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THE BELTIE BANTER

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Presidents Message

As we move through 2026, this edition of the Beltie Banter will be the final newsletter produced while the Association's secretarial services are about to enter their final month with ABRI, ahead of our transition to Genetic Hub. In many ways, it marks the end of an era for the ABGA and the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Association.

On behalf of Council and the ABGA, I would like to sincerely thank ABRI for their many years of service and support to the Association. In particular, thank you to our Executive Officer, Trudi, and Registrar, Laura, for their professionalism, assistance, and efforts throughout this transition process. Their support has been, and continues to be, greatly appreciated.

Council has been working closely to ensure a smooth transition to Genetic Hub, and we look forward to the opportunities and improvements a new platform will provide for members and the Association into the future. Updated ABGA contact details and further member information will be provided shortly.

Beyond the admin side of the Association, it has been wonderful to see continued enthusiasm for the Belted Galloway breed, with strong member participation and involvement at events and activities across the country so far this year. Thank you to all members for your ongoing support of the Association and promotion of the breed.

I look forward to seeing this enthusiasm continue throughout the remainder of 2026 as we move into this exciting new chapter for the ABGA.

Cheers, Scott Carter

President





Secretarial and Registrar Services Transition

Council is in the process of transitioning its secretarial and registrar services from ABRI to Genetic Hub later this year. This change is being managed in a staged and coordinated manner to maintain continuity of member services, data integrity, and day-to-day operations. Council is working closely with both ABRI and Genetic Hub throughout this process to ensure a seamless handover, and members will be kept informed as key milestones are reached and further details are confirmed.

2026 AGM

As previously mentioned, following careful consideration, Council has determined that the 2026 AGM and Members Forum will be held entirely online via Zoom as the most practical option this year. The date for both the AGM and Members Forum will be confirmed shortly.

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.
- 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.

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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.





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<https://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/>



Department of Primary Industries

As one of Australia's largest primary industries research, development and extension providers, the NSW DPI helps to deliver outcomes for all primary industry sectors by improving productivity, sustainability, biosecurity and food safety – increasing yields, improving our food security and ensuring industry adoption of best practice. The NSW DPI has a range of information and factsheets about Beef Cattle such as the one below on topics that include Health and Disease, Feeding and Nutrition, Breeding, Selection and Genetics, Husbandry, Appraisal and Welfare.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/beef-cattle>

Moving into Late Autumn and Early Winter, the understanding and prevention of Grass Tetany is pivotal for many cattle breeders. More information can be found on the DPI's website.



VFF Stock Sense are hosting a free two part webinar series called “Confident Calving” on June 10 and 11 at 7:30PM.

Use the link below to register or go to their Facebook Page VFF Stock Sense or Web page to register or view the other educational webinars that they host. <https://vff.org.au/stock-sense/>

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Grass tetany in cattle

Mac Elliott

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Introduction

This is one of three Primefacts about grass tetany. This Primefact describes the causes of the disorder. Primefact 421 focuses on treatment and prevention. Primefact 785 is concerned with predicting its likelihood.

Grass tetany

Grass tetany is a disorder in cattle where the level of magnesium in the cerebrospinal fluid, which surrounds the brain and spinal cord, decreases below a critical level. In the development of grass tetany, the level of magnesium in the blood decreases before the level in the cerebrospinal fluid. Hence the level of magnesium in the blood is a guide to the disorder. Low levels of blood magnesium (hypomagnesaemia) are usually associated with low levels of blood calcium in late pregnant cows and cows with calves at foot. These low levels mean that the muscles of the body cannot work properly, so the animal dies as it cannot breathe.

Grass tetany may not always arise from a simple deficiency of magnesium. The disorder can be quite complex, and different circumstances can lead to a reduction in magnesium concentration in the blood and cerebrospinal fluid, thus producing signs of grass tetany as follows.

- Simple form: a deficiency of magnesium.
- Complex form: potassium is the most important factor which interferes with magnesium absorption from the rumen.

Potassium concentrations in the rumen increase when:

- cattle graze pastures on soils naturally high in potassium;
- cattle graze pastures fertilised with inappropriately high levels of potassium fertiliser;
- cows are deficient in salt (sodium);
- the diet is changed from hay or dry feed to lush pasture.

Symptoms

For most farmers, the first sign of an outbreak of grass tetany is finding dead cows. Usually, there is froth from the mouth and nose, and the ground is rubbed where the animal's legs moved violently before she died. Excitement and muscular spasms (tetany) are the most common symptoms.

In the mildest form of the disorder, the cow may have an abnormally low level of magnesium in the blood and yet show no symptoms. All may be well for days or even weeks until she is stressed by, for example, yarding, mustering, trucking, after which symptoms may show. Initial signs of the disorder include twitching of the face and ears, a wary appearance and a stiff gait. Often, these early warning signs are missed.

In the intermediate form of the disorder, the cow is wild, her front legs 'goosestep', she does not like being driven, the tail is held a little high and she may appear blind. A few recover at this stage, but without treatment the condition of most of them will worsen and they will die.

Excitement, galloping, bellowing and staggering are common in the worst form of the disorder. The cow soon goes down on her side, with her legs outstretched, stiff and thrashing backwards and





forwards (leg paddling). Her head arches back slightly and she froths at the mouth. If the animal is down and has survived an attack, any disturbance (especially if she is touched) may start a new attack of leg paddling. The animal may die within minutes of being seen staggering, especially if she is driven or stressed in any way.

Why grass tetany usually occurs in late autumn/winter

Grass tetany usually occurs in late autumn/winter for the following reasons.

- The seasonal change in southern and tableland pastures alters the chemical composition of pasture ingested by cows that are calving, so they are under physiological and environmental stress at this time. Extra stress will enhance potential grass tetany disorders.
- Tetany-prone pastures have low:
 - magnesium (Mg) concentrations < 2 g/kg dry matter
 - calcium (Ca) concentrations < 3 g/kg dry matter
 - sodium (Na) concentrations < 1.5 g/kg dry matter
- and have high:
 - potassium (K) concentrations > 20 g/kg dry matter
 - nitrogen (N) concentrations > 50 g/kg dry matter.

Note. These pastures are usually grass dominant or cereal crops, for example grazing oats.

These conditions equate to acid soils in the south-west of the State.

Tableland and coastal soils do not have naturally high potassium concentrations, but this is offset by the addition of potassium fertilisers.

Clovers tend to contain higher concentrations of magnesium and calcium.

Magnesium absorption in the animal

The cow requires a constant intake of magnesium. The maximum level of dietary absorption is about 35 per cent of intake directly from the rumen. There is only a small reserve of magnesium in the body fluids, and bone metabolism is often insufficient to meet increased magnesium requirements when demand is increased.

Lactating cows are more prone because of milk production. Higher milk producers can be more prone to grass tetany (see Figure 1).

Phosphorus and calcium effects

The concentration of phosphorus in the rumen is also important, with higher levels of phosphorus favouring magnesium absorption. Cows grazing phosphorus-deficient pastures may have low concentrations of phosphorus in the rumen, and magnesium absorption may be further impaired. On these farms, we may expect to see 2 and 3-year-old cows affected with grass tetany and milk fever.

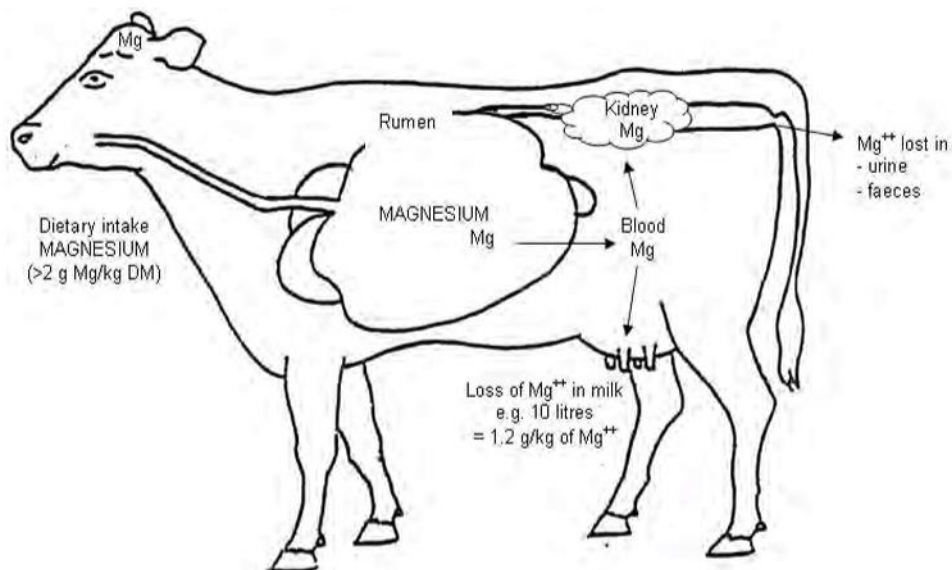


Figure 1. Flow and excretion of magnesium in the cow





Calcium concentration in the blood also plays a role in the development of grass tetany in some cows. If it decreases, the concentration of magnesium in the cerebrospinal fluid falls more rapidly when magnesium in the blood decreases, as absorption is insufficient. The ability of cows to absorb calcium from pasture usually decreases after the autumn break and increases again when the pastures mature in spring. Feeding high quality legume hay to cows is one way of ensuring that they absorb sufficient calcium to maintain the calcium level in their blood. On many farms, it is an essential step in the prevention of grass tetany.

Effects of age of the cow

- A cow's milk production tends to rise until 4 years of age, and then it stabilises.
- In older cows, the absorption rates of magnesium decrease with age.
- Some cows are just poor magnesium absorbers.
- Older cows lay down more fat. Fat cows are more prone to grass tetany because they have less available magnesium in their body fluids.
- Lean cows have more body fluids on a weight basis than do fat cows.

Effect of breed

Research at Texas A. and M. University in 1990 compared the susceptibility of various breeds of cattle to grass tetany. This study compared Angus, Hereford, Brahman, Holstein and Jersey cows, and their crosses, over a period of 4 years. Angus and Angus crosses were more susceptible than were Hereford, Jersey, Holstein and Brahman, in that order.

Further studies showed that these differences in part were probably due to the ability of Brahman to better digest and absorb magnesium, and to differences in milk production.

High production demand

Selection based on high growth rate and more muscle increases the demands on the metabolic ability of the cow.

Some genetic lines of cattle, as well as individuals within a line, cannot cope with the increased biochemical demands.

Therefore, as production demands increase pressure on the cow, the incidence of metabolic disorders such as grass tetany will increase.

Starvation and interference from other elements

Sudden starvation of fat cows or heifers can lead to reduction in available magnesium to the body system. Cow or heifer fatness should be controlled over a period of time to prevent over-fatness, or if a cow is over-fat, she should be put under a careful diet and not starved.

In the soil, plant and animal elements such as sodium, potassium, chlorine and magnesium can interfere with the amount of magnesium a cow will be able to obtain.

Positive correlations exist in the K : Ca + Mg ratio, that is, a high-potassium fertiliser and/or high-potassium soil will depress the magnesium level.

Other factors contributing to the risk of grass tetany

- Time of calving
 - Autumn/winter calving cows will be more susceptible to grass tetany than will spring calving cows.
 - May/August calving cows are the most susceptible to grass tetany.
- Stress

Any additional stress on the cow at the critical time may be enough to trigger grass tetany. Some of the more common stresses are:

- wind, rain and exposure
- sudden change of feed and feed quality
- sudden lowering of temperature
- first oestrus after calving
- mustering
- transport – do not transport cows in the last 6 weeks of pregnancy.

Facts to note

- Cattle exhibiting hypomagnesaemia may not develop grass tetany.
- Blood sampling alone may not establish which cattle will develop grass tetany.
- Certain body hormones contribute to grass tetany, notably from the thyroid gland and ovaries, which results in extra animal activity.
- Genetic variation means that some cattle are more susceptible than others.
- High fat and protein in the diet can depress magnesium absorption.





- Up to now, the most effective supplement is hay treated with magnesium oxide – MgO (Causmag®).
- The period of supplementation will vary between regions and between seasons in the same region.

Notes on supplementation

- Feed out in as long a trough as possible so that each animal can obtain the required Causmag dose.
- Causmag daily requirements for cattle: 60 g/head/day (up to 100 g/head/day may be necessary in some circumstances).
- After you start feeding it takes 2 to 3 days before the stock are protected.
- Protection ceases immediately supplementation ceases.

Etiology and pathogenesis for vets and scientists (Reference Prof. Ivan Caple)

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) magnesium concentrations are maintained in relative constancy despite wide variations in plasma magnesium concentrations. Plasma magnesium concentrations below 0.4 mmol/L may result in a decrease in the concentration of magnesium in CSF below 0.5 mmol/L and lead to hyperexcitability, muscular spasms, convulsions and death from hypomagnesemic tetany. More commonly sudden decreases in plasma magnesium and calcium (Ca) and an increase in plasma potassium concentrations precipitate the disorder by causing a rapid decrease in CSF magnesium concentrations.

The normal plasma magnesium concentration in ruminants ranges between 0.75 and 1.3 mmol/L. There are no hormonal systems directly controlling plasma magnesium concentrations and magnesium homeostasis depends on a continual absorption of magnesium from the gut to provide the amounts lost in milk, faeces and urine. Magnesium absorbed in excess of requirements is excreted in urine.

The main factors controlling magnesium absorption from the reticulorumen are its concentration in the liquid phase of the digesta and changes in the rate of active magnesium transport through the rumen wall caused by factors such as potassium. Increasing potassium concentrations in the reticulorumen from 10 to 30 mmol/L in cattle and from 30 to 60 mmol/L in sheep reduces magnesium absorption by increasing the transcellular potential difference across the rumen wall. Intraruminal potassium concentrations increase following ingestion of herbage with high potassium (greater than 0.3 per cent DM) and low sodium (less than 0.15).

Further information

For information on the treatment and prevention of grass tetany, see Primefact 421 *Grass tetany in cattle – treatment and prevention* and Primefact 785 *Grass tetany in cattle – predicting its likelihood*.

References:

Prof Ivan Caple – Former Dean, Veterinary Medicine, Melbourne University

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Show Results

Inverell Show - NSW | 27th to 28th February

Thank you to Downlands College for exhibiting the only Belted Galloway exhibits at this year's Inverell Show. Thank you also to the team at Getaway for offering your cattle for the students of Downlands College 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.

Belted Galloway Females

Female, 8months and under 12months

- 1st Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College
- 2nd Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College
- 3rd Getaway Winter exhibited by Downlands College

Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College

Reserve Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College

Belted Galloway Supreme Exhibit

Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College



Getaway Willow, Whitney and Winter

Foster Show - VIC | 27th February

Thank you to ABGA Member Jalaway for exhibiting the only Belted Galloways at this year's Foster Show. It's great to see Belties out and about at little country shows.

Bull under 12months old

1st Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway

Champion Junior Bull

Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway

Heifer 12 months – 18 months

1st Jalaway Mont Vantasari exhibited to Jalaway

Grand Champion Female

Jalaway Mont Vantasari exhibited to Jalaway

Grand Champion Bull

Jalaway What A Lad exhibited by Jalaway





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Milmerran Show – QLD | 28th February to 1st March

An exciting achievement at Milmerran Show with Belted Galloways being exhibited for the very first time. Thank you to Adalee Downs and Getaway for offering your animals to the schools for them to exhibit. Congratulations to 8 year old Damon Zampech for winning his Junior Parader's Heat with Meadow Ridge Willow.

British Breed Heifer 6 to 12 Months

3rd Meadow Ridge Willow exhibited by Adalee Downs

4th Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

British Breed Heifer 20 to 24 Months

2nd Meadow Ridge Valentina by Concordia Lutheran College

3rd Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

British Breed Heifer 24 Months and over

3rd Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Adalee Downs

Pittsworth Show – QLD | 6th to 8th March

Pittsworth show brought something new for its judges, with it being his first time ever judging Belted Galloways. Thank you to ABGA Members Adalee Downs and Getaway for offering your cattle for the students to exhibit.

British Breed Heifer 6 to 12 Months

3rd Meadow Ridge Willow exhibited by Adalee Downs

4th Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

British Breed Heifer 20 to 24 Months

2nd Meadow Ridge Valentina by Centenary Heights State High School

3rd Meadow Ridge Vera exhibited by Centenary Heights State High School

British Breed Heifer 24 Months and over

3rd Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Adalee Downs

Warrugal Show – VIC | 6th to 8th March

Thank you to Jalaway for flying the Belted Galloway flag at this year's Warragul Show with their team of two Belted Galloways.

Heifer 17 months and under 21 months

2nd Jalaway Mont Vantassari exhibited by Jalaway





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Red Hill Show – VIC | 7^h to 8th March

Red Hill was a relaxed country show, where the cattle are judged in interbreed competition. There were fifteen studs across eight different breeds that competed this year. Congratulations to ABGA Member Silvan Park who exhibited their cattle at this show.

Senior Female 36 months and over

Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

Senior Champion & Grand Champion Female

Silvan Park Topsy exhibited by Silvan Park

Junior Bull 16 to 20 months

Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park

Junior Champion & Grand Champion Bull

Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park

Supreme Beef Exhibit

Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park



Grand Champion Male & Female

Silvan Park Topsy and Silvan Park Viking

Camden Show - NSW | 20th to 21st March

This year's Camden Show had more Belted Galloway entries than recent years, which is wonderful to see within our breed. Thank you to ABGA Member Camden Valley for exhibiting their cattle at this show.

Any Other British Breed Cow or Heifer over 30 months

2nd Grandview Sarah Jamilah exhibited by Camden Valley

Reserve Senior Champion Any Other Breed British Breed

Grandview Sarah Jamilah exhibited by Camden Valley

Any Other British Breed Bull over 6 months, not over 12 months

2nd Camden Valley William exhibited by Camden Valley

Any Other British Breed Bull

Over 16 months, not over 20 months

1st Silvan Park Valentine exhibited by Camden Valley

Champion Junior Bull Any Other Breed British Breed

Silvan Park Valentine exhibited by Camden Valley

Grand Champion Bull Any Other Breed British Breed

Silvan Park Valentine exhibited by Camden Valley



Grand Champion Bull Any Other Breed British Breed

Silvan Park Valentine





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Toowoomba Royal Show - QLD | 26th to 28th March

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 at a QLD show. A special thanks to our Treasurer Baden Geeves for being our ABGA Representative at the show. Thank you and congratulations to ABGA Members Yelkcar, Freedom Rise, Adalee Downs and Getaway (cattle exhibited by Downlands College) for exhibiting your cattle at this show.

Belted Galloway Females

Heifer 6 to 12 Months

- 1st Meadow Ridge Willow exhibited by Adalee Downs
- 2nd Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Centenary Heights SHS
- 3rd Yelkcar Waverly exhibited by Yelkcar

Heifer 12 to 15 Months

- 1st Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College
- 2nd Getaway Willow exhibited by Downlands College
- 3rd Getaway Winter exhibited by Downlands College

Calf Champion Female

Calf Champion Belted Galloway Female

Meadow Ridge Willow exhibited by Adalee Downs

Reserve Calf Champion Belted Galloway Female

Getaway Whitney exhibited by Downlands College

Female 18 to 21 Months

1st Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Adalee Downs

Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Granite Belt Vera exhibited by Adalee Downs

Female 21 to 24 Months

- 1st Meadow Ridge Valentina exhibited by Centenary Heights SHS
- 2nd Meadow Ridge Vera exhibited by Centenary Heights SHS
- 3rd Meadow Ridge Venice exhibited by Adalee Downs

Female over 24 Months

1st Yelkcar Tamara exhibited by Yelkcar

Senior & Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female

Yelkcar Tamara exhibited by Yelkcar

Reserve Senior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Meadow Ridge Valentina exhibited by Centenary Heights SHS



Meadow Ridge Willow



Junior Champion Female

Granite Belt Vera



Grand Champion Female & Supreme Exhibit – Yelkcar Tamara





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Belted Galloway Males

Bull 6 to 12 Months

1st Yelkcar Winchester exhibited by Yelkcar

Calf Champion & Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull

Yelkcar Winchester exhibited by Yelkcar

Belted Galloway Supreme Exhibit

Yelkcar Tamara exhibited by Yelkcar

Breeders Group

1st Yelkcar

Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor

Yelkcar

Miniature Belted Galloway Females

Female 6 to 12 months

1st Freedom Rise Winola exhibited by Freedom Rise

Calf Champion Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Freedom Rise Winola exhibited by Freedom Rise

Female 21 to 24 months

1st Freedom Rise Velvet exhibited by Freedom Rise

2nd Freedom Rise Valentine exhibited by Freedom Rise

Female 24 months and over

1st Freedom Rise Uilani exhibited by Freedom Rise

Senior Champion Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Freedom Rise Uilani exhibited by Freedom Rise

Reserve Senior Champion Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Freedom Rise Velvet exhibited by Freedom Rise

Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female & Supreme Exhibit

Freedom Rise Uilani exhibited by Freedom Rise

Most Successful Miniature Belted Galloway Exhibitor

Freedom Rise



Calf & Grand Champion Bull

Yelkcar Winchester



Miniature Calf Champion

Freedom Rise Winola



Grand Champion Miniature Female & Supreme Exhibit

Freedom Rise Uilani





Sydney Royal Easter Show - NSW | 1st to 3rd May

The Sydney Royal Easter Show saw an increase in Belted Galloway numbers this year with all Belted Galloway entries either winning their class and/or being awarded a broad ribbon. It was an excellent display of Belted Galloways, and a positive move towards hopefully having Belted Galloway classes back at the show in the years to come. Congratulations to ABGA Member Camden Valley for exhibiting your cattle at this show.

Other Recognised Breeds Female, Over 9 and not over 14 months

1st Jameson Park Winifred exhibited by Jameson Park

Other Recognised Breeds Female, Over 14 and not over 20 months

1st Jameson Park Venetia exhibited by Jameson Park

Other Recognised Breeds Female Over 30 months

2nd Grandview Sarah Jamilah exhibited by Camden Valley

Other Recognised Breeds Reserve Champion Female

Grandview Sarah Jamilah exhibited by Camden Valley

Other Recognised Breeds Bull, 9 and not over 14 months

1st Camden Valley William exhibited by Camden Valley

Other Recognised Breeds Bull, 14 and not over 20 months

1st Silvan Park Valentine exhibited by Camden Valley

Other Recognised Breeds Champion Bull

Silvan Park Valentine exhibited by Camden Valley

Goombungee Show - QLD | 18th April

Goombungee Show had three Belted Galloways exhibited at their show. Thank you to ABGA Member Adalee Downs for offering their cattle to Concordia Lutheran College to exhibit.

British Breed Heifer 12 to 16 Months

Meadow Ridge Winnie exhibited by Concordia Lutheran College

Bathurst Royal Show | 1st to 3rd May

This year's show saw exhibitors from both NSW and VIC. The Galloway family combined was the largest breed of the show this year which was a great result for our breeds. Thank you to our Vice President Alexandra for being our ABGA Representative at the show and for awarding our ABGA Sponsored Tartan Sashes and Bronze Medallions to the winners. Thank you and congratulations to ABGA Members 7 Hills and Silvan Park for exhibiting your cattle at this show.



Other Recognised Breeds Champion Bull
Silvan Park Valentine





Belted Galloway Females

Junior Female Under 12 Months

1st Silvan Park Winnie exhibited by Silvan Park

Junior Female 12 and under 16 Months

1st Jameson Park Winifred exhibited by Jameson Park

Junior Female 16 and under 20 months

1st Silvan Park Valtra exhibited by Silvan Park

2nd Jameson Park Venetia exhibited by Jameson Park

3rd 7 Hills Valora exhibited by 7 Hills

Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Silvan Park Winnie exhibited by Silvan Park

Reserve Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Silvan Park Valtra exhibited by Silvan Park

Senior Female 20 and under 24 Months

1st 7 Hills Viva Las Vegas exhibited by 7 Hills

Senior Female 24 and under 30 Months

1st Jandrew Dun Valda exhibited by Chifley College, Shalvey

Senior Female Over 30 Months

1st Silvan Park Princess exhibited by Silvan Park

Senior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Silvan Park Princess exhibited by Silvan Park

Grand Champion Belted Galloway Female

Silvan Park Winnie exhibited by Silvan Park

Belted Galloway Males

Junior Bull 16 and under 20 Months

1st 7 Hills Viking Warrior exhibited by 7 Hills

Junior Champion Belted Galloway Bull

7 Hills Viking Warrior exhibited by 7 Hills

Senior Bull 20 to 24 Months

1st Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park



**Junior & Grand Champion Female
& Supreme Exhibit**
Silvan Park Winnie



Senior Champion Female
Silvan Park Princess



Junior & Grand Champion Bull
7 Hills Viking Warrior





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Senior Champion Belted Galloway Bull

Silvan Park Viking exhibited by Silvan Park

Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull

7 Hills Viking Warrior exhibited by 7 Hills

Belted Galloway Supreme Exhibit & Supreme Galloway Family Exhibit

Silvan Park Winnie exhibited by Silvan Park

Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor

Silvan Park

Miniature Belted Galloway Females

Senior Female 20 and under 24 months

1st Jandrew Viola exhibited by Northlakes High School

2nd Jandrew Violet exhibited by Northlakes High School

Senior Female over 30 months

1st Jandrew Bantam Uliza exhibited by Chifley College, Shalvey

Reserve Senior Champion Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Jandrew Bantam Uliza exhibited by Chifley College, Shalvey

Senior, Grand Champion Female & Supreme Exhibit

Jandrew Viola exhibited by Northlakes High School



Senior Champion Bull

Silvan Park Viking



Supreme Miniature Exhibit

Field Day Report

Seymour Alternative Farming Expo – By Hettie Biersteker of Silvan Park

The Seymour Expo was a well visited event despite the high fuel prices. The weather was perfect, beautiful sunny days and not too warm or too cold. Although it is always freezing in the cattle

pavilion! On display we had 2 heifers and our young bull Viking. Every day they got countless pats from young and old who liked to get up close with them. People are always amazed by how quiet our cattle are. The cattle are there only for display and there is no showing or judging of animals which makes it very relaxed. It gives us a lot more time to talk to people about our breed and how to care for them. The event runs every year for 3 days and the cattle stay overnight.

Seymour is only just up the road from us so we got to go home every night to feed the dog and the cows. The Monday after Seymour Expo we weaned our calves and started (very late) with some preparation

for the then upcoming Royal Bathurst Show. No more shows for us until spring so we can now concentrate on our weaners and find new homes for them. ABGA Members Silvan Park and Jalaway were exhibitors at this field day





Welcome to our newest members:

New South Wales: 818 – Andrew Lumsden

New South Wales: 819 – Alison Arnott, “Mirri”

Upcoming Events

- Entries Open for the National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show (NSW) on 1st of June
- Farm Fest (QLD) - 2nd to 4th June
- Kalbar Show (QLD) - 19th to 20th June
- Adelaide Animal Expo (SA) – 27th to 28th June

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

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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