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From the President

Well here we are, already in April, and there's a considerable amount of work ahead to achieve by the end of the year. The ABGA Council has recently approved a new style guide, which incorporates many of the existing colours, logos, and other elements. However, the focus is on creating a more consistent and refreshed image while maintaining simplicity. As our existing media and documents are updated, this style guide will be gradually applied. Thank you to Alicia Axnick from AAXNICK Art & Design for the great work putting this together for us, while being so accommodating and flexible.

With the fee increases already being applied to the registrations, transfers and animal inventory, it is now time for Council to look at the increases surrounding membership. While nobody welcomes a cost increase, it's important to acknowledge that our fees have remained unchanged for many years despite the rise in operational costs. Adjusting our fees is necessary to ensure that we can meet our financial obligations effectively. Council will look at where to take these increases to and put the proposed membership fees forward to members to review prior to the next AGM.

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 AGM will take place in Victoria on the 3rd of August and while the specific venue are still pending confirmation, we assure our members that once these details are finalised, they will be promptly notified. Last year's AGM weekend went great, and we hope to be able to organise some social events once again over the weekend. Once

again, the AGM will be set up so that members can either attend in person or via Zoom. The following year, the AGM is scheduled to be held in South Australia, the 50th Anniversary of the ABGA.

Members were notified in December of a report made to the ABGA by the NSW DPI of a confirmed carrier of hypotrichosis. Due to the strict nature of the NSW DPI confidentiality, it is up to the individual who has submitted the sample for testing to report the results and animal identity to the ABGA if they wish to do so. We strongly encourage members who have initiated testing to submit copies of their results to the ABGA, including both confirmed carrier and non-carrier animals. In accordance with our legal obligations, this information will remain confidential and only used by the Council or working group sub-committee until the legal aspects required are addressed. Your cooperation ensures that we uphold our commitments responsibly.

The ABGA Council put forward a proposal to both the Australian Galloway Association and Galloways Australia to establish a hypotrichosis sub-committee to share resources and approach the identification and management of this genetic disorder as a team. The AGA have accepted the invitation, and the sub-committee has been meeting regularly, with the intention of putting suggestions such as management proposals etc forward to each of the associations involved for consideration on top of identifying carrier and affected animals. Members are reminded that if any of your stock are confirmed to be hypo carriers, that there is currently no

requirement nor recommended to cull these animals. Hypo is something that can be bred out and by knowing the carrier status of your breeding stock, you can avoid undesirable matings which might increase the chances of producing more carriers or an animal that is physically affected.

Recently the council made the decision to make the change to producing a bi-annual rather than the original intended annual. Over the last several years, the intention of producing the annual has not always been met, often impacted by the availability of obtaining enough suitable and informative content of interest to make it worth investing in, which also consumes a great deal of time to put it all together. By moving to a bi-annual publication, this gives additional time to collate articles, contributing to the production of a higher quality product, packed with more content that is of interest to readers. Producing a publication like this takes still takes a lot of time, work and dedication, however by committing to a bi-annual, this should give more flexibility for extra volunteers to come onboard to help put it all together. We encourage members to send in any articles for consideration that might be of interest for both the newsletter and the bi-annual. If you think that the production of the bi-annual might interest you and would like to put your name forward, offering your time and input to help to pull it all together, then we would love to hear from you.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, New Year and Easter, and that 2024 has been kind to you so far.

Cheers

Scott Carter



President

Reminder: DNA PARENT VERIFICATION

By-Law 9.4

All calves born after 1.1.2023 must be DNA Parent Verified (PV) and abide by the ISAG (International Society of Animal Genetics) SNP Parentage Panel for PV testing, to the registered Sire and Dam of the calf.

Exceptions for DNA Parent Verifications, providing both parents have been registered with ABGA: 1. If the sire was registered before 1.1.2011 and is deceased, the resultant calf will be Dam Verified ONLY and the calf will be A base animal for future DNA PV testing to that bull. 2. If a calf born after 1.1.2023 and cannot be parent Verified to both parents, an appeal can be made to the ABGA Council, and Council's decision will be final. Anything outside of these guidelines is subject to council approval. Members can appeal DNA PV failures/discrepancies through Council.

For further information please contact your state representative if you require further clarification.

Hettie and Andre

Silvan Park Belted Galloways

Showtime 2024 – Silvan Park

The first show we attended in 2024 was the Lang Lang Show in January. This show is an interbreed show which means that you don't compete in your own breed classes,

but are up against all other breeds at the show. Silvan Park Topsy and Silvan Park Tim Tam competed and were very popular, but didn't get a placing this time. Allen Snaith from Warialda Belted Galloway Beef cooked breakfast for all the exhibitors and after judging dished up a delicious lunch with slow cooked Beltie beef!



Alan Snaith (Warialda Belted Galloways) cooking up a storm at the Lang Lang Show.

The next show we attended was Red Hill. Red Hill show is also an interbreed show and there were quite a few cattle there! This time Silvan Park Topsy got 2nd place in her class of 8! The Charolais heifer got 1st but Topsy managed to beat Angus, Limousins and Simmentals, all much larger breeds than our Belted Galloways. A great achievement from our beautiful Topsy!

We were judged by Courtney Hazeldene from Ganado Greys (Murray Grey breeder).

Sonya Heron from Balytyckle Miniature Galloways came up for the day to help lead the girls.



Left to Right: Tim Tam, Sonya Heron, Hettie Biersteker & Topsy at the Red Hill Show

Both these shows were nice to go to. Which had a friendly and laid-back atmosphere that had the cattle housed under the trees. Red Hill is a full-on show and therefore had more public in attendance.

Next on the agenda was the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo from 12-14th of April. This will be our 6th year at the Seymour Expo. Seymour Expo is a great show to catch up with exciting, new and future breeders as well as anyone who loves our beautiful Belted Galloways.

The next shows we will attend will be in November. After the Expo we will be busy weaning calves, halter breaking heifers, fertilising and sowing new paddocks, hopefully a little holiday, preparing cows for calving, calving, preparing heifers for AI programs, etcetera. You never get time to get bored on a farm!

Albion Park Show

Female under 30 months

- 3rd - Grandview Trudy



Albion Park Show 2024 – Grandview Trudy

Robertson Show

British Female 18-20month

2nd - Grandview Trudy

British Female 24-30month

2nd - Grandview Sarah Jamilah

Red Hill Show

Silvan Park Topsy

2nd Place – Interbreed Heifer

Camden Show

Judge was Wayne Owston from Western Australia who is a red poll breeder.

Any other breeds heifer under 20 months
3rd Grandview Trudy

Any other breeds heifer or cow over
30months

1st - Grandview Sarah Jamilah with Camden
Valley Viennetta at foot

Senior Champion female any other breed.
Grandview Sarah Jamilah with Camden
Valley Viennetta at foot

Congratulations to Camden Valley Farm

On achieving at Camden Show -

- **Supreme Any other breed**
- **Grand Champion Beef Cattle Exhibit 2024**
- **With Grandview Sarah Jamilah**



Camden Show 2024 – Grandview Sarah
Jamilah with Camden Valley Viennetta at
foot.

Royal Canberra Show

Grandview Trudy

- Reserve Junior Female Champion

Sydney Royal Easter Show

Other recognised breed female over
14months not over 20months

2nd - Grandview Sarah Jamilah with Camden
Valley Viennetta at foot

4th - Grandview Trudy

Other recognised Breed Senior Bull

1st - Jandrew Stanley

Other recognised Senior Champion Breed
Bull

Jandrew Stanley

Sydney Carcase results:

Wellington High School Agriculture exhibited Jandrew Thomas in the lightweight carcass at 259kg, with a dressing percentage of 60% and earned a total of 84.46 points and a bronze medal.



Bathurst Royal Show

Under 12 months

1st - 7 Hills Uptown Girl

2nd - 7 Hills Undercover Angel

3rd - 7 Hills Unchained Melody

16 and under 20 months

1st - 7 Hills Telorah

2nd - 7 Hills Tsarina

Junior Champion Female – 7 Hills Telorah

Reserve Champion Junior Female - 7 Hills Uptown Girl

Female Over 30 months

1st - 7 Hills Paisley with 7 Hills Uptown Girl at foot.

Senior Champion Female and Grand Champion Female. – 7 Hills Paisley with 7 Hills Uptown Girl at foot

Bull 24-30 months

1st - Jandrew Stanley

Senior Champion Bull and Grand Champion Bull – Jandrew Stanley

Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit and Overall Supreme Galloway Family Interbreed Exhibit – 7 Hills Paisley

7 Hills was also awarded Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor

Steers

7 Hills Union Jack was awarded 3rd place in the Led Steer Class



Nanango Show

Raymond Cross and students from Proston High School Show team.



Bull Under 9 months and Junior Champion Bull

1st Freedom Rise Ugo

Female under 9 months

1st Freedom Rise Umeko

Female 20 months and under 24 months

1st Freedom Rise Tempest

Female 24 months and under 30 months

2nd Freedom Rise Shadow

Toowoomba Royal Show



Grand Champion Female and Supreme Belted Galloway exhibit- Yelkcar Rhiannon



Toowoomba Royal Show Grand Champion Bull-Yelkcar Storm Trooper

ALL 2024 Toowoomba Royal Show Stud Belted Galloway Results:

Standard Belted Galloway Section:

Champion Bull Calf - Misty View Lightning Bolt

Senior & Grand Champion Bull - Yelkcar Storm Trooper

Reserve Senior Champion Bull - Yelkcar Rolleston

Champion Calf Female - Misty View Tiffany

Senior & Grand Champion Female - Yelkcar Rhiannon

Reserve Senior Champion Female - Jandrew Textile Emily

2nd Female 24 months and over - Yelkcar Tamara

Miniature Belted Galloway Section:

Miniature Calf & Grand Champion Bull - Freedom Rise Ugo

Miniature Calf Champion Female - Freedom Rise Umeko
 Miniature Junior Champion Female - Freedom Rise Tempest
 Miniature Senior & Grand Champion Female - Freedom Rise Shadow
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Yelkcar Rhiannon
 Congratulations to all four ABGA Members on a successful showing of the Belted Galloway breed; Freedom Rise Miniature Galloway Stud, Yelkcar Belted Galloways, Getaway Belted Galloway Stud and Misty View Miniature and Belted Galloways.

23rd May – Fraser Coast (Maryborough) QLD
 1st June – Maleny QLD
 21st June – Woodford QLD
 6th & 7th July - Adelaide Animal Expo SA
 14th July – Samford QLD
 27th July – Kilcoy QLD
 24th Aug - Gawler Show SA



Chiffley College Shalvey Campus Team and their belted Galloways at Sydney Royal Show 2024

Walden Park – Donna Coutts in conjunction with Trentham Spudfest and discovering the best of the region is conducting an onfarm tour for visitors' 5th May. More details on Trentham Spudfest website.

Upcoming Shows & Events for ABGA Members:

27th April – Goombungee QLD
 4-5th May – Trentham Spudfest – Walden Park farm tours
 19th May - Birdwood Farm Day SA

ABGA AGM & Forum
Saturday 3rd August
Best Western Airport Motel & Conference Centre.
33 Ardlie Street
Attwood, Victoria
More information will be available soon.