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**AGA Members Out and About...**

# President's Report

## Shane Smeathers

Welcome members, friends and Galloway enthusiasts to your Australian Galloway Association 2017/18 Annual.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Association members for the hard work you do in promoting the Galloway Family. You have put forward a great representation of Galloway cattle at Shows, Field Days and farm visits over the last 12 months, resulting in continuing interest and support in the Galloway Family, with many new breeders joining our Association.

The 12th World Galloway Congress next year will be held during Royal Melbourne Show, from the 28th of September through to the 3rd of October 2018. This Congress is being organised by the Australian Belted Galloway Association, with support from the Australian Galloway Association. I encourage you all to support this event, as the whole Galloway family is invited to attend and be represented. It's a great way to meet Galloway breeders from all over the world and share ideas and make new friends along the way. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the last World Galloway Congress in 2016 in the UK and I can say it was a very special time for me to be a part of something that had so many Galloway Family Breeders sharing their experiences and their breeding in their respective countries. So let's get

out there and show the world what great Galloways we have in Australia!

The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field Day at Bundanoon in May was a great success and enjoyed by all members attending, with a great amount of information shared over the weekend from guest speakers. At the dinner the guest speaker gave a great insight into the history of different breeds being imported into Australia. I encourage all members to attend future AGM weekends as it's a great chance to catch up with other breeders and ask questions.

Please remember when receiving correspondence from the Association office to take the time to read it carefully, as the information is keeping you up to date with any changes or requirements within the association and it's Rules and By Laws, and it is your responsibility to be familiar with them. If at any time you change your email address or postal address please let the office know ASAP so details can be updated. When you are requiring promotional material make sure you let the office know well before the event it's required for to allow for the material to reach you in time.

I wish you all the best for the next season with full dams and lots of grass.

*Shane Smeathers*

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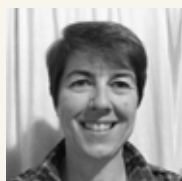
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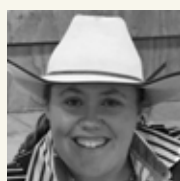
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# Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud

*Lindsay and Sally Mulligan are the owners of the Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud which is located 8 kilometres northeast of Armidale in the New England district of northern New South Wales. Although this is a relatively new stud, it has quickly developed into one of the larger Miniature Belted Galloway studs in Australia.*

The Mulligans purchased their 100 acre property in 2008. Their land was originally part of a property owned by Lord De L'Isle, a former Governor General of Australia. There was very little in the way of improvements when they took possession. Although the pastures were in good condition, the fences were poor and needed to be completely replaced. "There was no house, in fact no buildings at all. There were no yards, no roads and no power, just a small number of dams that supplied stock water," said Lindsay.

Although there was very little in the way of capital improvements, this presented the opportunity to start from scratch and develop a property in the way the owners wanted. The property is also ideally located with great views and is close to Armidale. Since the Mulligans started developing the farm, they have constructed roads, connected power, built a passive solar house, machinery shed, hayshed, stables, stockyards, cattle handling facilities, hothouse/greenhouse, garden sheds, developed large vegetable and flower gardens, an orchard and chookhouse. In addition they have completely fenced the whole of the property into 14 paddocks with new rabbit proof fencing. They have also sunk a bore and developed an extensive water reticulation system for stock and domestic use. Hundreds of trees have been planted, including a stunning driveway of lipstick maples that create a glorious red avenue in the autumn.



*Sally and Lindsay Mulligan*

Lindsay was born at Guyra, 40kms north of Armidale, and raised on a sheep and beef cattle property just west of the town. Horses and other sporting pursuits have played a large part in his life. He attended many pony camps in the district and competed successfully at shows throughout northern NSW as well as Royal shows in Sydney and Brisbane. He later became the Chief Instructor of the Guyra Pony Club. Lindsay was also a successful cricketer and represented Guyra and the Northern Tablelands at both junior and senior level. He went on to play first grade cricket in Sydney with the Sydney Cricket Club. He was also a member of the senior Northern NSW Emu Club team that made a three month world tour that played games in countries such as the United States, Canada,



*Miniature Belted Galloways at Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud, Armidale, NSW*

Germany, Denmark, Holland, England, Bahrain, Malaya and Singapore. Lindsay said, "There were many highlights on this tour, one was playing at Brockton Oval in Vancouver which Sir Donald Bradman described as having the most magnificent setting of any ground he ever played on." Lindsay also toured New Zealand with the Emu Colts and played competitive rugby league, soccer, golf and polocrosse.

Lindsay is a civil engineer and is involved in project management of highway and bridge construction. This work has seen him manage projects along the east coast of Australia in many towns and cities between Hervey Bay and Sydney.

Sally's family moved to Guyra when she was in her early teens after her father was appointed as the Guyra High School principal. Her family owns a small farm on the outskirts of town where Sally became deeply interested in agricultural pursuits. She is very interested in agricultural sustainability and has completed courses on regenerative and organic farming. She has also completed courses on stock management, including low stress management techniques. Sally is a registered nurse and has specialised in oncology and emergency nursing and works at the Armidale Hospital.

Lindsay and Sally also spent 2 years working in Ireland. Sally worked at the Mater Private Hospital in Dublin and then at the Waterford Hospital. Lindsay worked on the Waterford Bypass Project that included the biggest bridge in Ireland. Working in Ireland was a great experience and also provided the opportunity to spend holidays and weekends in places such as Barcelona, Rome, Paris, London and Edinburgh as well as travel extensively throughout Ireland. After purchasing their property, Lindsay and Sally primarily ran Angus steers for a number of years. The method of

operation was to purchase weaners around Easter each year and keep them for around 12 months and by this time they were sold to go into the feedlot market. Although this operation was relatively easy and was well suited to their off farm employment, the Mulligans decided to take on the more challenging prospect of starting a stud cattle enterprise.

The first consideration was to select a breed. Belted Galloways were always a favoured option, mainly because of their striking appearance. After closely researching several breeds, the Belted Galloways became an even more attractive proposition because of such features as placid temperament, easy calving, excellent beef quality, adaptability to hot and cold climates, hardiness, non selective grazers, feed conversion and mothering ability. After settling on Belted Galloways a decision was made to go for miniatures or Mini Belties as they are better known. Mini Belties are ideal for smaller farms as they are very attractive, easy to handle and can be used as lawnmowers on small acreage blocks. "Mini Belties are also becoming popular in the restaurant trade where the smaller serving sizes are ideally suited to meal serving sizes," said Sally. Buyers also pay a premium for their hides because of the striking black and white colour contrast.

The next decision was where to source foundation cattle from. It soon became obvious that the number of Mini Belties in Australia (and overseas) is limited, especially as the Mulligans wanted to have fullbloods as opposed to purebred or graded cattle. After much homework, it was decided to purchase cattle from the Glenblairie Stud in central Victoria. Arie and Erica Eyles are the owners of this stud and were very accommodating and permitted Lindsay to carefully select the pick of their young Miniature Beltie cattle. Eventually 20 young cows and a bull were selected and purchased from Glenblairie. "I think Arie may have been a little surprised, and possibly offended, with the relatively large number of heifers we rejected because some did not fully conform to the strict criteria we set, however, we are determined to only have the best cattle available," said Lindsay.

So Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud became operational with the purchase of these cattle. Twelve months later further female cattle were again purchased from Glenblairie and another bull was purchased from the Dragon Bridge Stud on the NSW Far North Coast. Killure Stud is now getting close to its target of around 40 breeding cattle.



*A Killure Miniature Belted Galloway Stud foundation female, Glenblairie Mini Kath (AJE K02)*

The primary objective of Lindsay and Sally is to improve the genetics of their cattle herd. Although profit is an important consideration, it is not the main driving force. Quite simply, the owners want to produce the best quality Miniature Belted Galloways as they possibly can. To do this they are considering breeding programs using embryo transfer and artificial insemination from genetically superior animals. They are also not afraid to cull heavily. No cattle are kept on the property that do not fully conform to the breed standards. Good conformation, temperament and belts are highly regarded.

The Mulligans have plenty of other interests as well as their cattle. At the top of the list are the miniature horses that have added a new dimension to life on the farm. "These horses have their own personalities and are real characters, especially when they fight with each other to be the first to get treats or attention. They also love to sneak up to the cattle and lick their ears when they are sitting down resting," said Sally.

Wiltipoll sheep are also bred on the property. These sheep are an Australian developed breed

based on the English Wiltshire Horn. They are polled sheep and their fleece is self shedding which eliminates any need for shearing. They are therefore extremely easy to run and require very little work and also have high lambing percentages. The Mulligans also have alpacas and Maremma livestock guardian dogs. One Maremma lives with the chooks in the orchard and effectively keeps any foxes or other predators well away. This means that the chooks never need locking up - they just go into their chookhouse to roost when they feel like it. "We have never lost any chooks to foxes. We regularly see foxes close to the orchard where the chooks are but they never try to go in because of the Maremma," said Sally.

Besides the animals, Sally's other great love is gardening - both vegetables and flowers. She grows many different vegetables all year round which is a big effort in a climate like Armidale's where winter minimum temperatures get as cold as minus 12 degrees - but the hothouse helps a lot. One of her notable achievements was to grow a record breaking 265kg giant pumpkin at her



*Lindsay and Sally Mulligan with one of their other interests, their miniature horses.*

first attempt. She spends many hours every week in her flower garden and she specialises in delphiniums which can be a challenge for a lot of gardeners. Time, or lack of, is the biggest issue for Lindsay and Sally. There never seems to be enough time to get all the things done that they want to. This is especially so now that Lindsay is involved in a construction project that requires him to fly to Sydney each week.

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# Young Members Out and About...

## Stud Beef Victoria Handlers Camp

The 2017 Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers camp was held in Melbourne at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, during the winter school holidays with a good line-up of Belted Galloways present. Studs which provided cattle for the handlers were Eagle Ridge with one miniature Belted Galloway for Jessica Vardy, five Windy Hollow Belted Galloways, with Maxine and Madison Avery attending, one Karandrea Galloway and seven Jalaway Belted Galloways. The Camp included a wide range of educational activities culminating in a Cattle Show, Judging Competition and Paraders Competition.

Participants learnt about the world of cattle breeding and showing. Things like how to wash, groom, clip and generally make their cattle look their best

for the show ring, and all in a fun and caring environment. The participants were divided into groups based on experience and age, starting from 8 year old juniors. There was also a novice section for the absolute beginner adult.

"It was great fun, I like how the intermediates got to help us with washing our cows. It was funny as my heifer had to be washed twice because she was so hairy and dirty, then we got kicked out of the clipping frame because she was taking too long to blow dry. I also really liked the hoodies this year, they were comfy and warm. We discovered my mini belted heifer really likes to eat cut up apples. Everyone did a great job in the show ring, and I'm really looking forward to going again next year and seeing my friends again." (Jessica Vardy age 12).

"Handlers camp was great and it was even better as it was



*Jessica Vardy and Madison Avery with their heifers at the 2017 Stud Beef Victoria Handlers Camp.*



*Jessica Vardy sharing an apple with her miniature Belted Galloway heifer.*

in Melbourne, because it was closer to home and took less time to get there. It was really cold during the mornings, but got warmer during the day. We started the camp off by getting settled in, which meant getting our cows in their beds and sorting our beds out. Then soon enough it was dinner time, which was a roast and it tasted nice. After dinner we got to know everyone in our group and got to bed. We got an early start to the next day, mucked out the cattle beds and gave our cows a wash, so they were ready for their class. I led my cow in its class, which was all about the cow, I did all right in that class. In a handlers class I felt like I did all right, but unfortunately there were a lot of other people that did all right as well. Over all the camp is a great experience." (Maxine Avery age 15).

"Handlers camp was a lot of fun we learnt a lot and I caught up with all my friends from last year. We learnt how to wash our cattle, to brush our cows and we also learnt how to dry them. I won a prize for entering online early, the prize was a handlers jumper and a bag of M & M's which I shared. We slept in lockers in the Clydesdale shed and I shared a locker with Jessica. We had all our meals in the VIP lounge, we had to take our shoes off every time we went in to eat, the food was really good, I loved the dessert, the best we had was brownies and pavlova." (Madison Avery age 12).

## ARCBA Young Breed Leaders Conference

Bryce Jurgens from Stubby Creek Stud, in Victoria, was sponsored by the AGA to attend the Young Breed Leaders Conference organised by the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association (ARCBA) and held in Brisbane on the 4th and 5th of May 2017. The aim of the workshop was to help inspire and prepare young people for senior management roles within the beef breeding industry.

The underlying theme of the workshop was "What is the role of genetics in a modern Australian beef industry". Topics covered included emerging technology, supply chains, what the MLA is doing to maximize genetic improvement, and creating generational change. There were 40 young people from all parts of Australia

participating. They represented, various breed societies and all had different levels of knowledge.

New AGA Committee member Sam Reynolds, who has a Murray Grey Stud as well as her Belted Galloway Stud, attended this workshop (under the auspices of the Murray Grey Society) and reported that "it was an amazing opportunity to be in a room full of people all around the same age, trying to achieve the same thing".

A visit to the offices of the Australian Agricultural Company, one of Australia's oldest still operating companies, was a highlight, where a presentation was made about the company's programmes in relation to marketing and breeding and how they have implemented genomics into their systems.

The attendees were split into

groups of ten for workshops, which focused on skills required for participating in board positions. Each group was provided with a scenario or current issue and given time to work together to come up with a solution that would benefit breeds of cattle. Bryce made a great presentation on behalf of his group.

The participants were given the opportunity to attend the ARCBA AGM at the conclusion of the workshop, and could see what they had learned put into practice.

Sam said that she was inspired by Ben Noller, who at the time was the general manager of the Santa Gertrudis Association. Ben encouraged the participants to strive for what they believed in, and not to stand back because they are young, and they should get in and get amongst it.

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# AGM & Field Day

*The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field Day was held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd May, at Bundanoon, in the southern highlands of New South Wales.*

Phil and Brenda Venton kindly hosted the field day on their beautiful property, Coorumbene Stud, and we thank them very much for providing the venue, catering for a magnificent morning tea and lunch, and organising the guest speaker, Greg Meaker.

Greg Meaker, a former educator at Tocal College and Beef Livestock Officer for NSW Government Industry and Investment, led a theory session in the morning, including a very interesting discussion about vaccination, before heading out to the yards to talk about fat scoring and muscle assessment of cattle. The Ventons' cattle appeared to be bemused by all the attention, however took it in their stride and behaved impeccably. A

walk through the paddocks took place to finish the day, and included an interesting discussion about the pasture, its nutritional value and the forage available to cattle from the pasture.

The Bundanoon Hotel was the venue for the delicious three course dinner, with Lionel Busquets as the guest speaker. Lionel was an early leader in importing cattle, semen and embryos into Australia in the 70's and 80's through his company Austbeef Genetics Pty Ltd. He was the Federal Vice President of the Cattle Council of Australia during the mid-1980s. Lionel imported the first of the Gelbvieh breed into Australia, and operated the successful Wattle Creek Gelbvieh Stud in Orange, NSW. As well as Gelbvieh cattle, Lionel was also heavily involved with the Simmental breed, successfully producing the 1982 Champion Heavy Weight Steer at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, a purebred Simmental,

which sold for a then record price of \$10 per kg and for a gross price of \$6420.

Shane Smeathers and Luke Bonar took to the floor to auction some books, embroidered towels and wine, which were kindly donated to the Association by Rob and Jan Davidson, and Sonya Heron. The somewhat questionable auctioneering skills of Shane and Luke led however to some keen competition from the eventual purchasers who went home happy with their buys. The raffle which the Association had been running, was drawn, and our thanks are extended to Garth Matthews from PregRite Genetics for supplying a Moocall calving sensor for first prize, Darryl Holder from the Cattle Shop for supplying halters for second prize, and Will Brigham from Romani Stud for supplying a Bunnings voucher for third prize. First and second prizes were won by the same person (a Lowline breeder, not an AGA member,) and Sallie Wadley won the third prize.

As neither Ken Allen or Peter Koppman were able to be at the dinner, Malcolm Cock presented the Shiralee Tomahawk and Frank Allen awards on their behalf. The Shiralee Tomahawk trophy is awarded to the highest scoring Belted Galloway carcass, and the Frank Allen award is



*Greg Meaker (in the centre of the group) discussing pastures at Coorumbene Stud at the AGA's Annual General Meeting and Field Day, May 2017.*

presented to the highest scoring Galloway or Belted Galloway carcass at carcass competitions held during the previous year. The awards this year were won by different breeders. In past years both awards have been won by the same breeder; Peter Koppman in 2014 and 2015, and Gareth Ellem in 2016.

The Shiralee Tomahawk award for 2107 for the highest placed Belted Galloway carcass was awarded to Gareth Ellem, Bangalla Stud, for his steer Bangalla Clancy. This steer was placed third on the hoof in the light domestic class at the Royal Canberra Show, and achieved 77 points on the hook, placing seventh in the large class.

The Frank Allen award was presented to Romani Stud for a Galloway steer, Romani Cube Roll, also entered in the light domestic class at the Royal Canberra Show, which was placed first on the hoof. This steer achieved 84 points on the hook, achieving second place in the class.

The Association's thanks are extended to the family of Frank



*Bangalla Clancy, third on the hoof in the Light Domestic Class at Royal Canberra Show and winner of the Shiralee Tomahawk award.*

Allen and Peter Koppman for sponsoring these awards.

Sunday morning saw the holding of the Annual General Meeting, which covered routine matters, followed by the Members' Forum, where much of the discussion concerned the World Galloway Conference to be held in Australia next year. The logistics of exhibiting at the show and transporting cattle there was of most concern, and

Sam Reynolds has offered to coordinate transport to the show for those who require it.

Pam Brown and John Maiolo opened their Red Ochre Belted Galloway Stud at High Range, near Mittagong, in the afternoon, and many took the opportunity to call in on their way home and inspect Pam and John's lovely Belties before resuming their journey.



*Shane Smeathers with the Frank Allen trophy, Malcolm Cock and Gareth Ellem with the Shiralee Tomahawk trophy.*



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# Farewell to Bob Kidd



*Bob Kidd*

*It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Association member Robert (Bob) Kidd.*

Bob and his wife, Margaret, joined the Australian Galloway Association in 2003. They operated the successful Boma and Gunadoo miniature Galloway studs near Mudgee.

Bob was first elected to the committee of the AGA in 2006, serving for 9 years. In 2010 he was elected treasurer and served in that position for 4 years. In 2014 he was elected vice president for a year and then had to stand down from the committee after having served three terms of three years consecutively. Bob stood for and was re-elected to the AGA Committee in 2016, and was vice president until he resigned in July 2017.

Bob was always a proactive and a dedicated committee member participating in meetings and bringing new ideas to the table. He was a great contributor and team player, always promoting the Galloway Family, including the promotion of junior members for the future.

Bob and Gordon Matheson issued a NSW newsletter for several years and ran field days from the years 2004 to 2008 which were full of information for new members with little or no experience with cattle. Bob also was very active

in calling new members to welcome them when they joined the association and would offer any help should they need it.

Bob and Marg have ventured all over the country side since joining the AGA and attended many shows and field days, exhibiting cattle from their own studs and promoting miniature Galloways overall.

Their achievements include a number of grand champions as well as a number of supreme of breed ribbons. A highlight would be exhibiting a steer at Canberra Royal Show in 2015 in a very competitive Light Domestic (250 – 340 kg) class, comprised of many different breeds and being awarded Champion on the hoof. The steer, Gunadoo Clancy, was then placed first on the hook in the Light Domestic class with 85 points.

Bob and Margaret were also the first to win the Romani Galloways Supreme Champion of Breed Perpetual Trophy at Canberra Royal Show in 2014.

As people walk through the cattle sheds at future shows and look at the pedigrees on shed cards above the miniature Galloways it is certain the Boma and Gunadoo genetics will be seen for a very long time.

Bob was a passionate advocate for miniature Galloways and will be missed within the extended Galloway family and overall cattle industry.



*Bert Barass, Margaret Kidd and Bob Kidd with Gunadoo Clancy at the Canberra Royal Show in 2015.*

# LPA and Farm Biosecurity

*Updated requirements for the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) Programme come into effect on 1 October 2017.*

The LPA programme is the Australian livestock industry's on-farm assurance programme which covers food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity. The aim of it is to provide evidence of livestock history and on-farm practices when transferring livestock through the value chain.

The strengthening of LPA was developed by the red meat industry and involves the introduction of biosecurity and animal welfare requirements, a regular online assessment and online learning modules to support producer understanding of their on-farm requirements.

The changes have been launched to coincide with the further roll out of electronic National Vendor Declarations (eNVD), giving producers the option to replace their National Vendor Declaration (NVD) books with a free automated online

system. The technological improvements will underpin continual improvement of the system, and will include more accurate and easier record keeping and transfer of information through the value chain. The NVD is required for all livestock movements. These movements can be from property to property by private sale, or through saleyards, direct to feedlots or processors, and the live export trade. The LPA NVD is the main document behind Australia's reputation as a reliable supplier of safe red meat to domestic and international markets.

Introduction of the new accreditation process, with an assessment required once every three years and payment of the associated fee, and integration of biosecurity and animal welfare requirements within LPA will be implemented from 1 October 2017.

Being accredited with LPA means that livestock producers agree to abide by the LPA Rules and Standards, including the

seven elements of LPA which cover:

- assessing risks on farm
- treating animals safely and responsibly
- managing pasture and fodder treatments
- preparing animals for dispatch
- documenting livestock transactions and movements
- maintaining biosecurity practices
- adhering to animal welfare practices.

This is a formal commitment to undertake specific on-farm practices that mean Australian red meat is safely and ethically produced. It is a guarantee that producers stand by what they sell.

*How do producers renew their LPA accreditation?*

From 1 October 2017, producers can log in to the LPA Service Centre and complete a short assessment to renew their accreditation. All questions will need to be answered correctly to have the LPA accreditation renewed. There is also an agreement to abide by the LPA program requirements and pay a fee.

*How to become LPA accredited for the first time*

Producers seeking LPA accreditation for the first time are required to work through LPA on-line learning modules. More information can be found at [www.mla.com.au/LPALearning](http://www.mla.com.au/LPALearning).

The full course takes about one hour to complete. Once the course is complete, an online assessment is undertaken. Producers need to answer all questions correctly and agree to abide by the LPA requirements in order to achieve LPA accreditation.

From 1 October 2017, an LPA accreditation fee as a part of this process will apply.

*Animal welfare*

Animal welfare will be added



as a new LPA program module from 1 October 2017. In preparation, from July 2017 an animal welfare module will be included within LPA Learning.

*What do producers need to do on farm to meet LPA animal welfare requirements?*

LPA accredited producers must be able to demonstrate that on-farm systems have been implemented to ensure handling of livestock is consistent with the requirements of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines (S&Gs).

This can be achieved by ensuring:

- A current copy of the S&Gs for cattle, sheep and/or goats (as applicable) will be accessible as a reference and persons involved with husbandry of livestock are familiar with the content.
- Persons responsible for the management of livestock handling have successfully completed training in relation to the S&Gs through LPA Learning or equivalent training.
- Persons responsible for the management of livestock handling have trained their staff (where relevant) in a manner consistent with the S&Gs.

*Why are animal welfare requirements being integrated into LPA?*

LPA is the Australian livestock industry's on-farm assurance program. It provides customers and consumers with an assurance that Australian red meat is produced ethically, safely and in a biosecure way. Integrating animal welfare requirements strengthens the promise made to customers, and streamlines the process of record keeping and reporting for livestock producers. Animal welfare practices will be audited as part of the LPA audit.

Producers who have completed the learning module will be able to print a certificate as evidence that they have completed the LPA animal welfare training.

### *Farm Biosecurity*

Farm biosecurity is a set of measures designed to protect your, or any, property from the entry and spread of pests, diseases and weeds. Farm biosecurity is your responsibility, and that of every person visiting or working on your property.

Producers play a key role in protecting Australian plant and livestock industries from pests and diseases by implementing sound biosecurity measures on-farm.

From October 1 2017, LPA accredited producers are required to have a Farm Biosecurity Plan and implement best-practice biosecurity practices in their on-farm management.

Every producer is encouraged to review the LPA Biosecurity Standards and complete LPA Learning, and in particular the new biosecurity module, to ensure that they understand the biosecurity requirements within the LPA program and what they need to do on farm.

Some producers have recently introduced on-farm biosecurity planning as part of their Johnes Disease management system. Another farm Biosecurity Plan will not need to be completed under the LPA program requirements.

### *Developing a Farm Biosecurity Plan*

There are several useful websites which have valuable information concerning the

information required in a Farm Biosecurity Plan, and a template for a Biosecurity Plan can be found at <https://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/On-Farm-Biosecurity-Plan-Template.pdf>.

The seven elements of the LPA mentioned earlier need to be covered in a Biosecurity plan, and should include such things as:

- procedures for livestock coming onto your property
- feed bought in for stock
- water – quantity and quality
- records of livestock movements, as well as vehicle and visitor movements
- production practices
- pests and weeds
- documentation and record keeping
- Johnes Disease practices for beef cattle.

Your Farm Biosecurity Plan should be reviewed annually at the very least and updated as your biosecurity practices improve.

For more information to help with your plan, please refer to: Livestock Biosecurity Network: <http://www.lbn.org.au>

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# National Livestock Identification System

*One of the key elements of the LPA programme mentioned in the article commencing on page 13, is documenting livestock transactions and movements.*

In 1999, the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) was introduced to enhance Australia's ability to trace cattle during disease and food contamination incidents. The NLIS is endorsed by major producers, feedlots, stock agents, saleyards and processor bodies and is ISO 9001 certified. It reflects Australia's commitment to biosecurity and food safety, provides a competitive advantage in a global market, and is underpinned by State/Territory legislation, which forms the regulatory framework for the system.

## How the NLIS works

The NLIS combines three elements to enable the lifetime traceability of animals:

- an animal identifier (a visual or electronic ear tag known as an RFID device)
- identification of a physical location by means of a Property Identification Code (PIC)
- a web-accessible database to store and correlate movement data and associated details

## Buying, selling and moving livestock

Each time that livestock are bought, sold or moved from one property to another, a livestock movement must be recorded on the NLIS Database. Each movement they make to a location with a different PIC is recorded.

Using this information, the NLIS is able to provide a life history of an animal's residency, and to discern which other animals the livestock may have come into contact with. The NLIS is required to facilitate the traceability of animals.

Any device or property statuses that indicate that any animals may pose a biosecurity or health risk are reported to processors to ensure that the affected animals are tested at slaughter. This maintains the safety, quality and integrity standards of Australian red meat and livestock and reduces the impact of a potential livestock disease epidemic or residue incident.

## Tagging livestock

All livestock should be identified with an NLIS-accredited device before being moved off a property.

If you are moving an animal off its

property of birth, tag the animal with an NLIS-accredited breeder device. Once an animal has been tagged, the tag should remain with the animal for life, but if it stops working or falls out and the animal is no longer on its property of birth, tag the animal with an NLIS-accredited post-breeder device to maintain lifetime traceability for the animal.

It is an offence to remove an NLIS tag from an animal and apply another tag, unless the animal's original tag is not working or has fallen out.

## Recording livestock movements on the NLIS

If livestock are bought, sold or moved through a saleyard, the livestock movement must be recorded by the saleyard. Abattoirs must record movements for all directly consigned livestock.

For private sales (i.e. sales and movements that do not take place via a saleyard), the buyer/receiver of the livestock must record the livestock movement onto their property. The vendor/sender of the livestock is not obligated to record the movement off their property, although they may do so.

Failure to record a movement may result in a fine being issued by the relevant State/Territory NLIS authority or the Federal Department of Agriculture. Extreme cases of non-compliance may also lead to criminal prosecution.

## The importance of the NLIS

As Australia exports two-thirds of its beef and veal production, around 200,000 people are involved in the red meat industry, including on-farm production, processing and retail. Australia is free from most agricultural and aquatic pests and diseases and its 'clean and green' reputation provides a major trading advantage, so an animal disease epidemic or chemical residue incident could cripple the industry and lead to the collapse of export markets.

For more information about NLIS see: <https://www.nlis.com.au>



*Examples of commercially available NLIS tags*

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The World Galloway Conference will be held in Australia in 2018. (Details can be found on page 26 of this Annual.)



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AGA members will be very happy to show their cattle and farm operation to you, so please don't hesitate to make contact with them.

If you're planning to drive please remember travel may take you longer than anticipated, as Australia is a large country.

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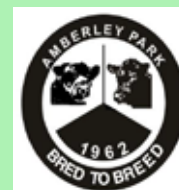
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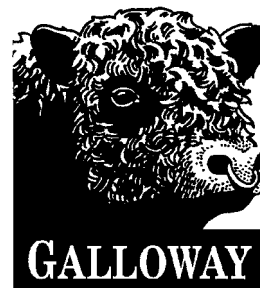
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# Walbundry Run

## A Commercial Focus

### In the Beginning

*The 'Walbundry Run Galloways' story began in 2011 when one of it's principals retired from full time employment.*

Graham and Eileen Petrie, owners of 'Walbundry Run Galloways', being Galloway Stud and Commercial breeders, decided it was time for Graham to call it a day from fulltime employment for good and enjoy the good life as a beef producer. Graham's background was a city boy growing up on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. From School, Graham was Corps enlisted into the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers with the Australian Regular Army qualifying as a Vehicle Mechanic. After leaving the Army Graham gained employment with the New South Wales Ambulance Service as an Emergency Ambulance Paramedic notching up 32 years of service with the Ambulance before retiring.

Graham's wife of 43 years, Eileen, on the other hand grew up on the family farm not far from the rural hamlet of Balldale, NSW. Eileen took up General Nurse Training at St Vincents Hospital, Melbourne after leaving High School then moving to Sydney following her husband to wherever the Army wanted him. Eileen went on to work in various hospitals around the country before they both decided to settle in Albury on the NSW / Victorian border to raise their three children and to continue working in their chosen professions. Eileen digressed from the General Nursing field and qualified herself as a Mental Health Nurse. Eileen went on to gain her Masters Degree in Nursing Studies after which she went on to complete a PhD citing 'Workplace Burnout' as her area of study. Eileen currently works fulltime as a University Lecturer with Charles Sturt University, Albury and Wagga campuses. She also works the occasional casual shift at a Mental Health facility



*Eileen & Graham Petrie*

within the Albury/Wodonga area primarily to maintain her nursing qualifications which is a requirement for her employment with the University. Graham concedes, whilst an inconvenience at times, the extra income from the casual shifts has been a big help.

### The Plan

The plan was simply to trade in cattle. We would buy in weaner steers and heifers and background them. The plan was then to move them on when they were ready to whoever wanted to buy them. Using the 'Backgrounding' strategy we could sell through the saleyards or direct sell into a feedlot for finishing. The breed that was initially under consideration was the 'Murray Grey', however, we were not satisfied with just researching one breed alone. We continued to conduct our research by working our way through the mountain of information that was available to us, just about every breed was considered. It wasn't long before we came to the conclusion that backgrounding Murray Greys was flawed from the outset, not because of the breed but it was to do with the cost of purchasing livestock without a reasonable level of income at the other end. The cost to purchase weaner cattle skyrocketed to unprecedented levels at that time, and with them not looking to recede at any time in the future, made the 'Backgrounding Strategy' a marginal business proposition at best. This flawed strategy



was the impetus for us to re-think about what possibilities and opportunities were out there by looking at what other options were available and then choosing what was most appealing and profitable.

### A New Beginning

After many laborious hours researching breed association journals, viewing web sites, reading newspaper articles, attending field days and talking to those in the know, Graham could only come to the conclusion that breeding, backgrounding and finishing the animals themselves was the only way forward. The tipping of the scales came when Graham came to realise that the cheapest animal he would



own, raise and sell was the one he bred himself. Having decided that this was the way to go with the property already purchased, the search was now on for a breed. The only limiting factors that Graham could see with this strategy was the size of the property, the chosen breed and the weather. Some 172ha (approximately) with excellent soils rich in iron that drain well into dams including a spring fed dam, the stage was set to decide on a breed. After much discussion behind closed doors including some which were high level, it was decided to purchase livestock in bulk from one supplier only to form the foundation herd. Eileen says she likes Herefords, but Graham knew from his research that Galloway was the breed most suited for the operation. Others would have been 'ok', but, Galloway ticked all the boxes and he hasn't been disappointed with that decision to date. It came to pass that opportunities

abound in the Galloway world to purchase a reasonable number of cattle in one hit for a foundation herd and an immediate kick start breeding programme. It only took a couple of phone calls to find their herd commonly and affectionately known throughout family and friend circles as "The West Wyalong Delinquents". The kick start herd was purchased from Max and Pam Meacham, 'Glenayr'

Alleena, NSW, consisting of 13 pregnant females with some having a calf at foot, a quantity of heifers and grown steers, two fully grown miniature bulls, one white called 'Casper' and the other a solid black called 'Laddie' that didn't get on. Included was a white heifer calf born the night before pick up which came for free with compliments from Max and Pam. It was an exciting time for Graham and Eileen on truck pick-up day seeing their herd being loaded for the journey to 'Walbundry Run'.

### What Now?

From April 2011, when Graham and Eileen first got started, to the present in 2017, it has been one big rollercoaster ride for the pair. At times it was a tumultuous period flying by the seat of their pants with the mishaps

and mayhem that went with raising cattle. Malcolm Fraser said "Life wasn't meant to be easy" and Graham says "Neither is running a farm and breeding Galloway misfits." Buying a property with ancient boundary fences in poor condition and then stocking it with cattle has been one major challenge. Other challenges that followed would be just as daunting, especially when it

came to animal health issues and travelling to and from the farm. Here we have two townies buying a farm, breeding and raising cattle to sell with virtually no experience whatsoever handling livestock of any description and travelling 130kms round trip to do it. So why do they do it? The answer is simple enough on

the travel question at least - no accommodation - no electricity and to Eileen's dismay (or was it disgust?) - no ablutions. Their first water storage tank was for livestock and fresh drinking water had to be carted in a jerry can from town just so they could have a cuppa. But, of course, Graham and Eileen were no strangers to such conditions. Graham with his Army experiences and Eileen coming from a farming background and a love for the outdoors - what better way is there to enjoy life doing something you always dreamed of doing. Whilst



livestock numbers fluctuated over the years reaching 102 at one stage, the number of breeders currently sits at 65 with four working bulls, one of which is on trial for possible future purchase. The breeders are a mixed lot consisting of standard and miniature solid blacks, reds, duns and White Galloways along side six black Angus cows and four black baldy cows. Of the 65 breeders in total, 28 are heifers having been joined recently. The on-farm management project, as Graham likes to call it, involves bringing the Stud side of the operation up to speed. The stud operation has not been a priority for 'Walbundry Run Galloways', however, with the exception of the duns, Angus and black baldies the remainder being Galloway are either Purebred or Fullblood some with registration certificates. A fellow Galloway breeder from Leeton, NSW, Ian 'Bullie' Bull of 'Gleneagles Mini Stud' fame has been instrumental in helping Graham and Eileen with establishing the Stud operation including recording requirements and registrations. Recently Graham introduced a new management practice utilising NLIS rumen boluses to replace lost ear tags. Ian travelled down for the day and worked along side Graham and his farmhand to insert the electronic devices. Some 65 were inserted four of which were deliberately left out. When the pressure was on Ian, a fellow beef producer and Stud Master, was there to help and it was very much appreciated.

### The Future

What lies ahead for 'Walbundry Run Galloways' is more of the same but in greater numbers. The commercial herd will need to expand which provides immediate cash flow to keep the farm operating and to help become profitable. The same goes for the stud



*Fellow AGA member and miniature Galloway breeder, Ian Bull, right, assisting with the insertion of rumen boluses.*

operation, but one has to gain a reputation for quality genetics and a foothold in the Stud Animal Sales market. We will be doing something about that over the next year or so with "Bullie" to keep us on track, there is still much to be learnt about owning and running a stud operation. We now have the ability to sell beef carcasses directly to commercial buyers and private consumers with the commissioning of our purpose built mobile coolroom. We have been granted a permit by the NSW Food Authority to carry on the business of transporting raw meat products direct to the public. This part of the beef production enterprise will

take us from being "Price Takers" to "Price Setters." Whilst there is still a lot of work to be done in all facets of our beef cattle production system, Eileen and I firmly believe we will achieve our goals as long as we stick to it and with the help of a fantastic breed called 'Galloway' only good will come of it.



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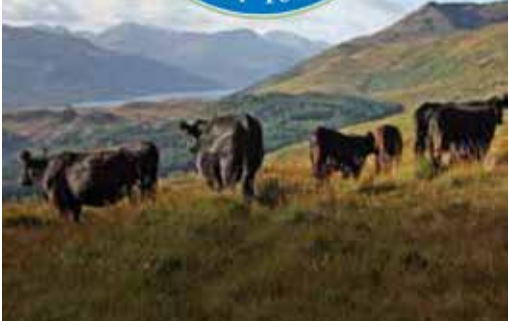



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# Royal Show Roundup

## Royal Melbourne Show 18 - 28 September 2016

Judge: Sean Kallady

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park LillyPilli  
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - Alison Hilli - Jalaway Love Affair  
 Senior Champion Female - RW & JE Davidson - Karandrea Gem  
 Grand Champion Female - Pine Gully Park LillyPilli  
 Junior Champion Bull - C & K Newsome - Newsome La Boeuf  
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull - Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park Lord Lockhart  
 Senior Champion Bull - C & K Newsom & P & A Tierney - Apriash Jameson  
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - Alison Hilli - Cumbria Branthwaite Heskett  
 Grand Champion Bull - Apriash Jameson  
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Apriash Jameson  
 Best Three Head - Alison Hilli - Jalaway Belted Galloway

### Galloways

Senior Champion Cow - R & J Davidson - Karandrea Fiona  
 Grand Champion Cow - Karandrea Fiona  
 Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Karandrea Fiona

## Royal Launceston Show 12 - 15 October 2016

Judge: Michael O'Sullivan

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & S Wadley - Spring Rises Sylph L1  
 Grand Champion Female - Spring Rises Sylph L1  
 Junior Champion Bull - A & S Wadley - Spring Rises Lyle  
 Grand Champion Bull - Spring Rises Lyle

## Royal Canberra Show 23 - 26 February 2017

Judge: Ian Durkin

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - J Vials & J Hutt - Wombledale Mia  
 Senior Champion Female - G Stuart - Benvuie Esme  
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - P & S Burgess - Wombledale Lulu  
 Grand Champion Female - Benvuie Esme  
 Junior Champion Bull - J Vials & J Hutt - Hutt River Lynx  
 Senior Champion Bull - J Vials & J Hutt - 7 Hills Luke  
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - G Stuart - Marananga Hamish  
 Grand Champion Bull - 7 Hills Luke  
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - 7 Hills Luke

### Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Lorna  
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Audrey  
 Senior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Gemima  
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - G D Ellem - Bangalla Hannah  
 Grand Champion Female - Tumblegum Gemima  
 Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Sileas  
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Torcroft Thyme  
 Senior Champion Bull - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Kelso  
 Grand Champion Bull - Tumblegum Sileas  
 Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Tumblegum Gemima



*Spring Rises Lyle*



*Spring Rises Sylph L1*



*7 Hills Luke*



*Tumblegum Lorna*



*Tumblegum Audrey*

## Galloways

Junior Champion Female - C Hart - Minto Felicity 6th  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - C Hart - Minto Irene 9th  
Senior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Hiver  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - G Stuart - Minto Gretel 12th  
Grand Champion Female - Monreith Hiver  
Junior Champion Bull - Orange High School - Elm Park Montgomery  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull - G Stuart - Minto Juno  
Senior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Monreith King William  
Reserve Senior Champion Bull - C Hart - Minto Fergus 2nd  
Grand Champion Bull - Monreith King William  
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Monreith King William



*Tumblegum Gemima*

## Toowoomba Royal Show 8 - 10 April 2017

### Miniature Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - Foxtail Bill Stud - Pardy's Laura  
Grand Champion Female - Pardy's Laura

### Belted Galloways

Senior Champion Female - D Ziebell - Bendon Lodge Duchess of Kalebrae  
Grand Champion Female - Bendon Lodge Duchess of Kalebrae  
Senior Champion Male - D Ziebell - Wilkamdai "The Chadd"  
Grand Champion Male - Wilkamdai "The Chadd"



*Romani Kelso*

## Royal Bathurst Show 28 - 30 April 2017

Judge: Jim Gunn and Barry Bright

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - P Munday - 7 Hills Moneypeny  
Senior Champion Female - Carenne School - Lochlyn Katherine  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - G & C Stuart - Margaret Lark  
Grand Champion Female - Lochlyn Katherine  
Junior Champion Bull - P Munday - 7 Hills Loftus  
Grand Champion Bull - 7 Hills Loftus  
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - 7 Hills Loftus



*Tumblegum Sileas*

Interbreed Group of 2 males and 2 females - P Munday - 7 Hills

### Miniature Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - G D Ellem - Bangalla Hanna  
Grand Champion Female - Bangalla Hanna  
Junior Champion Bull - G D Ellem - Bangalla Lister  
Grand Champion Bull - Bangalla Lister  
Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway Exhibit - Bangalla Lister

### Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Lorna  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Audrey  
Grand Champion Female - Tumblegum Lorna  
Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Sileas  
Grand Champion Bull - Tumblegum Sileas  
Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Tumblegum Sileas



*Bangalla Lister*

## Galloways

Junior Champion Female - P & L Wakeling - Galambine Tranquil  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - G & C Stuart - Minto Margaret  
Senior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Hiver  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - G & C Stuart - Minto Gretel 12th  
Grand Champion Female - Monreith Hiver  
Junior Champion Bull - P & L Wakeling - Galambine Glenn  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull - Orange High School - Elm Park Montgomery  
Senior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Monreith King William  
Grand Champion Bull - Minto Kelso  
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Galambine Glenn



*Pardy's Laura*

# Royal Melbourne Show 27 September - 4 October 2017

Judge: Aimee Bolton

## Belted Galloways

- Junior Champion Female – Alison Hilli – Jalaway Show Me
- Reserve Junior Champion Female – D & R Avery – Windy Hollow Meadow
- Senior Champion Female – Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park Jacaranda
- Reserve Senior Champion Female – RW & JE Davidson - Karandrea Heidi
- Grand Champion Female - Jalaway Show Me
- Junior Champion Bull - Alison Hilli – Whola Hutt Ziggie
- Reserve Junior Champion Bull - Alison Hilli – Jalaway Mont Mandalay
- Senior Champion Bull – Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park Lord Lockhart
- Grand Champion Bull - Pine Gully Park Lord Lockhart
- Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit – Jalaway Show Me

## Galloways

- Junior Champion Heifer R & J Davidson - Karandrea Milly
- Grand Champion Cow - Karandrea Milly
- Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Karandrea Milly



*Jalaway Show Me*



*Right: Karandrea Millie*



*Karandrea Heidi*



*Whola Hut Ziggie*



*Jalaway Mont Mandalay*

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# Implementing your Biosecurity Plan

*Some simple steps can be taken to ensure that your biosecurity plan, which is in writing and understood by all people on your farm (including visitors and contractors such as agronomists, vets, etc), will assist in preventing the entry of disease to your herd.*

Your plan can relate to exotic diseases as well as endemic diseases and also weeds that could result in economic losses. Not only can your own farming enterprise be damaged financially by these diseases and weeds, but the community and wider livestock industries may also be affected.

It can be difficult to break down the concept of biosecurity into simple and understandable steps that can be practiced consistently - following are some simple practices that can be undertaken, and documented in your biosecurity plan.

*Only introduce animals of known health status.* A closed herd offers the best security against the introduction of disease, however, the introduction of new genetics to your herd for diversity and production improvement will eventually occur. Potential disease risks should be considered when purchasing live cattle, as well as when purchasing semen or embryos for an artificial breeding programme.

*Ideally, new stock should be purchased directly from their breeder.* Buyers should also obtain records of treatments and vaccinations for the purchased animals. At sale yards due to mixing with other stock, weaner cattle in particular, can potentially be exposed to contagious

diseases and those they have no immunity to, such as bovine respiratory disease and bovine pestivirus.

*When purchasing cattle from any herd, ask for a National Cattle Health Declaration.* This gives valuable information about the vaccination status of the purchased cattle and the risk of pestivirus, Enzootic Bovine Leucosis (EBL) and Johne's disease (BJD) presence in the herd. The declaration can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/>.

*Quarantine introduced animals before they are mixed with the rest of your herd.* On arrival at your property, the newly purchased cattle should be kept isolated from the rest of your herd and observed daily for any signs of disease. This also allows the cattle to pass any possible weed seeds in their faeces in one area where it is easy to control the possible introduction of new weeds to your property, rather than contaminating a larger area. An isolation period of four weeks allows any acute health problems to appear before the new animals are introduced to and run with the rest of your herd. Any cattle that become ill shortly after purchase, or during the quarantine period, should be inspected by a veterinarian and treated appropriately. Early detection and prompt treatment of illness can prevent an outbreak of disease spreading through your herd.

Treatment of cattle for internal and external parasites is also recommended during this quarantine period. This may

involve drenching for worms and lice, and vaccination of animals so their health status matches that of the rest of your herd. This quarantine period could involve some changes to management procedures such as purchasing bulls a month earlier than usual, to allow them a period in quarantine before running them with your cows.

*Use preventative animal health and management practices.* Clostridial diseases such as black leg and tetanus can devastate unvaccinated herds and vaccination is a cheap and effective way of minimising the impact of these and many other cattle diseases. A vaccination plan customised to your farm and the area in which your farm is located, should be implemented, and discussions with your vet can help with this. (The 2016-17 Galloway Annual includes a comprehensive article about vaccinations.)

It is important to disinfect or change animal husbandry equipment between use on each animal. If you are unsure about procedures your vet for advice. Some diseases may be spread via blood on equipment such as vaccination needles.

*Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer Programmes.* The artificial breeding industry undertakes extensive testing to ensure that semen and embryos are free of disease. However, diseases such as trichomoniasis, bovine pestivirus and enzootic bovine leucosis (EBL) may be introduced if genetic material is sourced from animals that have not been subject to stringent testing requirements. If in doubt, ask your AI technician or artificial breeding centre.

*Minimise contact with neighbouring animals or strays.* Nose to nose contact with neighbouring cattle through a fence line could cause an infectious disease to spread through your herd. Contact can be minimised through various fencing strategies such as electric, double or ring lock fencing, and the

thoughtful use of shrubs and trees. Well maintained and stock proof fences will also reduce the possibility of stray or neighbouring animals entering your property, and mixing with your cattle.

*Introduce purchased fodder to a small area of your farm.*

It is as important to have accurate background knowledge of your source of introduced stock feed as it is to have background knowledge of the health status of introduced animals. Hay, silage and grain could contain noxious weed seeds that could be unknowingly introduced to your own or neighbouring farms. Serious production losses and the implementation of costly control programs may result if weed contaminated fodder is spread over large areas of your farm. Try to feed your cattle this purchased fodder in small areas where weed problems can be detected early and eradicated at low cost.

*Keep vermin under control.*

It is important to keep vermin numbers under tight control, as they can all spread disease. As well as mice and rats, vermin includes foxes, feral cats and wild dogs. By cleaning grain spills, limiting the number of hiding places, disposing of dead stock and the use of strategic baiting programs, vermin numbers can be effectively reduced. Flies and mosquitoes should also be controlled to reduce the worry they cause to animals, to minimise the spread of diseases such as pink eye, and to reduce the transmission of blood borne diseases.

*Cleanliness*

Farm vehicles and machinery are another potential way of introducing diseases, parasites and weed seeds to your property. When transporting stock to your property, ensure the vehicle is cleaned prior to being loaded, so that faecal contamination from other stock is not transported to your farm. Stock agents and veterinarians are examples of two high-risk visitors to your property,

because of their constant close contact with other cattle herds. Your veterinarian should arrive in clean clothes and boots. Equipment used by your veterinarian should be disinfected before and after use. Ensure all visitors are wearing freshly laundered clothes and their boots are clean before they enter the property.

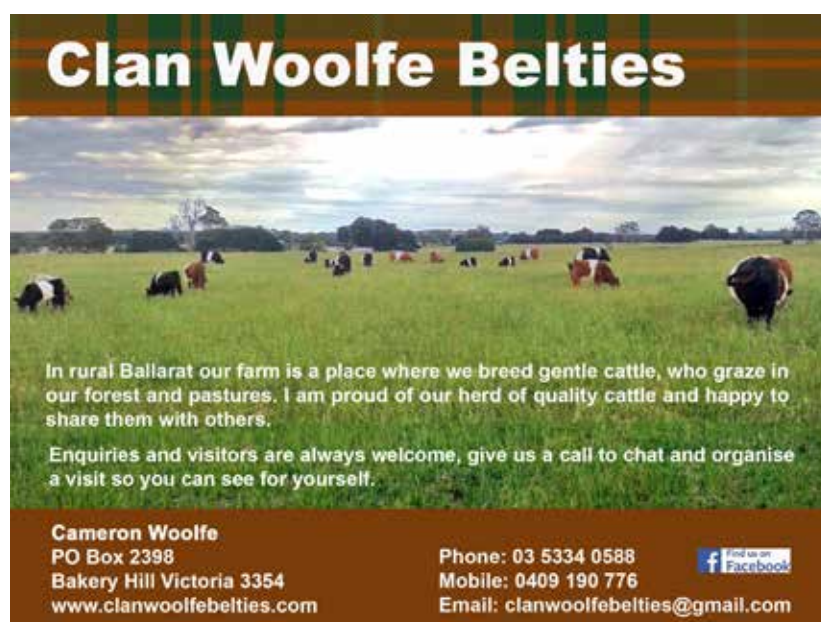
It is important that all visitors who handle your stock follow appropriate disinfection procedures, so that they do not transfer disease from farm to farm. Keep records of visitors entering the property. A visitor register could form part of your

biosecurity plan.

*Conclusion*

A thoughtful and well documented biosecurity plan, broken into simple and understandable steps that can be practiced consistently by all people on your farm will assist in preventing the entry of disease to your herd.

You cannot fail your biosecurity plan. Biosecurity is about risk management and doing the best you can. Having a good plan is about having procedures in place to address potential high risk situations.



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# Time Management for Part Time Farmers

*Part-time farmers are often under stress through lack of time to both manage a farm business and generate the majority of their income from off-farm sources. Here you can find a list of tips generated primarily from discussions with part-time and full-time farmers from dryland farming systems.*

## **Fundamental issues**

### *An appropriate enterprise*

Cattle require less time than other livestock, but you need yards, a crush and a loading ramp. Buying young cattle and growing them out as steers is the least intensive beef operation. Cows and calves need specialist attention at times, including joining, calving and weaning.

Other livestock enterprises aimed at meat production can be managed with minimal labour, including meat goats and some prime lamb breeds,

especially those sheep that shed their fleeces, such as Wiltshire Horns and Dorpers.

Keep in mind that all livestock enterprises require an ongoing investment of time and energy.

Livestock managers are legally required to ensure their stock have access to sufficient water and feed and are not neglected. Perennial crops and tree crops require less labour than annual crops but they may require labour at special times during the year and you need to make sure your 'non-farm' work matches these requirements.

### *A well laid out farm and key infrastructure*

If you work with the soil and terrain you can greatly reduce your workload. Planned grazing with a single mob and frequent moving makes for easy management. Livestock prefer to move in certain patterns and understanding these means less handling.

Livestock will learn to follow you if you regularly move them through the planned grazing system. A laneway connecting a good set of yards and farm paddocks should mean that the stock can be moved from one to the other without having to move other livestock and with minimum effort.

Strategically planted shelter belts mean that you can leave livestock in a paddock knowing they won't come to harm during rough weather. Good livestock handling facilities will help reduce the risk of injury and lost time, improving your interest in the farm.

### *Develop a low input farm*

It is possible to develop a farm with dense pastures, no weeds in the paddocks and requiring minimum fertiliser application. This should be a priority for part-time farmers wanting to save time. Healthy, dense pastures on clean paddocks will reduce the need for drenching animals and for distributing additional feed such as hay.

### *Develop a source of support labour*

As a part-time farmer there will be times when other duties conflict with farming activities. Work at training someone else to do the farm duties, ready for when you face a major time



conflict. Train a neighbour, a member of your family who lives with you, or a friend who may live at some distance who can step in when required. Think about people who are retired as potential part-time assistants. Form useful networks that can be contacted by mobile phone or e-mail.

You are unlikely to have developed all the information networks full-time farmers would have due to time constraints. Make sure you build a network of people with expertise in farm finances, marketing, technical aspects of farming, risk management, and farm and local government politics.

*Link to established markets*  
Build information networks on markets. You need several sources of information to know

whether the price you are being offered is reasonable given the market situation. Useful links include the driver who transports the produce (especially if it is another farmer), a wholesaler, market reports available from the ABC rural radio, newspapers (e.g. Stock & Land, Weekly Times), internet, and neighbouring farmers.

*Develop a networks of contractors*

This is similar to developing a source of support labour, except they may cost more. You may get better service if you link your requests with neighbours so the contractor can get a reasonable amount of work in the one location, such as spraying weeds, specialist animal husbandry tasks (e.g. artificial insemination, shearing) and hay making.

*Day-to-day issues*

- Don't do things that others can do nearly as well as you, as their input frees you to do other more important tasks.
- Don't be embarrassed to be the support labour while you learn the trade—it's often quicker and cheaper than learning by trial and error.
- Schedule heavy lifting sessions when you know the family will be around, e.g. shearing, wood gathering, major tree planting, hanging a gate or fencing.
- Schedule potentially dangerous tasks when other family members are in the vicinity, and let them know the issues so they will come looking for you if you don't report in on time
- Help your neighbours and friends when you can—this will stand you in good stead when you need help.
- Look for common timing of tasks with neighbours to get the best results — if a contractor is in the area, try and get a better deal by having them do two farms at once.
- Treat for weeds and vermin at the same time as neighbours—a better kill will result, plus time will potentially be saved in the process of purchasing and storing poisons, baits, etc.
- Mix socialising and business—a friendly morning tea or a BBQ can be a useful time to plan, or at least explore, potential joint activities with neighbours and friends.
- Gather, read, and file useful books and magazines on aspects of farming and rural living.
- Bookmark web-sites that have links to lots of other web-sites on the same subject.
- Join the Country Fire Authority and your local Landcare group. The information members can provide will be invaluable, but remember to do your bit for those organisations.

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Name of Sire	Colour	Price per straw GST Inclusive	Contact
<b>Section A Available Sires, no permit required for registration of calves.</b>			
Ashleigh Grason	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Braveheart of Gall-way*	Black	\$66	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigene.com.au
Clanfingon Limelight*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Du Rapide Legacy 17K (CAN)*	Black Belted	POA	Simone Lagace P: +1 405 799 5117
Grandview Grantley*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Grandview Hecta*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Grandview Joshua*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Hawkshead Lynwood Harry	Dun	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Kilworth Dougal J	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Midfern Norman	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Mochrum Huckleberry*	Red Belted	\$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigene.com.au
Wilkamdai Zikomo* Eligible for export to NZ, USA, Canada, Brazil, Norfolk Is & S Africa	Black Belted	\$22.50 Export POA	Cameron Woolfe P: 0409 190 776 P: 03 534 0588 E: clanwoolfebelties@gmail.com

\* DNA Fingerprint recorded.

\*\* Mannosidosis Status Unknown. All progeny must be tested clear prior to registration.





**Section B Privately owned sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.**

<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Anderson Hill Jackson	Black Belted	\$55, min 5 includes SP	Arie Eyles P: 03 5345 6468 E: arie@activ8.net.au
Budawang Max	Black Belted	\$22 SP \$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene, P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Clanfingon Nixen*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Glenkiln Dynamite (UK)*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globe Magnet (CAN)	Black	\$11 SP \$550	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112 Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kingpin 57K	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kings Crown 42K	Black	\$10 SP \$50	Mark Bailey P: 0427 095 054 Farmwest P: 08 9726 2626
Globex Quota 39Q*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
JR Hotshot	Red	\$49.50 inc SP	Robert Maddern P: 02 6037 1249
Ngutunui White Clem 145 (Min) NZ*	Miniature White	\$100 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Oradala Red Ochre Mountain*	Red Belted	POA	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280
Rough Rider Extra (USA)	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Wannawin Casper (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Chocolate Soldier (Min)	Miniature Dun	\$100 or 10/\$900 inc SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wilkamdai Giovanni 97M (Min)*	Miniature Black Belted	POA	Cameron Woolfe P:0409 190 776 P: 03 5334 0588 E: clanwoolfebelties@gmail.com

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**Section C Privately owned and collected sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.  
Contact owner for states where semen can be used.**

<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Amberley Park Batman	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Bullseye V18*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Ever Ready	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Hilton	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Hunter	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Impact	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Magic	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Masterpiece	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Rambo	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 9444 1112
Bellarwi Banksia Man CML V1 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Fork Farm Loyalist (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Fork Farm Midas (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Glenayr Cannon Boy (Min)*	Miniature White	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
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