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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your council has been very busy over the last few months working on a 5-year strategic plan. I congratulate the councillors and volunteers who attended the weekend workshop, and their hard work and dedication planning the future for ABGA. Scott's report on the weekend appears further in this Newsletter.

Our next AGM will be held in Canberra at the VIBE Hotel. We welcome everyone to join us on the weekend.

The program for the day - 11:00am to 12noon there will be a members Forum, after lunch at 1:30pm there will be the AGM. In the evening, everyone is welcome to join us for dinner at the hotel.

On Sunday you are invited to a Farm Field Day at Longfield Farm, Bungandore. This is the Belted Galloway stud of the (late) Ian Marjason. His son Henry is kindly opening the farm gate for us. Members will be able to see the Longfield Belties, enjoy a light luncheon and listen to a guest speaker.

There are lots of Agricultural Shows and Field Days happening again. We wish all those competing or attending the very best success.

A reminder to all members that all calves born after 1.1.2023 need to have their DNA & PV samples submitted to Zoetis and the results forwarded with the registration form to ABGA. Zoetis advise that the calf should be at least 6 months of age to collect the tail hairs for DNA/PV. If you have doubts in the parenting of the calf, then multiple sires and dams can be submitted on the form. Either use the current recorded barcodes of the parent(s) or collect new hairs and submit those for recording of parents. If you require hair sample collection kits, contact the Secretary and she can forward these to you.

I look forward to catching up with everyone over the AGM weekend and until then; there is nothing more distinctive than a Belted Galloway. Anne

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## ABGA Strategy Workshop Report

The ABGA Council, along with volunteers, participated in a Strategy Workshop over the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April in Melbourne. The workshop was facilitated by Sarah Millen, a Financial Advisory partner who leads the Brisbane Modelling team and is Deloitte Business Modelling's National Public Sector Lead. Sarah also runs her own Highland Cattle Stud and was able use this knowledge to assist with the workshop. Using ABGA financial and membership data from the last 5 years, along with the results from the survey sent out earlier in the year and the passion from the participants, the team successfully put together a 5-year plan to help grow and strengthen the Association.

Some of the key areas to strengthen and improve were highlighted during the workshop are as follows:

- Membership and registration base
- Sense of community within the membership
- Communication, education, and social media presence
- By-Laws and Constitution
- Governance, policies, and procedures
- Breed standard and quality

After a lengthy, but productive process, the team developed a mission statement for the ABGA, to define the ABGA guiding principles. This mission statement will start to appear more regularly.

"To promote and register distinctive heritage Belted Galloway cattle, through accurate genetics, education and fellowship for past, present and future generations."

Through this process, an aspiration statement was also formed, to serve as a guide into the future for the ABGA.

"To increase ABGA member numbers and the association's financial viability by being the first choice for Belted Galloway registration."

While the weekend was fueled by hard work, dedication, and passion by those who attended, it is only the beginning. Council, along with sub-committees, will have to put the work in to develop the plan and achieve these goals. Many different skills will be needed, and we encourage everyone to contribute. Please contact the office and/or Council to advise where you think you can best help. Also be aware that Council may approach you where we think you have a particular skill set required to achieve the plan.

Thank you so Sarah Millen for donating her time and expertise to run this wonderful workshop, and to the councilors and volunteers for their time, expertise, and knowledge for making this weekend successful.



From back – left to right: Anne Edwards, Kerry Heazlewood, Karen Prien, Sean Manderson

From front – left to right: Scott Carter, Anne Wilson, Baden Geeves

### **We welcome the following New Members:**

#### **Full membership**

##### **Alademo**

Lecreasha Bateman, Mannus, NSW, 2653

##### **Heartstone**

Vince & Lynette O'Rourke, Swanfels, Qld 4371

##### **Lenore**

Diana Coyte, Torrington, NSW, 2371

##### **Mystic Park**

Cameron Prien, Riverside, TAS, 7250

#### **Commercial membership**

Karen Keighley, Wolumla, NSW,

### **SHOW RESULTS**

### **SYDNEY 2023**

#### **Steer Hook results:**

##### **CLASS 4 – Lightweight Steer 353kg - 390kg.**

**412 WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Belted Galloway** Lve weight 353kg Dressed weight 197.6kg yield 55.98% score 85.8 *Bronze Medal*

##### **CLASS 5 – Lightweight Steer 391kg - 420kg.**

**521 WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Belted Galloway** Lve weight 420kg Dressed Weight 234.4kg yield 55.81% score 85.45

##### **CLASS 6 – Lightweight Steer 421kg - 440kg.**

**618 MRS ALEXANDREA MUNDAY & MR PETER MUNDAY, 7 HILLS Belted Galloways** Lve weight 439kg Dressed weight 239.2kg 54.49% score 71.68



7Hills Steer – Royal Sydney Easter Show 2023

### **Bathurst 2023**

#### **Standard Belted Galloways:**

Under 12 month old Bull class - 1st place 7 Hills Thunderball was and was awarded Junior and Grand Champion Bull

Under 12 month old Female class

1<sup>ST</sup> - 7 Hills Tequila Rose and Reserve Champion Junior Female

2<sup>ND</sup> - 7 Hills Telorah

3<sup>RD</sup> - 7 Hills Tsarina

Junior Champion Female - 7 Hills Southern Belle

Grand Champion Female - 7 Hills Southern Belle

Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit and Overall

Supreme Galloway Family Interbreed Exhibit





7Hills Thunderball



7Hills Southern Belle



7Hills Sapphira

Senior Champion Female - 7 Hills Sapphira Reserve  
Senior Champion Female Jandrew Sarina Daisy

Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor  
7 Hills Belted Galloways

7 Hills Belted Galloways had two steers who both placed third and their Lightweight and Middleweight classes

Belted Galloway Supreme Exhibit 7 Hills Southern Belle placed 4th in the Interbreed Female Competition

7 Hills Belted Galloways had a pair of heifers place 2nd in the Interbreed Pair of Heifers competition

### Miniature Belted Galloways:

Junior Champion Female:  
Jandrew Bantam Tweedy

Reserve Junior Champion Female:  
Jandrew Bantam Trorey

Senior, and Grand Champion Female & Supreme Exhibit - Jandrew Bantam Saffron

Reserve Senior Champion Female: Jandrew Bantam Salmon



Jandrew Bantam Saffron – Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway





Junior Champion Female – Jandrew Bantam Tweedy



Toowoomba Show –Grand Champion Miniature Female Freedom Rise Shadow

### **Toowoomba Royal 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

#### **Female under 12 months**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Tempest

#### **Female 15 months and under 18 months**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Shadow

Junior Champion and Grand Champion

#### **Female 24 months and Over**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Quincy

Senior Champion

### **Fraser Coast Show 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

#### **Small Breeds Heifer 6 months & Under 12 months**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Tempest

Reserve Small Breeds Junior Champion Female

#### **Small Breeds Heifer 20 months & under 24 months**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Shadow

#### **Small Breeds Female 24 months & under 30 months**

8<sup>th</sup> Freedom Rise Silhouette

### **Maleny Show 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2023**

#### **Small Breeds Heifer under 24 months**

3<sup>rd</sup> Freedom Rise Tempest

#### **Small Breeds heifer 18 months and under 24 months**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Shadow

Champion Small Breeds Senior Female

#### **Female 24 months and over**

1<sup>st</sup> Freedom Rise Silhouette

Reverse Champion Small Breeds Female



Freedom Rise Tempest enjoying kid cuddles



Freedom Rise Stud at the Fraser Coast Show





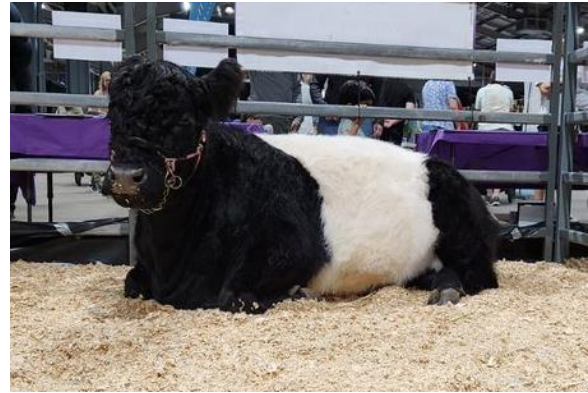
Maleny Show – Freedom Rise Silhouette & Freedom Rise Shadow.



Fraser Coast Show - Freedom Rise Shadow

### **ADELAIDE ANIMAL EXPO 2023**

Amrabull Park Heritage Breeds was invited to put on a display at the 2023 Adelaide Animal Expo, held April 1-2. On display was a young dun highland heifer and a 2 year old Belted Galloway Heifer. Visitors came from every corner of SA to attend the expo, with one keen visitor flying in to Adelaide just to visit the display to talk cattle. The expo had almost 11,000 adults attend (not including kids) over the two days with 69 exhibitors. It was fantastic to see so much interest in the cattle, with many seriously considering obtaining cattle themselves, with new members joining up shortly! A shout out to the Adelaide Animal Expo for going above and beyond to support the Amrabull Park Heritage Breeds team with putting together the display. Amrabull Park Heritage Breeds have accepted the invitation to attend the 2024 Adelaide Animal Expo on the weekend of April 6-7 2024.



2 Year Old Amrabull Park Heifer on display at the Adelaide Animal Expo 2023.



### **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.**

### **Reminder to all members – to assist the office with registrations, all forms need to be completed accurately.**

Failure to complete forms will cause delays in completing registrations.

Allow 3-8 weeks for SireTrace, DNA & PV results to be available.

### **Check list for registering natural born calves –**

- ✓ Completed a registration form
- ✓ Collect DNA hairs for SireTrace and PV
- ✓ Forward info to ABRI, UNE, ARMIDALE NSW and an invoice will be raised.
- ✓ Once the invoice is paid and all registration requirements are met,

- a Registration Certificate will be issued and
- then the animal will be listed on the website herd book.

### **Check list for registering calves conceived through AI**

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- ✓ Complete a registration form
- ✓ Collect DNA hairs for SireTrace and PV
- ✓ Complete the AI Insemination Form.
  - Confirm if the AI Semen is Licence or Unlicensed.
  - Complete details of batch and
  - AI technician address and registration number
- ✓ Forward info to ABRI, UNE, ARMIDALE NSW and an invoice will be raised.
- ✓ Once an invoice has been paid and all registration requirements are met,
  - a Registration Certificate will be issued and
  - then the animal will be listed on the website herd book.

### **Check list for registering calves through ET -**

- ✓ Complete a registration form
- ✓ Collect DNA hairs for SireTrace and PV
- ✓ Complete the AI/ET Insemination Form.
  - Complete details of batch and
  - ET technician address and registration number
- ✓ Forward info to ABRI, UNE, ARMIDALE NSW and an invoice will be raised.
- ✓ Once an invoice has been paid and all registration requirements are met,
  - a Registration Certificate will be issued and
  - then the animal will be listed on the website herd book.

## **NAMING YOUR CALVES –**

A reminder that the number of words in proposed names is limited to two (2), exclusive of the Prefix or Affix. The word "of" is not counted.

If naming of animals exceeds this rule, they will not be registered.

## **COW TRIVIA**

The Term **Grass Fed** means that cattle have spent at least most of their lives grazing pastures. But many grass fed cattle are given supplementary feed to ensure nutritional requirements are met. Supplementary feed can be hay or grain but not pellets or processed feeds for **Grass fed**.

A cow's diet has a significant impact on its meat, particularly the fatty acid content.

**Grass fed** beef is usually leaner than pellet-fed.

## **BEST CUTS FOR SLOW COOKING:**

CHUCK

SHIN

BLADE

BRISKET

ROUND

SILVERSIDE

SKIRT

FLANK

SHIN BONE IN OSSO BUCO

OXTAIL

SPARE RIBS

If any member has any recipes they would like to share, please forward these to the Secretary for inclusion in publications.



## **Top tips to improve vaccination**

04 April 2023

Vaccinations are a critical component of cattle husbandry and, when administered correctly, can prevent common endemic livestock diseases leading to improved animal welfare and productivity.

MLA's new vaccination resources for northern beef producers support decisions around:

- the best time to vaccinate
- how to administer vaccines for the best results
- which vaccines are right for their herd.

### **Should I vaccinate?**

Vaccination can be used to help manage the risk of disease in livestock, alongside other measures such as biosecurity, genetic selection and herd management.

If there's risk of disease, vaccination to prevent or minimise this disease will be a worthwhile investment.

The cost of the vaccine, including mustering and handling costs, can be significantly lower than



the potential cost and impact of disease within an unprotected herd.

However, while in most cases vaccination will prevent death or production loss, it may not stop an animal being infected or transmitting the disease.

When deciding to vaccinate, key considerations include:

- if any diseases are present or likely to occur on the property
- if a vaccine is available, and its efficacy and duration of action (how long it lasts)
- alternative control options.

Even if a property is located outside of endemic areas such as coastal or swampy regions, it's recommended that cattle being sold or moved are vaccinated to decrease the likelihood of death or carcase damage from disease contraction.

### When should I vaccinate?

Vaccination can coincide with routine husbandry procedures such as branding, weaning or pregnancy testing.

While weaning is considered the ideal time to begin the vaccination process, other beneficial times are when selecting replacement heifers and at bull testing.

Vaccinating against [leptospirosis](#), [vibriosis](#) and [pestivirus](#) during this period will be effective in decreasing

abortion and infertility in breeders, and mortality and birth defects in calves.

Other vaccines can be administered at any time; however, clostridial is often given in conjunction with leptospirosis as 7-in-1.

Leptospirosis vaccination is highly recommended to all producers regardless of whether they have breeding stock as there is risk of transmission of the disease to humans.

### What is the best vaccination technique?

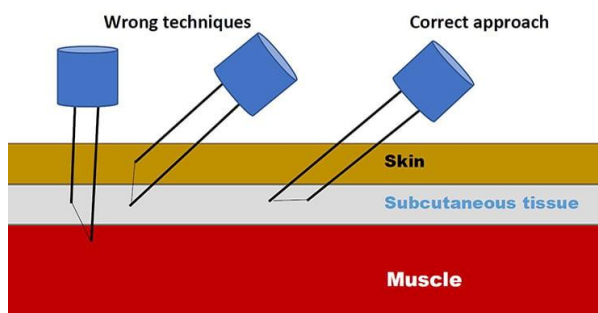


Most vaccines are given by subcutaneous injection. The preferred injection site is in the neck area forward of the shoulder (image 1) to minimise potential for carcase damage and financial loss, if trimming is necessary.

It's important to inject vaccines under the skin as severe reactions can occur if oily vaccines are injected into muscle.

Key techniques to ensure safe and effective vaccination include:

- Use a short needle (12.7mm) for subcutaneous vaccine administration and a longer needle (20mm) for intramuscular administration.
- Set the needle on the syringe so the open end of the bevelled needle is facing the injection site and is not visible to the operator (image 2).
- Inject at a 45-degree angle.
- Use a two-hand technique\*, if the animal's head can be restrained, to lift a fold of loose skin and inject the 'tented' skin's base, or use a onehanded technique if cattle are being injected in the race.
- Cattle in poor body condition or under severe stress may not respond as well to vaccination.



Take extreme care when injecting cattle using the two-hand technique as accidental needle-stick injury to the operator can occur if cattle are inadequately restrained. Use shrouded self-tenting needle guards to avoid potential injury to the operator.

## Vaccination checklist

1. Contact your local veterinarian to seek advice on vaccines ideal for your herd and seasonal conditions.
2. Always follow manufacturer's instruction on vaccine handling, storage and timing between doses.
3. Use a cooler box on-site to prevent light damage and keep vaccines cool.
4. Use separate syringes for each vaccine and administer to different sites – approximately 10cm apart.
5. Change needles frequently – every 50 jabs is recommended. Do not use disinfectant to clean needles or injection site for modified vaccines.
6. Thoroughly wash vaccine guns before and after use in warm soapy water.

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