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# THE BELTIE BANTER

Summer 2026

## Presidents Message

### Welcome to the first issue of Beltie Banter for 2026!

As February draws to a close now is the perfect time to update herd records, review breeding objectives, and plan for the shows and events on your list for 2026. Here is just a few reminders to help with what is a busy time of the year for many.

### Herd Inventories & Registrations

Please remember that Herd Inventories are due by 31<sup>st</sup> of March along with any applicable fees. Timely submission helps to keep records accurate and supports the operation of the ABGA. Importantly, the herd inventory gives us the number of Active animals per state, determining the number of available Council positions per state ahead of the AGM and ensures each state the opportunity for fair representation. For questions or assistance, contact Trudi, myself, or your Council State Representative.

### Hypotrichosis

Members can receive a discount on their Herd Inventory fees by submitting Hypotrichosis test results for eligible animals with their inventory. This promotes breed health and transparency while lowering the cost of your 2026 Herd Inventory. Details are in the last Council E-News or via ABGA.

### Canberra Royal Show

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who exhibited at the Canberra Royal Show. Your dedication to promoting our breed and supporting the show circuit is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to not only those who donated towards the livestream of the judging for the entire Galloway Family, but also to Alexandra Munday for organising and making this possible. Best wishes to those attending shows, events, and field days throughout 2026.

Thank you to all members for your ongoing support and commitment. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings for our Beltie community and Association.

Cheers, Scott Carter

President





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## ABGA Members 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 10th of March 2026 at 7:30 pm AEDT.

The aim of these discussions is to bridge the disconnect between ABGA and our Members. We would love to be a more cohesive association, and more Member input is required to achieve this.

We would like feedback from our members about what they would like to discuss. This could include potential webinar topics, how we can better improve our services for Members etc.

Members are encouraged to submit to the office via email, suggestions about relevant topics that they would like to be discussed at the Members Discussion Forum.

Help us help you!

The Zoom Link will be sent to Members in due course.

## 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 is in the testing phase and will be introduced to ABGA members soon.

## 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).

## Tattoo Letter

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## For 2026

***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.*





## DNA & Genetics Testing

A reminder that as per our By-Laws, 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.

All animals exhibited at show as stud exhibits must be actively registered prior to exhibition, except for calves up to the age of 9 months shown as calves at foot, unless otherwise required as per rules set by the Show concerned.

DNA can be collected via multiple methods. The most common sample type is Hair, but Tissue (TSU) and Semen is also permitted.

The benefit of Tissue (TSU) sampling is that whilst it is recommended to wait six months to obtain a hair sample from a calf, TSU samples can be taken from the day of birth of a calf.

Also, for those that are showing their cattle and require Negative Pestivirus results for their cattle entries, TSU sampling is the only method that allows Pestivirus (PI) testing as an Add-On test. This saves time, reduces testing fees and saves postage costs to another testing facility.

A TSU Applicator can be purchased for a once off fee from Zoetis, but the TSU Sampling Units are currently available free of charge from Zoetis.

Collecting TSU Samples is a very quick and efficient process and is very similar to putting management or NLIS tags in cattle ears.

The costs of Zoetis Genetic Testing of Hair, Semen or Tissue Samples (TSU) as at November 2025 is the following:

- Sire Trace SNP (Includes Parent Verification where applicable) - \$25 each
- Add On Tests (Red / Black Coat Colour, Hypotrichosis, Horn / Polled, Silver Colour Diluter, Mannosidosis etc.) - \$15 each when testing as an Add On test with a Sire Trace SNP test.
- BVD (Pestivirus) - \$7 each (Must be a TSU Sample)

Please note with any of the Add On Tests listed, if testing them as a Standalone Test, the price is \$25 each. This includes samples already stored at Zoetis as this is considered a new submission. Prices are exclusive of GST. A reminder that while the Sire Trace SNP test is mandatory for all animals born and / or registered after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, all Add On Tests are optional for ABGA Members. This includes Hypotrichosis and Mannosidosis.





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## Tissue Sample Guidelines



TSU's should be stored at room temperature prior to use (for a maximum period of 12 months). Care should be taken not to expose the unused product to extremes of heat or cold prior to sampling.



1. Take an assembled TSU (needle + connection piece + collection tube)



2. Squeeze the two spring loaded retainer clips together



2a. And insert the TSU as shown in the picture



2b. After insertion of the TSU release the spring loaded clips to lock in the tube



2c. Carefully squeeze the plier handles until the large piston comes to a stop against the red connection piece



3. You have now completely grabbed the needle. After the needle is inserted into the piston you can release the handles



4. You can now easily remove the red connection piece while holding the two red tabs and pushing sideways



5. The pliers are now charged and ready for use. At first this charging action seems long but with experience this should only take a couple of seconds

Take care not to cut fingers on the metal needle. It is very sharp!





## Taking an ear notch sample



**1a.** Slide the charged pliers over the ear and position the cutter about 1cm to 2cm from the edge of the ear.



**1b.** Try to avoid large veins and ridges. The sample should be taken in a very swift, fluid motion.



**2a.** Remove the TSU tube from the pliers by squeezing the two spring loaded clips together, then slide out the tube.



**2b.** A tissue sample should be clearly visible inside the tube.

We recommend samples be taken from the back of the ear rather than the front to minimise the amount of hair which can prevent the TSU from sealing correctly.

Sample can be taken from anywhere in the highlighted area, try to find a spot as free from hair as possible and not near a vein.

Be sure to check the TSU after sampling to ensure the cap has sealed properly to avoid buffer leaking.



Extract sample from this area. (3cm from head, 6cm from edge of ear)



**3.** Remove the used needle from the pliers by pushing the handles apart. This will loosen the needle and make it easy to remove. You cannot reuse the needle as it has no red plunger.



The TSU is for **SINGLE USE** only, both the tubes and the needles can't be re-used! See the difference between an unused and a used TSU.



In the used TSU a clear **RED** plunger will be visible indicating the tube already contains a sample and can't be used again.

**DISCARD  
THE  
NEEDLE  
SAFELY**

**CAUTION:** The needle is very sharp. Mind your fingers!

Once the tissue sample has been extracted, care should be taken to store the product at room temperature or in a refrigerator, but **NOT** to be frozen. The best results are obtained when the samples are analysed within one year after the sample collection.





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## Show Results

### Allora Show | 7<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to Adalee Downs for exhibiting the only Belted Galloway exhibits at this year's Allora Show. Thank you also to Adalee Downs for offering your cattle for the students of Centenary Heights State High School to exhibit for themselves. We would love to encourage more members to liaise with schools and to provide them opportunities to show Belted Galloway cattle. In a tough British Breed Competition, all five Belted Galloway heifers placed in their classes.

A special congratulations to Damon Zampech, who at only 8 years old placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Paraders Class. Well done Damon!



Damon Zampech

### British Breed Ring

#### Heifer 6 to 12 Months

2<sup>nd</sup> Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Meadow Ridge Willow exhibited by Adalee Downs

4<sup>th</sup> Meadow Ridge Wisteria exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

#### Heifer 16 to 20 Months

2<sup>nd</sup> Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Adalee Downs

#### Heifer 21 to 24 Months

1<sup>st</sup> Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Adalee Downs

### Clifton Show | 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February

With seven Belted Galloway entries exhibited by two schools, Clifton Show was a large display of our breed. Thank you to Adalee Downs and Getaway for offering your animals to the schools for them to exhibit. Unfortunately due to the wet weather at the show, photos were unable to be taken.

### British Breed Ring

#### Heifer 6 to 12 Months

1<sup>st</sup> Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College

2<sup>nd</sup> Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College

3<sup>rd</sup> Meadow Ridge Wisteria exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

4<sup>th</sup> Getaway Winter exhibited by Downlands College

5<sup>th</sup> Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

#### Heifer 16 to 20 Months

2<sup>nd</sup> Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College





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### Junior Champion British Breed Female

Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College

### Reserve Junior Champion British Breed Female

Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College

### Heifer 21 to 24 Months

1<sup>st</sup> Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

### Senior Champion British Breed Female

Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

### Reserve Senior Champion British Breed Female

Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

### Grand Champion British Breed Female

Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

## Canberra Royal Show | 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February

This year's show saw an increase in entry numbers and exhibitors across the entire Galloway Family. It was fantastic to see so many Belties in one place. A special thanks to our Vice President Alexandra Munday who organised the Stud Judging Livestream for the entire Galloway family for Galloway enthusiasts to view both interstate and abroad. We were proud to be one of the sponsors of the Livestream and the judging videos are available to view on our Facebook Page. Thank you to Alexandra for also being our ABGA Representative at the show and for awarding our ABGA Sponsored Tartan Sash and Bronze Medallions to the winners. Thank you and congratulations to ABGA Members Camden Valley, Jalaway, Longfield, Pageoway and Silvan Park for exhibiting your cattle at this show.

### Belted Galloway Females

#### Heifer 8 to 14 Months

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jameson Park Winifred exhibited by Jameson Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jalaway Wantin A Girl exhibited by Pageoway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Belvue Ranch Weetbix exhibited by Belvue Ranch
- 4<sup>th</sup> Belvue Ranch Wondrous Willow exhibited by Belvue Ranch
- HC Belvue Ranch Wild Whiskers exhibited by Belvue Ranch
- HC Belvue Ranch Almost Winter exhibited by Belvue Ranch

#### Heifer 14 to 20 Months

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jameson Park Venetia exhibited by Jameson Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jalaway Mont Vantasari exhibited by Jalaway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pageoway Vixey exhibited by Pageoway
- 4<sup>th</sup> Silvan Park Valtra exhibited by Silvan Park



### Junior Champion Female

Jameson Park Winifred





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HC Pageoway Volvo exhibited by Pageoway  
HC Longfield Verity exhibited by Longfield

**Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female**

Jameson Park Winifred exhibited by Jameson Park

**Reserve Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female**

Jameson Park Venetia exhibited by Jameson Park

**Pair Of Heifers Under 20 Months**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jameson Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pageoway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Belvue Ranch
- 4<sup>th</sup> Belvue Ranch

**Female 24 to 30 Months**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jalaway Vivacious Affair exhibited by Pageoway

**Female Over 30 Months**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jalaway Tictoc Watch exhibited by Ellanedry Farm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Longfield Thea exhibited by Longfield
- 4<sup>th</sup> Belvue Ranch U Beauty exhibited by Belvue Ranch

**Senior Champion Belted Galloway Female**

Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

**Reserve Senior Champion Belted Galloway Female**

Jalaway Tictoc Watch exhibited by Ellanedry Farm

**Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female**

Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

**Belted Galloway Males**

**Bull 8 to 14 Months**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Camden Valley William exhibited by Camden Valley

**Bull 14 to 20 Months**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park

**Junior Champion Belted Galloway Bull**

Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway



**Reserve Junior Champion Female**  
Jameson Park Venetia



**Senior & Grand Champion Female**  
Silvan Park Topsy



**Reserve Senior Champion Female**  
Jalaway Tictoc Watch



**Junior & Grand Champion Bull**  
Jalaway What A Lad





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**Reserve Junior Champion Belted Galloway Bull**

Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park

**Bull 24 to 30 Months**

1<sup>st</sup> 7 Hills Umberto exhibited by Longfield

**Bull Over 30 Months**

1<sup>st</sup> Ellanedry Urban Show Off exhibited by Ellanedry Farm

**Senior Champion Belted Galloway Bull**

Ellanedry Urban Show Off exhibited by Ellanedry Farm

**Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull**

Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway

**Belted Galloway Supreme**

Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

**Breeders Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Silvan Park

2<sup>nd</sup> Longfield

**Dam's Progeny Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Longfield (Longfield Katrina)

**Sire's Progeny Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Jameson Park (Clifton Hercules)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ellanedry & Jalaway (Jalaway Prince Neander)

3<sup>rd</sup> Longfield & Pageoway (Longfield Roberto)

**Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor**

Silvan Park



**Reserve Junior Champion Bull**

Silvan Park Viking



**Senior Champion Bull**

Ellanedry Urban Show Off



**Reserve Senior Champion Bull**

7 Hills Umberto



**Supreme Exhibit**

Silvan Park Topsy





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**Miniature Belted Galloway Females**  
**Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway 30 months and over**  
2<sup>nd</sup> BT Belties Queen Erica exhibited by BT Belties

**Reserve Senior Champion**  
**Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Female**  
BT Belties Queen Erica exhibited by BT Belties

**Miniature Belted Galloway Males**  
**Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway 16 to 20 Months**  
1<sup>st</sup> BT Belties Viserys exhibited by BT Belties

**Junior and Grand Champion**  
**Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Bull**  
BT Belties Viserys exhibited by BT Belties

**Small & Rare Breeds Interbreed:**  
**Small & Rare Breeds Female Champion**  
Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

**Small & Rare Breeds Male Champion**  
Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway

**Small & Rare Breeds Champion of Champions**  
Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park



**Small & Rare Breeds Champion Male**  
Jalaway What A Lad



**Junior and Grand Champion Miniature Bull**  
BT Belties Viserys



**Reserve Senior Champion Miniature Female**  
BT Belties Queen Erica



**Small & Rare Breeds Champion Female**  
**& Champion of Champions**  
Silvan Park Topsy





## Membership Benefits Refresh

- 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.
- The ABGA Semen For Sale Listing has been updated and will be listed on our website soon. If any Member wishes to have their semen listed for sale on our website, please contact the office with the listing details and a photo of the AI Sire. Please be reminded that only ABGA AI Approved Sires are eligible to be listed on the website. If a Member is looking to have their bull AI Approved, please complete and submit to the office, one of the two AI Sire Request Forms, that are on the ABGA Website. For any queries about AI Sires, please contact Alexandra.
- A reminder that members are always welcome to contact an ABGA Councillor for any help, assistance or advice that they might require in regards to their Belted Galloways. Our team of Councillors are happy to help out Members however we can and we are proud to offer this to our members.

## 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.

## Field Day Notice

### Silvan Park Field Day | 4<sup>th</sup> April

ABGA Members Silvan Park are hosting a Field Day on their property at Murrindindi, Victoria in conjunction with the Australian Galloway Association's AGM Weekend. All Members are invited to attend the Field Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026. For more information, please contact Hettie at Silvan Park on 0488 379 675 or [info@silvanpark.com](mailto:info@silvanpark.com)



### **Welcome to our newest members:**

Victoria: 814 – Jesse Lynch, “Carboona”

Victoria: 817 – Chelsea Filmer, “Pageoway”

## **Upcoming Events**

- **Inverell Show – 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Milmeran Show – 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Pittsworth Show – 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Members Discussion Forum - 10<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Oakey Show - 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Red Hill Show – 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Camden Show - 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Warwick Show - 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March**
- **Toowoomba Royal Show – 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Good luck to our members who will be exhibiting their cattle at these shows.**

We welcome new content for publication in the newsletter and E-News. Photos, articles, reports, ideas, topics of discussion etc. can be submitted to the office via email.

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