbs with their husks again and twist at the ends. Char-grill or barbecue for 8-10 minutes, turning occasionally. Transfer to a heatproof plate.
- 4. Season the steaks with a little of the chilli and celery salt mixture. Cook steaks on same char-grill for 3-4 minutes each side for medium or cook until your liking. Transfer to serving plates and cover loosely with foil. Allow to rest for 5 minutes.
- 5. Serve the steak and corn with extra chilli and celery salt to season.

Tip: Use different spices in the sea salt mixture before baking such as coriander seeds, cumin seed or yellow mustard seeds.



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Cairnsmore Fergus 29GB0004	ABS Australia 03 8358 8800 abs.au.info@genusplc.com	\$55 + GST per straw Discounts on volumes added	Black Belted
Du Rapide Legacy 17K	Simon Legace Canada +1 405 799 5117 durapide@ntic.qc.ca	POA	Black Belted
Du Rapide Sherwood	Simon Legace Canada +1 405 799 5117 durapide@ntic.qc.ca	POA	Black Belted
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Shiralee Moonshine	Rick Cruff 0417 052 191 ccruff@bigpond.net.au	\$25 per straw (Limited Supply) Sire permit \$100	Black Belted



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Calendar of Events

February 2018

23rd - 25th Royal Canberra Show

March 2018

2nd - 4th Farm Fantastic Expo, Caboolture QLD.

16th -17th Lucindale Field Days, SA. http://www.sefd.com.au/

23rd - 3rd April Sydney Royal Easter Show

23rd Judging at Sydney Royal

April

12th - 14th Toowoomba Royal Show, QLD.

12th - 15th Farm World, Lardner Field Day. https://lardnerpark.com.au/farm-world/

27tth - 28th East Gippsland Field Day. http://www.egfielddays.com.au/

May

6th - 12th BEEF2018, Rockhampton, QLD. http://beefaustralia.com.au/

June

5th - 7th Farmfest, Toowoomba QLD. https://fairfaxruralevents.com.au/farmfest/home/

July

TBA Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp Royal Melbourne Showground. Go to http://handlerscamp.studbeef.com.au for more details about this event 13th - 14th Mudgee Small Farm Field Days. https://mudgeefielddays.com.au/

16th - 19th SA Junior Heifer Expo, Adelaide Showground. Go to http://jhe.sabeef.com.au/ for more details about this event.

28th ABGA AGM, South Australia

August

10th - 19th Royal Queensland Show (EKKA)

TBA National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show, Dubbo NSW

21st - 23rd Ag-Quip Tamworth NSW

September

28th Sept - 3rd Oct World Galloway Congress, Melbourne VIC. Go to www.facebook.com/World-Galloway-Congress-2018-Melbourne for more details

22nd Sept - 2nd Oct Royal Melbourne Show

22nd - 29th Perth Royal Show

October

11th-13th Launceston Show

24th-27th Hobart Show

25th - 27th Australian National Field Days, Orange NSW.

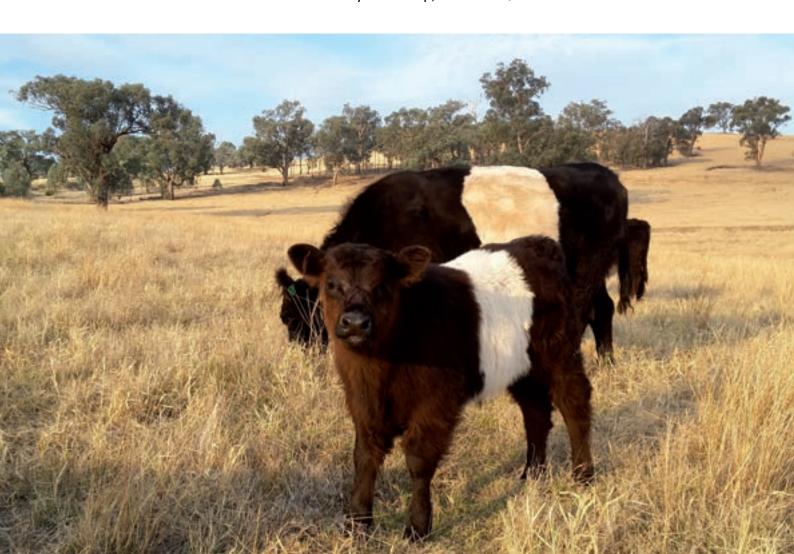
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