GALLOWAYS AUSTRALIA INC.

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I'm Greg Stuart, President of Galloways Australia. I breed and market Galloway and Belted Galloway cattle for their beef and hides.

Galloways Australia founded in 1997, represents Galloway breeders in all Australian states. The logo depicts the three breeds of Galloway that Galloways Australia represents, that is, Galloway, Belted Galloway and White Galloway.

In Australia there are three associations representing the Galloway breeds. What sets Galloways Australia apart from the others? Galloways Australia's rules and roles are based on indisputable genetic principles and the promotion of all Galloway breeds.

What then is Galloways Australia's Focus?

- Conserving the genetics of the ancient breeds of Galloway and Belted Galloway in a genuine way,

- Conserving the genetics of the newest member of the Galloway family of breeds, White Galloway, so that White Galloway remain a distinct and deserving member of the Galloway family of breeds,

- Promotion of the Galloway family's unique, genetically derived qualities that make the Galloways' characteristics so valuable to the future of grass fed, pasture produced beef, and even beef produced from grain based diets,

- Ensuring that members have the knowledge to exploit the Galloways' unique characteristics and increase the influence of Galloways in the Australian beef industry. This applies to both the beef seedstock industry and to crossbreeding.

Galloways Australia consistently promotes the Galloway breeds as the only cattle breeds that can support claims of excellent feed efficiency, non-selective grazing habits, excellent fertility, excellent beef quality and an ability to produce healthy, tasty, well-marbled meat from eating grass pasture without the need for high grain diets, with valid, peer reviewed scientific data.

Since the last Congress, Galloways Australia has continued research into Galloway beef's nutritional quality. The results were astoundingly good and unexpectedly led to

Galloways Australia's Galloways being inducted into the Slow Food organisations International Ark of Taste, the international Hall of Fame for food eating quality and breed purity.

Research continues into Galloway beef eating quality utilising Meat Standard Australia's (MSA) eating quality assessments. MSA grades beef eating quality into 18 grades with 1 being the highest. The results of this testing consistently show Galloway beef to be 6 times more likely to achieve the highest grading levels than general beef.

Again since the last Congress, Galloways Australia's Galloway genetics, semen and embryos, have been exported to the UK, New Zealand and to Canada.

Galloways Australia's members have exhibited Supreme or Grand Champion Galloways at the major Royal Shows of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Bathurst. Galloways Australia's members are also active in carcase competitions, Galloways excel in these all breed carcase competitions. A bronze medal was awarded this year.

Galloways Australia organises or supports a number of Dinners each year featuring the beef of the Galloway breeds using well known chefs, often Michelin hatted or overseas trained featuring their home country's style. All these Dinners are designed to promote the flavour, juiciness and marbling of Galloway beef to the general public. These Dinners are achieving the result that the name Galloway beef is now being associated by the food press as being quality beef. Furthermore the Australian rural press now often has Galloway articles, a far cry from a short time ago.

These activities are continuing to expand Galloways Australia's membership base and regional coverage. The demand for Galloway beef is often outstripping supply.

The success of the above activities is driven by those unique Galloway genes and the characteristics they express.

To protect these unique Galloway genes, Galloways Australia maintains three separate sections of its Stud Herdbook. The separate sections are for Galloway, Belted Galloway and White Galloway.

Uniquely in Australia, all Galloways Australia registered Galloways must be 100% Galloway, the term in Australia for 100% is full-blood; not pure.

All Galloways Australia registered Belted Galloways must be at least 93.75% Belted Galloway, this recognises that many Belted Galloways in Australia have other breeds in their background while encouraging breeders to seek higher purity. The term in Australia for a 93.75% animal is pure; confusing isn't it.

For White Galloways, the Herdbook is composed of Foundation White Galloways with many supplemented by Galloway genetics. Semen and embryos are currently being imported from Canada. No White Galloways, including those without a colour pattern (i.e. black White Galloways), can migrate to the Galloways Australia Galloway Herdbook. Galloways Australia members will be attending the White Galloway meeting next week as further breed stabilisation is required.
Thank you.