



AGA Galloway News

April 2022



From the President...

Welcome to our April newsletter.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the AGM this week. It was great to have an opportunity for open discussion on any topic at our members' forum after our AGM, and I would like to thank John Bridge for chairing that discussion group.

The 2022 show season has kicked off strongly with great cattle numbers and breeds attending the few country and state capital shows. It is pleasing to hear that the Galloway members have been out and about either exhibiting or supporting each other and helping to promote our breed. If you're planning on attending a field day or show, please let us know in advance so we can help promote it and let other members know that it is on.

With the recent heavy rainfall events up in Queensland and Northern New South Wales having made conditions hard, it is pleasing to see our members rally beside each other, helping and offering support to those affected. I hope none of our members were too badly affected and that their homes and property as well as their loved ones, remain safe.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

Luke Bonar

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have recently joined the Association. We wish you all the best in your journey with the Galloway Family and many years enjoyment of your Galloway cattle.

Joe and Yvonne Costa
Petersham NSW 2049
Kalooki KAL

Benita Cattalini
Denmark WA 6333
Bollygum Farm BFG

Heidi Williams
Yankalilla SA 5203
Belted Hill BHS

Teresa Willis
Drinan QLD 4671
Willdoo Mini Moos WMM

Christopher and Samantha Harvey
Meadows SA 5201
Noorla Farm NFH

Katherine Malouf & George Evans
Newham Vic 3442
Brabyns BRA

Olivia Meredith
Wahroonga NSW 2076
Meredith Meadows MEM

Emily Keating
Beeac Vic 3251
Nates NAT

Chantal and Nick Easy
Dixon Creek Vic 3775
Yarra Fox YFF

Ainsley Davidson and Danny Boy
Rivett ACT 2611
Ainendell AIN

Stephen and Tracy Barry
Draper Qld 4520
Dairy Cream Farm DCF

Leigh Church
Wonga Park Vic 3115
Church Hill Park CHP

Susanne Mitchell
Marulan NSW 2579
Oodlawirra OBG

Maddie Ellis and Graeme Cleary
Daylesford Vic 3460

Committee Information

Graded Up Belted Galloway Bulls

A reminder that from 1 July 2022 you will no longer be able to register Belted Galloway bulls that are graded up and less than 93.75% purity.

This stemmed from the Members' Forum last year following concern that Belted Galloway bulls of less than 93.75% purity are more likely to throw mis-marked Belted Galloway calves.

Following on from that, the Committee discussed the problem, noting that there are very few graded up Belted Galloway bulls in the herdbook. It was agreed that the Association will disallow the grading up of Belted Galloway and miniature Belted Galloway bulls.

Therefore the following rule will be included in the By-Laws:

By-Law 4.1.3

From 1 July 2022 only Belted Galloway bulls with a pedigree of 93.75% and above, that is Fullblood or Purebred, can be used to sire Belted Galloway calves that are eligible for registration in the herd book.

Galloway Breeding and Management Webinars

The February Webinar gave participants an opportunity to ask questions, which lead to some interesting discussions. Malcolm Cock once again facilitated the webinar, and there were six participants from around Australia who attended.

The next Webinar will be held on Wednesday the 11th May at 7.30pm.

The topic will be "Bull Breeding, Selection and Management". The Zoom webinar link details will be forwarded in the next couple of weeks.

If you have a topic you'd like covered, just let us know.

AGA Merchandise

Finally we are seeing more shows being held, and field days back in the paddock at various locations around Australia.

If you'd like some Annuals to take with you to a show or field day, get in touch with the office, and we can post some to you to distribute to interested people who you see and talk to at your event.

A way of identifying yourself is the use of the AGA woolen vest. The vest is also part of the AGA's show uniform, which includes denim jeans, a chambray shirt (pale blue colour) and either a Galloway tartan tie or scarf. There are now ties

and scarves in stock and a wide range of vests. If you need a vest, here is an example of the sizing:

	Chest measurement
Size 16	95 cm
Size 18	100 cm
Size 20	105 cm
Size 22	110 cm
Size 24	115 cm

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Sub-Committee is working on three tasks at present: Website re-development, Field Days and the Annual and newsletters. In addition, there is a Facebook page working group to help with the presentation and content of the Association's facebook page. If anyone would like to help or has any suggestions for any of the above, please contact the office or any Committee member.

Next Committee Meeting

A date has not been set for the next Committee meeting as yet, but it will be held late April or early May. If you have any items you would like to have discussed please contact a committee member or the office.

Events Coming Up

Total Field Day - 29th & 30th April and 1st May 2022

Several members of the Association have joined together to have a site at the Total Field Days. These field days claim to be the Hunter Valley's (NSW) number one field day for industry, education and

visitors. Held at the Tocal Agriculture Centre, 815 Tocal Road, Paterson, NSW 2421, around 300 exhibitors offer the latest in farm, gardening and outdoor equipment, as well as fun events for children and plenty to see, do and eat.

The cattle sites are located on Beef Cattle Road – be sure to call in and catch up with fellow members and breeders.

Out and About

Nowra (NSW) Show 5th February

It was the first time out at a show for Josh Keech of Windaroo Stud and the first time in the show ring for their two heifers, Windaroo Suzie (Min) and Windaroo Summer (Min). All the different breeds attending the show competed against each other in age group classes, with Windaroo Suzie placing second behind a Limousin heifer, and Windaroo Summer placing third in the heifer under 12 months class. There were only three in the class, so Josh entered the two females of any age class mainly for practice in the ring, and was stoked to be placed fourth in a class of eight entrants. Well done Josh and the Beltie heifers!



Windaroo heifers enjoying a rest after their long day at Nowra Show

Maitland (NSW) Show 18th – 20th February

Leeanne Olivieri, Lallybroch Stud, entered her three heifers Lallybroch Saraphina (Min), Lallybroch Scarlett (Min) and Lallybroch Sophie (Min). (See picture on first page.) They were joined by Romani Roger to form the Galloway Family entries at the show. The cattle all looked great and are a credit to their breeders.



Romani Roger at Maitland Show

Royal Canberra Show 25th – 27th February

Royal Canberra Show was held from the 25th to the 27th February, and while the weather was a bit damp at times, the camaraderie and exhibitors' enthusiasm were not.

First time exhibitor at Royal Canberra Show, Josh Keech, provided the following report:

The Royal Canberra Show was held between 25 and 27 February 2022 with a representation of the entire Galloway breed. Known as one of the better shows for Galloways throughout the year, it

was great to see the breed on display again.

The Show saw the full range of Galloways being presented to judge Jack Laurie, including cattle from Romani, Windaroo, 7 Hills, Idavale, Minto and Monreith Studs. Canberra weather for the show is always a little unpredictable, and this time we had a combination of cool weather and passing showers. It meant that some people paraded in the rain and the site was a mud bath by the end of the Show, but it was better than the scorching weather that is often known at Canberra.

With COVID restrictions only just being lifted, and the significant time and planning that it takes to prepare cattle for a show, there was a limited amount of representatives from the breed showing. This was a little disappointing but understanding in the circumstances. Canberra is a great show for Galloways, so it will be good to see more participation as we move away from lockdowns and restrictions.

Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Stud, provided three steers to Murrumburrah High School. The students prepared and presented the steers for the steer competition, with two entered in the Middleweight class (341 to 440 kg liveweight) and one in the Heavyweight class (441 to 500 kg liveweight). One of the middleweight steers placed first in the class with a carcass score of 77.7, and the other placed second. The heavyweight steer carcass scored 73.2 to finish in 6th place. Congratulations to all concerned in getting the steers there.



Greenethorpe Galloways steers at Canberra Show

The Show was a really good opportunity to not only get out showing and competing again, but also to meet fellow stud breeders. Galloways Australia kindly hosted a get together on the Friday night of the Show which was attended by representatives from all three Galloway associations. We saw many people join the social event coming from far and wide to meet up with friends both old and new.

We hope to see the Royal Canberra Show continue to be a strong show for the Galloway breed and encourage all those able to participate in 2024.



Windaroo Suzie – Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit

Results:
Miniature Galloways and Miniature Belted Galloways

Female 8 months and not over 12 months:

1. Windaroo Summer (Min)

Female 12 months and not over 16 months:

1. Windaroo Suzie (Min)
Junior and Grand Champion Female:
Windaroo Suzie (Min)
Reserve Junior Champion Female:
Windaroo Summer (Min)

Bull 24 months and not over 30 months:

1. Romani Roger
Senior and Grand Champion Bull -
Romani Roger

Supreme Exhibit – Windaroo Suzie (Min)

Pair of heifers under 20 months
J Keech - Windaroo



Romani Roger – Grand Champion Bull

The results for the Galloway and Belted Galloway classes were unavailable at the time of publication of this newsletter.

Foster (Vic) Show 26th February

Alison Hilli and John Heard, Jalaway Belted Galloways, took a team of three Belted Galloways to Foster Show. A cow and her calf and a thirteen month old heifer hit the ring in front of a good crowd of people happy to be out and about in the sunshine. After the classes finished Ali and John spent the rest of

the day fielding enquiries about Belties. The calf attracted many admirers and received lots of pats and cuddles.



Red Hill (Vic) Show 12th March

Pat Hunder, Torcroft stud attended the Red Hill Show, and provided this great story:

After two years of Covid cancellations my local show (Red Hill) was a happening event and I wasn't entering, because my best cow didn't calve in time.

I was disappointed that I hadn't prepared an alternative and wondered if my apathy was a covid hangover or if I had convinced myself that I was too old (77) to do this show thing anymore.

At the same time, I kept asking myself if I would be happy being an observer rather than a participant. The answer was a big NO.

On the Wednesday, before the show, I did a substitute entry.

On the Thursday morning I caught and put a halter on an eleven month old weanling heifer, which had never been handled. I tied her up for a few hours. She was totally obliging, and I was totally surprised.

On Friday I shampooed her. While she was drying, in the sunshine, I slipped a nose clip on. She wasn't happy, but she tolerated it.

A few hours later I tried to put a leather halter on her. She went ballistic at the rattling of the chain, so I took the nose clip out and put her back in the paddock. Once again I was unsure about going to the show.

They say if you jump, the net will open and that afternoon Tracey Millet, one of our new AGA members, came by to visit one of her animals.

"Want to stay overnight and go to Red Hill show ? I asked. "Sure" said Tracey.

I was on a roll, so, I got another heifer out of the paddock. This one had a calf at foot so Tracey had the task of haltering and shampooing the baby. Mum had been broken in 2 years earlier, so I knew she'd handle the situation.

Next morning, we packed the car and attached the trailer. "If they don't go straight on we're not going." I said. Well guess what? They all went straight on and we were on our way.

Torcroft Snow White was in the under 12 months section. I took her in the ring in a halter so as not to upset her. Well, she must have department training in her genetics, she walked out like she'd been to 100 shows. She was amazing, however, she was up against 7 Speckle Parks that were doing the first leg of the show circuit before moving on to Sydney Royal. "We look so small and we've had no clipping, so we'll come last" I thought, but no, the judge placed her fourth and then used the microphone to tell the

crowd she was a Miniature Galloway and would win many shows in her own class. He said she was a perfect example of the 60/40 rule (to do with an animals' structural balance), which I hadn't heard of before. I was thrilled.



Torcroft Snow White with Pat Hunder

Next Torcroft Qristina and baby were in the cow under 30 months section. We were the only entry, so I had prize money in my pocket and a chance to parade with the champions. Tracey led baby and did a grand job with him and now she has developed a taste for showing.



Torcroft Qristina and Pat Hunder, right and Torcroft Seb and Tracey Millet. left

I'm so glad I overcame my self doubt and entered the show, because the gains are enormous.

- Two animals are now broken in and have had their first experience of going on a trailer.
- They have been surrounded and handled by crowds of people
- The Galloway breed has been presented to the public (biggest Red Hill show, ever)
- Tracey is going to present her animals at shows which is fabulous for the future of the breed

Royal Toowoomba (Qld) Show 25th – 27th March

Raymond Cross and Baden Geeves, of Freedom Rise stud, exhibited a young bull, two heifers and a cow and calf in the Miniature Belted Galloway classes at the Royal Toowoomba Show.

Results

Bull 6 months and under 12 months:

1. Freedom Rise Storm

Calf and Grand Champion Miniature Belted Galloway Bull:

Freedom Rise Storm

Female 6 months and under 12 months:

1. Freedom Rise Sienna

Female 12 months and under 15 months:

1. Freedom Rise Silhouette

Calf Champion Female:

Freedom Rise Sienna

Reserve Calf Champion Female:

Freedom Rise Silhouette

Female 24 months and over:

1. Freedom Rise Petra

Senior and Grand Champion Female

Miniature Belted Galloway:

Freedom Rise Petra

Daren Rackley exhibited two Belted Galloways with the following results:
Bull 6 months and under 12 months:

1. Yelkcar Rolleston
Calf And Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull:

Yelkcar Rolleston

Female 6 months and under 12 months:

1. Yelkcar Rhiannon

Calf And Grand Champion Female Belted Galloway:

Yelkcar Rhiannon



Freedom Rise females at Royal Toowoomba Show

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Collinsvale Market (Tas) 27th March

Sam and Michael Phillips, Valley View miniature Galloways, ventured to their local market with a cow and calf and two heifers for display. The cattle were the star attraction, and people traveled from all around the state to see them. The number of people asking questions was overwhelming and it's satisfying to see such interest in the breed. The cattle were on their best behaviour all day, and Sam provided brushes so the public could be hands on with the cattle. Sam

and Michael are looking forward to promoting the breed at future shows and field days and invite anyone interested to get in touch with them.



Seymour Alternative Farming Expo 1st – 3rd April

Running from the 1st to the 3rd April at Kings Park, Seymour, Vic, this field day has around 400 exhibitors and explores the latest technology, practices and trends in small and backyard farming. The fine weather drew large crowds and Ali Hilli and John Heard from Jalaway Belted Galloways were in attendance again this year with two Belted Galloway heifers, a dun and a black. Ali said the crowds were good and even across the three days, with lots of genuine enquiries and willingness to



learn about the breed. Many visitors to the site had seen the Jalaway cattle at previous field days, and were keen to catch up with Ali and John again and talk about Belted Galloways and their plans and hopes for their own cattle and farms. Helen Daly from Tarxien Hill shared a site with Silvan park Stud, and her young Belted Galloway bull also attracted a great deal of attention.

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