



# *AGA Galloway News*

## *Autumn 2024*

### **From the President**

Hi Fellow Members,

Hope everyone has had a good season .... good for us and good for our **breed of choice... The Galloway Breed** with all the different types and colour patterns!

A big welcome to all our new members, I hope you really enjoy being members of the Galloway Family, not only in Australia, but worldwide. When I have travelled overseas I have always been shown warm hospitality from Galloway people.

Speaking of World Galloways, we have just had the World Conference in Sweden last year, and the next one is in New Zealand's South Island from 27th March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025: I will be going!

A special welcome to the Murrumburrah High School for joining the membership and for first time exhibiting Galloways at the Canberra Show. I have seen so many students get so much from working with animals, it can stay with them for life.

There is a newly surfaced genetic defect in the Galloway Breed: Hypotrichosis. Information has been sent to all members and the committee is working to determine the extent of occurrence, and will be working with the Australian Belted Galloway Association to quickly

develop best management strategies. Members will be kept informed as soon as possible. All breeds have genetic defects and luckily there are accurate DNA tests so we can retain genetic lines and manage the defect in the Galloway breed.

Hope you have all enjoyed the Galloway Annual so professionally produced by Sallie and thank you to all who contributed content. The more good photos and stories the better.

The review of the AGA Rules has been completed with some minor changes. Please take note of the motions relating to those rule changes and vote. If you can't attend the meeting proxy forms previously circulated should be received by the office prior to 9.30 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

I believe every one enjoyed our field day and dinner at the last AGM weekend. Well, it is on this coming weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April. I'm looking forward to catching up with new and old friends and sharing our Galloway journeys.

It's great to see our members out and about and in the newsletter you will see reports of their activities, and we celebrate your successes and encourage you to keep up your endeavours.

Cheers, Mal  
President

## Committee Information

The Committee has worked over the past twelve months to manage the affairs of the Association, and with the Annual General Meeting coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, it heralds in a new committee. We thank John Bridge, Luke Bonar and Pauline Dunk for their contributions and commitment over the past several years, and wish them well with their future endeavours.

Sheila Ashenden, Koaty Nerno stud, from Witchcliffe in Western Australia, will be joining the committee, and we look forward to working with her. Sheila has been involved in the hospitality industry for the past 13 years, and also concurrently in recent years worked in the oil and gas industry in a number of different management and project leadership positions. We'd like to take this opportunity of welcoming Sheila to the committee.

The contact details of the new Committee (subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting) are listed on the last page.

## Year Letters

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## Administration Matters

### ***Registrations and Transfers***

Recently there have been many documents 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 the 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.

### ***Information and Photos***

We are always looking for photos and information. If you have been to a show, cattle camp, field day, visited somewhere interesting, etc., please send us information so we can include it in the newsletter, annual and facebook page.

### ***Seymour Alternative Farm Expo***

It was great to see members attending the Seymour Alternative Farm Expo, which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Hettie Biersteker, Silvan Park Belted Galloways, assisted by Sonya Heron, and Ali Hilli and John Heard, Jalaway Belted Galloways all attended and reported a busy time with many enquiries from the people attending, as well as catching up with people they had met there in the past.

Field Days are invaluable in presenting your cattle to the public and a great way to speak to interested people.

### ***Total Field Days 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May***

Total Field Days is celebrating 40 years of field days in 2024, and Josh Keech, Windaroo stud, and Kristie Morris, Ellanedry stud will be there in the cattle section exhibiting their Belted Galloways. They would love to see you there and catch up for a chat, so be sure to drop in and say hello.

Total Field days is the premier field day in the Hunter and Central Coast region of New South Wales, and attracts over 340 exhibitors, and there is something to see for everyone. For more information see [www.tocalfielddays.com](http://www.tocalfielddays.com).

### ***Belvue Ranch, Mittagong, NSW, teams up with Chevalier College***

Ben Flocco, Belvue Ranch Belted Galloway Stud, has teamed up with his former school college, Chevalier College, and donated 200kgs of DDG pellets , along with the trucker caps that had the AGA logo embroidered on them, and some older AGA annuals.

Mrs Verity, the Ag teacher, was very appreciative and surprised by all the merchandise and information and annuals donated and plans on distributing it to the cattle team and sends her gratitude.



Ben writes; "We met at the cattle yards after school finished and took a tour through the ag plots of their impressive infrastructure and cattle show team. Since I graduated in 2001 the college has extended it's agricultural programme to include an under cover yard and parading arena with attached classrooms and amenities for senior students. The cattle team consists of 3 well structured cream Charolais bred from Mrs Verity's previous school team in outer western NSW, three Angus breed locally from the Yallambee Angus stud and two Belted Galloway bred and donated by us. All are steers.

Our steers are both approximately a year old:

Belvue Ranch Utility  
Dob: 08/03/2023  
Dam: Meadow Ridge Rosa Bella  
Sire: Belvue Ranch Riccardo



Belvue Ranch Utility

Both steers were weighed early February at approximately 275kgs and are putting on 1.2kgs daily average, however Mrs Verity stated she has decided Chevalier College won't be taking them to Sydney Royal as they won't make the minimum entry weight of 350kgs. Both the steers will do the local show circuit in the southern highlands consisting of Kangaroo Valley, Robertson and Mossvale shows with an additional chance to exhibit the Galloway breed at their college open day in April as the rest of the cattle team will be processed after the Sydney Royal steer carcass comp.

Mrs Verity normally attends Scone's Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza toward the end of the year but is unsure at this stage if Utility and Tenderloin will go with the show team or continue to stay at the college for in house cattle training with the rest of their show team of over 40 students, 26 of them currently in year 7. Both the Belties have grown to be the ag plot fluffy favourites with most the students.



Belvue Ranch Tenderloin (pictured above)  
DOB: 20/12/2022  
Dam: Jalaway Watch Me Qjump  
Sire: Belvue Ranch Riccardo

Belvue Ranch would like to acknowledge and thank AGA for their support of sending up merch and liaising with our local committee member and personal stud mentor Pamela Brown of Red Ochre Stud for supplying the annuals for the

student's Galloway research and educational purposes. Fingers crossed a couple of the students can catch the Beltie bug and our breed of choice!!! Hoping this encouragement helps continue to grow the galloway breed in popularity locally and sustainably."

## Show Results

### Royal Canberra Show

Royal Canberra Show was held from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Judge: Hannah Powe

#### *Miniature Belted Galloways and Miniature Galloways*

Female

8 months and not over 12 months

1. Windaroo Numero Uno – Josh Keech

2. Windaroo Ursula – Josh Keech

Junior Champion Female: Windaroo

Numero Uno

Reserve Junior Champion Female:

Windaroo Ursula



Windaroo Ursula, with Josh Keech, above

Male

Bull 16 months and not over 20 months

1. Windaroo Tank – J Keech

Junior and Grand Champion Bull:

Windaroo Tank

Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway and

Miniature Galloway and winner of the

Bangalla Harry Trophy: Windaroo Tank.



WindarooTank, with Josh Keech, above

#### *Belted Galloways*

Female

8 months and not over 14 months

1. Jameson Park Uptown Girl – Jameson

Park 14 months and not over 20 months

1. Grandview Trudy – Camden Valley

Farm

2. Jalaway TicToc Watch – Kristie Morris

Junior Champion Female: Jameson Park Uptown Girl

20 months and not over 24 months

1. Pageoway Turmeric – Chelsea Filmer

2. Pageoway Sushi – Chelsea Filmer

30 months and over

1. Windaroo Quinn – Josh Keech

Senior Champion Female: Pageoway

Turmeric

Reserve Senior Champion Female:  
Pageoway Sushi  
Grand Champion Female: Jameson Park  
Uptown Girl



Pageoway Turmeric, above

Male  
Bull 8 months and not over 10 months  
1. Pageoway Ugo – Chelsea Filmer  
2. Jameson Park Uptown Boy- Jameson  
Park  
Junior and Grand Champion Bull:  
Pageoway Ugo  
Reserve junior Champion Bull: Jameson  
Park Uptown Boy



Pageoway Ugo, above

Breeders Group  
1. Pageoway - Chelsea Filmer  
Supreme Belted Galloway: Jameson Park  
Uptown Girl

Galloway  
Female  
8 months and not over 12 months  
1. Monreith Uphrates – J & S Vials  
12 months and not over 16 months  
1. Minto Black Sprite – C Hart  
2. Lilliesleaf Moonstone – Lilliesleaf  
Galloways  
3. Monreith Uma – J & S Vials  
16 months and not over 20 months  
1. Greenethorpe Tina – Murrumburrah  
high School  
2. Monreith Talvi – J & S Vials  
3. Greenethorpe Enchant –  
Murrumburrah High School  
4. Minto Honeysuckle – Lilliesleaf  
Galloways  
Junior Champion Female: Minto Black  
Sprite  
Reserve Junior Champion Female:  
Greenethorpe Tina



Greenethorpe Tina with handler April  
Drew and the associate judge.

Pair of Galloway Heifers under 20  
months  
1. Murrumburrah High School  
2. Lilliesleaf Galloways  
3. J & S Vials  
30 months and over  
1. Minto Kirsty – C Hart  
2. Lilliesleaf Raven – Lilliesleaf Galloways  
3. Minto Gretel – G Stuart

Senior Champion Female: Minto Kirsty  
Reserve Senior Champion Female:  
Lilliesleaf Raven  
Grand Champion Female: Minto Black  
Sprite  
Males  
30 months and over  
1. Minto Lincoln – C hart  
Senior and Grand Champion Bull

Supreme Galloway: Minto Black Sprite



Above: Greenethorpe Tina, left, with handler April Drew, and Greenethorpe Enchant, right, with handler Bonnie Abnett.

*Most Successful Junior Exhibitor of Royal Canberra Show*

Chelsea Filmer, Pageoway Belted Galloway Stud, received a special award for most successful junior exhibitor across the whole beef cattle section. Congratulations Chelsea, very well deserved. A just reward for your hard work during the show, and your cattle are a real credit to you.



Chelsea Filmer, above with her prizes for Most Successful Junior Exhibitor at Royal Canberra Show.

## Nanango Show

Freedom Rise Miniature Galloway Stud attended Nanango Show on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Proston High School students assisted with handling the cattle.



## Silvan Park Activities

Wow, this was the most unusual start of the year with 240mm of rain in January, after an already wet spring. Unbelievable, but no complaints. The grass, the cows and ourselves were all loving it. It did come to an end but it was not really until March before it dried up. The cows and calves can all be classed as "obese", ha ha. Glad our calves are born in spring and we did not have to worry about cows eating too much before calving. Having said this we have now started to feed out a bit of homemade silage. It keeps everybody happy.

In January we took Silvan Park Topsy and Silvan Park Tim Tam to the Lang Lang Show. Lang Lang show is an interbreed show which means that you don't compete in your own breed classes, but are up against all other breeds at the show. Silvan Park Topsy and Silvan Park Tim Tam competed and were very popular, but didn't get a placing this time.



Silvan Park Tim Tam and Silvan Park Topsy in a junior paraders class.

We had a great time and Allen Snaith from Warialda Belted Galloway Beef cooked breakfast for all the cattle exhibitors followed by a delicious lunch with slow cooked Beltie beef! We also

caught up with Fiona Glover, who was my instructor years ago at the Stud Beef Handlers Camp.

The next show we attended was Red Hill. Red Hill show is also an interbreed show and there were quite a few cattle there! This time Silvan Park Topsy got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her class of 8! The Charolais heifer got 1<sup>st</sup> but Topsy managed to beat Angus, Limousins and Simmentals, all much larger breeds than our Belted Galloways. A great achievement from our beautiful Topsy! We were judged by Courtney Hazeldene from Ganado Greys (Murray Grey breeder). Sonya Heron from Balytyckle Miniature Galloways came up for the day to help lead the girls.



Silvan Park Topsy, left, led by Sonya Heron, and Silvan Park Tim Tam, right, led by Hettie Biersteker.

All these little country shows are great to show off our lovely breed to the public and catch up with other breeders.

Silvan Park Topsy and Silvan Park Tim Tam were on display at the Seymour Alternative Farm Expo and proved very popular with the visitors.

After the Expo it will be weaning time for the calves. That is always a time of sadness and happiness. They will miss each other's company but they will have



all their mates around them. The weaners will learn to be independent and will be loaded with good feed (homemade silage and chaff) whilst they are learning their way in and around the cattle yards. The mothers will notice quickly that they don't need to make milk anymore and only have to look after themselves. They will get a bit of hay as a distraction.

The next step is halter breaking the next generation of show girls and taking heifers and steers to their new homes.

Before we know it the cows will start calving again from mid August. Once calving is finished we will go to the spring shows like Whittlesea and Yea. We will keep you posted!

We are hoping to see and meet many of you at the AGM weekend the end of this month.

*Hettie Biersteker and Andre Groot*

### **Ellanedry Stud hits the Show Ring!**

Well, what an amazing start to our showring career!

After purchasing our new heifer, Jalaway TicToc Watch last year, we discussed taking her to Canberra Royal Show with her breeder Ali Hilli. With Ali's full support and help we kicked off our first time in the ring at Royal Canberra Show achieving a second place in our class. By far the highlight was meeting and networking with all the other Beltie competitors. An amazing bunch of welcoming people and a credit to the community!

Off home to hit the local Ag Show circuit and what a wonderful time we have had. Champions in Belted Galloway and Rare Breeds classes, along with special mentions in every champion female line up against some very good bigger beef breeds. But the pinnacle so far is our Supreme Beef Exhibit at Wauchope Show. This was against 8 other female and then a lovely bull.



Jalaway TicToc Watch, Supreme Beef Exhibit at Wauchope Show.

"A beautiful type, fantastic depth, spring of rib, great coverage while remaining feminine and so lovely and soft", are just some of the judges words shared with the competitors and audience.

Our success has been great, but by far the best part has been the fun and wonderful people we have met along the way! Thank you to the Galloway family for all the support, it will never be forgotten nor not passed on.

We will be representing the breed at Tocal Fields Days and Wingham Beef Week. Please be sure to find us there.

*Kristie Morris*

## Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp

Four big days of fun filled activities, presentations, networking and plenty of time with hands on experiences with beef cattle. We've returned home with a few achievement awards under our belts and plenty of useful and relevant beef industry prizes. More importantly it's the memories and knowledge that we've earned and gained while spending our time at the camp. Not only was the programme and schedule well structured, but it captivated all ends of the spectrum of paraders from the younger students up to the senior class.

Every day was full of exciting group activities, informative presentation sessions hosted by professionals currently in the beef industry, plenty of good fresh food catering for the hungry paraders, equipment and ballot animals and smiling faces willing to help us out or answer any questions.



Ben Flocco and Anne Wilson

The Galloway family had four studs present at the camp this year.

Danny Boy of Ainendell Miniature Galloways from Bega Valley New South

Wales, took part in the senior parader section.

Holly Smith of Faraway Valley stud from Seymour Victoria, was also a senior parader with her Belted Galloway heifer Faraway Valley Uptown Girl Affair.

Ben Flocco, senior parader, of Belvue Ranch, Canyonleigh, New South Wales also took part alongside his junior parader children Belle and Bastian.



Belle and Bastian Flocco intent on preparing their ballot cattle..

Anne Wilson of Grandview Belted Galloways is a committee member and also volunteered her services for the camp.

Belvue Ranch wishes to thank the committee, volunteers, presenters and judges Sarah, Rob and Erin for a great weekend and highly recommends the camp to anyone interested in attending next year should definitely give it a go!! The camp was recommended to us, and we were encouraged to attend and we thoroughly enjoyed the whole camp.

Belvue Ranch would also like to thank Longview Agriculture Simmental and Angus along with Meadowvale Shorthorns for supplying our team with ballot animals and the necessary

equipment. Thank you to the friendly owners of both studs for all your help and encouragement over the weekend It was great to see so many other enthusiastic and positive participants, make some new mates and reconnect with familiar faces from other shows.

One thing that is very clear- everyone at these handlers camps are there because they want to help themselves grow or upskill and help others do the same! Brilliant weekend, congratulations Stud Beef Victoria!

Ben Flocco



Danny Boy, Holly Smith and Ben Flocco

## Victorian Farmers Federation – Stock Sense Farming Essentials

There is a VFF Stock Sense Farming Essentials Series of Webinars which are suitable for start up and also long time farmers who are wanting to review their operations. The webinars are available on YouTube – the link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySGh6s7Aajs>.

It would also be worthwhile for AGA members to register to receive all the accompanying farming reference information and links. The series includes planning, assessing, managing and

setting up your farm, selecting, buying and managing your livestock, etc.

The Victorian Farmers Federation has developed resources to help Victorian livestock producers adopt animal health and production practices that improve animal welfare and Victoria's biosecurity status. There is a wealth of information that is relevant to producers anywhere in Australia. You can access information by visiting the website:

[www.vff.org.au/stock-sense/](http://www.vff.org.au/stock-sense/)

For advice on animal health, welfare and biosecurity, get in touch with the Stock Sense team via [stocksense@vff.org.au](mailto:stocksense@vff.org.au). Quarterly newsletters are available, along with events and workshops, and fact sheets with key animal health and biosecurity information.



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