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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We welcome Keryn Hutton our new secretary. Keryn has extensive experience in managing Cattle Associations with ABRI and we look forward to working with her.

Our long-standing Herd Book Registrar - Barb O'Shea – has stepped down and been replaced by Laura Teege. We welcome Laura and look forward to her looking after our herd records. Laura will only be working for us one day a week, so please make sure you have allowed time when registering cattle for both DNA and PV results to be returned and registrations to be approved.

The council has been busy updating the Tattoo By-Law. This is shown further in this Newsletter.

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023 - entries for the Stan Hill Trophy for the Carcase Competition selector.

In collaboration between AGA, GA & ABGA, it was decided that Merv Presland be the Belted Galloway selector. Merv's integrity and selection ability has been noted over many years. We wish all those exhibiting at any Show in 2023 lots of success.

Vail to Ian Longfield Marjason

On the 10th Jan 2023 Ian sadly passed away.

Ian was a highly valued Belted Galloway breeder and council member. Looking through the ABGA herd book, I found that Ian started his herd around 1986 with 2 cows and a bull. The herd grew year by year until, in the early 2000's, he had one of the largest herds of Belted Galloways in Australia.

It didn't take Hume McDonald long to convince Ian to join the ABGA council. In 1987, Ian became President when J Paterson resigned. Ian held this position until 2019. Hume was

Treasurer and worked alongside Ian on the council for many years.

Ian exhibited his Belted Galloways at the Canberra Show on a regular basis for many years. He enjoyed promoting the Belties through showing as he said this is where many people see their first Belted Galloway.

With Life changes and the long drought took a toll on his herd size. Ian saved what he could of the cows. Sold off the rest along with the bulls. The remaining cows impressed him how they managed on so little feed and where able to maintain their weight.

We thank Ian for overseeing many council matters. Ian chaired the World Galloway Congress 2018 committee. The WGC committee prepared 5 days of conference and farm visits. Ian was delighted to welcome both the Australian and International breeders to Melbourne.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Ian's family.



Strategic Planning Weekend Workshop

The Council would like to set up some business goals and objectives to take ABGA forth for the next 10 years. The Council has engaged Sarah Millen who has 18 year of experience in

Business Modelling, to conduct a Strategic Planning workshop weekend for ABGA council and members. She has kindly offered her services.

Sarah is a Financial Advisory partner who leads the Modeling team and the Civil Government Practice in Queensland. She has over 16 years' experience, specializing in regulatory economics, the quantification of significant government policy changes and feasibility analysis.

An expression of interest letter to attend will be forwarded to each member.

Interested members are to contact their state representative by 21/3/2023. The workshop is capped to 10 participants. It will be held in Melbourne on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd April. All participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and other expenses.

We welcome the following New Members:

Rian Hodges, Tulach Quality Beef, Garden Suburb NSW 2289 (Full Member)

Paul and Dianne MacLaine, Brae Croft Miniature Galloways, Mount Mee QLD, 4521 (Full Member)

Coast To Country Livestock, Sarsfield Park, Bairnsdale Vic 3875 (Full Member)

Karin Uther, The Farm, Arundel Qld 4214 (Full Member)

Sarah Byrnes & Lachlan Byrnes, Misty View, Pittsworth QLD 4356 (Full Member)

Rob McLeod, Maryvale, NEWTOWN Vic 3235 (Full Member)

L & J Micallef, Camden Valley, NSW 2570 (Full Member)

Ellis James, Church Point, NSW 2105 (Commercial)

Neil & Anthea Sloan, 91 Acre, CHESHUNT Vic 3678 (Full Member)

ABGA Online Survey.

All members would have received either an online Survey or a printed copy.

We would appreciate those returned by 3rd March. The information provided is confidential. The graphs created from the responses will be used at our Strategic Planning weekend. All questions are relevant to the Strategic Workshop.

Annual Inventories –

They are due on the 31st March.

Please ensure you include payment with your return inventories.

From the By-Laws-

15. LIVE ANIMAL REGISTER AND LEVY

As from 15th January 1986, a Live Animal Return Levy will become applicable.

15.1 The Live Animal Register and Levy will be introduced with a fee payable on all active animals, as set out in the Schedule of Fees.

15.2 The Secretary will forward to members of the Association, at the end of each calendar year, a list of all active animals registered by office records, in the name of the member as at 31st December for the year just completed. Members are then to complete the form by:-

(i) ADDING calves born during the year under review from registered active females that are eligible for registration.

(ii) ADDING name of sire's used for calf drop for the year under review

(iii) RETURN COMPLETED HERD INVENTORY to the Secretary of the Association by no later than 31st March of each year and an invoice will be issued on the number of registered females and males remaining in the stud Herd.

15.3 Members are then required to fate any animal that is no longer active as per codes below:-

1. Sold
2. Deregistered
3. Died
- 4 Culled – Fertility
- 5 Culled/Inactive - Other

BY LAW Changes as at 17.1.2023

11. TATTOO

11.1 All pedigree animals to be eligible for registration in the Herd Book of the Association must be tattooed by the breeder as soon as possible. NLIS tags are inserted in the right or offside ear, therefore the preference is that the tattoo is applied in the left or near ear using black or green ink, with green ink being preferred. The tattoo must be clear and readable, as follows:

The tattoo must consist of –

- (i) The registered Herd Prefix of the Breeder which is to be either two or three letters (For example - ABJ) PLUS
- (ii) The year letter or number (For example - T for the year 2022. The letters "O" and "I" are not used) PLUS
- (iii) Breeder's number allocated for identification of the animal. (For example - 1 for the first calf born for the year 2022)

Example: ABJ T1 or
ABJ
T1

11.2 In the event that a tattoo is applied incorrectly, or a mistake has been made, X's must be tattooed over the incorrect tattoo and the correct tattoo applied but not before an appeal to Council for permission (refer to By-Law 21 "Errors or Irregularities).

WORLD GALLOWAY CONFERENCE 2023

The 2023 World Galloway Conference will take place in Bern Switzerland from Saturday September 16th, 2023, to Friday September 23rd 2023.

The venue is Hotel National in downtown historic Bern a few steps from the central railway station.

Bern Welcome is our Partner for reservations, online registrations, payments, questions, and answers.

We shall start online Registration by Bern Welcome (Hotels, Conference registration, post Conference excursions) on 1st of September 2022 (a year before the conference starts, if this is ok for you?).

Switzerland is a beautiful but rather small and expensive country, therefore:

We have a hosting capacity of 300 persons and the organizing committee is trying hard to keep the expenses as low as possible.

We are working on the exact fees and will communicate those later.

The trip to Bern must be organized by the participants themselves. Public transportation in Switzerland is excellent and for visitors we suggest to buy a Swiss Pass online in advance (so when travelling by air to Zürich International Airport the railway travel from Zürich to Bern is already taken care of by this Swiss Pass). Public transportation within the city of Bern is taken care of by a congress pass issued by Bern Welcome.

Welcome desk 9/16/2023 from 15:00 to 17:00 at Hotel National, by Bern

Welcome and the organizing committee.

The individually selected hotels are mostly nearby and the central venue of Hotel National can be reached by public transportation. We thought that it would be a good idea to have a short get together in the evening every day at Hotel National in Bern to talk about the day's experiences, to look at next day's program and have a short scientific presentation or a talk of delegates from abroad. After this: dinner at Hotel National or individually in one of the countless restaurants in Bern.

I encourage everyone to at least attend one World Galloway Conference. It is a wonderful experience and a great way to connect with other breeders worldwide.

WGC 2018 Photo Memories –

Congratulations to Ashleigh Michael on the Supreme Exhibit



Alan Snaith from Warrialda Beef Ring Announcer RMS 2018

World Galloway Congress 2018 Committee – Anne Edwards, Ashleigh Michael, Ian Marjason (Chairman), Kerry Heazlewood and Anne Wilson



Delegates at the World Galloway Conference 2018 – Melbourne Victoria

