AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.

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World Galloway Conference 2014

Australian Belted Galloway Association Report

Since our 2012 World Galloway conference report The Australian Belted Galloway Association (ABGA) has continued to maintain the oldest Belted Galloway herdbook in Australia. ABGA still maintains the largest actively-registered number of Belted Galloways in Australia despite the extremely tough drought conditions experience by many breeders. The national herd size of actively registered animals has decreased from 1299 in 2013 to 990 in 2014. Despite the decrease in cattle numbers, ABGA has been able to maintain a stable membership figure over the past few years maintaining a consistent level of new memberships which is pleasing to see.

The association continues to go from strength to strength and is currently in an extremely sound financial position and one of the forthcoming tasks of the committee is to look at how funds can be made available for promotion of the breed. ABGA are soon to celebrate its 40th year anniversary and with support from members will seek to produce a 40th Anniversary Magazine highlighting the success of the breed during this period.

The Royal Shows have been well supported over the past couple of year and I congratulate all those members who attended; not only those who were successful. It is important that we get our members showing so that the breeders put our breed out there before the public at not only Royal Shows but also Country Shows.

Also, an important contribution made by members which is often over looked is the entries in the carcass competitions. This is where Belted Galloways can be truly promoted as a beef breed. Belted Galloways are such a diverse breed and have the ability to compete in these competitions and rank highly against other breeds.

The ABGA council and members warmly wish the World Galloway Conference, host country and German breeders, and all attendees a successful, productive event. We extend an invitation to fellow overseas breeders to please contact any ABGA representative if you are visiting Australia, and would like to explore further what is being achieved with the Australian Belted Galloway.

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