



## January 2026

Happy New Year and 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. We are very excited for the year ahead and we can't wait to let you know what we have been working on behind the scenes.

### **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.

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### **Canberra Royal Show Galloway Family Livestream**

The 2026 Canberra Royal Show will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

The 2026 Canberra Royal Show Galloway Family Stud Judging will be livestreamed through the ABGA Facebook page thanks to the generous sponsorship of 7 Hills Belted Galloways, ABGA, Belvue Ranch, Jalaway Belted Galloway Beef, Marjason & Marjason Solicitors (Longfield Belted Galloways) & Pageoway Belted Galloways.

The timetable is yet to be published by the Canberra Royal Show Cattle Section, but all available details will be posted to the ABGA Facebook page in the lead up to the show.

### **ILR Online**

We will be introducing ILR Online in early 2026. 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.





## **ABGA Show Sponsorship**

For over 30 years, we have been proud to sponsor prizes for each Royal Show in Australia that has Belted Galloway entrants in their own Belted Galloway Classes, including those shows where Miniature Belted Galloways are shown separately.

Each Bronze Medallion is engraved with the relevant show's details and award and every Tartan Ribbon is beautifully handmade and has the show's details included.

At each show, we sponsor the following:

- ◆ Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit
- ◆ Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor
- ◆ Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female
- ◆ Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull

We also sponsor the Sydney Royal Easter Show & Melbourne Royal Carcase Competitions. We are proud to encourage and support breeders to enter Belted Galloways in the Purebred Carcase Competitions at these shows.

We offer \$1200 of prize money for EACH of these shows annually.

## **ABGA Newsletter – The Beltie Banter**

We hope that you all enjoyed the last 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. Alexandrea is always looking for news, events, photos etc from members for inclusion in future issues. If you have something you would like to potentially be included, please feel free to send your content through to either our Vice President Alexandrea or Trudi at ABRI.

## **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. Our next Member's Discussion Forum will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 7:30 pm AEDT.

## **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 Trudi at ABRI or a Councillor with your feedback.

## **Annual Herd Inventories**

A reminder that the 2026 Herd Inventories have been sent to all Members. The forms are to be completed and returned to the ABRI office prior to invoicing. Those that have not returned their completed Animal Inventories by 31<sup>st</sup> 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). Please contact Trudi or a Councillor if you require assistance to complete the forms.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Advertising opportunities will be available.





Please contact Trudi or Alexandrea for more information.

## **Reminders**

A reminder that as part of all ABGA Memberships, advertising for sale listings on our website is free of charge. Please email us with your for sale listing details

Please email us and/or tag us in your Facebook posts so that we can post about your upcoming attendance at Shows, Field Days etc. If you see any Belted Galloway related articles or posts that you think might be of interest to ABGA Members, please email them also.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Allora Show - 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Clifton Show - 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Canberra Royal Show - 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Good luck to all of our Members who will be exhibiting their cattle at these shows. We would also like to thank the Members who have generously offered their animals to be exhibited in conjunction with schools.

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

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*

