



# *AGA Galloway News*

## *Winter 2024*

### **From the President**

Greetings Members. This is my first address to the membership. I am not sure if you know of me. My husband and I are on a small farm up in the bush of north west New South Wales. We have a small Galloway stud, and we use Galloway genetics in our commercial beef operation. Our passion is family, Galloway cattle and all things agriculture.

Like most farmers we love a chat and like to share our farming knowledge and experience. Give me a call anytime you want to talk Galloways.

Where has our year gone? According to the calendar, it is still winter but in my garden the fruit trees are showing new buds. Our calving has started for the year, and I am excited to see if our first Galloway calf is a cracker.

Our AGA Committee this year is very committed and enthusiastic, and I am looking forward to the end of the year and reflecting on what we have achieved.

As you were informed by email and also at the member's forum – there is a genetic condition called "Hypotrichosis" which is appearing in the Galloway breed. The AGA is working with the Australian Belted Galloway Association on how to best deal with this condition in Belted Galloways and Galloways. Rest

assured – this is not the end of the world. Other breeds have genetic conditions that they cope with very well. This condition is not life threatening, but we do not want it in our herds. With testing and breeding protocols we can ensure that calves are not born with this condition. There will be education for our members in the near future on how to implement breeding programmes to protect your herds.

A new website is on our agenda and the design and structure is well under way. It is a new fresh look, which will attract a lot more traffic and interest to our Galloway breed. We need quality photos and videos. I am not the best photographer, but I do have a few hints and I know a few people who are good at it, so please contact me if you need some help.

On an exciting note, our membership continues to grow, and I welcome those new members to our fold.

Joanne Tesoriero  
**President**

### **Year Letters**

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## Upcoming Events

### Agri Show Farm Field Day – Moss Vale Showground NSW – 30 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Ben and Bridget Flocco from Belvue Ranch will be in attendance with some of their Belted Galloway cattle. Pam Brown and Judi McKinnon will also be there helping with information and answering queries.

At the AgriShow there are opportunities to meet distributors and manufacturers of agricultural products directly, take advantage of show offers and discover new products that can enhance your farm's productivity regardless of its' size.

At only \$20 for an adult day ticket, it's a great opportunity for those living in the Southern Highlands area of New South Wales.

Here's the link for more information:  
<https://agrishow.com.au/.../07/Agrishow-A4-PREVIEW-WEB-2.pdf>

### Royal Adelaide Show – 31st August to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

For more information in regard to the cattle competitions, please click on the link to the website:  
[www.theshow.com.au/competitions/bef-cattle-led-steers](http://www.theshow.com.au/competitions/bef-cattle-led-steers)



### Freedom Rise Stud Field Day – Yarraman, Queensland – Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Baden and Raymond of Freedom Rise miniature Belted Galloway Stud, located at Yarraman, South East Queensland, will be holding a field day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Get in touch with them soon to book.

Here is the information needed for the day:

**Venue:** Freedom Rise Miniature Belted Galloway Stud, 12340 D'Aguiar Hwy, Yarraman S.E. Qld

**Date:** Sunday 15th September 2024

**Cost:** \$20 per head for members of a Galloway Association (AGA, ABGA & GA); \$30 for Members of a non-Galloway breed Society, and \$40 for others. Children under 12 years of age : \$5. Morning and afternoon teas, and lunch will be provided.

#### Programme:

- 8:30-9:30am: Tour of property, mix and mingle, on-the-go Q&A, and morning tea.
- 9:30am: Cattle breaking. You will be shown how to do the initial and crucial first tie-up and lead. Everyone who wants to will be able to participate.
- 11:30am: Colour outcomes in Belties and how the dun dilution gene works on both red and black animals (with examples).
- 12pm-1pm: Lunch and lucky door raffle. How to make your own

cattle leads. After lunch, make and keep a “3-loop” cattle lead.

- 1pm- 1.30pm: Ear tattooing and applying NLIS and other tags.
- 2 pm: Collection of tail hair samples for DNA requirements
- 2:30pm: Tick fever and 7-in-1 injections.
- Afternoon tea

Baden and Raymond will have breaking sets available for \$60 per set (8 metre main line with loops and 3 leads). If you think that you may want to buy one, please let them know so that they can make them up.

**To book your place, or for more information, please email** Baden and Raymond at [freedomrise@bigpond.com](mailto:freedomrise@bigpond.com) , or call on 0417 859 799 after dark.

### **Melbourne Royal Show – 26<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Although the show runs for 10 days, the cattle competitions run from Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October to Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

For more information in regard to the cattle competitions, please click on the link to the website:  
[www.royalshow.com.au/competitions/breef-cattle/](http://www.royalshow.com.au/competitions/breef-cattle/)

It seems there will be several members competing at the Royal Melbourne Show for the first time, so it would be great to head to the show to support them as well as the members who have been exhibiting there for many years.

### **Royal Bathurst Show, NSW – Belted Galloway Feature Show - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The feature breed for the 2025 Royal Bathurst Show will be Belted Galloways. To be held from the 2nd to 4th May 2025, it would be great to see as many exhibitors as possible at what will be an incredible event for the Belted Galloway breed in Australia. All members from all three Galloway Family Associations are invited to attend and exhibit.

There is prize money up for grabs in all stud and steer classes as well as prize money for all Champions throughout the cattle section.

Events like these are not possible without generous sponsors and those wanting to sponsor classes can contact the feature breed co-ordinator for more information as to how they can support this Belted Galloway feature show. Prizes and sponsorship money are welcome.

Belted Galloways and miniature Belted Galloways will have their own group classes in addition to the interbreed group classes for this feature show. There will be junior bull and heifer jackpots, school stud classes, interbreed group classes, a fancy dress class, junior herdsperson, junior fitting, young judges and paraders classes. Belted Galloway, Galloway, miniature Belted Galloway and miniature Galloway will be shown in separate stud classes. There will be a Galloway family interbreed and a small breeds Interbreed.

For more information about the 2025 Royal Bathurst Show, please feel free to contact the Feature Breed Coordinator, Alexandra Munday via email at [beltedgalloways-7hills@outlook.com](mailto:beltedgalloways-7hills@outlook.com)

## Committee Information

The Committee met on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August and discussed:

- Webinars - presenters, timing and content. Details will be released as they are firmed up and finalised.
  - Banners - the need for some new ones for use at field days, shows and open days. Wording, colour and style were discussed. If anyone is a graphic designer, we'd love to hear from you!
  - Annual – the 2024/25 Galloway Annual is about to commence production. Advertising cost will be the same as in previous years.
  - The Marketing Sub-Committee reported on their activities and discussions
  - 100<sup>th</sup> registered calf parent verification, By Law 1.22 was discussed and it was agreed to change the parent verification to every 50<sup>th</sup> calf. In addition to parent verification, Alpha Mannosidosis testing and Hypotrichosis testing will also take place. The parent verification and testing is at the cost of the Association.
  - Hypotrichosis – this genetic disease was discussed, with the conversation focusing on how best to manage it. It was agreed a sound plan could be the blueprint for management of other genetic diseases which may occur in the future. Feedback has been provided to the joint AGA and Australian Belted Galloway Association Hypotrichosis Sub-Committee to consider.
- The Committee agreed that the Committee meeting agendas and minutes would no longer be sent to members, with a summary of the meeting to be included in the newsletter.

## Annual

The Galloway Annual will be commencing production soon. As usual, your photos will be gratefully received. We do need good quality photos with the cattle shown to their best advantage. We see some great photos on various facebook pages – please take five minutes to go through your photos and send them to the office.

Advertisements – we have kept to the same prices as previous years, and as usual, your Annual advertisement can be either supplied by you, or made up by the Annual publishers for your approval.

Advertisement Costs (including GST):

Quarter Page \$220.00

Half Page \$385.00

Full Page \$577.50

Your advertisement will also be included on the AGA's website.

If you are providing your own advertisement, the sizes are:

*Quarter Page*

Width: 80 mm

Height:125 mm

*Half Page*

Width: 165 mm

Height:125 mm

*Full Page*

Width: 165 mm

Height:250 mm

Please contact the office as soon as possible to book your space.

## South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular 2024

Galloway steers were successful at the 2024 South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular, where the Murrumburrah High School, from Harden, in NSW exhibited Galloway steers bred by Peter Koppman, Greenthorpe Stud, Bumbaldry, NSW.

In the lightweight classes, the steers placed first and second. The first place winner then went on to be awarded Champion commercial steer on the hoof.

Our congratulations to Murrumburrah High School, teacher Jan Young and the students who did such a great job of preparing the steers for the show, and of course to Peter Koppman, pictured below, who bred such fabulous steers.



## Annual General Meeting and Field Day 27th and 28th April 2024

Our 2024 Annual General Meeting and Field Day was held at Lancefield, just north of Melbourne, on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We were blessed with great weather for the field day (after a slightly frosty start), which was hosted by Amber Bruce, Springhill Stud, and her farm partner, Callum. We were very fortunate to have Amber's sister Bree Francis, of "Bree's Bovine Behaviour – Natural Cowmanship" spend the morning demonstrating her methods for quietening cattle and teaching them to accept a halter and to be lead. Bree's approach was gentle and non-confronting to the cattle in the yards and she very quickly gained their confidence.

After lunch we watched demonstrations of ear tattooing and height measurement, followed by Malcolm Cock, ably assisted by Luke Bonar and with some input from Ali Hilli, comment on the structure of some of the Springhill Park herd.

The evening meal at the Lancefield Lodge was delicious, and presentations were made to Pauline Dunk, Luke Bonar and Malcolm Cock, whose terms on Committee had expired or who had resigned. John Bridge, who was unable to attend the weekend, decided not to stand for re-election following the expiration of his term. We are all grateful for the time and effort these former Committee members have given for the governance of the Association.

Allen and Lizette Snaith, of Warialda Belted Galloway Beef, joined us for



dinner, and provided an entertaining after dinner talk about their journey to running a very successful paddock to plate operation, which has picked up many awards over the years and teamed with renowned chefs to promote their Belted Galloway Beef. A success story based on hard work and dedication.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Sunday morning, with the updated constitution passed by those present. Reports from the President, Treasurer and Executive Officer were presented and the committee was ratified. At a meeting following the Annual General Meeting, Joanne Tesoriero was elected President, Judith McCallum Vice President, John Heard Secretary and Sheila Ashenden Treasurer. Committee contacts can be found on page 10.

A short Members' Forum was then held before it was time to wrap up for another year.

If anyone would like to host the Annual General Meeting and Field Day prior to the end of May, please get in touch with the office with your proposal. You will need to consider accommodation and a meeting venue, as well as a field day option. We look forward to hearing from you.



Luke Bonar demonstrating ear tattooing



Enjoying the dinner – Above from left, Holly Dee, Malcolm Cock, Sonya Heron, Jarrod Garraway, Kevin Cannon and Jenni Cannon; Below from left, Judi McCallum, Luke Bonar, John Engisch and Carolyn Engisch



## **World Galloway Conference – New Zealand**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 2025**

The 2025 World Galloway Conference will be held in the deep south of the South Island, starting on Thursday 27 March and running through to Wednesday 2 April 2025.

This is autumn in Southland and Otago, so hopefully participants will be rewarded with the sight of beautiful autumn leaf colours as they travel around these southern regions.

The starting location is in the city of Invercargill, on the south coast, for 3 nights, then participants will travel by coach north to Queenstown, located inland in the mountains on beautiful Lake Wakatipu on Sunday to stay for a further 3 nights.

Direct flights are available into Invercargill Airport from the international airports of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Direct flights are available out of Queenstown Airport to Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, with access to connecting flights around NZ. There are also direct flights from Queenstown to the Australian cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Air New Zealand, Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar.

WGC2025 Chairman, Angela McNaughton, thinks some of the Waikato breeders may be planning a short itinerary prior to start of the congress for anyone interested in visiting this area in the North Island, to see some Riggitt Galloways and other local herds.

It is expected that registration for the Congress and hotel bookings will be available from 1 April 2024, and further information will be sent out prior to that date.

Angela would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone from anywhere in the world that shares our common interest in the Galloway breed of cattle. Our breeders look forward to hosting you in New Zealand.

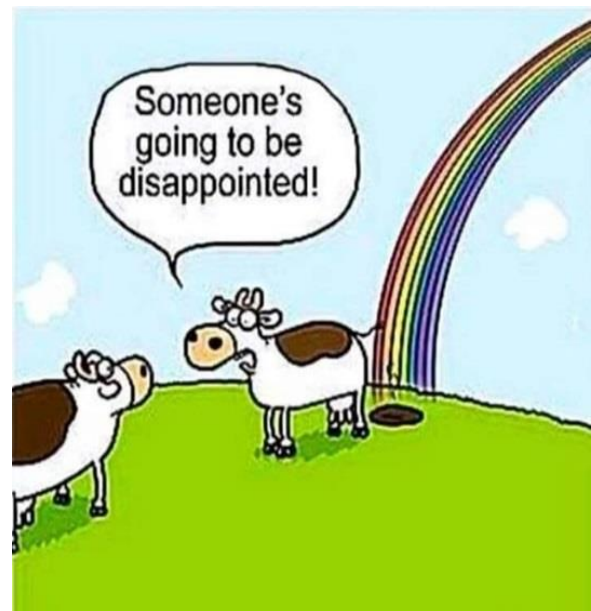
If you are intending to register for WGC2025, please note our Early bird Special available to 31 August 2024. As long as you send your registration form prior to this date, you will receive the Early Bird Special price of NZ\$1250 per person and can pay anytime within the next 3 months. Any questions please contact:

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## **Administration Matters**

### **Registrations and Transfers**

*Documents continue to be received that have not been completed correctly.*

- *Please check* tattoos carefully to ensure the letter matches the year of birth.
- Ensure you sign documents - remember to sign the reverse of the registration certificate to authorise a transfer, and sign the top of the registration form.
- If you are transferring a miniature Galloway please don't forget to include a current hip height measurement.
- Even if you are selling to someone who is not an AGA member, it is still important to transfer the cattle into the purchaser's name. We have recently had many instances of people purchasing registered cattle and wanting to register calves, but the registrations are still in the original breeder's name. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the transfer and provides a trail of ownership of the cattle.

### **Herdbook Errors**

If you see an error in the herdbook in relation to your cattle, please contact the office and we will organise to have it certificates when you receive them after your cattle have been registered and if there are errors please let us know so they can be corrected.

## **Website**

As you may be aware, the Association's website is in the process of being renewed. We are looking for good, fresh photos, stories and videos, for use on the new site. Please email them to the office for consideration.

### **Semen Listing on AGA Website**

If you have semen listed for sale on the AGA's website, would you please check the details and ensure they are current. Please let the office know if details need to be updated.

If you have semen for sale you would like included on the website and in the Annual would you please let the office know.

## **Cattle Agility**

You may well ask what Cattle Agility is! It is possible some may have recently seen Noeline Cassettari on the "Sunrise" morning television programme, with her sheep, Beanie. Beanie is Noeline's Valais Blacknose sheep which has become a Guinness World Record holder in the category of "most tricks performed by a sheep". Noeline also holds awards for tricks with her miniature horses, and recently purchased some miniature Galloways.

Noeline, from Somersby in New South Wales writes:

"What do you do with a pet Galloway?"



This is exactly what I wondered when I bought them. The answer is... agility and tricks! Just like pet dogs.

Cattle can compete in 'Any Other Animal Agility' online, by submitting a video entry to the International Horse Agility Club. There is a different course every two months. Building the course is the hardest part for me, but most of the equipment can be found in Bunnings.



Saxon, a two year old steer, above, and Hooray, a 12 year old cow, below, enjoy doing agility.



The food rewards along the way I am sure play a big part of that! All the tricks and training are done at liberty so they can choose to wander off at any time, but they don't.

So far there has only been one other cow competing in agility against us. That is Ghost, from Nebraska, who also holds the Guinness World Record for the most

tricks done by a cow in 1 minute – ten tricks). We usually lose points because I make mistakes remembering the course. The animals are always perfect! It did take a while for the cattle to be confident going through the plastic strip curtain, but both of them excel at side passing. The first thing I taught the cattle was to back up. They know they will only get a treat if they do so when I ask. I use teff hay cubes, which are easy to pop into their mouths.

Saxon has a first-place ribbon! On another occasion, we were beaten by a turkey and a guinea pig, but we placed higher than a dog!

Both Saxon and Hooray have also earned their Novice Trick Title through 'Do More With Your Dog' and 'Cattle Tricks 101'. Their 15 qualifying tricks included rolling out a carpet, playing the piano, standing on a platform, and walking on a loose leash.

Training is done with a clicker and treats. Just like dogs learn. So basically... they are just like huge puppies!

My Galloways are from Leeanne Olivieri at Lallybroch Galloway Stud. I am thrilled that they both learned so fast and are willing to join me in such fun activities. Hooray was 12 years old when I bought her, which shows that even oldish cows can learn new tricks!

I have learned there is a lot you can do with a pet Galloway!"



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## **The Australian Farmer Digital Journal**

The Australian Farmer Digital Journal is free to access and has recently been updated with new articles and information. Information about the journal can be found below, along with links to the website and various new articles which you may find interesting.

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Below are some of the articles that have been added to TAF in recent months:

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- [“Cultivating agribusiness success through the workforce” p 124](#)
- [“The place of the horse in rural and recreational Australia” pp 198-199](#)
  - [“A game-changing combo for farmers and fencers” pp 36-37](#)
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