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COUNCIL E-NEWS

December 2025

Welcome to the ABGA Council E-News, an overview of what Council have been up to, event updates and reminders - keeping everyone informed about what's happening in the ABGA.

ABGA Office Hours

Just a reminder that for member and general inquiries, the ABGA office hours have changed to Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 4pm AEST. For all urgent matters outside of these hours, you are welcome to email your state representative or ourselves in the correspondence to ABRI and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please also note that the office will be closed from Wednesday the 24th of December 2025 until Monday the 5th of January 2026.

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ABGA Newsletter – The Beltie Banter

We hope that you all enjoyed the latest issue of the Beltie Banter. We would love to hear your feedback on what you feel would be beneficial to include, change or remove from the newsletter. Council encourages members to email through any feedback that you might have for Council to take on board. Alexandra is always looking for news, events, photos etc from members for inclusion in future issues. If you have something you would like to be included potentially, please feel free to send your content through to either Alexandra or Trudi at ABRI.

ILR Online

ILR Online is a system that will allow Members to register animals, complete animal transfers, complete animal inventories etc. online themselves. This will reduce administrative costs significantly. This system will be introduced in early 2026. More details will be available in the new year.



ABGA Member's Discussion Forum

Thank you to the members that attended our first Members Discussion Forum. It was a great opportunity for members to discuss with Council, ways in which we can better move forward together. Many topics were discussed and it was well received from both Members and Councillors.

From this Discussion Forum, we would like to update our members of the following:

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS – As of the 1st of January 2026 a Junior Member can have up to three free transactions (Registrations, Animal Inventories or Transfers) per membership year.

LETTERS OF THANKS – Members who exhibited at Shows and/or Field Days have received letter from us to thank them for their contribution to the Belted Galloway breed. We will continue this initiative annually. Thank you again to all those that continue to display their cattle for the general public to see.

SCHOOL STEER REQUESTS – In the next Newsletter, there will be a request for breeders who have steers available for exhibition. Based on the feedback, we will help to liaise the Members with schools who exhibit in Carcase Competitions.

DATABASE INCONSISTENCIES – We are working with ABRI to create a more clear way of showing that an animal has been Parent/Sire/Dam Verified on either the Mip or SNP system on the database.

BREED STANDARD – The Council is working on a breed standard and we are looking for input from our Members. It was agreed upon that education of standards and exhibiting high standard animals is the best way to combat sub-standard animals under the ABGA banner.

The next Discussion Forum date is to be confirmed, but it will commence at 7:30pm (AEST) as requested by our members in attendance.

50th Anniversary Magazine

A magazine celebrating our 50th Anniversary milestone has been published. Whilst not a traditional "Annual" nor Breeders Guide, it has been developed to celebrate this important achievement of the ABGA. Thank you to all those that contributed to this magazine. A digital copy will be sent to all Members. For those wanting a hard copy, please email Trudi at ABRI.

New Members Welcome Pack

A welcome pack is being developed for new members. Any feedback from Members about what could be included in this, would be very appreciated.



2026 AGM Planning

We would like feedback from Members as to whether or not we should host an in person AGM in 2026 and into the future. Queensland would be the location if it was in person, but the time of the year could potentially change if it suited more Members. Please contact our Trudi at ABRI or a Councillor with your feedback.

Annual Herd Inventories

A reminder that the 2026 Herd Inventories will be sent out in January, to be completed and returned to the ABRI office prior to invoicing. Those that have not returned their completed Animal Inventories by 31st of March, will be invoiced in full in April. Annual completion of your herd inventory is an important requirement for members of the Australian Belted Galloway Association. It allows the association to ensure that the herd book is maintained accurately, ensures that you are invoiced correctly, and determines the number of Council members for the following year (we like more Council members – it allows more people to share the load and this improves services to members).

Hypotrichosis Testing Incentive

Last year the ABGA Council offered a financial incentive for those wanting to test their bulls for Hypotrichosis. We have decided to extend this offer and allow it to include **ALL** test results from members who submit their Hypotrichosis Test results with their 2026 Animal Inventory and registrations. The ABGA will waive the levy and registration fees for any eligible animals.

For animals to be eligible to receive this incentive,

The test results from NSW DPI or Zoetis must clearly state the animal's name (preferably the tattoo or registration number also) and be submitted between the 1st of January and the 31st of March 2026. The incentive will still be honoured for registrations that are submitted during this period, pending the delay of genetic test results. Please note that by submitting these results, you agree to have this information included on online database and the results publicly available, which will be done once this has been set up. Members can be assured that currently any animals found to be confirmed Hypo carriers will not have their registration affected. If there are any future changes to this as council establish management processes, consultation with members and sufficient notice will be given and this will not affect the standing registrations of any carrier animals registered before any changes were made. A reminder to members that animals who test positive as hypo affected should not be submitted for registration.



2027 Bi – Annual Magazine

We are already planning the 2027 Bi – Annual Magazine. This Magazine will be available to all Members and will be a great way to promote your stud and market our wonderful Belted Galloway breed on a local and international level.

We will be looking for articles, photos, experiences and achievements. It does not matter how long you have been breeding Belties for, or how many Belties you have. We want to hear from as many breeders as possible.

More details about advertising opportunities will be available next year.

Please contact Trudi or Alexandra for more information.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your state representative, our EO or ourselves.

We wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2026.

Kind regards,



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The Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc mission:

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

